

Seeq for Analysis of Continuous Manufacturing at Pfizer

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Drug Product Manufacturing (DPM)

Who we are, what we do



Progressing the Portfolio



SDM PROJECT INTAKE

PCMM PROJECT INTAKE



Solid Dose Manufacturing

- Solid dose manufacturing for clinical and non-clinical development use
- Batch Processing from 0.5 – 150 kg
- Facility design for 120 batches/year
- Designed to handle default OEB4 compounds



standardized formulations for immediate release; manufactured using dry granulation or direct compression process; speed & flexibility enables supplies to the clinic faster

Film Coating

Thin polymer-based layer applied to tablets to mask taste, color or alter release rate; enables blinding of clinical studies

Osmotic Tablets

Modified release formulations using either swellable core technology (bilayer) or extrudable core system (single layer) tablets

Multiparticulates

Melt-spray-congeal process to produce microspheres and coating for taste masking (eg, pediatric use) or modified release; encapsulation optional



MST Example Equipment





Portable Continuous Miniature Module (PCMM)

- Solid Dose Manufacturing for late clinical usage
- Continuous processing at max throughput of 30 kg/hr
- Advanced NIR PAT Soft Sensors
- Mass Balance Model Control

Continuous Wet Granulation

Twin screw wet granulation and a 6-celled fluid bed dryer allows material to be continuously granulated, dried, milled and transferred to the Direct Compression line to compress higher dosage tablets.

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Continuous Direct Compression

Raw materials are individually fed into Pfizer's proprietary Continuous Mixing Technology (CMT) before being compressed into tablets.

Advanced Analytics and Data Capture

Capture process data into historians for real time and post manufacture trending of critical parameters. Utilize soft sensors and in-process analytics to monitor and control quality attributes of tablets.

Continuous Film Coating

The final unit operation uses 2 high speed film coaters to continuous film coat tablet cores produced from the compression unit operation. The coatings are used to enable blinding during clinical studies or product differentiation following approval.



PCMM Equipment



Film Coating





Digital Infrastructure

Implementing Pi Historians









PI Historian



PLC

HMI

Data Availability







Common Asset Framework







Data Driven Insights

Leveraging Seeq Analytics



Use Case Introduction

Case 1: Monitoring of continuous/dynamic processes is limited with the conventional methods



• **Case 2:** Continuous processing consists of several unit operations executing in parallel. Need to identify and respond to observations quickly.



• **Case 3:** Semi-batch processes – large number cycles executed within a single batch. Need to understand process dynamics to ensure a uniform final product.



SOLUTION

- Real time monitoring with predictive modeling
- Pair manufacturing experience with advanced analytics capabilities. Bring the models to the manufacturing floor.
- Standardized views and analytics to interpret large data sets



RESULTS

- Increased understanding. Ability to identify and respond to variability resulting in a higher assurance of quality
- Avoidance of waste and reduction in production down-time.
- Improved monitoring, creation of a data-based control strategy and improved product uniformity



Use Case Introduction



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RESULTS



Case 1: Granulation Monitoring

- Dry granulation or roller compaction creates larger granules from a powder blend
- Controlled force is applied to the powder blend to create ribbons of material,
 which are then milled to target size
- □ Key process parameters
 - **Force**: Nominal mechanical force applied between two rollers
 - Sap: Minimum distance between the two press rollers
 - Machines using a floating gap system adapt powder feed rate to maintain ideal gap settings
 - Solid Fraction (SF): Relative density of the output material, important in achieving optimal tablet properties
- □ Challenge

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Monitoring of continuous/dynamic processes is limited with the conventional methods



The Gerteis® roller compaction process showing: (1) Inlet funnel with agitator, (2) Feed auger, (3) Tamp auger, (4) Small quantity inlet funnel, (5) Press rollers with ribbon, (6) Rotor with desired granules



Case 1: Granulation Monitoring

Solution: Utilize real time modeling for granulation performance. Identify irregularities.



Key Input Parameters

- Roller gap
- Press force
- Roller speed

Calculated Values

- Solid Fraction (SF)
- SF Error

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Gap Error

Key Insights

 Real-time granulation performance, predicted deviation from setpoints

Example Use Case

- Identify SF and Gap irregularities during manufacture, stop process and troubleshoot
- Process improvement, refine setpoints for future batches

Result

- Reduced startup time
- ✓ Material savings



Case 2: Continuous Manufacturing

- Continuous feeders are used in PCMM manufacturing to feed powders into the system at a fixed rate
- Powder inputs are then mixed in a continuous blender and compressed into tablets
- Feeder performance is a key component in meeting target tablet composition

□ Challenge

 Continuous processing consists of several unit operations executing in parallel. Need to identify and respond to observations quickly.





Case 2: Continuous Manufacturing

Solution: Pair manufacturing experience with advanced analytics capabilities. Bring the models to the manufacturing floor.



Key Input Parameters

- % Composition
- Feed Factor
- Feeder Netweight
- Volumetric Mode
- Screw Speed

Key Insights

Monitor feeder performance throughout batch based on key parameters

Example Use Case

- Erratic feeder behavior; inconsistent volumetric mode spikes (Top-ups not occurring successfully)
- Checked equipment set-up, identified loose bolt preventing actuation.
 Swapped equipment and opened work order to repair bolt.

Results

- ✓ Resolve system alarms
- ✓ Material savings



Case 2: Continuous Manufacturing – Film Coating

- □ Film coatings are applied to compressed tablets for aesthetic and functional reasons
- Process conditions for this unit operation may vary greatly with tablet properties, formulation changes, and scale-up
- Thermodynamic modeling enables process optimization for coating parameters such as temperature, air flow, and humidity

Challenge

 Continuous processing consists of several unit operations executing in parallel. Need to identify and respond to observations quickly.



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Case 2: Continuous Film Coating

Solution: Pair manufacturing experience with advanced analytics capabilities. Bring the models to the manufacturing floor.



Key Input Parameters

- Inlet / Exhaust air temperatures
- Pressure

Calculated Values

- Thermodynamic model
- Heat requirements
- Ideal inlet temperature required, +/-10% range

Key Insights

Thermodynamic model for continuous film coating; predict ideal parameter range

Example Use Case

- Predict and set inlet temperature parameters prior to CFC batch
- Avoid coating defects due to incomplete drying or drying too quickly

Results

- Reduce experimentation required to optimize process parameters
- Time and material savings



Case 3: Continuous Wet Granulation

- Wet granulation is a process used to improve compressibility and flowability of materials prior to compression
- Unit operation consists of Feeding, Blending, Liquid Addition, Granulation, Drying, Milling, Compression
- The ConsiGma six-cell fluid bed dryer dries wet granules in a continuous drying cycle
- Challenge a large number cycles are executed within a single batch. Need to understand process dynamics to ensure a uniform final product.







Case 3: Continuous Wet Granulation

Solution: Standardized views and analytics to interpret large data sets

Name	Avg	
Dryer Cell Temp	48.77232 °C	
Dryer Cell Temp	50.47650 °C	
Dryer Cell Temp	51.43891 °C	
Dryer Cell Temp	49.74909 °C	
Dryer Cell Temp	54.69636 °C	
Dryer Cell Temp	51.37872 °C	
Dryer Inlet Air Temp PV	57.62966 °C	
Dryer Inlet Air Humidity PV	4.3523	
Dryer Air Flow PV	341.72382 m³/h	





Key Input Parameters

- Dryer cell temperature
- Dryer cell status
- Inlet temp / humidity
- Air flow

Calculated Values

• Average batch values

Key Insights

- Batch performance
- Variation across dryer cells

Example Use Case

 Identify variation across dryer cells, optimize drying parameters such as Drying Time and Delta T

Results

Material savings, avoid rejected material



Case 3: Continuous Wet Granulation

Solution: Standardized views and analytics to interpret large data sets



Key Input Parameters

- Dryer cell temperature
- Dryer cell cycle phase

Calculated Values

Temperature bounds based on "Golden Profile" data set

Key Insights

Process variation in dryer phase temperature profile, process anomalies, temperature excursions

Example Use Case

 Detect process anomalies during manufacturing, identify and resolve process errors

Considerations

 Variation in Golden Profile data set; requires future refinement to more accurately bound ideal temperature profile

Impact

✓ Material savings



Use Case Summary

	Granulation Monitoring	Continuous Manufacturing	Semi-Batch Process
CHALLENGE	 Conventional monitoring practices provide limited information Controls are set at start-up, but process is continuous/dynamic with variability 	 Several unit operations running in parallel – if one operation is paused, all are paused. Need to identify and address issues quickly 	 large number cycles executed within a single batch. Need to understand process dynamics to ensure a uniform final product.
SOLUTION	Utilize real time modeling for granulation performance. Identify irregularities.	 Pair manufacturing experience with advanced analytics capabilities. Bring the models to the manufacturing floor. 	<section-header></section-header>
RESULTS	 Captured and responded to variability. Material savings and higher assurance of quality 	 Avoided material waste and reduced production down-time. 	 Improved monitoring, created a data-based control strategy and improved product uniformity



Thank you

