If you are wondering where to start when implementing Quality by Design (QbD), Fusion Pro is the answer you've been looking for. With automated experimental design selection, automated data analysis and modeling, integrated Monte Carlo robustness simulation, and comprehensive reporting, Fusion Pro is the perfect place to start your QbD journey.

**Key Benefits**
- Translates QbD Guidances into Usable Tools
- Built-in Expert-system for Experiment Design, Analysis, & Modeling
- Designed for Working Scientists & Engineers.
- User-interactive modes for DOE Experts

**Example Applications**
- Formulations
- Tableting / Tablet Coating
- Synthetic Chemistry
- Process or Device Development
- Manufacturing

Systematic, logical workflow, easy to use and understand, Fusion Pro is perfect for all your development activities, from defining the "Experimental Region" through to reporting the Robust Design Space and Proven Acceptable Ranges.

**The Experimental Region**
Your journey begins here. Fusion Pro allows you to define multiple variables (potential Critical Process Parameters) and the ranges over which you wish to study them. It is these that will ultimately define your Knowledge Space.

One key benefit of Fusion Pro is that you do not need to have a statistics degree to use it! Based on the variables entered in the simple Experiment Setup template, Fusion Pro automatically selects the most efficient design for modeling your data, including the higher order models required to visualize complex interaction effects usually responsible for a lack of Robustness.

**Experimental Design**
Design of Experiments (DOE) best practices are always adhered to, ensuring that the appropriate number of repeats, center points, and degrees of freedom are used. Designs (the list of experiments to be run) can be exported in a variety of file formats, including MS Excel, Comma or Tab-delimited files, HTML, or XML.

In addition, you can build templates using the "user Interactive" design mode. This enables full control over the choice of design and all associated design structure settings. Available design types include: Full & Fractional Factorial, Plackett-Burman, Box-Behnken, Central Composite, Star, Mixed Level, and advanced Algorithm (Letter Optimality) designs.

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Data Management and Processing

Any study is likely to require data from a range of measurement systems for each experiment run (trial) to determine the necessary Critical Quality Attribute results. These tests can provide simple **one-run-one-result** data, or they can include multiple test results per experiment run. **Fusion Pro** supports both these types of data.

Multiple Test Repeats per Run – Descriptive Statistics

Create Testing Plans for response data which consists of multiple test repeats per experiment run (test replicates).

**Fusion Pro** automatically translates your test repeat data into any statistical result you want to analyze, such as Mean, Variance, Std. Dev., % RSD, etc. And **Fusion Pro** can handle non-normally distributed data.

Multiple Time Point Tests per Run – Time Series Data

With this toolset you can create Testing Plans for "complex" time series profile data such as are obtained from dissolution testing and synthesis reaction testing.

**Time Series Toolset** can automatically:

- handle test repeat data at each testing time point
- compute response profiles
- compute f1 & f2 curve fit metrics
- run guidance specified f1 & f2 data quality checks
- compute sensitive Weibull curve fit metrics
- compute additional profile response metrics such as the mean response at a given test time point, or the time point associated with the given test result
- map all computed responses to the experimental design for automated data analysis
Knowledge Space

With your rationalized experimental data mapped to the design, the data analysis can begin. With a click of a button **FPD** will perform your multi-variant analysis and build the empirical models describing the relationships between your potential Critical Process Parameters (CPPs) and Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs). These are displayed as readily interpretable Response Surfaces, contour plots and effects plots ensuring you acquire "formulation and process understanding".

Pareto Ranking charts allow you to see which study variables should be treated as Critical Process Parameters.

Analysis Summary and Detail Reports define the quality of your experimental data, allowing you to have confidence in the models generated.

Best Overall Answer

With your Knowledge Space established, **Fusion Pro’s** powerful Numerical Best Answer Search tool allows you to search for the conditions that meet all your required Critical Quality Attribute goals.

Results are produced and displayed in concise tabular and graphical report formats.

**Variable Settings**

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<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Level Setting</th>
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<tr>
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Best Answer Search reporting displays the “Best Result” level setting of each experiment variable, and also reports the level settings of all key factors maintained constant for the experiment.

**Predicted Results**

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<th>Response</th>
<th>Goal</th>
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Best Answer Search reporting includes the model-predicted result for each included response (CQA), along with the prediction confidence interval limits, and the “Overall Desirability” of the results relative to all your goals.
Quantification of Risk — Formulation & Process Robustness

**Robustness**  "Ability of a process to tolerate variability of materials and changes of the process and equipment without negative impact on quality."

Fusion Pro’s patented Robustness Simulator™ technology (U.S. Patent No. 7,606,685 B2) allows you to quantify risk. Enter expected variation in your Critical Process Parameters (CPPs) and allowable variation limits for your Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs).

Fusion Pro will automatically compute and model Robustness metrics (Process Capability metrics – e.g. \(C_p\), \(C_{pk}\)), enabling you to characterize Robustness and incorporate that characterization into your Knowledge Space and Design Space.

**Design Space**  "The multidimensional combination and interaction of input variables (e.g., material attributes) and process parameters that have been demonstrated to provide assurance of quality."

**Proven Acceptable Ranges (PARs)**

"A characterized range of a process parameter for which operation within this range, while keeping other parameters constant, will result in producing a material meeting relevant quality criteria."

Visualization feature assigns a color to each response, and then uses the color to shade the region of unacceptable performance for the response. The **UN-shaded** region thus represents the region of acceptable performance for the response. As many responses as desired can be included in a graph, so that the un-shaded region represents the proposed Design Space for all included responses.
Color-coded response maps define the QbD Knowledge and Design Spaces. Users can predict and display best and most robust conditions.

**Fusion Pro** enables you to scribe the Quality-by-Design (QbD) “operating space” – the specified optimal conditions and the control limits of the critical parameters being studied – on the Design Space graphs. The specified conditions and limits which define the operating space are automatically added to the output reports.

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**Scalable From Walk-up System to Global Enterprise Solution**

**Fusion Pro**  Simple, walk-up-and-use system without the Regulatory Compliance overhead

- Workstation (Standalone) Version
- Network Version Available

**Fusion Product Development (FPD)**

- Full implementation at the workstation level
- Full Part 11 Compliance Support / Workflow Management System
- Data Exchange with Chromatography Data Software
- Scalable from Small to Large Networks – Certified Citrix Ready

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**Fusion Pro — Science at its best!**

- Guides working scientists and engineers through the “DOE stats” maze
- Ensures DOE "best practices" are followed
- Automates design selection, data analysis and modeling, optimization, and reporting
- Correctly integrates Robustness characterization and visualization
- Reports can be output in a variety of file formats, including MS Word, HTML, and PDF
S-Matrix Software Products and Support

S-Matrix Corporation develops advanced Design of Experiment based-software that automates R&D experimental work according to Quality-by-Design principles and methodologies. S-Matrix’s Fusion QbD platform automates and redefines experimentation in Analytical R&D, Chemical and Process R&D, Formulation, and Product R&D.

Fusion QbD Software System Product Suite

■ **Fusion LC Method Development**  
Rapidly develop and optimize robust LC methods on instruments from multiple vendors.

■ **Fusion Analytical Method Validation**  
Meet regulatory guidelines with a best-practices approach toward LC method validation with comprehensive reporting. Also supports formal validation of Non-LC methods (e.g. GC, CE, Q-NMR).

■ **Fusion Product Development / Fusion Pro**  
The perfect QbD software for formulation & product development – automated experimental design selection, sophisticated analysis tools, including automated modeling and simulation, comprehensive reporting, and for FPD – a full Part 11 compliance toolset.

■ **Fusion Inhaler Testing**  
Create sampling plans, export and import data from your CDS via validated data exchange and calculate particle size distribution results, and generate reports according to USP 601, Ph.Eur. 2.9.18, and ISO 27427.

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S-Matrix offers on-site training programs for installed systems. Training includes experiment strategies, experimental design (DOE), data analysis, graphical visualization and ranking of effects, numerical and graphical optimization, and QbD Reporting.

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