# Sensors and Automation in Single-Use Systems

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## Sensors in Single-Use Applications



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## SU Component Portfolio







### New developments



- BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Cond|pH
- BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Spectro UV
- BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Low Flow
- BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Foam for Biostat STR<sup>®</sup> Microbial





### BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Cond|pH Inline SU Inline SU Conductivity Sensor with optional SU pH sensor (dry- and wet-storable options)

#### **Features:**

- State-of-the art sensor technology
- Standardized fluid connections
- Fully validated material selection
- Cost-efficient and small footprint
- 2 y Shelf-life after irradiation
- Optimized flow cell with regards to hold-up volume and reaction time
- Planned sizes: 1/8", 1/4", 3/8", 1/2"







### **BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Spectro UV** Scalable inline SU UV spectroscopy







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#### Features:

- 1 Channel | 2 Channel Systems
- Spectral Range 190-380 nm
- High measurement frequency up to 10 Hz
- Full spectra recording for use in MVDA
- Embedded SIMCA-QPe enables
  multivariate concentration prediction

#### **Customer Use Case:**

Overcoming Signal Saturation in UF|DF Processes by selecting the right wavelengths of the spectra

Two separate linear regression models applied at 298 and 304 nm

Inline values fit perfectly with offline analytic (SoloVPE)









### BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Low Flow – Inline SU Ultrasonic Flow Sensor

#### Features:

- Ultrasonic time-transit sensor technology with multiple measurement paths
- High accuracy (1.5% c.V. + offset)
- Sizes: 1/8", 1/4" and 3/8"
- Flow range: 1 10 000 ml/min
- Air quantification feature













# Automated Foam Control using BioPAT<sup>®</sup> Foam in Biostat STR<sup>®</sup> Microbial



Schematic displaying Foam Control and High Foam patch positioning



Real life view on Foam Control patch positioning



Foam Control triggers with high frequency the addition of anti-foam agent in an *E. coli* fed-batch process.



Zoom-in, displaying single foam events. Every time the sensor threshold of 80% is exceeded the pump triggers impulse (teal dot) to add anti-foam agent.





## Automation for Single-Use Applications

How modularization can help future manufacturing concepts



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#### Modularization needs Standardization









## **Example Container**



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## **Benefits of Modularization**

#### **Increase in Efficiency**

- container boosted worldwide logistic chains
- interoperability between: ships, trucks, airplanes









## Benefits of Modularization (cont.)

#### **Increase in Flexibility**

- SmartHome modules
- fast and easy setup
- flexibility of networks (initial and in lifecycle)
- change functionality of module by parametrization
- easy integration of new appliances
- interoperability between vendors partly given



Bosch SmartHome program







### Modularization in single-use technologies

Past



- High initial cost
- Considerable cleaning effort
- Risk of cross-contamination
- Mostly dedicated plants with dedicated, ,monolithic' automation



- + CAPEX reduction over entire lifecycle
- + Lower water and energy consumption
- + Higher flexibility
- Base for flexible manufacturing (ballroom)
- + Modularization needed (Hardware & Automation)







# Automated Facilities need standardized integration to reduce build times of facilities



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# full integration allows **quicker and cheaper build times** ..."

BPOG Technology Roadmap Automated Facility





## Smart Modular Package Units

- ... focus on local automation of a process step
- ... integrates well into upper SCADA or DCS world
- ... has a range of interfaces
- ... integrates sensors and actuators
- ... form basic controls
- ... offers executable sequences & recipes







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# Integration of package unit into SCADA / DCS - Options

Based on customer requirements different integration options can be used:



select recipe buffer\_prep\_buffer\_A set volume\_produce 425 L set pH 6.5 execute recipe

set low\_pH 3.4 set high\_pH 7.0 set inactivation\_time 20 min start pH\_inactivation

write pump\_rpm = 200 read sensor\_pH\_value

simplified SCADA/DCS commands





#### Modular Integration lead to 50-75% time reduction

Activity	Remote IO	Modular Integration
Functional Specification	٠	•
Software Design Specification	•	
Hardware Design Specification	•	
Module Design and Configuration Specifications (CM/EM/EPH)	•	
Construction, Coding and Configuration	•	•
Module Design and Configuration Testing (CM/EM/EPH)	•	
Software Integration Testing	•	
Hardware Acceptance Testing	٠	•
Factory Acceptance Testing	•	
Site Acceptance Testing	•	•

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based on entry level 2 - Sequence Level

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# Software, Hardware & Consumables have to follow process requirements



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# Case FlexAct® | Crossflow filtration: example parametrization







# Automation flexibility

Based on the process configuration, the system will:

- ... change the unit operation e.g. buffer-preparation, crossflow filtration ...
- ... activate the right sensors & actuators including controls
- ... pre-parametrize sequences & recipes
- ... adapt the HMI







#### Automation and user interface follows selected hardware and consumables















Change your hardware and consumable setup









# Seed train products: Biostat<sup>®</sup> RM and STR<sup>®</sup> powered by Biobrain<sup>®</sup>

- Today a closer look at local automation
- Biopharma customer requirements







## Some definitions

• What's in ?

#### Embedded

Integral part of our bioprocess instrument **Enable** Functions needed for the instrument in USP, DSP & FMT **Local** Represent the local automation

• What's out?

#### Not a focus on the whole production line

- Automation of a full production line
- Process Recipe & batch report
- Full process data historian







## Produce as early as possible

"Time-to-facility is business critical for many commercial manufacturing scenarios"

- Produce early with GMP compliance and integrate later
  - Biobrain® GMP stand-alone capability
  - No initial integration
  - Generate batch record, stored and archived

- Integrate faster with support
  - Up-to-date OPC UA interface standard in Biobrain<sup>®</sup>
    - Transfer all recorded process data, alarms & events and audit trails upwards
    - Execute ANSI-88 conform functions in Biobrain<sup>®</sup> by higher automation systems
  - Detailed documentations & interface consulting service are easing implementation









# Advanced process control reduces risk of batch loss

*"False operator actions are a major root cause for rejected batches"* 

• Automate as much as possible to reduce operator interaction

	transfer	
BioPAT <sup>®</sup> MFCS4 module	Biobrain <sup>®</sup> instrument	Biobrain <sup>®</sup> screen
Generate the recipe	Recipe locally executed	Following the execution

• Customized recipe service available





### Key for flexible, modular manufacturing concepts

- Modularity does not stop with hardware
- Hardware, Consumable and Software to follow process requirements
- Flexibility is important to adapt for process changes
- Different integration scenarios support:
  - Produce as early as possible
  - Speed up in integration
  - Reduce errors









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