

Integration of Process Analytics and Control into Process Intensification Plant

Establishing the issues facing industrial uptake of PI Plant

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Objectives

Through workshops to:

- Raise industrial awareness of the opportunities offered by PI plant coupled with an appreciation of the business and technical risks to achieve industrial 'pull through'.
- Raise technology provider awareness of business needs and barriers to take up new technologies.
- Prepare a technology routemap that integrates the underpinning technologies, identify the roles for the key providers and establishes a pathway for the implementation of PI plant.



Format of the First Workshop

Small working group

- Identify technical issues for 'PI Plant':
 - Measurement techniques matched to different reactions and reactants.
 - Development of on-line analytical equipment, sampling systems and rapid data processing.
 - Control strategies for process optimisation.
 - Reach agreement on what we can do now and what the remaining challenges are.
- Identify the key themes that determine business uptake, including non-technical factors like safety, legislation, TTM.
- Offline, prepare focused presentations and Q&A to address the common concerns



Format of the Second Workshop

Using the results from the first workshop:

- Present a series of structured Q&A to the issues identified previously
- Proposing solutions to them and seek opinion and possibly consensus from the delegates.
- Raise business awareness of the opportunities and risks with these options
- If possible agree an action plan for resolving the main barriers to business uptake.



What next?

- The project partners (BHR, Protensive, David Reay, Newcastle Univ, Strathclyde Univ,UCL) will meet to finalise the format of workshops
- Over the next two months, finalise venues, dates, etc and mail invitations to industry.
- Hold meetings at dates TBA and issue results to those interested.
- If you would like to:
 - take part
 - find out about the results

then let me know.