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Improving WFI Point-of-use with single-use flow control

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The Current State

We'll review:

- What the industry currently looks like
- Current industry workflows that are ripe for streamlining (e.g. the problem statement)





WFI Infrastructure in Single-Use Facilities - ATMP Facility

Unit Operation	Gal. Usage	GPM flow	Frequency
Dirty parts staging	20	2	1x / day
Microfluidizer	793	7	1x / 2 wks
Depth filtration	528	4	1x / 2 wks
Chrom A / B	132	9	1x / 2 wks
Viral Filtration	26	3	1x / 2 wks
UF/DF	26	3	1x / 2 wks
2000 L SUM	528	12	1x / day
500 L SUM	132	9	2x / day
200 L SUM	52	4	2x / day
Autoclave A	8	15	1x / day
Autoclave B	8	15	6x / day
Parts washer	50	5	1x / day
Tote washer	100	10	1x / day
Janitor's closet A / B	20	4	1x / day
Solution prep	52	4	3x /day

ATMP model:

- 122,000 ft² facility
- 8 cell therapy products
- 2 gene therapy products
- Assumes: Stainless WFI Generation and Distribution



WFI Infrastructure in Single-Use Facilities - Oligonucleotide Facility

Unit Operation	Gal. Usage	GPM flow	Frequency
Chrom A	52	7	1x / wk
Chrom B	132	8	1x / wk
Chrom C	52	10	1x / wk
Chrom D	52	7	1x / wk
Chrom E	52	7	1x / wk
UF/DF A	156	18	1x / wk
UF/DF B	26	18	1x / wk
UF/DF C	26	18	1x / wk
Lyophilizer A	793	40	1x / wk
Lyophilizer B	132	40	1x / wk
Lyophilizer C	132	5	1x / wk
Mixing vessel	528	5	1x /day
Prep vessel A	528	5	1x /day
Prep vessel B	4000	30	1x / wk
Prep vessel C	793	10	1x /day
Prep vessel D	793	10	1x /day
CIP skid	660	30	1x /day

Oligonucleotide model:

- 82,000 ft² facility
- 1 sense strand per train, per week
- 1 anti-sense strand per train, per week
- Assumes: Stainless WFI Generation and Distribution



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WFI Point of Use Workflow – Current State

Resource Requirements

WFI Consumption

ATMP Example 1,435 gallons/day 358,732 gallons/year
Oligonucleotide Example 4,103 gallons/day 1,025,679 gallons/year.

Square Footage

- Approx 25 sq ft per floor (w/ scale)
- Additional bag holders for mobility / flexibility
- Hold bags required for intermediate steps (e.g. buffer, WFI)

Additional Considerations

- Delivery, disposal, inventory
- Maintenance & calibration



WFI Point of Use Workflow – Current State

Current Accepted Measurements

Scales and Load Cells:

- Mass Measurement.
- High performance / accurate.
- Ethernet enabled for ease of operations.
- Scales can be affected by uneven mass distribution.
- Load cells can require recalibration when moved.
- Load cell per bag holder or scale per use-point.

Radar Measurement

- Level measurement.
- Flexible; portable.
- Low maintenance (no reprogramming or calibrating).
- Application for smart instrument increases reliability of installation.
- Radar per bag holder or per use-point.



Innovation is Changing Needs for WFI

Continuous Manufacturing

- Reduced footprint needed for continuous manufacturing.
- efforts to make WFI "on-demand" accessible for flexible system needs.
- Demand for a reduction of hold bags and break steps.

New modalities

- Cell & Gene Therapies vary in raw material needs.
- Standardization of systems increases flexibility.
- Reduction of scales and bag holders optimizes square footage.
- CDMOs require flexibility to meet varying needs of clients.



The Solution





Flow Control Setup and Performance Expectations for POU

Components:

- Equilibar SDO Valve : SDO3NZA2-XXXXX
- Pilot Regulator : Industry standard 4-20 mA
- Endress & Hauser Flow Meter : 1" Promass U
- Control Loop : LabVIEW with 15 Hz loop rate

Performance:

- Exceeded low end control (0.3 LPM control demonstrated with low limit ~2.3 LPM for 1" Promass-U)
- Fast response to setpoints under varying WFI conditions
- 100:1 turndown capable, data presents >40:1





Key Advantages & Benefits

- 100:1 turndown \rightarrow 1 tube set size for all WFI flow needs
 - Oligonucleotide Example : 8:1 flow control turndown needed
 - ATMP Example : 7.5:1 flow control turndown needed
 - 20:1 overall to cover full flow ranges needed in both examples
- Reduced SKUs for plant maintenance / logistics
- Pulsation free dosing improves accuracy of Promass U
- Calibration verification provided by Promass U via Heartbeat technology
- Mobile configuration for improved clean room workflow





Flow Control for WFI POU - How does it work

- Incoming WFI establishes P₁
- Flow moves through the flow meter and a signal is generated
- PID controller compares flow value to setpoint and adjusts signal to the pilot regulator
- P_R pilot pressure is adjusted according to the condition



Endress+Hauser's Promass U - Single-Use Coriolis Flow Meter

Key characteristics	Specifications
Mass and volume flow accuracy liquids	±0.50% o.r.
Repeatability liquids	±0.25% o.r.
Flow range	¼ to 1" (0.1 to 75 l/min)
Wetted parts materials	Tube: Stainless steel 1.4435 316L Flow splitter: Polycarbonate Makrolon Rx1805
cGMP calibration compliance	Factory calibrated with traceable Heartbeat Technology
Application fit	One base unit fits all line sizes
Handling	Simple, one-handed disposable installation Self-verification upon installation
Pharmaceutical compliance	ISO class 7 packaging, gamma sterilizable
Certification/approvals	cGMP, FDA, ASME BPE, BPOG, USP Class VI, TSE/BSE, 3.1
Communication * w. Ethernet-APL/SPE, 10Mbit/s, 2-wire	3 configurable I/O's (PFS, Relay, 4-20mA) Modbus RS485, Modbus TCP* or PROFINET*
One design fits 3 applications	Laboratory, process, OEM panel mounting









Promass U - Sensor

- One sensor for 4 line sizes (1/8", 1/4", 1/2" and 1")
- Fully traceable calibration
- 0.5% accuracy
- Turn down 1:100 (*Min Flow up to 0.2 bar pressure loss*)



*maxFlow@0.2 bar pressure loss, minFlow@Pipo10







Verifying Factory Calibration



Uninterrupted and fully automated data trail Heartbeat Technology automatically verifies the validation of the original factory calibration

Factory calibration

Heartbeat Technology data and calf are recorded and encoded on tube

Cleaning & tube assembly

Assembling with tubing and other components, cleaning, packaging, gamma sterilization

Installation on site

Installation of disposable assembly. Factory calibration and HBT data are automatically up-loaded to transmitter.

Commissioning:

1 - Verification

Heartbeat Verification is performed automatically after tube installation to verify the validity of original factory calibration.



2 - Zero Point Adjustment Performed automatically to ensure highest measurement performance under process conditions

Production

Flowmeter is precalibrated and ready for cGMP operation













Equilibar's Singe-Use Pressure Regulator

Simple Design. Brilliant Control.

- Dome-loaded
- Diaphragm is the only moving part
- Multiple orifices
- 1,000:1 CV turndown TYP
- Pressure (TMP), Flow, pH, Conductivity (etc.) control
- Easy to automate
- cGMP capable
 - ISO Class 7 assembly, full certification package, 50 kGy gamma compatibility
 - 4 bar (60 psi) MAWP
 - Port Sizes : 1/8" 1"





Typical Workflows Reimagined



Use Case 1: Automated WFI Use-Point for filling a bag



People for Process Automation

Use Case 1: Automated WFI Use-Point for filling a bag Reimagined



- May be able to eliminate hold bag and directly connect to users.

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Use Case 2: Pre-Made or Fixed Buffer/Solution Dispensing



Use Case 2: Pre-Made or Fixed Buffer/Solution Dispensing Reimagined



Typical Pre-Made or Fixed Buffer/Solution Dispensing

-Eliminates need for scales at use-points. -May eliminate need for load cells or scales for tanks / totes. -Eliminates need for pump cart when head pressure is adequate. - May be able to eliminate hold bag and directly connect to users.



Use Case 3: Buffer Prep





Use Case 3: Buffer Prep Reimagined





Summary

- New modalities and methods require different needs for raw materials (WFI)
 - Turndown needed for two modalities studied is 20:1
- WFI POU access for flow control benefits:
 - Save 25 ft² per weigh scale
 - Improved accuracy of Promass-U flow meter with pulsation free flow control
 - Reduce labor cost for logistics and clean room personnel
- Flow Control requirements:
 - Equilibar SDO back pressure regulator
 - Endress & Hauser Promass-U flow meter
 - PID control
 - >20 Hz will provide best results



Thank you!

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