Advanced Process Control for Food & Beverage is engineered to improve yield and quality, and reduce specific energy consumption, to optimise manufacturing operations.
Overview

The food and beverage industry is highly competitive. In a world where volatility is the new normal, manufacturers face dual pressure from competitors brought on by price war, product innovation, and consumers demand that’s driven by population growth, change in taste preference and disposable income. In order to stay profitable, manufacturers have to ensure the plant is running at maximum efficiency.

To overcome these challenges and stay relevant, manufacturers are always looking out for cost-effective means of manufacturing, standardising equipment and exploring automation to drive operational effectiveness and efficiency across the entire manufacturing production facility. An important part of the strategy is to proactively look inward into its processes, and identify ways to build a stronger and nimble automation systems to drive operational excellence across the entire manufacturing plant.

However, optimising process operation with conventional control remains a challenge:

- Time delays prevent accurate adjustment
- Control actions interact with each other
- Disturbances are frequent
- Optimum conditions are unknown
- Product quality measurements are infrequent

Comprehensive Advanced Process Control (APC) from AVEVA, helps manufacturers overcome complex challenges by using modern, state-of-the-art technology to provide automatic control systems that are capable of releasing process potential. By offering hybrid rule-based and model-based predictive control, it enables process operations to realise their full potential by moving the process closer to active constraints — resulting in reduced process variability and increased profits for manufacturers.

Achieve Peak Operating Performance

APC simultaneously controls a number of process parameters that maintain the product within specification. Taking into account process dynamics, interactions, constraints, and economics, the solution predicts future process behavior and takes control to optimise actions before product measurements are out of specification, reducing the process variability and allowing the system to work closer to its limits. The solution helps manufacturers increase operational efficiency by:

- Predicting the future using mathematical models
- Calculating the optimum trajectory to move controller set points and valves to maximise profits and objective function every minute
- Using advanced process control to find optimal tradeoffs when conflicts among goals exist
- Reducing specific energy, increase yield and profitability

Achieve Peak Operating Performance
APC challenges the operating point(s) to deliver significant benefits to industrial equipment (e.g., industrial oven and autoclave), liquid processing equipment (e.g., evaporator & dryer, and pasteuriser), and solid processing equipment (e.g., grain drying) to improve operations capacity, maximise operational flexibility resilience, and ultimately squeeze out more production yield:

**Benefits of Advanced Process Control**

APC helps manufacturers improve their economic performance, while honoring operating and equipment constraints, and shifting operations to more profitable conditions:

- Maximise production rate and value
- Minimise specific energy consumption per unit of product
- Improve yield or recovery per unit of feed, while
- Maintaining sustainable and safe operation
APC optimises plant performance and stabilises operations by minimising the fluctuations of key controlled variables:

- Increase throughput
- Maintain product quality
- Minimise specific energy consumption
- Improve monitoring of processes
- Agile modification of the process to adapt
- Predictive maintenance
- Improve process safety

Delivering a taste of success

One of our customers achieves peak operating performance with AVEVA’s Advanced Process Control:

**Spray dryer optimisation**

Dryer produces 8 tons/hour of product:

- 10% increase in throughput
- 8% reduction in specific energy consumption
- ZERO product quality violation:

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Customer FIRST Software Maintenance and Support Program

Our Mission: Your Success

Advanced Process Control offers the award-winning Customer FIRST Software Maintenance and Support Program. Customer FIRST is a flexible portfolio of services that help protect and extend the value of your AVEVA Industry Solutions across the entire lifecycle. A Customer FIRST Agreement establishes a formal service relationship with AVEVA, enabling access to the latest software upgrades and providing expert technical assistance, optional services and self-help tools to help you improve your operational effectiveness.

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