

AKXA TECH PVT. LTD.

AI / ML Based Analytics for Chlor Alkali Plants with successfully executed Case Studies

Research Driven

Building Sustainable Solutions

Adopted by Global Clients

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About AKXA





Our Core Competency & Skillsets





Design, develop and build new algorithms, IoT based Products (software applications + hardware) to solve Industry challenges for various sectors

Industries/Process Plants –Services Offered

Services and Automated Decision Support Tools for

Productivity Optimisation, Energy Efficiency Enhancement and Quality Consistency





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PULP PROCESSING & PAPER / BOARDS



GLASS & CERAMICS



POWER PLANTS CAPTIVE / CO-GEN



ANY CONTINUOUS PROCESS PLANT



Projects across multiple assets, industries, countries



Digital Transformation Journey – How AKXA can partne

1) Digitization of paper-based (manual tracking) activities

• Ex : Log Books, Maintenance check list, Lab reports, Customer Complaints, Contract Workforce Management, etc

2) Smart Data Acquisition systems for Legacy, Old plants with low digital foot-prints

• Ex : read data from PLCs, SCADA screens, HMIs, Trend Image based data capturing

3) AI / ML based analytics for Process monitoring and diagnosis

• Ex: process fluctuation assessment, controller performance assessment, alarm event management

4) Algorithm based equipment health monitoring

• Ex: digital audits, abnormality checks, signal processing for failure prediction, valve stiction detection

5) Image processing based online monitoring, fault detection

• Ex: hot/cold rolled steel surface defects, auto analysis of billet samples, in process samples.

6) AR/VR for improved process efficiency, safety and environmental assessment

• Ex: cc tv camera based PPE detection, furnace refractory health check, stack monitoring etc

Products and Service Offerings – AI / ML Based

Harnessing Data >> Extracting Knowledge >> Creating Value



Key Focus Areas – On Process Fluctuations







Solution Approach

:: FLUCTUATION AUDIT / ASSESSMENT APPROACH ::



1) OPTIMakx[®]+deltAKX[®] Algorithm Based Process Monitoring & Optimization Tool (For REAL TIME MONITORING for PROCESS FLUCTUATIONS)



500+ variables simultaneously tagged, tracked, issues diagnosed, compared

CORPORATE Features: Workflow Annotation, Auto Reporting, Escalation, Super Admin features

IMPACT OF OPTIMakx [®] + deltAKX [®] INTERVENTION (no CAPEX required)



SECTOR/AREA		CASE ESTABLISHED	>	ΙΜΡΑϹΤ	
Gas Mixing Station	>	Auto Utilisation increased to 100% and COG, BFG and MG Pressure variation reduced by more than 30%	>	1% reduction in Flaring Gas 74,000 MJ/day ,~ USD 53,000/Yr	>

$\overline{\ }$	POWER Plants	$\overline{\ }$	1% Reduction in Heat Rate	$\overline{\ }$	Fuel Saving Co-Gen Plant	$\overline{\ }$
	/BOILER		~ Fuel consumed/Unit Power		lower CO2 emission	

$\overline{\ }$	Oxygen/Nitrogen	$\overline{\ }$	4% increase in Purity	$\overline{\}$	USD 2,00,000 /Yr Savings :	$\overline{\ }$
	Plants		+ Lower Utility consumption		for 20 TPD gas plant	

Compressors	15% lower Electricity	~ USD 20,000 /Yr for Typical	
/VFD	+ Lower Pressure Variation	1000 CFM compressor	

$\overline{\ }$	Process Plant	$\overline{\ }$	25% Reduction in Process	$\overline{\ }$	5 to 10% Energy Saving	\backslash
	CONTROLS		Variability and Response Time		@ Pay Back Period < ONE YEAR	/



Case Study-1 : Optimization activity @ 1100 TPD Caustic Plant, India

Target : To Reduce variations in Key process parameters affecting Chemical and Energy consumption



Optimization activity @ 1100 TPD Caustic Plant, India

Problem Summary :

Data from 22 PID loops collected over 48 hours highlighted significant performance issues and instability.

Impact on Downstream Operations:

Fluctuations impaired process stability, increasing chemical consumption and affecting dosing efficiency.

Solution : Root Cause Identification" and "Model Development and Integration :

Using OPIMakx, valve stiction was identified and corrected, optimizing low-performing loops and enhancing control.

Results and Benefits

Improvements in Stability

- ✓ Fluctuations reduced by 61%, with 48% of loops now performing well—a 33% improvement overall.
- Reduced NaOH and SMBS consumption led to cost savings while ensuring efficient process control

Economic Benefits

VALVE STICTION ISSUE IDENTIFIED BY THE AKXA's

"OPTIMakx Tool" accordingly Plant team has taken corrective action to change the positioner

for Caustic dosing valve

(Brine Solution pH Controlling

cascade loop)



Total Annual Savings through OTO : Rs. 4.72 Crores or ~0.56 Million USD





Optimization in Cell house & CCU Section and it's KPI Impact







Case Study-2 : Optimization activity @ 550 TPD Caustic Plant, India

Target : To Reduce variations in Key process parameters affecting Chemical and Energy consumption





UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION







Optimization activity @ 550 TPD Caustic Plant, India





12 Hrs. Temperature profile Before the logic implementation

Cell House	Units	Before Logic Implementation	After Logic Implementation
O/L Catholyte Temperature (Error%)	%	0.26%	0.12%
Average O/L Catholyte Temperature	°C	87.75	88.00

 In Manual Operation, it is very difficult to maintain the outlet temperature by inlet Caustic Temperature because of Variation in Brine Temperature, I/L Catholyte temperature & Load.

 Logic is designed to maintain the outlet Temperature to a given Set Point. Brine Temperature + Process lag, is also considered in the Logic so that up to 1.0 - 1.5 MW Load Variation is getting handled seamlessly by the Logic.

Focus Area

- Stabilizing flow, level, and temperature loops in the Flaker significantly reducing unit steam and hvdrogen consumption.
- Maintaining stable header distribution pressure is crucial for membrane health and overall process stability.

These measures enhance equipment reliability and efficiency.

Control loops Optimization Outcome

Flaker Plant



Total Annual Savings through OTO: 0.84 Crore INR or ~0.1 Million USD



Optimization in Cell house, CCU Section & Flaker Unit and it's KPI Impact



Cell House	Units	Before Logic Implementation	After Logic Implementation
% AACE, O/L Catholyte Temperature	%	0.26	0.12
Average O/L Catholyte Temperature	°C	87.79	88.02
Average Electrolyser Voltage (Combined effect of logic + fluctuation mitigation)	V	471.0	470.4
Power Per Ton Caustic	Units Per Ton	2105.6	2102.6
Power Per Day	Units Per Day	1052798.8	1051347.7
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Net Power Saving : 1451 Units Per Day

Flaker Section	Units	Pre Optimization	Post Optimization	
Average Production	TPD	217.65		
Average Steam Consumption / Day	МТ	227.89	213.98	
Steam Consumption Per Ton of Caustic (Unit Per Ton)	Kg/Ton	983.13		
Net Saving in S	team Consumnti	on · ~15 Tons Per Dav		

+ Additional Benefit of reduction in hydrogen vent losses

Total Annual Savings through OTO:

0.84 Crore INR or

~0.1 Million USD



Case Study-3 : Optimization activity: @ 15,000 TPA Epichlorohydrin Plant in Thailand.

Target : To Reduce variations in Key process parameters affecting Quality and Energy consumption



Optimization activity: @ 15,000 TPA Epichlorohydrin Plant in Thailand





Focus Area

Α	total	of	90	control	loops	across	various	sections	have	been
or	otimize	ed f	or e	enhanced	d opera	ational s	tability.			

- a) 15 loops optimized to improve pure ECH consistency
- b) 19 loops stabilized key columns in auto-cascade.
- c) 12 loops optimized for stabilizing pH control, etc
- d) 8 loops were optimized for HCl absorption.

e) 17 loops were optimized focusing on reactor and flow controls, and an additional 19 loops were optimized in the other sections.



The optimization improvements achieved were:

- 1) Reduction in 1,2,2 TriChloroPropane (TCP) by **50%**
- 2) Reduction in Heavies (ALC) by 5% & Reduction in Lights and Heavies (ALC) by 4%
- 3) Enhanced Product ALC selectivity by 0.5%.

Optimization in ECH Section and it's KPI Impact





Client Testimonials



DCM SHRIRAM



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRICIATION

This is to certify that AKXA Tech Pvt. Ltd. has completed the activities at our DCM Shriram – Caustic Plant in Kota Complex, on the following Project :

The Facility for Low Carbon Technology Deployment (FLCTD) Programme jointly implemented by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). FLCTD is supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) aiming to implement innovative IoT based technology to improve efficient end-use of Energy with a focus on 'Process Fluctuation Optimisation and it's Impact on KPIs".

AKXA Tech, one of the partners selected for the above Project with UNIDO, had decided to carry out the Project Work @ DCM Shriram – Caustic Plant.

Project Focus : Process Fluctuation Optimisation using IoT based Data Analytics.

Target Area : AKXA has optimized the Brine House, Cell House, CCU(Caustic Concentration Unlt) and Flaker Sections for Stable Operation, which resulted in savings in Steam Consumption. Also, Implementation of Catholyte Separator Outlet Temperature Controlling Feed Forward Logic has positively contributed towards reduction in Cell Power Consumption. The overall Auto Utilisation of this loop is almost 100%.

We wish AKXA Tech the very best in their future endeavors.

Authorized Signatory

(22. Dec- 2022)

Prithvi Singh Rathore HOD (Chlor-Alkali)

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ADITYA BIRLA CHEMICALS

20th February 2024

To Whomsoever It May Concern

This is to certify that M/s. AKXA Tech Private Limited has demonstrated outstanding performance and collaboration in the recent ECH Plant Optimization initiative executed in collaboration with our team at Aditya Birla Chemicals, Rayong, Thailand. Their technical expertise, attention to details and dedication have significantly contributed to the optimization of the ALC reaction temperature and other process parameters resulting in significant improvements in key performance indicators (KPIs).

The collaborative effort between AKXA Tech and our team has been instrumental in achieving enhanced product rates, controlled waste purging, and notable improvements in organic impurities and product purity. The project, initiated on the 25th of September 2023, showcased a successful combination of optimization skills from AKXA Tech's technical team and process optimization strategies from our ABCT team.

We hereby express our appreciation for the professionalism, expertise, and commitment displayed by M/s. AKXA Tech Private Limited throughout this key initiative. Their contributions have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in the success of this optimization initiative.

This certificate is being awarded in recognition of their exceptional performance and valuable collaboration.



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to help your PROCESS PLANT increase productivity, be more energy efficient and reduce carbon footprint and costs..."

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