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Evaluating Facility Design & Capacity Planning Decisions for Clinical And Commercial Supply with Hybrid Continuous Processes

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UCL Decisional Tools – Scope & Approaches

- Systems approach to valuing biotech / cell therapy investment opportunities:
 - Cost-effective process and facility design
 - Batch v continuous (Lim et al, 2005 & 2006; Pollock et al, 2013a, 2013b; Farid et al, 2014)
 - Chromatography optimisation (Stonier et al, 2012; Simaria et al, 2012; Allmendinger et al, 2014)
 - SUT for allogeneic cell therapies (Simaria et al, 2014; Hassan et al, 2015)
 - Capacity planning & Portfolio management
 - Portfolio management & capacity sourcing (Rajapakse et al, 2006; George & Farid, 2008a,b)
 - Multi-site long term production planning (Lakhdar et al, 2007; Siganporia et al, 2012)
 - Facility fit
 - Prediction of suboptimal facility fit upon tech transfer (Stonier et al, 2013; Yang et al, 2014)
- Industrial collaborators include: Pfizer, Bayer, MedImmune, Lonza, UCB, Lilly, Pall, GE, Repligen





Process economics: integrated conti bioprocesses

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- Fed-batch versus perfusion systems (Pollock et al, 2013a)
 - Impact of scale on COG/g?
 - Impact of failures rates on robustness?
- Continuous chromatography (Pollock et al, 2013b)
 - Clinical v commercial COG/g?
 - Retrofit costs across devt phases?
- Integrated continuous processing (Farid et al, 2014)
 - Impact of development phase, company size and portfolio size on COG/g of ICB?

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Process economics: integrated conti bioprocesses

Fed-batch versus perfusion systems (Pollock et al, 2013a) Continuous chromatography (Pollock et al, 2013b) Integrated continuous processing (Farid et al, 2014)

Fed-batch versus perfusion culture (New build) Results: Impact of scale on COG/g for FB v SPIN v ATF processes



Fed-batch versus perfusion culture (New build) Results: Impact of variability on robustness



Equivalent fed-batch titre of 5 g/L

Fed-batch versus perfusion – commercial

- ATF Perfusion processes can offer up to 20% COG/g savings
- Cell density for ATF to compete with FB is x3-5–fold higher
- FB most robust process
- ATF lowest COG even when accounting for higher variability
- FB and ATF tied if operational and financial benefits weighted equally



Process economics: integrated conti bioprocesses

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Continuous chrom: clinical & commercial (Retrofit)

Continuous chrom – clinical v commercial

- Continuous chrom offers more significant savings for early phase manufacture
- ~30% COG_{direct} savings @ early clinical v ~5% COG_{direct} savings @ commercial

Integrated continuous processes (New build) Results: Impact of development phase and company size on optimal



Integrated conti processes - multiproduct

- ICB offers savings for smaller portfolio sizes and early phase processes
- Hybrid processes can be more economical for larger / late phase portfolios wrt COG

Farid, Pollock & Ho, 2014, In Subramanian, G. (ed.), Ch 17, pp 433-455.



Pollock, Bolton, Coffman, Ho, Bracewell, Farid, 2013, J Chrom A, 1284: 17-27

Facility Optimisation: Conti chrom & prepacked

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Key questions addressed:

How do the feed characteristics and resin properties impact the **optimal number of columns** to have in a continuous chromatography system?

Does the adoption of **pre-packed disposable** columns change the feasibility of continuous chromatography?

Facility Optimisation: Conti chrom & prepacked

- Chromatographic parameters to optimize
- Column diameter
- Column bed height
- Loading-linear velocity
- #Columns



Facility Optimisation: Conti chrom & prepacked

- Chromatographic parameters to optimize
- Column diameter
- Column bed height
- Loading-linear velocity
- #Columns
- Column type: Self-Packed (SP) Glass
 vs Pre-packed (PP) Dispo

PP Dispo

- + Flexibility and ready to use
- + Reduced risk of packing failures
- + Reduced validation efforts
- Limited in size (up to 60cm)
- Pre-packed column costs





Facility Optimisation: Conti chrom & prepacked

- Chromatographic parameters to optimize
- Column diameter
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- #Columns
- Column type: SP Glass vs PP Dispo
- Chromatography mode: Batch vs Continuous



Continuous

- + Improved resin capacity utilization
- + Reduced buffer consumption
- Increased complexity
- High skid price



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• Optimization goal

Minimize Cost of Goods = Materials + Labour + Suite + Equipment Depreciation

Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios

Key questions addressed:

- Portfolio of labile perfusion products + stable fed-batch products: What is the trade-off between retrofitting
 v. CMOs v. new build to cope with a portfolio of fed-batch and labile perfusion candidates?
- Portfolio of stable products with option of perfusion or fed-batch processes: How robust are fed-batch v. perfusion production plans to productivity and demand fluctuations?

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Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios

Project Aims



Multiple products



Batch and semi-continuous processes

Multiple facilities

Questions:

- How best can we use existing capacity in multiple facilities to meet commercial demands?
- Should CMOs or a future facility be considered?
- When and how much capital expenditure is required? Approach:
- Mixed-integer linear programming
- Minimise total cost

Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios Perfusion scheduling challenges



Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios Perfusion Manufacturing Schematic



Product Changeovers



Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios

Case Study: portfolio of labile and stable products

Problem definition:

Question: Given projected commercial demands over 8 years of 4 products:

- should CMOs, a new build, or retrofitting an existing facility be considered?
- how best should production be allocated across facilities?



Siganporia, Ghosh, Daskowski, Papageorgiou, & Farid, 2014, Biotechnol Progress. 30 (3), 594-606

Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios

Case Study: portfolio of labile and stable products Example of drug-specific data:

Product	Fermentation Mode	Cell Culture Duration	Shelf-life (months)	Annual Demand (AU)					
				1	2	3		7	8
Perf ₁	Perfusion	150 days	24	20	20	20		28	30
Perf ₂	Perfusion	60 days	24	0	0	1		10	12
Perf ₃	Perfusion	28 days	24	0	0	0		0.44	0.45
FB_1	Fed-batch	14 days	24	0	0	0		3030	3330

Facility capabilities:

Facility	Manufacturing Capability						
	Perf ₁	Perf ₂	Perf_3	FB_1			
f ₁	*	*	*	* 🐳			
f ₂	*	*	×	×			
СМО	×	×	*	*			
Future	~	*	*	*			

USP scale (max)					
$Perf_1 - Perf_3$	FB ₁				
6 x 200 L	2 x 3000 L				

* Retrofitting is required

Capacity planning: fed-batch v perfusion portfolios

Case Study: portfolio of labile and stable products

Demand Variation



- Production of Perf₃ and any excess demand of FB₁ is outsourced to CMO.
- Products are kept within one facility if possible so as to minimise licence fees.
- Facility f₁ is not used for the downstream production of products Perf₁ and Perf₂ to minimise retrofitting. •



- A combination of both a CMO and future build is necessary to meet market demand. ٠
- Customer service level drops below 100% in the final year.
- Instead of retrofitting f₁'s DSP suite, DSP production is carried out in the future build

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UCL Decisional Tools Summary

Biotech / Cell therapy company

Therapeutic candidate in early phase development with:

- Early clinical data
 - e.g. cell type, dose estimate, patient numbers
- Early process data
 e.g. yields

UCL Decisional Tools researchers

UCL Decisional Tools outputs can be used to help with decision-making:

- Compare the cost-effectiveness of alternative manufacturing processes / supply chains
- Identify the most cost-effective and GMP-ready process for
 - current scale of operation
 - future scales for late phase / commercial manufacture
- Predict and manage the risk of process changes as products proceed through development pathway
- □ Identify most promising technologies and targets to reach for future R&D investment
- Optimise capacity planning across multi-site multiproduct facilities



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