

Kicking Off 2025 with a Reflection on the Transformative Innovations in Process Analysis

Photonics innovations in 2024 revolutionized process analysis, enhancing quality, safety, and efficiency as industries embrace a new era in 2025.

LONDON, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, January 7, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As we welcome 2025, it is an opportune time to reflect on the remarkable strides made in process analysis over the past year. In 2024, photonics-based technologies redefined the landscape, driving breakthroughs in quality assurance, safety and operational efficiency across industries. These innovations were not incremental adjustments but transformative developments that challenged traditional paradigms of industrial monitoring and control.

2024 marked a shift away from legacy systems such as ASTM-based analyzers and gas chromatographs, with photonics emerging as a cornerstone of precision and reliability. These technologies offer unparalleled benefits: simpler installation, significantly reduced maintenance, and unmatched operational accuracy. Industries such as refining and





petrochemicals have embraced photonics solutions to meet the increasing demands for safety, compliance and efficiency.

One striking innovation is the use of remote sensing with fiber optics, which eliminates intrusive installations, reduces costs, and enhances safety. The integration of Main NIR Analyzers in centralized control rooms connected to multiple field units—installed up to 3 km (2 miles) away—has further revolutionized operations. These field units, entirely optical with no moving parts or electricity requirements, operate without the need for explosion-proof housing or analyzer shelters, offering a robust yet cost-effective solution.

Photonics technologies have also driven advancements in near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. Modern tools now provide real-time, multi-parameter monitoring, minimizing labor, reducing material waste and optimizing product quality. From petroleum refining to petrochemical production, these tools allow tighter process control and early deviation detection, ensuring consistent, high-quality outcomes.

The evolution of photonics has extended to crude oil processing, where advanced <u>crude</u> <u>analyzers</u> now deliver real-time insights into critical parameters such as salt concentration, distillation, sulfur content, viscosity, and water content, among others. These capabilities enable operators to make informed decisions, improving efficiency and profitability while addressing long-standing challenges. Modular design innovations, like the "Modular Package Concept," ensure these systems are factory-tested and ready for seamless on-site installation, further reducing downtime and installation complexity.

In the realm of <u>oxygen measurement</u>, optical fluorescence technology has redefined precision and reliability. Traditional methods, such as paramagnetic, zirconia, or coulometric analyzers, often require complex gas sample extraction and conditioning, which adds risk and cost. Optical fluorescence analyzers eliminate these issues by enabling direct, non-contact measurements even in high-pressure environments. This innovation is especially critical for hydrogen and hydrocarbon applications, where safety and precision are paramount. By reducing the potential for gas leaks and enabling direct analysis in high-pressure pipelines, optical technologies address the limitations of legacy systems while significantly lowering installation costs.

The achievements of 2024 have laid a solid foundation for the next generation of process analysis technologies. Photonics-based innovations continue to raise industry standards, prioritizing sustainability, safety, and efficiency. As industries look to 2025 and beyond, the promise of even greater advancements in monitoring and optimization drives confidence in a future where precision and reliability are not just ideals but industry norms.

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