

Charles Sizer

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Summary

Mathematician. Engineer. Programmer. Manager.

Objective: Advance my career in a position emphasizing data driven problem solving.

My career has focused on transitioning food products with unique processing challenges from development into production. I have a track record of apply-

ing iterative, constructive methods to proof-of-concept processing lines to create automated production systems which are integrated with upper levels of business logic. I have a strong history of troubleshooting enabled by understanding of fluid processes, electrical systems and software. I solve complex problems using proven data driven approaches and building models to evaluate steady-state and transient phenomena.

Experience

Dairyvative Technologies

REEDSBURG & SHEBOYGAN, WI

Director of Technology

2015- Present

Managed the development of a novel dairy product, associated equipment, facility, processing technology, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property. Worked closely with Sr Management and direct reports to achieve commercialization and R&D goals. Led interactions with Federal and State regulators to determine how the product fit into existing regulatory frameworks. Built and documented Quality Systems to exceed compliance requirements. Managed department budget, hiring and training.

Accomplishments

- Developed new technology for milk preservation with model based approach
 - Designed & built commercial scale prototype based on theory
 - Reduced theory to practice
 - Iteratively improved efficiency, reliability, quality and safety through use of process data
 - Refined process model to increase predictive power
- Commercialized milk preservation process
 - Designed custom batching, heat treating, and packaging solution for the process
 - Oversaw purchase, fabrication, installation and commissioning of custom equipment
 - Designed and built a standards-complaint food-grade production facility
- Deployed an industry leading, state-of-the-art digital recording system
 - eliminated paper records, reduced compliance burden, minimized down time
 - reduced labor requirements by 75%
 - Developed mechanisms for compliance with digital record keeping regulations (21CFR11)
 - Single handedly deployed and maintained a full stack of technologies
 - * Field level: Modbus RTU, 4-20mA loops
 - * Equipment level: PLC ladder logic, Modbus TCP, Ethernet/IP, ZPL
 - * Supervisory level: Custom UI, Jython scripting
 - * Records & Reporting: SQL, Java, Python/Pandas

Cambrooke Foods (now a division of Ajinomoto)

AYER, MA

Product Development Specialist

2012-2015

Designed, assembled and commissioned food processing lines for a medical foods company. The lines included a hot-fill line for high-acid beverages and an AlfaLaval low-acid processing line for packaging medical foods on an aseptic Tetra Pak TPA/19. Member of the team that assembled and implemented the HACCP plan. Medical foods are considered the highest risk food category by the FDA since the patients are required to adhere to a strict diet consisting of only medical foods. As such, the facility was the first facility inspected under the Food Safety Modernization Act and passed the inspection with no adverse findings.

Accomplishments

- Formulated medical food product to meet guidelines for enteric nutrition
- Iterated design of equipment and thermal process to deliver enteric nutrition
- Formulated a protein enhanced rehydration beverage
- Designed process to gently sterilize protein and maximize shelf-life
- Managed small beverage production team

Pilot Aseptic

St. Charles, IL

Technician

June 2010 - 2012

- Tested effects of various thermal processes on clients' product formulations.
 - Implemented necessary equipment modifications
 - Maintained equipment and facility.
 - Extensive on-the-fly trouble shooting of Alfa Laval VTIS & FLEX systems
 - Created numerical heat-penetration model used by Pepsi Co. through present day
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Education

Illinois Institute of Technology

CHICAGO, IL

Studied Applied Mathematics

2004 – 2007

Focused on discrete methods

Skills

Technical specialties: Computer networking and protocols. Python (NumPy, SciPy and Pandas), familiarity with SQL/ZPL/ \LaTeX , Ignition! SCADA platform. Advanced Excel skills.

Interests

Non-exhaustive and in alphabetical order: cooking, computer security, hiking, kayaking, machine learning, rocket science, space exploration, sustainability