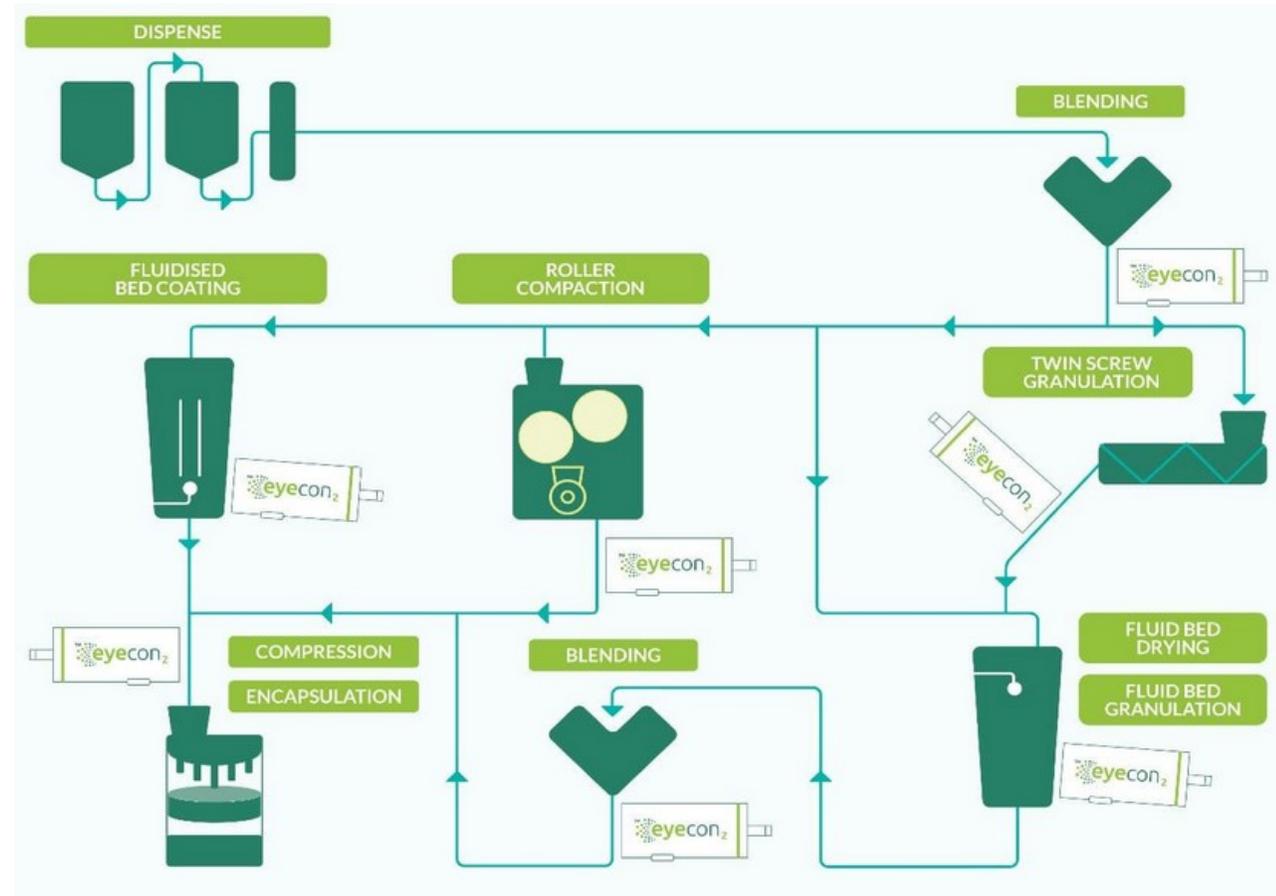


Particle Size Analysis

Interpretation of results and correlation with orthogonal methods

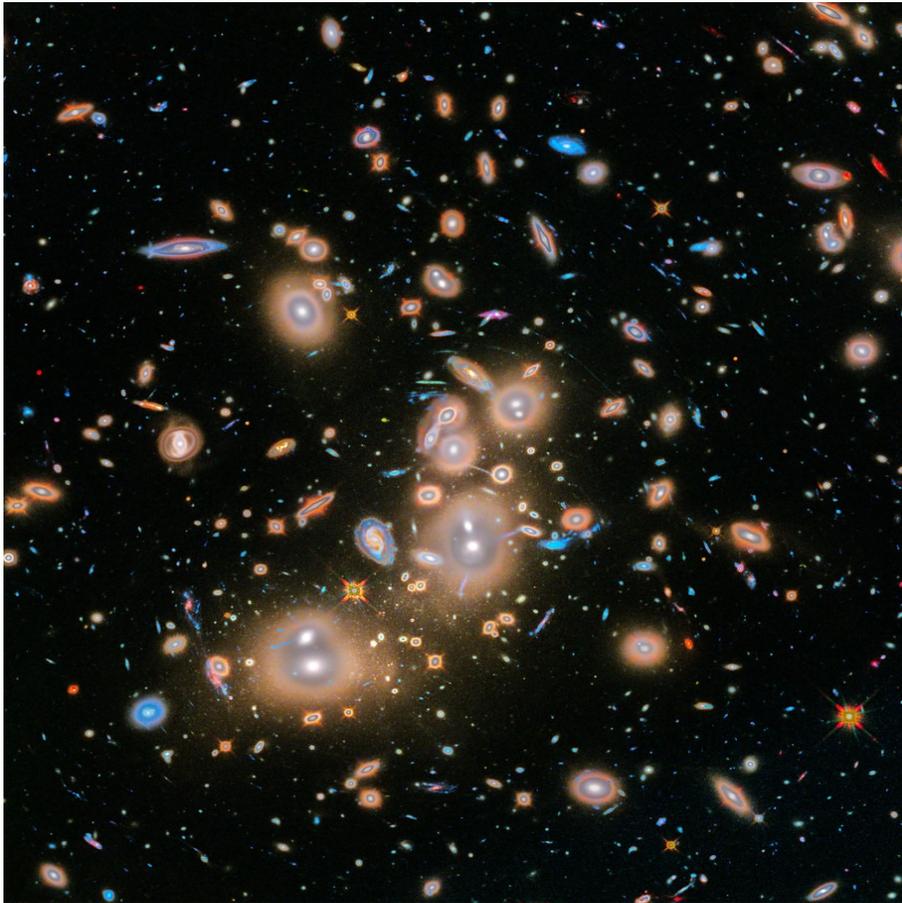
Particle size analysis webinar goals

- The importance of Particle size
- Live from the Lab
 - Real time Image analysis – Eyecon2 PSD
 - Sieve
- All particle size results are not created equally so correlate.
- Correlation with orthogonal methods
 - Death by Excel
- Interpretation of results
- FDA Guidance - Alternative analytical procedures

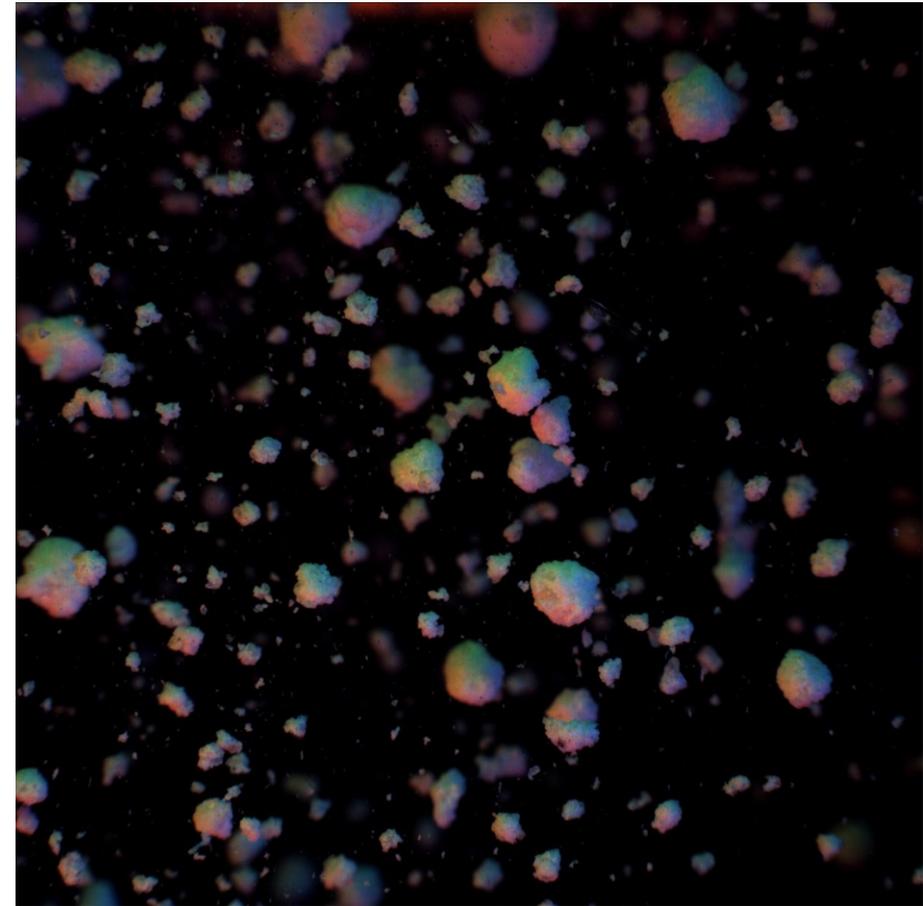


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The small matter of particle size



Hubble Space Telescope image of the galaxy cluster Abell 2744.



Eyecon2 particle sizer, micron image of fluidised granulate

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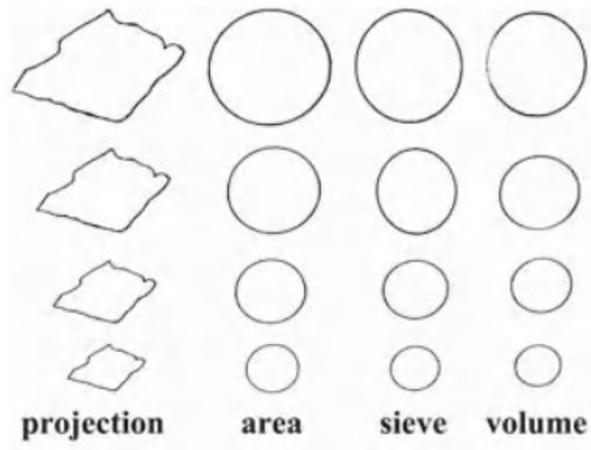
Particle size, the importance in powder and bulk solid manufacturing.

Particles the VIP



Particle size methods

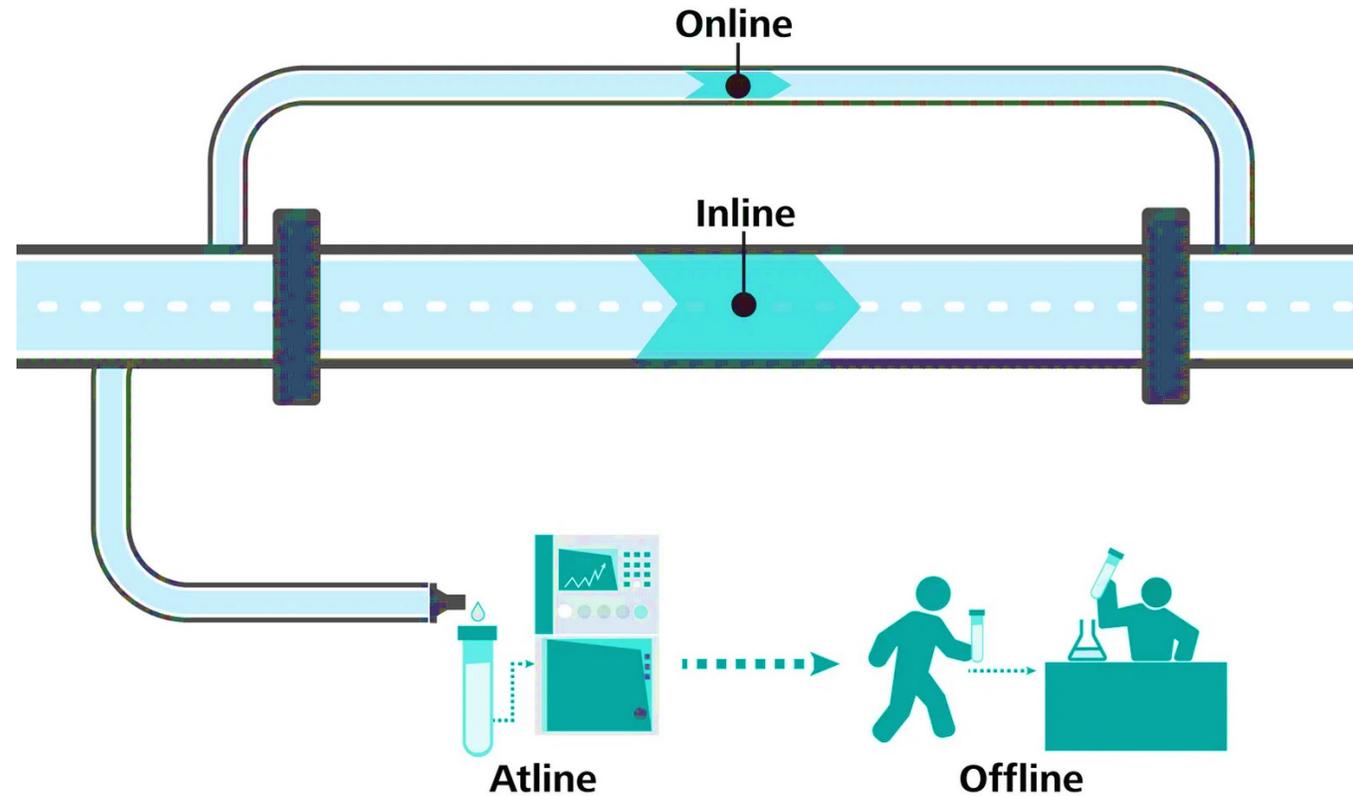
Particle size methods are not created equally, they all have their advantages and disadvantages



2.1 Particle Size

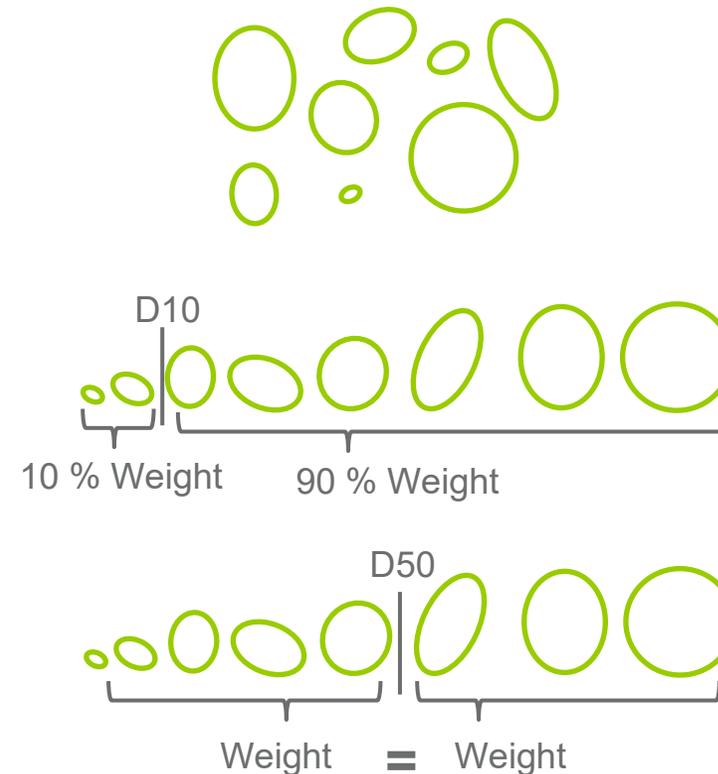
Fig. 2.2 Equivalent sphere concept for arbitrary particles

Configurations:



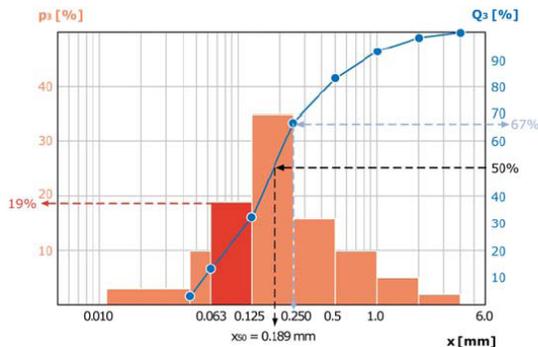
Particle Size

- The D-values are computed from the group of ellipses estimated from the particles
- D50 value, also known as mass-median-diameter (MMD) is the diameter which divides the particles into two groups with equivalent weight / mass.
- Similarly, the mass of particles with diameters smaller than D10, D50, .., D90 equals to 10%, 50%, ..., 90% of the total mass



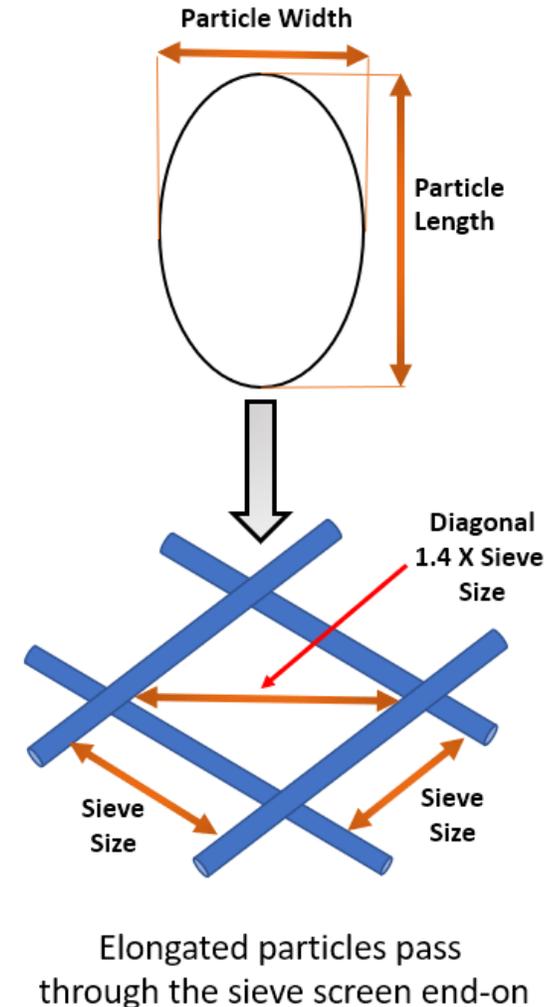
Sieve Analysis

- Each sieve is weighed, and the volume of each fraction is calculated in percent by weight, providing a mass-related distribution.
- The resolution of sieve analysis is restricted by the number of obtainable size fractions.
- A standard sieve stack accommodates a maximum of eight sieves which means that the particle size distribution is based on just eight data points



Size class [mm]	p ₃ [%]	Q ₃ [%]
< 0.045	3.0	3.0
0.045 - 0.063	10.0	13.0
0.063 - 0.125	19.0	32.0
0.125 - 0.250	35.0	67.0
0.250 - 0.500	16.0	83.0
0.500 - 1.000	10.0	93.0
1.000 - 2.000	5.0	98.0
2.000 - 4.000	2.0	100.0
> 4.000	0.0	100.0

$x_{50} = 0.189 \text{ mm}$



Elongated particles pass through the sieve screen end-on

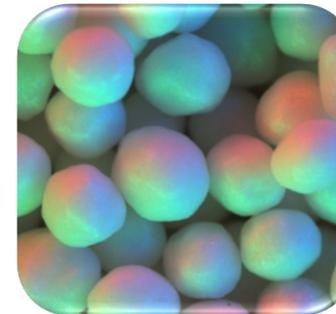
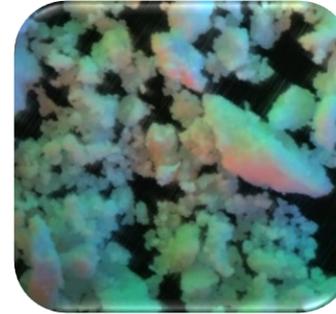
Eyecon₂ Real-Time particle size and shape



- Research & development (QbD/DoE/ CPP/CQA)
- Scale up
- Tech transfer
- Batch
- Continuous

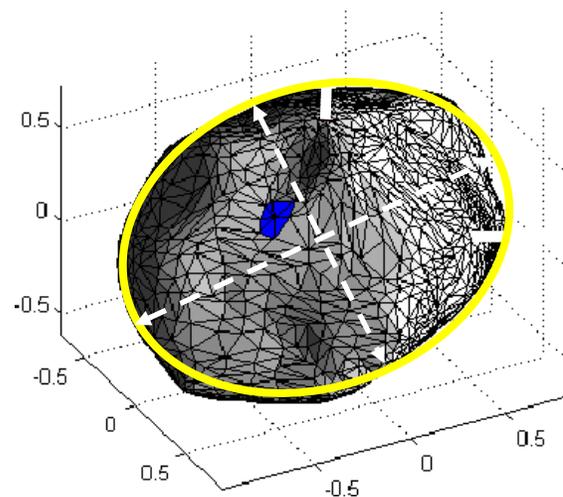
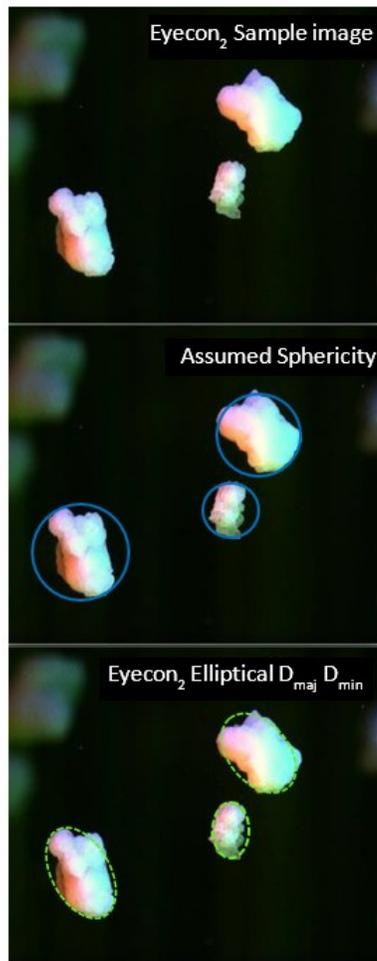
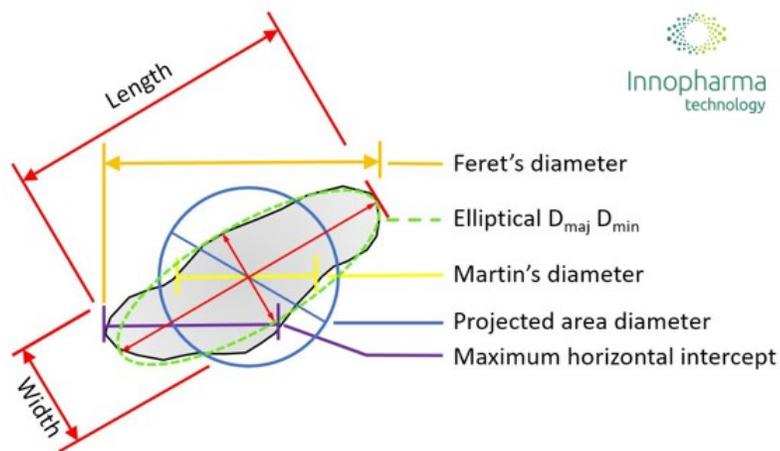
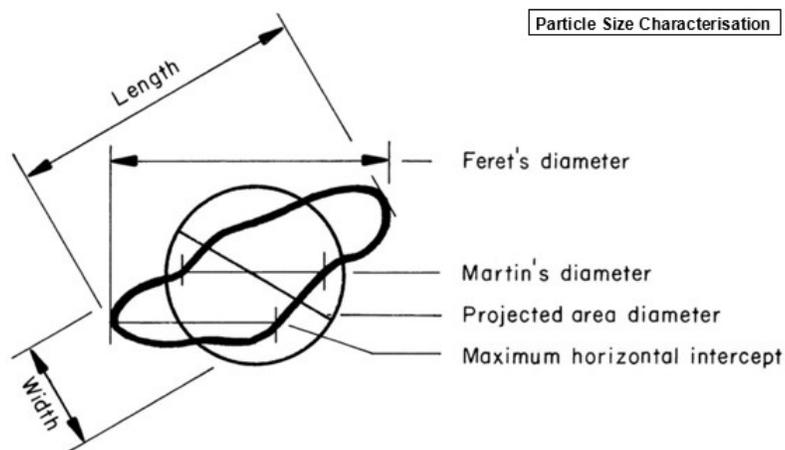
Processes:

- Fluidised Bed Coating, Granulation, Drying
- Twin Screw Granulation
- Roller Compaction/Milling
- Extrusion, Spheronisation



Size Range	50 to 5500 μm
Imaging Area	11.25 mm ²
Pixel Size	5.5 μm
Output	PDF, CSV, Jpeg PSD D5-D95
Instrument Ratings	GMP 21 CFR part 11 GAMP5 CE Marking ATEX 2/22 IP65.
Configurations	In-line, at-line
Casing materials	304 Stainless Steel, Glass, Silicon (gaskets)
Communication	Ethernet, USB OPC UA, DA 3.0

Method of Operation: Image Capture



- Each particle initially identified
- Best-fit ellipse calculated
- Major & minor diameters computed
- PSD/D-values determined

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Analysis & the FDA

“This guidance...provides recommendations on how you, the applicant, can submit analytical procedures and methods validation data to support the documentation of the identity, strength, quality, purity, and potency of drug substances and drug products.”

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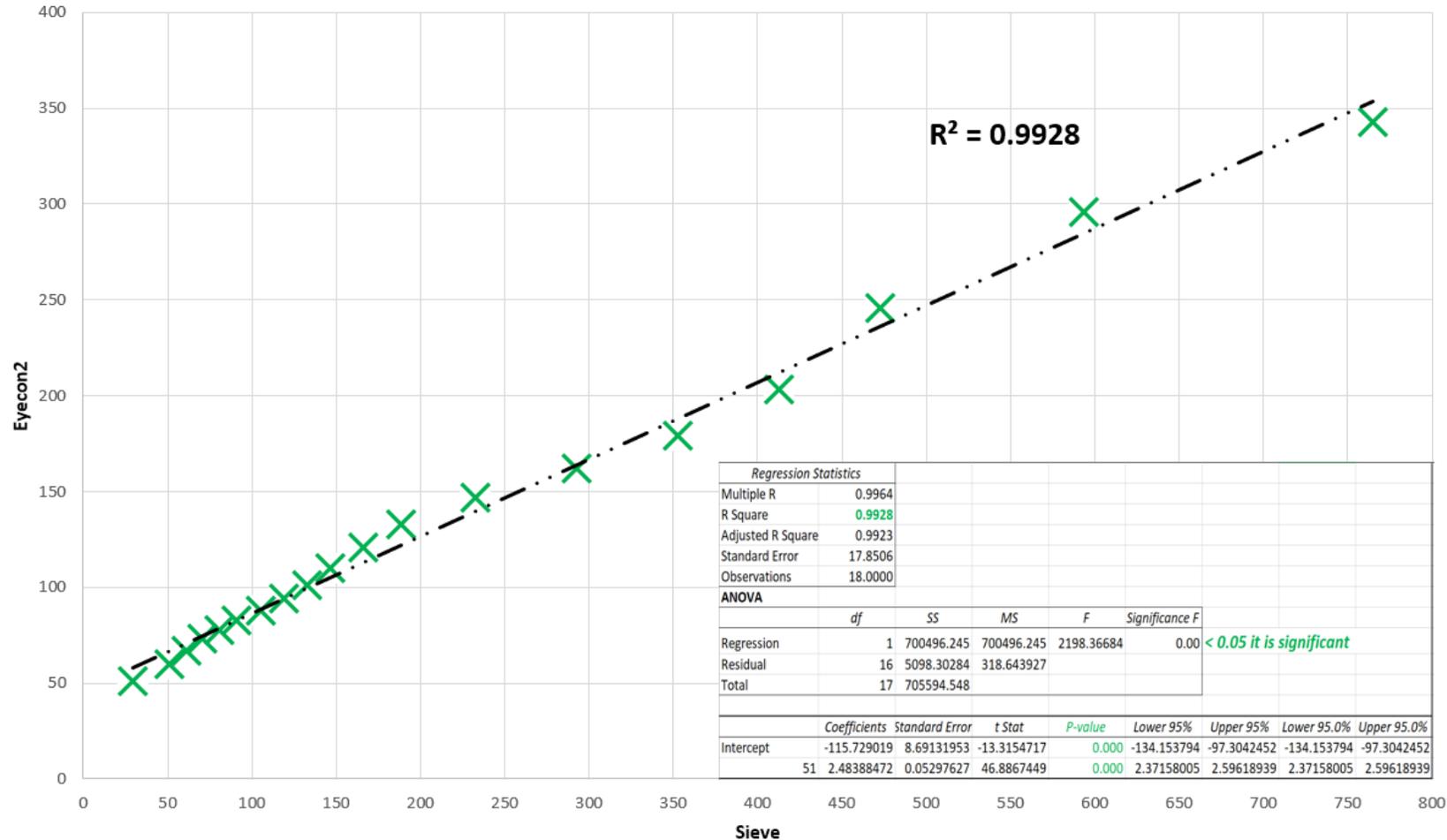
“New technologies may allow for greater understanding and/or confidence when ensuring product quality. Applicants should periodically evaluate the appropriateness of a product’s analytical methods and consider new or alternative methods.”

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Lab Tour

Correlation

Particle Size Correlation



Correlation



Real-Time Prediction of Polymer-Coated Multiparticulate Dissolution using Process Analytical Technology

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Introduction

Process Analytical Technology, or PAT, allows us to measure certain attributes of product in real-time, minimising the need for sampling for traditional off-line analysis methods. This data which facilitates rapid decisions between sampling and off-line results. The analysis is performed and the analytical results are used to adjust the measurement results enabling control of the process also on the true critical quality attributes.



Twin Screw Granulation – Enabling Greater Process Understanding with the Eyecon Particle Characteriser

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Plan



Implementation of PAT for In-Line Monitoring of a Milling Process During DoE for Continuous Processing

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Introduction

The study presented here outlines some of the steps involved in the implementation of a continuous manufacturing system using Design of Experiment (DoE). The requirement of continuous processing is continuous monitoring of process attributes (CQAs) to gain a sufficient understanding to devise a data-driven in-line Process Analytical Technology (PAT) sensor enables real-time monitoring of the process.



WHITE PAPER

Continuous twin-screw granulation – What to consider in process design, development and scale-up

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Introduction: Continuous manufacturing of pharmaceuticals has grown more popular in recent years [1]–[6]. There are several advantages of continuous processes over traditional batch processes: 1. The “batch size” is not a fixed value in CM. Therefore, especially in the R&D phase of a drug, the amount of product can be reduced to the minimum needed for analysis and clinical trials. Furthermore, once the

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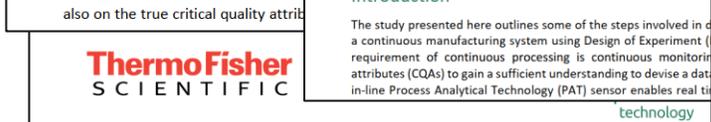


Alkermes Pharma Ireland Ltd collaborate with Innopharma Labs to enable enhanced control of granulation, milling and spheronisation of a manufacturing process

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Monitoring Fluid Bed Granulation Processes In-Line with Real Time Imaging

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Introduction

The pharmaceutical manufacturing platforms of fluid bed granulation is widely used to modify particle size. However the adoption of PAT to monitor and control this process is difficult, due to its dynamic nature. This study examines the efficacy of a particle characterising technology to capture particle images under dynamic conditions and to calculate particle size distribution data during fluid bed granulation.

Experimental Plan

Real-Time In-Line Monitoring of the Impact of Process Parameter Changes on Critical Quality Attributes in Fluid Bed Granulation using Process Analytical Technology

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Abstract

There is an increasing trend within the pharmaceutical industry to utilise all available sources of analytical data to support more rapid formulation development and subsequently introduce further

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