



Continuous Processing

MODCOS for Continuous Oral Solid Dosage Production



Why continuous production

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Why Continuous Production?

Saving manufacturing costs

- High productivity because of substantial time and cost saving
- Rapid process development, limited API consumption and therefore more efficient
- Smaller footprint and therefore less room for the plant, compared with a batch installation

Improving quality

- Consistent high product quality through continuous real time process monitoring and control
- Significantly reduced scale-up issue and risk because scale-up is done by scale out of manufacturing time
- No process knowledge gap between development and commercial scales



Why Continuous Production?

Requirements for continuous production

- Real process understanding
- Advanced PAT and control technology
- New thinking from equipment suppliers
- New thinking from development, manufacturing, quality and regulatory teams

Regulatory body

 Basically the FDA as regulatory body is encouraging manufacturers to adopt continuous manufacturing

The FDA is encouraging manufacturers to adopt continuous manufacturing, which can streamline QbD development and NDA submission.



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Integrated modular continuous systems

- Continuous processing is offered as full / partial system or individual unit operation allowing modular expansion over time
- Glatt and best third-party equipment is integrated into one cohesive system
- Each process unit has its own control system with local panel
- Each process unit can be operated in integrated mode or in local mode
- Fluid bed machine can be operated in continuous or batch mode
- We offer three different granulation methods
- Integrated control system with PAT measurement, traceability and documentation, based on residence time and residence time distribution in the entire line.



Line definition by throughput

- S-line 1 up to 15 kg/h
 Development, clinical test phase, new products
- M-line 5 up to 50 kg/h
 Development, clinical test phase, new products
- L-line > 50 kg/h
 Existing products and block busters



Proposal for a m-line installation, up to 50 kg/h



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Proposal for a s-line installation, up to 15 kg/h (completely mobile)



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Continuous Powder Dosing





- Loss in weight feeder
- Twin screw execution
- Quick change design for easy cleaning
- Feeder sizes from 50 g/h up to 300 kg/h



Continuous dry mixing



- Continuous dry mixer
- Throughput: 2 50 kg/h
- speed: 400 900 UpM
- additional ports possible
- Easy cleanability



Continuous Granulation

Three different granulation methods:



Twin Screw Extruder

High shear Granulate



Dry Mix / Wet Granulator

Mid shear granulate



Fluid Bed Granulation

Low shear granulate



Twin Screw Extruder Granulation ThermoFisher





• Throughput: TSG 16 2 - 15 kg/h

TSG 24 5 - 50 kg/h

• speed: 100 - 1000 rpm

Various ports for adding powder and liquid

high shear forces





Twin Screw Extruder Granulation









twin screw extruder for hybrid operation

wet granulation

hot melt extrusion



Single Shaft Wet Granulation



- Throughput: 2 25 kg/h
- speed: 400 900 rpm
- additional ports possible
- Easy cleanability
- Mid shear forces



Fluid Bed Granulation

- Granulation process insert for GPCG Fluid bed dryer
- 4 static chamber module
- Conical chamber shape
- Variable number of nozzles





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Fluid Bed Drying

GPCG 10 → Modcos m-line for multi application



Batch Execution



Conti Execution

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Fluid Bed Drying

GPCG 2 → Modcos s-line for multi application



Batch Insert





Conti Drying Insert



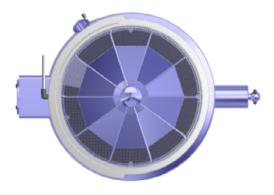
Conti Granulation Insert





Fluid Bed Drying

- 10 chamber rotating module (carrousel)
- Conical chamber shape
- Very narrow residence time distribution







Controlled Product Conveying

- Glatt rotary valve
- Vacuum barrier
- Shock pressure barrier
- Flame arrester
- Continuous discharger





Product Conveying and Milling



Vacuum conveyor with conical mill

- Small surfaces (cleaning)
- Variable speed adjustment
- Fully closed design



Compression





Compression: partnership with Fette

- Works continuous by design
- Magnesium spraying system available
- Data Acquisition und Management (SQL)



Compression





At-line Quality control with NIR-Checkmaster

- Checks four parameter (Weight, Hardness, Thickness, Diameter)
- API content with NIR-Transmission optional
- Automatic Sampling
- Integrated control loops



In-line API content in tablet press

- Measurement in reflection
- 100% Control
- patented



PAT

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PAT Systems

- Particle size and size distribution:
 - Eyecon from Innopharmalabs, optical system
- Moisture content:
 - TEWS, microwave measurement technology
- Content uniformity / Blend homogeneity
 - Sentronic, NIR measurment technology
 - Alternativ: Raman, laser based optical measurment technology



Controls

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Controls



- Based on latest GlattView MEGA Version
- Integrated mode of all Process units
- Local mode of each process unit
- Communication to the process units via Profibus
- Communication to PAT sensors via Ethernet



Traceability / Documentation

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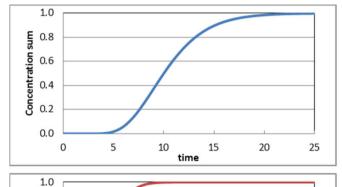
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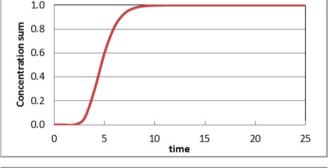
Each process unit has its individual residence time behaviour

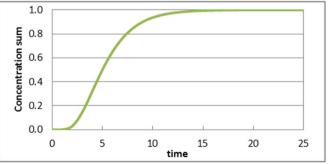










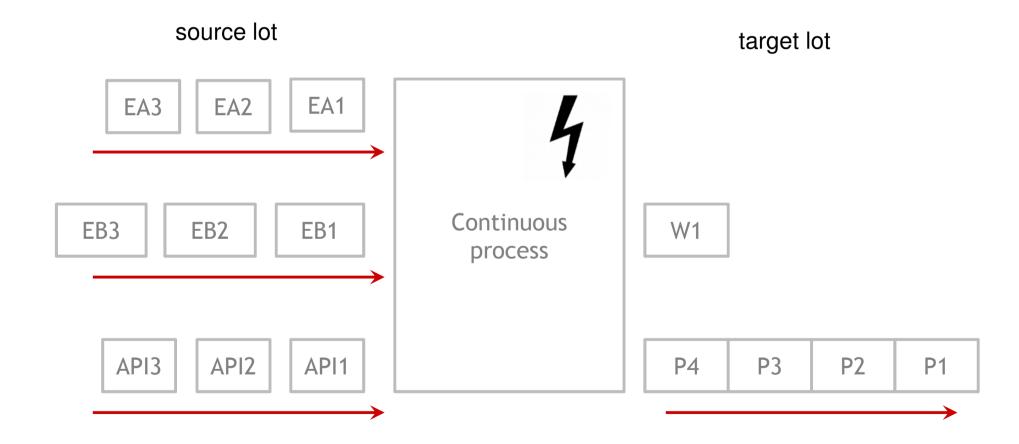


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Documentation and Traceability

Influence of the residence time (distribution)? When do we find source lots in the finished target lots?



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OOS Tracking / Controling

- Keep the continuous process as long alive as possible
- OOS product discharge before or behind tablet compression (recommendation)
- OOS product gets a virtual "OOS stamp" and the controls tracks it through the continuous line until discharge to waste
- Every process parameter can be supervised,