In-line particle sizing for process control by an optical probe based on the spatial filtering technique (SFT)

The control of particulate processes and their understanding can be improved by sizing measuring techniques of Parsum GmbH. In-line sizing instruments of Parsum GmbH are based on fiber-optical spatial filtering velocimetry and fiber-optical spot scanning. Main advantages of the sizing instruments are the compact design, robustness and the adaptation to different process conditions.

Basic principle

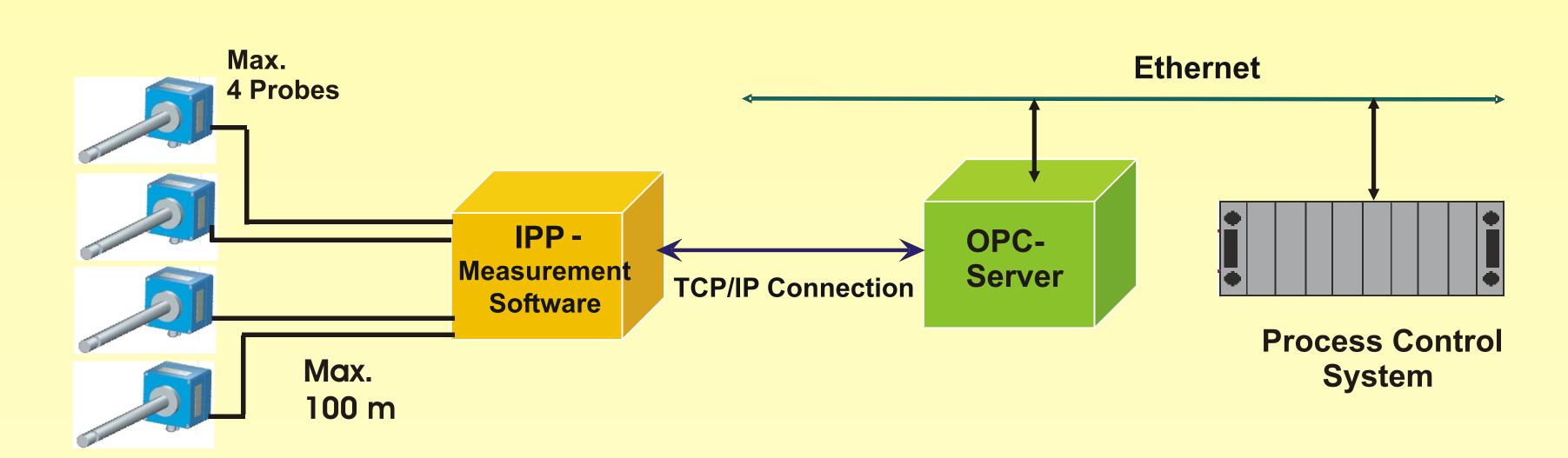
robust measurement of particle size and particle velocity based on the shadow image of a single particle

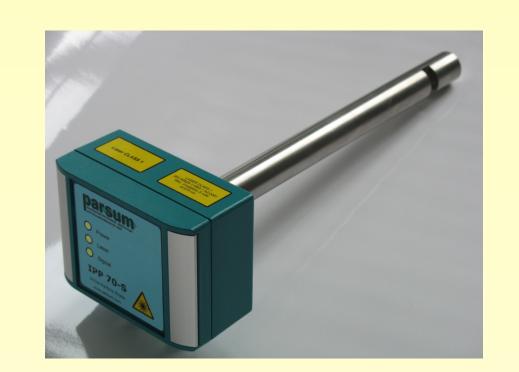
probe signals contain a central frequency and an impulse width which are proportional to the velocity and the chord length

Fiber optical spatial filter Laser light Particle chord length x Single Measurement volume

Instrumentation

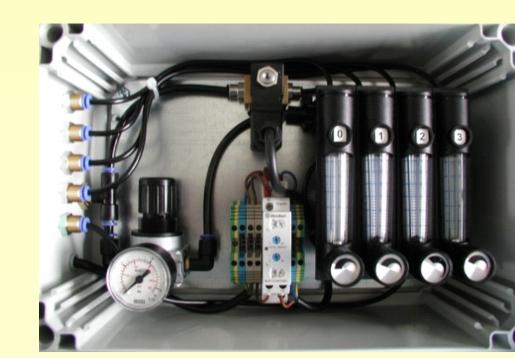
Size range: 50...6,000 µm Velocity: 0.01 m/s...50 m/s Probe length: 280 mm...4,000 mm Probe diameter: 25 mm...50 mm Temperature range: -20°C...100°C Data rate up to 20,000 particles/second Interface 4...20 mA or Web-Server

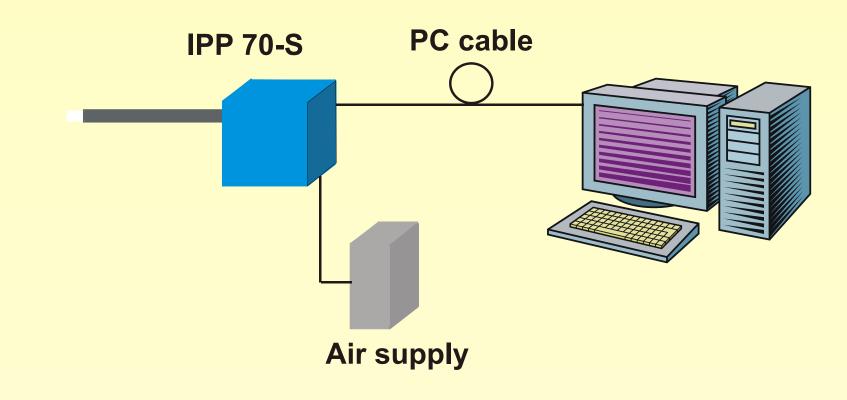












Parsum probe IPP 70

Probe with flushing cell

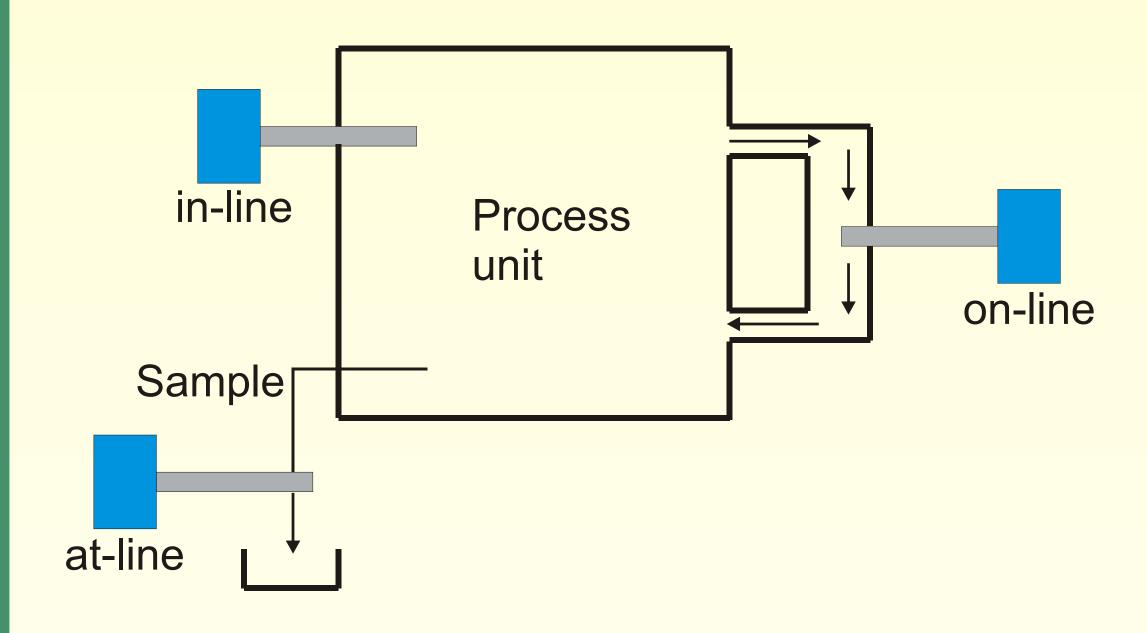
Probe with diperser

Air supply unit

Basic equipment

Application

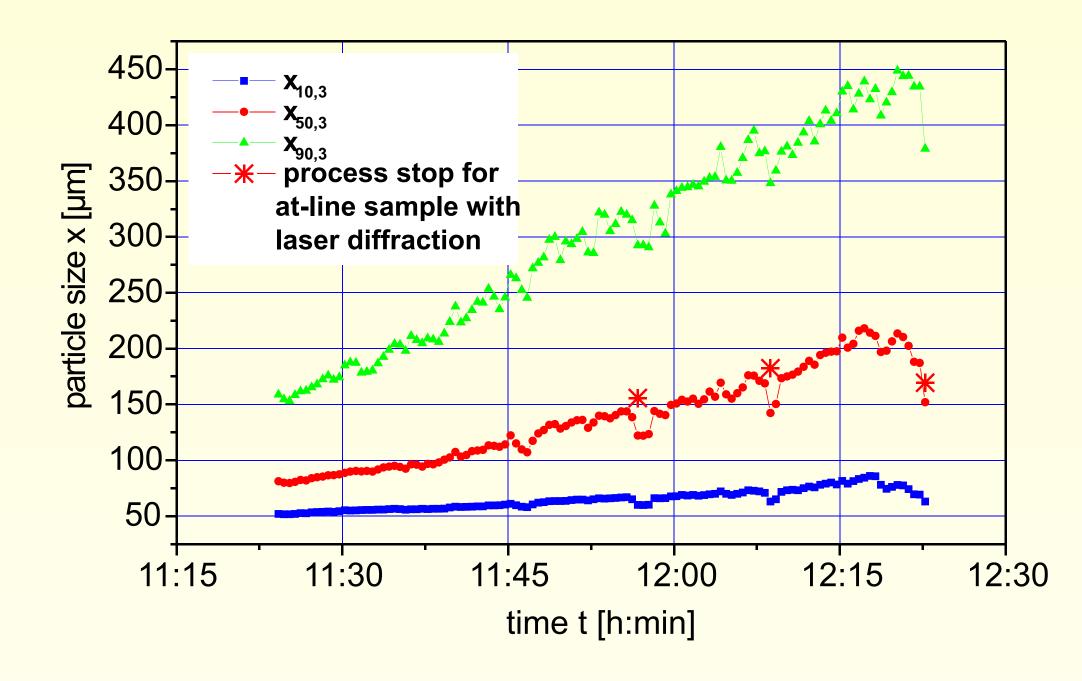
The application is given for grinding/dosing, agglomeration, fluidized bed processes, transportation and filling, sieving, wet and dry granulation, spray drying. Examples show also the ability to prove the model goodness of a fluid bed process by using the in-line-SFT [Närvänen et al.].



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In-line measurement with probe IPP 70 for batch fluidized bed granulation



Batch fluidized bed granulation of 5 kg lactose with pharmaceutical ingredients

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