

Flow Imaging Microscopy for Protein Therapeutics

OVERVIEW

FlowCam® is an imaging particle analysis system that uses flow microscopy to image and analyze subvisible particles with diameters ranging from 2 µm to 1 mm. Simultaneously determine particle shape, type, and size distribution of all detectable particles in your solution.

- Minimum sample volume = 100 µl
- Advanced thresholding capabilities enable accurate analysis of translucent particles
- Typical analysis rate = 250 µl/min
- Compatible with FlowCam Automated Liquid Handling system (ALH)

INDUSTRY-LEADING IMAGE QUALITY

Better image quality yields more accurate measurements

		FlowCAM™	MFI™
Polystyrene beads	2 µm		
	5 µm		
	10 µm		
glass spheres	2 µm		
	8 µm		
"pseudo protein standard"	2 µm		
	5 µm		
	10 µm		
	25 µm		
aged mAb aggregates	2 µm		
	5 µm		
	10 µm		
	25 µm		

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APPLICATIONS



Characterization of subvisible particles in protein therapeutics

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Microencapsulation formulation and quality control

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Characterization of dry active pharmaceutical ingredients (API's), fillers, and excipients

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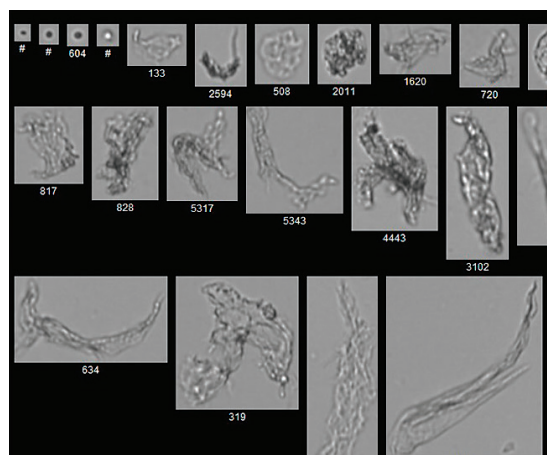
Characterization of dry and rehydrated lyophilized particulates

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Specifications	
Particle Size Range	2 µm to 1 mm
Magnification & FlowCells	20X (~200X magnification), flow cell depth: 50 µm Field-of-View (FOV) 10X (~100X magnification), flow cell depth option: 100 µm FOV 4X (~40X magnification), flow cell depth option: 300 µm and 600 µm FOV 2X (~20X magnification), flow cell depth: 1 mm FOV
Sample Processing Capability	0.05 mL/minute at 20X and up to 3mL/minute at 4X
Measured Parameters	Basic Shape Parameters: Area, Aspect Ratio (width/length), Area Based Diameter (ABD), Equivalent Spherical Diameter (ESD), Length, Volume (ABD-based), Volume (ESD-based), Width, 3 Biovolume Measurements Advanced Morphology Parameters: Area (Filled), Circle Fit, Circularity, Circularity (Hu), Compactness, Convex Perimeter, Convexity, Elongation, Fiber Curl, Fiber Straightness, Geodesic Aspect Ratio, Geodesic Length, Geodesic Thickness, Perimeter, Roughness, Symmetry Gray Scale and Color Measurements: Average Blue, Average Green, Average Red, Blue/Green Ratio, Red/Blue Ratio, Red/Green Ratio, Edge Gradient, Intensity, Sigma Intensity, Sum Intensity, Transparency
Camera	High resolution (1920x1200 pixels) CMOS. Monochrome and color available.
Frame Rate	Shutters up to 100 frames per second.
Fluidics	Micro-syringe pump with multiple sizes to optimize flow rates: 0.5 mL, 1 mL, 5 mL
Data Acquisition Method	FlowCam 8100 - auto imaging FlowCam 8400 - fluorescence-based laser triggering and auto imaging
VisualSpreadsheet®	Interactive, image-based analytical software that generates 40+ particle measurements per cell. Filter, sort, and classify data based on user-defined criteria. Create libraries to automate classification for future sample analyses.

Will FlowCam solve your particle analysis needs?

Contact us for more information or to arrange for a demo or sample analysis.



Protein particles imaged by the FlowCam 8100