Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF - efficient crossflow filtration

Crossflow filters are state-of-the-art for substances with poor filtration characteristics. The use of ceramic filter membranes is gaining popularity in successful implementation when other separation processes, besides cake-forming filtration, do not achieve the desired results.

INNOVATIVE, DYNAMIC CROSSFLOW FILTRATION FOR CHALLENGING SEPARATION TASKS
With the Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF, ANDRITZ KMPT was able to successfully enhance dynamic crossflow filtration using two shafts. The improved process is especially suited for processing sensitive or viscous products. The DCF is able to concentrate the retentate to achieve a pasty or sludge consistency. As a result, it is more efficient in recovering valuable elements than any other crossflow filtration technology. Conventional, circulating crossflow filtration minimizes the formation of a clogging layer on the filter’s surface by passing a process medium over the membrane. However, this procedure is inefficient when processing sensitive or viscous products and is generally not advisable. Under these conditions, the feed cannot be concentrated into a high-viscosity retentate.

The technology of the Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF generates a differential speed in the opposite direction between overlapping membrane discs rotating in the same direction.

This design generates a turbulent crossflow without using a pump to circulate the retentate. The wall shear stress generated is 50% higher than found in conventional crossflow filters. This greatly reduces formation of a clogging layer, while substantially improving the filtration rate at the same time. This advantage is most evident when dealing with high-viscosity retentates.
**YOUR BENEFITS**

- Higher permeate flux achievable
- Higher yield due to higher retentate concentration
- Processing of highly concentrated suspensions with viscosities of up to 5,000 mPas
- Reduced operating pressure thanks to more effective cleaning of the clogging layer (no pressure drop as in tubular membranes)
- Homogeneous trans-membrane pressure over the entire membrane surface
- Very low process volume in relation to the membrane surface
- Easy to inspect because the filtration surface is outside on the membrane
- Product subjected to low thermal load by reducing the energy input by 80% compared to conventional crossflow filters
  - Low or no cooling required
  - Low energy costs
- Substantial energy savings for subsequent drying processes
Optimal process performance thanks to smarter and more compact crossflow filtration technology

Do you want to increase your throughput? Or intensify your process? Or perhaps reduce your energy costs? Regardless of the demands placed on your production, we can help you lower your operating costs and improve your product quality.

Generally, the main reason for installing a Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF is to overcome capacity bottlenecks. The DCF represents compact technology that is straightforward to install. Retrofitting is possible in practically any building and is simpler than adding a larger dryer or a second one.

When it comes to existing, conventional crossflow filters, a downstream DCF steps up the process: energy consumption is decreased, while the yield and the throughput are increased. When preparing circuit flows, contaminating particulates can be reduced significantly. For example, the Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF can be installed in the bypass of a separator.

“When we deliver our DCF with peripherals and control system in a skid-mounted format, we can put the unit into operation within two days after setting it up, thanks to the pre-configured design.”

**GUUNAR GRIM**
Product manager
DCF crossflow filter
ANDRITZ Separation

![DCF skid](image-url)
For a wide range of applications: from biopharmaceuticals to beverages and the chemical industry

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# Technical data and design

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All technical data are approximate and subject to change without notice.

* Housing available in round or oval version.

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### TECHNICAL DATA (PER MODULE)

- **Filter area**: 0.03-32.8 m²
- **Viscosity**: up to 5,000 mPas
- **Membrane pore size**: 5 nm-2 μm

### CUSTOMIZED DESIGN

Normally, standard ceramic filter membranes are installed. Upon request, we also offer metal filter membranes.

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Krauss-Maffei dynamic crossflow filter DCF – a fully enclosed design.
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