

# General aspects of particle sizing

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Instruments, standard methods and reference materials for traceable nanoparticle characterisation

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## ***“Instruments, standard methods and reference materials for traceable nanoparticle characterisation”***

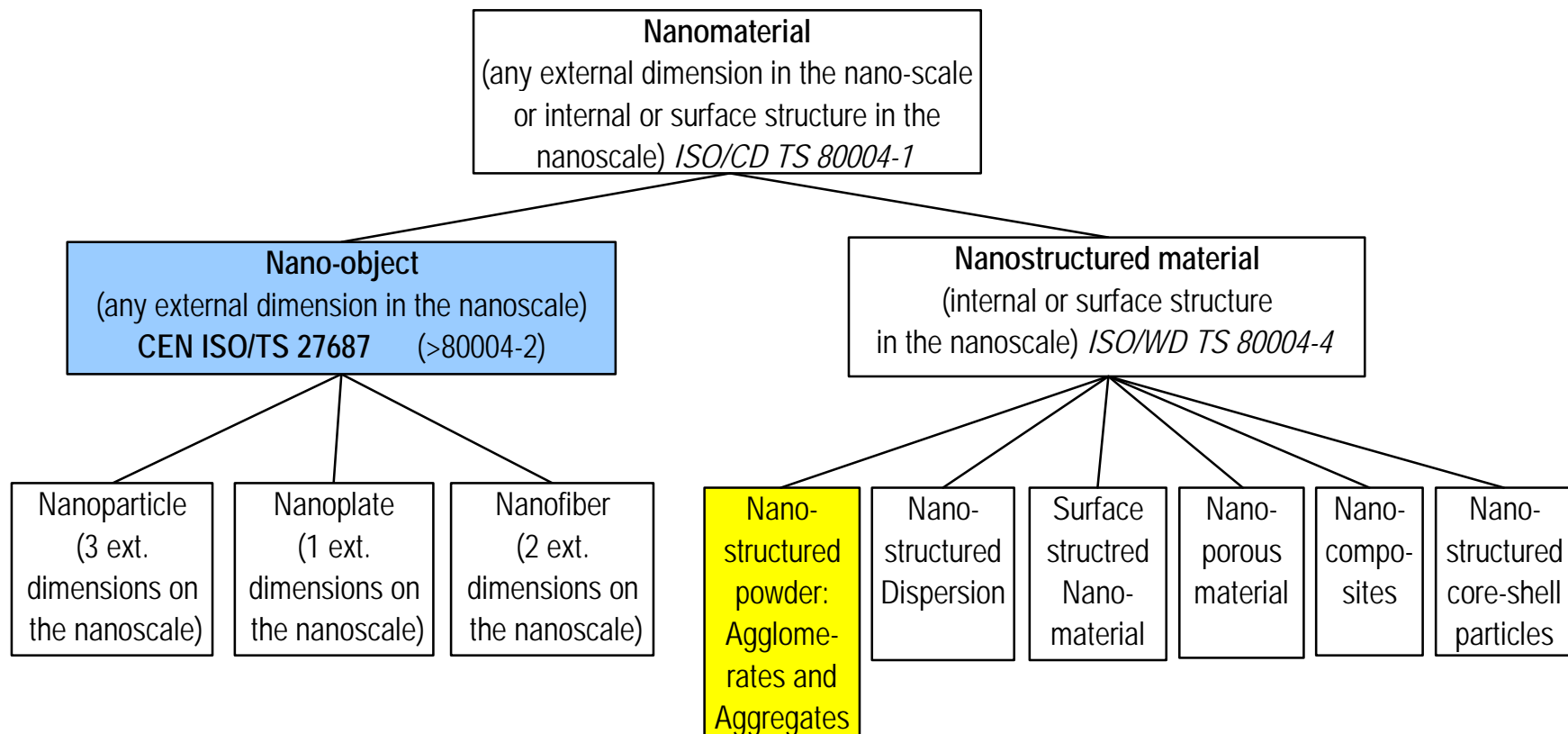
[www.nanoparticle-metrology.de](http://www.nanoparticle-metrology.de)

### **Topics of engineered nanoparticles action group:**

- assess the current metrology status with regard to:
  - relevant measurands (depending on the context of the measurement)
  - available measurement techniques, their limits and fields of application
  - the dissemination of such techniques to science, industry and public authorities
  - traceability and measurement uncertainty
  - standardisation
  - reference materials
- reveal current and future needs for engineered nanoparticles metrology

# Particles and Particle Systems

ISO/TC 229 „Nanotechnologies“, JWG 1 „Definitions“, current state:



## Challenges from nanotechnology

e.g. for chemical engineers in particle technology

Communication with National Metrology Institutes, material scientists, colloidal chemists, medical and environmental toxicologists, exposure experts, regulatory institutes

- **Definitions:** e.g. nanomaterial, categories for risk assessment?
- **Scenarios:** static properties – dynamic processes (e.g. particle release)
- **SOPs:** learn from industry with controlled conditions
- **Standardized measurement methods:** selection, traceability, errors
- **Reference materials** for what purpose?
- **Guidance** from whom?

## Why different methods?

- microscopy: spatially resolved interaction of sample with electrons, light, particles/molecules; static & dynamic)
- fractionating methods: fractionation (acc. to mobility) + detection
- static scattering techniques (SLS, SAXS, SANS)
- dynamic scattering techniques (DLS, DXS)
- other spectroscopic methods (light, acoustic, electric fields)
- integral/concentration measurement (BET, turbidity, CPC, ...)
- techniques for characterising the interfacial properties (e-kinetic, e-acoustic, non-linear optic)

General (complete) phys. chem. characterization for all purposes?

## Pitfalls in particle characterization

Sampling and sample splitting errors (size dependent losses, e.g. diffusion)

Preparation errors (agglomerate dispersing, drying agglomerates)

Particle concentration effects:

1. Coincidence errors of counting methods
2. Hydrodynamic interaction of assumed isolated single particles (movement hindering or acceleration)
3. Multiple scattering in optics (or acoustics)

Convective flow of surrounding liquid or gas, (thermal, backflow, electro-osmosis)  
(electro-, thermo-) phoretic movement of particles

Instability of the sample: Demixing (time),

Agglomeration (time, concentration) / Dispersing of agglomerates (shear)

Particle structure (and shape) - influence on measurand and type of quantity

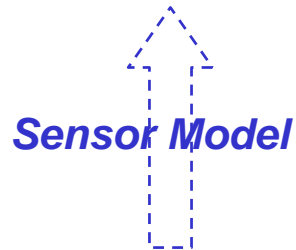
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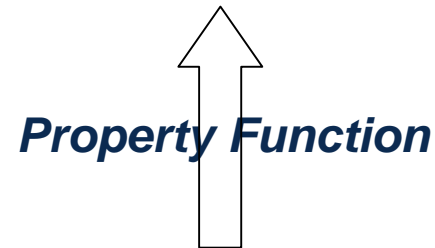
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### Sensor Signals



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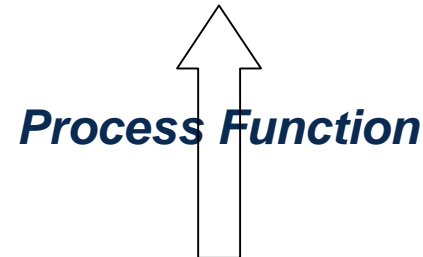
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for production (filtratability, flowability, stability,...)



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Physical, chemical  
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(rotation speed, residence time, milling ball size, temperature)

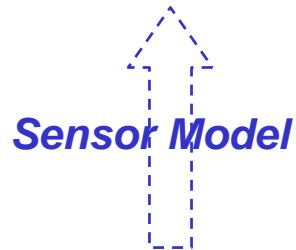
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**Property Function = Dose-Response Relation ?**

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## Fathers list

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### of particle characterization in powder technology or mechanical process technology

Hans Rumpf

Kurt Leschonski

Brian Kaye

Terry Allen

G. Jimbo

Brian Scarlett

H. Masuda

Reg Davies

## Speakers list 28 April

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### ISO/TC24/SC4 Particle Characterization (“other than sieving”, F. Haver, K.Leschonski)

*T. Thornton* (Micromeritics, USA): Terminology and standards for ENP characterisation

*G. Roebben* (JRC-IRMM, EU): Metrology for particle sizing

*B. Sachweh* (BASF, DE): Quality assurance and process control

*T. Kuhlbusch* (IUTA, DE): ENP characterization in view of health studies – NANO-CARE

*M. Hassellöv* (University Gothenburg, SE): ENP sizing ...for environmental risk assessment

*P. Bowen* (EPFL, CH): Comparing methods for measurements in liquid

*A. Rawle* (Malvern, USA): Characterisation of NPs with DLS

*W. Witt* (Sympatec, DE): Sizing with on-line methods

*A. Dukhin* (Dispersion Technology, USA): Measuring interfacial prop. using electroacoustics

*R. Xu* (Beckman Coulter, USA): Zeta-potential measurement

*D. Lerche* (L.U.M., DE): Suspension stability

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G. Sem (TSI, USA): Survey on aerosol measurement techniques

R. Aitken (IOM, UK): Exposure assessment in settings relevant to nanotechnologies

A. Lamberty (JRC-IRMM, EU): Reference materials: concepts, applications and ex-amples

V. Hackley (NIST, USA): Experiences with ENP reference materials

Y. Mori (Doshisha Uni, JP): Preparation of sub-micrometer particles for reference materials

M. Krumrey (PTB, DE): Size determination of NPs with SAXS

H. Sakurai (AIST, Japan): Chairman aerosols

F. Babick (TUD, DE): Chairman liquid media

A. Jamting (NMI Sydney, Australia): Poster Interlab. Comparison

