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Physico-chemical pollutants

Measures

- sampling
- continuous measurements



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Sampling

– Sampling on filter

- Different geometries
Particle size fraction, sampling rate (1-10 l/min)
- Type of filter
cellulose ester, teflon, fiberglass, quartz...

– Special features

- Individual measure
- Easy to implement
- Dosimetry
- Allows for subsequent analysis
gravimetry, atomic absorption, GC-ionic,

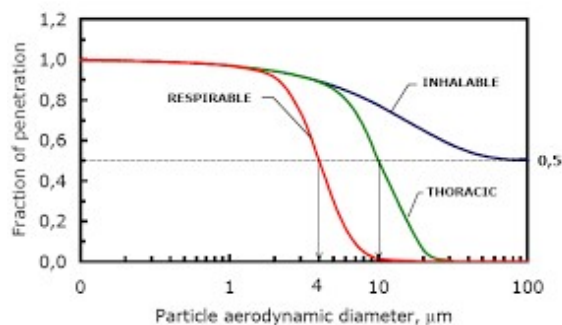


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Sampling (particles)

– Selection sampler

- The right granulometric fraction
- Aerodynamic diameter
- Mass fraction



*For a number of pollutants, the measurement metric is a **Proxy** of the relevant toxicological measure.*

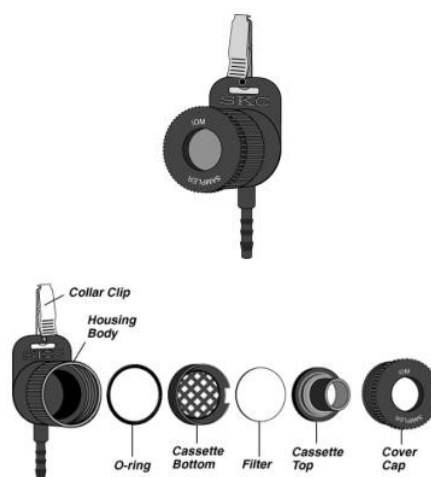
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Sampling of inhalable dusts

IOM head

- sampling of the inhalable fraction
- 2.0 l/min
- personal sampling
- physicochemical analysis
- gravimetric analysis.



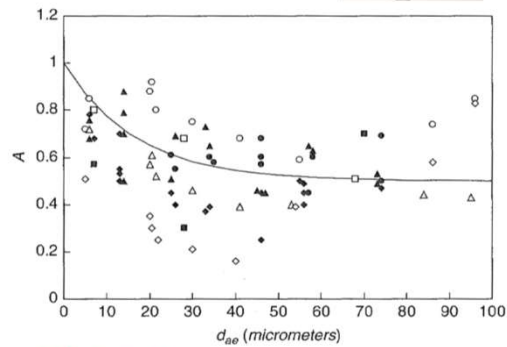
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Sampling of inhalable dusts

Relative efficiency of the IOM sampling head

- close to the inhalation curve
- variability due to ambient air currents

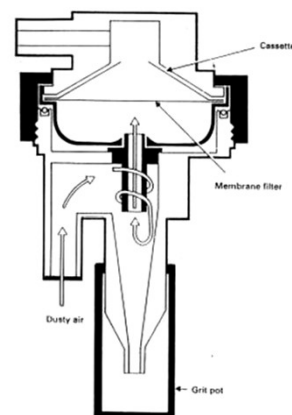


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Respiratory dust sampling

Cyclone

- sampling of the alveolar fraction
- inertial dust separation
- ~2.0 l/min
- personal sampling
- physicochemical analysis
- gravimetric analysis.

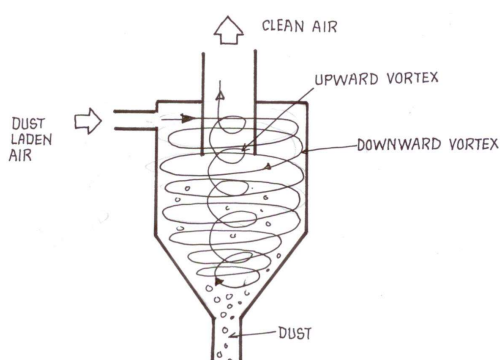


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Respiratory dust sampling

Separation by sedimentation and impaction.



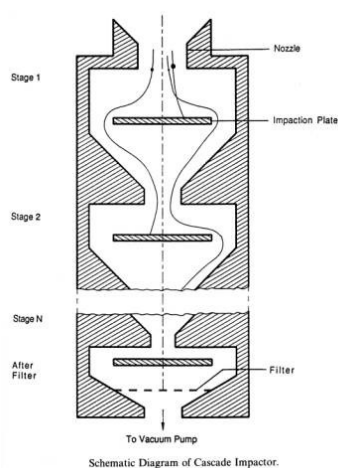
the rotation is initiated by the geometry of the inlet.

- the large particles are pushed out of the vortex by the centripetal force
- performance depending on the geometry of the cyclone

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Impaction sampling



Key parameters:

- flow width
- spacing between plates
- geometry of the openings
- air speed

Impaction in **descending** order of particle size

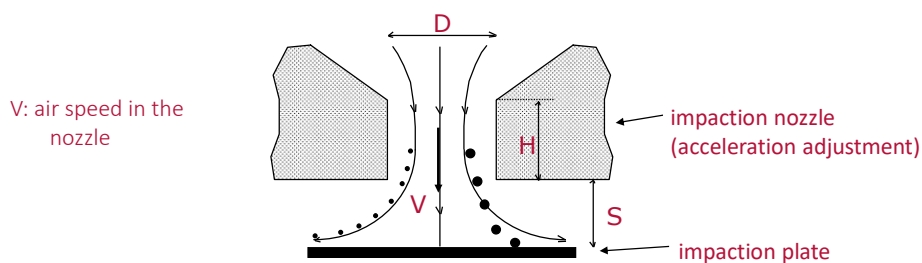
Example:

Personal environmental monitor (PEM) SKC



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Inertial impaction



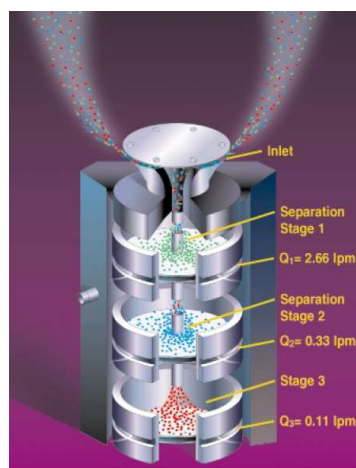
- The air velocity (V), the particle size and the obstacle dimension (D , S , H) are the parameters that determine whether a particle impacts or not.
- The impaction parameters are related to the geometry and the aerosol.

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Virtual impactors

- **Cascade impactor**
 - sampling of several particle size fractions
 - dust separation by impaction
 - personal sampling
 - physicochemical analysis
 - gravimetric analysis.

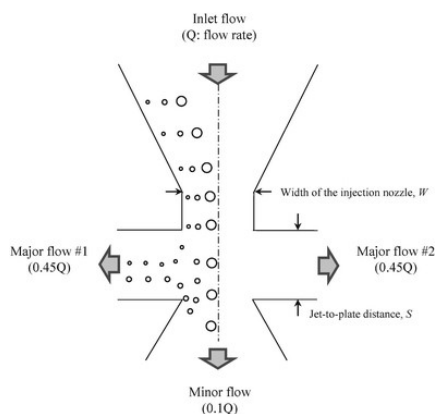


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Virtual impactors

Same principle as the classic impactor, but the collection surface is replaced by an active zone



Impaction in order of **increasing** particle size

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Continuous measurements

- Nephelometric detector
 - With or without sampling head
- Special features
 - Instantaneous results, continuous measurements
 - Allows for subsequent analysis
 - Pre-calibration



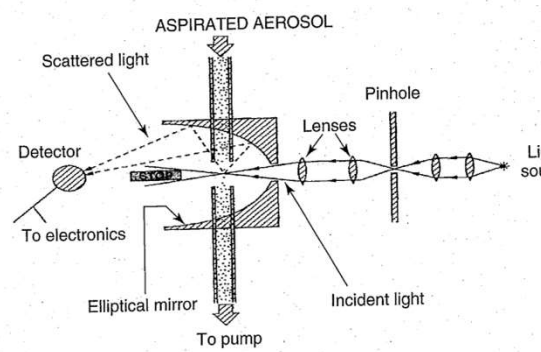
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Continuous measurements

- Nephelometric measurement

- Particle concentration
- Particle size fractions

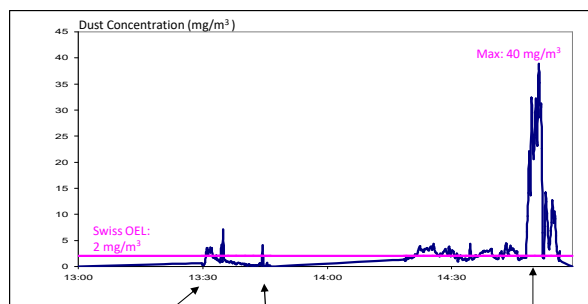


- Other techniques

- Specific surface, particle counter...

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Example, sanding dust



Sanding
(standing)



vacuum cleaner



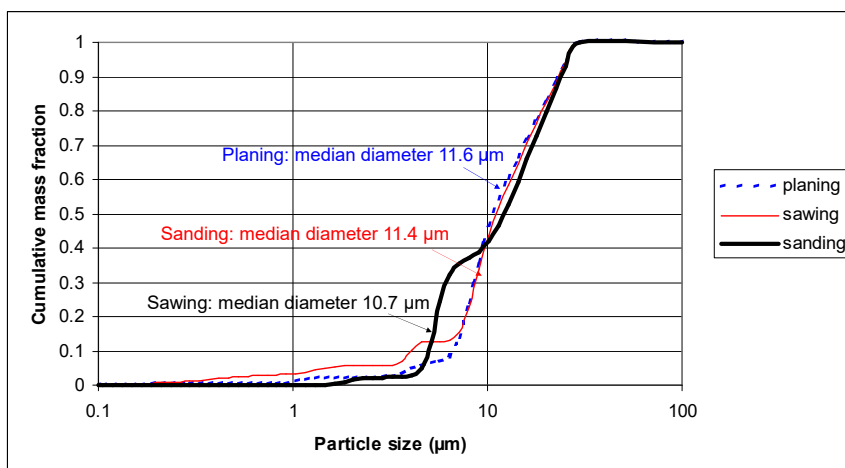
scan



Manual sanding
(squatting)

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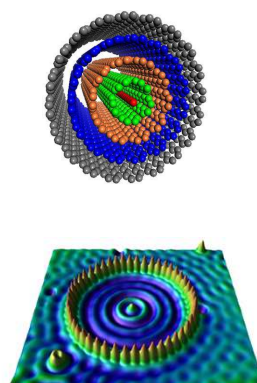
Example: wood dust



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Physico-chemical pollutants

Nanomaterials



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Typology

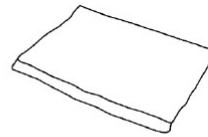
- ⇒ materials in the order of magnitude of viruses
- ⇒ sometimes used for several decades
- ⇒ ISO/TS definition of nanoparticles (September 26, 2008)



a) particle



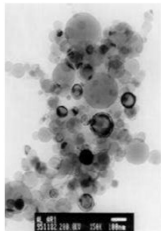
b) rod



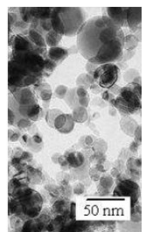
c) plate

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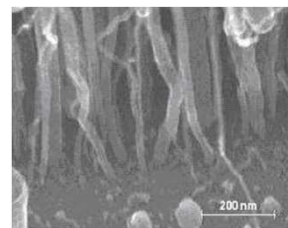
- **Nanomaterials:** materials consisting of manufactured nanoparticles with a size of less than 100 nm



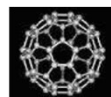
Aluminium nanoparticles
(Champion and Bigot, 1998)



Copper nanoparticles (CNRS)



Carbon nanotubes (CEA)



Fullerene (CNRS)

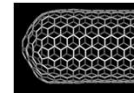
Properties

- Description of the main families of nanomaterials

New properties: mechanical, electrical, optical, thermal, magnetic, chemical, barrier, surface, etc.

Examples:

- Gold: Gold nanoparticles have particular catalytic properties, especially for CO.
- Carbon nanotubes: the structure of carbon nanotubes is one hundred times stronger and six times lighter than steel, very good thermal conductivity, electrical conductor or semiconductor, etc.



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Areas of use



Carbon nanotubes: improving the performance of rackets, manufacturing ultra-resistant textiles, etc.



Silicon oxide: anti-graffiti paint (anti-adhesive function)



Silica: improving tire performance

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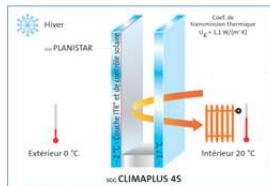
Areas of use



TiO_2 : solar cream
(improvement of anti-UV properties)
Self-cleaning glazing



Silver : anti-bacterial cushions
Anti-cold glazing



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Production methods

• Bottom up" methods

- construction of structures atom by atom or molecule by molecule

Examples: metals, oxides, carbon nanotubes, fullerenes, etc.

> production 10^5 to/year

• Top Down" methods

- production from successive fractions of a microstructured material

Concerns all types of materials (ceramics, metals, polymers, semiconductors)

production 10^{2-3} to/year

the manufacturing process determines the type of impurities found in the final material

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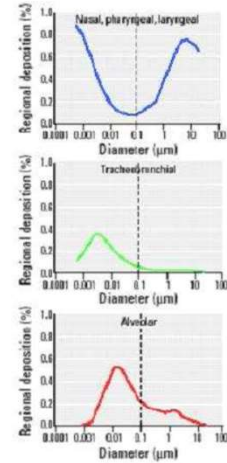
Toxicity to humans

- Toxicology of ultrafine particles
- Toxicology of manufactured nanoparticles

Few studies to date

Potential factors: size, air and surface reactivity, chemical composition, shape, number, agglomeration capacity, presence of process-related impurities, etc.

Routes of exposure: inhalation (predominant), skin contact and ingestion

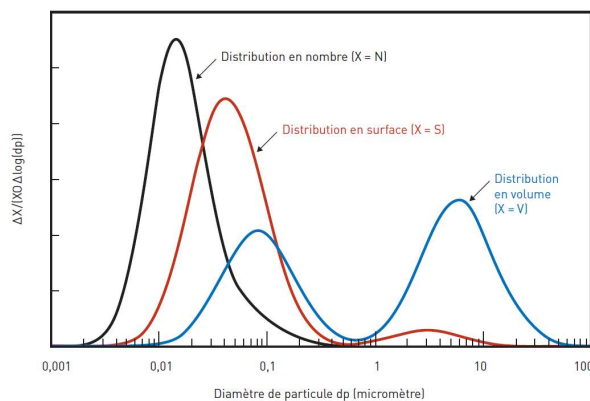


Nanoparticle deposition sites
(Oberdörster et al., 2005)

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Fine and ultrafine particles (UF)

Almost all aerosols are expressed in mass concentrations (exception: asbestos, radioactive aerosols)



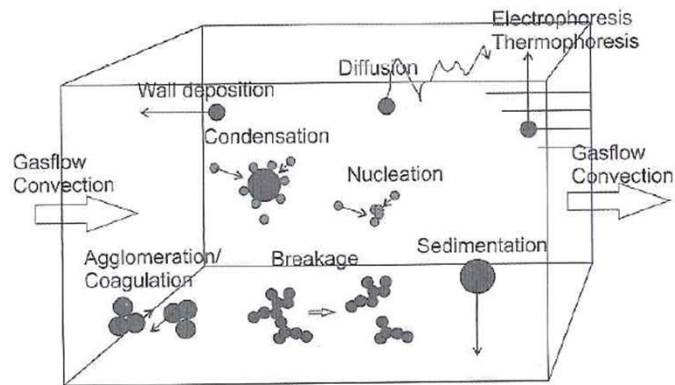
UF represent almost always a very small mass fraction of the aerosol

INRS. ND 228-199-05. Note documentaire. Ultrafine particles and occupational health - Sources and characterization of exposure. 2005

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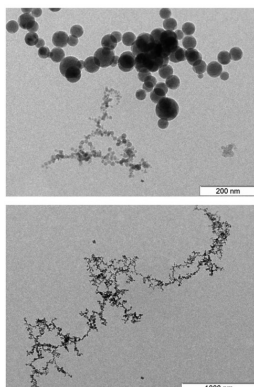
Fine and ultrafine particles (UF)

Behavior of ultrafine particles

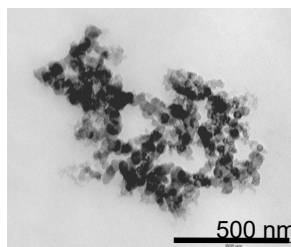


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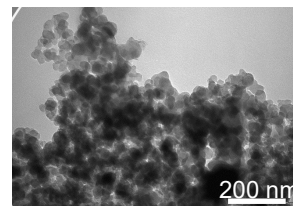
Examples, nucleation & condensation



Stainless steel
welding



Diesel particle



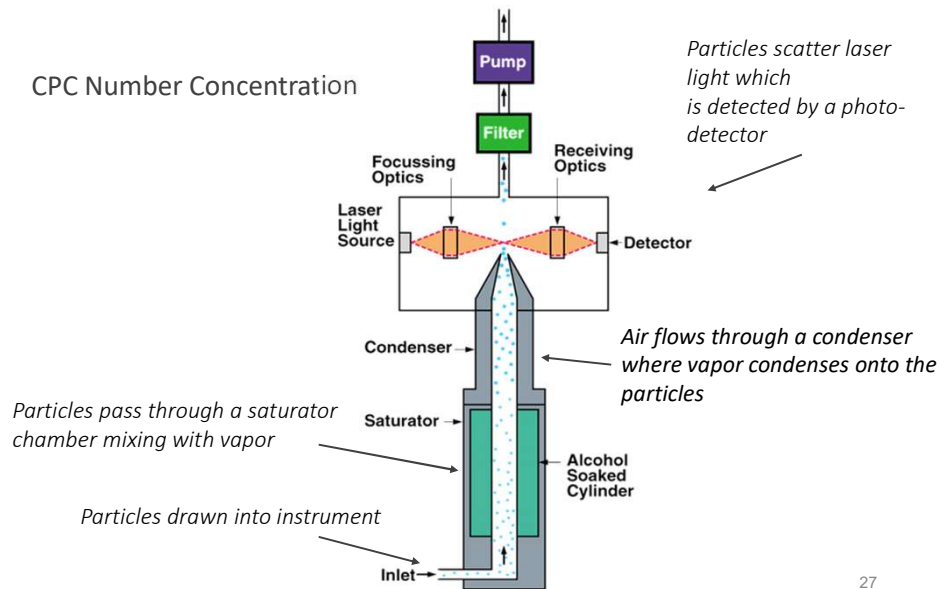
Hexane soot

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Measurement of UF particles

CPC Number Concentration

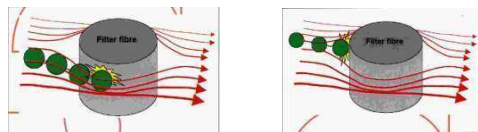


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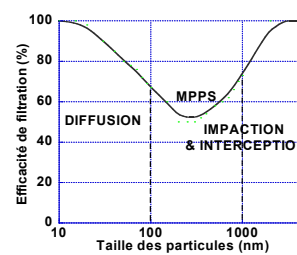
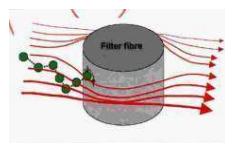
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Prevention of exposure

- Efficiency of "classic" filtration
 - Inertial deposition - Interception deposition



- Deposit by diffusion



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