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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,

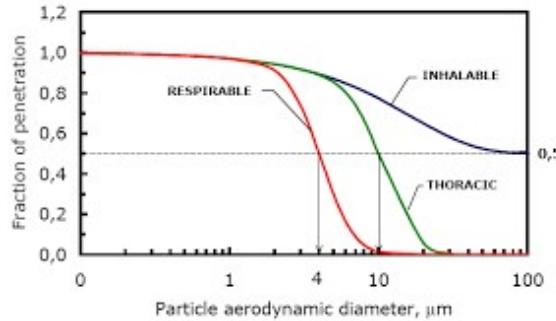


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## Sampling (particles)

### – 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.

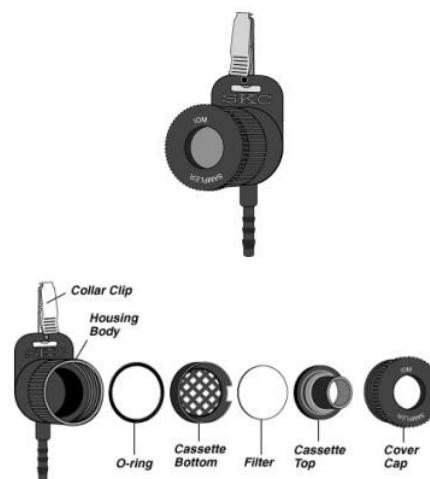
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## Sampling of inhalable dusts

### IOM head

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



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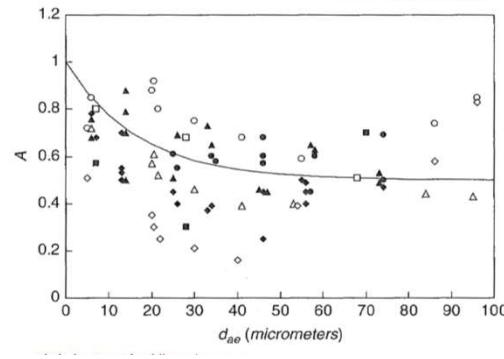
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## Sampling of inhalable dusts

Relative efficiency of the IOM sampling head



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

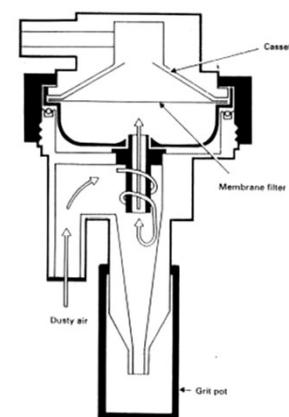


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## Respiratory dust sampling

### Cyclone

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

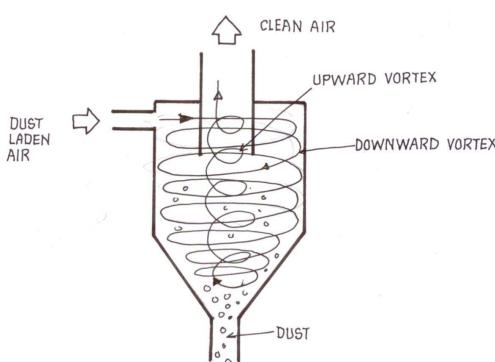


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## Respiratory dust sampling

Separation by sedimentation and impaction.



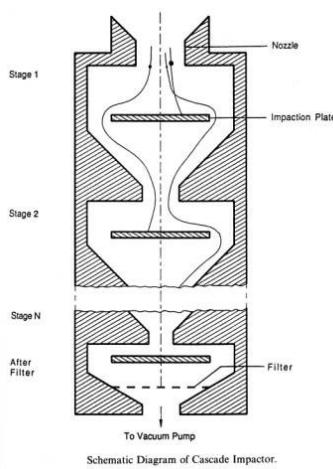
the rotation is initiated by the geometry of the inlet.

- 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

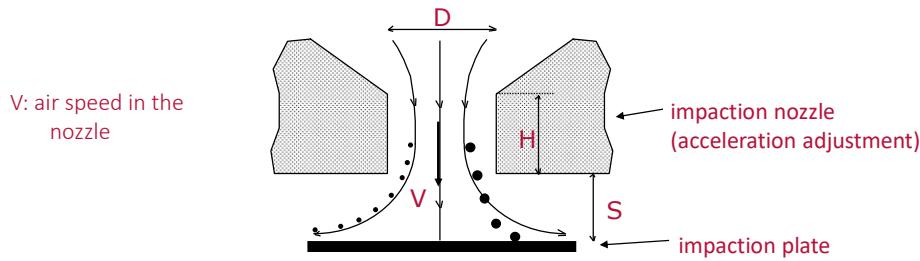
Impaction in **descending** order of particle size

Example:  
Personal  
environmental  
monitor (PEM) SKC



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## Inertial impaction



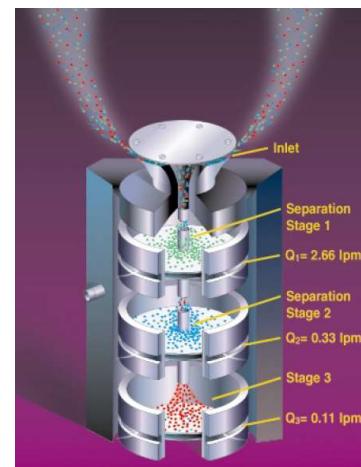
- The air velocity ( $V$ ), the particle size and the obstacle dimension ( $D, S, H$ ) are the parameters that determine whether a particle impacts or not.
- The impaction parameters are related to the geometry and the aerosol.

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## Virtual impactors

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

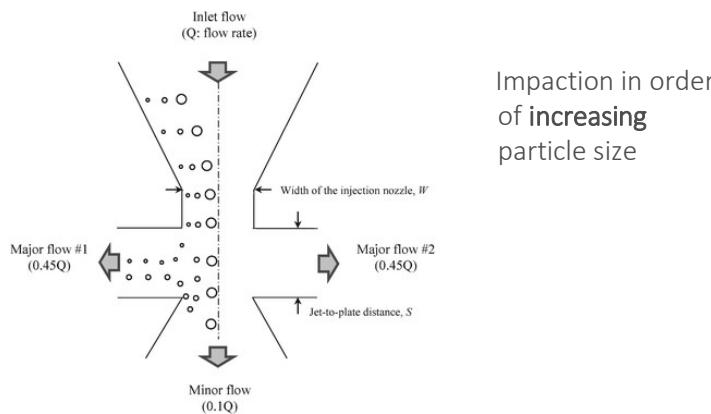


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## Virtual impactors

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

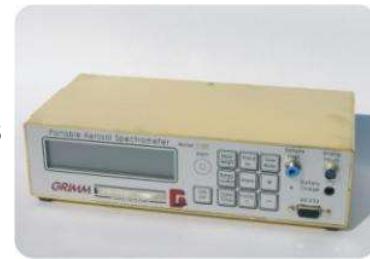


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## Continuous measurements

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

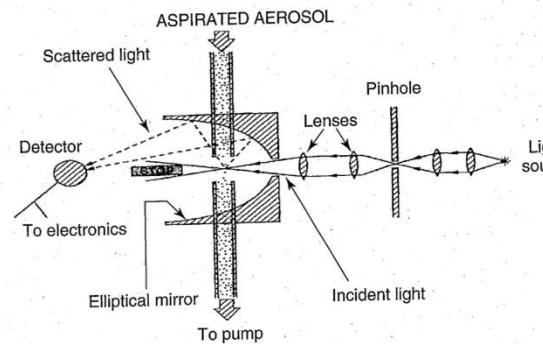


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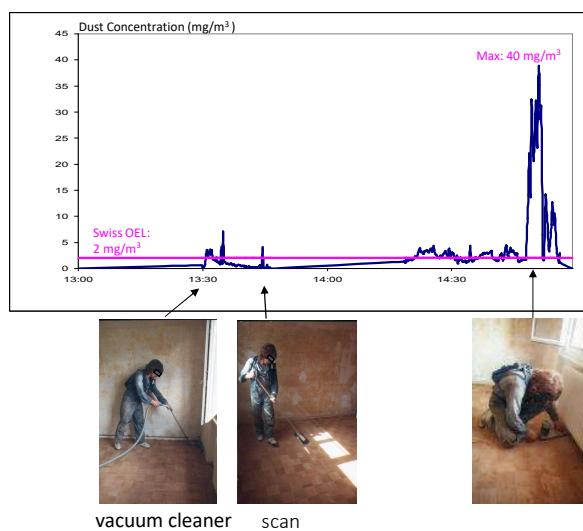
- Nephelometric measurement
  - Particle concentration
  - Particle size fractions



- Other techniques
  - Specific surface, particle counter...

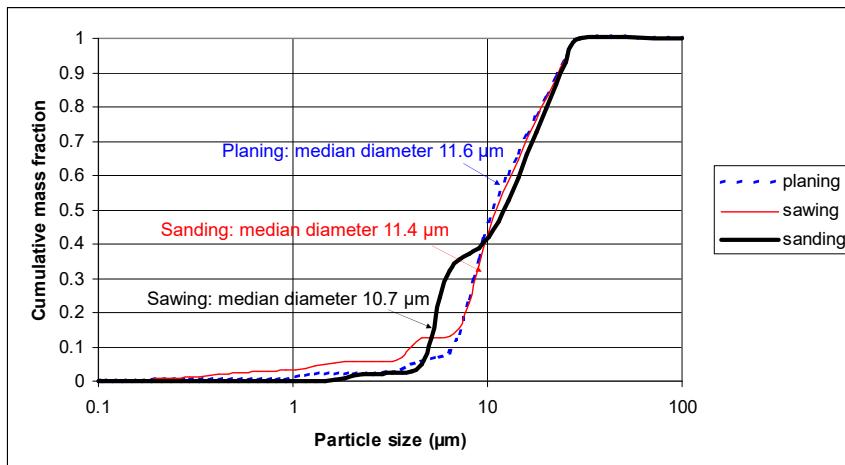
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## Example, sanding dust



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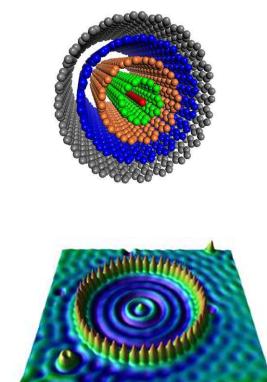
## Example: wood dust



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## Physico-chemical pollutants

### Nanomaterials



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## Typology

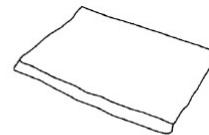
- ⇒ materials in the order of magnitude of viruses
- ⇒ sometimes used for several decades
- ⇒ ISO/TS definition of nanoparticles (September 26, 2008)



a) particle



b) rod



c) plate

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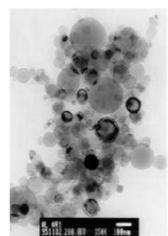
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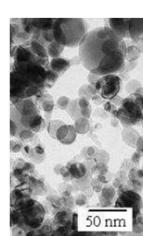
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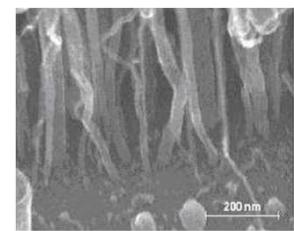
- **Nanomaterials:** materials consisting of manufactured nanoparticles with a size of less than 100 nm



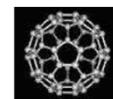
Aluminium nanoparticles  
(Champion and Bigot, 1998)



Copper nanoparticles (CNRS)



Carbon nanotubes (CEA)



Fullerene (CNRS)

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## Properties

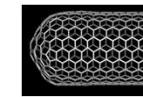
- Description of the main families of nanomaterials

**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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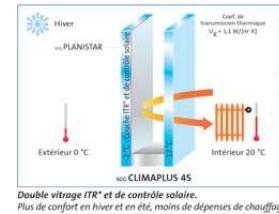
## Areas of use



$\text{TiO}_2$  : 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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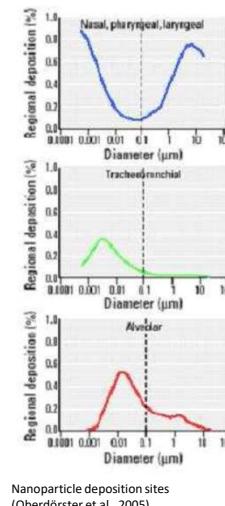
## Toxicity to humans

- 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

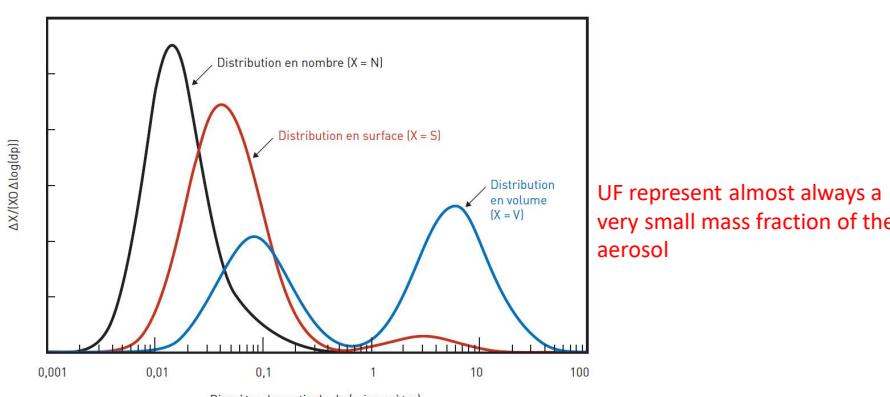


Nanoparticle deposition sites  
(Oberdörster et al., 2005)

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## Fine and ultrafine particles (UF)

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

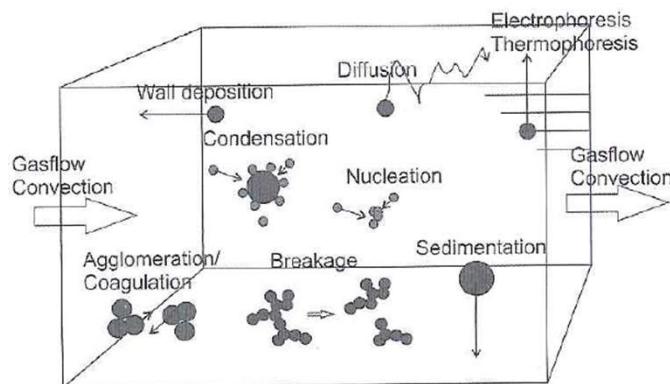


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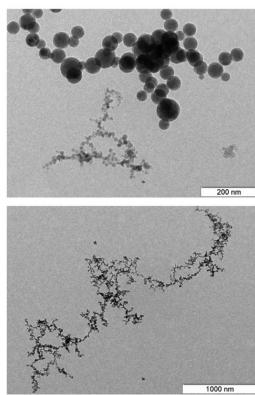
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Behavior of ultrafine particles

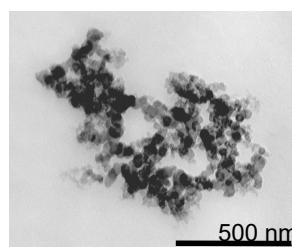


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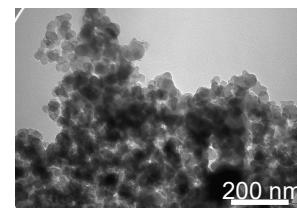
## Examples, nucleation & condensation



Stainless steel  
welding



Diesel particle

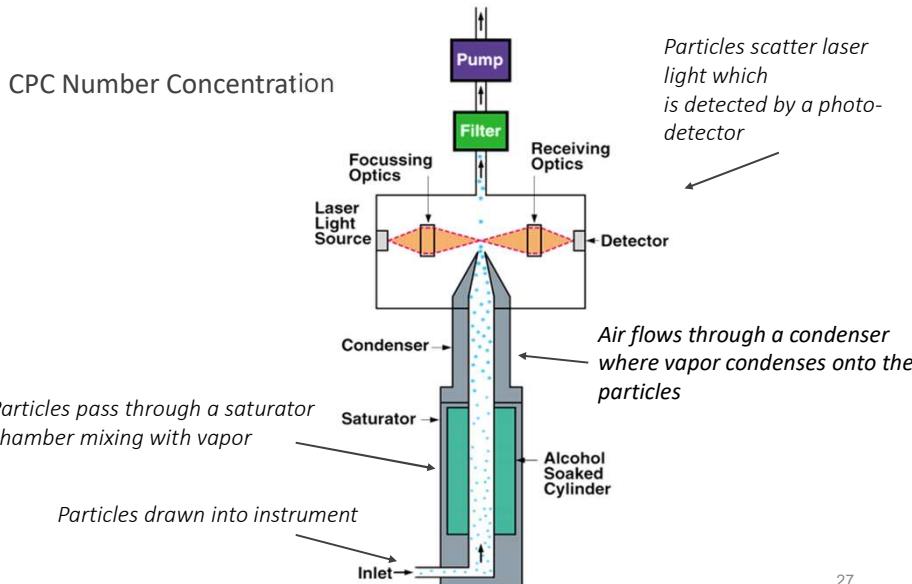


Hexane soot

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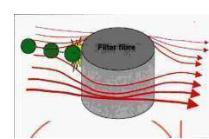
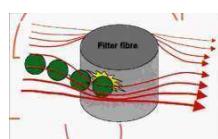
## Measurement of UF particles



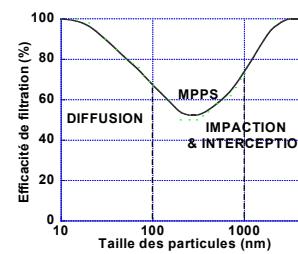
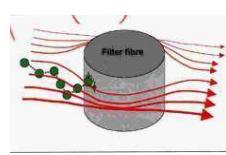
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## Prevention of exposure

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



- Deposit by diffusion



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