

# Particle Technology



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#### **Introduction:**

Particle technology is a term used to refer to the science and technology related to the handling and processing of particles and powders. Particle technology is also often described as powder technology, particle science and powder science. • Particles are commonly referred to as bulk solids, particulate solids and granular solids. • Today particle technology includes the study of liquid drops, emulsions and bubbles as well as solid particles. • This course is however limited only to solid particles. • The discipline of particle technology now includes topics as diverse as the formation of aerosols to the design of bucket elevators, crystallization to pneumatics transport, slurry filtration to silo design. Particulate materials, powders or bulk solids are used widely in all areas of the process industries, for example in the food processing, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, oil, chemical, mineral processing, metallurgical, detergent, power generation, pint, plastics cosmetics industries and cosmetics.

The three most important characteristics of an individual particle are:

- 1- Particle Composition.
- 2- Particle Size.
- 3- Particle Shape.

#### Measurement of particle size

A wide range of measuring techniques is available both for single particles and for systems of particles

#### Particle size distribution

Most particulate systems of practical interest consist of particles of a wide range of sizes and it is necessary to be able to give a quantitative indication of the mean size and of the spread of sizes. The results of a size analysis can most conveniently be represented by means of a *cumulative mass fraction curve*, in which the proportion of particles (x)smaller than a certain size (d) is plotted against that size (d). In most practical determinations of particle size, the size analysis will be obtained as a series of steps, each step representing the proportion of particles lying within a certain small range of size. From these results a cumulative size distribution can be built up and this can then be approximated by a smooth curve provided that the size intervals are sufficiently small. A typical curve for size distribution on a cumulative basis is shown in Figure 1.5. This curve rises from zero to unity over the range from the smallest to the largest particle size present. The distribution of particle sizes can be seen more readily by plotting a *size frequency curve*, such as that shown in Figure 1.6, in which the slope (dx/dd) of the cumulative.



Figure 1.5. Size distribution curve-cumulative basis.

#### 1.2.4. Mean particle size

The expression of the particle size of a powder in terms of a single linear dimension is often required. For coarse particles, BOND (9, 10) has somewhat arbitrarily chosen the size of the opening through which 80 per cent of the material will pass. This size d80 is a useful rough comparative measure for the size of material which has been through a crusher. A mean size will describe only one particular characteristic of the powder and it is important to decide what that characteristic is before the mean is calculated. Thus, it may be desirable to define the size of particle such that it's mass or its surface or its length is the mean value for all the particles in the system. In the following discussion it is assumed that each of the particles has the same shape.

**Crystal material** or crystalline solid is a solid material whose constituents are arranged in a highly ordered microscopic structure, forming a crystal lattice.

**Unit cell:** It is smallest group of atoms which by repetition in three dimensions built up the crystal.



**Crystal structure** is a description of the ordered arrangement of atoms, ions or molecules in a crystalline material.<sup>[3]</sup> Ordered structures occur from the intrinsic nature of the constituent particles to form symmetric patterns that repeat along the principal directions of three-dimensional space in matter. The smallest group of particles in the material that constitutes the repeating pattern is the crystal structure of a material (the arrangement of atoms within a given type of crystal) can be described in terms of its unit cell. The unit cell is a small box containing one or more atoms arranged in 3 dimensions. The unit cells stacked in three-dimensional space describes the bulk arrangement of atoms of the crystal. The unit cell is represented in terms of its lattice parameters, which are the lengths of the cell edges (*a*, *b* and *c*) and the angles between them (alpha, beta and gamma), while the positions of the atoms inside the unit cell are described by the set of atomic positions (*x<sub>i</sub>*, *y<sub>i</sub>*, *z<sub>i</sub>*) measured from a lattice point. Commonly, atomic positions are represented in terms of fractional coordinates, relative to the unit cell lengths.



Simple cubic (SCC)



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#### APF FOR SIMPLE CUBIC



#### APF FOR BCC / BODY CENTERED CUBIC





### Face-Centered Cubic Structure (FCC)







Courtesy of Materials Science: A Multimedia Approach, by John C. Russ

APF =0.74 for FCC

## What is Nanotechnology?



Nanotechnology is science, engineering, and technology conducted at the nanoscale, which is about 1 to 100 nanometers.

Nanoscience and nanotechnology are the study and application of extremely small things and can be used across all the other science fields, such as chemistry, biology, physics, materials science, and engineering.

Nanomaterials: Materials which are made of grains that are about 100 nm in diameter and contain less than few ten thousands of atoms.

**Nano** means one billionth (\*  $10^{-9}$ )

 $1nm = 10^{-9}m$ 



#### Nano scale of nanomaterials can be in following:

• Zero dimension

**Fullerene**: A *fullerene* is a molecule of carbon in the form of a hollow sphere.



# • One dimension Nano Wires



Tow dimension
Fibers



### <mark>Nanotubes (CNTs)</mark>





• Three dimension

**Particles** 



A nanomaterial can exist in single, fused, aggregated or agglomerated form with spherical, tubular and irregular shapes.

Why nanomaterials have different properties?

Why nanomaterials have superior chemical reactivity?



**Quantum wire** is an electrically conducting **wires** in which **quantum** effects influence the transport properties.

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**Quantum dots** (QD) are very small semiconductor particles, only several nanometers in size, so small that their optical and electronic properties.

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# What is a quantum dot?



- Nanocrystals
- 2-10 nm diameter
- semiconductors

Why the nanomaterials are more interest?