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# **Nanoparticle Emissions**

## **Toxicity**

### Characterization

#### **Abatement**

Research on aerosol pollutants has lost its sheltered academic innocence. It is now the scientific basis for environmental protection and occupational health. This research has a high priority in safeguarding people at the workplace, on the street and in their homes. Aerosol technology is the critical link between toxicology/epidemiology and curtailing exhaust emissions. This new responsibility must be urgently fulfilled.

The nano-metrology researchers must deliver comprehensive data on the physico-chemical properties of the aerosol, its mobility and its ambient mutation. Consequently, the engineers must develop the emission abatement technology. And the regulatory authorities must formulate enforceable standards. The prerequisites are clear and simple definitions for the nano-particles. Moreover, the instrumentation must be cost-effective and robust, i.e. deployable in any workshop.

The inventory of the PM metrology reveals the need for systematic rethinking. The irrelevant global definition of the PM total-mass must be abandoned. Instead, specific data is required for the nanoparticle properties pertaining to their mobility, concentration count, surface and chemical composition. The need for this information is generally accepted. Many are however unaware that aerosol physicists already have the theoretical basis and the measurement principles for the task. Pragmatic implementation of the available knowhow dictates the objectives. These are: describe the solutions, prevent mutual interference, simplify the methods, deduce basic units for the parameters, and standardize the calibration.

The "ETH-Workshop on Nanoparticle Measurement" has established itself as the forum for international exchange of pertinent scientific information and new technology. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop in August 1999 received many contributions. We thank the authors and the participants for the open and lively discussions.

The mission is not yet completed. Numerous questions are hitherto unanswered. Several new ideas should yet be explored. We will conduct the "4<sup>th</sup> ETH-Workshop on Nanoparticle Measurement", again in Zurich, Switzerland, during the second week of August 2000.

The proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop are herewith released to all interested. The proceedings are especially addressed to the regulatory authorities in Switzerland, Germany, the European Union, the USA and all other involved countries. We hope to also discuss regulatory issues in the next Workshop.

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