
Nanotechnologies – Vocabulary —
Part 1:
Core vocabulary

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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous editions are as follows:

- ISO/TS 80004-1:2015, ISO/TS 80004-2:2015, ISO/TS 80004-4:2011 and ISO/TS 80004-11:2017 merged into one document;
- the definition of nanostructure has been revised;
- the term and definition for NOAA has been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 80004 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

By control of matter in the nanoscale, nanotechnology brings together processes and techniques that are used to research, design and manufacture materials, devices and systems. It enables management of characteristics such as material size, shape, morphology, chemical composition and molecular configuration for the improvement, or development of, new process and product properties.

Applications of nanotechnologies are expected to impact virtually every aspect of life and enable dramatic advances in communication, health, manufacturing, materials and knowledge-based technologies. There is a need to provide industry and researchers with suitable tools to assist with the development, application and communication of nanotechnologies.

A crucial objective is the harmonization of terminology and definitions, in order to promote common understanding and consistent usage across communities where nanotechnologies are being developed and used. In the context of the ISO 80004 series, “terminology” refers to:

- a) a structured or conceptual presentation of vocabulary employed in nanotechnologies, and
- b) assigned definitions for specific units of the language in this vocabulary.

This document presents terminology and definitions for core terms in this emerging vocabulary and serves as the foundation for a broader vocabulary constituted collectively by the ISO 80004 series.

As nanotechnologies continue to evolve, the terms and definitions to facilitate communications have become increasingly specific and precise. For many communities, the meaning of terms such as nanoscale, nanomaterial and nanotechnology are inferred by logical application of the SI unit of scale. The prefix 'nano-' specifically means a measure of 10^{-9} units and the nature of this unit is determined by the word that follows. In the ISO 80004 series, however, terms such as nano-object and nanoscale employ size and geometric boundaries to express fundamental and measurable aspects of nanomaterials. In the case of the term nanoscale, the definition acknowledges that the length range of nano-objects can fall outside the precise boundaries normally associated with the concept of scale, by indicating that the upper and lower boundaries are approximate.

The lower limit (approximately 1 nm) in the definition of nanoscale is introduced to avoid single and small groups of atoms, as well as individual molecules, from being designated as nano-objects or elements of nanostructures, which can be implied by the absence of a lower limit. It should also be recognized that fullerene molecules and single layer planar structures (e.g. graphene) that have dimensions below 1 nm are, in practice, considered to be nanomaterials because they are important building blocks for nanotechnology.

Further, size-dependent biological effects, specifically particle-cell interactions and environmental interactions related to nanotechnology, involve structures below 1 nm and above 100 nm. In addition to size, the complex interplay of parameters such as aspect ratio, core chemistry, agglomeration state, physical state, surface properties and others will influence biological and environmental interactions associated with nanostructured materials.

Terminology development is proceeding at an intensive pace and needs to be responsive to the needs of stakeholders. As knowledge expands, terminology will need to effectively convey not only the size and shape-based metrics of nanomaterials but also the performance-based/properties-based aspects of intentionally produced nano-objects and nanostructured materials in their definitions.

It will be an on-going challenge to communicate complex concepts in definitions in a manner that is meaningful and practical for stakeholders in research, commercial applications, government and consumer communities. It is emphasized that the definition of “nanoscale” in the ISO 80004 series is a general descriptor serving to facilitate communication concerning nanotechnologies.

The development of core terms and their definitions has benefited from discussions over time concerning scientific, regulatory and consumer usage. The science is still emerging, as is the capacity to measure and characterize nanomaterials or more generally matter in the nanoscale. Care needs to be taken to ensure the latest scientific information is incorporated into the terminology as it becomes

available. It is important to acknowledge that the associated terms and their definitions will likewise follow an evolutionary path.

Many of the definitions in this document are determined to be in harmony with a framework and hierarchical system of terminology for nanotechnologies. Furthermore, it is also important to recognize that articles fabricated to contain nanomaterials are not necessarily nanomaterials themselves.

Nano-objects (e.g. nanoparticles, nanofibres and nanoplates), often occur in (large) groups, rather than as isolated or distinct entities. For reasons of surface energy, such coexisting nano-objects are likely to interact. The terms are not restricted with respect to physical size and shape. These terms are included for completeness and importance at the nanoscale.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between nanomaterial, nano-object and nanostructured material. However, this hierarchy is not intended to exclude the possibility for a nano-object to have internal or surface nanostructure. Figure 1 should therefore be considered as schematic or idealized.

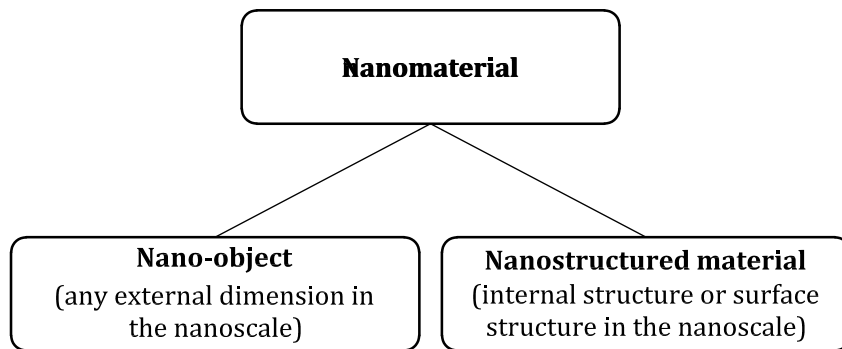


Figure 1 — Nanomaterial framework

A number of other parameters in addition to size and shape are also intrinsic to the function and phenomena exhibited by nano-objects (see Figure 2). These parameters include composition, morphology, crystalline structure and surface features, which can all have a major influence on the key nanoscale phenomena exhibited by nano-objects. Such phenomena include magnetic, optical, catalytic, electronic and other properties.

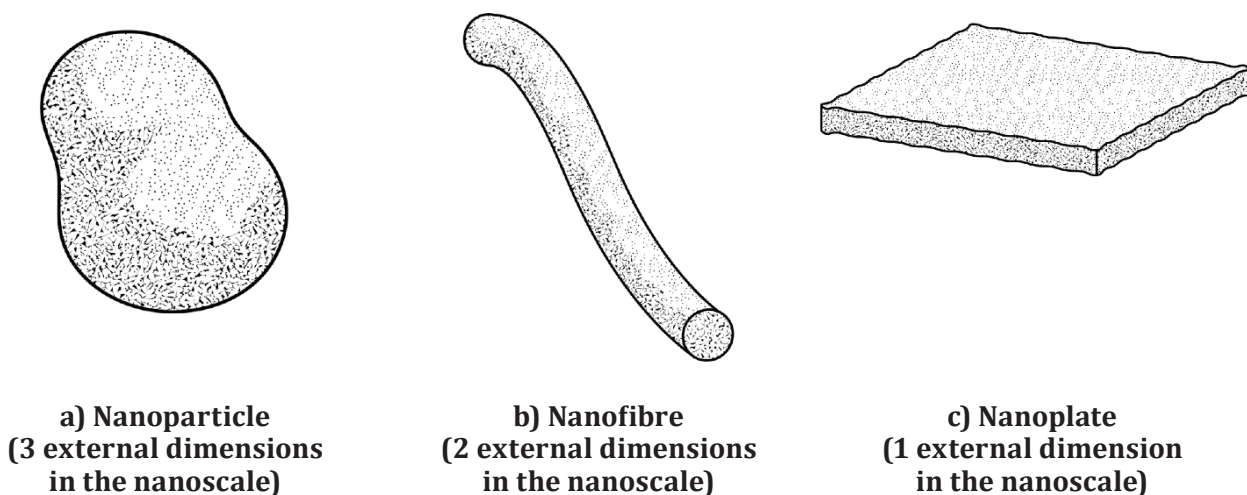


Figure 2 — Schematic diagrams showing some shapes for nano-objects

There is a hierarchical relationship between many of the different terms in this document, elements of which are shown in Figure 3.

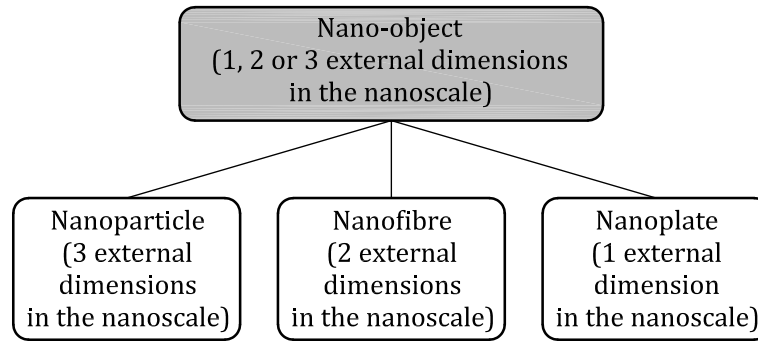


Figure 3 — Fragment of hierarchy of terms related to nano-objects

Nanostructured materials are characterized by internal structures or surface structures at the nanoscale. Nano-objects (material with one, two or three external dimensions in the nanoscale) can be nanostructured.

A material should not be classified as nanostructured based solely on its crystalline properties (three-dimensional arrangements of atoms or molecules forming a crystallite, short range order of atoms in amorphous or quasi-amorphous phases, grain boundaries, intragranular interfaces, dislocations, etc.). In contrast, materials with a grain size distribution having a significant fraction of grains in the nanoscale (nanocrystalline), voids and pores in the nanoscale, or precipitations in the nanoscale (i.e. nano-objects in a solid matrix) are sufficient features for materials to be classified as “nanostructured”. Similarly, almost all materials always have surfaces with morphological and chemical heterogeneities in the nanoscale. Only surfaces that have been intentionally modified or textured to have morphological or chemical heterogeneities in the nanoscale qualify materials as “nanostructured”.

Five categories of nanostructured materials are covered in this document (see [Figure 4](#)):

- a) nanostructured powder;
- b) nanocomposite;
- c) solid nanofoam;
- d) nanoporous material;
- e) fluid nanodispersion.

For some of these five categories, a number of subcategory terms are also defined. The category and subcategory terms are not comprehensive; additional categories and subcategories will be added in later revisions of this document.

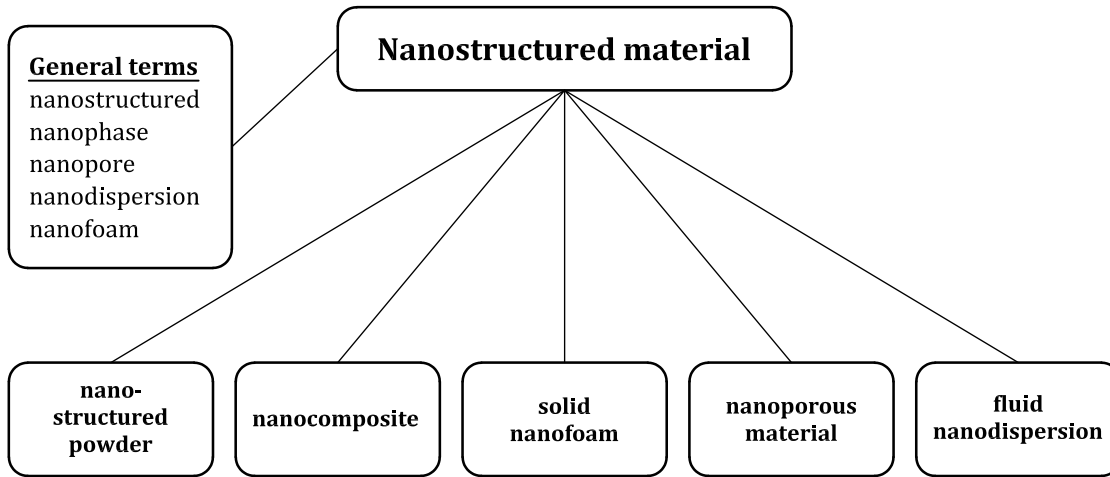


Figure 4 — Categories of nanostructured materials defined in this document

The terms coating, layer, film and others that are related can be grouped by distinguishing between coatings, layers and films having a thickness in the nanoscale (i.e. external dimension in the nanoscale) and those having internal structures in the nanoscale (e.g. nanostructured coatings, nanocomposite coatings, dispersion coatings with dispersed nano-objects). Following the hierarchy established in this document which describes nanomaterial by the two categories 'nano-objects' and 'nanostructured material' the terms nanolayer, nanocoating, and nanofilm are assigned to 'nano-objects' and the terms nanostructured layers, coatings and films are assigned to nanostructured material (see [Figure 5](#)). It is noted that nano-objects (including nanolayers, nanocoatings and nanofilms), can be elements or parts of a larger nanostructured material.

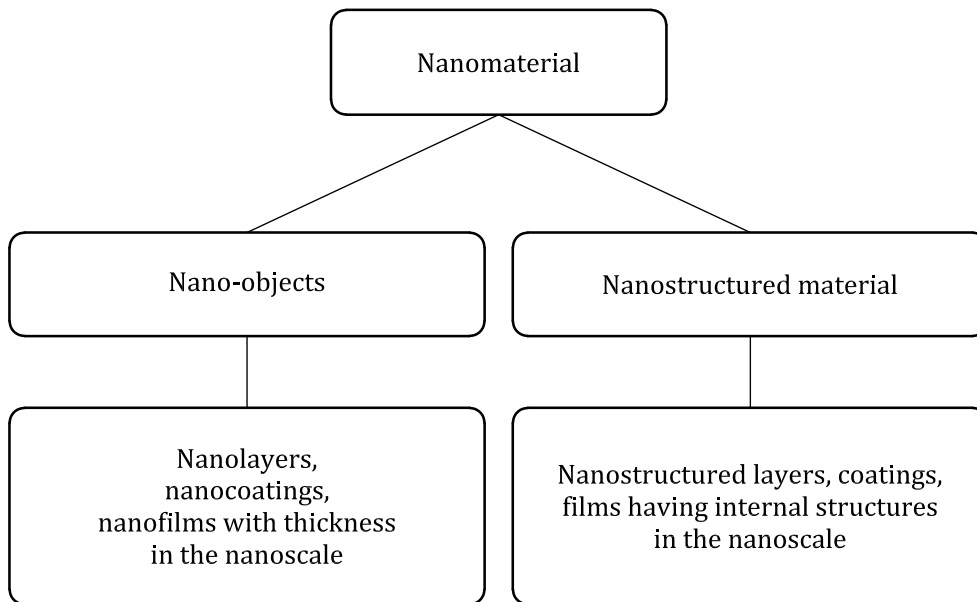


Figure 5 — Assigning the terms nanolayer, nanocoating, nanofilm to “nano-objects” and the terms nanostructured layers, coatings, and films to “nanostructured material” following the hierarchy of nanomaterial terms

Some of the terms defined in this document are also used in other industries. Keeping in mind their special applications, these industries can have slightly different definitions for those terms. In the case of

— pigments, dyestuffs and extenders, ISO 18451-1 can be consulted,

- paints and varnishes, ISO 4618 can be consulted, and
- cleanrooms and associated controlled environments, ISO 14644-3 can be consulted.

These references are available in the ISO online browsing platform.

Nanotechnologies – Vocabulary —

Part 1: Core vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines core terms in the field of nanotechnology. This document is intended to facilitate communication between organizations and individuals in industry and those who interact with them.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Core terms related to nanotechnologies

3.1.1

nanoscale

length range approximately from 1 nm to 100 nm

3.1.2

nanoscience

study, discovery and understanding of matter where size- and structure-dependent properties and phenomena manifest, predominantly in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1), distinct from those associated with individual atoms or molecules, or extrapolation from larger sizes of the same material

3.1.3

nanotechnology

application of scientific knowledge to manipulate and control matter predominantly in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) to make use of size- and structure-dependent properties and phenomena distinct from those associated with individual atoms or molecules, or extrapolation from larger sizes of the same material

Note 1 to entry: Manipulation and control include, for example, material synthesis and processing.

3.1.4

nanomaterial

material with any external dimension in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) or having internal structure or surface structure in the *nanoscale*

Note 1 to entry: See 3.1.8 to 3.1.10 for definitions of certain types of nanomaterial.

Note 2 to entry: The nanoform of a material is a nanomaterial.

3.1.5

nano-object

discrete piece of material with one, two or three external dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.1.6

nanostructure

surface or internal feature with one or more dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: A feature includes but is not limited to *nano-objects* (3.1.5), structures, morphologies or other identifiable areas of nanoscale dimensions. For example, the nanostructure can be a nanopore or a solid feature on an object.

3.1.7

nanostructured material

material having internal *nanostructure* (3.1.6) or surface nanostructure

Note 1 to entry: This definition does not exclude the possibility for a *nano-object* (3.1.5) to have internal structure or surface structure. If external dimension(s) are in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1), the term nano-object is recommended.

3.1.8

engineered nanomaterial

nanomaterial (3.1.4) designed for specific purpose or function

3.1.9

manufactured nanomaterial

nanomaterial (3.1.4) intentionally produced to have selected properties or composition

3.1.10

incidental nanomaterial

nanomaterial (3.1.4) generated as an unintentional by-product of a process

Note 1 to entry: The process includes manufacturing, biotechnological or other processes, including natural processes.

Note 2 to entry: Incidental nanomaterial is also used as a synonym for “ultrafine particle” in ISO/TR 27628:2007.

3.1.11

nanomanufacturing

intentional synthesis, generation or control of *nanomaterials* (3.1.4)

3.1.12

nanomanufacturing process

ensemble of activities to intentionally synthesize, generate or control *nanomaterials* (3.1.4)

3.1.13

nanoscale phenomenon

effect attributed to the presence of *nanomaterial* (3.1.4) or interactions at the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.1.14

nano-enabled

exhibiting function or performance only possible with *nanotechnology* (3.1.3)

3.1.15

nano-enhanced

exhibiting function or performance intensified or improved by *nanotechnology* (3.1.3)

3.1.16

nanocoating

coating (3.6.6) with thickness in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.1.17**nanocomposite**

solid comprising a mixture of two or more phase-separated materials, one or more being *nanophase* (3.4.2)

Note 1 to entry: Gaseous nanophases are excluded [they are covered by *nanoporous material* (3.5.1)] from nanocomposite.

Note 2 to entry: Materials with *nanoscale* (3.1.1) phases formed by precipitation alone are not considered to be nanocomposite materials.

3.1.18**nanodispersion**

material in which *nano-objects* (3.1.5) or a *nanophase* (3.4.2) are dispersed in a continuous phase of a different composition

3.1.18.1**nano-emulsion**

fluid nanodispersion (3.8.2) with at least one liquid *nanophase* (3.4.2)

3.1.18.2**nanosuspension**

fluid nanodispersion (3.8.2) where the dispersed phase is a solid

Note 1 to entry: The use of the term “nanosuspension” carries no implication regarding thermodynamic stability.

3.2 Terms related to particles and assemblies of particles**3.2.1****particle**

minute piece of matter with defined physical boundaries

Note 1 to entry: A physical boundary can also be described as an interface.

Note 2 to entry: This general particle definition applies to *nano-objects* (3.1.5).

[SOURCE: ISO 26824:2022, 3.1.1, modified — Note 2 to entry has been deleted.]

3.2.2**primary particle**

original source *particle* (3.2.1) of *agglomerates* (3.2.4) or *aggregates* (3.2.5) or mixtures of the two

Note 1 to entry: *Constituent particles* (3.2.3) of agglomerates or aggregates at a certain actual state can be primary particles, but often the constituents are aggregates.

Note 2 to entry: Agglomerates and aggregates are also termed secondary particles.

[SOURCE: ISO 26824:2022, 3.1.4]

3.2.3**constituent particle**

identifiable, integral component of a larger *particle* (3.2.1)

Note 1 to entry: The constituent particle structures can be *primary particles* (3.2.2) or aggregates.

3.2.4**agglomerate**

collection of weakly or medium strongly bound *particles* (3.2.1) where the resulting external surface area is similar to the sum of the surface areas of the individual components

Note 1 to entry: The forces holding an agglomerate together are weak forces, for example, van der Waals forces or simple physical entanglement.

Note 2 to entry: Agglomerates are also termed secondary particles and the original source particles are termed *primary particles* (3.2.2).

[SOURCE: ISO 26824:2022, 3.1.2]

3.2.5

aggregate

particle (3.2.1) comprising strongly bonded or fused particles where the resulting external surface area is significantly smaller than the sum of surface areas of the individual components

Note 1 to entry: The forces holding an aggregate together are strong forces, for example, covalent or ionic bonds, or those resulting from sintering or complex physical entanglement.

Note 2 to entry: Aggregates are also termed secondary particles and the original source particles are termed primary particles.

[SOURCE: ISO 26824:2022, 3.1.3, modified — Note 1 to entry has been adapted.]

3.2.6

NOAA

nano-objects and their aggregates and agglomerates

material comprising *nano-objects* (3.1.5), and their *aggregates* (3.2.5) and *agglomerates* (3.2.4)

Note 1 to entry: NOAA include structures with one, two or three external dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1), which can be spheres, fibres, tubes and others as primary structures. NOAA can consist of individual primary structures in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) and aggregated or agglomerated structures, including those with sizes larger than 100 nm.

3.3 Terms related to nano-objects

3.3.1

engineered nano-object

nano-object (3.1.5) designed for specific purpose or function

3.3.2

manufactured nano-object

nano-object (3.1.5) intentionally produced to have selected properties or composition

3.3.3

incidental nano-object

nano-object (3.1.5) generated as an unintentional by-product of a process

Note 1 to entry: The process includes manufacturing, biotechnological or other processes, including natural processes.

3.3.4

nanoparticle

nano-object (3.1.5) with all external dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: If the dimensions differ significantly (typically by more than three times), terms such as *nanofibre* (3.3.5) or *nanoplate* (3.3.6) are preferred to the term nanoparticle.

3.3.5

nanofibre

nano-object (3.1.5) with two external dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) and the third dimension significantly larger

Note 1 to entry: The largest external dimension is not necessarily in the nanoscale.

3.3.6**nanoplate**

nano-object (3.1.5) with one external dimension in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) and the other two external dimensions significantly larger

Note 1 to entry: The larger external dimensions are not necessarily in the nanoscale.

3.3.6.1**nanoflake**

nanoplate (3.3.6) with limited lateral dimensions

3.3.6.2**nanofoil****nanosheet**

nanoplate (3.3.6) with extended lateral dimensions

Note 1 to entry: Nanofoil and nanosheet are used synonymously in specific industries.

Note 2 to entry: Nanofoil and nanosheet extend further with respect to their length and width compared to *nanoplate* (3.3.6) or *nanoflake* (3.3.6.1).

3.3.7**nanorod**

solid *nanofibre* (3.3.5)

3.3.8**nanotube**

hollow *nanofibre* (3.3.5)

3.3.9**nanowire**

electrically conducting or semi-conducting *nanofibre* (3.3.5)

3.3.10**nanoribbon****nanotape**

nanoplate (3.3.6) with the two larger dimensions significantly different from each other

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-3:2020, 3.1.12, modified — Note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

3.3.11**nanosphere**

spherical *nano-object* (3.1.5)

3.3.12**nano-onion**

spheroidal *nanoparticle* (3.3.4) with a concentric multiple shell structure

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-3:2020, 3.1.10]

3.3.13**core-shell nanoparticle**

nanoparticle (3.3.4) consisting of a core and shell(s)

Note 1 to entry: A related term, *nanoscale core-shell particle*, is defined in 3.8.14.

Note 2 to entry: The largest external dimension and length (core diameter plus shell thickness) shall be in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1). For spherical core-shell nanoparticle, this length is the outer diameter.

3.3.14

nanocone

cone-shaped *nanofibre* (3.3.5) or *nanoparticle* (3.3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 80004-3:2020, 3.1.11]

3.3.15

nanocrystal

nano-object (3.1.5) with a crystalline structure

3.4 Terms related to the description of nanostructured material

3.4.1

nanostructured

having internal or surface structure in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: If external dimensions are in the nanoscale, the term *nano-object* (3.1.5) is recommended.

3.4.2

nanophase

physically or chemically distinct region or collective term for physically distinct regions of the same kind in a material with the discrete regions having one, two or three dimensions in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: *Nano-objects* (3.1.5) embedded in another phase constitute a nanophase.

3.4.3

nanopore

cavity with at least one dimension in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1), which can contain a gas or liquid

3.5 Terms related to the categories of nanostructured material

3.5.1

nanoporous material

solid material with *nanopores* (3.4.3)

3.5.2

nanof foam

liquid or solid matrix, filled with a second, gaseous phase having *nanoscale* (3.1.1) struts and walls, or a gaseous *nanophase* (3.4.2) consisting of nanoscale bubbles, or both

3.6 Terms related to coatings, layers, films and membranes

3.6.1

film

supported or unsupported thin material that is laterally continuously connected

Note 1 to entry: The attribute “thin” is used to emphasize that the thickness of the film is much smaller than the other two dimensions.

Note 2 to entry: A film can be freestanding.

Note 3 to entry: A film can be made of solids or liquids (e.g. liquid film).

Note 4 to entry: A film can be composed of a monomolecular layer (e.g. Langmuir-Blodgett film).

3.6.2

layer

monolayer

discrete material restricted in one dimension, within or at the surface of a condensed phase

3.6.3**multilayer**

system of adjacent or stacked *monolayers* (3.6.2)

3.6.4**foil**

unsupported *film* (3.6.1) with uniform thickness

3.6.5**membrane**

structure, having lateral dimensions much greater than its thickness, through which transfer can occur under a variety of driving forces

3.6.6**coating**

adherent surface *layer* (3.6.2)

Note 1 to entry: A coating can consist of multiple layers.

Note 2 to entry: A coating is always attached to a substrate (see ISO 4618:2023, 3.245).

3.7 Terms related to nanocoatings, nanolayers, nanofilms and related terms**3.7.1****nanofilm**

film (3.6.1) with thickness in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: A nanofilm is a *nanolayer* (3.7.2) which can be freestanding.

Note 2 to entry: A nanofilm can be made of solids or liquids (e.g. liquid film).

Note 3 to entry: A nanofilm can be composed of a monomolecular layer (e.g. Langmuir-Blodgett film).

3.7.2**nanolayer**

layer (3.6.2) of material with thickness in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.7.3**nanostructured layer**

layer (3.6.2) having internal structure or surface structure in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.7.4**nanostructured coating**

coating (3.6.6) having internal structure or surface structure in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.7.5**nanostructured film**

film (3.6.1) having internal structure or surface structure in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.7.6**nanoporous membrane**

membrane (3.6.5) having *nanopores* (3.4.3)

3.8 Supplementary terms related to nanotechnology**3.8.1****ceramic matrix nanocomposite**

nanocomposite (3.1.18) with at least one major ceramic phase

3.8.2

fluid nanodispersion

heterogeneous material in which *nano-objects* (3.1.5) or a *nanophase* (3.4.2) are dispersed in a continuous fluid phase of a different composition

3.8.3

nano-aerosol

nanodispersion (3.1.18) with gaseous matrix and at least one liquid or solid *nanophase* (3.4.2) [including *nano-objects* (3.1.5)]

3.8.4

liquid nanofoam

fluid nanodispersion (3.8.2) filled with a second, gaseous *nanophase* (3.4.2), typically resulting in a material of much lower density

3.8.5

metal matrix nanocomposite

nanocomposite (3.1.17) with at least one major metallic phase

3.8.6

nanocomposite coating

solid *coating* (3.6.6) comprising a mixture of two or more phase-separated materials, with one or more phases in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: Materials with nanophases formed by precipitation are included (e.g. a-C:H:Me coatings).

Note 2 to entry: See 3.1.18 for the definition of nanocomposite.

3.8.7

nanocomposite film

solid *film* (3.6.1) comprising a mixture of two or more phase-separated materials, with one or more phase in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: Materials with nanophases formed by precipitation are included (e.g. a-C:H:Me coatings).

Note 2 to entry: See 3.1.17 for the definition of nanocomposite.

3.8.8

nanomembrane

membrane (3.6.5) with thickness in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: A nanomembrane with pores in the nanoscale is considered as a *nanoporous material* (3.5.1).

3.8.9

nanomultilayer

multilayer (3.6.3) of a total thickness in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

3.8.10

nanoscale property

characteristic of a *nano-object* (3.1.5) or of the *nanoscale* (3.1.1) region

3.8.11

nanostructured agglomerate

agglomerate (3.2.4) of *nano-objects* (3.1.5) or of *nanostructured* (3.4.1) *aggregates* (3.2.5)

3.8.12

nanostructured aggregate

aggregate (3.2.5) formed from *nano-objects* (3.1.5)

Note 1 to entry: By definition, aggregates cannot easily release nano-objects.

3.8.13**nanostructured capsule**

shell with *nanoscale* (3.1.1) thickness, which can enclose, fix, transport or release substances

3.8.14**nanostructured core-shell particle**

particle consisting of a core and shell(s), where the diameter of the core or the thickness of the shell is in the *nanoscale* (3.1.1)

Note 1 to entry: If at least one external dimension is at the nanoscale, the term *nano-object* (3.1.5) is preferred.

3.8.15**nanostructured powder**

powder comprising *nanostructured agglomerates* (3.2.4), *nanostructured aggregates* (3.2.5) or other particles of *nanostructured material* (3.1.7)

Note 1 to entry: The term “powder” is used in the sense of an assembly of discrete particles, usually less than 1 mm in size (see ISO 3252:2023, 3.1.63).

3.8.16**polymer clay nanocomposite**

polymer matrix nanocomposite (3.8.17) with a *nanostructured* (3.4.1) clay phase

3.8.17**polymer matrix nanocomposite**

nanocomposite (3.1.17) with at least one major polymeric phase

3.8.18**solid nanofoam**

solid matrix filled with a second, gaseous phase, typically resulting in a material of much lower density, with a *nanostructured* (3.4.1) matrix, for example, having *nanoscale* (3.1.1) struts and walls, or gaseous *nanophase* (3.4.2) consisting of nanoscale bubbles [closed *nanofoam* (3.5.2)], or both

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