

Physico-chemical separation process of nanoparticles and nanostructured materials of cosmetic formulations

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SOP-development for characterisation of NM

- Wetting/Suspending
- Dispersion
- Sampling
- Separation the NM
- Measurement/Interpretation







Motivation & objective

- Synthetic amorphous silica (SAS) = nanostructured material
 - used in a wide range of food and cosmetic emulsions
 - wide range of dispersion energies when preparing or applying such products
 - \rightarrow submicron aggregate and/or nanosized particles
- behaviour of the nanomaterial (NM)
 - dispersibility in aqueous and lipid phases
 - adsorption at fluid-fluid interfaces or on the surface of large particles
- <u>Objective</u>
 - separation or extraction of SAS of lipid phases by means of organic solvents





Instruments, materials and preparation





Materials and instruments

- Materials
 - <u>Nanomaterials (NM) in emulsions-based</u>
 - 10 wt.-% pyrogenic synthetic amorphous silica (SAS)
 - 24 wt.-% lipid phase
 - dispersion media:
 - de-ionised water (18.3 M Ω cm), filtered at 0.2 μ m
 - lipophilic solvent n-heptane (99%), filtered at 0.1 μm
- Characterisation techniques
 - laser diffraction (LD) HELOS KR (Sympatec/Germany)
 - dynamic light scattering (DLS) HPPS (Malvern/UK)
 - scanning electron microscopy (SEM) Gemini DSM 980 (Zeiss/Germany)





Preparation

- Preparation emulsion sample
 - 1.0 g emulsion in 49.5 g water and 49.5 g n-heptane
- Sampling:
 - after sedimentation
 - after centrifugation (4500 rpm)
- Dispersion and homogenisation of emulsion sample:
 - magnet stirring (Fa. IKA)
- Filtration grade
 - syringe filter (PTFE membrane) for different pore size 0,1 $\mu m,$ 1 μm und 5 μm











Results





Methodological procedure

• Question:

How can SAS in cosmetic emulsion (SAS in oil-wateremulsifying agent) be characterised and separated better?

- Procedure of solution: Interaction of physico-chemical separation process → Extraction
 - Oil with organic lipophilic solvent (Hansen, 2007)
 - Separation of SAS-particles (sedimentation/centrifugation)
 - Mass balance (preparation of emulsion)
 - Filtration (PTFE membrane)





Evolution of extraction process

after 20 h

after 1 h centr.



• Hydrophobic fumed SiO₂ in water and n-heptane (mix ratio 1:1)





LD - Evolution of extraction process



after 20 h after 1 h centr.



- Hydrophobic fumed SiO₂ in water and n-heptane (mix ratio 1:1)
- Change of size distribution (determined with LD) of a SAS cosmetic emulsion • within water phase, realised by magnetic stirrer (MR) and centrifugation (Zen)

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DLS - Effectivity of separation



- Separation = filtration with membrane
- DLS-result for the detection of SiO₂ nanoparticles in cosmetic formulation; water phase left: with, right: without SiO₂
- Clear trend: count rate ↓ with cut size ↓ of separation degree of derived count rate (der.CR) for filtration grade (syringe filter; PTFE membrane)





SEM analysis



- Existence of SAS-particles in n-heptane phase?
- Left: weighted intensity distribution for SiO₂ in n-heptane phase; right: SEM image with high magnification ("finest particles found"); sample carrier: track-etch-membrane with 50 nm pore





Conclusion

- This investigation verified an alternative procedure to separate particles with regard to the polarity of solvent and solute in such complex media such as cosmetic emulsions
 - This procedure is applicable to O/W and W/O emulsions and it can be employed for hydrophilic as well as hydrophobic SAS
- Interaction of physico-chemical separation process
 - no presence of sediment after centrifugation
 - stable phases (aqueous phase and lipophilic solvent)
 - presence of a liquid foam (oil-water-emulsifying agent) at the interface between water and heptane
 - discrepancy of density and polarity of solvent play an important role of separation and homogenisation





Thank you for your attention!





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