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

- change of the title: "Microfluidics — Vocabulary" compared to "Micro process engineering — Vocabulary";
- due to the massive uptake of microfluidic technology in many areas, several terms have been added.

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Microfluidics — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document gives terms and definitions for micro process engineering and microfluidics applied in medical and veterinary diagnostics, chemistry, agriculture, pharmacy, biotechnology and agrifood industry and other application areas.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological 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 General terms, relevant to microfluidics

3.1.1

biocompatibility

special quality of some materials allowing them to come into contact with biological materials without changing the materials' bioactivity

3.1.2

biomarker

biological molecule found in blood, other body fluids or tissues that is used to identify a disease or monitor the progression of a disease

3.1.3

classification

method of sorting into categories

[SOURCE: ISO 22935-1:2009, 3.7]

3.1.4

end-user

person or persons who will ultimately be using the *system* (3.1.15) for its intended purpose

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 19770-5:2015, 3.13, modified – Note 1 to entry has been removed.]

3.1.5

hydrophilic

property of material of molecule characterised by affinity to water established by hydrogen bonding

3.1.6

hydrophobic

property of a surface or molecule that is repelled from a mass of water

[SOURCE: Semi MS006, *Guide for design and materials for interfacing microfluidic systems*]

ISO/DIS 10991:2022(E)**3.1.7****interested party stakeholders**

person or organization that can affect, be affected by or perceive themselves to be affected by a decision or activity

Note 1 to entry: For *system* see [3.1.15](#).

[SOURCE: ISO 28007-1:2015, 3.6, modified – Note 1 to entry has been removed.]

3.1.8**interoperability**

property permitting diverse systems or components to work together for a specified purpose

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, definition 2.11]

3.1.9**macroscale**

dimensions of 0.1 millimetres or greater

[SOURCE: Semi MS003, *Terminology for MEMS technology*]

3.1.10**microfluidics**

manipulation of fluids that are confined in a small volume with at least one dimension smaller than 1 mm

3.1.11**microscale**

scale of dimensions between 0.1×10^{-3} meters to 0.1×10^{-6} meters

3.1.12**miniaturization**

making things on a smaller scale

3.1.13**plug and play**

denoting or relating to software or devices that are intended to work perfectly when first used or connected, without reconfiguration or adjustment by the user and thereby enable automatic configuration

3.1.14**wettability**

ability of a liquid to spread on a specific solid surface

[SOURCE: ISO 472:2013, 2.1607, modified – wording “(such as an adhesive)” deleted and Note 1 to entry has been removed.]

3.1.15**system****sub-system**

group of interacting microfluidic, optical, mechanical or electrical components

4 General terms in microfluidics**4.1.1****actuating resolution**

lowest variation of a physical parameter that can be operated by a *system* ([3.1.15](#))

4.1.2**capacity**

flow rate through a pump at its designed conditions

4.1.3**centrifugal microfluidics**

sub category of *microfluidics* (3.1.10) utilizing rotation

Note 1 to entry: The fluid flow is mainly controlled by centrifugal-, Euler- and Coriolis- forces.

4.1.4**closed system**

system (3.1.15) that uses preloaded manufacturer-specific reagents only

4.1.5**digital microfluidics**

sub category of *microfluidics* (3.1.10) where discrete quantities of liquid are manipulated individually over a surface

4.1.6**droplet microfluidics**

sub category of *microfluidics* (3.1.10) manipulating discrete quantities of liquid in a continuous flow

4.1.7**lab-on-a-chip****LoC**

highly integrated, microfluidic *system* (3.1.15) providing analytical or diagnostic functions

4.1.8**open system**

system (3.1.15) that requires external supply of reagents

Note 1 to entry: Such an open *system* (3.1.15) needs microfluidic connection(s)

4.1.9**resolution**

smallest change in a quantity being measured that causes a perceptible change in corresponding measurement indication

4.1.10**sensing resolution**

lowest variation of a physical parameter that can be detected by a sensor

5 Microfluidic flow related terms**5.1.1****actual flow rate**

volumetric flow rate of a gas changed to "standardised" conditions of temperature and pressure

5.1.2**capillary force****capillary action**

flowing of liquid through a device without external actuators but only by surface tension and adhesive force between liquid and the wetted material

5.1.3**compliance of a fluidic system**

increase of a fluidic system's internal volume under the effect of pressure

Note 1 to entry: The compliance of a fluidic *system* (3.1.15) is expressed in volume units per pressure units.

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5.1.4

dead-volume

portion of the internal volume of a *system* (3.1.15) that is not part of a continuous flow-path

Note 1 to entry: In this context dead signifies unmoving, stagnant, or un-swept, and expressed in volume units.

5.1.5

fall time

time required for a flow to change from a specified high value to a specified low value

Note 1 to entry: Typically, these values are 10% and 90% of the step height. The fall time is expressed in time units.

5.1.6

final steady state value

average value of the actual flow rate, after the effects of the input transient have faded to a value equal to or below the intrinsic drift and noise

Note 1 to entry: The final steady state flow rate value is expressed in volume units or mass units over time units.

[SOURCE: SEMI E17-0600, *Guideline for Mass Flow Controller Transient Characterizations Tests*, modified – “flow rate” and mass units added in the Note 1 to entry.]

5.1.7

hold-up volume

volume of fluid required to fill a device before flow is observed at point of interest or at the outlet

Note 1 to entry: The hold-up volume is expressed in volume units such as mm³ or microliter.

[SOURCE: Semi MS003, *Terminology for MEMS technology*, modified – “units” added in the Note 1 to entry.]

5.1.8

hydrodynamic resistance

ratio of pressure drop over flow rate for a certain component or *system* (3.1.15)

Note 1 to entry: The hydrodynamic resistance is expressed as pressure units per flow rate units.

5.1.9

hydrostatic pressure

pressure that is exerted by a fluid at rest contained within a *system* (3.1.15) due to the force of gravity

Note 1 to entry: The hydrostatic pressure is expressed in pressure units.

5.1.10

internal volume

maximal total available volume comprised within a fluidic component, device or *system* (3.1.15) under normal atmospheric pressure

Note 1 to entry: The internal volume is expressed in volume units such as mm³ or microliter.

5.1.11

mass flow rate

mass of fluid which passes per unit of time

Note 1 to entry: The mass flow rate is expressed in mass units per time units.

5.1.12

micro pump

miniaturized liquid or gas pumping equipment with *capacity* (4.1.2) of lower than millilitre per minute flow rate

5.1.13**minimal actuating pressure**

input pressure required to start moving a fluid through the fluidic component. Expressed in pressure units

5.1.14**pressure drop**

difference of pressure between two positions in the flow path. Expressed in pressure units

5.1.15**reaction time**

time interval between the moment of set point step change and the moment at which the flow reaches x% of its intended value rise or fall

Note 1 to entry: Typically, $x = 10$. The reaction time is expressed in time units.

Note 2 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

5.1.16**relative flow stability
coefficient of variation**

standard deviation of the flow rate divided by the average flow rate. Expressed as a percentage

5.1.17**response time**

time interval between the moment of set point step change and the moment at which the flow reaches y% of its intended value of rise or fall

Note 1 to entry: Typically, $y = 90$. The response time is expressed in time units.

Note 2 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

5.1.18**rise time**

time required for a flow to change from a specified low value to a specified high value

Note 1 to entry: Typically, these values are 10% and 90% of the step height. The rise time is expressed in time units.

Note 2 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

5.1.19**set point**

target flow rate value

Note 1 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

5.1.20**setting time**

time elapsed from the application of an ideal step input to the time at which the output has entered and remained within a specified (error) band

Note 1 to entry: The setting time is expressed in time units.

Note 2 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

Note 3 to entry: See [5.1.21](#)

5.1.21**specified (error) band**

region between $\pm x\%$ of the final steady state value or $y\%$ of full scale, whichever is greater

Note 1 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).