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## Introduction

Granular materials and fine powders are widely used in industrial applications. To support control and optimize processing methods, these materials have to be precisely characterized. Characterization methods are related either to the properties of the grains (granulometry, morphology, chemical composition, etc.) or to the behaviour of the bulk powder (flowability, density, blend stability, electrostatic properties, etc.). The complex behaviours of granular and powder materials have motivated the development of numerous techniques to obtain reproducible and interpretable results. Many industries are concerned in different fields: additive manufacturing, food processing, pharmaceuticals, bulk material handling. This document is focused on Additive Manufacturing (AM).

Metallic powders are widely used in AM processes involving powder bed fusion (PBF-LB/M PBF-EB/M etc.) or binder jetting. During such operations, successive thin layers of powder are deposited with a blade or with a rotating cylinder. Each layer is then fused (most commonly melted) by an energy beam or joined by an adhesive binder to build the parts. The layer thickness defines the vertical resolution of the process; a thin layer leads to a better resolution. In order to obtain a thin layer, the powder is as fine as possible. However, if it is assumed that among the cohesive forces, the Van der Waal forces are predominant, it can be stated that as the grain size decreases, cohesiveness typically increases<sup>[25]</sup>. This increase in cohesiveness could have an impact on the spreadability of a powder.

The quality of the parts built with AM is thus directly influenced by powder flow properties.

According to ISO/ASTM 52900, spreadability is the ability of a feedstock material to be spread out in layers that fulfil the requirements for the AM process; this includes the ability to form a flat powder-atmosphere interface without waves and irregularities.

Visual observation of layer homogeneity is usually the only way for operators to assess the spreadability of powders during the spreading of new layers. However, linking the powder characteristics to its spreadability during the layer deposition beforehand can provide a more cost-effective way to classify and select the optimal powder and layer deposition speed combinations.

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