

SPEAKERS From Industry



Dr.-Ing. Lennart Fries

Nestlé Purina North America, St. Louis



studied Process Engineering at the TUHH and received his diploma in 2008. Afterwards he was research assistant at the SPE and obtained the doctoral degree in 2012 for his work on "Discrete particle modelling of a fluidized bed granulator", which was honoured with the Johannes-Möller-Award 2013. Since 2012 he was working as R&D Specialist and Key Project

Manager in the Food Science and Technology Department at the Nestlé Research Center (NRC) in Lausanne and as Group Leader Science and Technology Catalyzer in Nestlé R&D China Ltd. Beijing. In 2023 he transferred as Senior Manager Innovation and Strategy to Nestlé Purina in St. Louis, Missouri.



Dr.-Ing. Michael Jacob

Glatt Ingenieurtechnik GmbH, Weimar



is Head of the Process Engineering Department and member of the general management at Glatt Ingenieurtechnik GmbH. Dr. Jacob graduated at the OVGU in 1995 and since this time he worked for Glatt in many leading positions (Head of R&D and Head of Technology Center in Weimar). He obtained his doctoral degree at the

OVGU in 2010 on "Experimental studies and modeling of processes in horizontal fluidized beds for spray granulation".



Dr.-Ing. Sören Lehmann

Glatt Pharmaceutical Service GmbH & Co. KG



is head of the department of Manufacturing Science and Technology at Glatt Pharmaceutical Services GmbH. As such, he oversees a team of process experts for the development, optimisation, and commercial manufacture of solid pharmaceutical products under GMP conditions with focus on fluidized bed technologies. He studied Energy

and Environmental Engineering at TUHH and obtained a doctorate degree at SPE in the field of modelling and flow sheet simulation of fluidized bed processes.



Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Frank Kleine Jäger

BASF SE, Ludwigshafen



is currently Vice President "Solids Formulation and Handling" at BASF SE in Ludwigshafen. In this role, he manages the global R&D activities in this field of Solids and Film Processing ranging from development of new process technologies and optimization to trouble shooting and debottlenecking in BASF's global production plants.

He is Chemical Engineer with Diploma and PhD degrees from RWTH Aachen University, Germany. He also received his Habilitation from RWTH Aachen in 2004. Since 2011 he holds a Professorship as apl. Prof. Dr.-Ing. at RWTH Aachen.



Dr.-Ing. Paul Kieckhefen

BASF SE, Ludwigshafen



is a Senior Digitalization Specialist in the Computational Fluid and Particle Dynamics group at BASF. He studied Process Engineering at TUHH and obtained a doctorate degree with distinction from SPE in 2021, focused on the numerical description of fluidized bed spray granulation. His research interests comprise efficient simulation methods that describe multiphase flows, time-scale extrapolation methods and data-driven product-property prediction approaches.

COURSE PROGRAM

Introduction to fluid-mechanical principles

- The fluidization principle, forms and applications of fluidized beds
- Minimum fluidization velocity (measurement and calculation)
- Operation limits, segregation, elutriation, scale-up rules and state diagrams
- Dimensioning of gas distributors
- + Practical fluidization experiments in the laboratory

Local fluid mechanics

- Bubble development, growth and coalescence
- CFD modeling of the fluid mechanics
- DEM/CFD modeling of the fluid mechanics

Methods for the characterization of fluidized beds

- Particle velocity, concentration and moisture
- Particle attrition and mechanical strength
- Breakage behavior of granules and agglomerates
- + Practical particle characterization experiments in the laboratory

Heat transfer in fluidized beds

- between fluid and particles
- between fluidized bed and internals
- Influence of backmixing and bubbles
- Cooling and heating of solids (batch, continuous)

Mass transfer in fluidized beds

- Fundamentals
- Drying of solids (batch, continuous)
- + Practical drying experiments in the laboratory
- + Practical demonstration by company TEWS

Fundamentals of granulation and agglomeration

- Influence of material properties
- Processes and equipment for drying, rewetting and pressure agglomeration
- Adhesive forces and binding mechanisms

Fluidized bed spray granulation

- Fundamentals and micro-mechanisms
- Operation regime maps
- Influence of drying on granulation
- Processes, design options, equipment and scale-up
- Modeling of fluidized bed spray granulation (batch/continuous)
- + Practical granulation experiments in the laboratory
- + Practical demonstration by company PARSUM

Flowsheet simulation of complex solids processes

- Introduction
- Flowsheet simulation of continuous fluidized bed drying
- Steady-state and dynamic flowsheet simulation of continuous fluidized bed spray granulation and agglomeration
- Multi-scale simulation of fluidized bed granulation/agglomeration
- + Practical tutorials on flowsheet simulation software

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Start Monday, November 10th, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

End Thursday, November 13th, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Information, venue and registration

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Course fee

1800 Euro (plus VAT if applicable)

1300 Euro per person (plus VAT if applicable) in case of two or more simultaneous registrations from the same company

1150 Euro for PhD students (plus VAT if applicable)

The participation fee includes extensive course-ware (lecture and practical course material), refreshments, coffee and dinner at the third evening. Online participants will receive the course material before the start of the webinar. The course fee can be transferred after the official confirmation of participation by TuTech. Cancellations until October 26th, 2025 are free of charge. Thereafter, no refunding is possible, however, another participant can be nominated.

Two options of participation

Participants can attend the course on-site in Hamburg or online. The online version will be held via the video conference tool Zoom. The access data (link, personal password) to the webinar will be sent to you by email in good time before the start of the course.



17th Professional Course Fluidization Technology

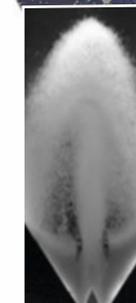
Fundamentals and Applications in Drying,
Coating, Granulation and Agglomeration

November 10th – 13th, 2025
Hybrid (on-site in
Hamburg and online)

Organized by

Prof. Stefan Heinrich, Hamburg University of Technology
Institute of Solids Process Engineering and Particle Technology

Prof. Evangelos Tsotsas, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg
Chair of Thermal Process Engineering



<http://tuhh.de/spe/fluidization-course>

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course is designed for people from various backgrounds (engineers, chemists, food and pharmaceutical technologists) and with different levels of experience, who need to understand the fundamentals of applications of modern and efficient fluidized bed processes. The course language is English.



TOPIC

Fluidization technology has a tremendous economic importance in process engineering and is used for a wide range of physical and chemical processes like particle formulation, classification, drying, adsorption, heating and cooling of solids, combustion, pyrolysis, carbonization, gasification, calcination or gas-solid reactions.

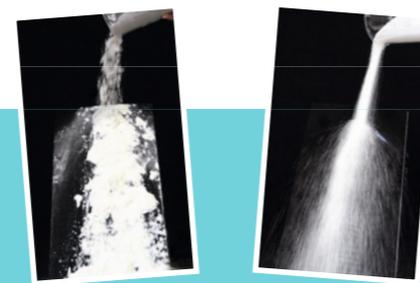
In this course, we focus on the drying as well as on the spray granulation, coating and agglomeration in fluidized beds. The particle formulation processes plays an important role in the manufacturing of powder granules from liquid educts in the food, fine chemicals, biotechnological and pharmaceutical industries as dust-free and free-flowing particles with improved particle properties, like a defined particle size distribution, porosity or desired mechanical strength, can be produced in a process with intensive heat and mass transfer conditions and good solids mixing.

HANDS-ON TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATIONS



This course highlights the fundamentals and applications of various types and different scales of fluidized bed processes for drying, coating, granulation and agglomeration of particles with practical hints and extensive calculation examples. The focus is on fluid mechanics, mixing, heat and mass transfer and particle formulation mechanisms. Furthermore, actual applications as well as modern computational tools and measuring techniques are presented.

The knowledge transfer is supported by different experts from industry, who will present procedures and approaches used in plant construction and optimization, in operation of processes for chemical, food and pharmaceutical industry as well as novel measuring techniques. The hands-on trainings, demonstrations and tutorials offered during practical sessions will strengthen the learning experience.



SPEAKERS



Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Dr. h.c. Stefan Heinrich

received his diploma in Process Engineering (1996) and a doctoral degree at University Magdeburg (OVGU) in 2000. Following eight years as Assistant and Junior Professor at the OVGU and with a Habilitation (2006), he became Full Professor at TUHH and Director of the Institute of Solids Process Engineering and Particle Technology (SPE) in 2008. He is editor of the Elsevier journals "Advanced Powder Technology" and "Particuology", chairman of the German Working Party on Agglomeration and Bulk Solids Technology, as well as of the EFCE Working Party on Agglomeration. For his research activities in fluidized bed spray granulation Prof. Heinrich received the DECHEMA-Prize 2015.



Dr.-Ing. Swantje Pietsch-Braune

studied Bioprocess Engineering at TUHH. In 2018 she obtained her doctoral degree in the field of spray coating in spouted beds under supervision of Prof. Heinrich. Her doctoral thesis with the title "Experimental and numerical investigations of three-dimensional prismatic spouted beds with liquid injection" was honoured with the Johannes-Möller-Award 2020. She continued her research at the SPE as a post-doc. Since 2020 she is working as Senior Engineer at the institute. Her research interests are in the field of particle formulation in fluidized and spouted beds as well as in numerical investigations of gas-solid processes.



Vasy Skorych, M.Sc.

DysslTEC

is a PhD student at TUHH. He studied computer science and technology at National Technical University of Donetsk and obtained a Master's degree in 2014. His main research interest is dynamic flowsheet simulation of solid materials. Other important areas of his current work are the development and implementation of complex simulation frameworks, mainly in the area of flowsheeting, population balances, and discrete element methods.



From University Magdeburg

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Dr. h.c. Evangelos Tsotsas

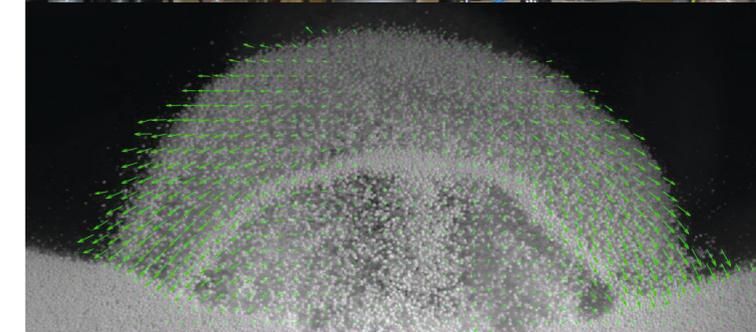
holds the Chair of Thermal Process Engineering at OVGU since 1994. He has a PhD (1985) and a Habilitation (1990) from University Karlsruhe, and he was a Senior Process Specialist at the Dow Chemical Company (1991 to 1994). Prof. Tsotsas is the editor of the five-volume book series Modern Drying Technology. Recipient of the Hosokawa Award for Innovation and the ProcessNet Award for Excellence in Drying Research, he is chairman of the German Working Party on Drying. The main focus of his work is on drying, and on particle formulation processes related to drying.



From Princeton University

Prof. Dr. Sankaran Sundaresan

is a professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering at Princeton University, with over 40 years of experience. His research focuses on multiphase flows, developing mathematical models to capture their complexities. He has worked with chemical and oil companies as a consultant and received awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award in Particle Technology from AIChE and the President's Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching from Princeton University.



From Industry



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Mirko Peglow **Pergande Group**
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graduated in Business Engineering with specialization Process and Energy Engineering at the University Magdeburg in 2000, where he obtained his PhD (2005) and was a Junior Professor (2008-2012). From 2012-2020 he was CEO and since 2020 he is executive partner of Pergande Group. Prof. Peglow is appointed member of the cluster and innovation council of the Ministry of Economics Affairs, Science and Digitalization of federal state Saxony-Anhalt, for which he also acts as chairman of the Hugo-Junkers-Innovation-Award. He is Honorary Professor at the University Magdeburg and Member of the Executive Committee of the Association of German Engineers (VDI) and chairman of the Regional Advisory Board of the VDI.