

# ENVE 576

## Indoor Air Pollution

Spring 2013

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### Lecture 6: February 19, 2013

Finishing gas-phase compounds: chemistry

Particulate matter: physics, size distributions, respiratory deposition

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# HW updates

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- HW 2 graded
  - A couple of you have not turned it in yet
  - I am also returning some back that missed a lot of points for not approaching problems correctly
    - If submitted by email, you've already gotten these back
    - If submitted by hand, I am returning now
  - You can fix the issues (which are partially my fault for not being clear)
    - And still get full credit
  - Helpful hints (doc cam)
- HW 3 was due today
  - Postponed until next week
  - Any questions?

# Review from last time

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- Last time we covered:
  - Adsorption/desorption of gas-phase compounds
  - Reactions of gas-phase compounds (finish today)
    - Heterogeneous (reactive deposition)
    - Homogeneous (gas-phase chemistry)
- Today we will begin ~3 weeks on particulate matter
  - Starting with:
    - Single particle physics
    - Particle size distributions
    - Respiratory deposition
- Start by discussing project expectations

# Course project information

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- Final project expectations document has been uploaded to BB
- Basic idea is to write a ‘conference paper’
  - Must combine literature review with modeling or measurement effort
  - Either is fine
  - A lot of freedom

# Course project information

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- 40% of your grade
- Report/paper due April 30, 2013
- Investigate a course topic in greater detail
  - Use what you've learned to critically analyze:
    - Contaminant(s)...
    - In particular environment(s), and...
    - Control strategies
  - Can move outside this boundary and focus on policy decisions
  - The point is for critical review + measurement/modeling effort
- Write a 'conference paper'
  - 8 pages single spaced
  - Fully referenced (although references don't count against word count)
- Present a 'conference presentation'
  - In class on April 30, 2013

# Project topics

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- Topic selection suggestions
  - Your interest is the most important factor
    - Don't shy away from big issues
  - Approach from a fundamental perspective
    - Think about Sources and Losses, Exposures and Doses
  - Consider data availability
  - Considerably more than glorified HW problem
  - Do a preliminary literature search to focus your efforts

# Potential project topics

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- Energy impacts of gas or particle filtration
- Impact of LEED points on indoor air pollutants
- Exposures in indoor swimming pools
- Particle exposure during commuting or other activities
  - e.g. during cooking at home or in cafeteria
- Measurement of HVAC recirculation rates and estimates of particle filtration
- Infiltration and persistence of outdoor criteria pollutants
- Pollen exposures and control strategies for allergies
- Cookstove emissions in developing countries
- Indoor and outdoor traffic noise
- Particle exposure during religious ceremonies
- Impacts of mechanical ventilation on indoor air pollution
- Plants as air cleaners

# Lab instrumentation: T/RH and power/energy



Temperature/RH

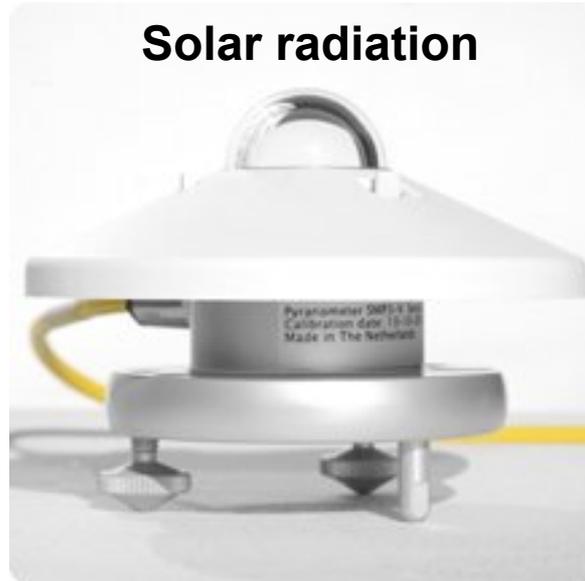


Data logging

Temperature



Solar radiation



Electric power



Heat flux



IR camera



# Lab instrumentation: HVAC diagnostics



**Blower door  
(envelope leakage)**

**Duct blaster  
(duct leakage  
and airflow)**



**Pressure**



**TrueFlow  
(HVAC airflow rates)**



# Lab instrumentation: Air quality (mostly PM)



**NanoScan SMPS**  
10 to 500 nm



**Optical particle sizer**  
0.3 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$



**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
(for AER)  
**CO**



**DustTrak**  
PM<sub>2.5</sub>/PM<sub>10</sub>



**CPC**  
< 1  $\mu\text{m}$



**CPC respirator fit tester**  
< 1  $\mu\text{m}$



# Lab instrumentation: other

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- Other items already in the lab:
  - Acoustics (microphones of all kinds, dB meters)
  - Lighting (lux/lumens)
  - Air speed

# Topic justification (mid-March)

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- 1/2 page
- Describe topic in enough detail that I can provide feedback
- Include references to show that there is enough to get started on your project
- **Due March 12**
- Criteria
  - Importance
  - Creativity
  - Justification
  - Reasonable scope

# Tips on introduction and literature review

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- Objectives
  - Grab reader and pull them into your story
  - Cite all relevant references
  - Establish gaps in existing research
  - Define parameters and make case for their importance
  - Organize and lay out rest of paper
- Start with a interesting fact about your topic
  - No need to be alarmist or over-the-top
  - Use a short sentence
  - Layer on more complicated ideas
- Conduct a comprehensive literature review
  - Use [Web of Science](#) to find other sources
- Don't need to cite all details about previous work
  - Just the central idea and most impactful previous findings

# Tips on introduction and literature review

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- Challenge is striking balance between accurately representing work of others and not going into too much detail
- Cite and define key parameters and emphasize why they are important
- After reading introduction, the reader should know the direction of the rest of the paper
- Keep it short (~3 paragraphs)
  - General motivation and importance
  - Previous work
  - Gaps in literature
  - Organizing principle of paper
  - Define and justify important parameters

# Tips on introduction and literature review

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- Avoid passive voice, be active
- It is acceptable to use “I” or “we”
- Vary language:
  - Smith et al. (1972) measured ...
  - Ezekoye and Shi (2003) investigated...
  - Several studies report differences between... (Katz, 2004; Kinney et al., 2000; Allen and Collins, 1999)
- Follow the format for citations and references
- A good literature review:
  - Summarizes all important articles in the field
  - Cites high quality references
    - Also refers to lower quality references *if necessary*
  - States what is novel about the paper
    - Mentions what is missing in the literature
    - Does not denigrate others

# Rest of your paper

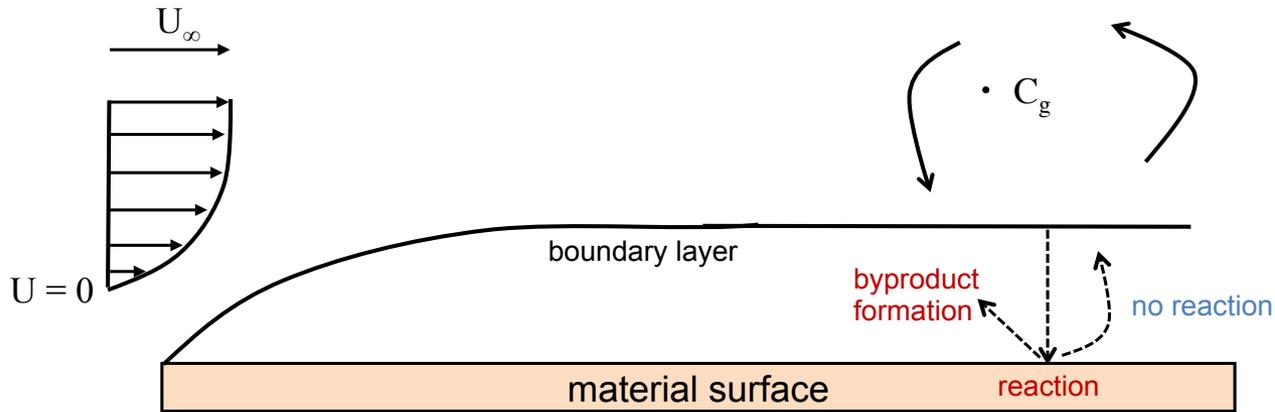
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- Literature review is a key component
- So is the remaining methodology, results, discussion and conclusion
  - When in doubt, follow examples of previously published papers
    - e.g., just about anything from our suggested readings list
- Measurements not required at all
  - No additional points for measurement vs. modeling study

# **REACTIVE DEPOSITION**

Finishing up from last lecture

# Reactive deposition: summary



- For reactive gas-phase pollutants, we will have an additional loss rate to account for reactive losses to material surfaces

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = P\lambda C_{out} + \frac{E}{V} - \lambda C - \frac{v_d A}{V} C$$

$$v_d = \frac{v_s v_t}{v_s + v_t}$$

$$\frac{1}{v_d} = \frac{1}{v_t} + \frac{1}{v_s} = \frac{1}{v_t} + \frac{4}{\gamma \langle v \rangle}$$

$v_s$  = surface-limited deposition velocity (m/hr)  
 $v_t$  = transport-limited deposition velocity (m/hr)  
 $\gamma$  = reaction probability (-)  
 $\langle v \rangle$  = Boltzmann velocity (m/hr)

# Reactive deposition: byproduct formation

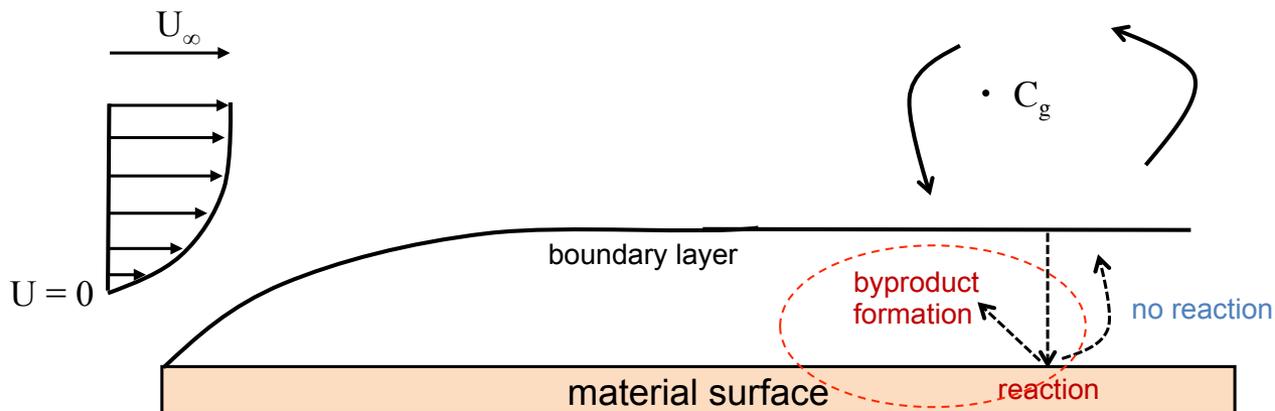
- Reactive deposition to surfaces removes indoor pollutants
  - Can also generate others in the form of reaction by-products

$$R_{byproduct} = (v_d AC) Y_i f_{conversion}$$

$R_{byproduct,i}$  = by-product  $i$  production rate (moles/hr)

$Y_i$  = molar yield of  $i$  (moles  $i$  per moles of gas consumed)

$f_{conversion}$  = conversion factor (e.g.,  $\frac{10^{-6}}{MW}$  to convert from  $\frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{m}^3}$  to  $\frac{\text{moles}}{\text{hour}}$ )



# Byproduct formation: mass balance

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- Mass balance on reactive pollutant (e.g., ozone)

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = P\lambda C_{O_3,out} - \lambda C_{O_3} - \frac{v_d A}{V} C_{O_3}$$

- Mass balance on byproduct  $i$

$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = P\lambda C_{i,out} - \lambda C_i + Y_i \frac{v_{d,O_3} A}{V} f_{conversion} C_{O_3}$$

Tracking two species, need two mass balances!

# Example heterogeneous byproduct formation

- Ozone deposition velocity, yields, and secondary emission rates of aldehydes after ozone exposure in 4 homes

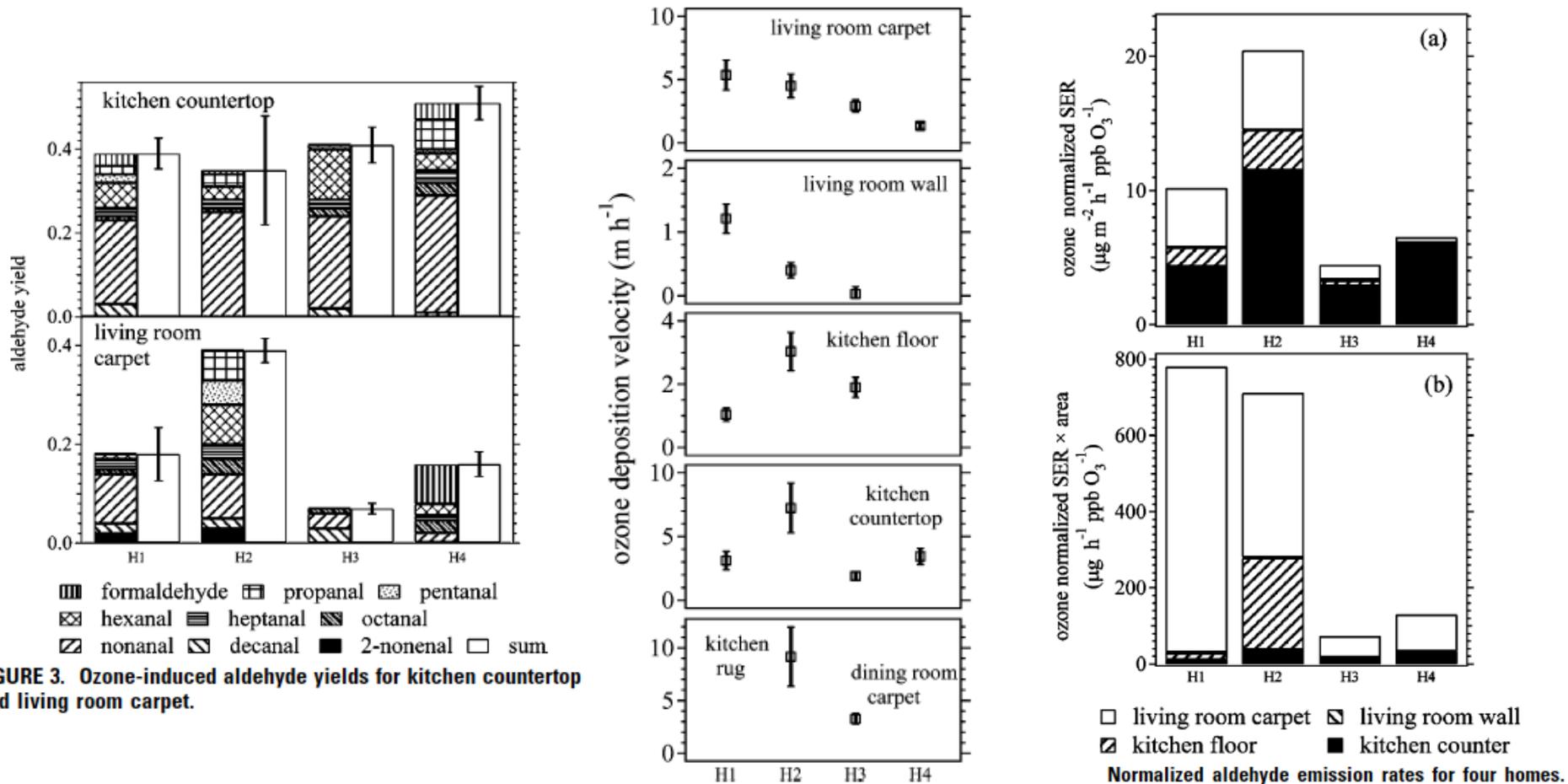


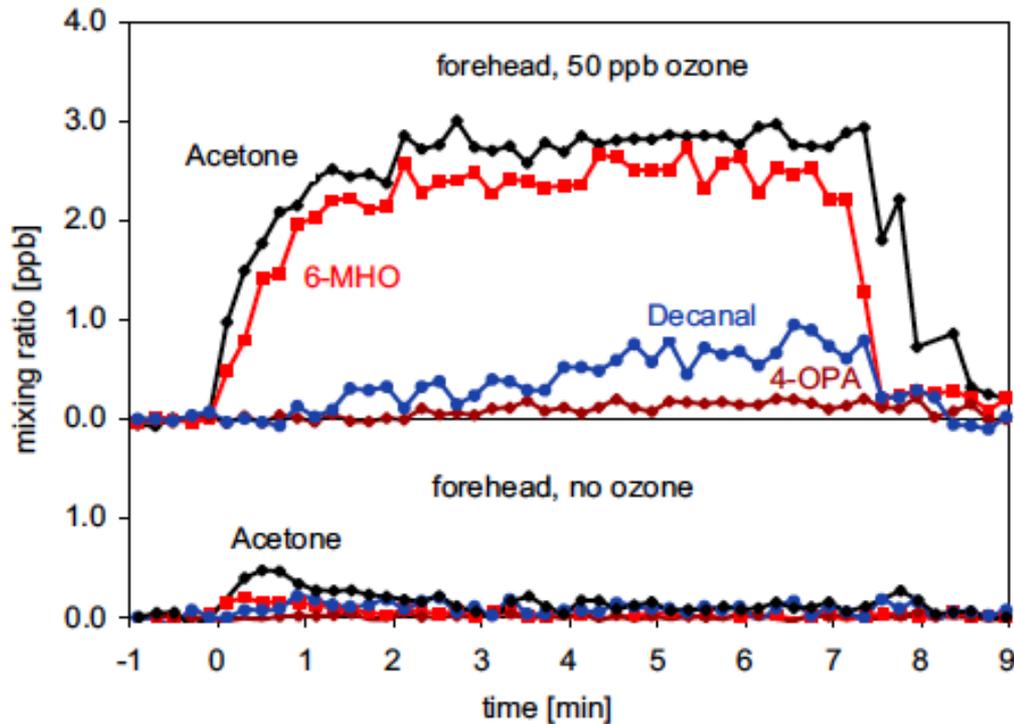
FIGURE 3. Ozone-induced aldehyde yields for kitchen countertop and living room carpet.

Ozone deposition velocity for each surface.

Normalized aldehyde emission rates for four homes.

# Example heterogeneous byproduct formation

- Skin oils have recently been identified as being potentially important for ozone chemistry



Acetone ( $C_3H_6O$ )  
6-MHO (6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one)  
Decanal ( $C_{10}H_{20}O$ )  
4-OPA (4-oxo-pentanal)

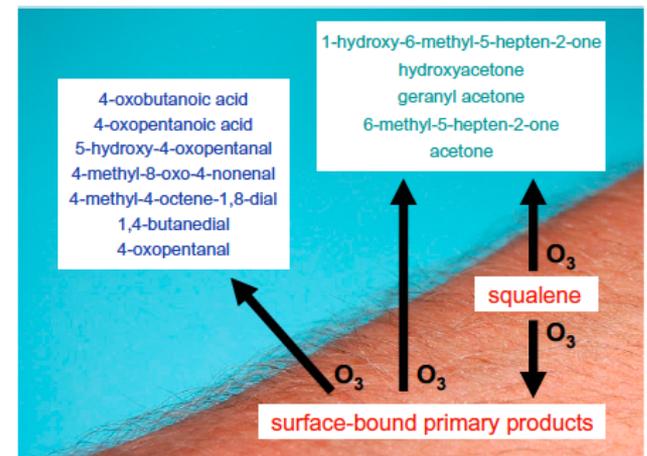


Fig. 4. Schematic of ozone reacting with squalene on exposed skin. The initial reaction produces both gas phase and surface-bound primary products. Ozone further reacts with surface bound primary products (see Table 3) to produce additional gas-phase products.

# **HETEROGENEOUS CHEMISTRY**

Quick overview

# Homogeneous chemistry

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- Homogeneous reactions also occur in indoor environments
  - Gas  $i$  + Gas  $j$   $\rightarrow$  Byproduct  $k$

$$R_{\text{homogeneous}} = -k_{ij}C_iC_jV$$

$R_{\text{homogeneous}}$  = loss rate due to homogeneous reactions between  $i$  and  $j$   
(moles/hr or  $\mu\text{g/hr}$ )

$k_{ij}$  = reaction rate constant ( $\text{ppb}^{-1} \text{hr}^{-1}$ )

$k_{ij}C_j$  = reaction rate (1/hr)

- Need at least 3 mass balances
  - Two reactants + product(s)  $R_{\text{byproduct},k} = (k_{ij}C_iC_j)Y_k f_{\text{conversion}}$
- For a reaction to be relevant indoors, it must occur on a relevant time scale
  - $k_jC_j$  (1/hr) needs to be on the same order as  $\lambda$  (1/hr)
    - Reaction must be reasonably fast

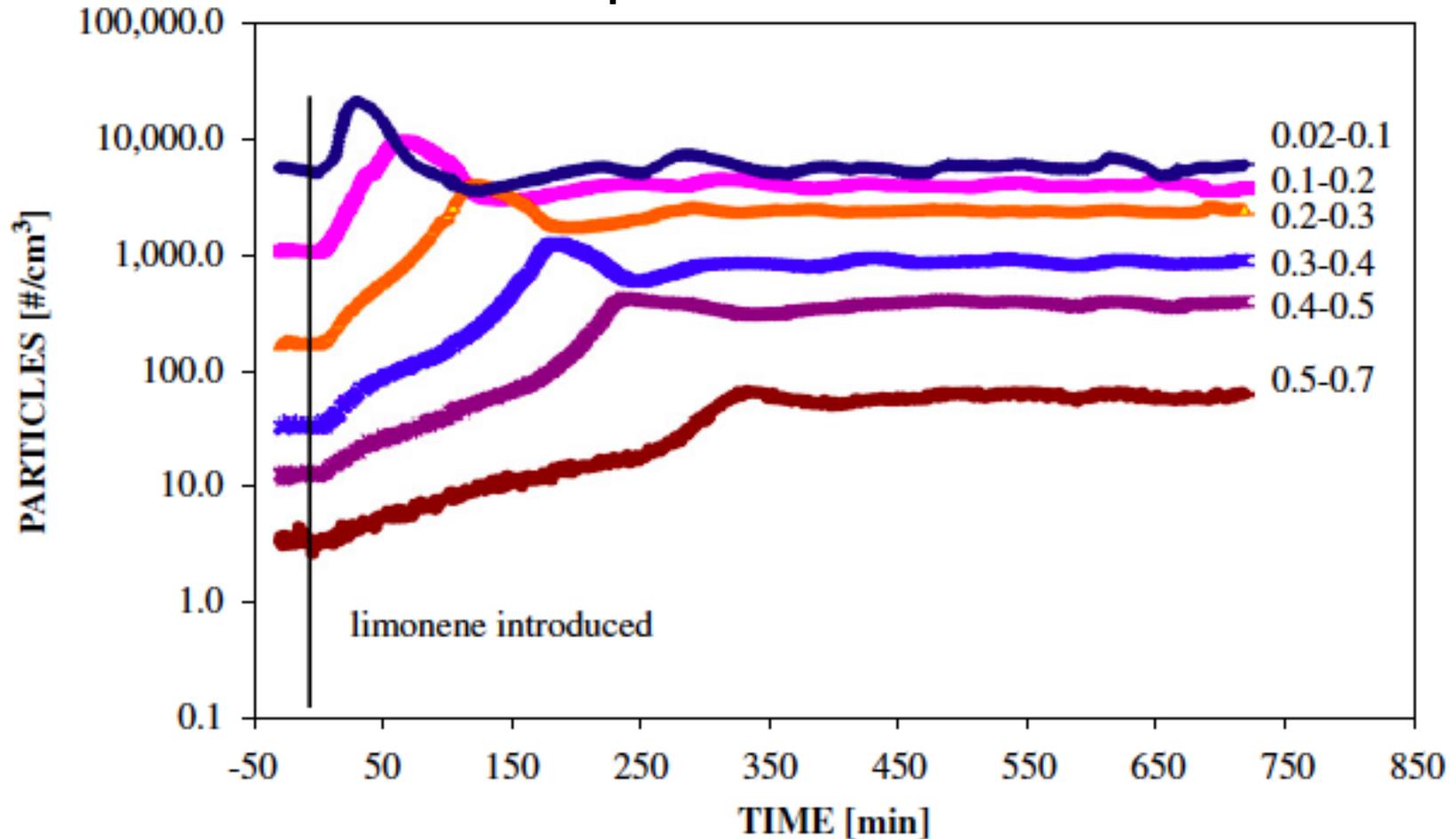
# Homogeneous chemistry

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- Ozone: important driver of homogeneous chemistry indoors
  - Oxidation chemistry with unsaturated (C=C double bond) VOCs
  - Weschler (2000) *Indoor Air* provides great review of ozone chemistry
    - Including what reactants are important
  - Important reactants include:
    - Terpenes (limonene, pinene, and others)
      - Household cleaners, scented products
    - Fatty acids (oleic acid, linoleic acid)
    - Squalene
  - Important byproducts include:
    - Gas phase: aldehydes (including HCHO), carbonyls
    - Particle phase: **secondary organic aerosols** (low-vapor pressure species that self-nucleate to form small particles or condense on and increase the mass of existing particles)

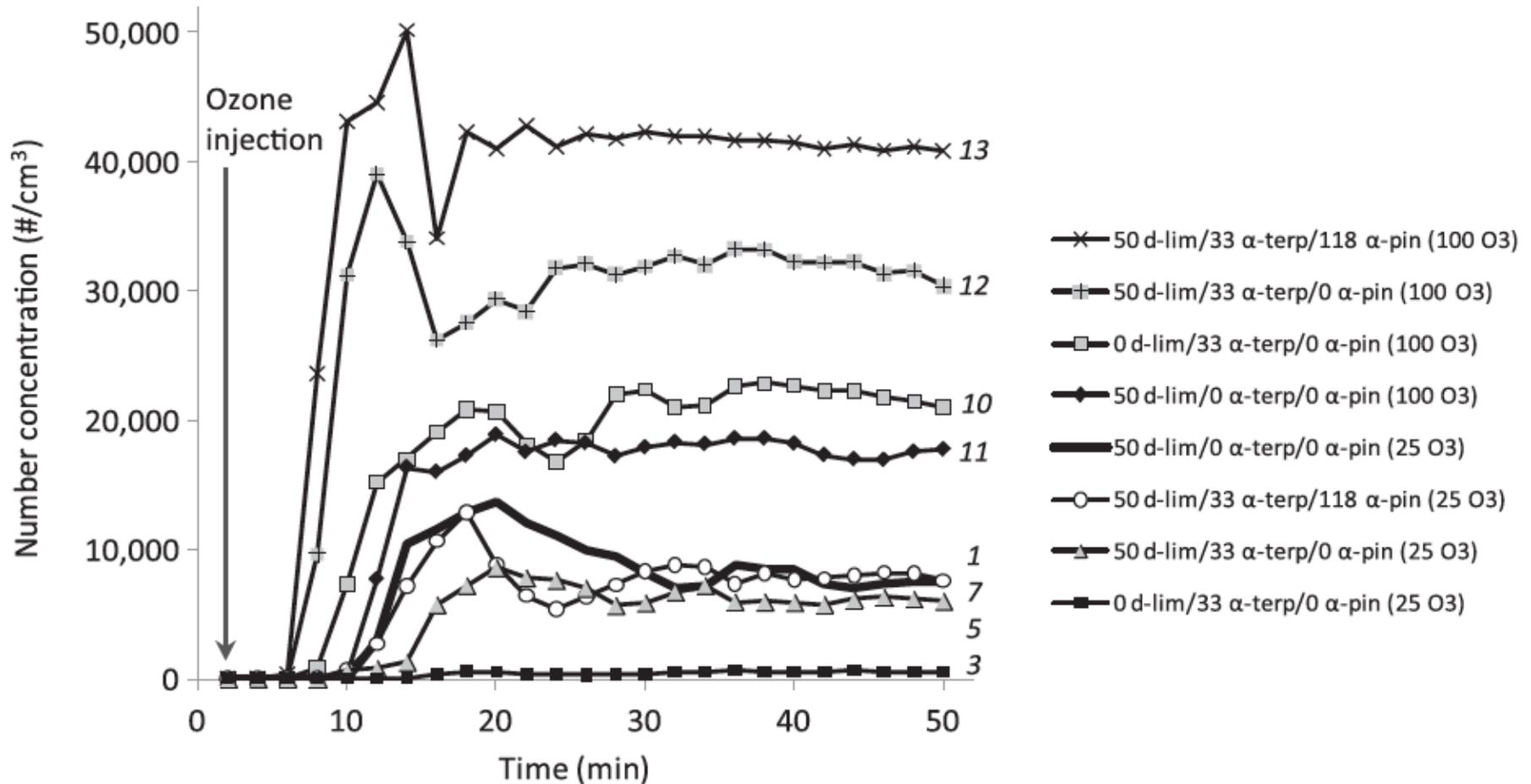
# SOA formation from homogeneous chemistry

Limone injection (air fresheners and perfumes) in the presence of ozone indoors



# SOA formation from homogeneous chemistry

Chamber experiments with mixtures of terpenes and more realistic O<sub>3</sub>  
(10-500 nm particles)



# Other homogeneous chemistry

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- Hydroxyl radical ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ )
  - Formed during ozone-terpene chemistry
  - Strong oxidant and reacts with almost any hydrocarbon
  - Concentrations typically ppt
- Nitrate radical ( $\text{NO}_3\cdot$ )
  - Forms as product of reaction between  $\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{NO}_2$
  - Targets reactions with terpenes
  - Concentrations typically ppt
- Byproducts from indoor chemistry can be respiratory or skin irritants

Before moving on to particulate matter...

## **CONTROL OF GAS PHASE COMPOUNDS**

# Control of VOCs and inorganic gases

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- There are a few important ways to control (i.e., remove) VOCs and inorganic gases:
  1. Source control
  2. Adsorption-based air-cleaning (e.g., activated carbon)
  3. Photocatalytic air-cleaning (e.g., UV/PCO)
- We won't spend any time on these but we need to know they exist
  - You may incorporate into your final project too

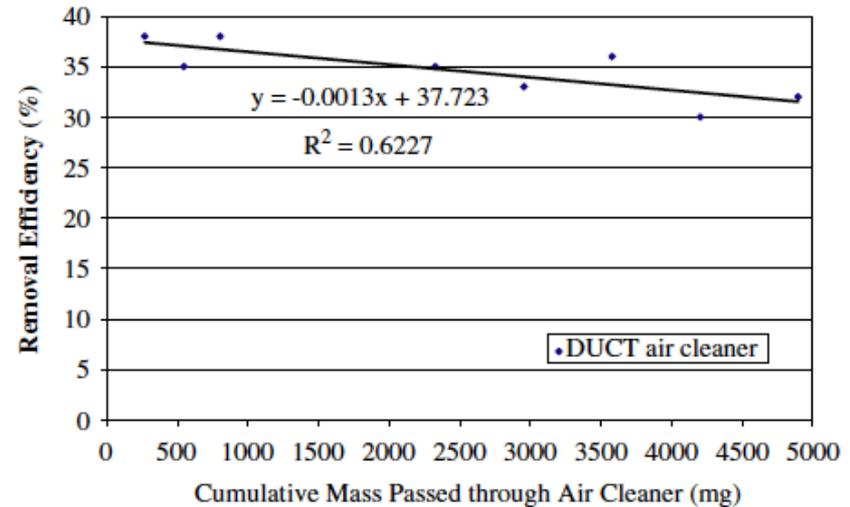
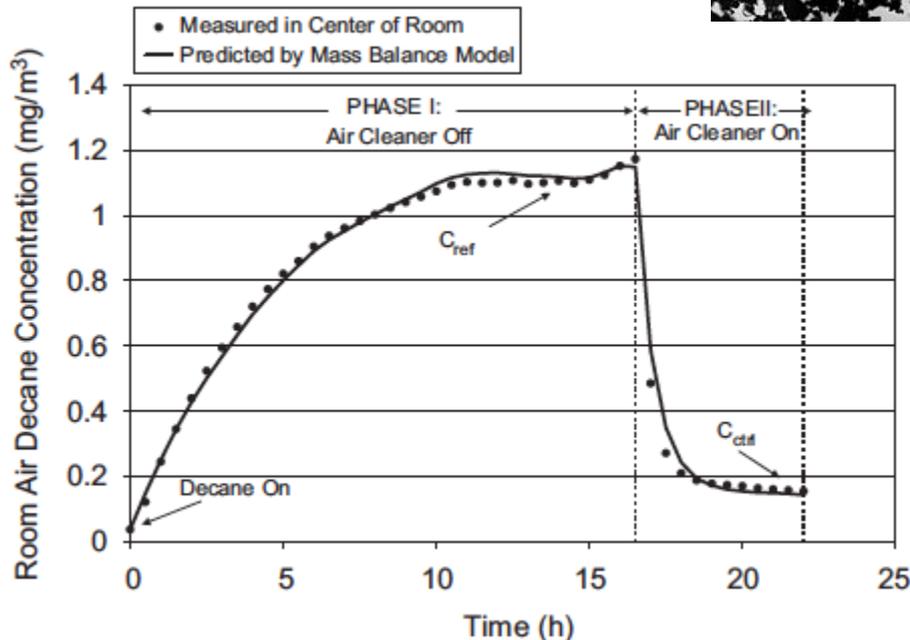
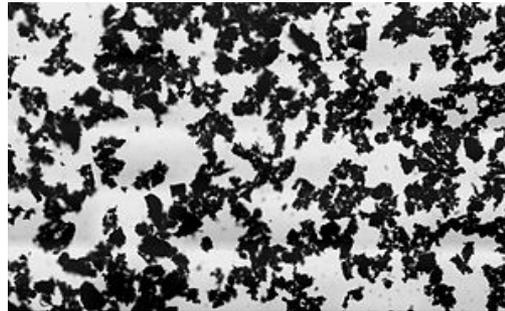
# Source control/substitution

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- Simple enough: this involves switching to low-emitting materials
  - We've discussed this already in some form

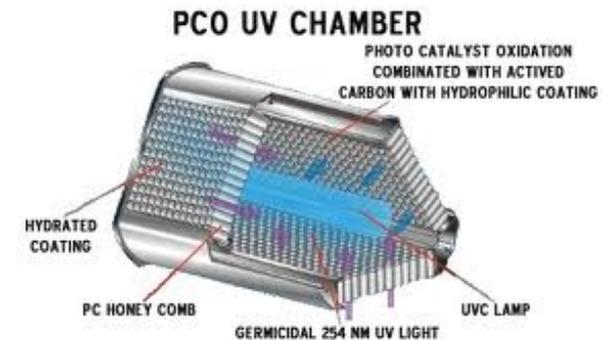
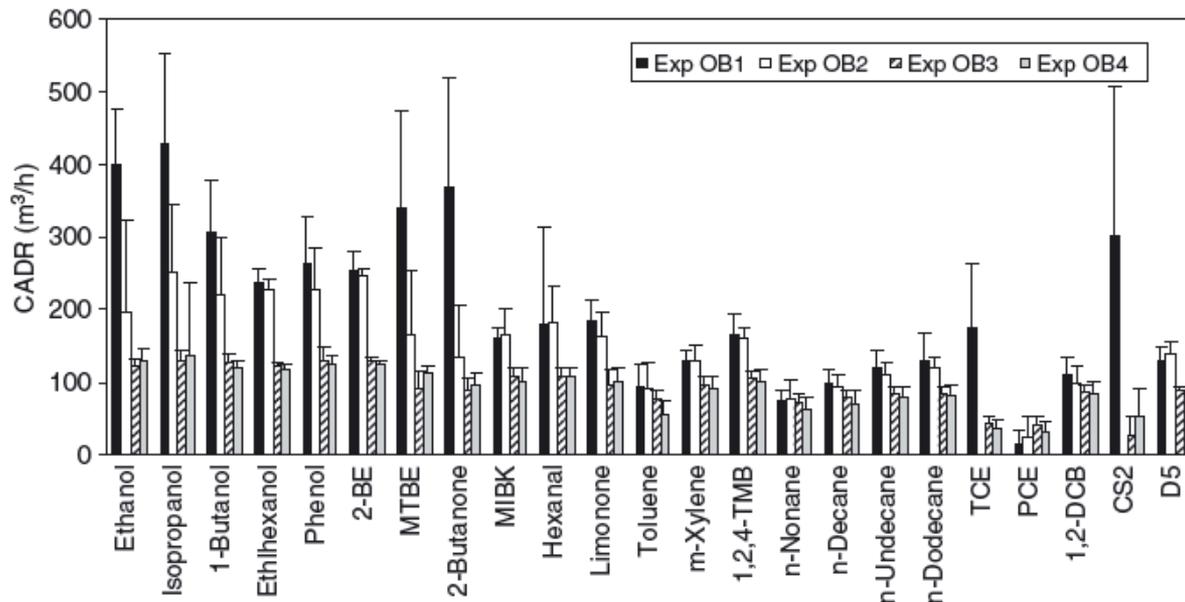
# Adsorption: activated carbon

- Microporous activated carbon adsorbents
  - Very high surface areas
    - e.g., 800-2000 m<sup>2</sup>/g



# UV+PCO

- Ultraviolet (UV) photocatalytic oxidation (PCO)
  - Honeycomb reactor coated with  $\text{TiO}_2$
  - Structure is irradiated with UV light
  - VOCs adsorb reversibly on the catalyst
  - React to form  $\text{CO}_2$  and water
    - $\text{TiO}_2$  semi-conductor sensitizes light-induced reactions



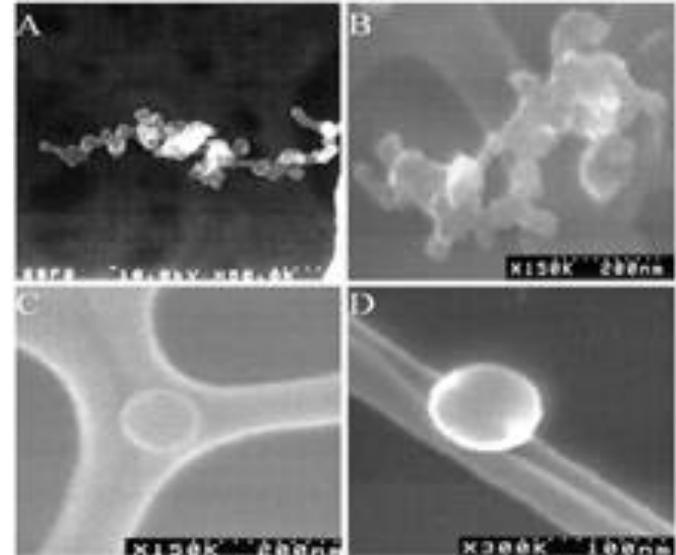
# **PARTICULATE MATTER**

Overview, physics, size distributions, respiratory deposition

# Particulate matter (PM)

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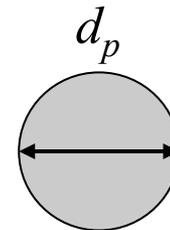
- Particulate matter (PM) is its own class of pollutant
  - PM consists of a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets suspended in air
  - Primary emissions are emitted directly by sources
    - Outdoors: Industry, construction, roads, smokestacks, fires, vehicles
    - Indoors: Smoking, cooking, resuspension of dust, transport from outdoors
  - Secondary emissions are formed in atmospheric reactions and some indoor reactions
- Health effects
  - Respiratory, cardiovascular, others
- Visibility effects outdoors



# Particle sizes

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- Usually referring to a characteristic dimension
  - Diameter for sphere
  - Diameter for fibers (e.g. asbestos)
  - Equivalent diameter for non-spherical
- Micrometer ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - $1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$
- Nanometer (nm)
  - $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$
- We usually treat particles as spherical:
  - Or 'equivalent' spheres



$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3$$

# Particle sizes

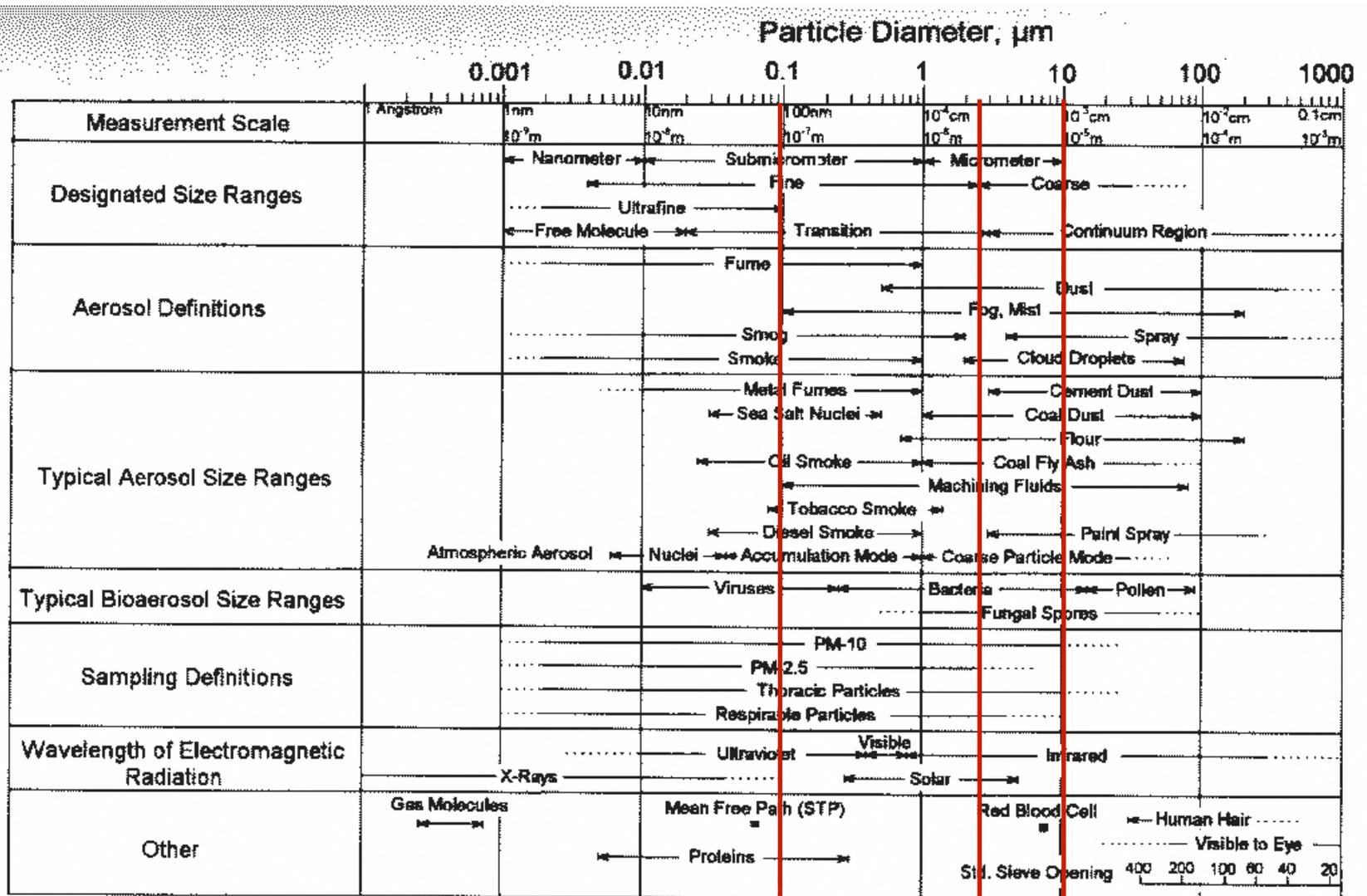
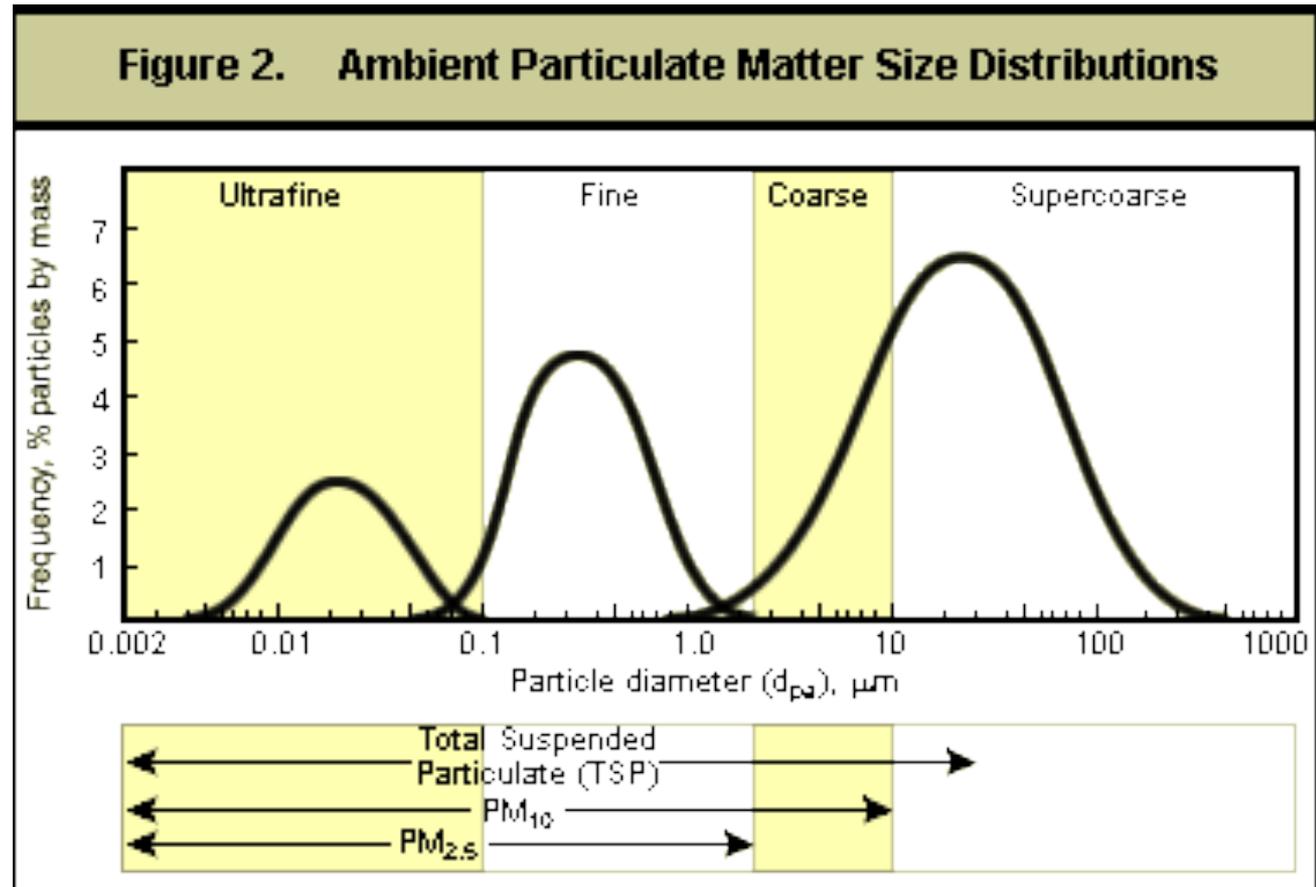


FIGURE 1.6 Particle size ranges and definitions for aerosols.

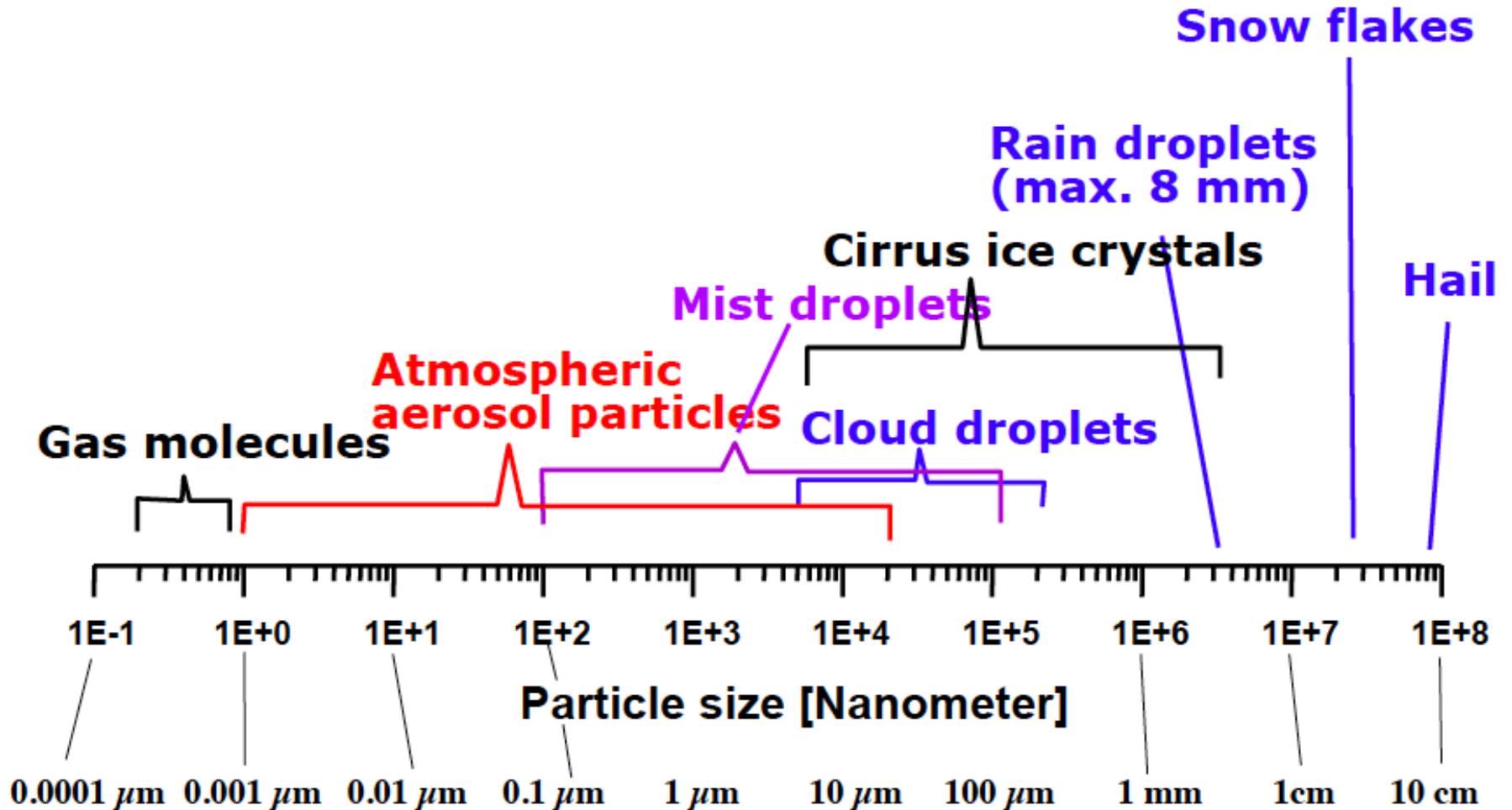
← UFP   ← PM<sub>2.5</sub>   ← PM<sub>10</sub>

# How are particle concentrations reported?

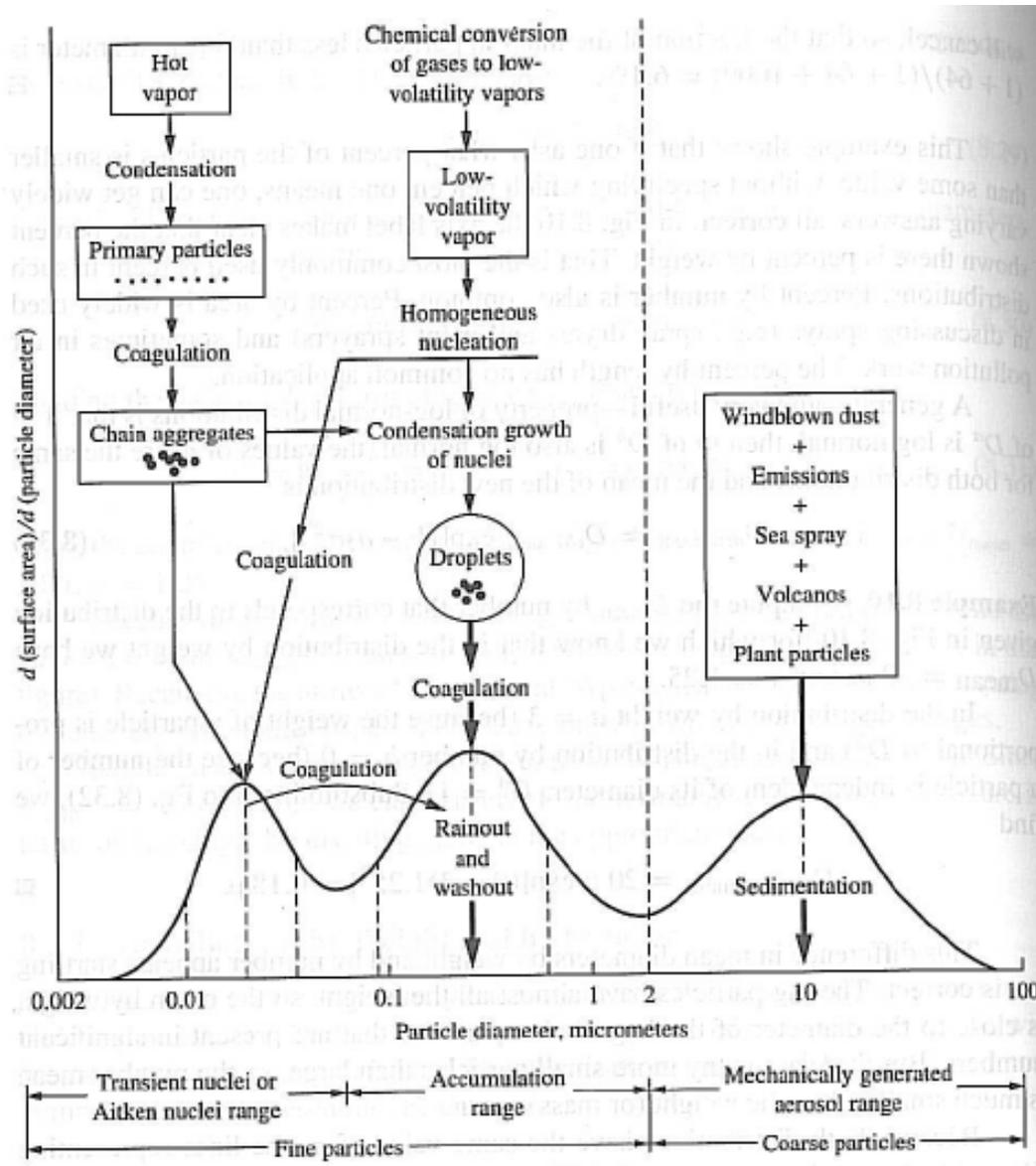
- Number
  - #/cm<sup>3</sup>
  - UFP <100 nm
- Surface area
  - cm<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Volume
  - m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>
- Mass
  - μg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub>
  - PM<sub>10</sub>
  - PM<sub>2.5-10</sub>
  - TSP
  - RSP



# Particle sizes



# Particle formation mechanisms, surface area, and size



# Particles: Typical concentrations

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- How many 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  particles can fit into a cubic centimeter of air?
  - Ratio of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  particle volume to cubic centimeter volume:

$$\frac{V_{air}}{V_{particle}} = \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{\frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3} = \frac{10^{-6} \text{ m}^3}{\frac{\pi}{6} (0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})^3} \approx 10^{12}$$

~1 trillion 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  particles could exist within 1  $\text{m}^3$  of air (not counting void space)

- What do you think a typical concentration of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  particles in indoor air is?
  - How about in this classroom right now?

# **PARTICLE MOTION**

What affects the movement of particles?

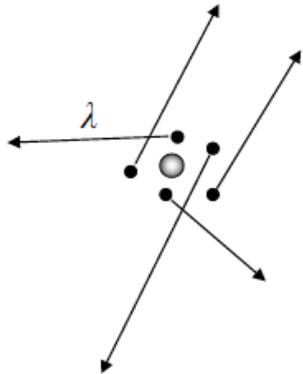
# Particle motion in gases

- Continuum regime and free molecular regime
  - Behavior of a particle in a gas is characterized by the ratio of the mean free path of the gas molecules to the diameter of the particle
  - Ratio is called the Knudsen number ( $Kn$ ):

$$Kn = \frac{2\lambda}{d_p}$$

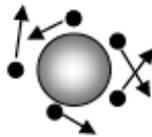
$d_p$  = particle diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

$\lambda$  = mean free path of air ( $0.066 \mu\text{m}$  @ STP)



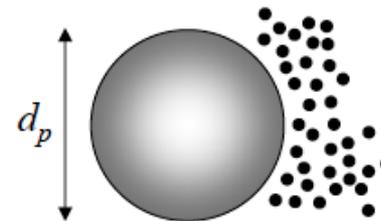
Free molecular regime  
 $Kn \rightarrow \infty$

$$d_p < \sim 10 \text{ nm}$$



Transition regime  
 $Kn \approx 1$

$$10 \text{ nm} < d_p < 1 \mu\text{m}$$



Continuum regime  
 $Kn \ll 1$

$$d_p > \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$$

# Particle motion in gases

- Reynolds number:

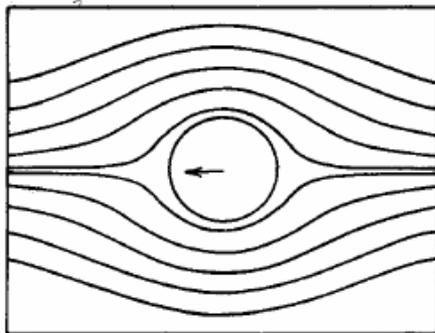
- Re is the ratio of inertial forces to frictional forces for fluid flow through a pipe or around an obstacle
- For flow around a particle:

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho_{air} V d_p}{\mu}$$

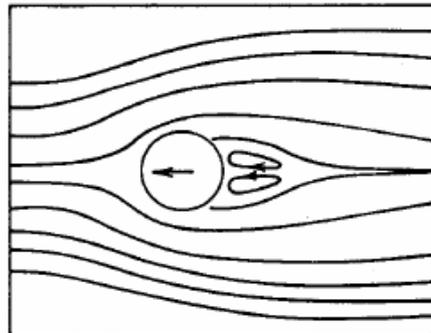
$\rho_{air}$  = air density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $V$  = relative velocity between particle and air (m/s)  
 $\mu$  = dynamic viscosity of air ( $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  kg/(m-s) at STP)

- For flow around a particle:

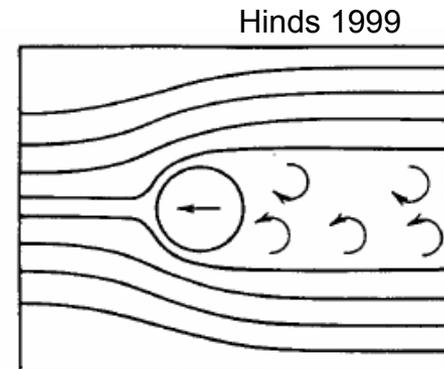
- Re < 1: laminar flow (frictional forces dominate)
- Re > 1: turbulent flow (inertial forces dominate)



Re = 0.1 (a)



Re = 2 (b)



Re = 250 (c)

# Particle motion in gases

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- Newton's resistance law

- Newton derived an equation for the force resisting the motion of a sphere passing through a gas:

$$F_D = C_D \frac{\pi}{8} \rho_{air} d_p^2 V^2$$

$F_D =$  drag force (kg-m/s<sup>2</sup>)  
 $C_D =$  drag coefficient (-)

- Assumes only inertia of air is important (not friction forces)
- Therefore, this assumption is only valid for high Re (Re > 1000)
- For smaller Re, the molecular viscous (friction) forces have to be considered
  - Under laminar flow conditions (Re < 1), viscous forces dominate and inertial forces can be neglected
  - In this case, we use **Stoke's Law**

# Particle motion in gases

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- Stoke's law states that:

$$F_D = 3\pi\mu Vd_p$$

$V$  = particle velocity (m/s)

- Valid for laminar flow around a solid sphere
- Comparing Newton's and Stoke's laws:

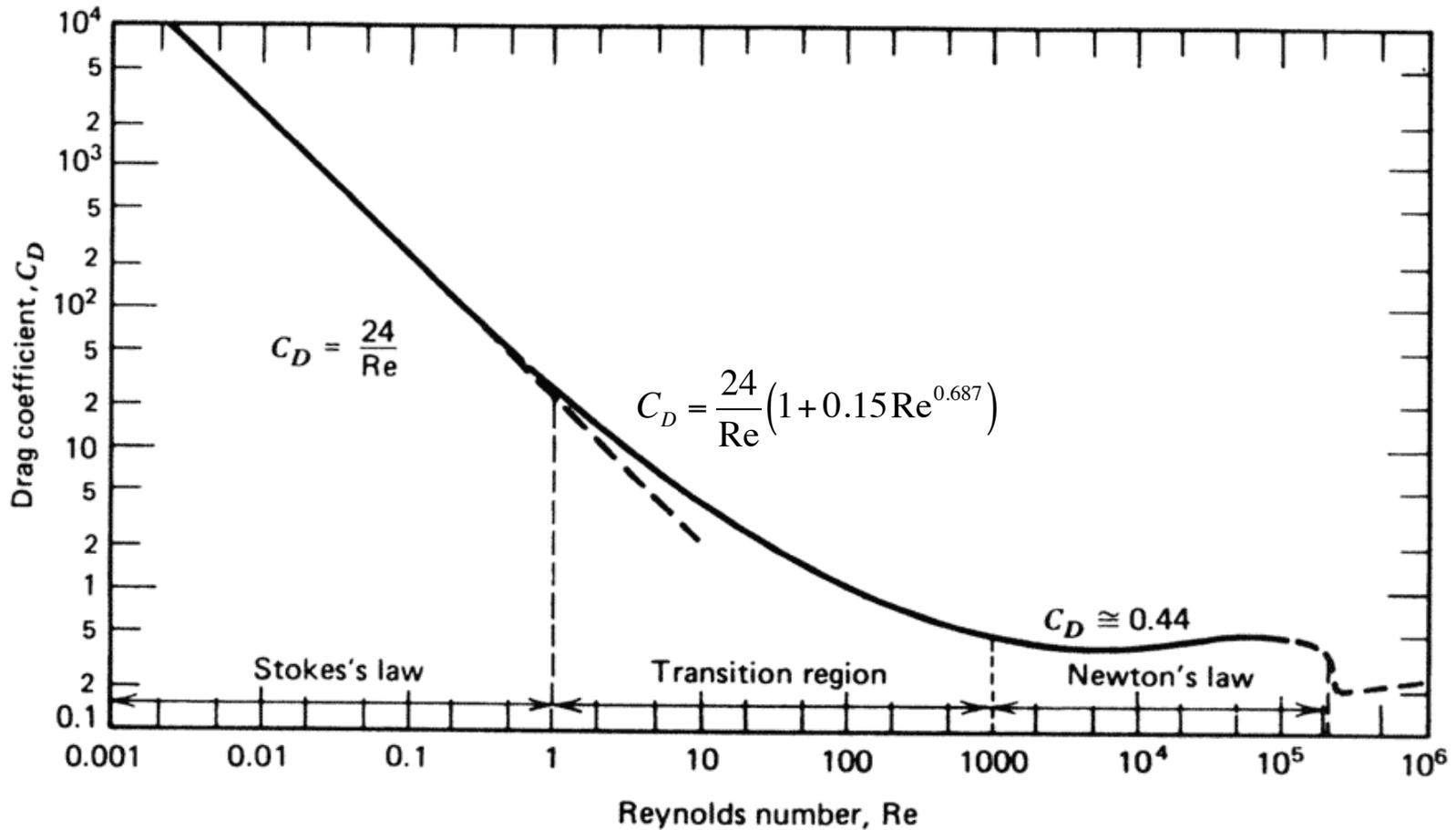
$$F_D = C_D \frac{\pi}{8} \rho_{air} d_p^2 V^2 = 3\pi\mu Vd_p$$

$$C_D = \frac{24\mu}{\rho_{air} Vd_p} = \frac{24}{Re}$$

- Therefore, in the Stoke's regime ( $Re < 1$ ) the drag coefficient is  $24/Re$

# Particle motion in gases

- Drag coefficient,  $C_D$ :



**FIGURE 3.1** Drag coefficient versus Reynolds number for spheres.

# Particle motion in gases

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- Re for various particle diameters at STP:
  - Reynolds numbers for particles in air falling at their terminal settling velocities at 298 K

Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$Re$
0.1	$7 \times 10^{-9}$
1	$2.8 \times 10^{-6}$
10	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$
20	0.02
60	0.4
100	2
300	20

- Almost all atmospheric aerosols are in the Stoke's regime and Stoke's law can be applied (i.e.,  $d_p < \sim 80 \mu\text{m}$ )

# Particle motion in gases

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- In the derivation of Stoke's law, it is assumed that the relative velocity of the gas (air) at the surface of the particle is zero
- This doesn't hold for small particles whose size approaches the mean free path of air ( $Kn \leq 1$ )
  - Particles less than about 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- Stoke's law has to be corrected for "slip" conditions:
  - Cunningham slip correction factor,  $C_C$ :

$$F_D = \frac{3\pi\mu V d_p}{C_C}$$

$$C_C = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{d_p} \left( 2.34 + 1.05 e^{-0.39 \frac{d_p}{\lambda}} \right)$$

Based on  $Kn \rightarrow$  lets you use Stoke's law for all regimes

# Particle motion in gases

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- Where are we going with this?
- Settling velocity
  - When a particle is released into the air, it quickly reaches its “terminal settling velocity”
    - $V_{TS}$  is a condition of constant velocity wherein the drag force of the air on the particle  $F_D$  is exactly equal but opposite to the force of gravity  $F_G$

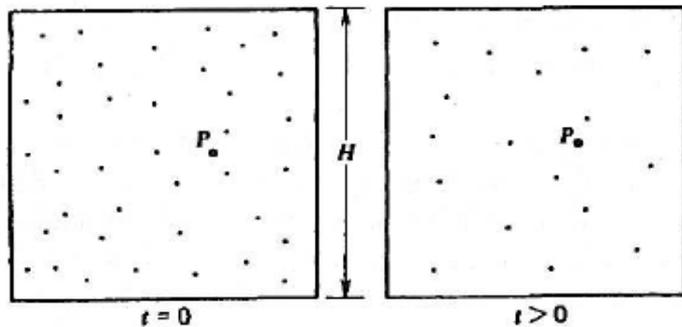
$$F_G = mg = \frac{\pi}{6} \rho_p d_p^3 g \qquad F_D = \frac{3\pi\mu V d_p}{C_C}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \rho_p d_p^3 g = \frac{3\pi\mu V d_p}{C_C}$$

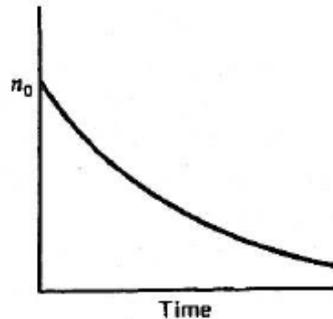
$$V_{TS} = \frac{\rho_p d_p^2 g C_C}{18\mu}$$

# Particle motion in gases

- Terminal settling velocity for particles at STP
- What can we use  $V_{TS}$  for?
- Imagine “stirred settling”

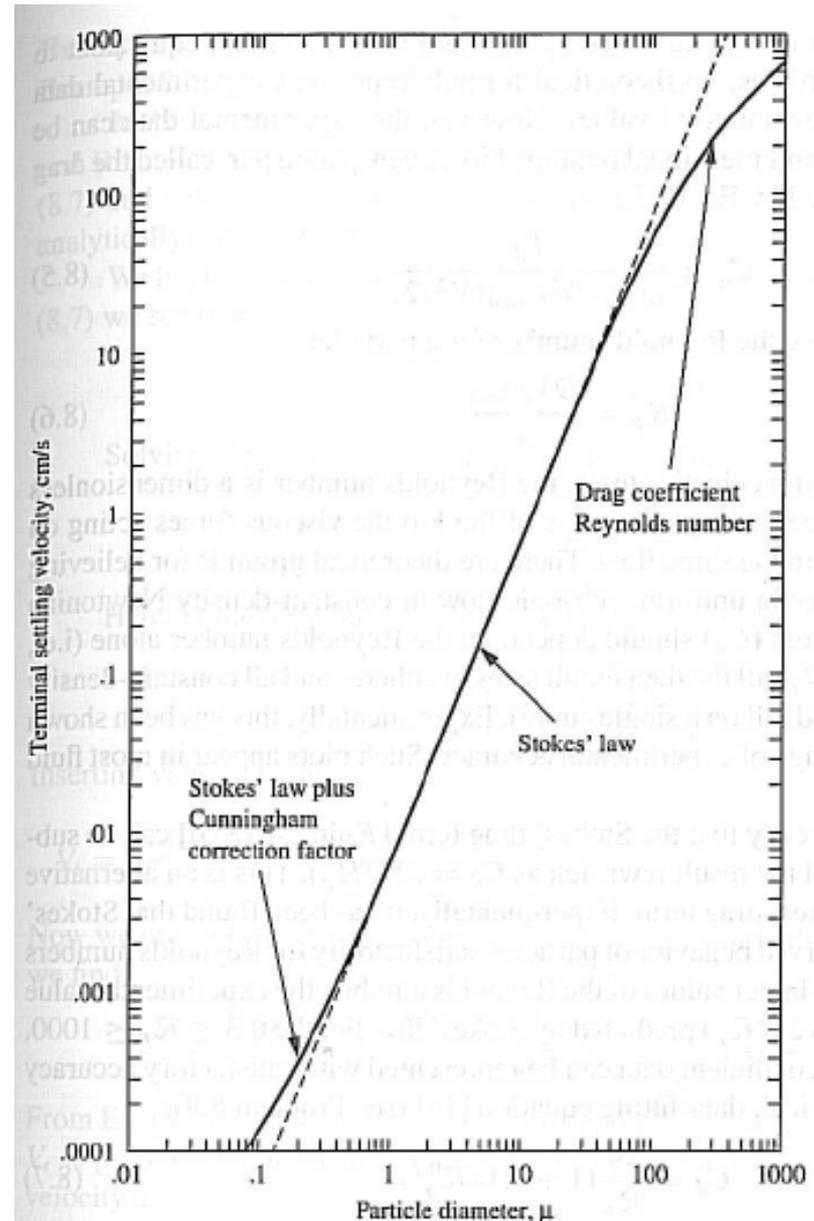


Concentration at P



$$N(t) = N_{t=0} e^{-\frac{V_{TS}t}{H}}$$

Larger particles settle out of the air faster!



# Particle motion in gases

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- Other forces governing particle motion
  - Gravity (already covered)
  - Inertial impaction
  - Brownian diffusion
  - Electrophoretic
  - Thermophoretic
- A couple of other important particle properties also exist
  - Let's define these first:
    - Equivalent diameters
    - Aerodynamic diameters
    - Stokes diameters

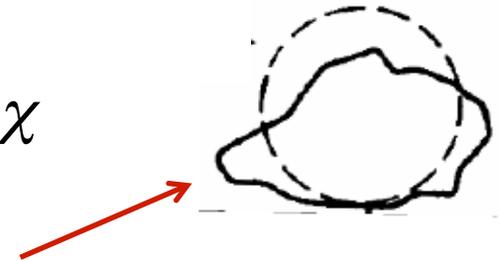
# Non-spherical particles: equivalent diameters

- Many aerosol particles are not spherical
  - For example, soot particles, mineral dust, sea salt
- We can account for the effect of shape on particle motion by introducing a **dynamic shape factor**,  $\chi$ :

Shape	Dynamic Shape Factor, <sup>a</sup> $\chi$		
	Axial Ratio		
	2	5	10
<i>Geometric Shapes</i>			
Sphere	1.00		
Cube <sup>b</sup>	1.08		
Cylinder <sup>b</sup>			
Vertical axis	1.01	1.06	1.20
Horizontal axis	1.14	1.34	1.58
Orientation averaged	1.09	1.23	1.43
Straight chain <sup>c</sup>	1.10	1.35	1.68
Compact cluster			
Three spheres	1.15		
Four spheres	1.17		
<i>Dusts</i>			
Bituminous coal <sup>d</sup>	1.05–1.11		
Quartz <sup>d</sup>	1.36		
Sand <sup>d</sup>	1.57		
Talc <sup>e</sup>	1.88		

$$V_{TS} = \frac{\rho_p g C_C d_e^2}{18\mu\chi}$$

$$F_D = \frac{3\pi\mu V d_e}{C_C} \chi$$



$d_e$  = volume equivalent diameter, or the diameter of a sphere having the same volume and density as the nonspherical particle

$\chi$  = ratio of the actual resisting force of the nonspherical particle to the resisting force a sphere of the same volume and density would have

# Aerodynamic and Stokes diameters

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- Two other equivalent diameters are commonly used
- The **aerodynamic diameter** ( $d_a$ ) is the diameter of a spherical particles having the density of water (1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and having the same settling velocity as the particle in question
- The **Stokes diameter** ( $d_s$ ) is the diameter of a spherical particle having the same density and settling velocity as the particle in question

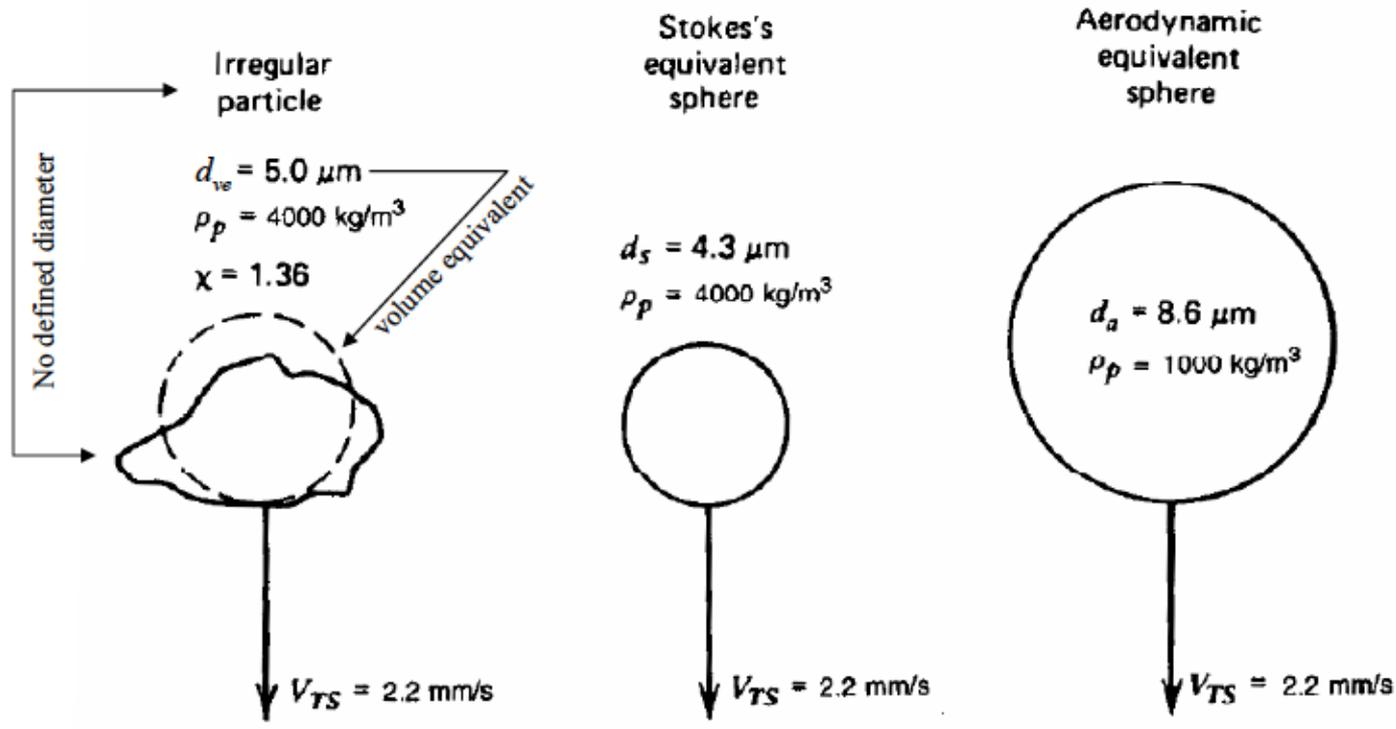
$$V_{TS} = \frac{\rho_p g C_C(d_e) d_e^2}{18\mu\chi} = \frac{\rho_0 g C_C(d_a) d_a^2}{18\mu} = \frac{\rho_p g C_C(d_s) d_s^2}{18\mu}$$

- Note that  $C_C$  has to be calculated as functions of the diameter you're using

# Aerodynamic and Stokes diameters

- For particles with  $d_p > 1 \mu\text{m}$  we can assume  $C_C = 1$ :

$$\frac{\rho_p d_{ve}^2}{\chi} = \rho_p d_S^2 = \rho_0 d_a^2$$



Non-spherical particle and its equivalent diameters

# Other forces

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- We don't have time to cover these in full detail
  - Inertial impaction
  - Brownian diffusion
  - Electrophoretic/electrostatic forces
  - Thermophoretic
- But I will provide basic concepts and equations so we can understand what removes particles of various  $d_p$  from air

# Other important forces

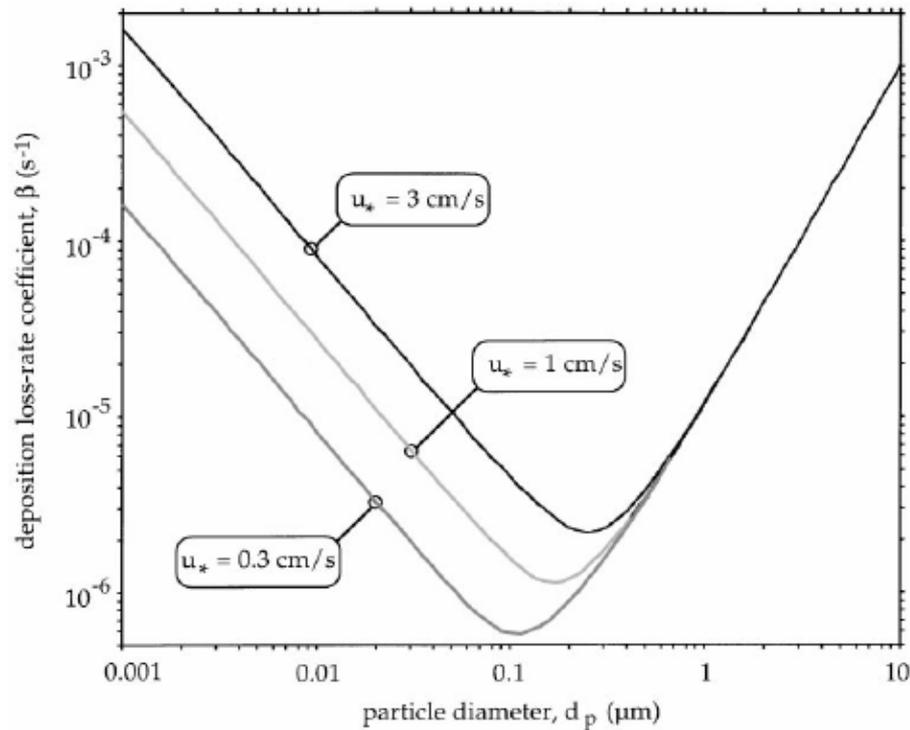
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- Inertial impaction
  - Inertial transfer of particles onto surfaces
  - Important for larger particles: scales with  $d_p^2$
- Brownian diffusion
  - Movement by random molecular motion across a concentration gradient
  - Important for smaller particles: scales with  $1/d_p$
- Electrophoretic/electrostatic forces
  - Particles can and do acquire charges and can be attracted to oppositely charged surfaces
  - Important for smaller particles: scales with  $1/d_p$
- Thermophoretic forces
  - Particle movement driven by a temperature gradient
  - Weak function of  $d_p$  (but nearly constant for all  $d_p$ )

# All forces combine to impact particle deposition

- More on this later, but these effects combine to influence particle deposition

- Particle deposition rate onto surfaces (1/hr):  $k_{dep} = \frac{v_d A}{V}$



\*Note that ‘friction velocity’ is a function of the ratio of shear stress at a surface to air density

Fig. 5. Particle deposition loss-rate coefficient,  $\beta$ , for typical room dimensions (3 m high  $\times$  4 m  $\times$  5 m) according to the current model. Friction velocities of 0.3–3 cm s<sup>-1</sup> approximately span the range expected for mechanically ventilated indoor spaces. Predictions assume air pressure is 1 atm, temperature is 293 K and particle density is 1.0 g cm<sup>-3</sup>.

# **PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS**

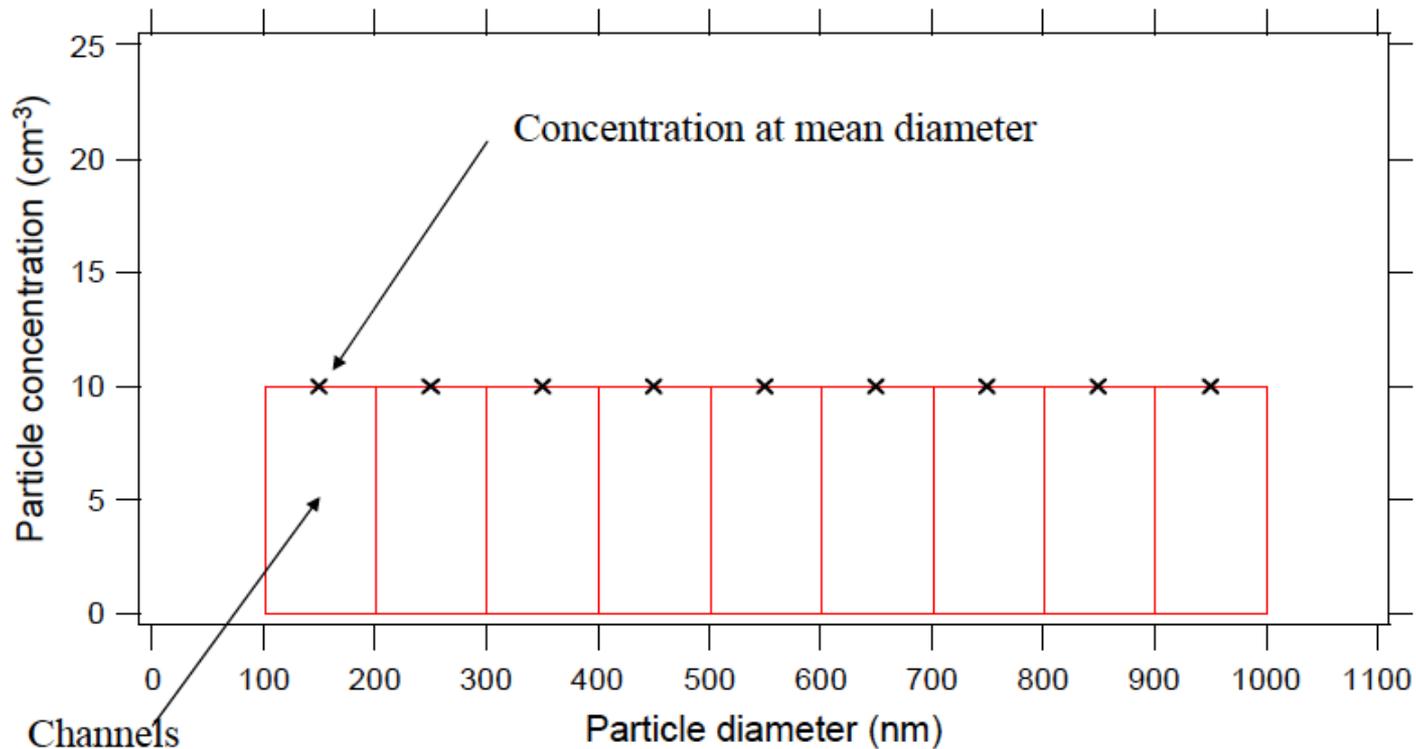
# Size distributions

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- A **monodisperse** aerosol (i.e., all particles have the same size) does not exist in the ambient atmosphere
  - Not indoors or outdoors
- What we have are **polydispersed** aerosols
  - So we need to describe the sizes of aerosol particles with a size distribution, which gives the concentration of particles as a function of particle diameter
  - Practically, a number concentration is determined between ranges of particle sizes: e.g., in the range  $d_{p2} - d_{p1}$  or  $\Delta d_p$  or  $dd_p$ 
    - Number of particles with diameters between  $d_{p2}$  and  $d_{p1}$

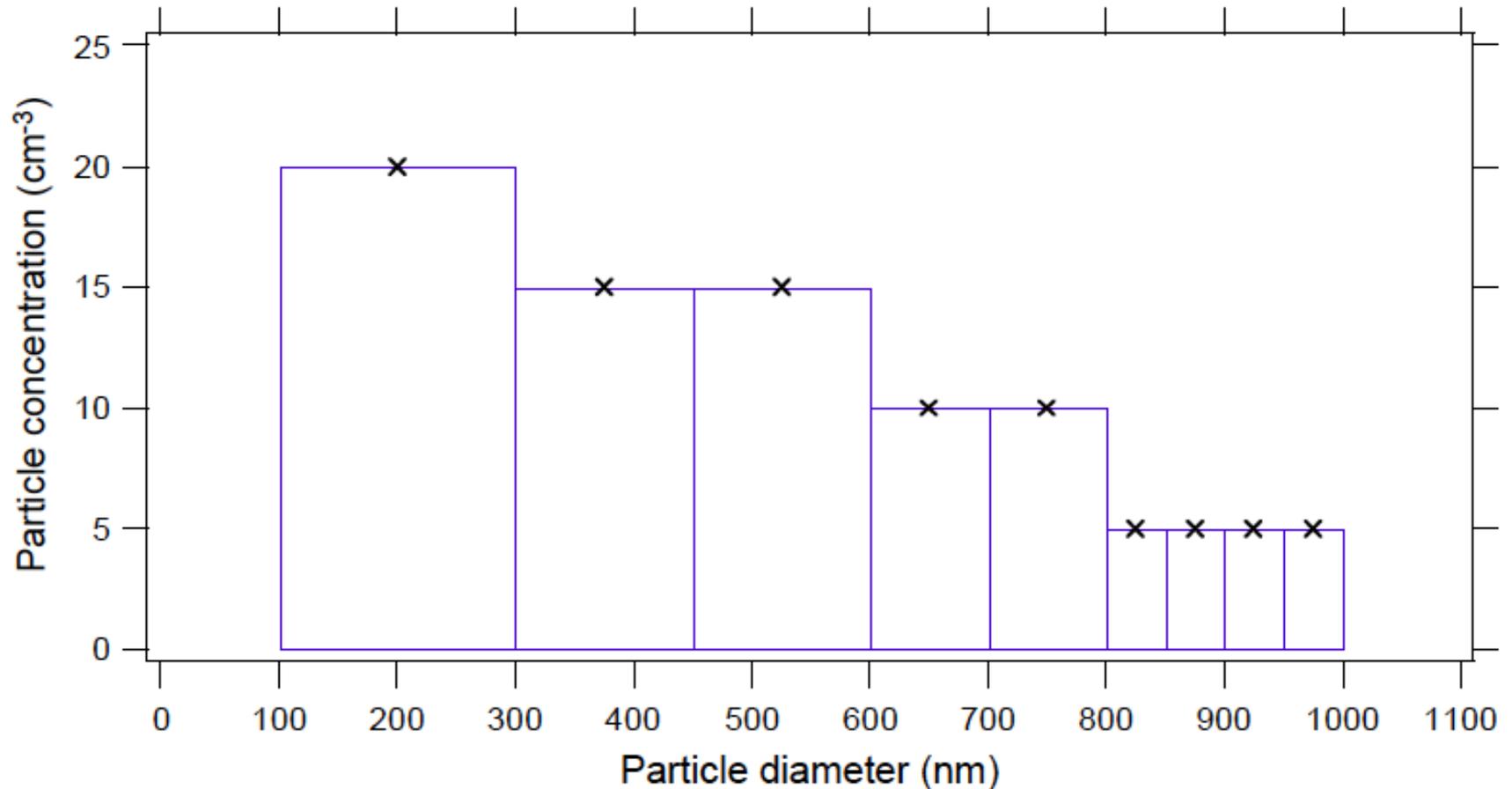
# Size distributions

- 9 size channels, width of 100 nm each, each with 10 particles per  $\text{cm}^3$
- We consider the measured concentration as  $dN$  in each channel



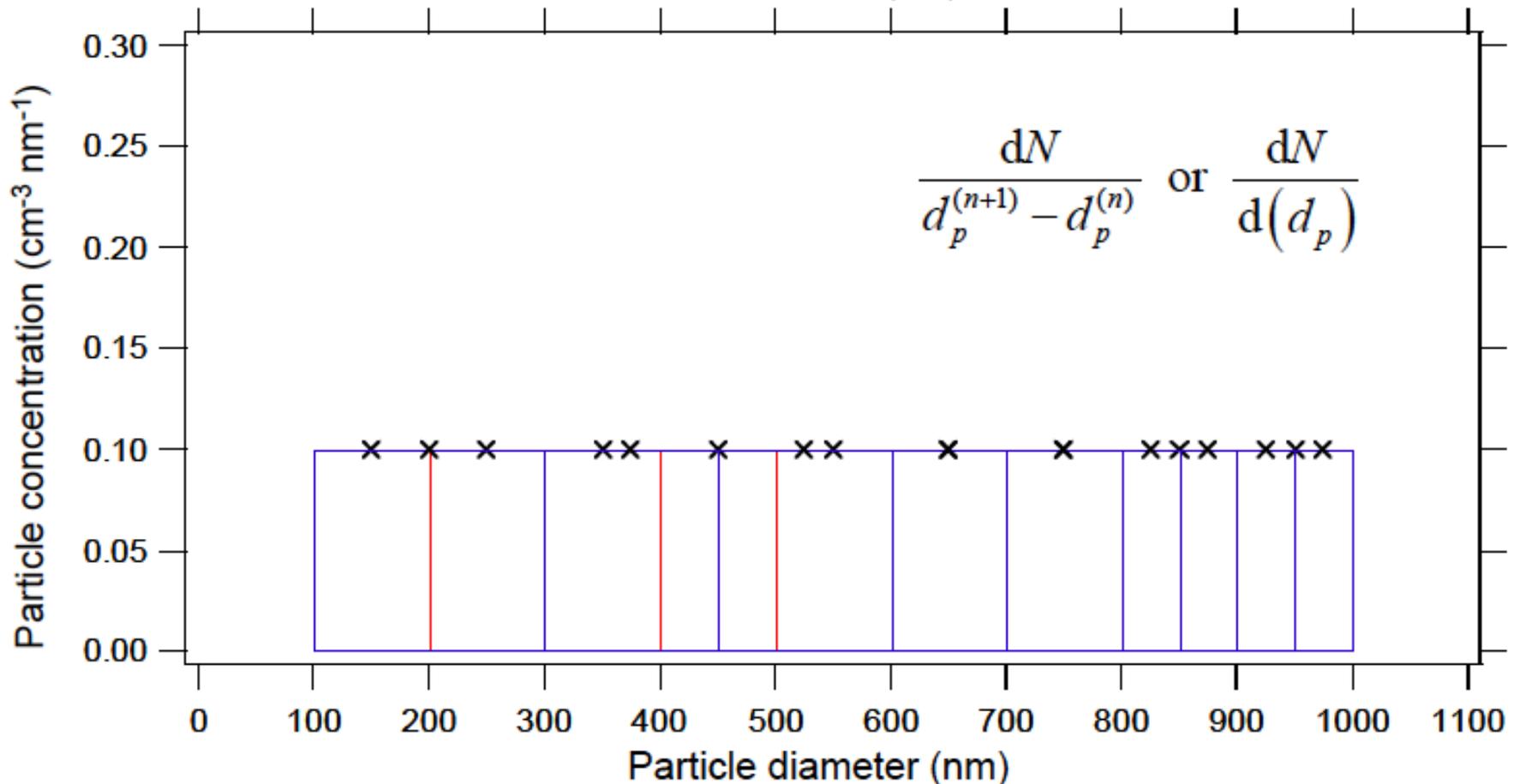
# Size distributions

- If we use a different instrument with different channel widths, the shape of the distribution changes:



# Size distributions

- To avoid this sizing effect, we divide the measured concentrations (dN) by the width of the size channels

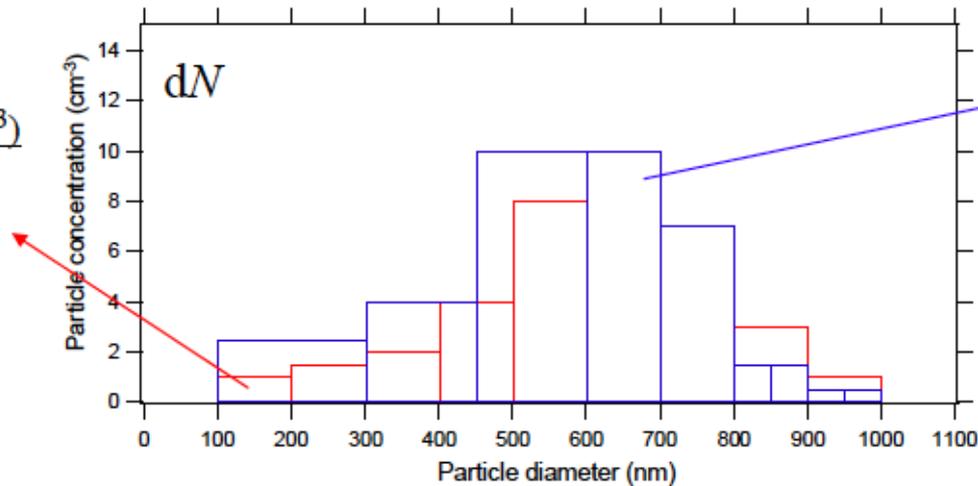


# Size distributions

- Similar example but for a more realistic size distribution

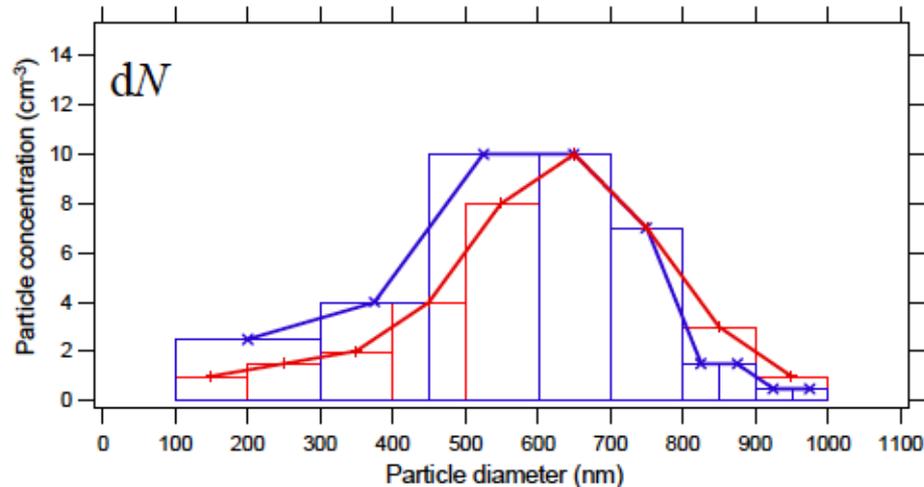
"Instrument 1"

Channel	N (cm <sup>-3</sup> )
100-200	1
200-300	1.5
300-400	2
400-500	4
500-600	8
600-700	10
700-800	7
800-900	3
900-1000	1



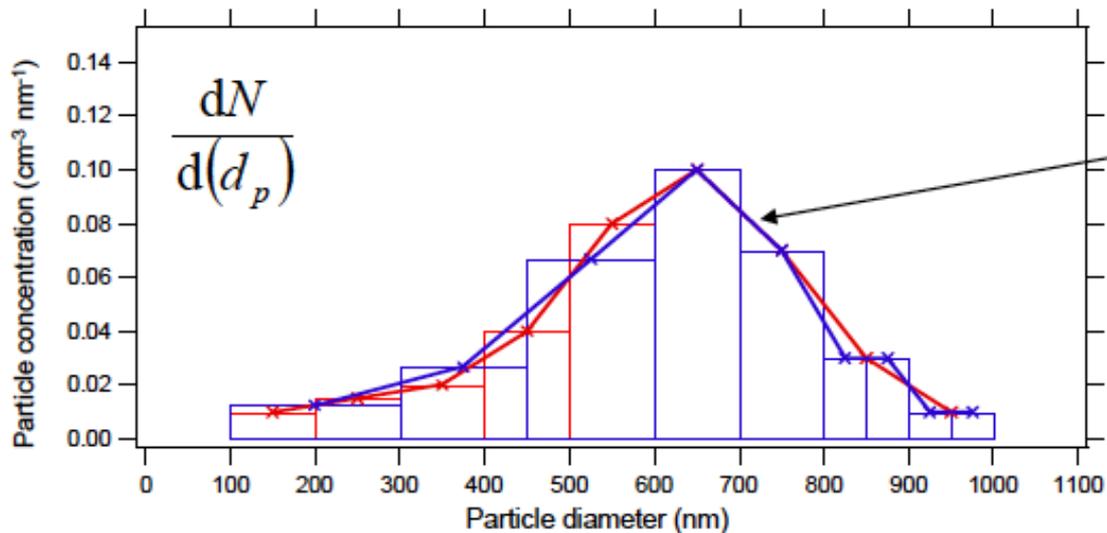
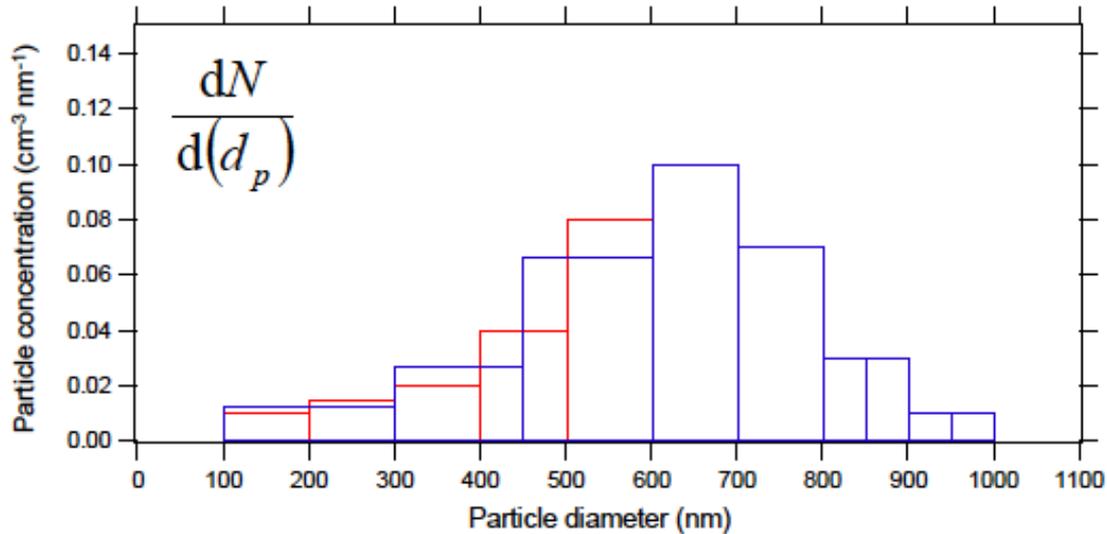
"Instrument 2"

Channel	N (cm <sup>-3</sup> )
100-300	2.5
300-450	4
450-600	10
600-700	10
700-800	7
800-850	1.5
850-900	1.5
900-950	0.5
950-1000	0.5



# Size distributions

- Divide by the channel widths

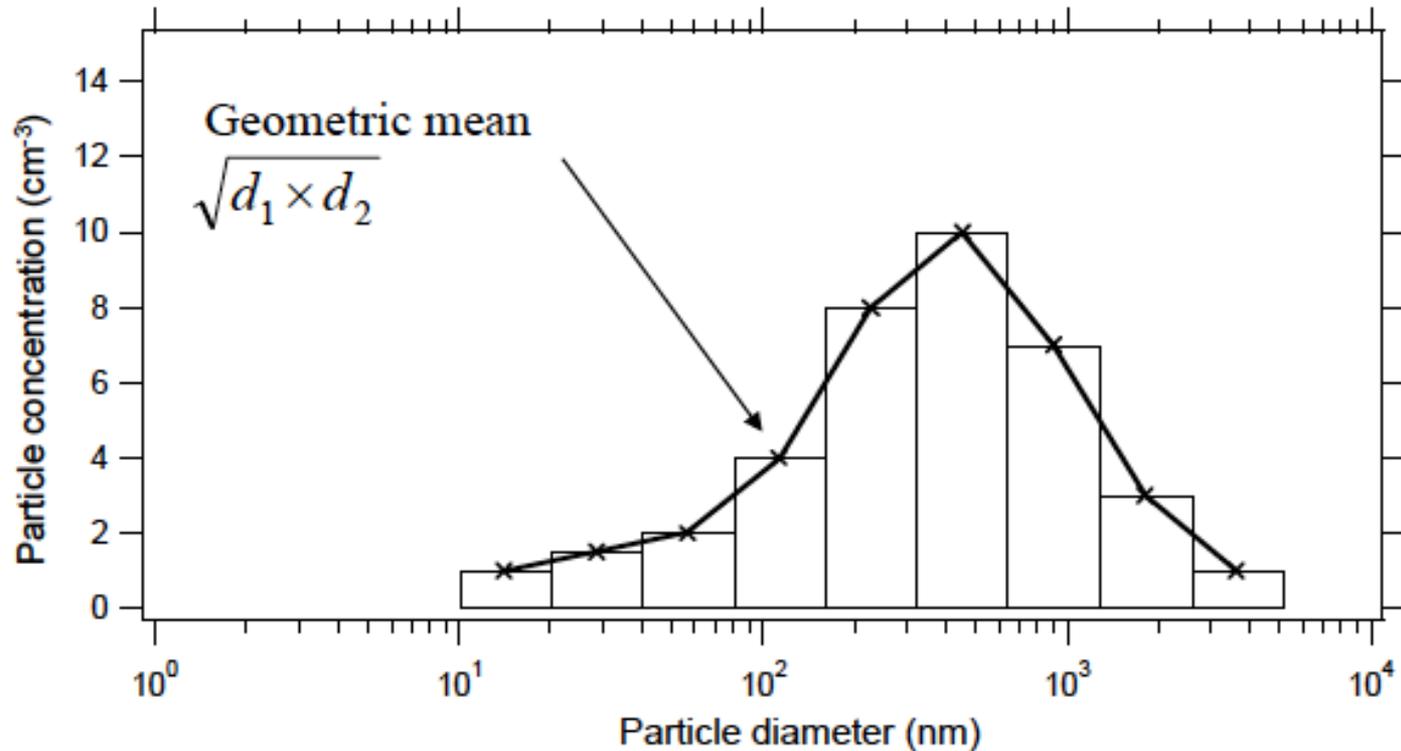


Almost the same distribution despite different measurement channels for the two instruments

# Size distributions

- Since the size range of aerosol particles typically ranges over several orders of magnitude, we commonly use log scales for the x-axis ( $d_p$ )

Channel	N ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )
10-20	1
20-40	1.5
40-80	2
80-160	4
160-320	8
320-640	10
640-1280	7
1280-2560	3
2560-5120	1

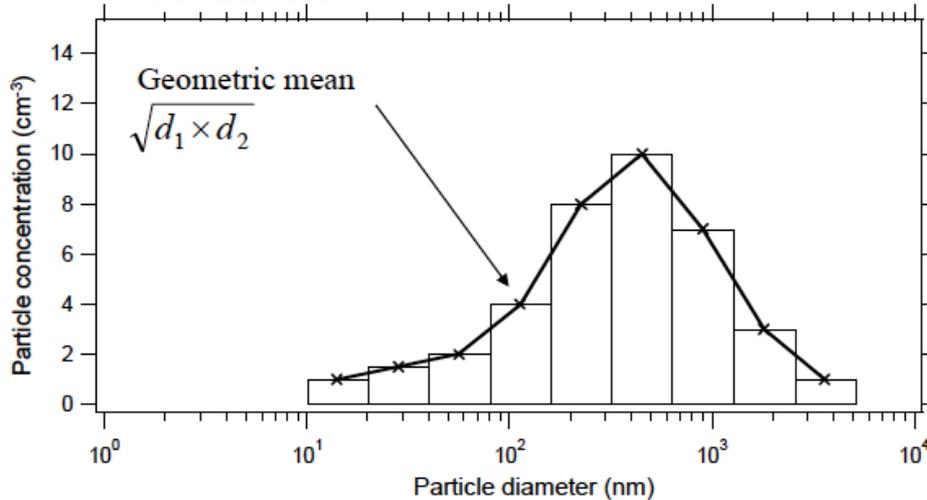


# Size distributions

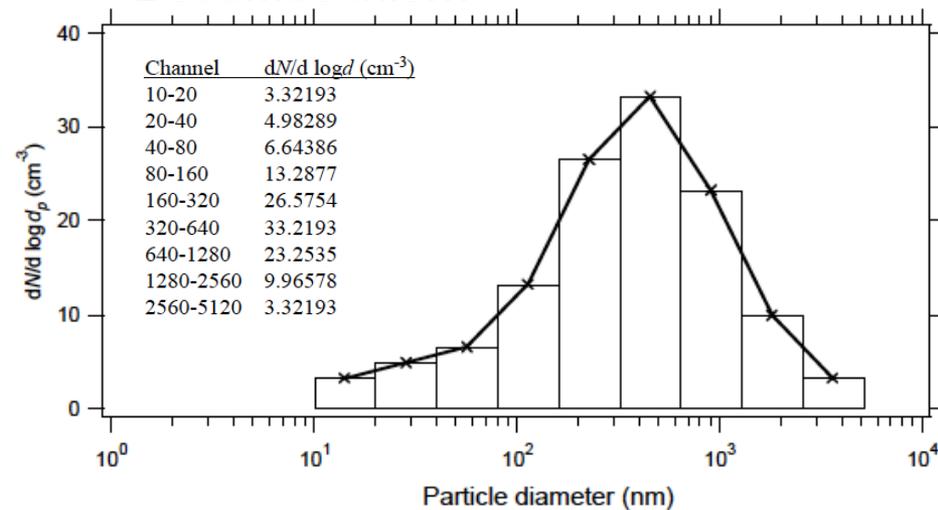
- For log scales we need to account for the channel width differently:

$$\frac{dN}{d \log d_p} = \frac{dN}{\log(d_{p,upperbound}) - \log(d_{p,lowerbound})}$$

So this...



Becomes this...

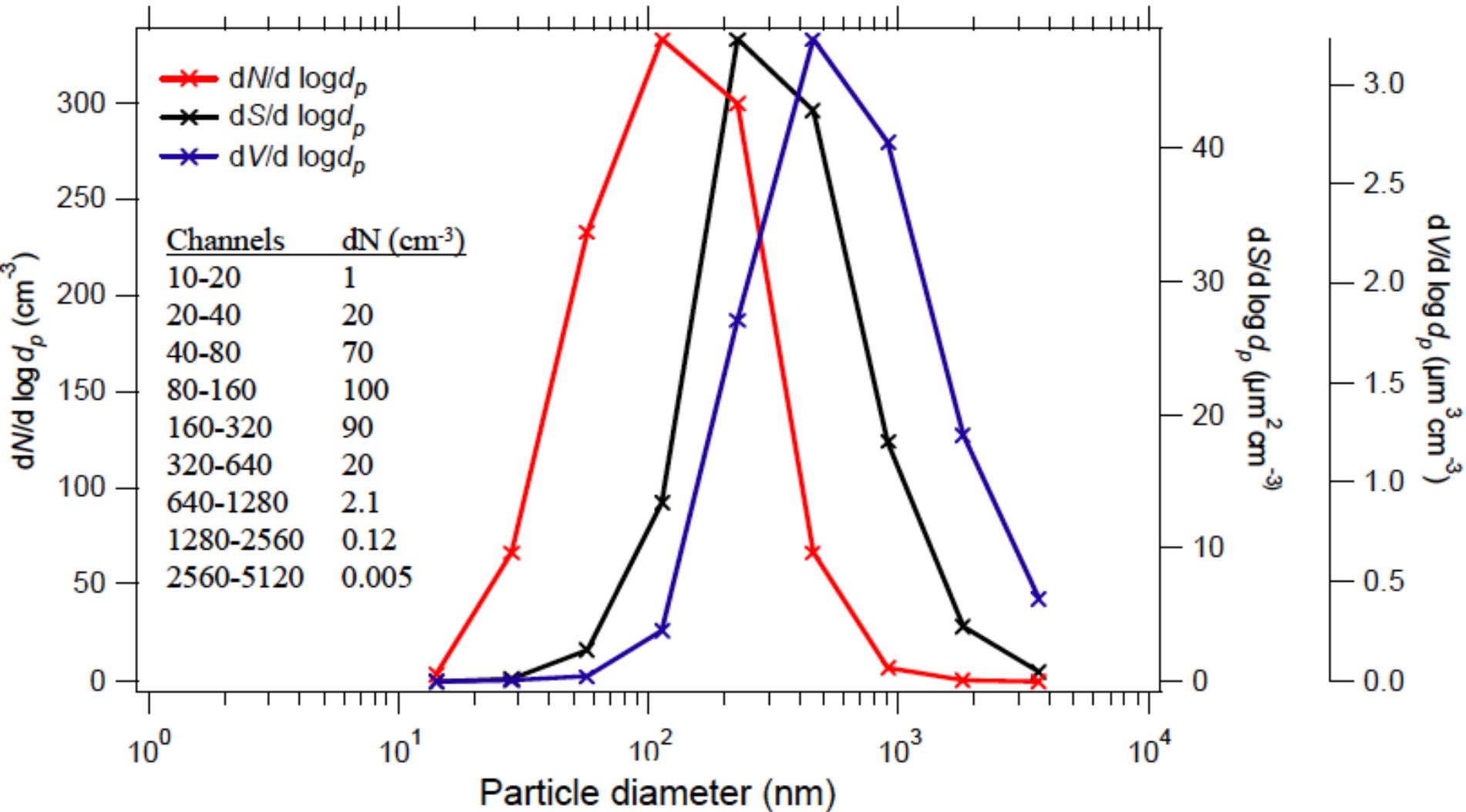


# Number, surface area, volume, and mass distributions

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- Assuming spherical particles, the number concentration for each particle diameter can be converted to surface and volume concentrations:
- Surface area ( $\mu\text{m}^2$  per  $\text{cm}^3$ ):  $dS = \pi d_p^2 dN$
- Volume ( $\mu\text{m}^3$  per  $\text{cm}^3$ ):  $dV = \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3 dN$
- If we know particle density
  - We can estimate the mass distribution ( $\mu\text{g}$  per  $\text{cm}^3$ ):  $dM = \rho_p \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3 dN$

# Number, surface area, volume, and mass distributions



# Describing distributions

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- Arithmetic mean particle diameter = ‘count mean diameter’

$$CMD = d_{mean} = \bar{d}_p = \frac{1}{N_{tot}} \sum_{k=1}^n d_{p,k} N_k$$

$n$ : number of size channels  $d_{p,k}$ : mean channel diameters,  
 $N_k$ : number concentrations,  $N_{tot}$ : integrated number concentration.

- For continuous distribution  $N(d_p)$ :

$$\bar{d}_p = \frac{1}{N_{tot}} \int_0^{\infty} d_p N(d_p) dd_p$$

- Geometric mean particle diameter ( $d_g$ )

$$\log d_g = \frac{1}{N_{tot}} \sum_{k=1}^n \log d_{p,k} N_k$$

# Describing distributions

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- Atmospheric aerosols are often described by a lognormal distribution
  - Allows for characterization of an aerosol with only 3 parameters

- Normal distribution: 
$$n(x) = \frac{N}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{\left(-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}$$

- Lognormal distribution: 
$$\frac{dN}{d \log d_p} = \frac{N}{\sqrt{2\pi} \log \sigma_g} e^{\left(-\frac{(\log d_p - \log \bar{d}_g)^2}{2(\log \sigma_g)^2}\right)}$$

- Where:

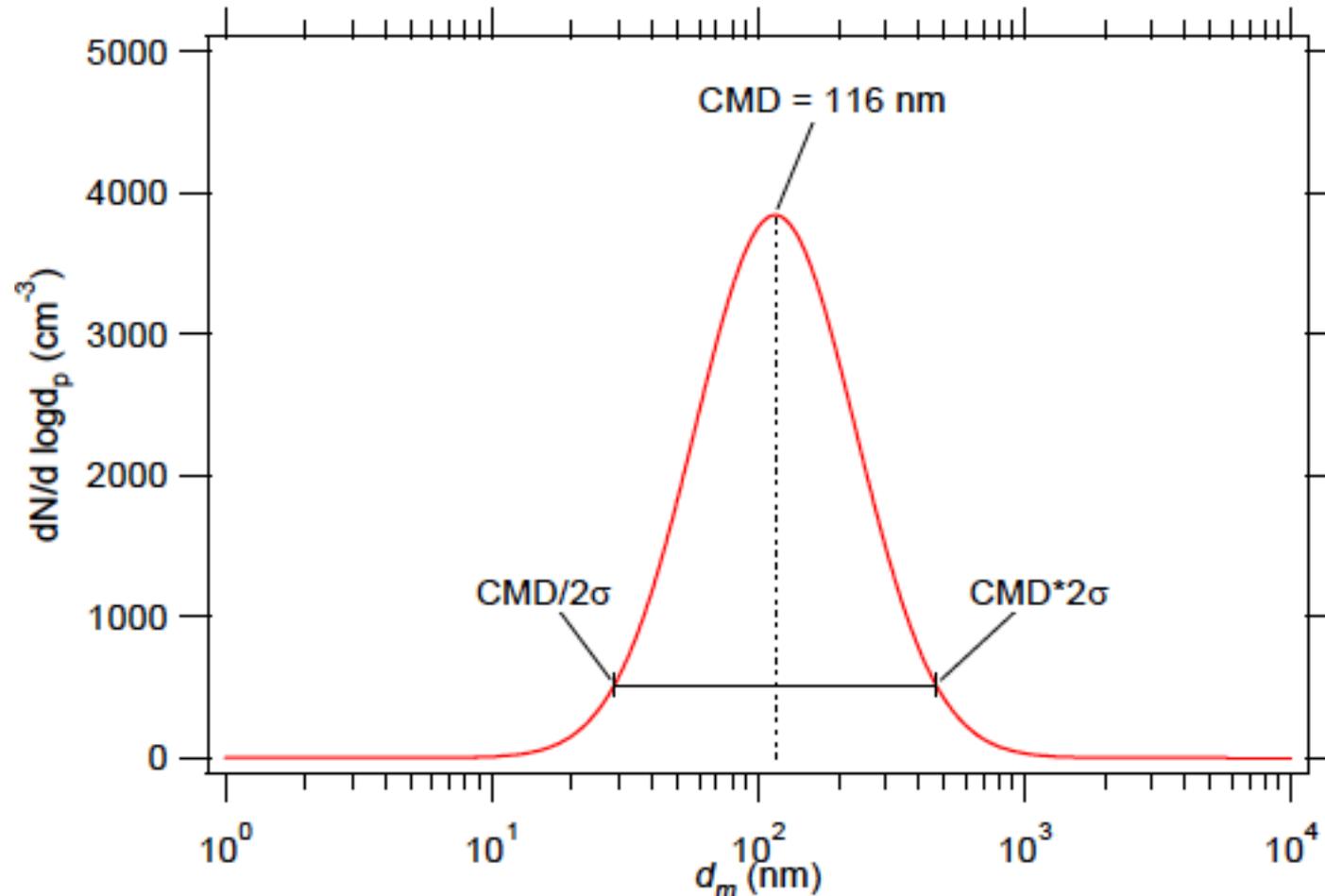
$N$ : Total particle number concentration

$\sigma_g$ : Geometric standard deviation

$\bar{d}_g$ : Geometric mean diameter:  $\log \bar{d}_g = \frac{\sum n_i \log d_i}{N}$

# Lognormal distribution

- 95% of particles are in a size range given by:  $e^{\ln \bar{d}_g \pm 2 \ln \sigma_g}$



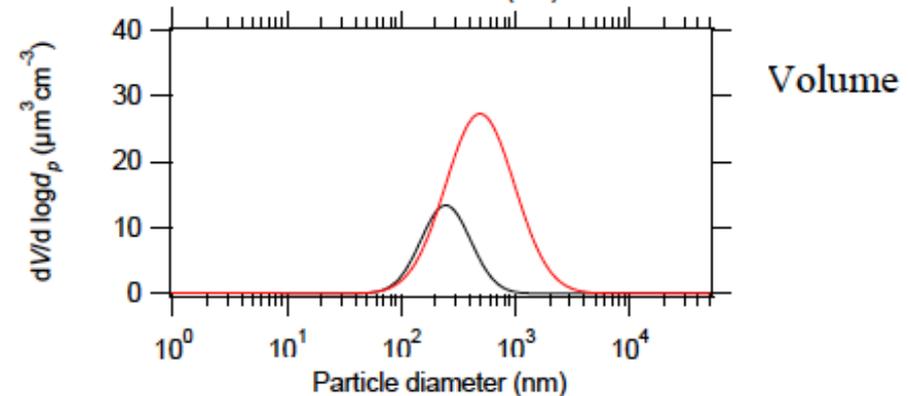
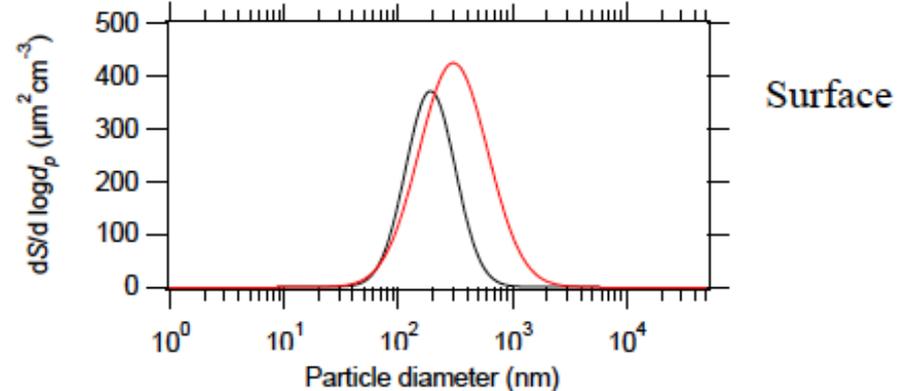
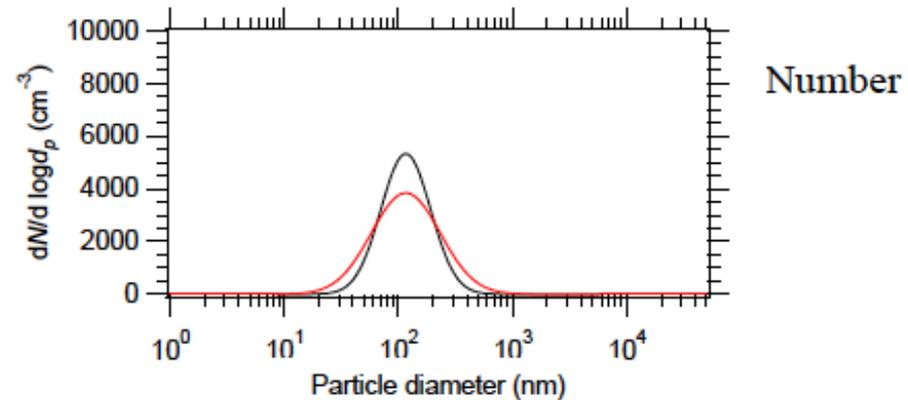
# Lognormal distribution

- Example distribution for one 'mode':

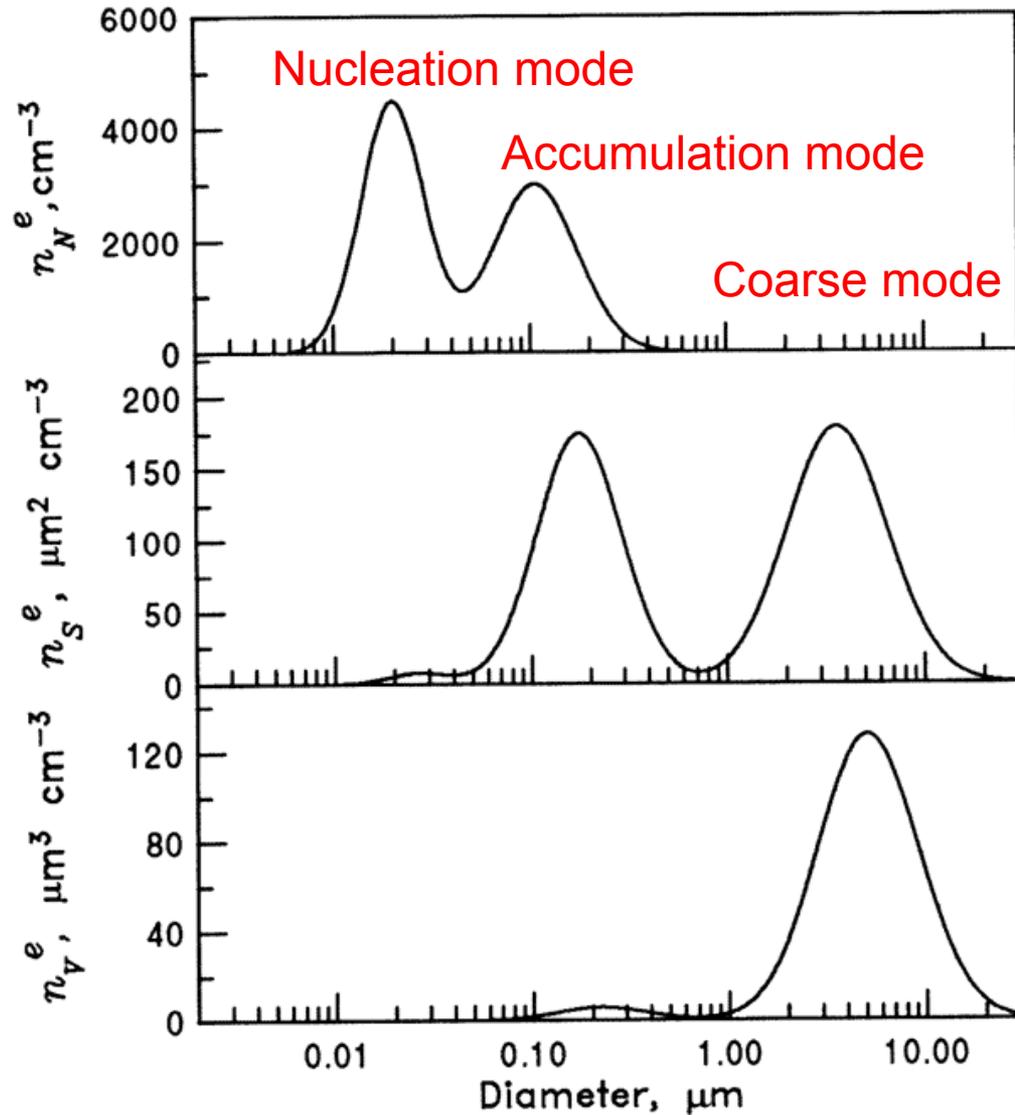
$$N = 2900 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

~~$$\sigma_g = 1.65$$~~ 
$$\sigma_g = 2.0$$

$$\bar{d}_g = 116 \text{ nm}$$



# Typical aerosol distributions



# Lognormal distributions: summing across modes

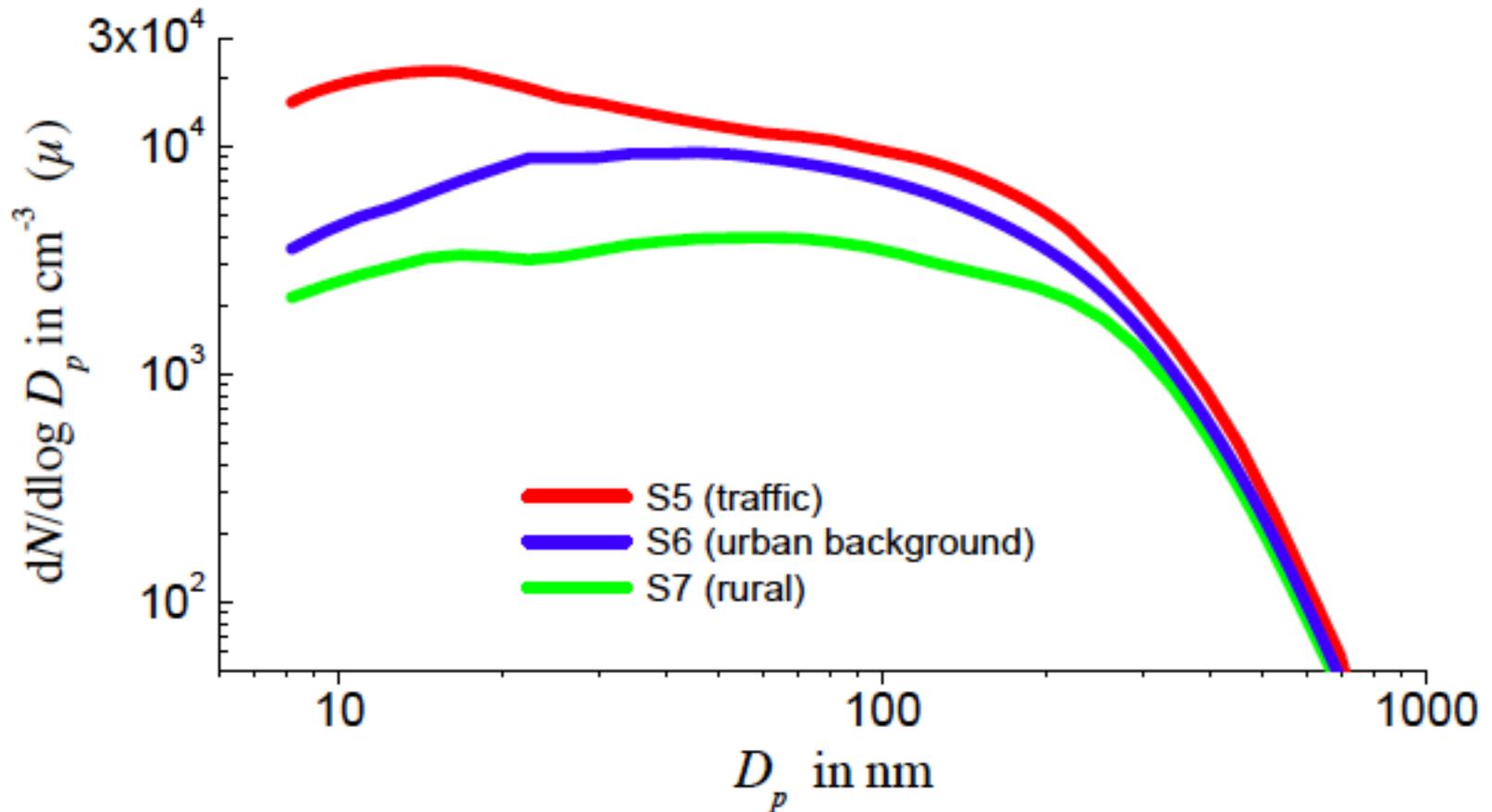
$$\frac{dN}{d \log d_p} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_i}{\sqrt{2\pi} \log \sigma_i} e^{-\left(\frac{(\log d_p - \log \bar{d}_{g,i})^2}{2(\log \sigma_i)^2}\right)}$$

Type	Mode I			Mode II			Mode III		
	$N$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	$D_p$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\log \sigma$	$N$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	$D_p$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\log \sigma$	$N$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	$D_p$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$\log \sigma$
Urban	$9.93 \times 10^4$	0.013	0.245	$1.11 \times 10^3$	0.014	0.666	$3.64 \times 10^4$	0.05	0.337
Marine	133	0.008	0.657	66.6	0.266	0.210	3.1	0.58	0.396
Rural	6650	0.015	0.225	147	0.054	0.557	1990	0.084	0.266
Remote continental	3200	0.02	0.161	2900	0.116	0.217	0.3	1.8	0.380
Free troposphere	129	0.007	0.645	59.7	0.250	0.253	63.5	0.52	0.425
Polar	21.7	0.138	0.245	0.186	0.75	0.300	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	8.6	0.291
Desert	726	0.002	0.247	114	0.038	0.770	0.178	21.6	0.438

Source: Jaenicke (1993).

# Typical aerosol distributions

- Submicron particles in Germany



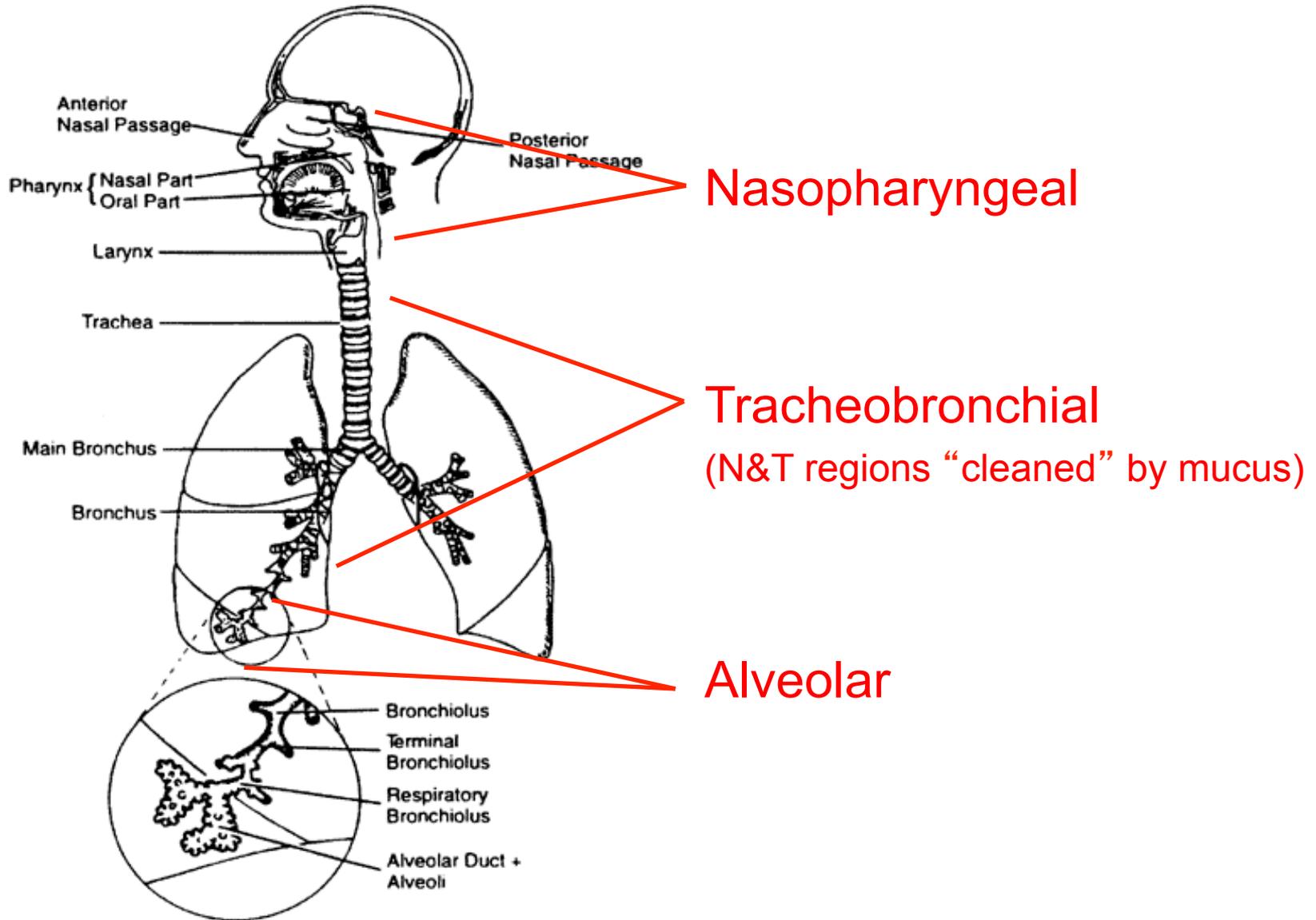
# **RESPIRATORY DEPOSITION**

# Why are we so concerned about particle size?

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- One reason is because particles of different sizes deposit in different areas of our respiratory system with different efficiencies
- Humans breathe 10-25 m<sup>3</sup>/day
  - ~0.5 L/breath at rest
  - ~12 breaths/minute at rest
- Surface area of lung devoted to gas exchange is ~75 m<sup>2</sup>
  - 1/2 area of singles tennis court in alveolar region
- Velocities range from cm/s to mm/s

# Human respiratory system



# Lung parameters

**TABLE 11.1 Characteristics of Selected Regions of the Lung<sup>a</sup>**

Airway	Generation	Number per Generation	Diameter (mm)	Length (mm)	Total Cross Section (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Velocity <sup>a</sup> (mm/s)	Residence Time <sup>b</sup> (ms)
Trachea	0	1	18	120	2.5	3900	30
Main bronchus	1	2	12	48	2.3	4300	11
Lobar bronchus	2	4	8.3	19	2.1	4600	4.1
Segmental bronchus	4	16	4.5	13	2.5	3900	3.2
Bronchi with cartilage in wall	8	260	1.9	6.4	6.9	1400	4.4
Terminal bronchus	11	2000	1.1	3.9	20	520	7.4
Bronchioles with muscles in wall	14	16,000	0.74	2.3	69	140	16
Terminal bronchiole	16	66,000	0.60	1.6	180	54	31
Respiratory bronchiole	18	$0.26 \times 10^6$	0.50	1.2	530	19	60
Alveolar duct	21	$2 \times 10^6$	0.43	0.7	3200	3.2	210
Alveolar sac	23	$8 \times 10^6$	0.41	0.5	72,000	0.9	550
Alveoli		$300 \times 10^6$	0.28	0.2			

<sup>a</sup>Based on Weibel's model A; regular dichotomy average adult lung with volume.  $0.0048 \text{ m}^3$  [ $4800 \text{ cm}^3$ ] at about three-fourths maximal inflation. Table adapted from Lippmann (1995).

<sup>b</sup>At a flow rate of  $3.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$  [ $1.0 \text{ L/s}$ ].

Note: based on steady flow

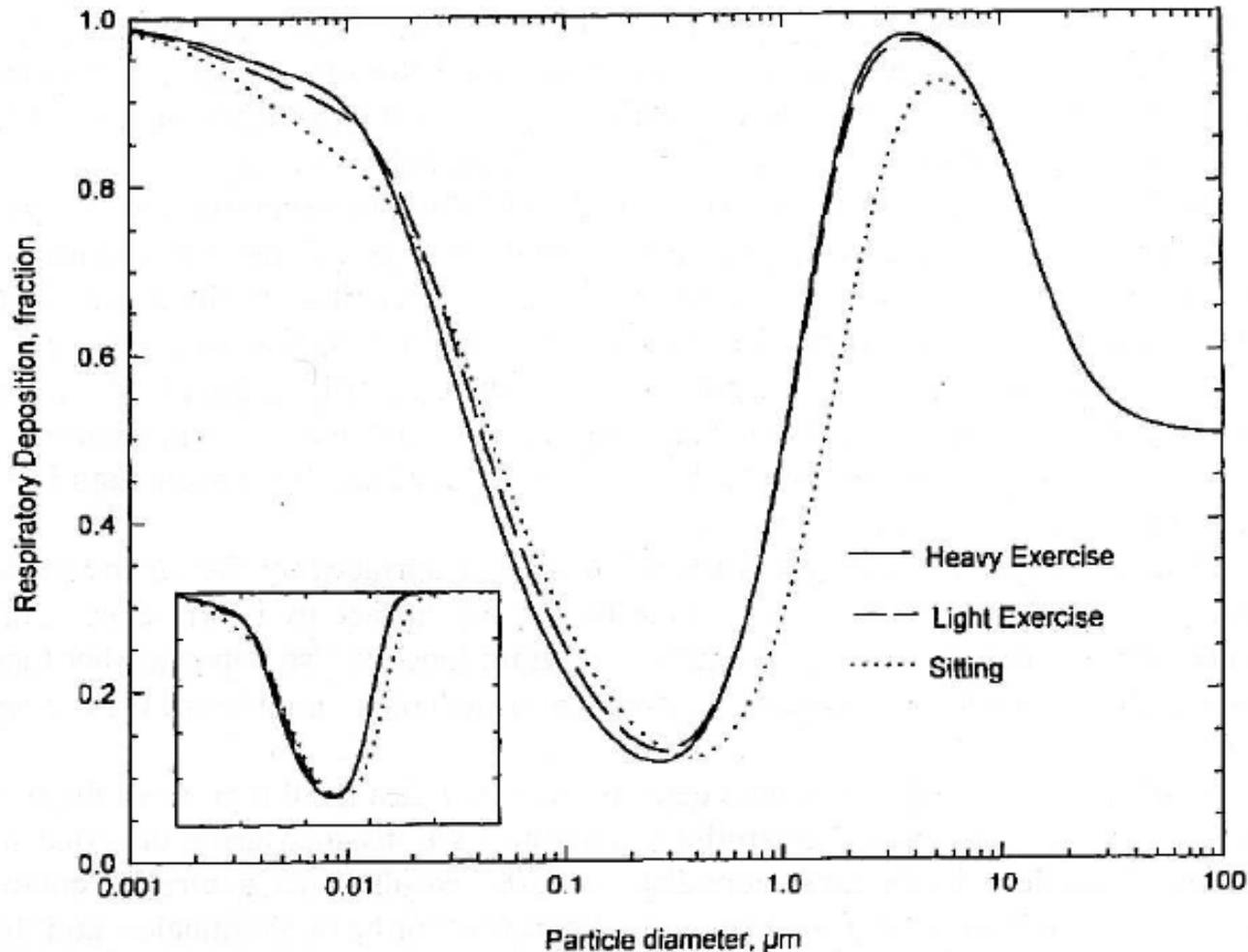
# Particle deposition in lungs

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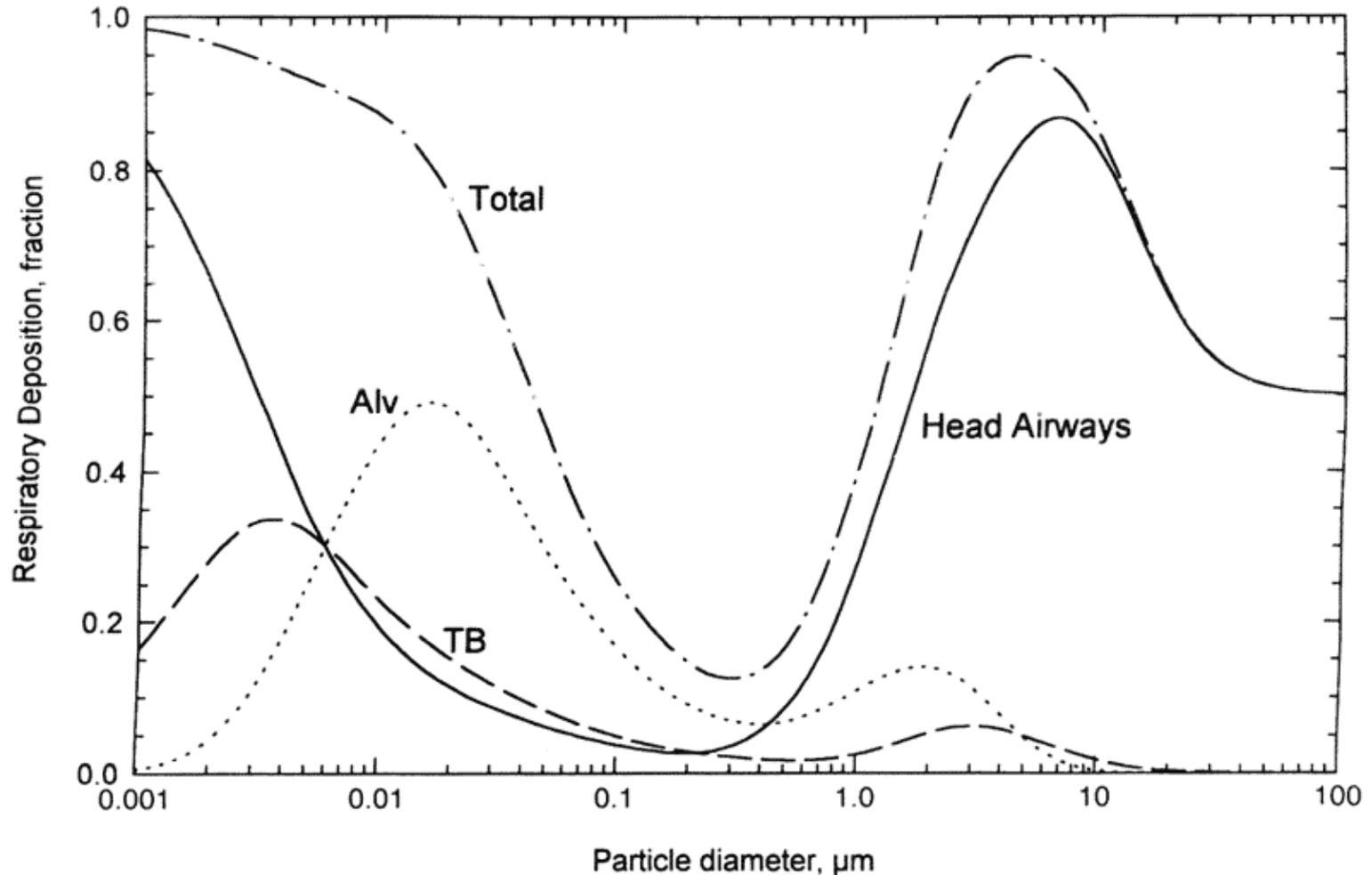
- Similar to other systems
  - Diffusion, settling, impaction are primary
  - Can neglect minor electrostatic forces
- Challenges
  - Flow field is developing and unsteady
  - Particles are growing (humidification)

# Total respiratory deposition

- Based on ICRP model, average for males/females
  - ICRP = International Commission on Radiological Protection

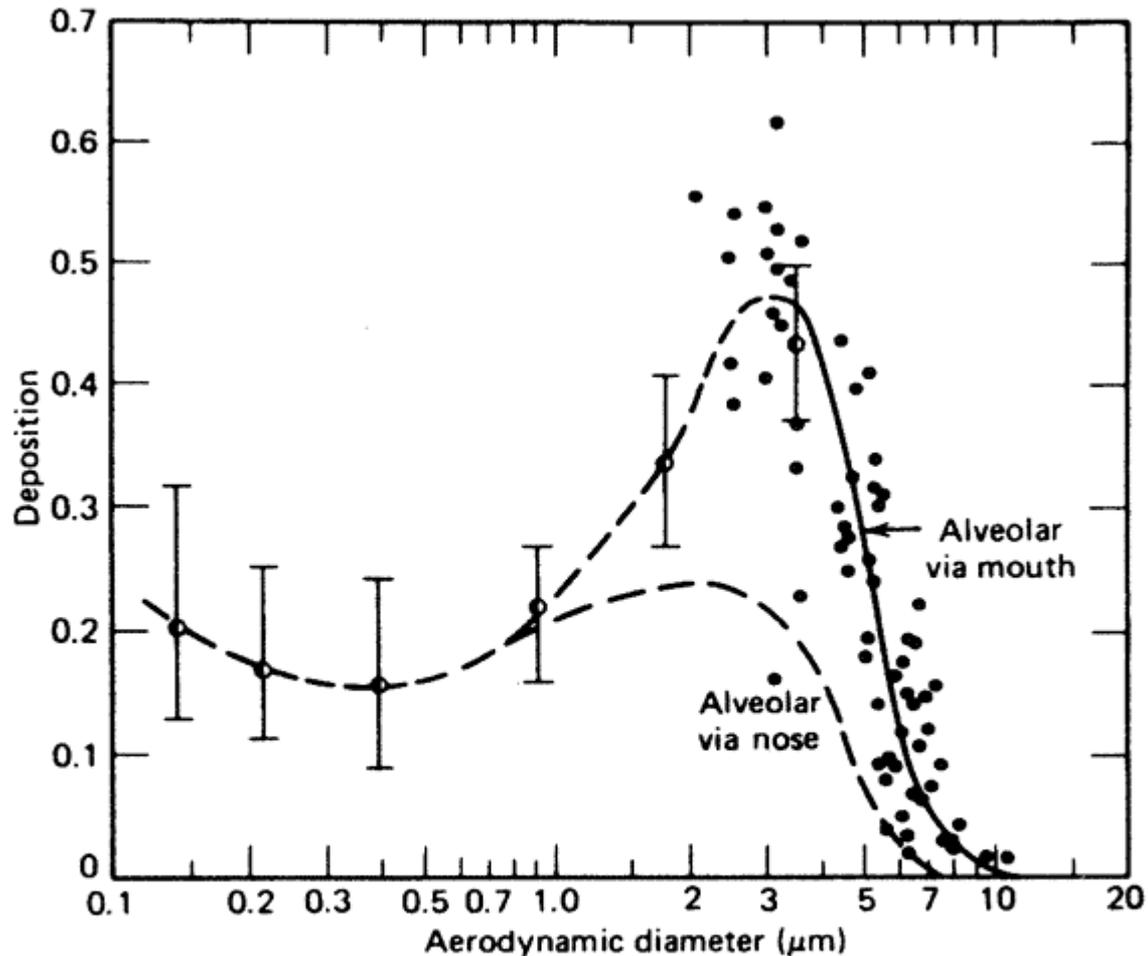


# Respiratory deposition by region



**FIGURE 11.3** Predicted total and regional deposition for light exercise (nose breathing) based on ICRP deposition model. Average data for males and females.

# Alveolar deposition



**FIGURE 11.4** Experimental data for deposition in the alveolar region. Deposition is expressed as a fraction of mouthpiece inhalation versus aerodynamic diameter (geometric diameter used below  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ). Reprinted with permission from Lippmann (1977).

# So what?

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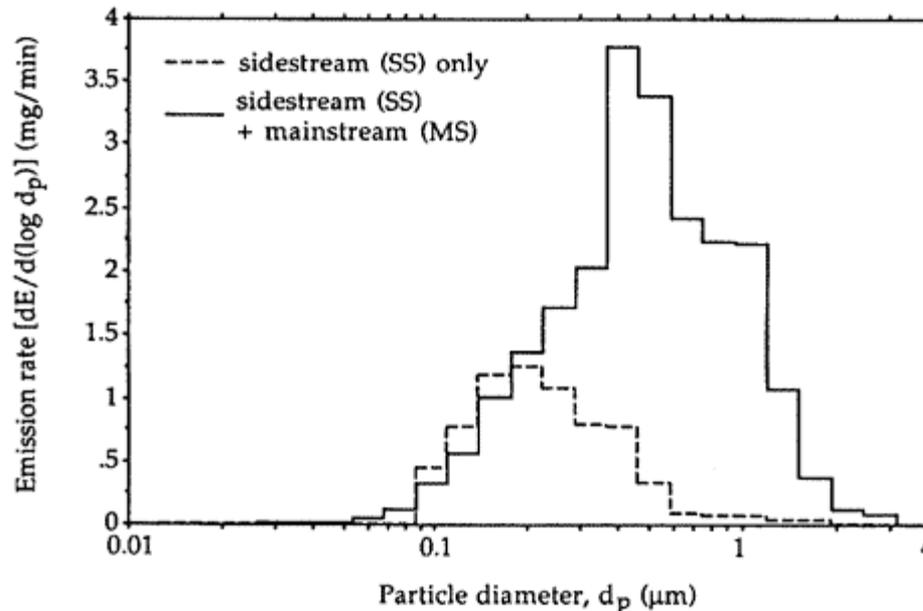
- We can examine different sources
  - e.g., ETS or cooking particles
- What particles will deposit in lungs?
  - In which region?

# ETS lung penetration

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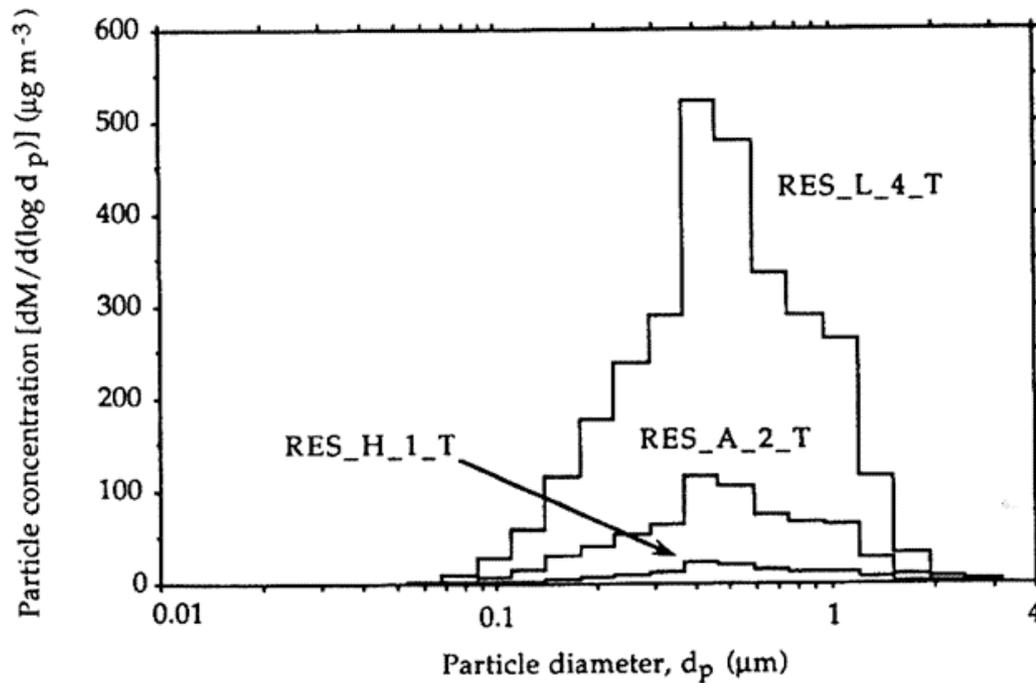
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- Modeling exercise
  - Examine emissions from ETS
  - Use lung deposition model to examine where ETS particles end up

# Emissions from ETS



**FIGURE 1.** Effective particle emission rate from a burning cigarette as a function of particle diameter. The form of the figure is such that the area under a curve between two particle sizes is proportional to the mass emission rate of all particles within those size limits. These experiments were reported by Sextro et al. (1991). The emission profiles are based on a presumed particle density of  $1.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ .

# Modeled indoor concentrations from ETS



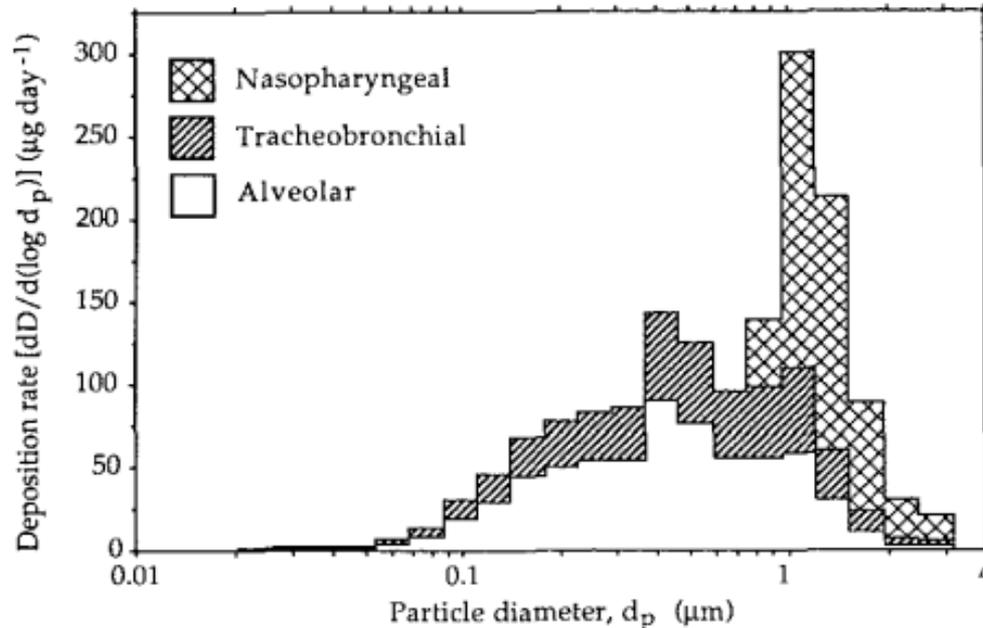
**FIGURE 4.** Average environmental tobacco smoke particle size distribution over 24-h period for three residential simulations corresponding

*Simulation designations*

RES_H_1_S	RES_A_2_S	RES_L_4_S
RES_H_1_T	RES_A_2_T	RES_L_4_T
air-exchange rate: H = 1.7 h <sup>-1</sup> ; A = 0.68 h <sup>-1</sup> ; L = 0.28 h <sup>-1</sup>		
cigarette smoking frequency: 1, 2, or 4 per hour		



# ETS lung deposition



**FIGURE 6.** Size distribution of deposited mass of environmental tobacco smoke particles in 6-year-old boy for simulation RES\_A\_2\_T. The form of the figure is such that the shaded area between two particle sizes is proportional to the average 24-h mass deposition rate of particles within those size limits. See Tables 1 and 2 for a description of simulation conditions.

# Next time

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- No HW assigned today
- Next time: particle sources, deposition, and resuspension