

## TOPIC # 6 ...

**How does carbonaceous particle composition, shape, and size affect optical properties in the air and when sampled on a filter?**

How might optical properties of particles in the air differ from those collected on a filter?

How might filter transmittance and reflectance change during heating as particle morphology and composition change?

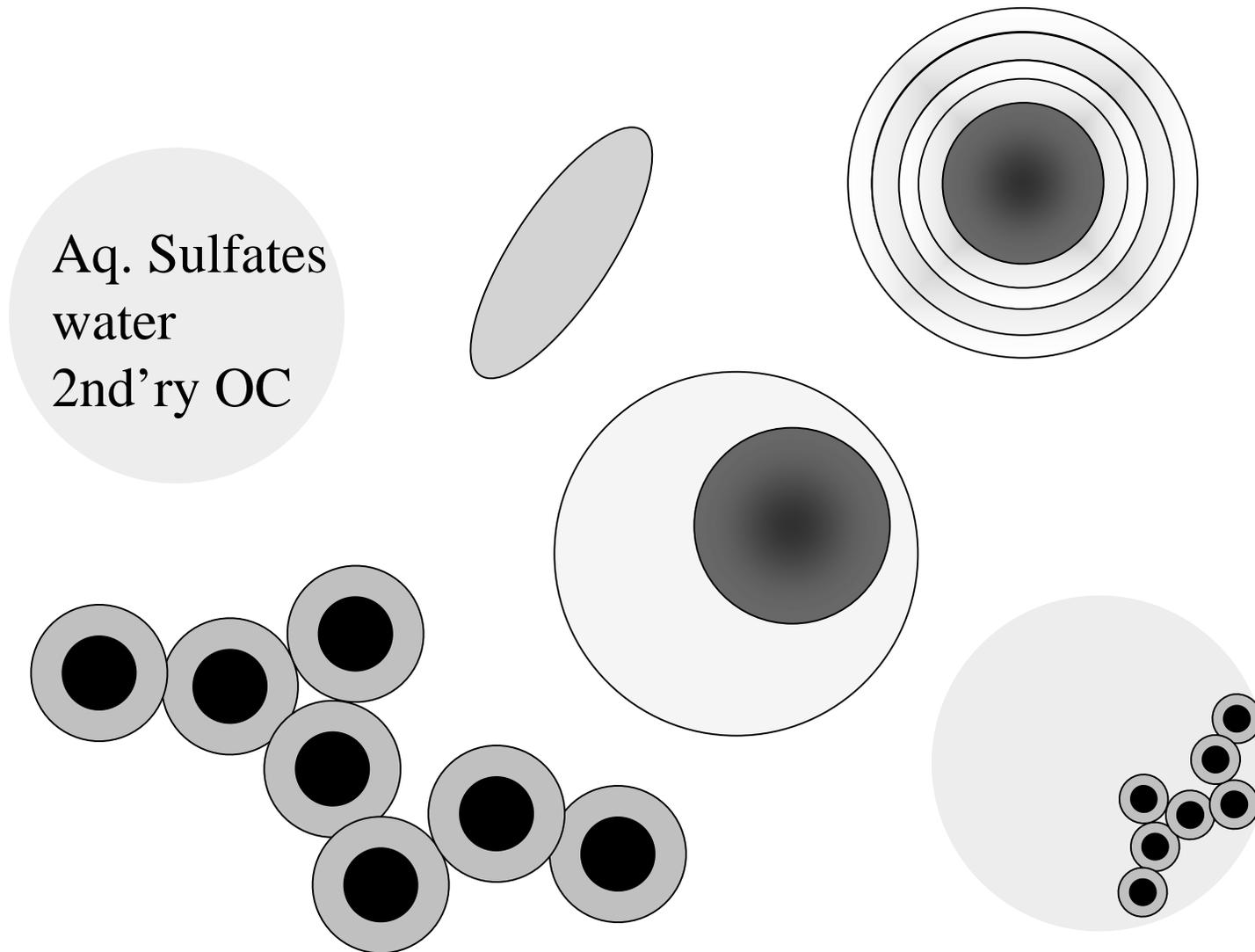
Why might optical transmission and reflectance give different pyrolysis corrections?

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## OVERVIEW

- Filter-based measurements of absorption
- Some pitfalls of measurements on filter deposits
- Effects of aggregation
- Effects of internal mixing
- Summary and suggested needs

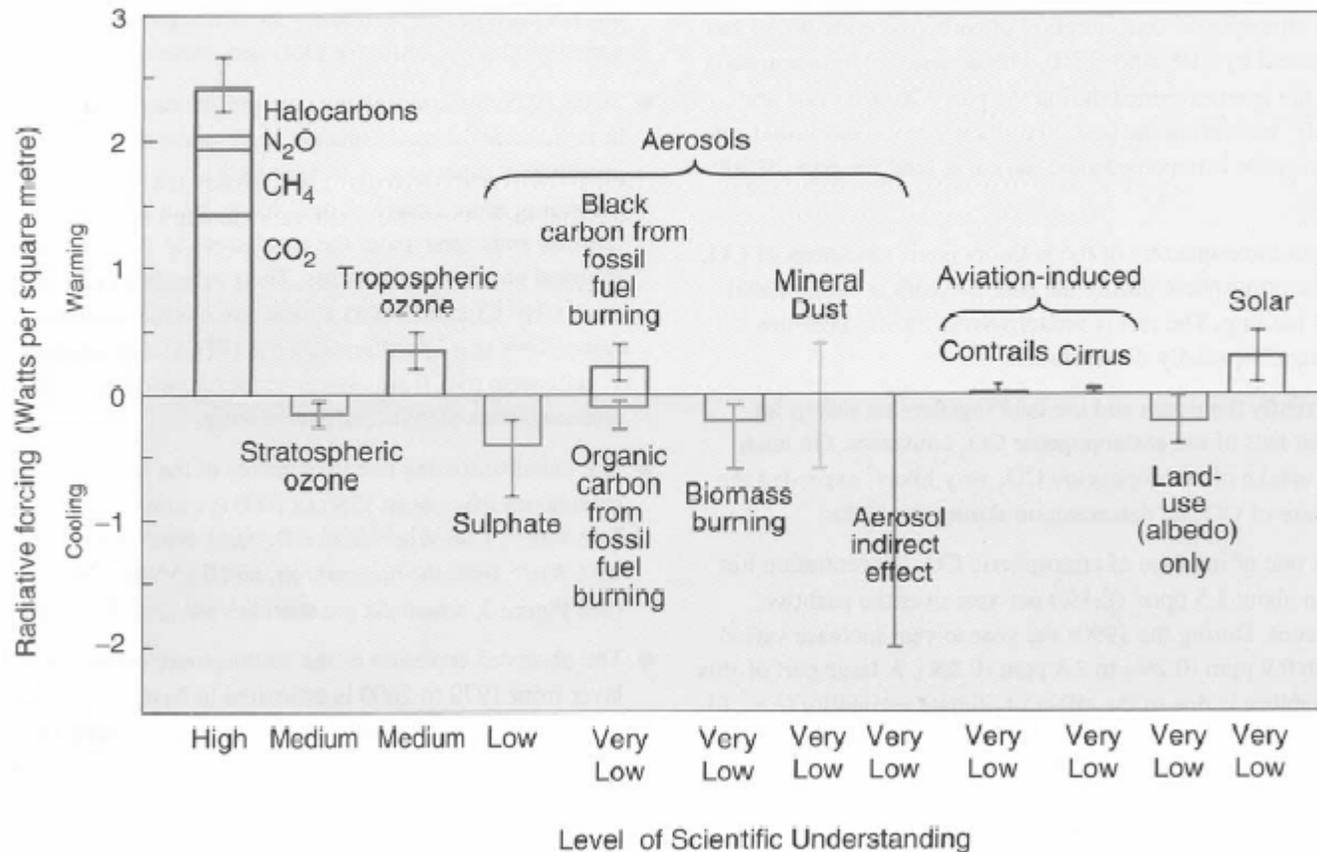
# Some $\mu$ particles of interest



# National Aerosol-Climate Interactions Program

<http://www-c4.ucsd.edu/NACIP/>

## The Global Mean Radiative Forcing of the Climate System for the Year 2000, Relative to 1750



Absorption (scattering) cross section:  
$$\frac{\text{total radiant flux absorbed (scattered)}}{\text{incident flux density}}$$

(Mass-) Specific absorption cross section:

$$\alpha = \frac{C_{abs}}{mass} = \frac{\langle C_{abs} \rangle}{mass\ of\ particles} = \frac{\langle C_{abs} \rangle}{\rho V}$$

$\alpha$  of Cabot Corp.'s Monarch 61 carbon black  
in air is not 9.68 m<sup>2</sup>/gram

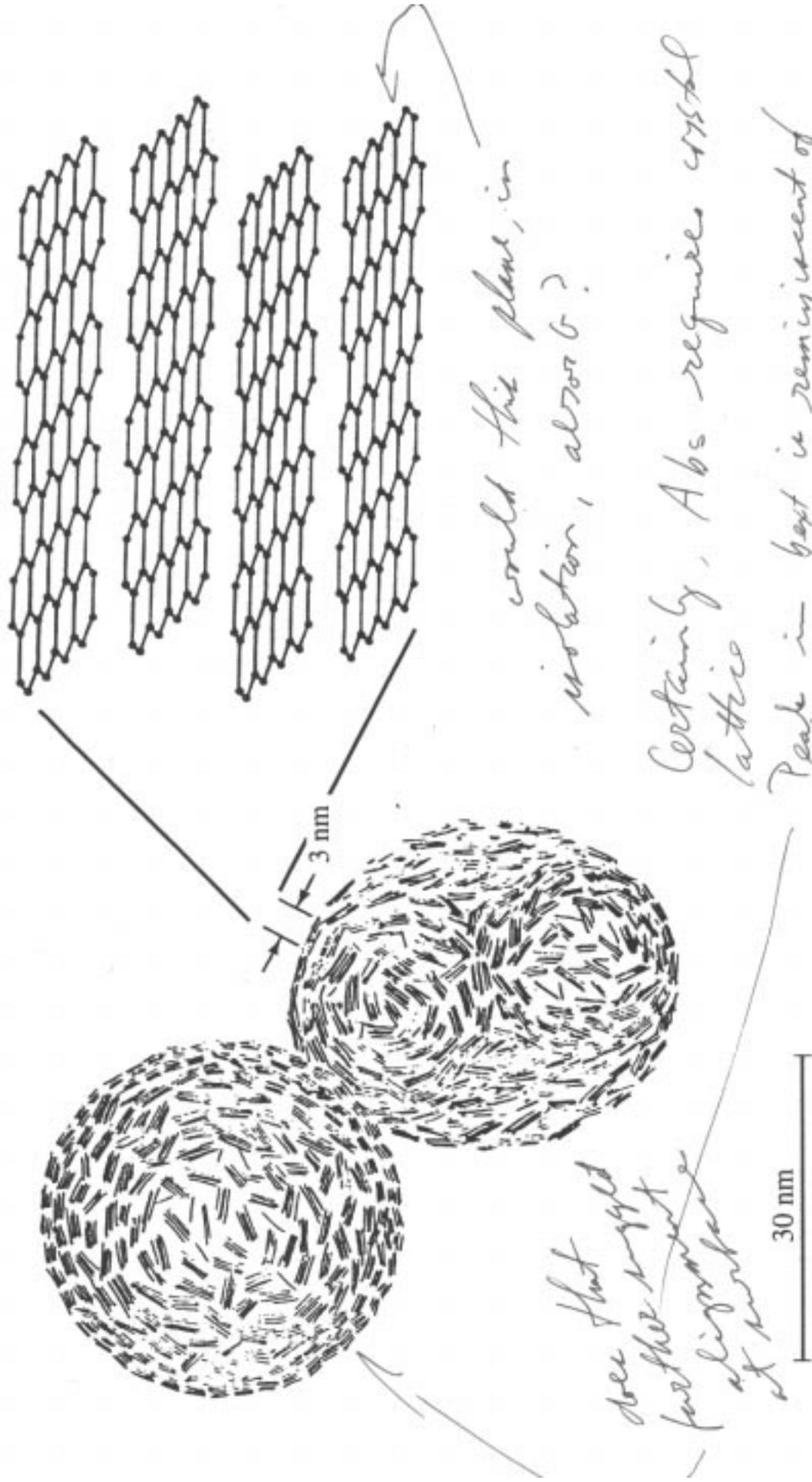
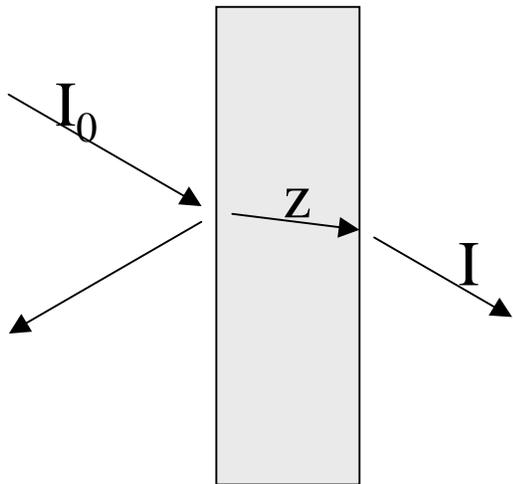


FIGURE 13.1 Schematic of soot microstructure.

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*Filter methods and associated problems:*

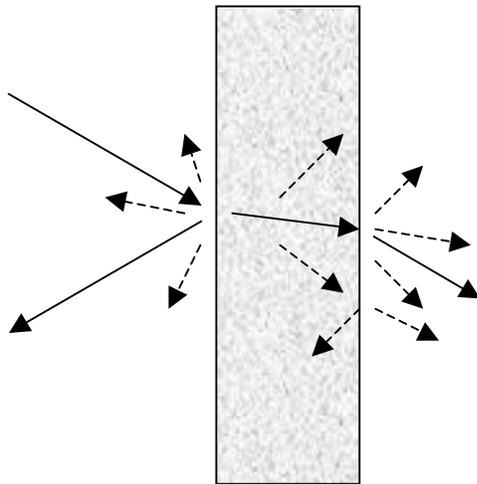


Idealized absorption spectroscopy:

$$I = I_0 \exp(-b_{\text{abs}} z) = I_0 \exp(-\tau_{\text{abs}})$$

$$b_{\text{abs}} = \sigma_{\text{abs}} (\text{m}^2) N_{\text{molecules}} (\text{m}^{-3})$$

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0} \quad \text{or} \quad T = \frac{I(\text{with sample})}{I(\text{blank})}$$

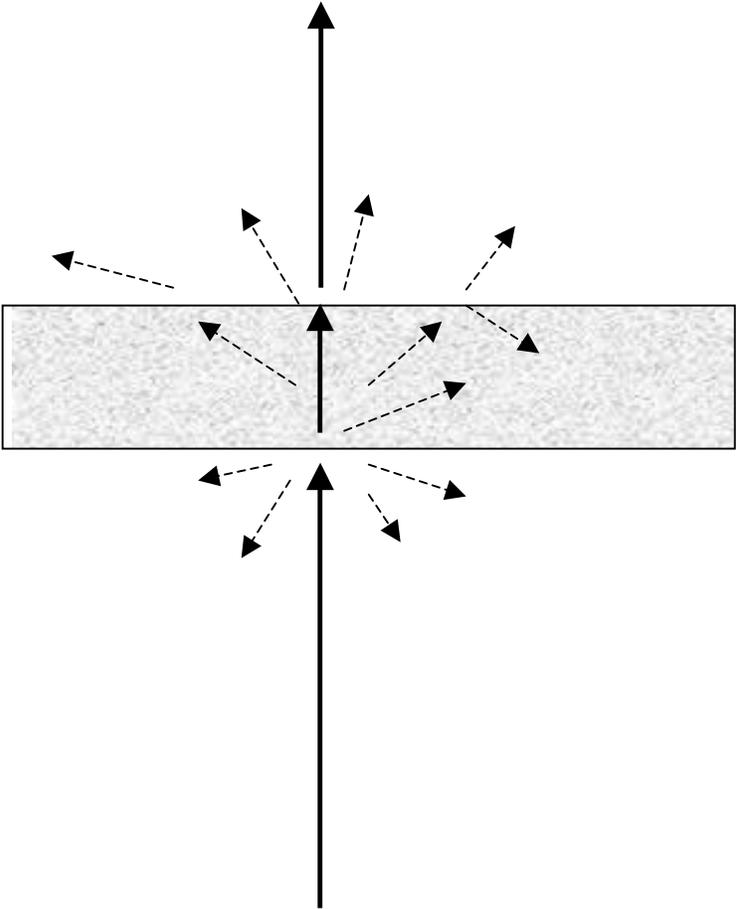
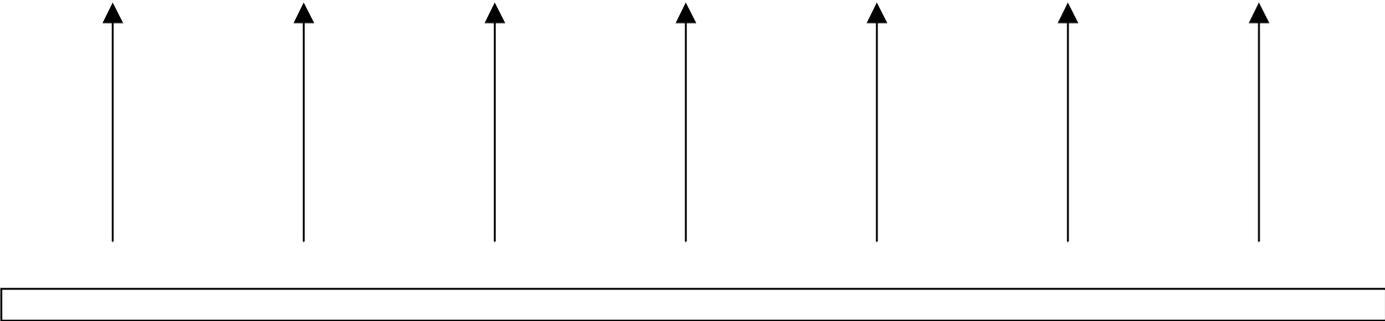


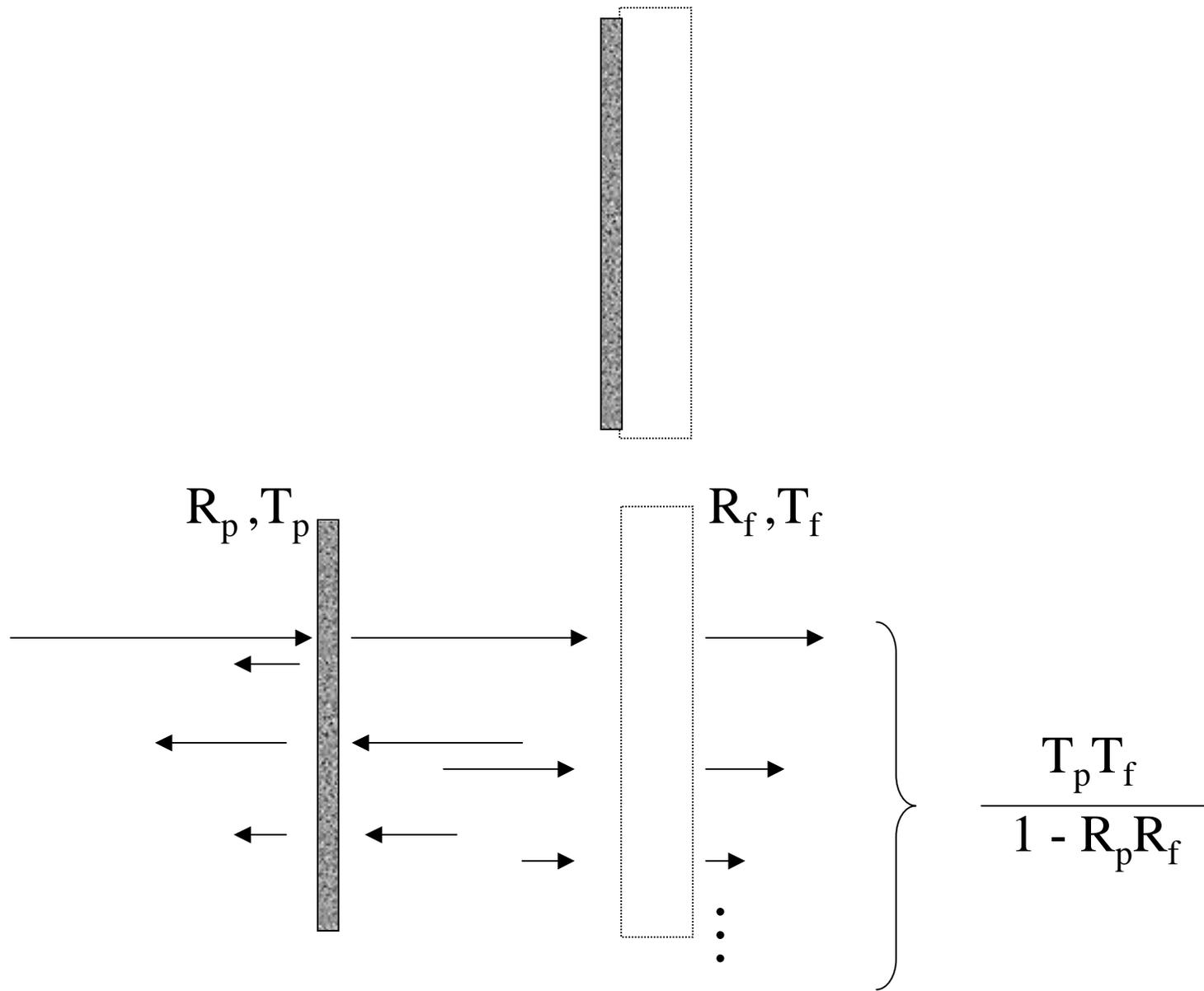
Particles

in the single scattering limit:

$$I = I_0 \exp(-b_{\text{ext}} z) = I_0 \exp(-\tau)$$

$$b_{\text{ext}} = \langle C_{\text{sca}} + C_{\text{abs}} \rangle (\text{m}^2) N_{\text{particles}} (\text{m}^{-3})$$





Use diffuse, not directional, quantities

*Effects of particle spacing: Coherence*

More rigorously, the electric field transmitted by a slab of noninteracting particles is

$$E_T = 1 - \lambda N C_{\text{ext}}/2 \quad \text{Intensity} \propto |E_T|^2$$

The fundamental assumption in Beer - Lambert spectroscopy is that this approximates the expansion  $e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 - \dots$  to first order ( $N C_{\text{ext}}$  is  $b_{\text{ext}}$ ).

Collection over 24 hours @ 21.7 liters/minute through a filter

Aerosol material density : 1.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Atmospheric concentration : 4 μg/m<sup>3</sup>

Area of sample ≈ 2.2 cm<sup>2</sup>,

Mass - specific extinction of the aerosol : ≈ 5 m<sup>2</sup>/g, then  $\lambda N C_{\text{ext}}/2 \approx 1.6$

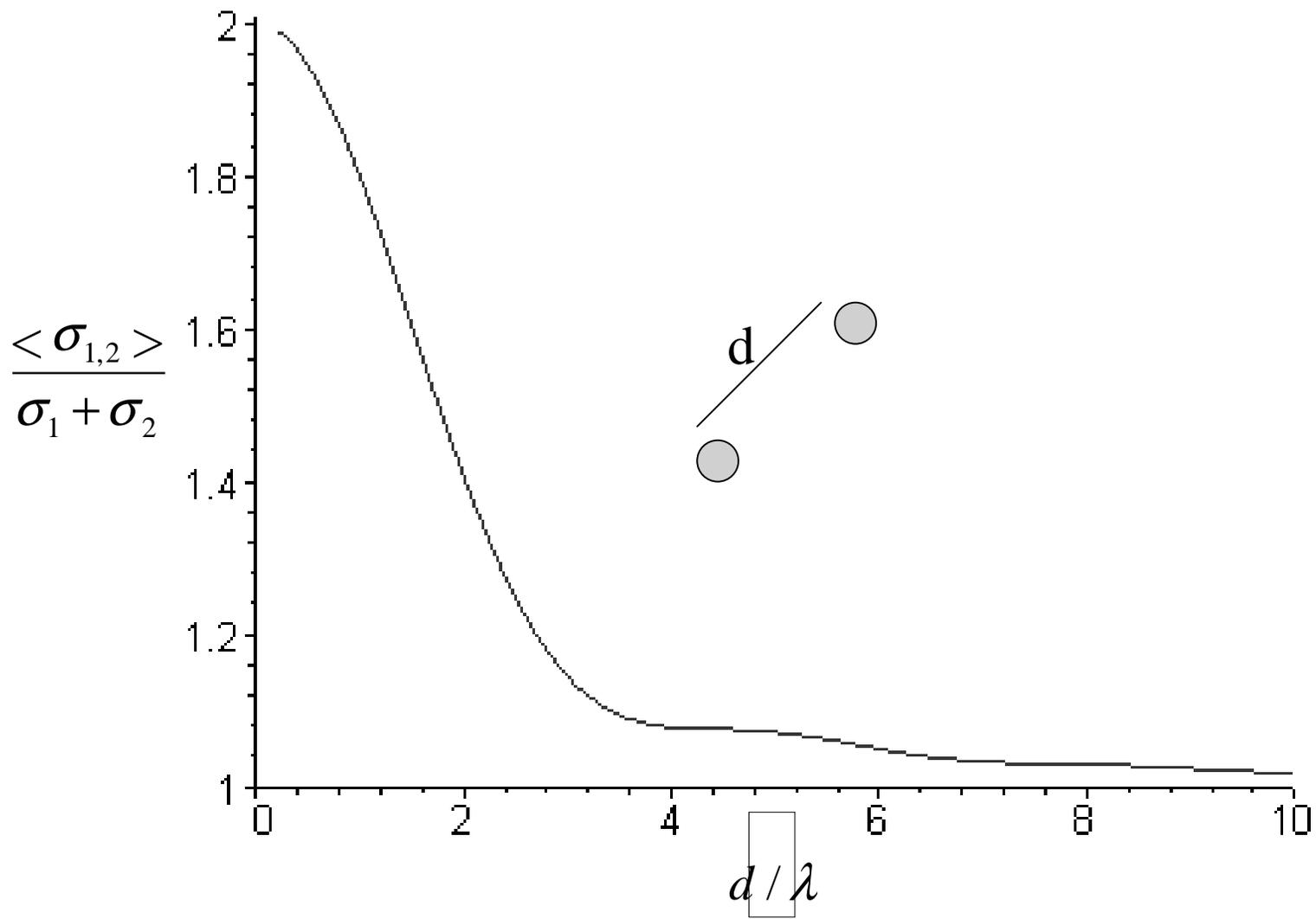
*The exponential expression is meaningless, even if there is no influence from interparticle scattering.*

Rather than voltage outputs related to abs. by

$$b_{\text{abs}} = \frac{-1}{\ell} \ln \frac{V}{V'} \left( = \frac{-1}{\ell} \ln \frac{A\Phi_0 \exp(-b_{\text{abs}} \ell)}{A\Phi_0} \right)$$

the measurement actually relates to extinction as

$$\underline{b_{\text{ext}}} \equiv \frac{2}{\ell} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{V}{V'}} \right)$$



Optical properties may be altered by:

- (1) multiple scattering in the deposit/substrate system,
- (2) alteration of absorption and scattering cross sections by electromagnetic coupling between particles,
- (3) electromagnetic coupling of particles to filter surfaces,
- (4) optical coherence between particles with separations comparable to the wavelength of the interrogating radiation,
- (5) induced alignment of nonspherical particles along filter surfaces,
- (6) shape distortion of liquid droplets, and
- (7) reactions among different chemical species, especially over extended sampling times.

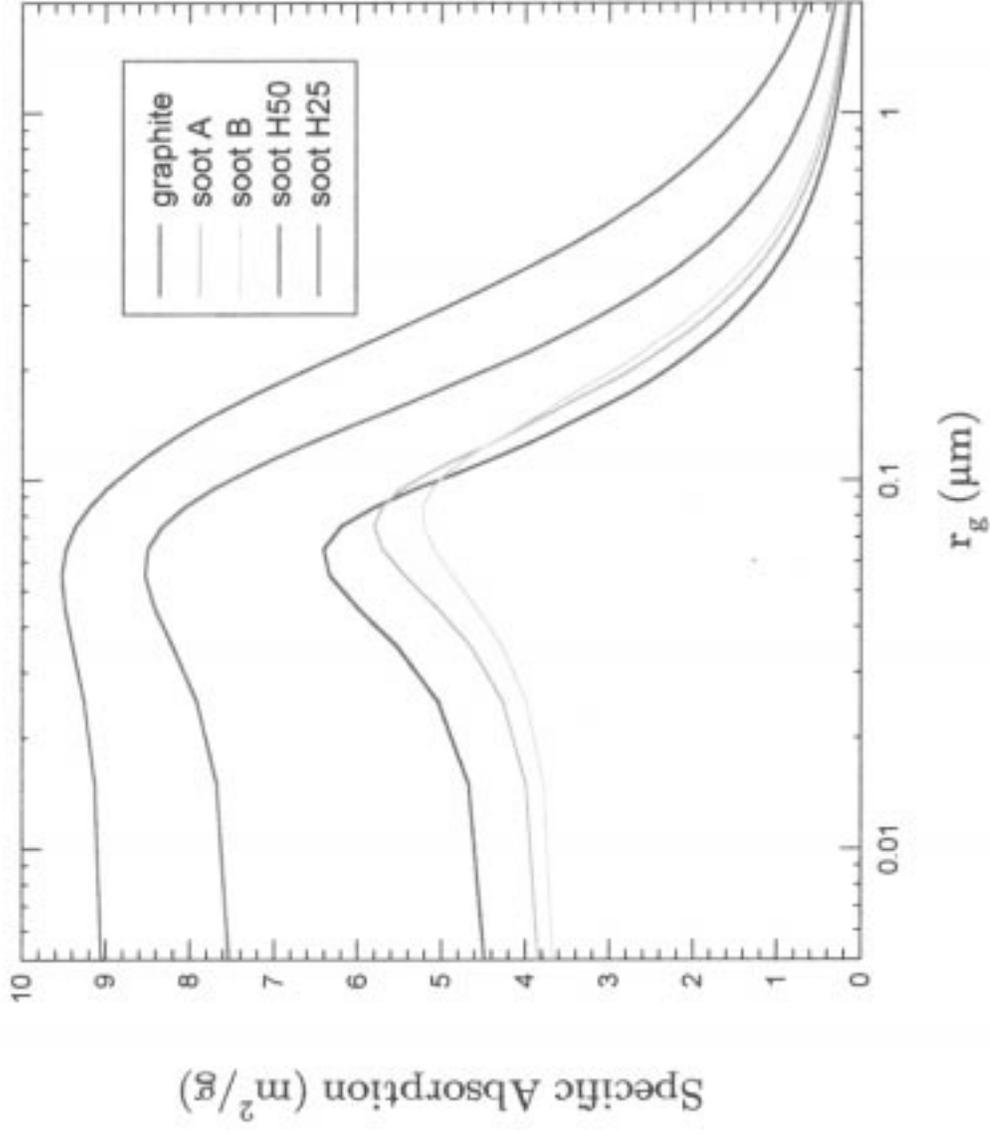
- effects of aggregation
- effects of mixing

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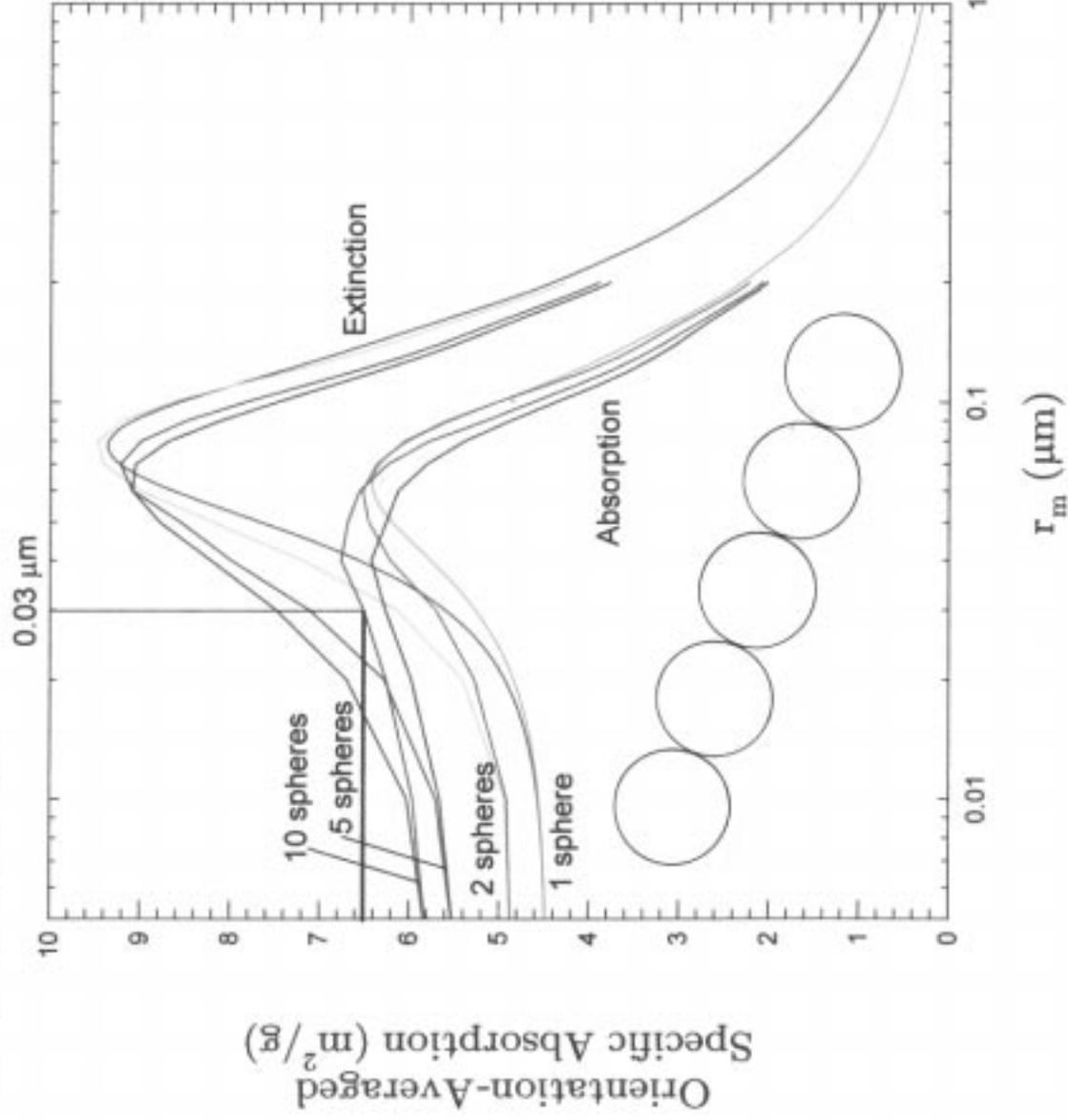
**Table 1. Refractive indices for 5 classes of soot at  $\lambda = 0.55\mu\text{m}$ .**

$n$	$k$	$\rho(g/cm^3)$	Classification	Major Refs.
1.25	0.25	0.625	soot H25	Horvath, 1993
1.50	0.50	1.125	soot H50	Horvath, 1993
1.80	0.50	1.800	soot B	Shettle and Fenn, 1979
1.95	0.66	2.000	soot A	Bergstrom, 1972
2.00	1.00	2.250	Graphitic	Weast, 1977

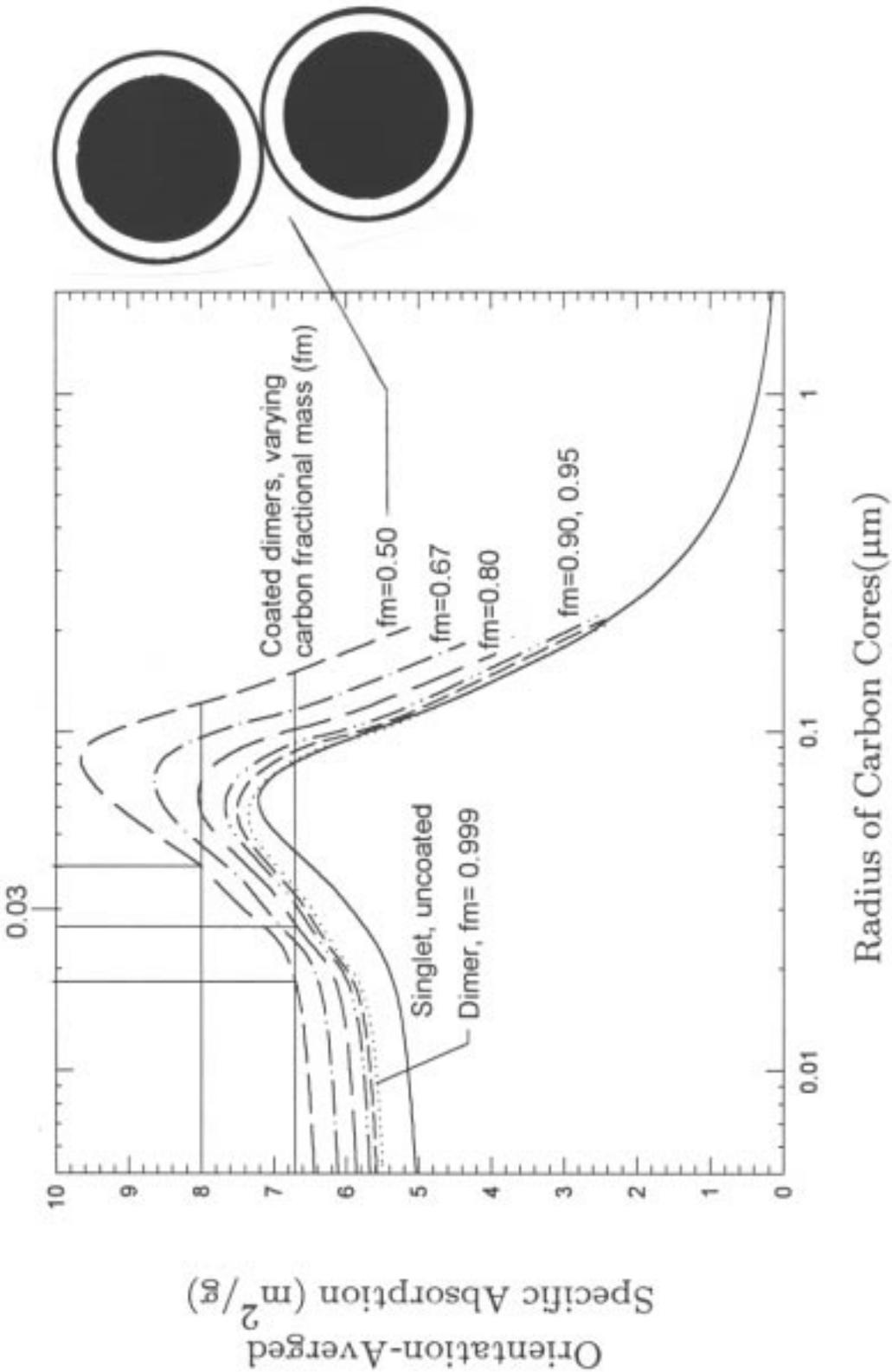
Specific absorption cross sections for the 5 Soot types listed in Table 1 as functions of geometric mean radius  $r_g$ . The radii of the monomers are lognormally distributed with  $\sigma_g = 1.2$ . Incident wavelength  $\lambda = 0.55 \mu\text{m}$ .



Specific extinction and absorption cross sections of chain aggregates of monodisperse graphitic carbon ( $\rho=2.25$  g/cc,  $N=2+i$ ) as functions of monomer radius  $r_m$ . Incident wavelength  $\lambda=0.55$   $\mu\text{m}$ .

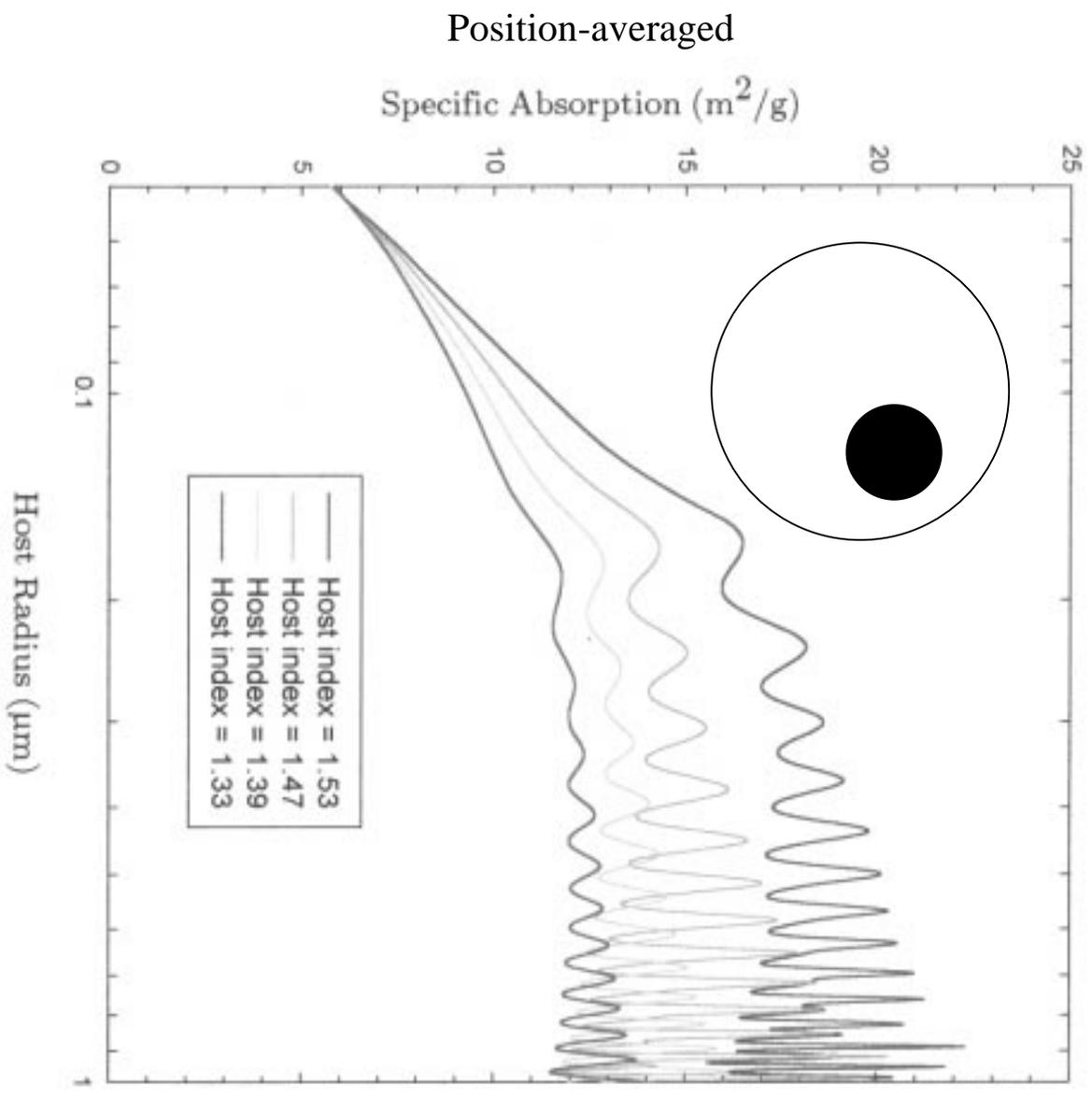


Specific absorption cross sections for coated amorphous carbon dimers as functions of radius  $r_g$  of the carbon cores. Incident wavelength  $\lambda = 0.55 \mu\text{m}$ .

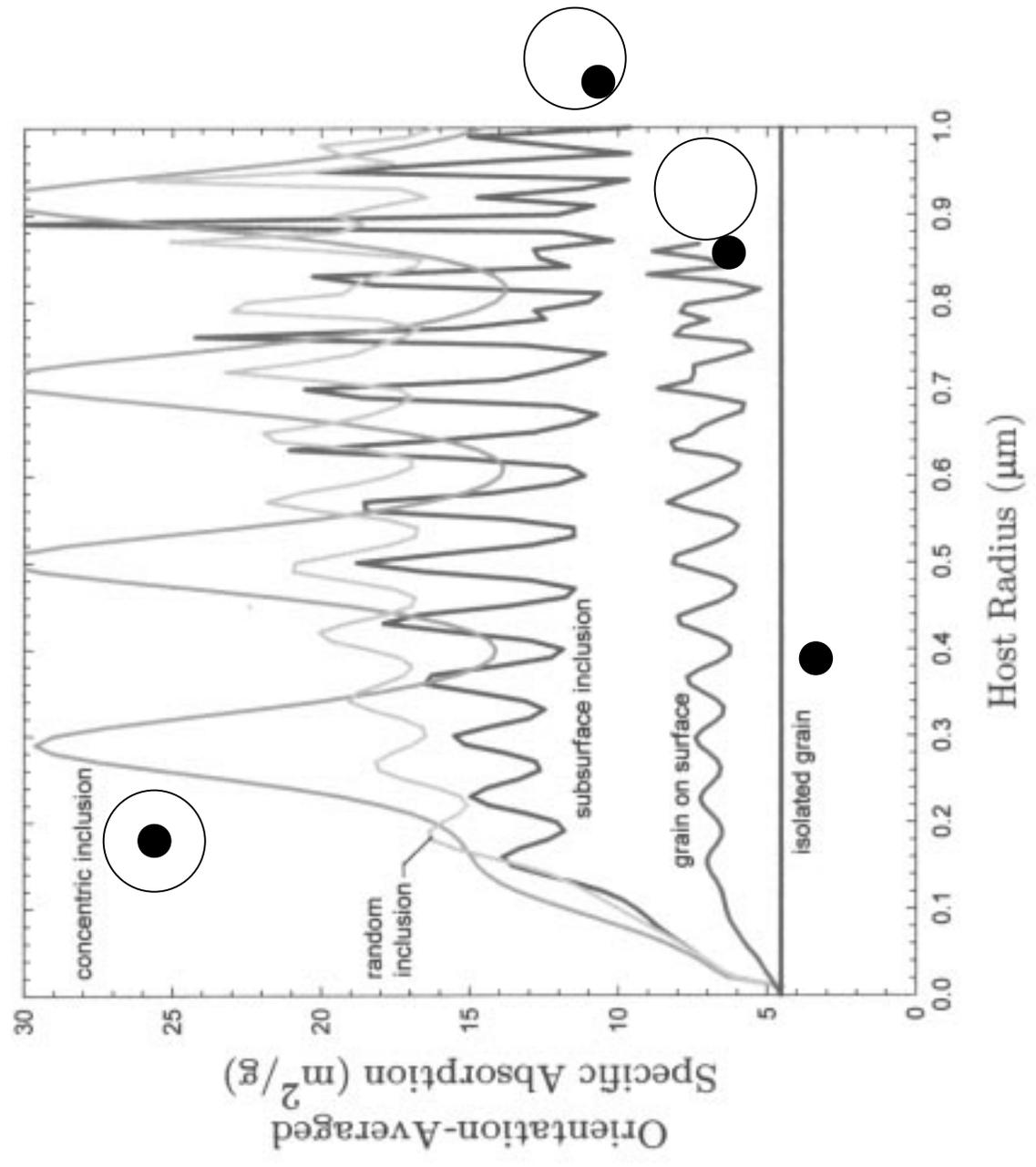




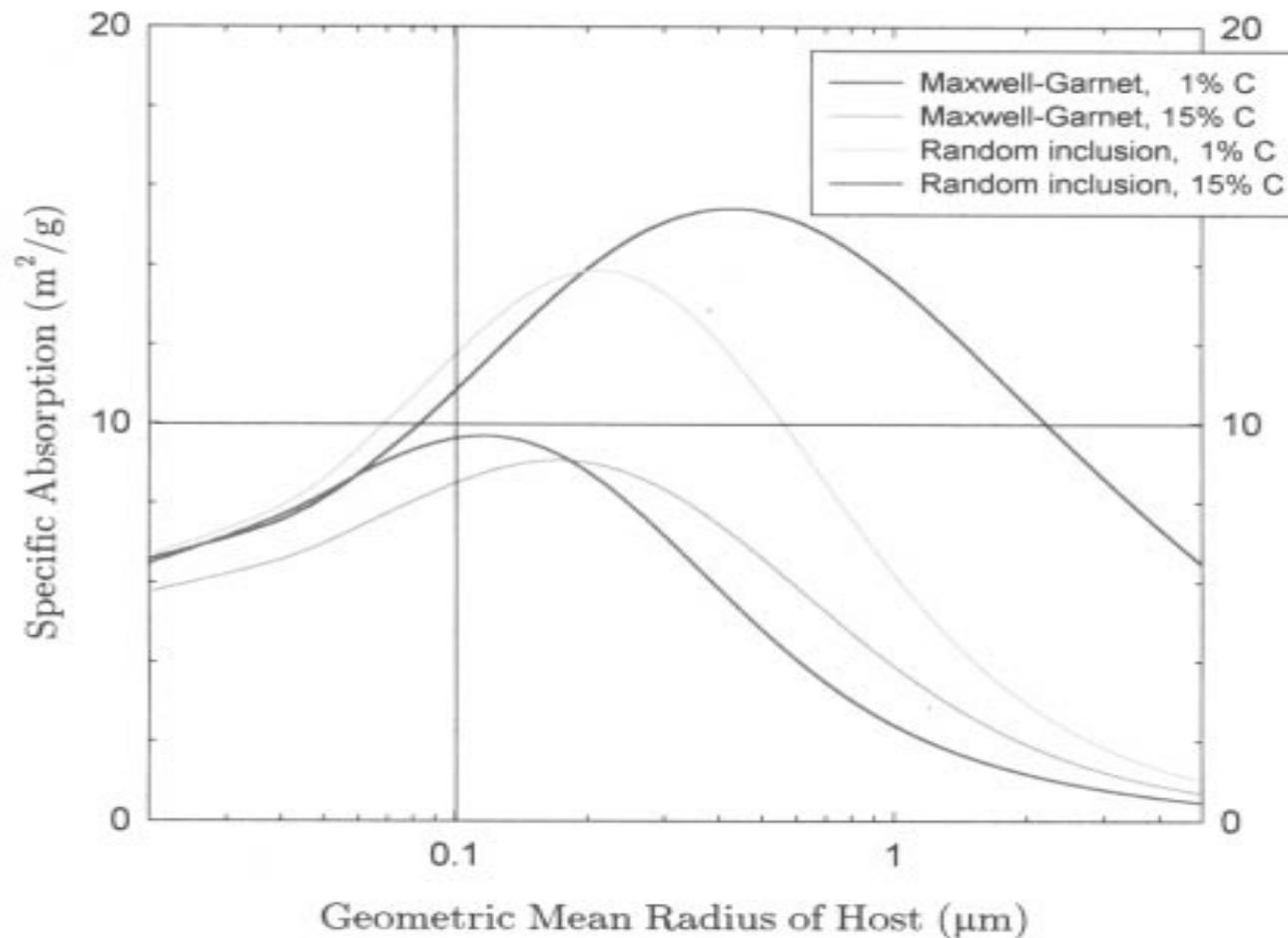
Specific absorption for 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$  graphitic carbon inclusions in hosts of different refractive indices



Specific absorption for 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  carbon inclusions:  
Comparisons for different inclusion locations.

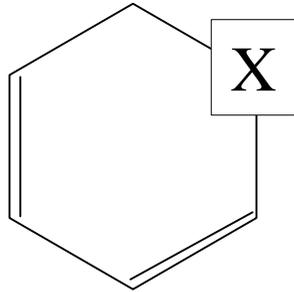
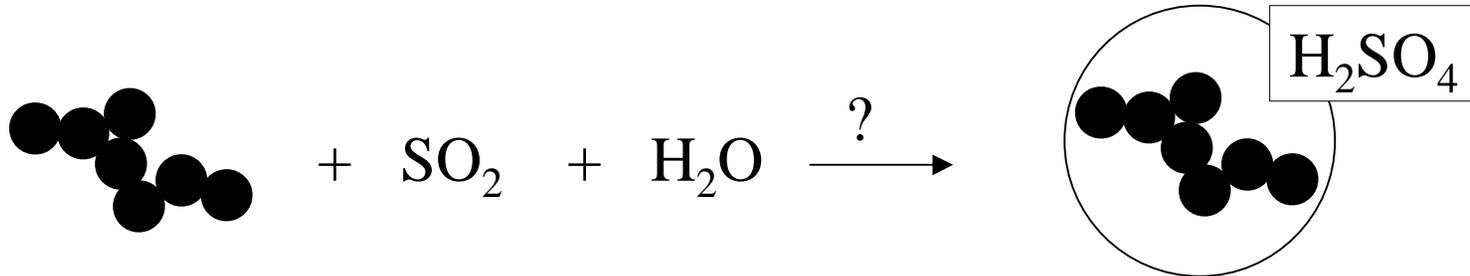


Maxwell-Garnet approximation compared with random inclusion calculations of the average specific absorption of graphitic carbon dispersed in dry, lognormally distributed  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ . Geometric standard deviation = 2.0.



$R_{\sigma} = 0.10 \mu\text{m} \longrightarrow 0.80 \mu\text{m}$  mass median diameter

Mechanisms for making EC hygroscopic?



Do these make EC polar?

$\alpha$  of GC in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is about  $10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ , but  $5\text{-}7 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  in air.

Is  $\alpha$  changed from its value in air by embedding in a filter deposit? Seems very likely if deposit is aqueous:

Enhancement would be even greater if in  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  sol'n

## What is needed?

**A.** More photoacoustic studies

**B.** More Trans/Nephelometer measurements

- Long-path Trans a la IMPROVE
- Short/folded path Trans to study humidification effects in photoacoustic ↓work

**A + B** to improve filter-based measurements

Improved filter measurements for automated, real-time, reduced-cost monitoring of EC.

**C.** Optical models that better account for internal mixing, morphology, and filter artifacts.

- D.** IMPROVE-type analysis of EC for chem-based parameterization of soot optics ?
  
- E.** Increased use of Raman spectroscopy, along with IR spectroscopy
  - Include this in studies of thermal evolution
  
- F.** Critical review of reference material by all authors *and* reviewers
  
- G.** Specific absorption of Porter, Stout, Coffee, other important light-absorbing OCs

## Topic #6 Report / Research Strategy

Science team selected from RFP

Invite climate community participation

Invite combustion science community

Lab measurements on well-characterized particles

- Generated by investigators
- Provided by NIST

Theoretical analysis<sup>+</sup>

Characterize aging of soot

Include satellite remote sensing

Intercomparison of lab measurements & theoretical models

Targeted source and downwind measurement and analysis

Collocated measurements (e.g., @ IMPROVE and EPA sites)<sup>+</sup>

Method intercomparisons at selected super site

Products and clients:

Standardized fast/cheap/good measurement of EC for climate and visibility communities

Baseline for EC to assist TOA methods for climate, visibility and health communities

Caveat:

Make everything as simple as possible, but no simpler:

Protocols may require complementary measurements such as vibrational spectroscopy, optical particle counters, etc.