



TOPIC #8

What New and Innovative Sampling, Analytical, and Interpretive Techniques are Needed to Determine the Properties and Sources of Carbonaceous Aerosol in the Atmosphere?

Two Focus Groups



Relevance of OC/EC

1. Radiative Transfer and Visibility
(Scattering and Absorption and Indirect Effects)
2. Source Apportionment
3. Health Effects (small, toxic particles)
4. Biosphere (agriculture, ocean, etc.)
5. Degradation of Buildings, Art, etc.



Appropriate Measurements: EC/OC?

1. Radiative Transfer and Visibility:

Absorption, Scattering, asymmetry parameter g , phase function (measure directly and/or derive from species concentrations)

2. Source Apportionment:

Any conservative properties

Is light absorption conservative? Experiment!

3. Health Effects:

We don't know.



Sampling

1. **What is a particle (semi-volatile?):**
denude & freeze
2. **Large particles:**
Inlet design
3. **Problems with quartz filters:**
friability, sorption of VOCs
alternative: gold filters?



Light Absorption (priority for RT, visibility)

- 1. Spectrally resolved:**
through solar spectrum, 300 nm - 1000 nm
- 2. Correlation with GC from Raman Spectroscopy**
- 3. Phase functions?**



Importance of Continuous Measurements

1. **Ambient:**
At least 1 h, better 10 min time resolution
2. **Source:**
1 s
3. **What can we measure continuously:**
Absorption, Scattering, TC, etc ?



OC Functional Groups?

1. Extremes: OC and individual compounds
2. Medium Ground: Functional groups by FTIR



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Research Topics:

1. Use a better measure of filter blackness
(Absorption through radiative transfer approach).
2. Multi-wavelength measurement of absorption.
3. Real time determination of filter mass during TOA.
4. Use Raman spectroscopy to characterize pyrolyzed OC in comparison to EC.



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Standardization (over 3 years):**

1. Use standard protocol in addition to individual protocols
2. Generate standard materials or standard facility.
3. Obtain traceability to standards.