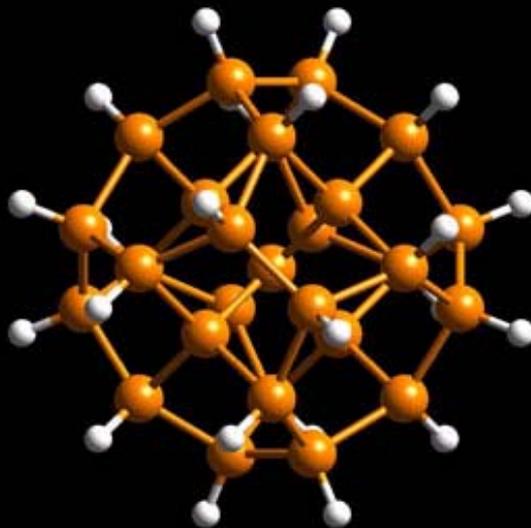


# Nanoparticle/Ultrafine Monitoring State of the Science



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# Outline



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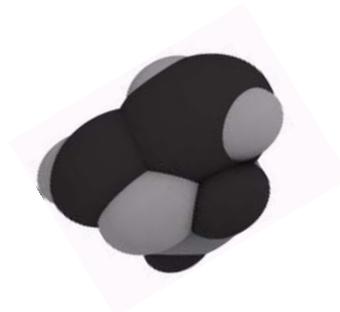
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# Concerns



Let's put this into perspective: (According to Wikipedia)

## What is a Nano particle?

A particle is defined as a small object that behaves as a whole unit in terms of its transport and properties... Similar to Ultrafine particles, they are sized between 1 to 100 nanometers.

## What is an Ultrafine Particle?

Particles in the nanoscale, less than 100 nanometers... There are two main divisions that categorize types of UFPs. UFPs can either be carbon-based or metallic, and then can be further subdivided by their magnetic properties.



# Sources of NPs and UFPs



## Anthropogenic

### *Engineered*

- Carbon-based Nanotubes, Fullerenes
- Metal Oxides
- Quantum Dots
- Nanotubes
- Nanowires
- Dendrimers

### *Incidental*

Particles from:

- Combustion
- Industrial Processes
- Vehicles
- Construction

## Natural

Particles from:

- Plants, Trees
- Oceans, other water bodies
- Erosion
- Dust



# Concerns



There are numerous health effects

- Pulmonary inflammation
- Early interstitial lung fibrosis and granulomas
- Asbestos-like pathogenicity
- Translocation from respiratory tract
  - Oxidative damage in human blood serum
  - Inflammatory and pro-clotting effects in blood

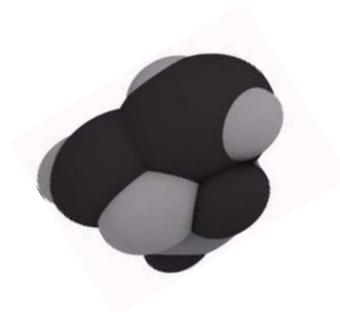


# Concerns



What is it that causes these symptoms?

- Size
- Shape
- Composition
- Solubility
- Crystalline structure
- Charge
- Surface characteristic
- Attached functional groups
- Agglomeration
- Impurities



# Nanotechnology Workshop



**March 3-4, 2009: EPA and Battelle Hosted a Workshop on Monitoring**

**Technology Needs and Gaps  
Implications and Drivers Discussion  
Technology Needs Discussion  
Path Forward/Actions**

**EPA – OAQPS' Goal:**

- What are the technology gaps and needs?**
- What will it take to fill those gaps?**
- What do we present to EPA management?**



# Nanotechnology Workshop Findings



**A literature search should be performed to identify all available types of NP air measuring devices.**

**The Agency needs to define whether NPs should be classified as a subset of UFPs or classified independently.**

**Technology that has been developed for UFPs should be investigated as the “springboard” to launch technology development for NPs. The ability to collect and “count” UFPs is a mature technology.**

**UFPs and NPs should be regulated in the same manner.**

**A collaborative group should be formed from different organizations to lead an effort to identify the best available air monitoring .**



# Nanotechnology Workshop Findings



## Individual Particle Techniques

Electron Microscopy  
(SPM, SEM, TEM)

Electron Diffraction

## Ensemble Techniques

Photon based  
Spectroscopy  
(FT-IR, NMR)

X-ray  
(scattering, spectroscopy)

Mass Spectrometry

Reverse Chromatography

## Metrology Standards

3-D Characterization Standards

Dispersion and Distribution

Interfacial Interactions

Interphase Properties



# European Union UFP's



- In 2005 the EU adopted the “*Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution*” - part of the “Clean Air for Europe (CAFE)” program
- EU established a starting point for particle number based limits for emission of UFP's from light duty vehicles with diesel engines
- $6 \times 10^{11}$  particles/km - phased in - 2010 to 2012



# EU-Life UFIPOLNET Project



## Objectives

### Design a new UFP monitor for air quality networks

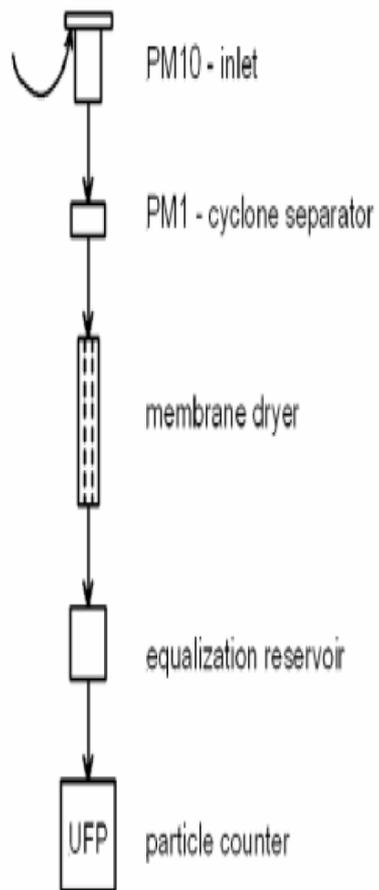
- Affordable (initial cost & total cost of ownership)
- Easy to install, use and maintain
- Easy to integrate into existing station data acquisition
- Well suited for continuous monitoring

### Four European sites with different particle characteristics were chosen:

- Street Canyon in Stockholm, Sweden (very high PM concentration)
- Street tunnel entrance in Prague, Czech Republic (medium PM concentration)
- Street intersection in Dresden, Germany (medium PM concentration)
- Urban park in Augsburg, Germany (urban background)



# EU TSI UPFs Instrument

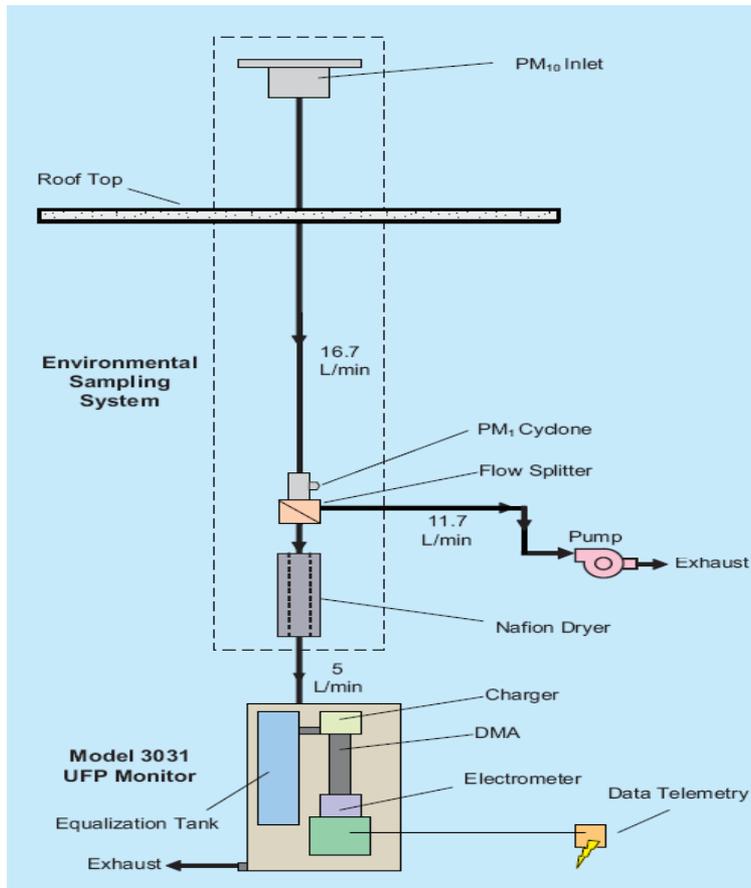


TSI – UFP 330

Sampling system of UFP 330 implemented at all 4 stations (Hillemann/Wehner)



# NY UFPs instrument

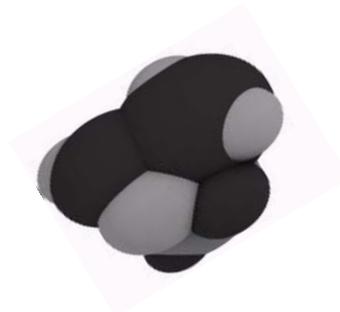


## TSI 3031 Features and Benefits

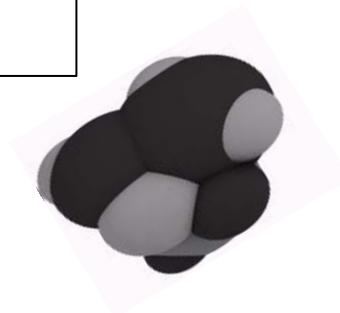
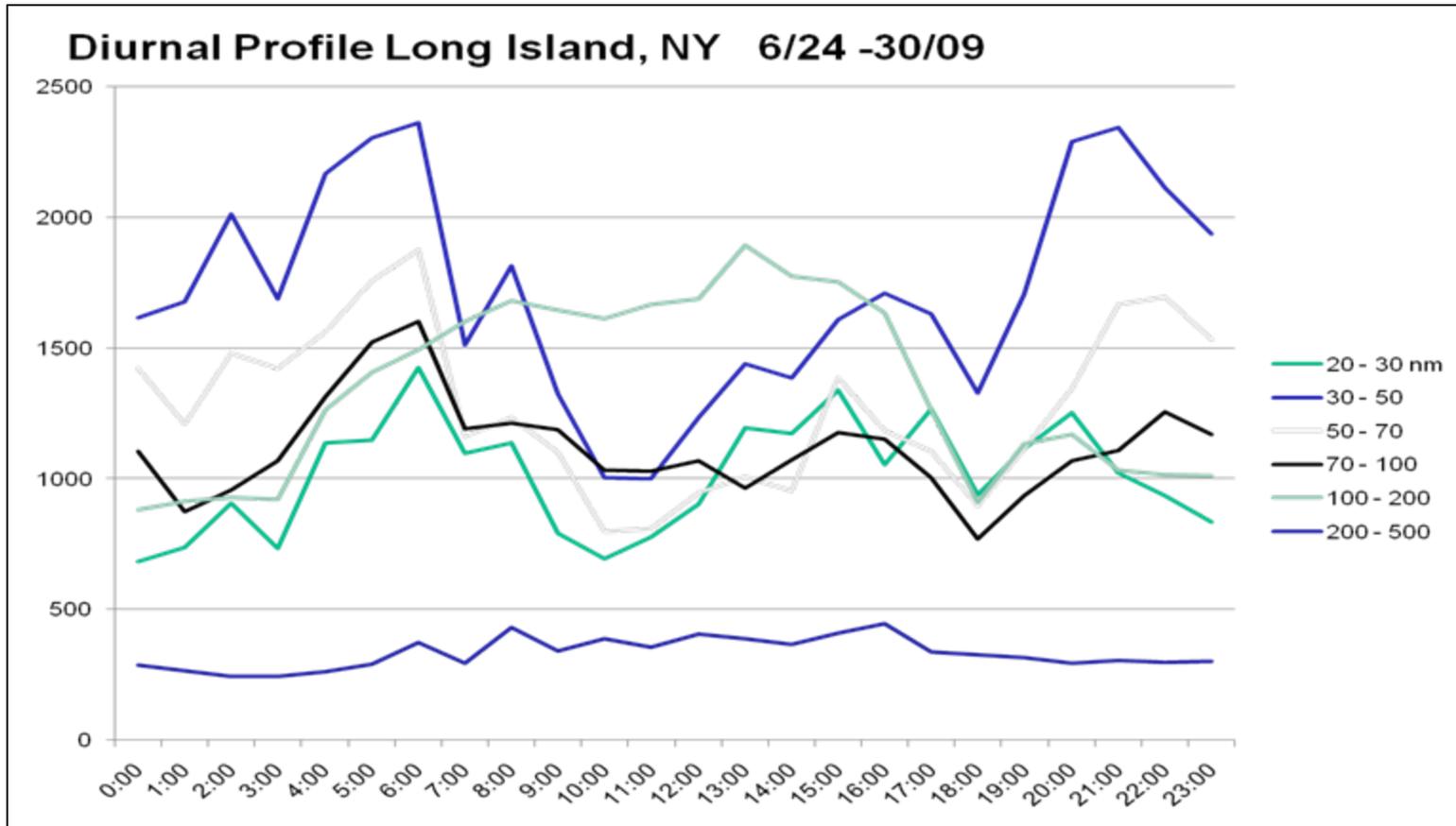
**Long-term, unattended operation**  
**Low start-up and operating costs**  
**No working fluids; no radioactive source**

**Convenient data management with remote access via the Internet**  
**Continuous measurements every 10 minutes**

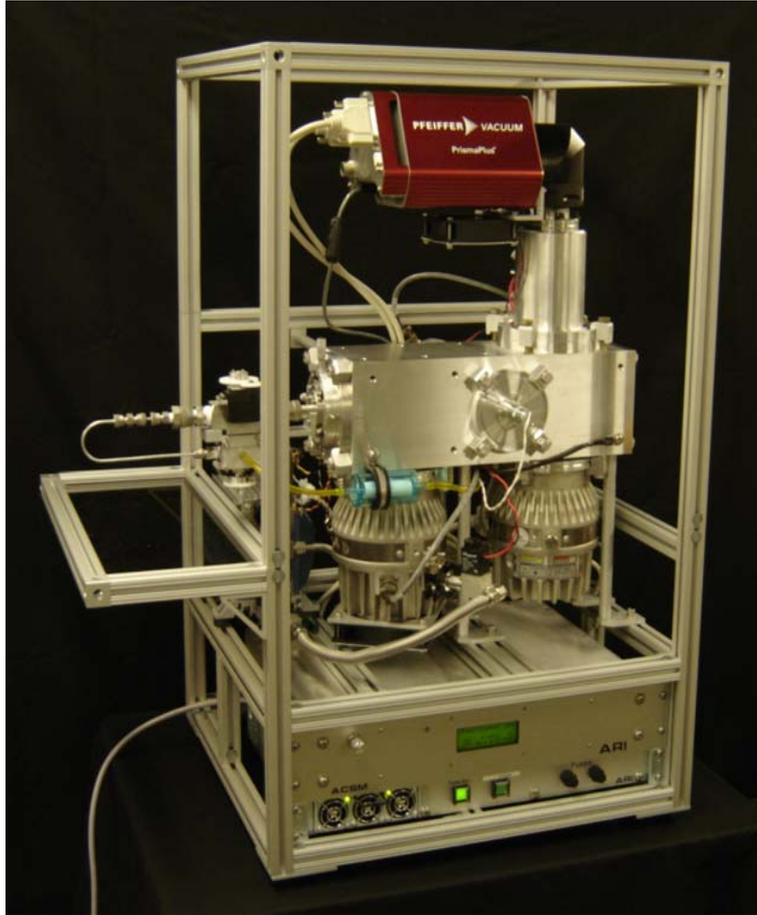
**Optional environmental sampling system**



# NY UFP Data



# Aerodyne Research, Inc.- Aerosol Chemical Speciation Monitor (ACSM)



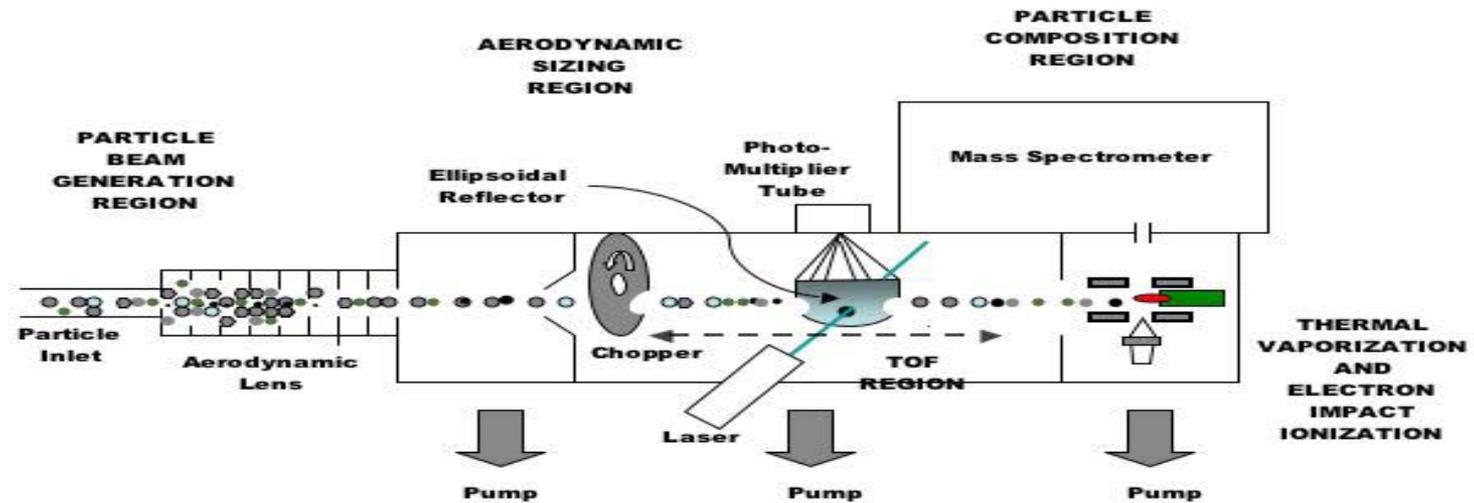
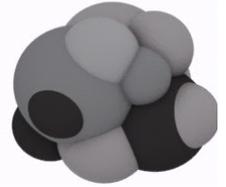
Size: 19”D x 21”W x  
33”H

Weight: 140 lbs

Power: 300W

AC power; 120/240 VAC,  
50/60hz

# What's out there? - ACSM



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# What's out there? - ACSM

- Continuous monitoring of non-refractory aerosol composition (40-1000 nm) by thermal particle vaporization aerosol mass spectrometry (0-200 amu).  
*Sulfate, Nitrate, Chloride, Ammonium, Organics.*
- Builds on ARI Q and ToF AMS concepts  
*lower cost, lower sensitivity.*
- Designed for long term unattended operation.
- Data acquisition and control via Ethernet connectivity, basic laptop computer is sufficient

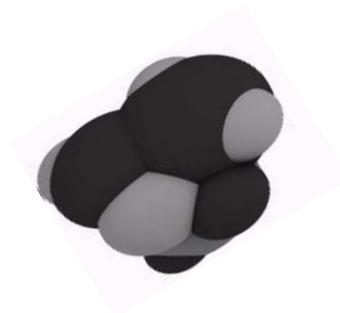
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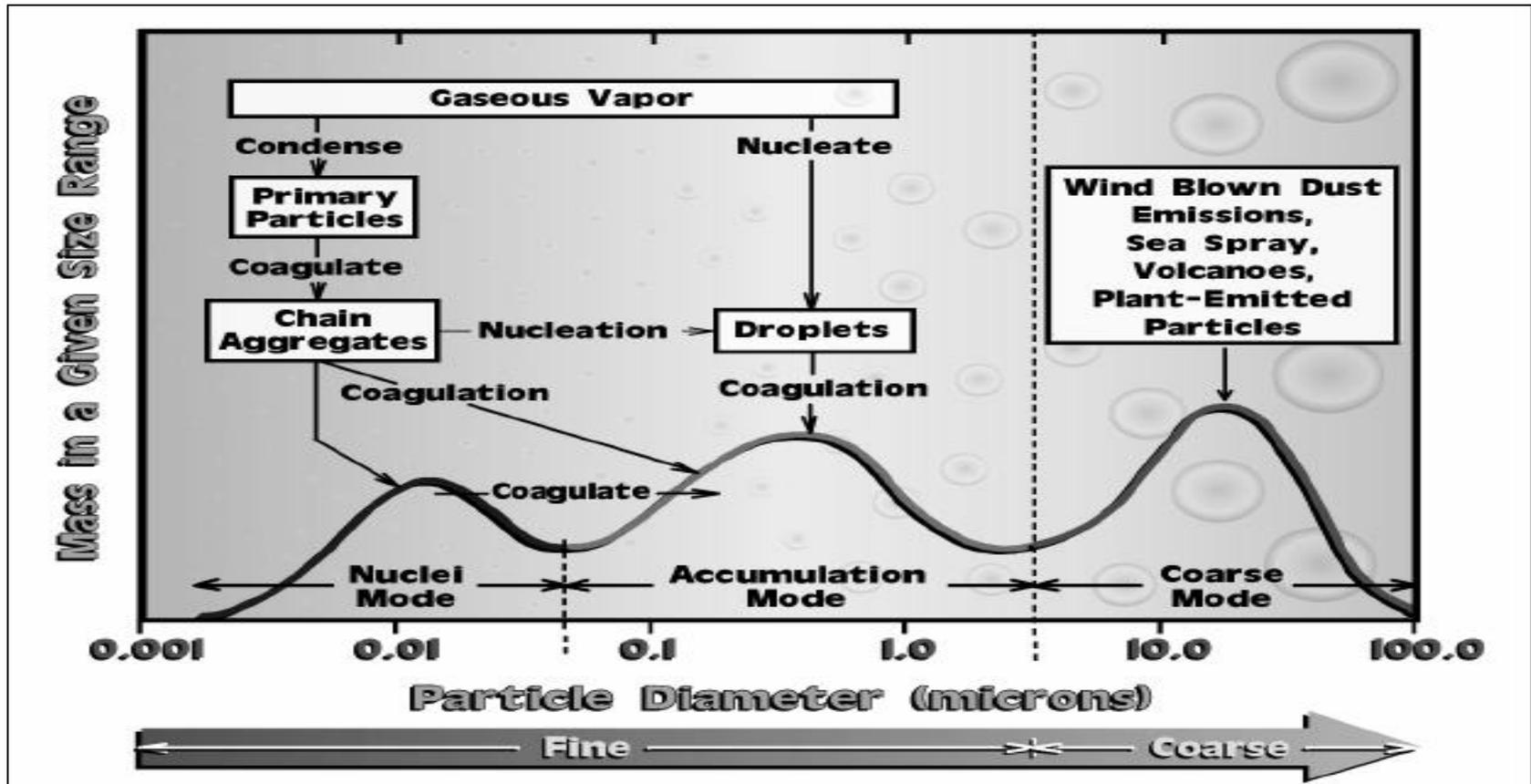
UFPs/NPs can be the core of fine/coarse particles

UFP/NPs are generally emitted, not coalesced, fine particles are.

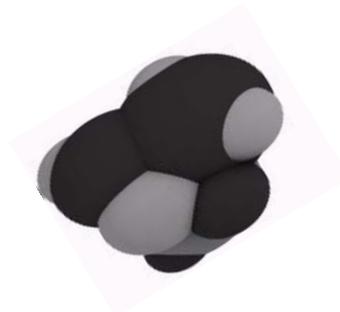
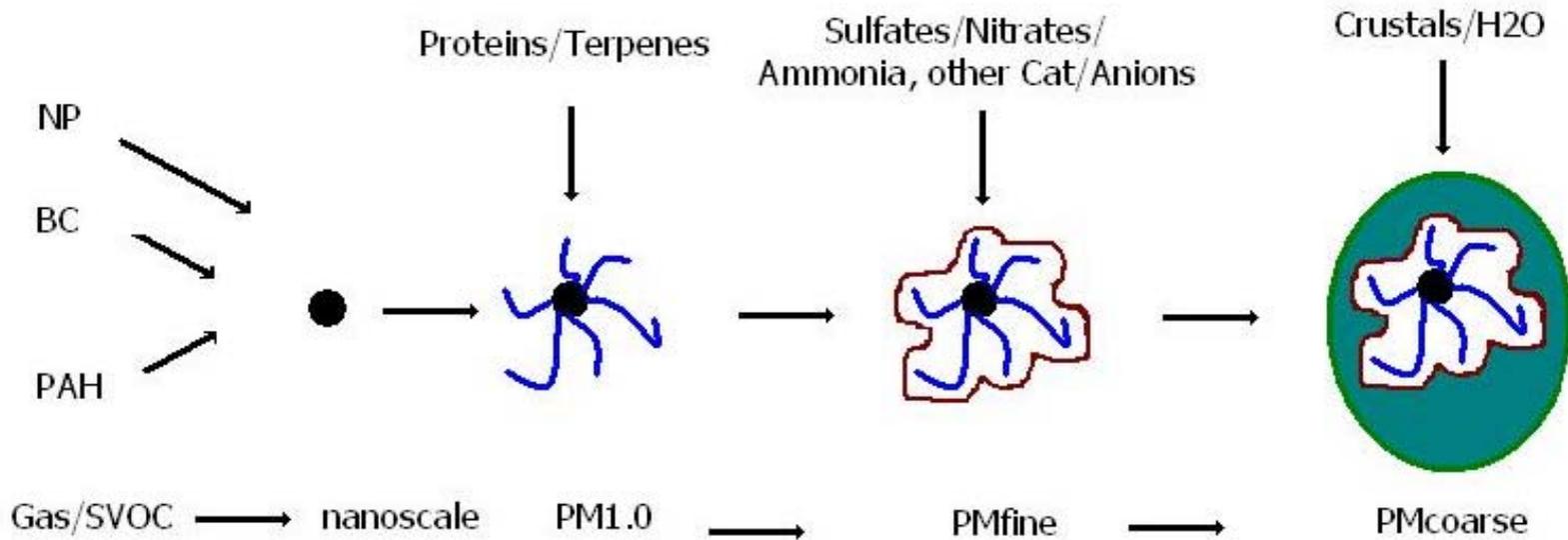
UFPs/NPs can get many different layers and grow over extended time.



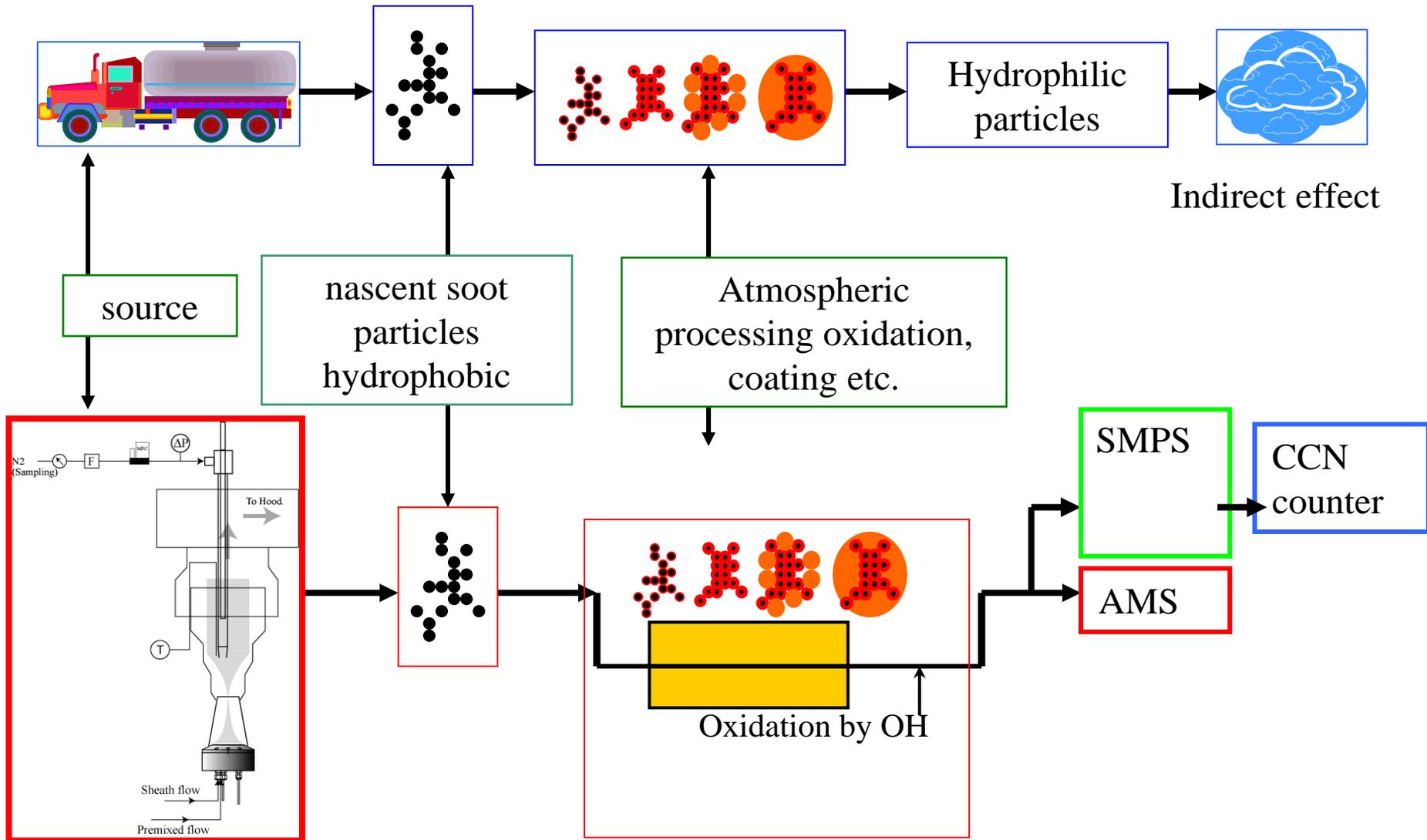
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# CCN-Soot Particle Experiments



# Summary



- There is a growing concern about NP/UFPs
- From the Workshop many issues were expressed
- There's a plethora of ways to identify/quantify NP/UFP
- EU has already instituted a standard and network –Using particle counting
- Instruments, like the TSI 3031/ACSM look promising
- UFPs/NP are at the core of many different monitoring issues: Global Warming, fine and coarse particles
- We need to be able to strip away the fine particles to see what's underneath – Paul Davidotis: Boston College



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