
Extinction Spectroscopy for Characterization of Particulate Matter Size and Concentration in Fugitive Plumes

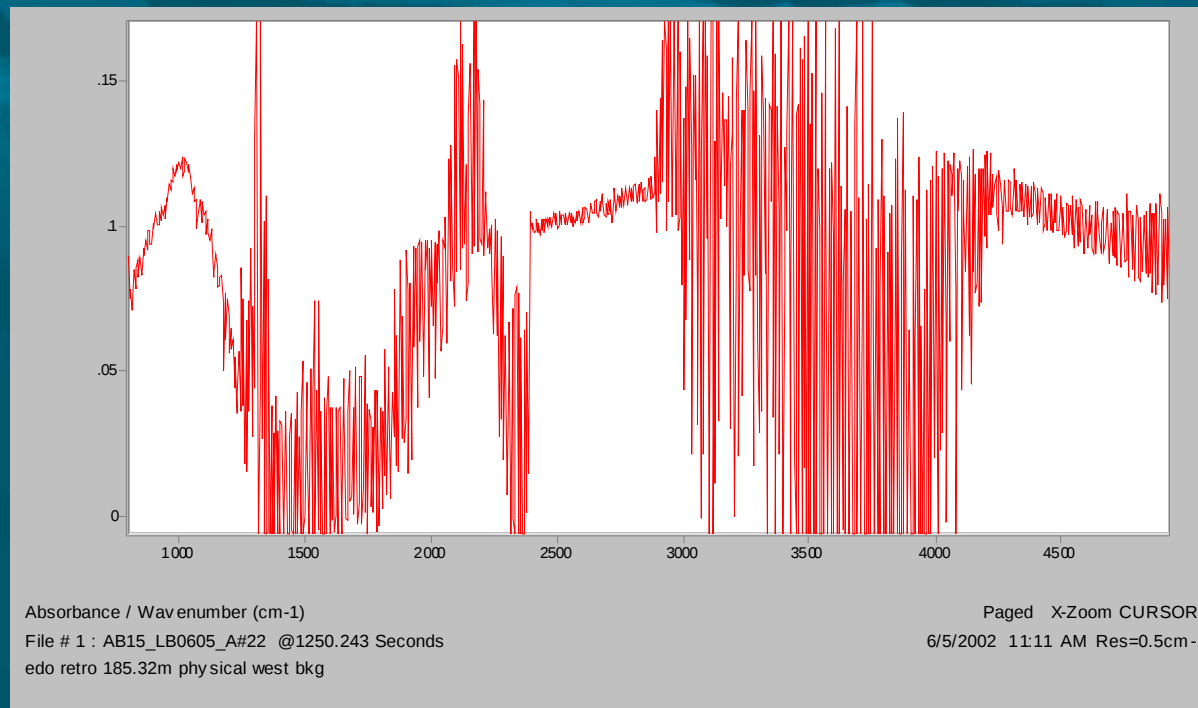
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Method Description

- OP-FTIR is an accepted method for gas measurements
- Particulate matter (PM) presence reveals a unique baseline structure (see below)



Method Description (cont.)

- Baseline structure can be predicted for a given size distribution and optical constants using Mie theory
- We developed an inversion algorithm to retrieve the aerosol size distribution from extinction (scattering+absorption) measurements
- Optical properties (constants) of specific PM may be determined using a bench-top FTIR spectrometer

Mie Theory

Size Parameter α

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi d}{\lambda}$$

d - particle diameter

λ - wavelength



Mie Theory (cont.)

Complex Refractive Index

$$m(\lambda) = n(\lambda) - ik(\lambda)$$

n – scattering term (refraction and reflection)

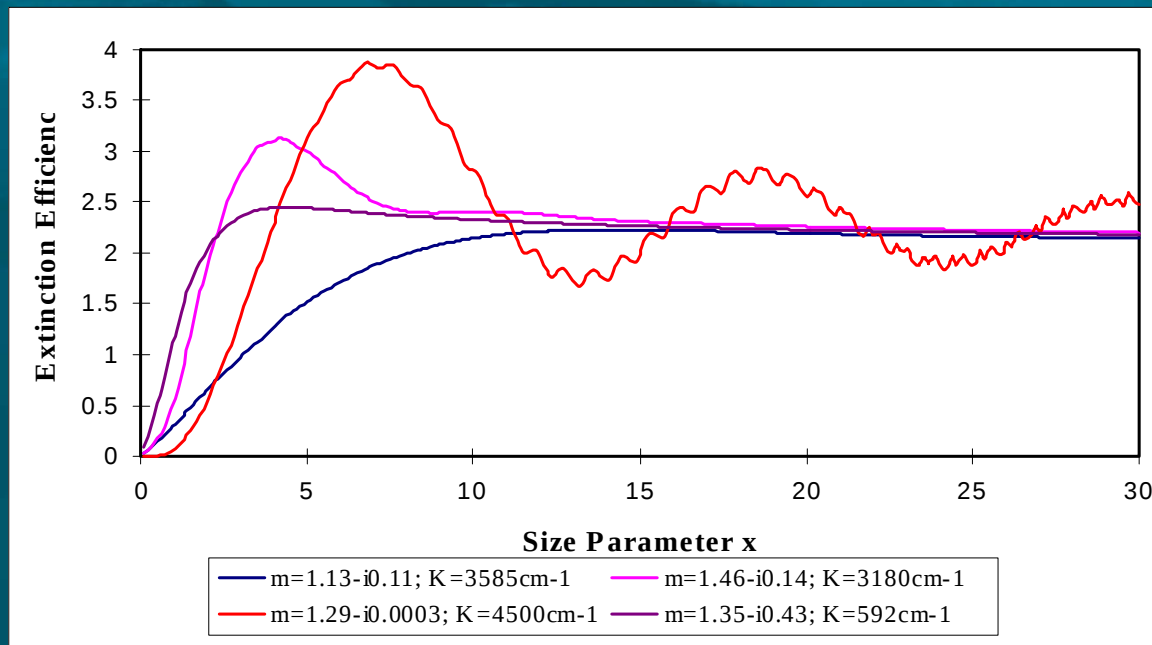
k – absorption term



Mie Theory (cont.)

Extinction Efficiency:

$$Q_e = \frac{\text{light scattered and absorbed by particle}}{\text{light blocked by particle cross sectional area}}$$



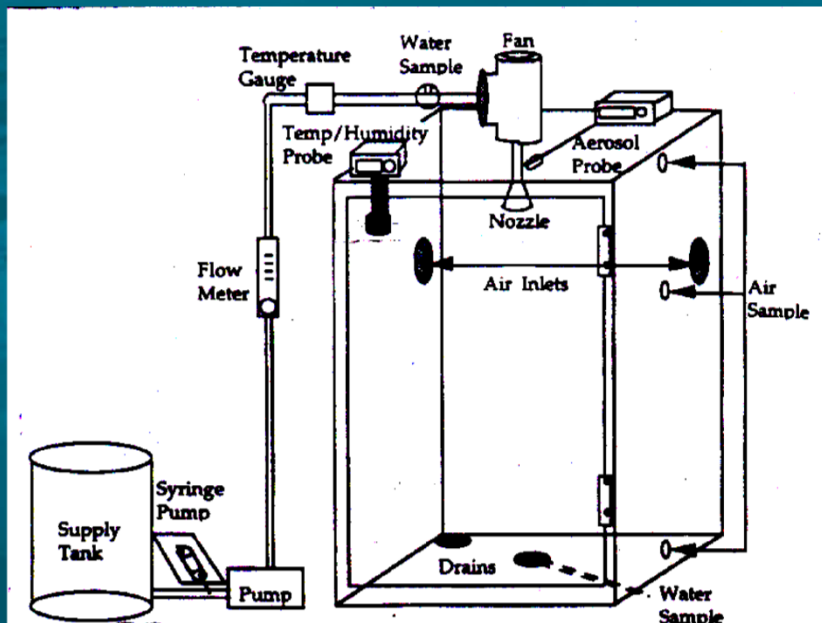
- Extinction efficiency of water in different part of the FTIR spectrum

Extinction as Function of Wavelength

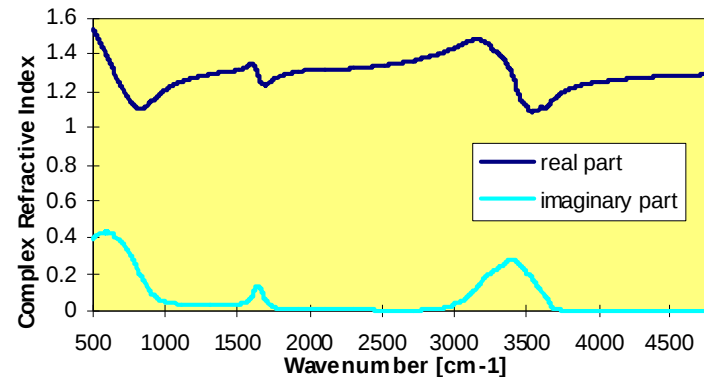
$$\sigma_{e_i} = \frac{\pi}{4} \sum_j Q_{e_{ij}} N_j d_j^2$$

- σ_{e_i} - extinction for the i^{th} wavelength
- $Q_{e_{ij}}$ - dimensionless extinction efficiencies
- N_j - number density for the j^{th} aerosol size
- d_j - is the aerosol j^{th} size class (diameter)

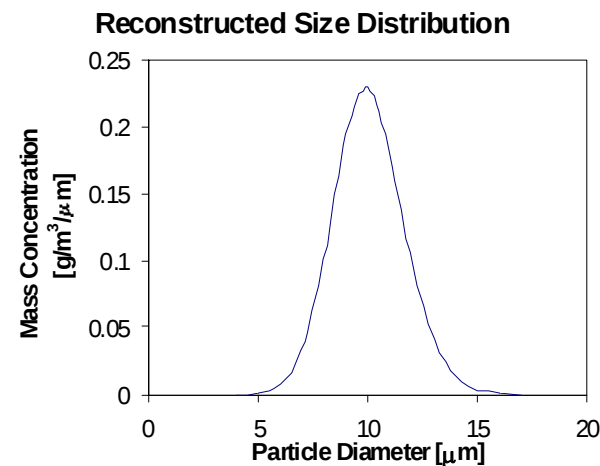
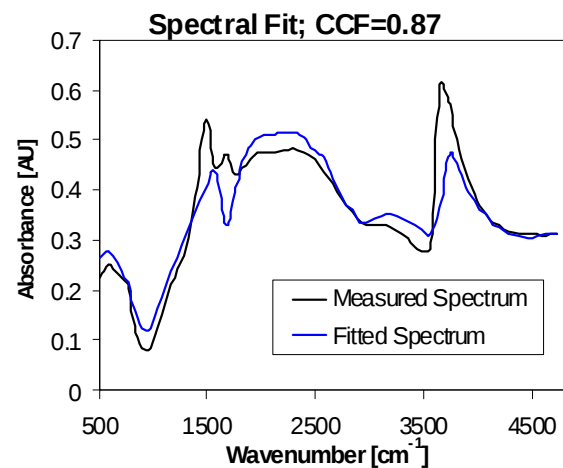
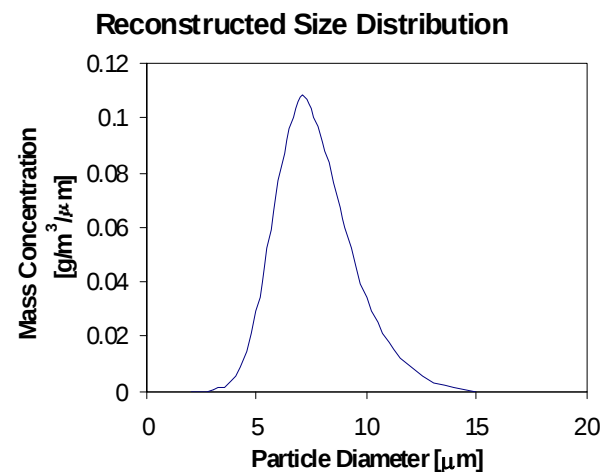
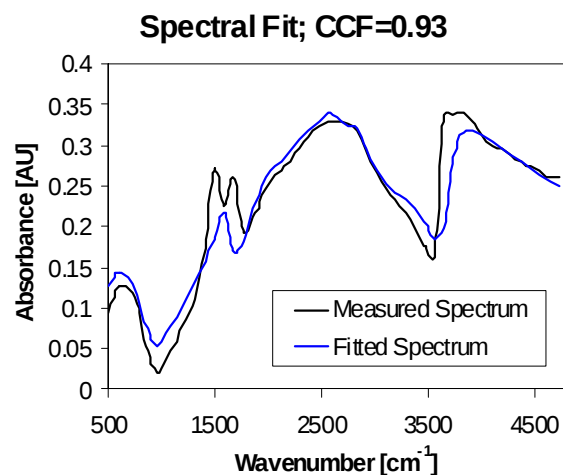
Shower Experiment



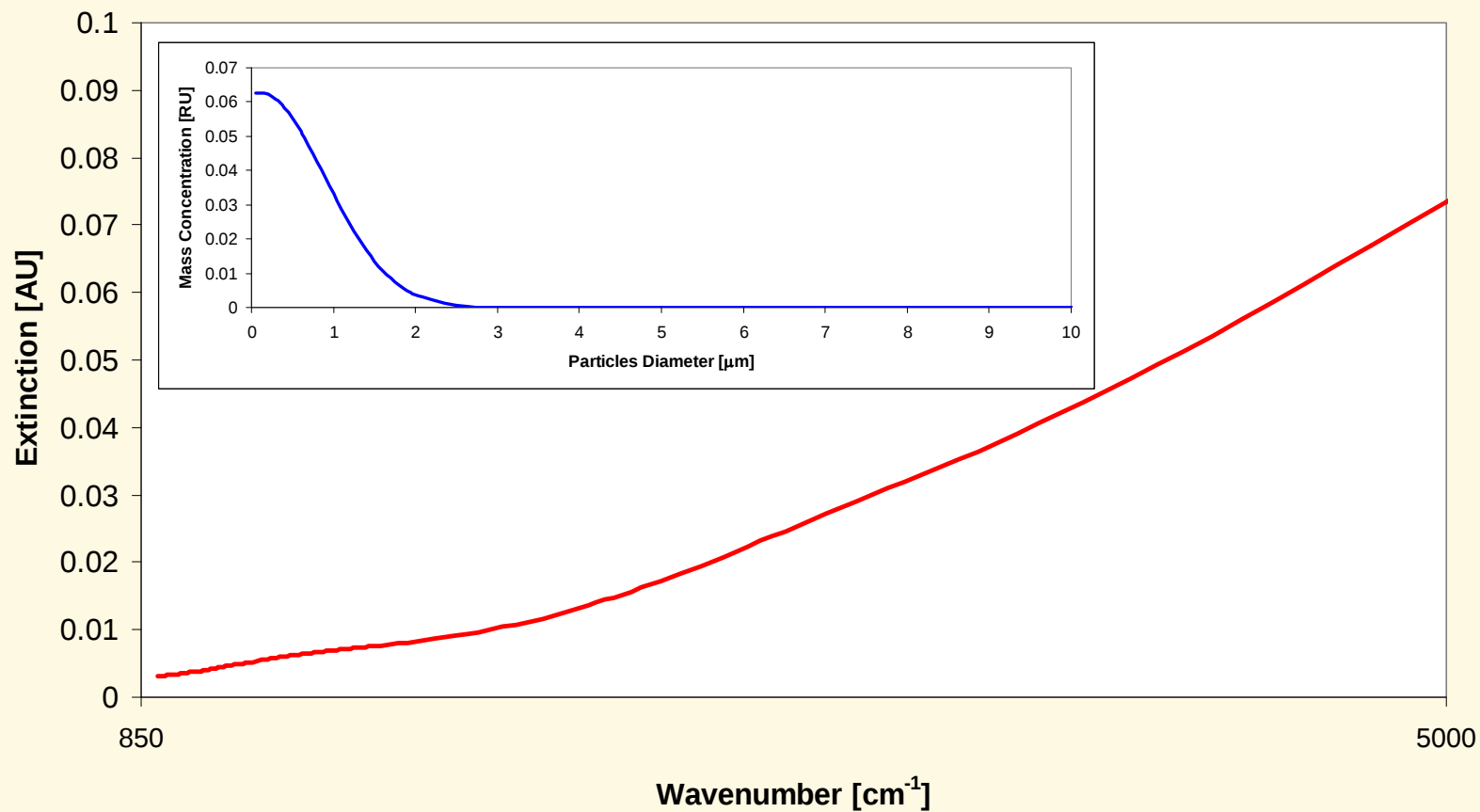
- OP-FTIR beam through water condensation aerosol
- Size distribution confirmed by aerosol probe
- Known optical constants (see below)



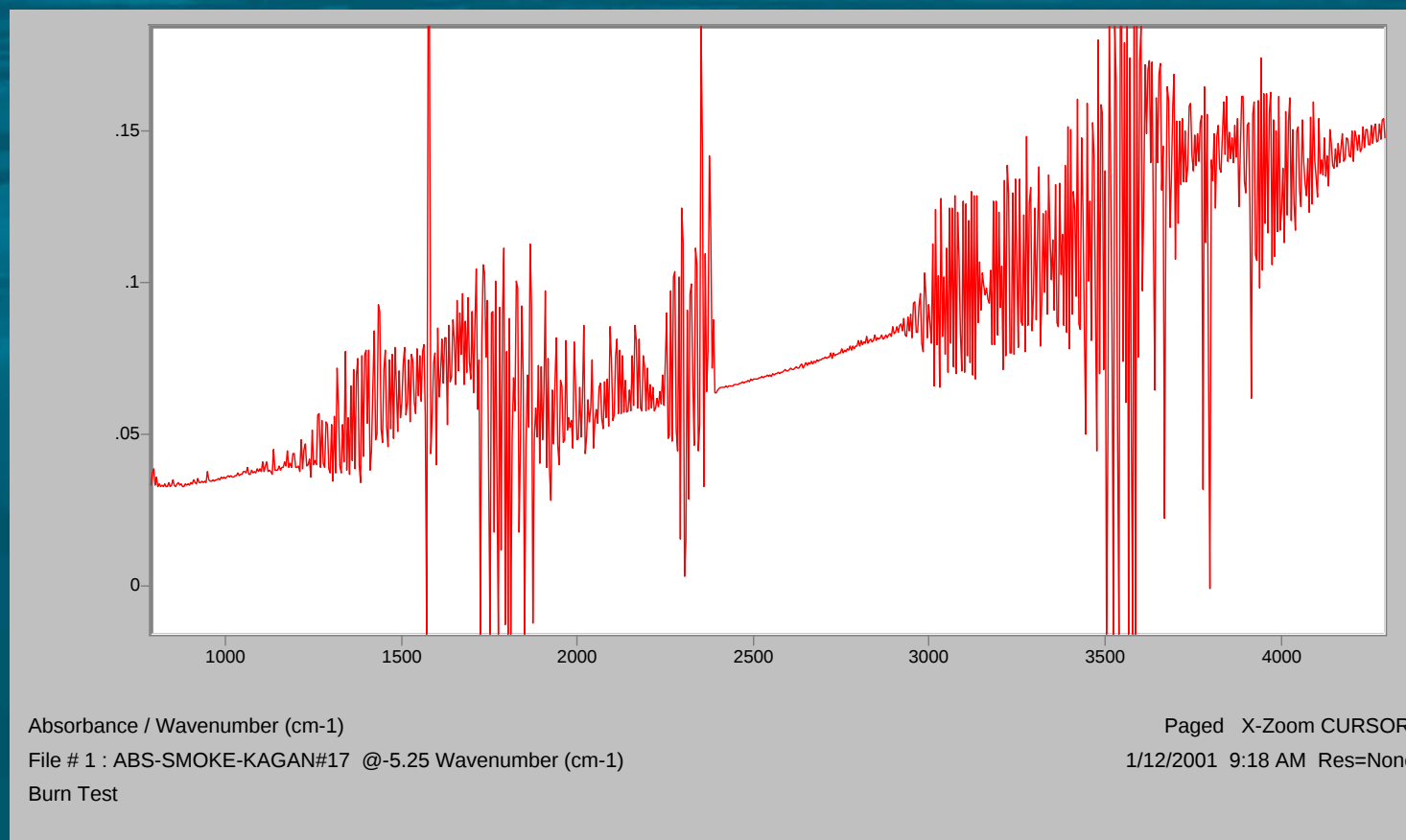
Shower Experiment Results



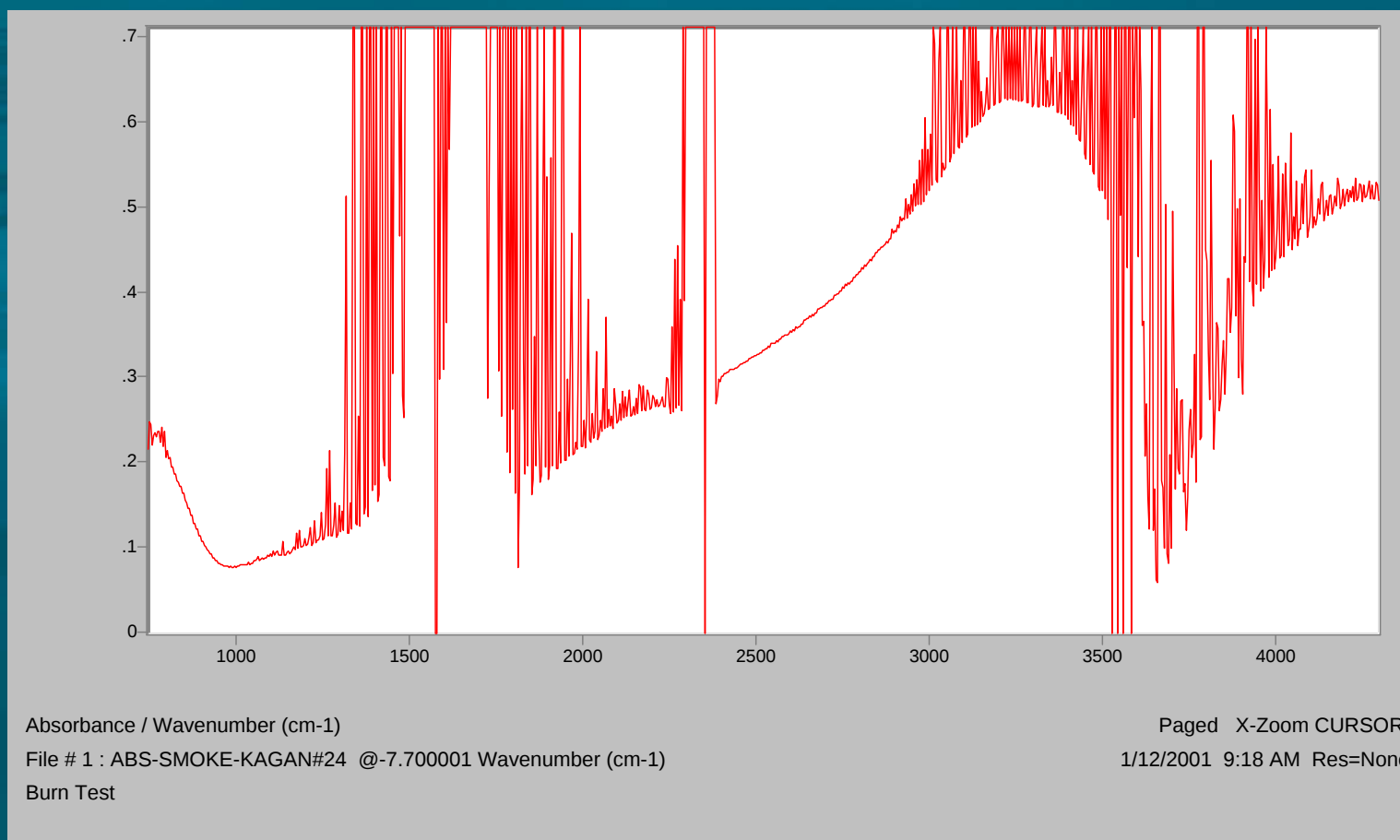
Predicted Smoke Extinction Spectrum



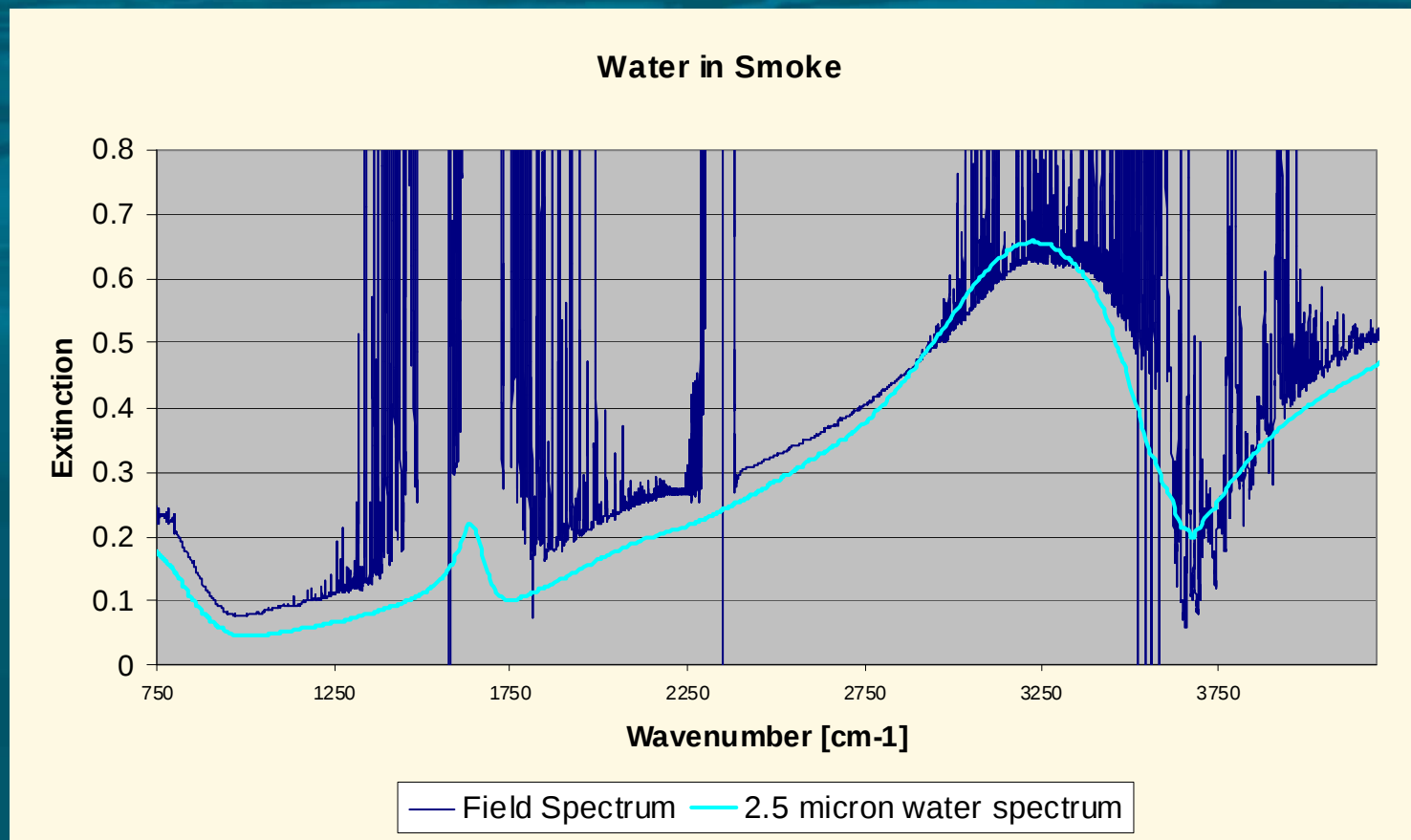
Smoke PM Extinction



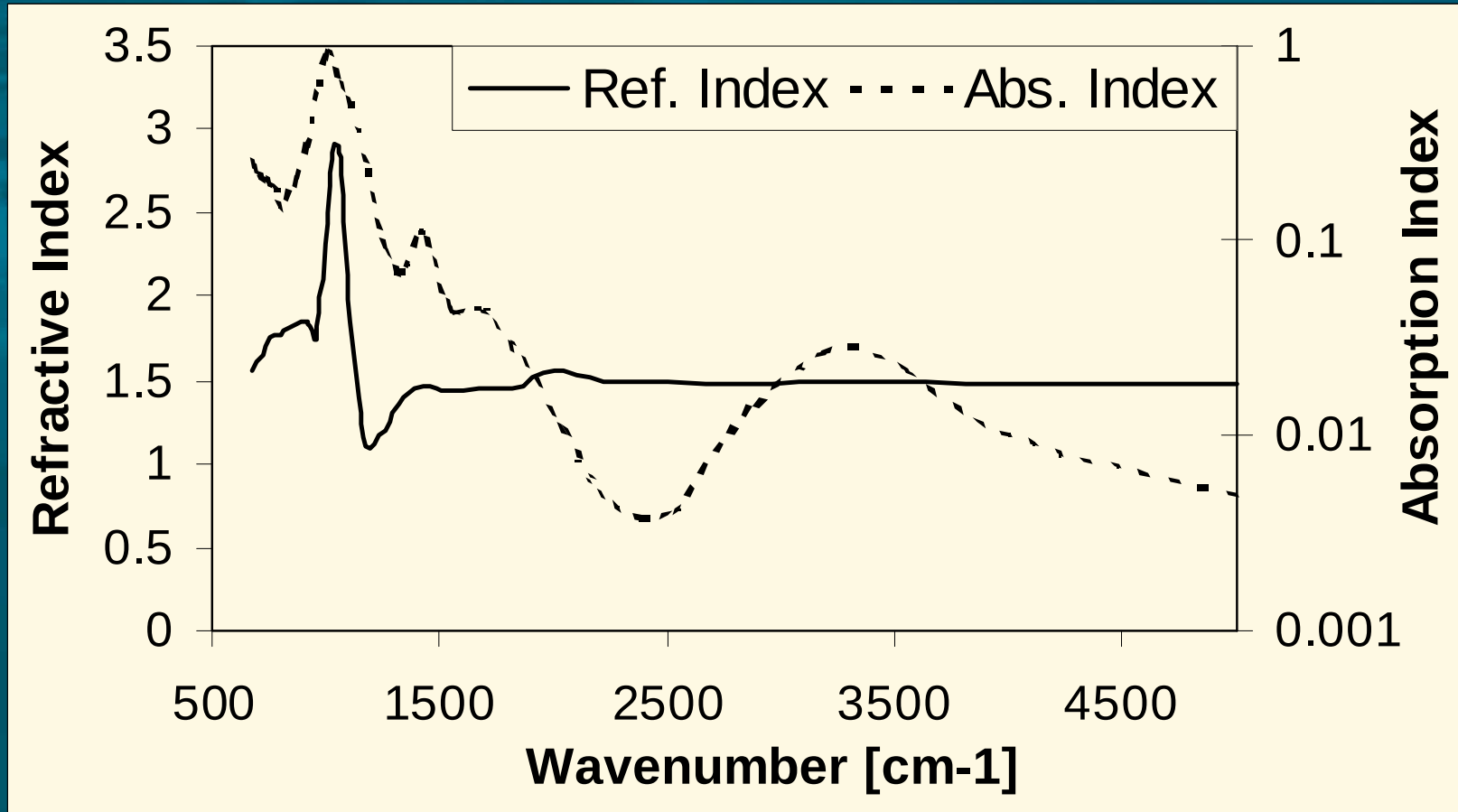
Water Condensation Aerosol

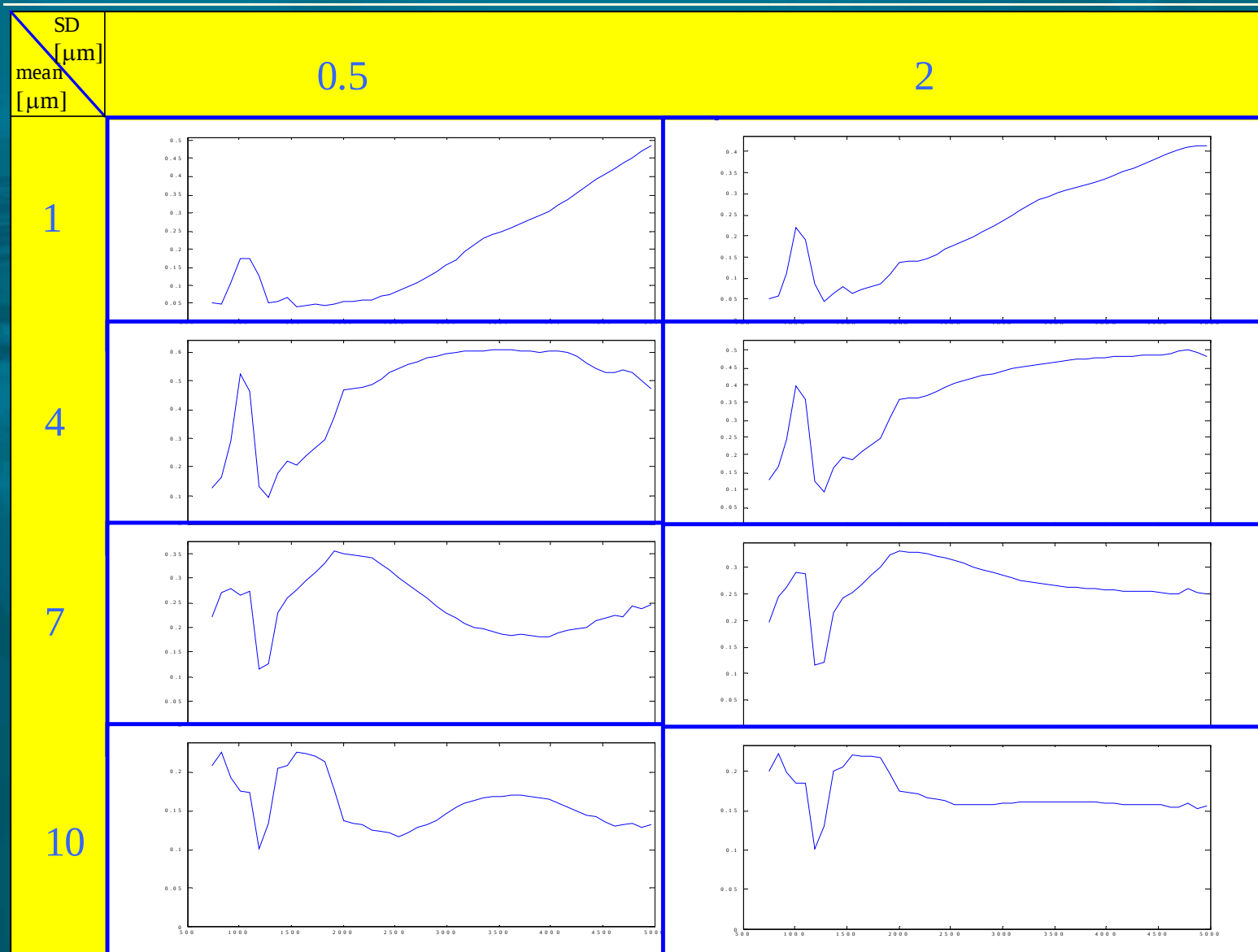


2.5 μm Mean Size; 2 μm SD Gaussian Fit



Sahara Dust Optical Constant





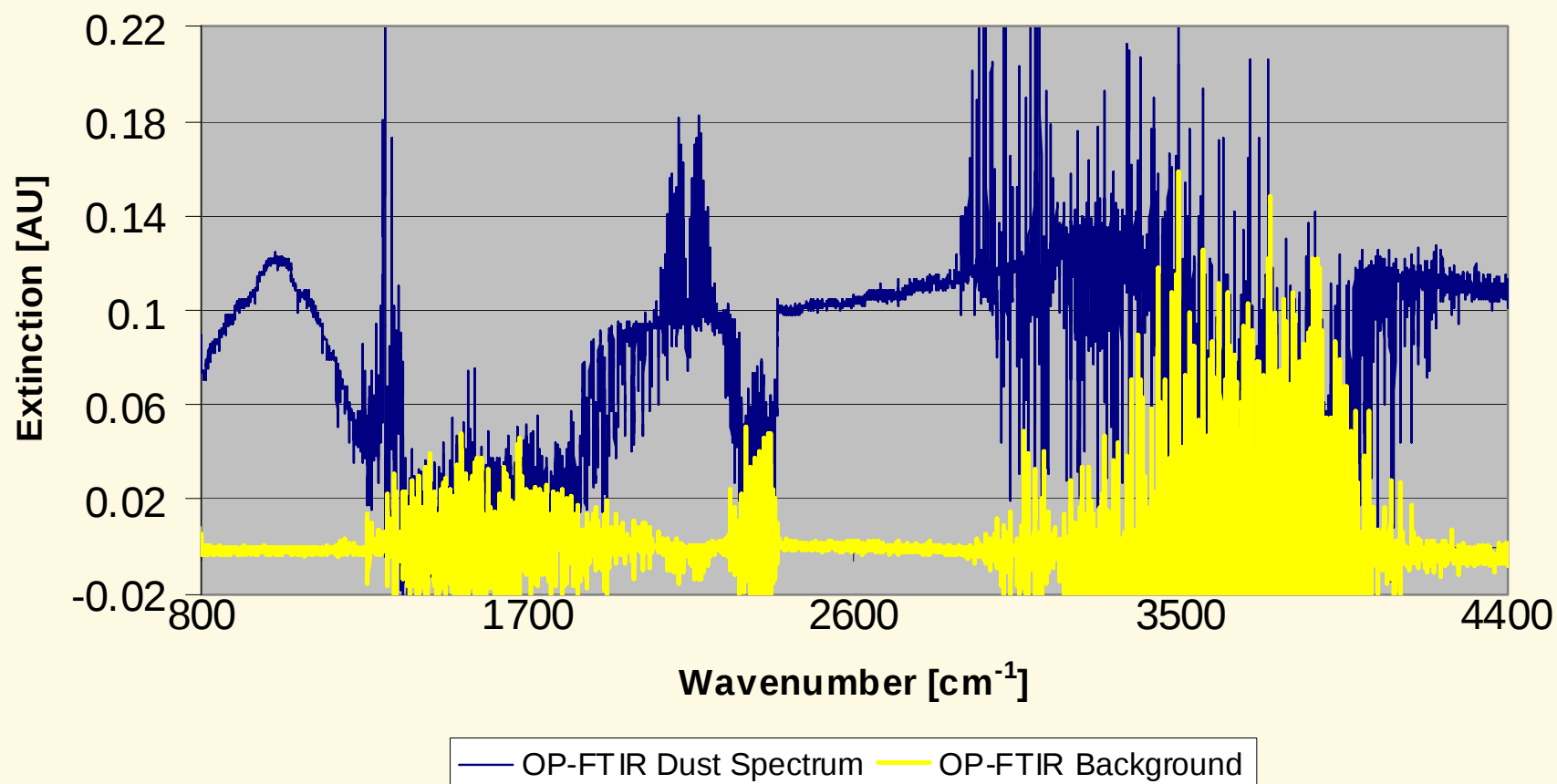
Louisville Landfill Set-Up

OP-FTIR Beam

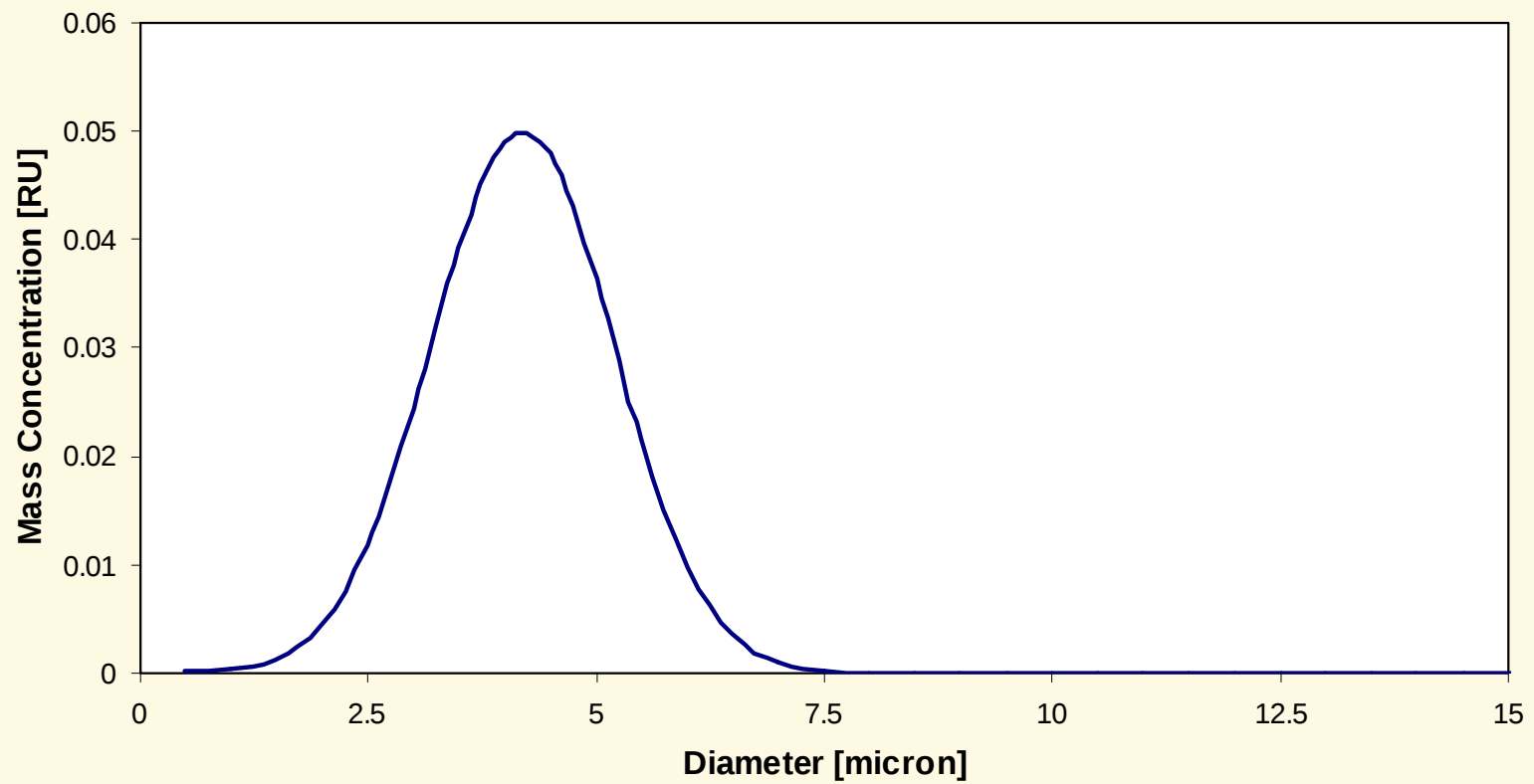
Dirt Road

Landfill

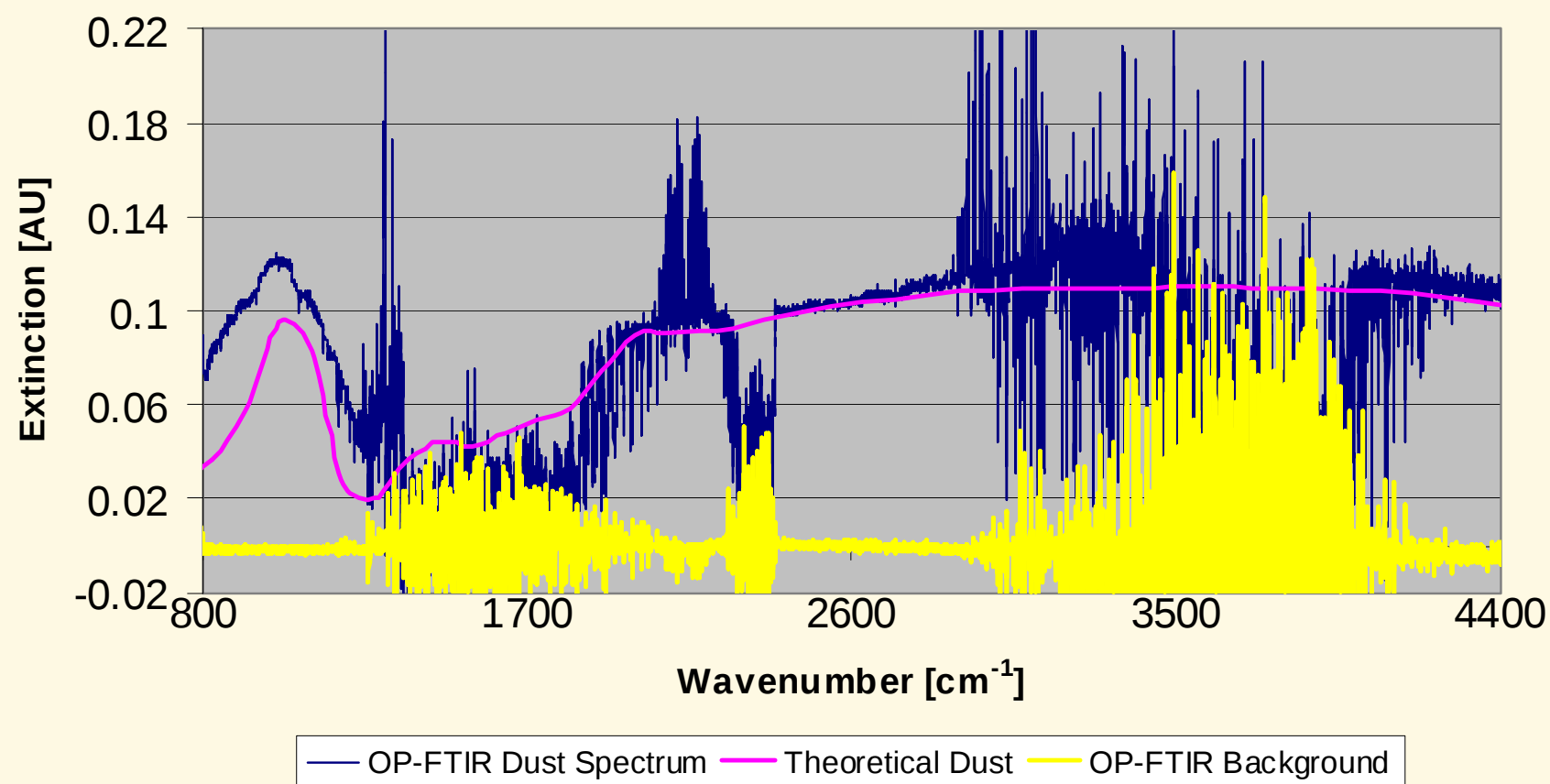
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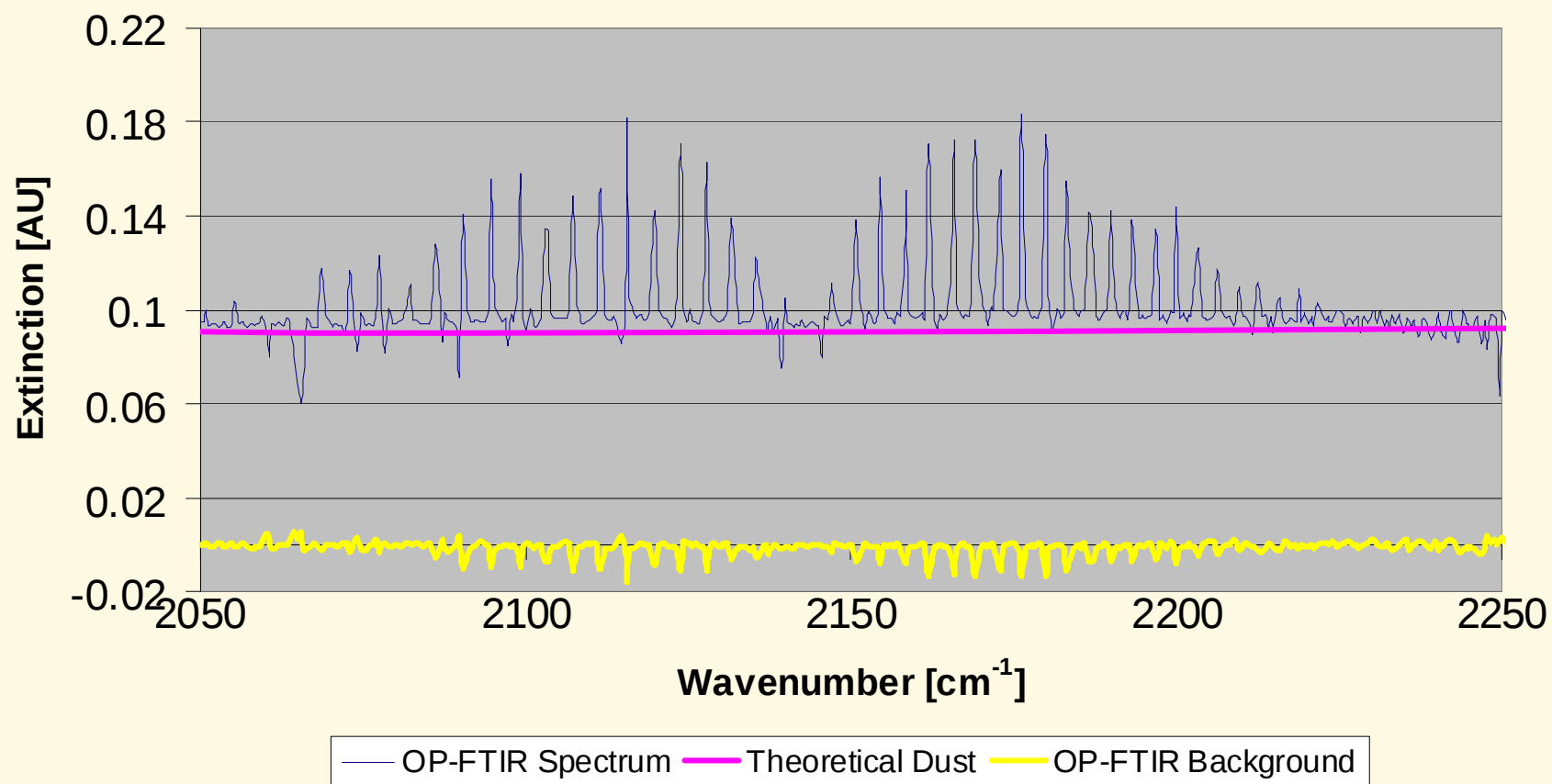
Size Distribution, mean=4.2 micron; SD=1.0 micron



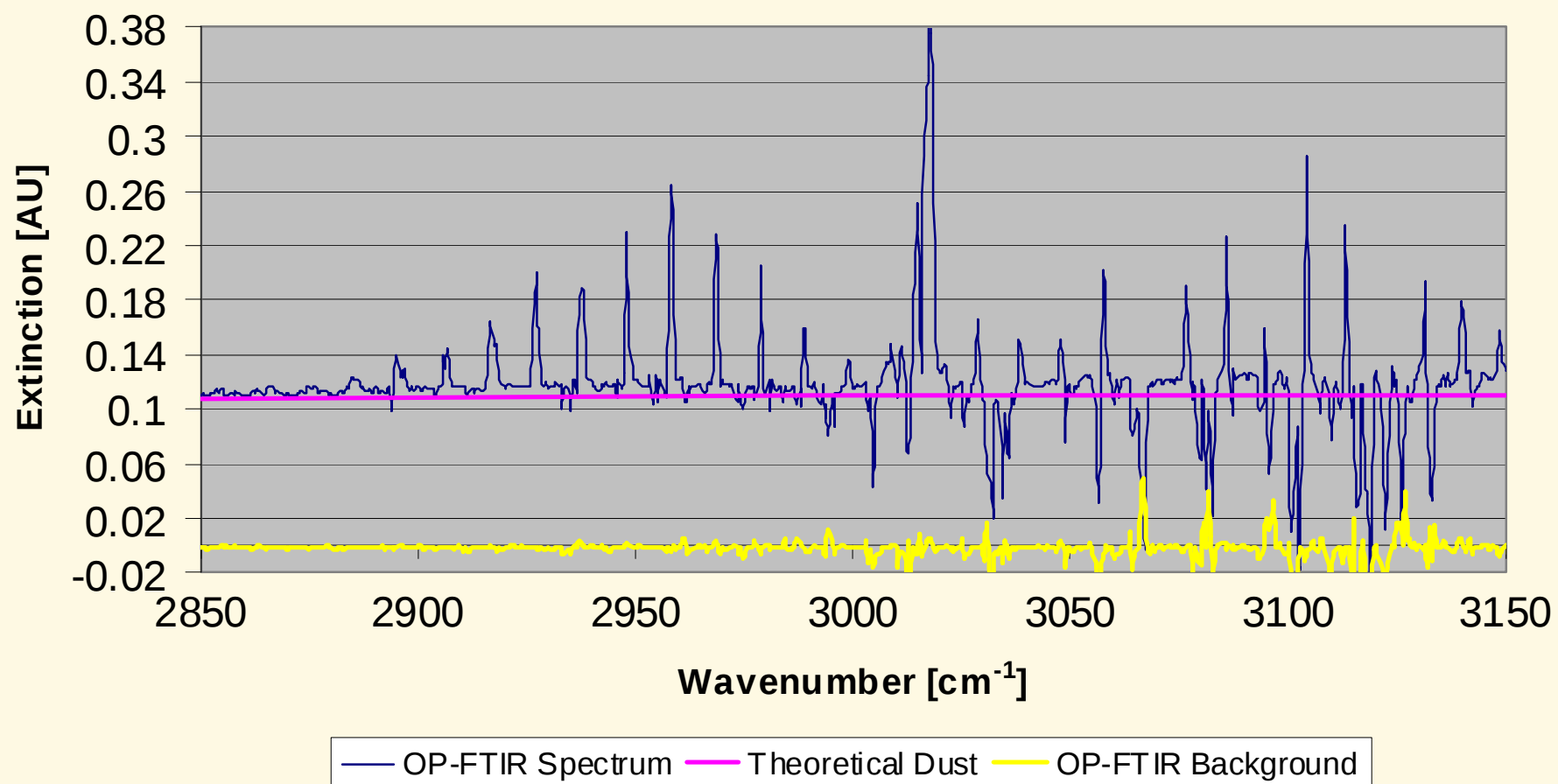
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Louisville Landfill Dust - CO



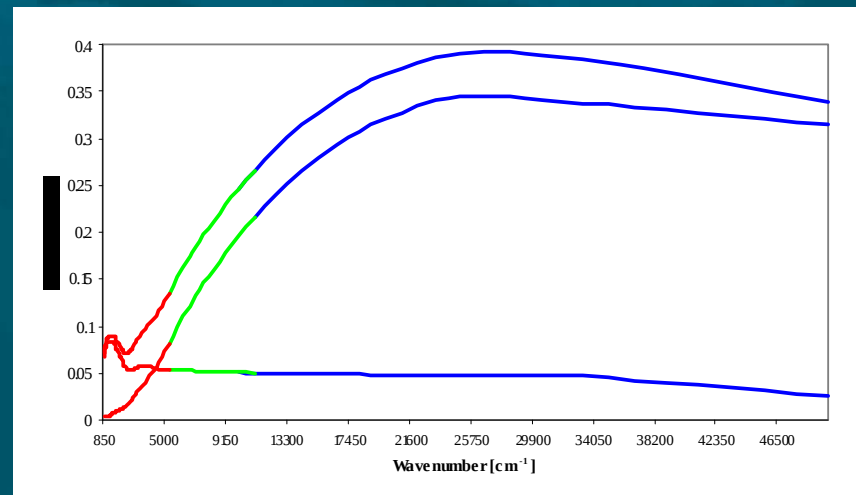
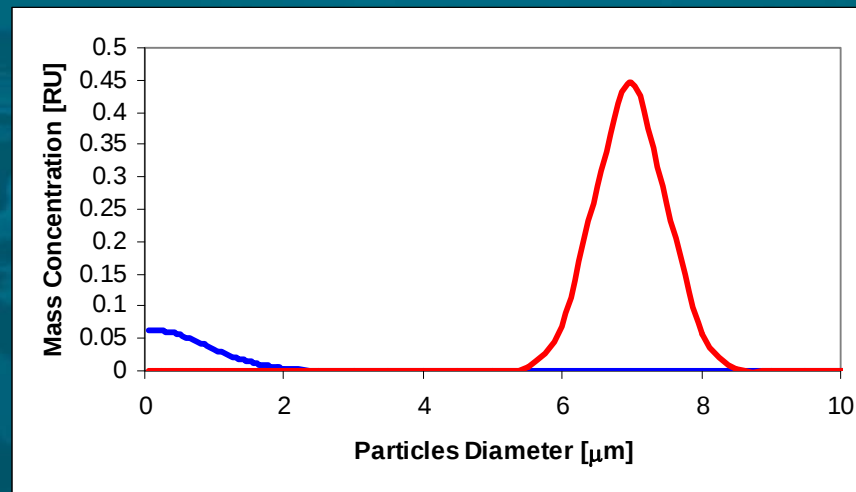
Louisville Landfill Dust - Methane



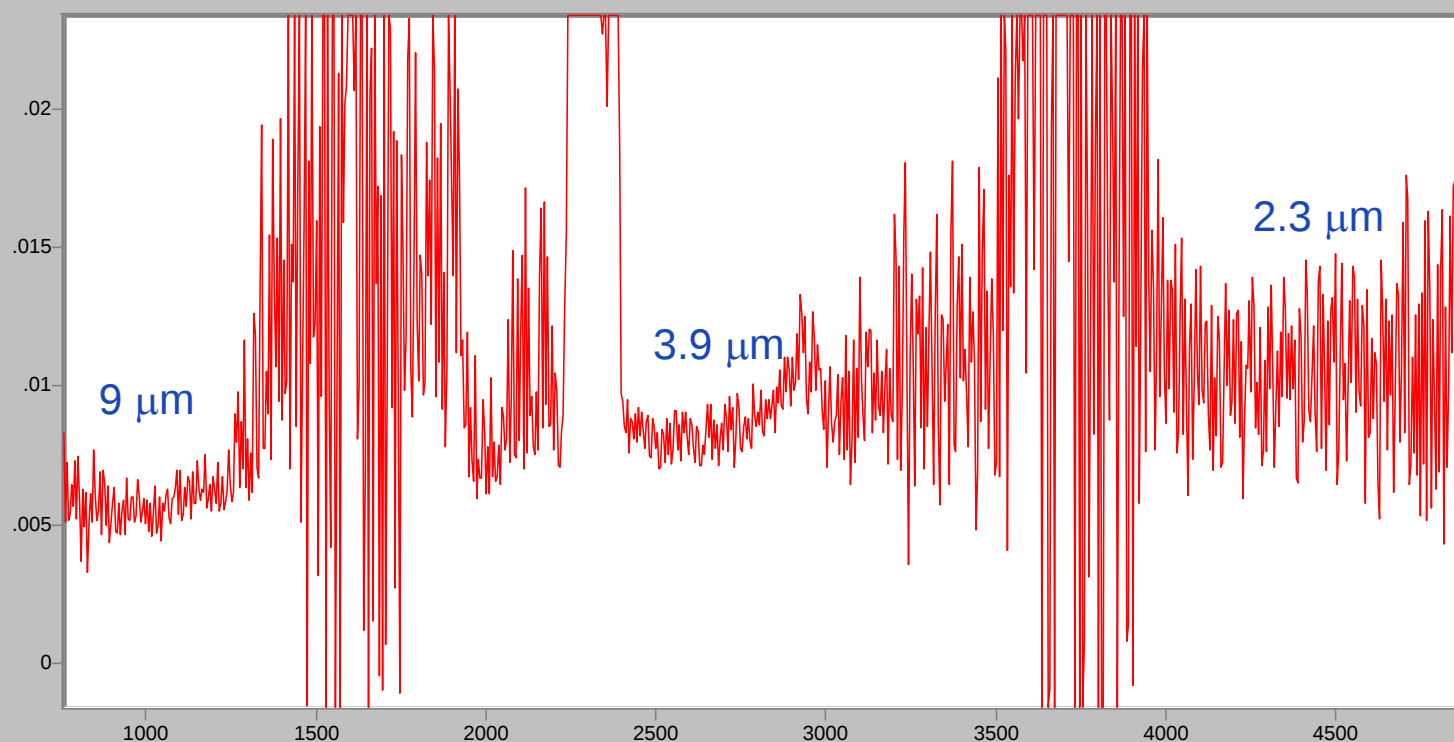
Diesel PM



Predicted Diesel Spectrum



Diesel Extinction Spectrum



Absorbance / Wavenumber (cm-1)

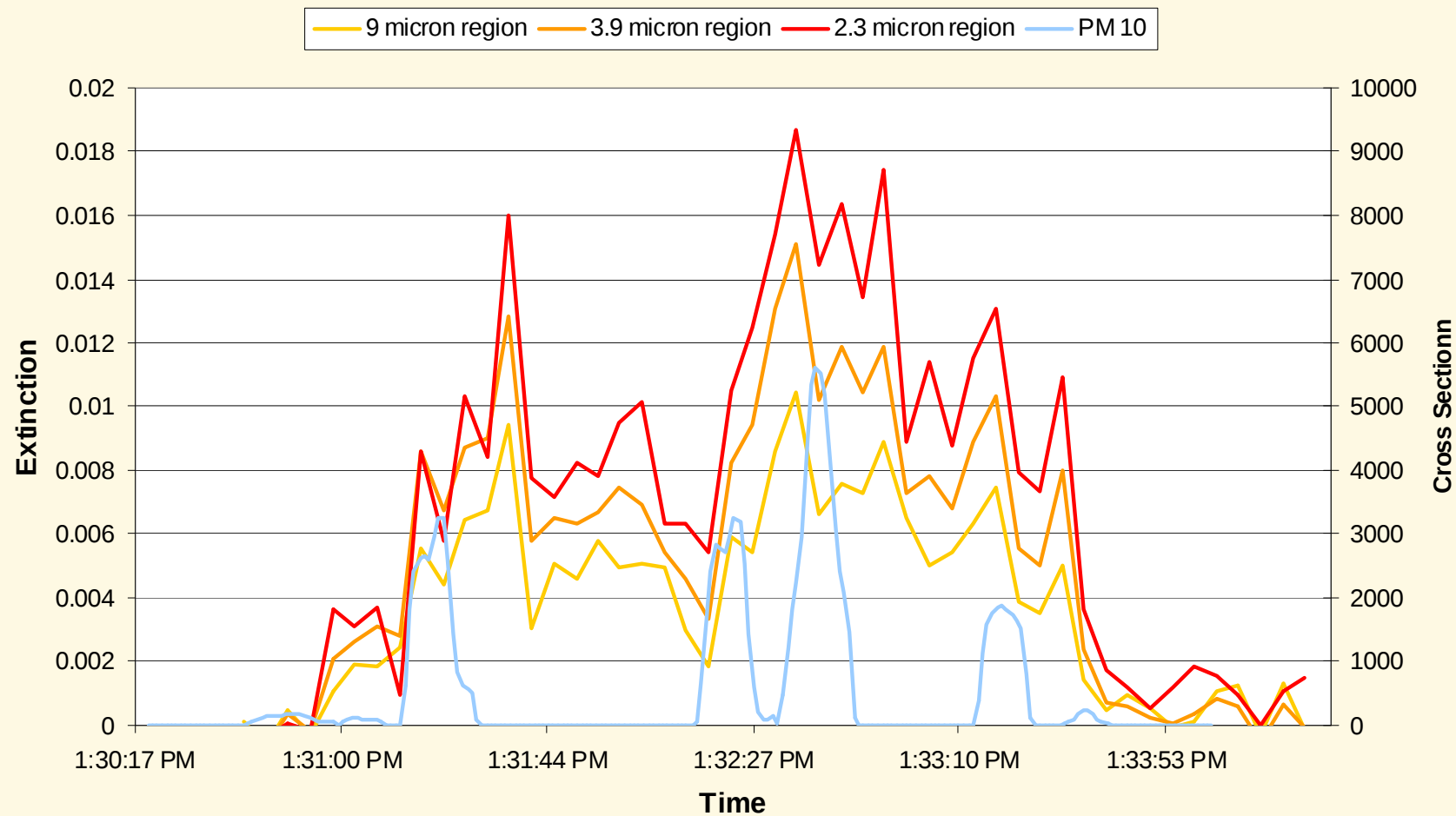
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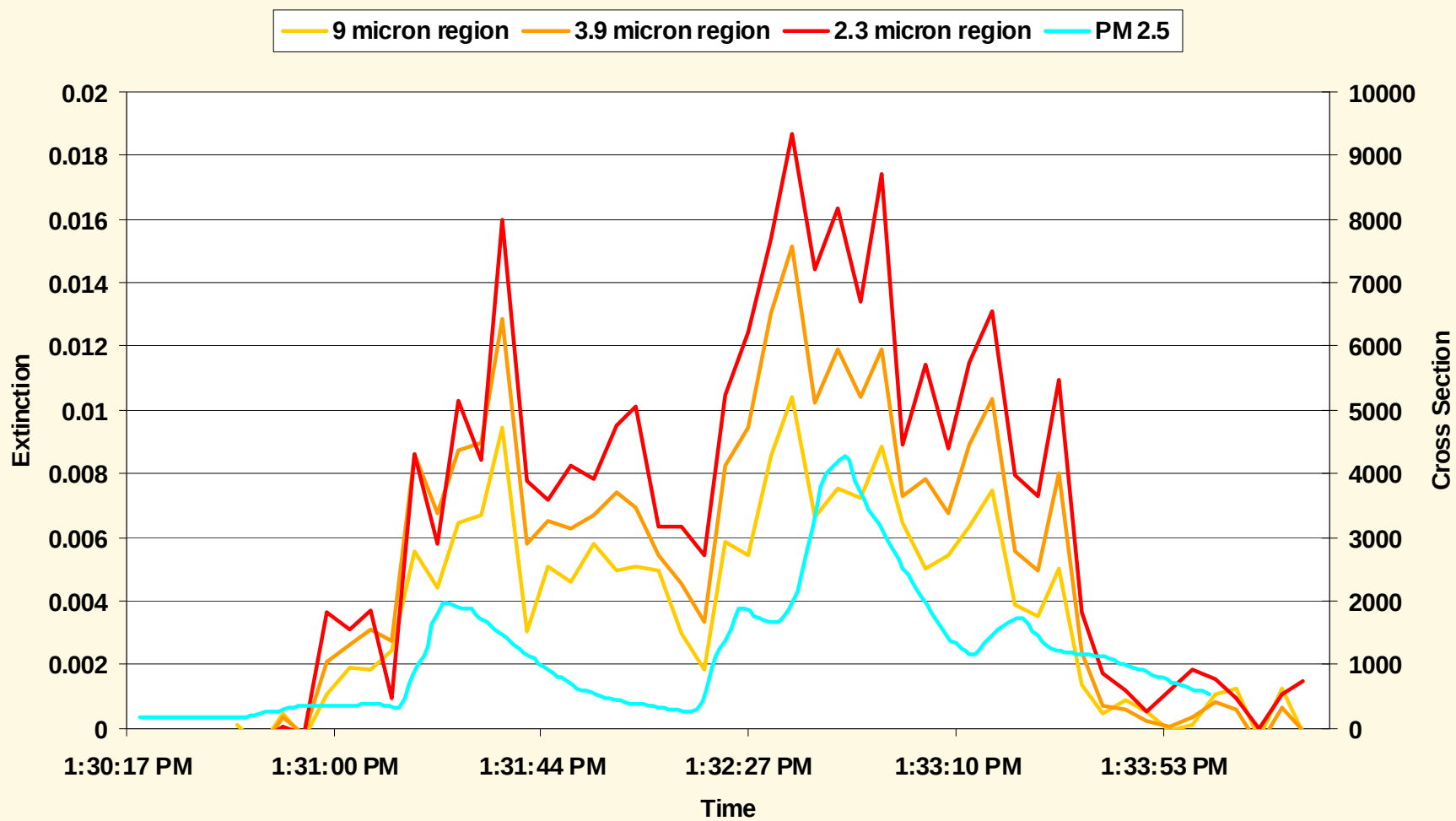
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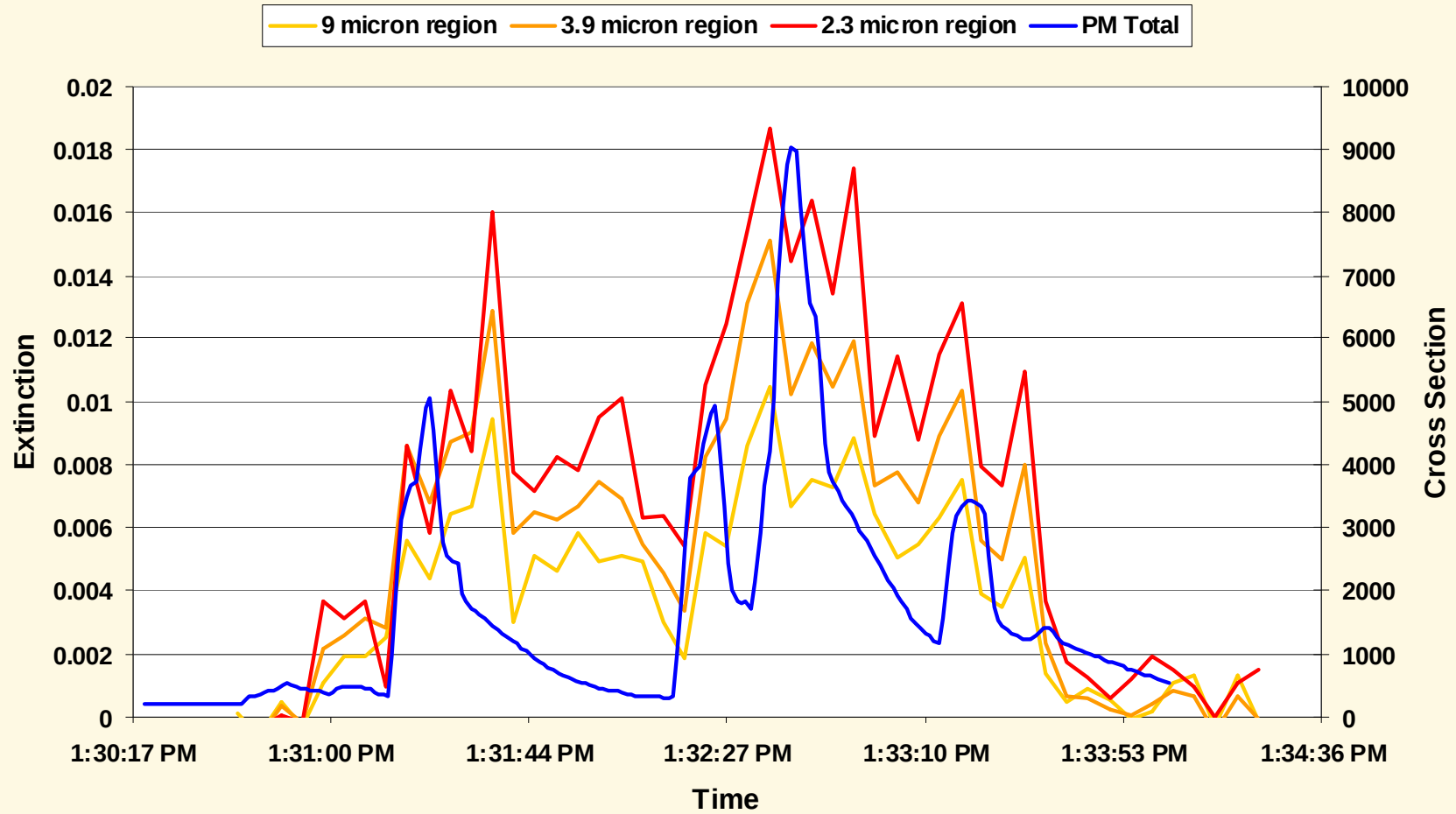
OP-FTIR Extinction VS ELPI Cross Sectional Area



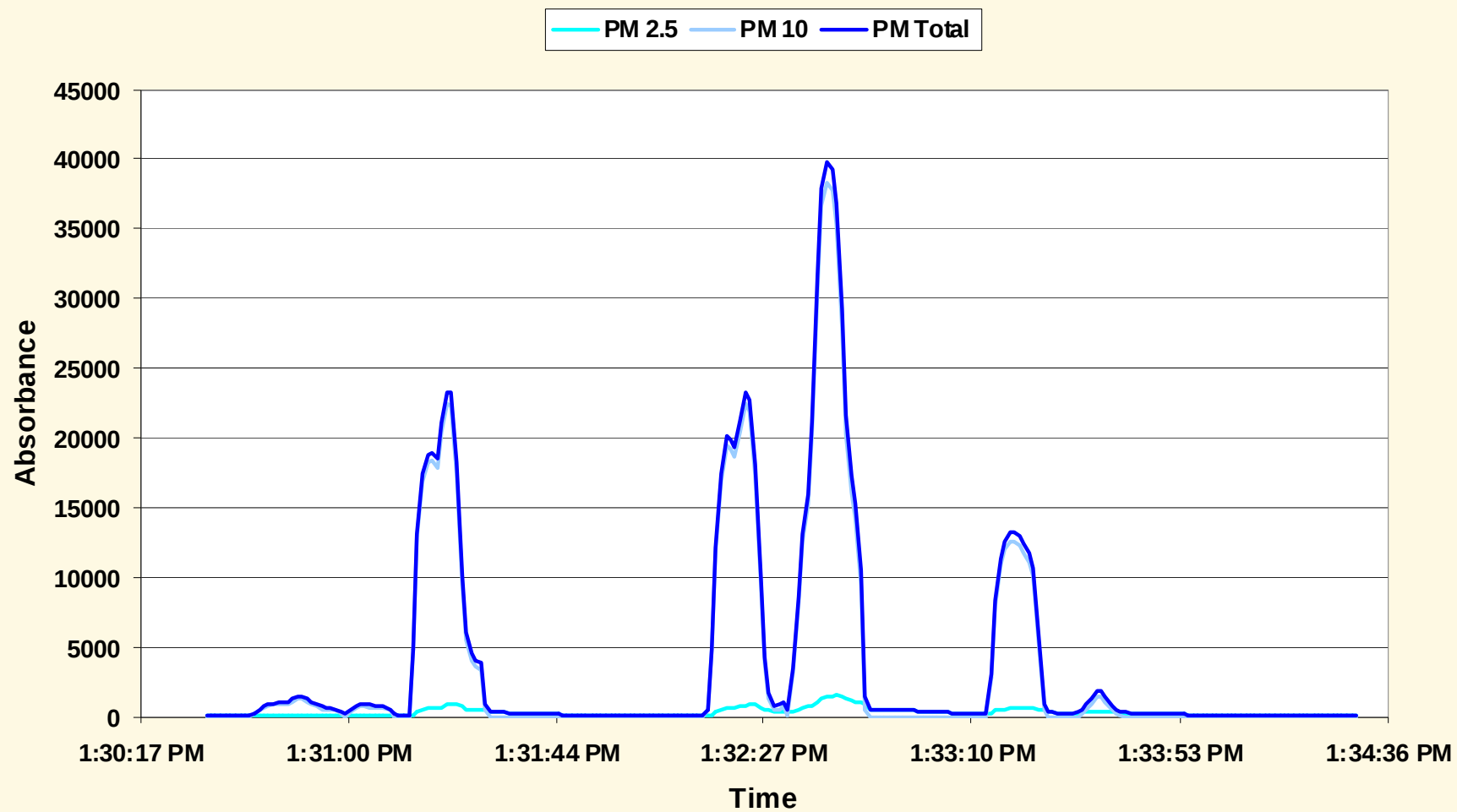
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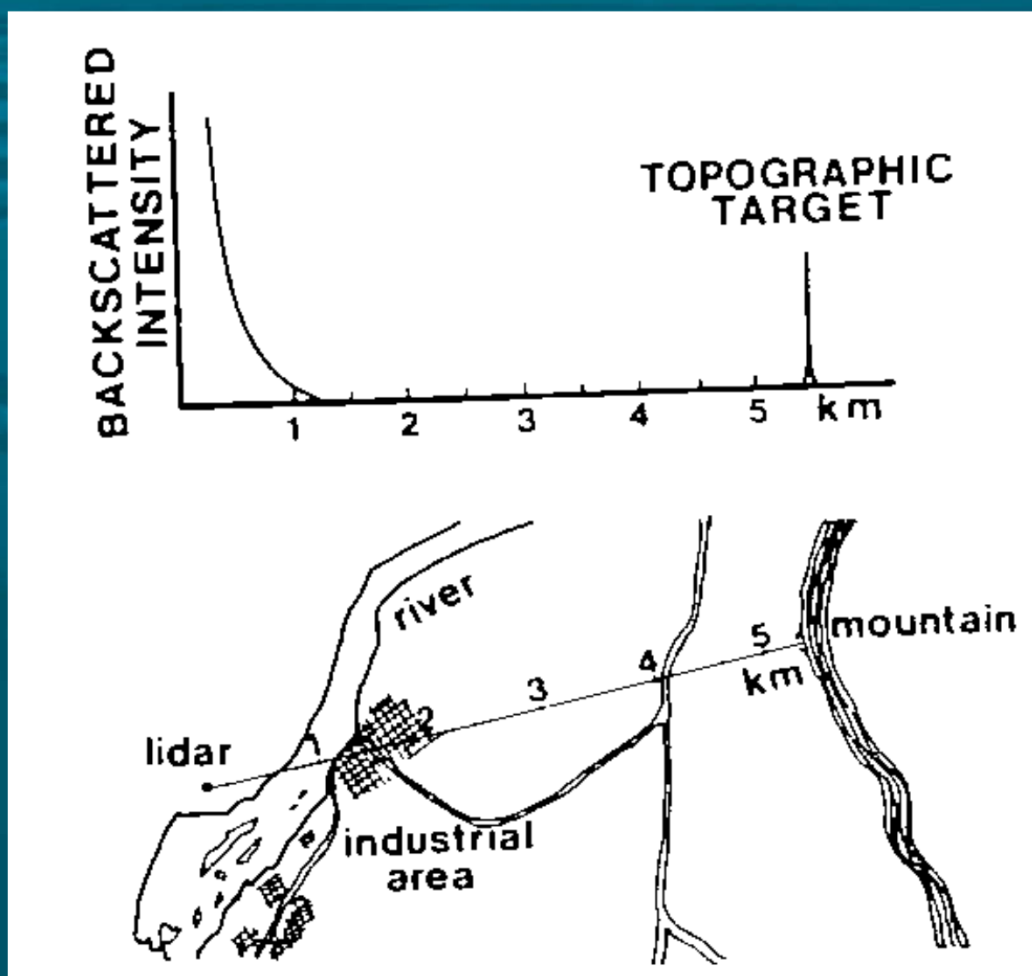
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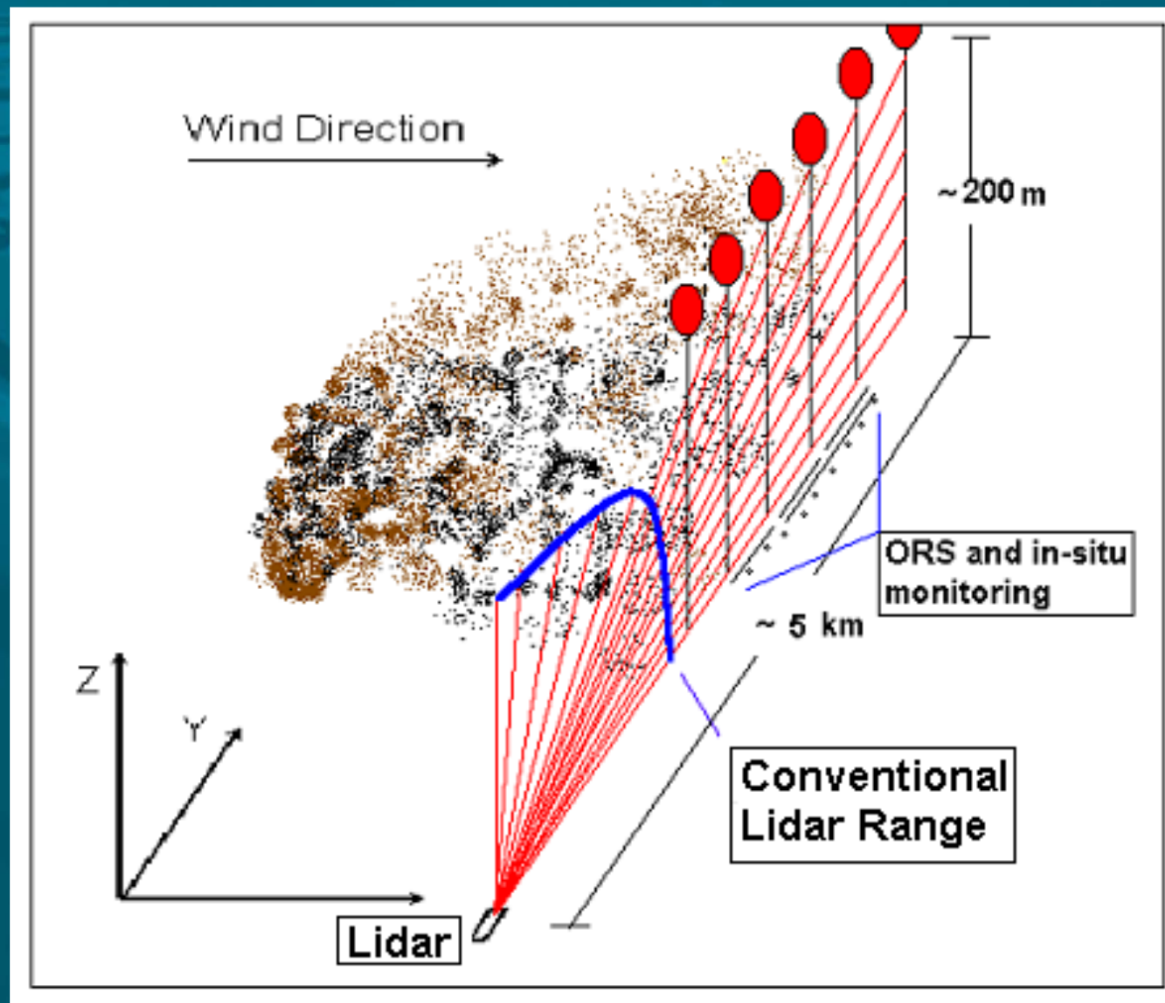
ELPI Mass Apportionment



Path-Integrated Lidar



Enhanced Range Lidar



Conclusions

- The first open-path optical technique to obtain real-time fugitive dust measurement and sizing
- Measurement of liquid aerosol like water or pesticide drift
- OP-FTIR can be used in field to gather multiple gases and PM emission data simultaneously
- Extending the spectral range to the UV/VIS range will allow sizing of submicron PM