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1.1 THE ATMOSPHERE AND AIR POLLUTANTS

1.1.1 ATMOSPHERIC DATA

1.1-1A AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF DRY AIR

For most applications the following accepted values for the average composition of the atmosphere are adequate. These values are for sea level or any land elevation. Proportions remain essentially constant to 50 000 ft altitude.

Gas	Molecular weight	Percentage	
		by volume, mol fraction	Percentage by weight
Nitrogen	$N_2 = 28.016$	78.09	75.55
Oxygen	$O_2 = 32.000$	20.95	23.13
Argon	$Ar = 39.944$	0.93	1.27
Carbon dioxide	$CO_2 = 44.010$	0.03	0.05
		100.00	100.00

For many purposes the percentages 79% N_2 –21% O_2 by volume and 77% N_2 –23% O_2 by weight are sufficiently accurate, the argon being considered as nitrogen with an adjustment of molecular weight to 28.16.

Other gases in the atmosphere constitute less than 0.003% (actually 27.99 parts per million by volume), as given in the following table.

1.1-1B MINOR CONSTITUENTS OF DRY AIR

Gas	Molecular weight	Parts per million	
		By volume	By weight
Neon	$Ne = 20.183$	18.	12.9
Helium	$He = 4.003$	5.2	0.74
Methane	$CH_4 = 16.04$	2.2	1.3
Krypton	$Kr = 83.8$	1.	3.0
Nitrous oxide	$N_2O = 44.01$	1.	1.6
Hydrogen	$H_2 = 2.0160$	0.5	0.03
Xenon	$Xe = 131.3$	0.08	0.37
Ozone	$O_3 = 48.000$	0.01	0.02
Radon	$Rn = 222.$	(0.06×10^{-12})	

Minor constituents may also include dust, pollen, bacteria, spores, smoke particles, SO_2 , H_2S , hydrocarbons, and larger amounts of CO_2 and ozone, depending on weather, volcanic activity, local industrial activity, and concentration of human, animal, and vehicle population. In certain enclosed spaces the minor constituents will vary considerably with industrial operations and with occupancy by humans, plants, or animals.

The above data do not include water vapor, which is an important constituent in all normal atmospheres.

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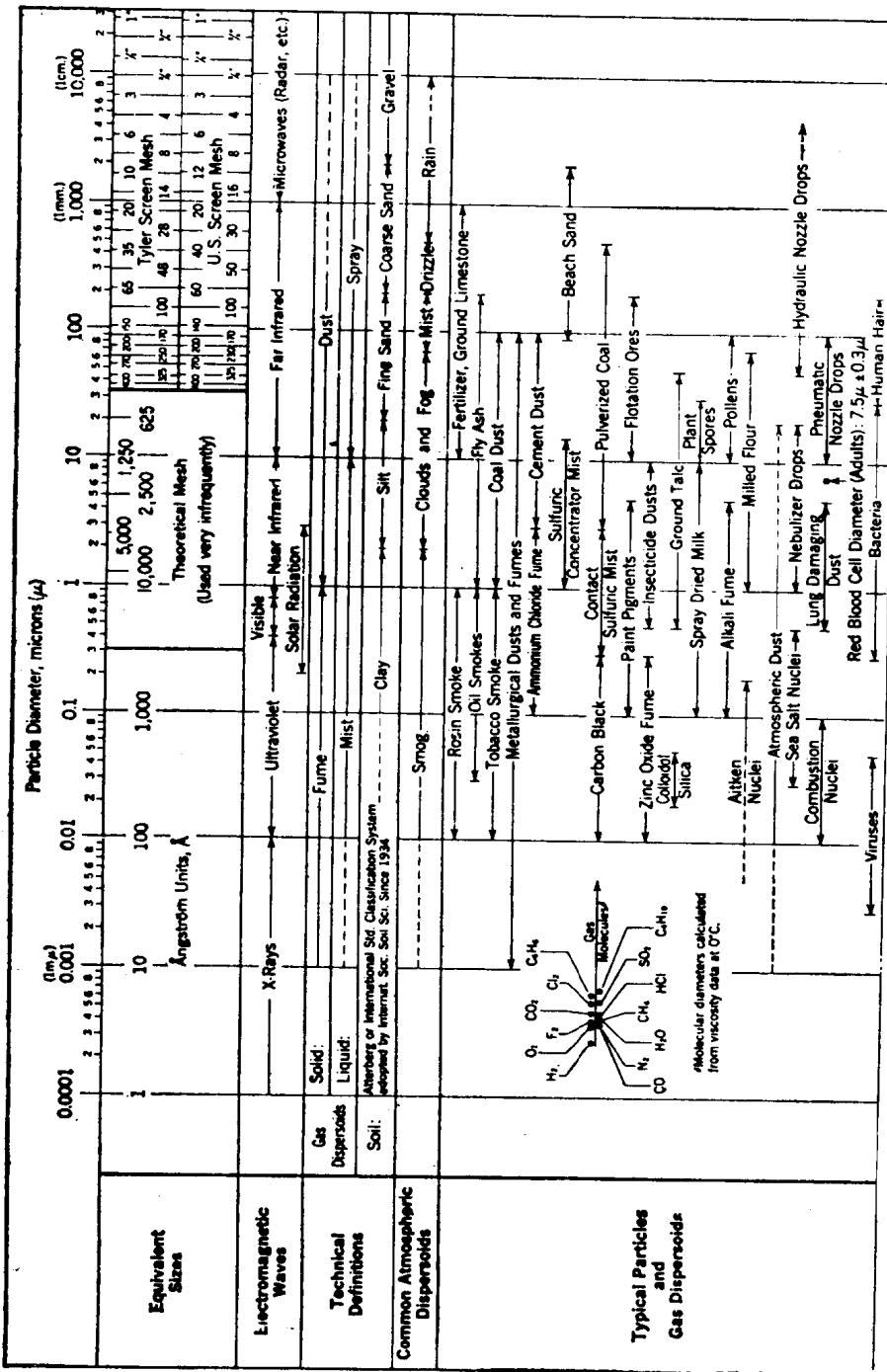
1.1.2 AIR POLLUTANT PROPERTIES

Air pollution is the presence in the ambient air of one or more contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or man-made. The quantities, characteristics, and duration of these contaminants are, or may tend to be, injurious to human, plant, and animal life or may interfere with the enjoyment of life or use of property.

1.1-2 CLASSIFICATION OF AIR POLLUTANTS

Major classes	Subclasses	Typical members
Inorganic gases	Oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) Oxides of sulfur (SO_x) Other inorganics	Nitrogen dioxide, nitric oxide Sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid Ammonia, carbon monoxide, chlorine, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen sulfide, ozone
Organic gases	Hydrocarbons Aldehydes, ketones Other organics	Benzene, butadiene, butene, ethylene, isoctane, methane Acetone, formaldehyde Acids, alcohols, chlorinated hydrocarbons, peroxyacetyl nitrates, polynuclear aromatics
Aerosols	Solid particulate matter Liquid particulates	Dusts, smoke Fumes, oil mists, polymeric reaction-products

Source: *Environmental Biology*, P.L. Altman and D.S. Dittmer, Eds., Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, Bethesda, Md., 1966. With permission.



1.1-3 Characteristics of particles and particle dispersoids.

Methods for Particle Size Analysis	Sieveing										Furnishes average particle diameter but no size distribution ** Size distribution may be obtained by special calibration.
	Impingers	Electroformed Sieves	Microscope	Elutriation	Sedimentation	Turbidimetry	Permeability	Scanners	Machine Tools (Micrometers, Calipers, etc.)	Visible to Eye	
Ultramicroscope											
Electron Microscope											
Centrifuge											
Ultracentrifuge											
X-Ray Diffraction											
Adsorption											
Nuclei Counter											
Ultrasonics (very limited industrial application)											
Types of Gas Cleaning Equipment	Settling Chambers										
	Centrifugal Separators										
	Liquid Scrubbers										
	Cloth Collectors										
	Packed Beds										
	Common Air Filters										
	Impingement Separators										
	High Efficiency Air Filters										
	Thermal Precipitation (used only for sampling)										
	Electrical Precipitators										
In Air at 25°C, 1 atm.	Reynolds Number	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}
Settling Velocity, cm/sec.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Reynolds Number	10^{-15}	10^{-14}	10^{-13}	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}
Settling Velocity, cm/sec.		2	3	5	10	20	30	50	100	200	300
In Water at 25°C.	Reynolds Number	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}
Settling Velocity, cm/sec.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
In Air at 25°C, 1 atm.	Terminal Gravitational Setting, [sp. gr. 2.0]	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}
Settling Velocity, cm/sec.		2	3	5	10	20	30	50	100	200	300
In Water at 25°C.	Terminal Gravitational Setting, [sp. gr. 2.0]	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}	10^{-2}	10^{-1}
Settling Velocity, cm/sec.		2	3	5	10	20	30	50	100	200	300
In Air at 25°C, 1 atm.	Particle Diffusion Coefficient, cm²/sec.	10^{-12}	10^{-11}	10^{-10}	10^{-9}	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}
In Water at 25°C.	Particle Diffusion Coefficient, cm²/sec.	10^{-8}	10^{-7}	10^{-6}	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	10^{-3}	10^{-2}	10^{-1}	10^0	10^{-11}
Cuthbert-Cunningham factor included in values given for air but not included for water	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.1	1	10	100	1000	10000	(1mm)	

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1.1-3 Characteristics of particles and particle dispersoids (continued).

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1.1-4 MOBILITIES OF ATMOSPHERIC IONS

Type of ions	Average mobility, cm ² /volt sec	Approximate diameter, μm
Small +	1.4 ^a , 1.1 ^b	0.001–0.005
Small -	1.9 ^a , 1.2 ^b	0.001–0.005
Intermediate	0.05	0.005–0.015
Large	0.0004	0.015–0.10
Fog droplets	$0.5 \times 10^{-6} n^c$	2–70

^aIn dry air.^bIn moist air.^cWith n charges.

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1.1-5 PROPERTIES OF SOME TYPICAL AEROSOLS

Type of dispersal system	Size range of particles diameter, μm	Terminal velocity (cm/sec) due to gravity settling in air, 20°C and 1 atm
Raindrops	5 000–500	Turbulent motion $v_t = k_1 pD$ for particles down to about 1 000 μm p = particle density D = particle diameter, μm
Natural mist	500–40	
Natural fog	40–1.0	
Dust		
Foundry sand	2 000–200	
Ground limestone, fertilizers	800–30	Intermediate region for particles between 1 000–100 μm
Sand tailings from flotation	400–20	$v_i = k_2 p^{2/3} D$
Pulverized coal	400–10	Stokes' law for streamline region, applicable to particles from 100–1.0 μm
Ground sulfide ore for flotation	200–4	$v_s = KpD^2/n$
Foundry shake-out dust	200–1	
Cement	150–10	n = coefficient of viscosity of air, poises
Fly ash	80–3	$v_s = k_3 pD^2$
Silica dust in silicosis	10–0.5	
Pigments	8–1.0	
Pollens	60–20	
Plant spores	30–10	
Bacteria	15–1.0	

1.1-5 PROPERTIES OF SOME TYPICAL AEROSOLS (continued)

Type of dispersal system	Size range of particles diameter, μm	Terminal velocity (cm/sec) due to gravity settling in air, 20°C and 1 atm										
Fumes and Mist												
Metallurgical fumes	100–0.1	Cunningham's correction for particles in range 1.0–0.10 μm										
H_2SO_4 concentrator mist	10–1.0	$v_c = v_s \left(\frac{1 + 1.72 l}{D} \right)$										
Alkali fume	2–0.1	$l = \text{mean free path of gas molecules, } \mu\text{m}$										
SO_3 mist	3–0.5											
NH_4Cl fume	2–0.1											
Zinc oxide fume	0.3–0.03	$v_c = v_s \left(\frac{1 + 0.172}{D} \right) \text{ in air}$										
Smokes												
Oil smoke	1.0–0.03	Velocity due to Brownian Motion exceeds velocity of gravity settling for particles less than 0.1 μm										
Rosin smoke	1.0–0.01											
Tobacco smoke	0.15–0.01	Einstein equation										
Carbon smoke	0.2–0.01	$x = k_4 t/D$										
Normal impurities in quiet atmosphere	1.0–0.01	$x = \text{average displacement in cm of spherical particle in air in time, } t \text{ sec}$										
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1.1-6 AIRBORNE PARTICLE SHAPES

Shape	Examples
Spherical	Smoke, pollen, fly ash
Irregular	Mineral
Cubical	Cinder
Flakes	Mineral, epidermis
Fibrous	Lint, plant fiber
Condensation flocs	Carbon, smoke, fume
Loose flocs	Magnesium oxide
Platelet	Mica
Solids of revolution	
Ellipse	
Short right circular cylinder	Asbestos
Needles	Talc
Chains	Carbon black, smokes

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1.1-7 PARTICLE DENSITIES
FOR AGGLOMERATES

Material	Floc density, g/cc	Normal density, g/cc
Aluminum oxide	1.18	3.70
Antimony trioxide	0.63	5.57
Arsenic trioxide	0.91	3.7
Cadmium oxide	0.51	6.5
Lead monoxide	0.62	9.36
Magnesium oxide	0.35	3.65
Mercury	1.70	13.6
Silver	0.94	10.5
Stannic oxide	0.25	6.71

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1.1-8 FREE NONVOLATILE FATTY ACIDS AS DETERMINED IN PARTICULATE MATTER OF AIR POLLUTANT SAMPLES^a

	Sampled in Detroit, Mich., on freeway-interchange, October–November 1963		Sampled in New York, N.Y., at high-traffic city location, February 1964	
	Per cent in acidic portion ^b	μg per 1 000 m ³ air	Per cent in acidic portion ^b	μg per 1 000 m ³ air
Saturated Acids				
Lauric	0.29	13.7	0.43	39.4
Myristic	0.47	17.5	0.53	48.6
Palmitic	3.10	146.8	2.40	220.0
Stearic	2.42	113.7	1.50	137.5
Behenic	1.31	61.6	1.30	119.2
Unsaturated Acids				
Oleic	0.68	32.2	1.34	122.8
Linolenic	0.56	26.5	Trace	Trace

^aValues represent averages from three analyses.

^bAs defined in separation scheme for organic particulate matter, E.L. Wynder and D. Hoffmann, *J. Air Pollut. Contr. Assn.*, 15:155, 1965.

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1.1-9 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF FLY ASH

Per Cent by Weight as Collected Dried

Constituent	Utilities	Industrials
Carbon, as C	0.37–36.2	2.4–64
Iron, Fe ₂ O ₃ or Fe ₃ O ₄	2.0–26.8	10.6–43.6
Magnesium, as MgO	0.06–4.77	0.10–1.49
Calcium, as CaO	0.12–14.73	1.92–11.8
Aluminum, as Al ₂ O ₃	9.81–58.4	10.0–21.0
Sulfur, as SO ₃	0.12–24.33	0.66–28.0
Titanium, as TiO ₂	0.50–2.8	0.22–3.81
Carbonate, as CO ₃	0.05–2.6	0.05
Silica, as SiO ₂	17.3–63.6	25.0–46.0
Phosphorus, as P ₂ O ₅	0.07–47.2	0.05–1.93
Undetermined	0.08–18.9	—
Other Tests		
Hydrogen ion concentration, pH	4.7–11.7	6.3–12
Apparent specific gravity	0.8–3.0	0.77–1.45
Retained on 325-mesh screen (44 μm), %	8–95	29–84
Through 325-mesh screen (44 μm), %	5–92	16–71
Fusion temperature of ash, °F	1 910–3 000	1 980–2 900

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1.1-10 MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES IN ATMOSPHERIC DUSTS

SYMBOLS:

- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1—Talc | 4—Mica |
| 2—Quartz | 5—Amphibole |
| 3—Plagioclase | 6—Chlorite |

Sample	Location	Collection date	Solid phase concentration, mg/l	Mineral found
Rain	San Diego, Calif. 32°50' N 117°16' W	7 Nov. 1966	1.9	1, 2, 3
		7 Nov. 1966		1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		5 Dec. 1966		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		13 March 1967	2.5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		13 March 1967	0.4	2, 3
Atmospheric dust	San Diego, Calif.	17 Nov. 1966		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		15 Feb. 1967		1?, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		16 Feb. 1967		2, 3, 4
		17 Feb. 1967		2, 3, 4, 5
		21 Feb. 1967		2, 3, 4, 5
		22 Feb. 1967		2, 3, 4, 5
		23 Feb. 1967		1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		24 Feb. 1967		2, 3, 4
		27 Feb. 1967		1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		28 Feb. 1967		1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		6 March 1967		2, 3, 4, 5?
		7 March 1967		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		8 March 1967		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		9 March 1967		2, 3, 4, 5
Scotts Bluff, Neb.	41°52' N 103°40' W	28 April 1966		1, 2, 3, 4
		28 April 1966		1, 2, 3, 4
		10 May 1966		1, 2, 3, 4
		1963		1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Minicoy Island, India	8°20' N 73°01' E	1965		1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Dust storm	Bagdad, Iraq 33°20' N 44°26' E	17 Feb. 1966		1?, 2, 3, 4, 6
Glacier*	Yukon 60°45' N 139°30' W	1967	0.8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1961	0.5	1?, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1955	0.5	1?, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1947	0.3	2, 3, 4, 6
		1936	0.5	1?, 2, 3, 4, 6
Orizaba, Mexico	19°01' N 97°15' W	1962-64	89	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1957-62	734	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1952-57	17	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
		1942-47	19	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		1937-42	49	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Popocatepetl, Mexico	19°01' N 98°37' W	1960-67	302	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		1949-53	38	1, 2?, 3
		1943-46	159	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1.1-10 MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES IN ATMOSPHERIC DUSTS (continued)

Sample	Location	Collection date	Solid phase concentration, mg/l	Mineral found
Glacier (continued)	Washington	1967	1.8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	47°52' N	1962	1.9	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	123°36' W	1950	2.4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1940	1.8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1932	9.9	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1925	3.7	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
		1916	10.1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Snow samples	Palomar	1965	2.2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	33°24' N		1.4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	116°53' W			
Julian		1965	2.9	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	33°04' N			
	116°36' W			
	Mount Rainier	1965	30	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
	46°51' N			
	121°45' W			
	Canadian Rockies	1967	2.7	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	52°55' N			
	118°10' W			

^aFor the glacial materials the collection date is the time of accumulation of the strata sampled.

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1.1-11 NATURAL CHARGES ON REPRESENTATIVE PARTICLE DISPERSOIDS

Dispersoid	Method of dispersal	Charge distribution, %			Specific charge, esu/g	
		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Negative
Raw cement mix	Agitation in air stream	35	35	30	0.7×10^4	0.7×10^4
Gypsum dust (Schumacher Plant, L.A.)	Grinding, drying in flash dryer	44	50	6	1.6	1.6
Copper smelter dust (Tooele, Utah)		40	50	10	0.2	0.4
Fly ash (Stateline, Chicago)		31	26	43	1.9	2.1
Fly ash (Rochester Electric)		40	44	16	4.8	4.2
Gypsum dust (U.S. Gypsum, Phila., Pa.)	Grinding and drying in rotary kiln				0.2	0.2
Lead fume (Tooele, Utah)	Dwight-Lloyd sintering machine	25	25	50	0.003	0.003
Laboratory oil fume	Condensation from vapor	0	0	100	0	0

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1.1-12 MOST COMMON AEROALLERGENIC FUNGI^{1,2}

<i>Alternaria</i>	<i>Hormodendrum</i>
<i>Aspergillus</i>	<i>Macrosporium</i>
<i>Botrytis</i>	<i>Penicillium</i>
<i>Cladosporium</i>	<i>Phoma</i>
<i>Curvularia</i>	<i>Pullularia</i>
<i>Epicoccum</i>	<i>Spondylocladium</i>
<i>Fusarium</i>	<i>Stemphyllium</i>
<i>Helminthosporium</i>	

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1.1-13 RATE CONSTANTS FOR ATOMIC OXYGEN AND ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTANTS

Reaction	Rate constant at 300°K	Reference
$O + O_3 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M$	$1.5 \times 10^8 l^2 mol^{-2} sec^{-1}$	1-4
$O + NO_2 \rightarrow NO + O_2$	$5.3 \times 10^9 l mol^{-1} sec^{-1}$	5
$O + NO_2 + M \rightarrow NO_3 + M$	$4.2 \times 10^{10} l^2 mol^{-2} sec^{-1}$	5
$O + NO + M \rightarrow NO_2 + M$	$2.3 \times 10^{10} l^2 mol^{-2} sec^{-1}$	5
$O + SO_2 + O_2 \rightarrow SO_3 + O_2$	$2.7 \times 10^9 l^2 mol^{-2} sec^{-1}$	6

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