

# Meeting New Stationary Source PM Limits - Is it Possible?



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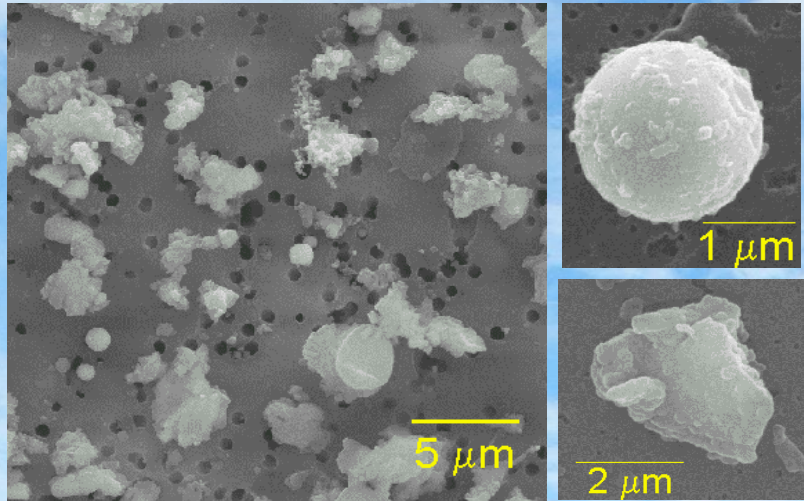
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**Mass emission rate**  
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**Mass concentration**  
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**Mass & Volume**  
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**Flow & Velocity**



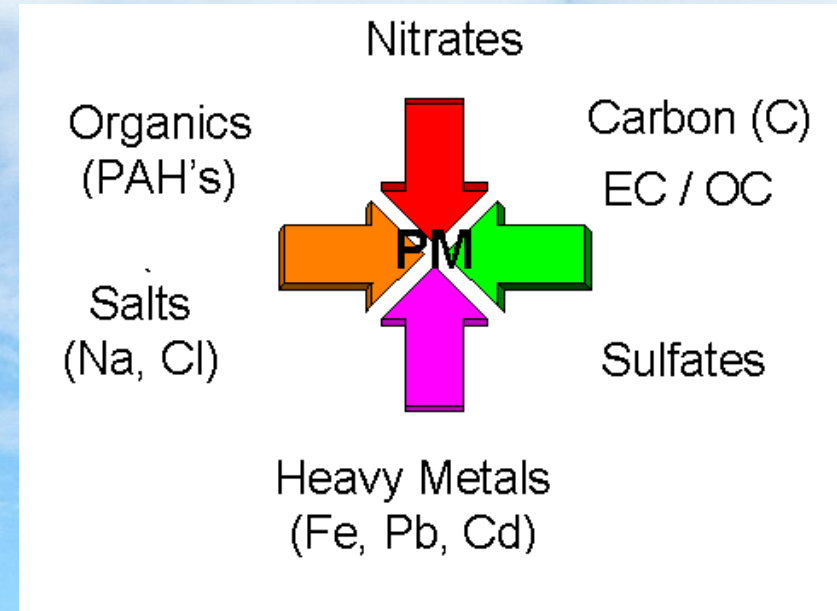
# What is Particulate Matter?

## *Particle Morphology*



- Can exist in either solid or liquid form, or a mixture of both
- Generally NOT unit density spheres
- Wide range of particle size
- Can exist as crystals, aggregates, complex chains, rough surfaced spheres, hollow spheres

## *Particle Composition*



- PM characteristics dependent on source and control system characteristics as well as temperature/pressure conditions during sampling and analysis

# US EPA RM 5 Definition of PM (re: Stationary Sources)

1. Any material
  - a) withdrawn isokinetically from the source and collected on a glass fiber filter maintained at a temperature of 120 ± 14°C (248 ± 25°F) or such other temperature as specified by an applicable subpart of the standards or approved by the Administrator for a particular application
  - b) that condenses at or above the filtration temperature
2. PM mass is determined gravimetrically after the removal of uncombined water.

*A definition of “Filterable PM”!*

# US EPA RM 202

## Definition of Condensable PM

- Condensable PM (CPM) means material that is vapor phase at stack conditions, but condenses and/or reacts upon cooling and dilution in the ambient air to form solid or liquid PM immediately after discharge from the stack.
- Note that all condensable PM is assumed to be in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> size fraction.

*Important: PM is method dependent!*

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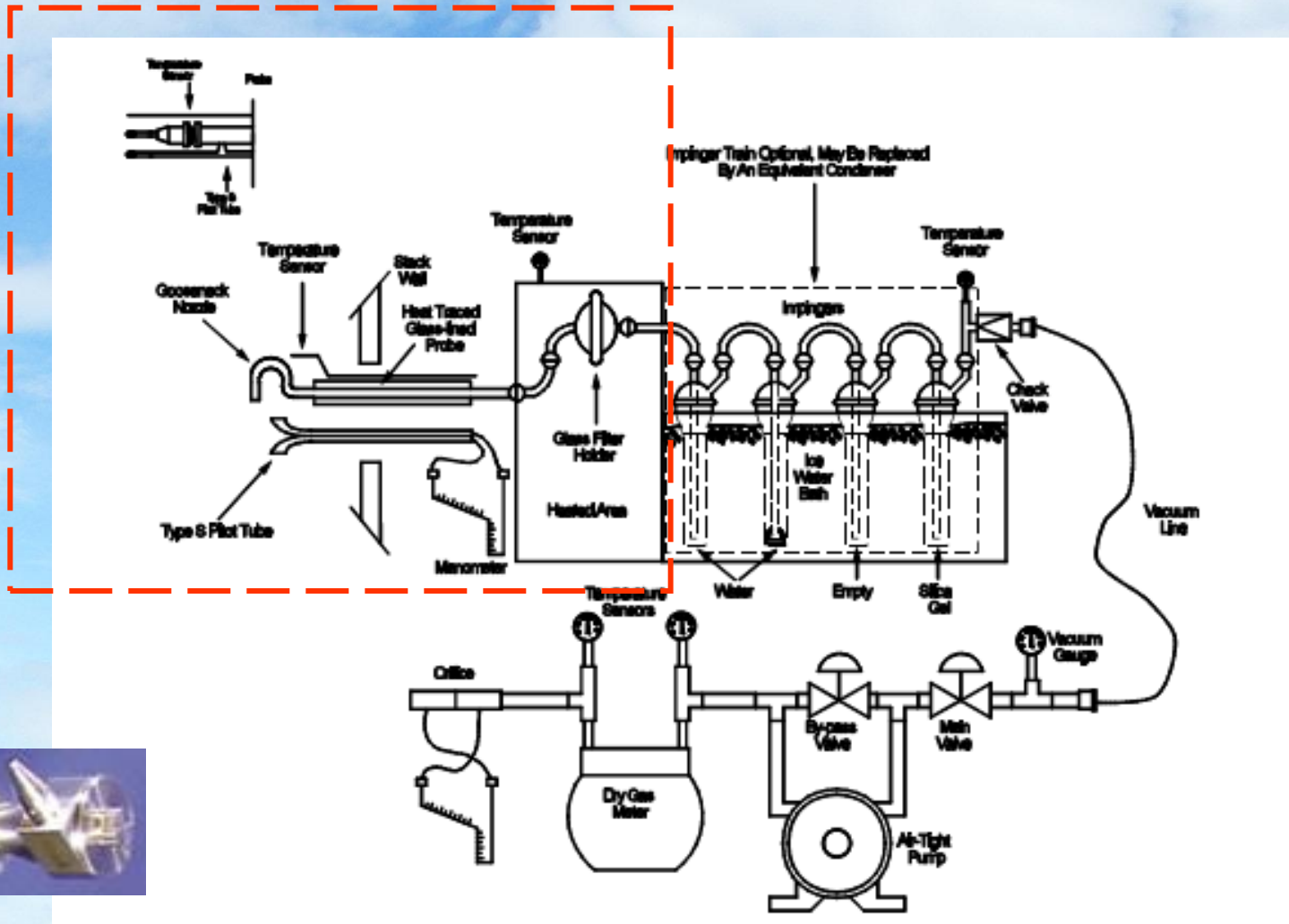


# The “Short” List of EPA PM Test Methods

- Method 5 – Filterable PM
- Method 5b – Non-sulfuric acid filterable PM
- Method 5i – Determination of Low Level Particulate Matter Emissions
- Method 17 – In-stack filterable PM (can add “back half” to include Condensable PM)
- Method 201 – Determination of PM<sub>10</sub> – In-stack procedure
- Method 201a – Determination of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (Constant Sampling Rate Procedure)
- Method 202 - Condensable PM – Dry Impinger Method



# RM 5 Filterable PM Sampling Train

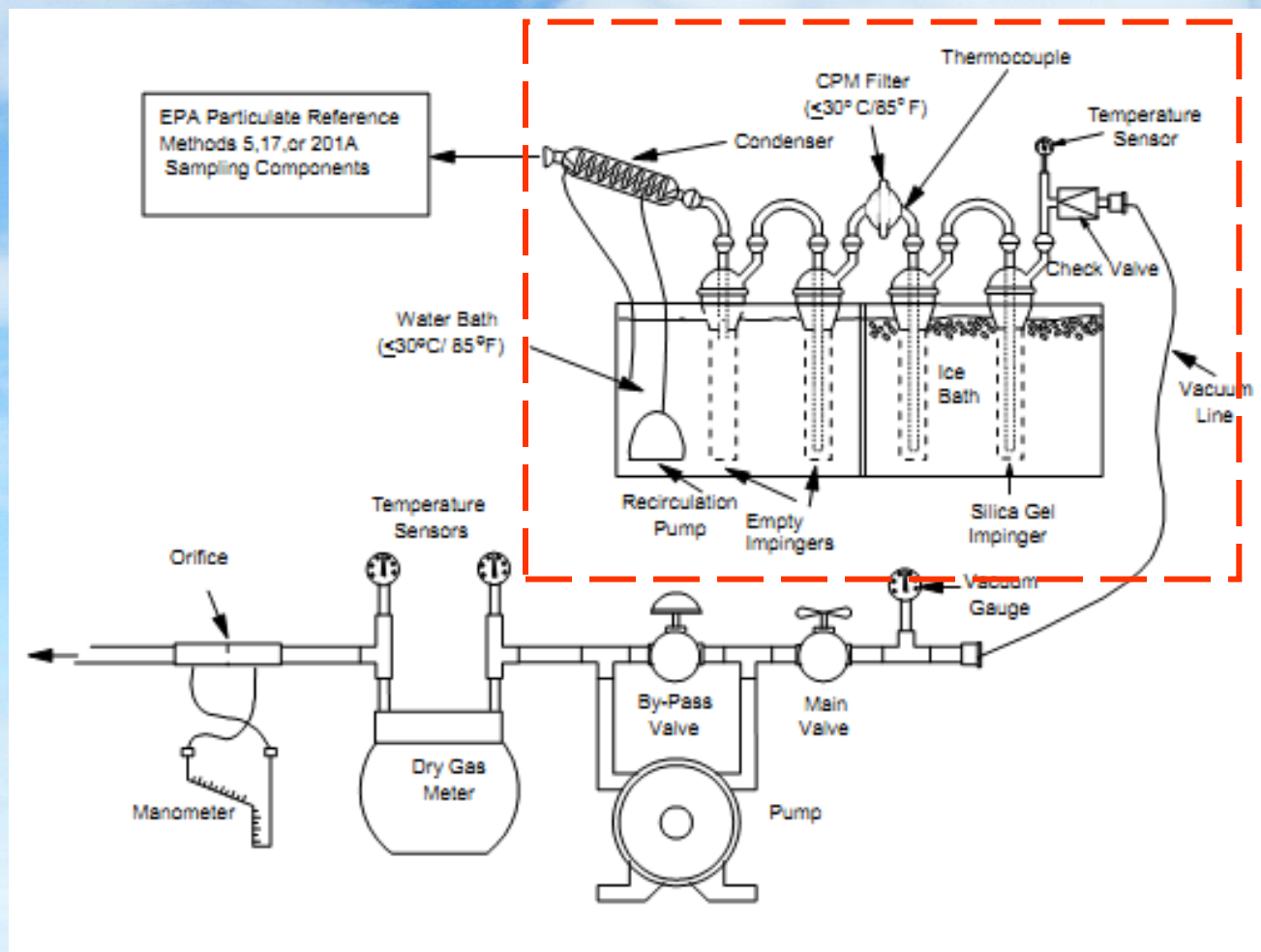


- Replace sample nozzle with a cyclone for Method 201 / 201a

# Method Considerations

- Method 201 and 201a - PM10 and PM10/PM2.5 Cannot be Used in a “Wet” Stack
  - Water droplets present contain both dissolved and suspended solids which form PM upon evaporation after emission gases exit stack
  - Methods cannot reconstitute PM via evaporation into the particle sizes that would occur after discharge from the stack due to shattering, agglomeration, and deposition on sampling equipment

# RM 202 Condensable PM Train



# Impact on PM Limits (Utility MACT)

- Compliance with the standards is (or will be) based on the measurement of Total PM
- Total PM = Filterable PM + Condensable PM = Method 5 (or 5i, etc.) + Method 202
- Continuous compliance determined by PM CEMS operated in accordance with PS-11/Quality Spec. 2
- Check the PM method requirements in the applicable rule!

# PS-11: PM CEMS Performance Specification

- Specifications and Test Procedures for Particulate Matter Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources
- Incorporates 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix F, Quality Spec. 2 to cover PM CEMS operating practice
- PM CEMS tested in accordance with PS-11 measures *filterable PM*
- Successful correlation of PM CEMS predicated on quality reference method test data

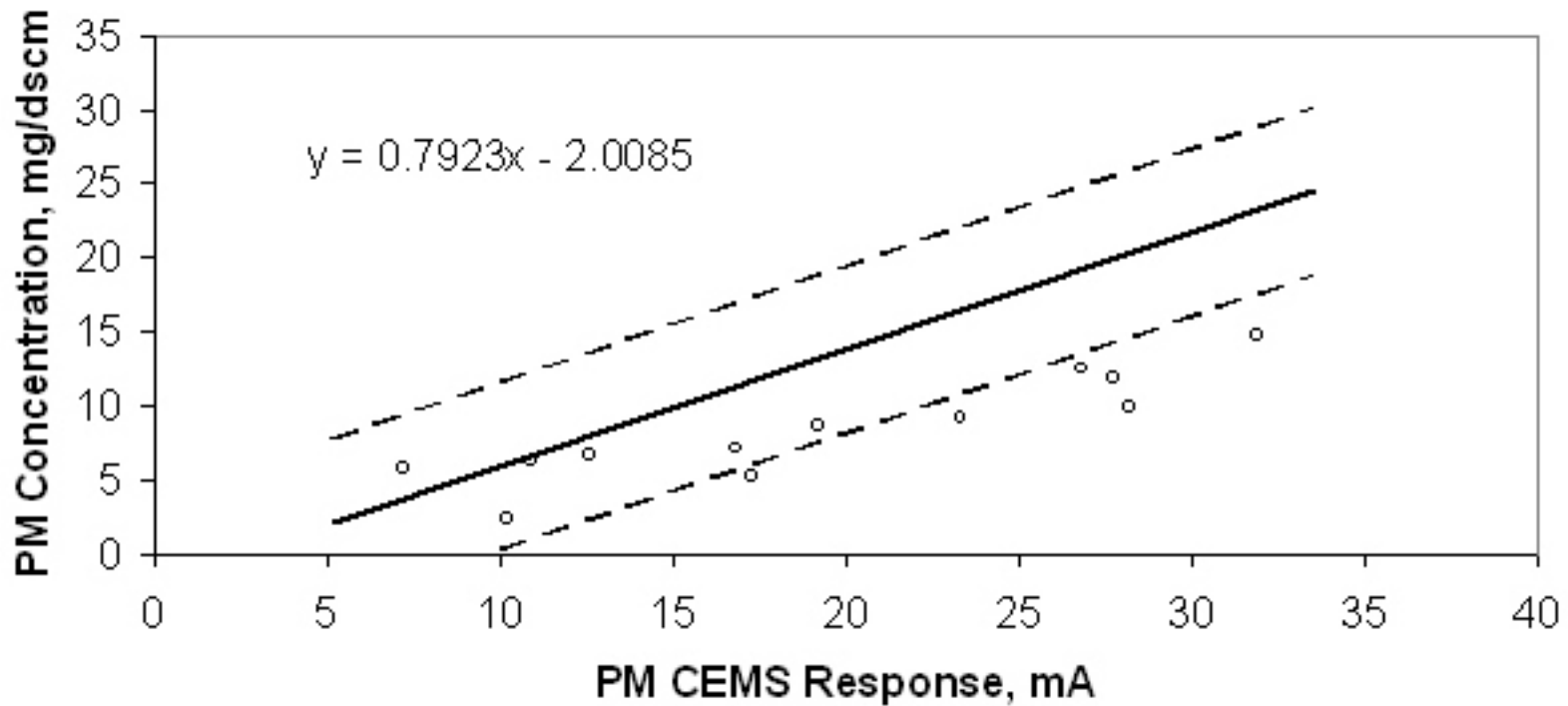
# PS-11 Elements

- **Pre-operating phase - Install monitor and:**
  - Characterize PM CEMS sampling location
  - Characterize PM CEMS performance over plant operating range
  - Evaluate PM CEMS calibration and measurement drift
  - Verify PM CEMS DAS records properly over entire plant operating range
- **Conduct Initial Correlation Test to establish PM CEMS output over plant operating range, e.g., correlate PM CEMS vs. EPA Reference Method**
  - Minimum 15 sample runs, with 5 runs at each of 3 plant operating conditions
  - Correlation relationship can be linear, polynomial, logarithmic, or exponential (or power)
  - Correlation must meet Confidence Interval (CI) spec ( $\leq 10\%$ )
  - Correlation must meet Tolerance Interval (TI) spec ( $\leq 25\%$ )

## ***Key Objective:***

**Characterize PM CEMS response over the range of expected plant operating conditions**

# Correlation Analysis



# QA/QC Elements

## Spec 2 (40 CFR Part 60, Appendix F)

- **Response Correlation Audit (RCA): 12 runs at frequency specified in rule or permit**
- **Relative response audit (RRA): 3 runs at freq specified in rule or permit**
- Absolute correlation audit qtrly
- Sample volume audit qtrly (if applicable)
- Daily zero/span drift check
- Daily optics check (if applicable)
- Response Time - document response time measured during correlation test and maintain during operation



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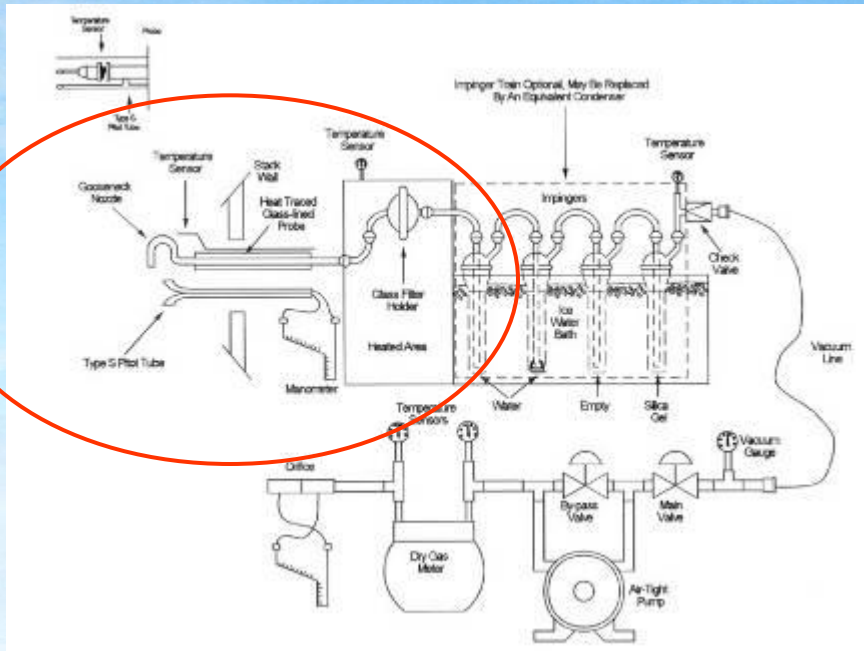
# Method 5 Measurement Operational Influences

Recall:

*PM characteristics dependent on source and control system characteristics as well as temperature/pressure conditions during sampling and analysis*

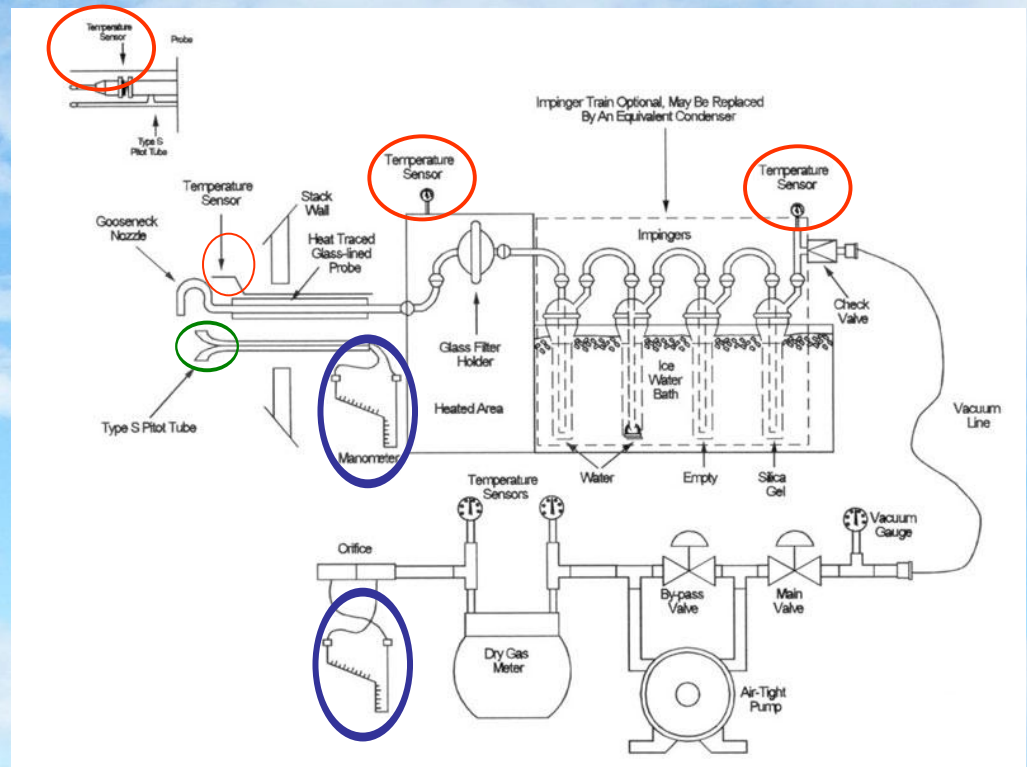
## Method Operation

- Probe temperature: 120 ± 14°C (248 ± 25°F) or higher
- Filter temperature: 120 ± 14°C (248 ± 25°F)
- Sample velocity:
  - In probe: dependent on probe ID, isokinetic sampling parameters
- Isokinetic sampling requirement: 100 ± 10%
- Filter material: borosilicate glass
- Probe length: depends on stack dimensions



# Method 5 Measurement Calibration Influences

- System Calibration
  - Temperature measurements
  - Sample Volume
  - Pressure Measurement
  - Pitot tube geometric alignment
  - Sample time

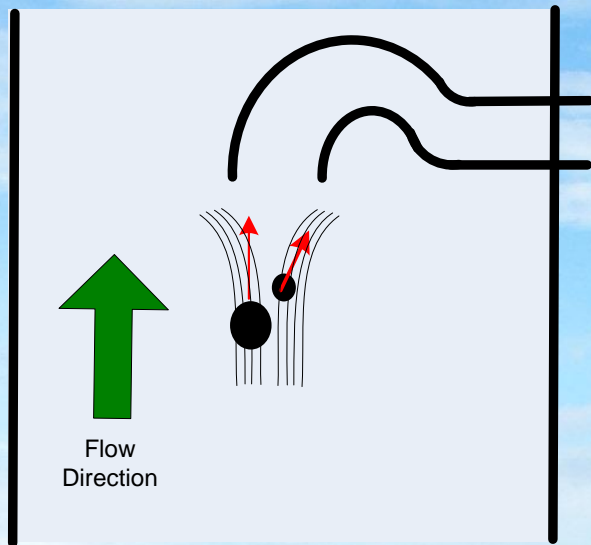


# Why is Isokinetics Important?

## <100% Isokinetic

Sample Velocity < Gas Velocity  
biases the concentration

low or high?

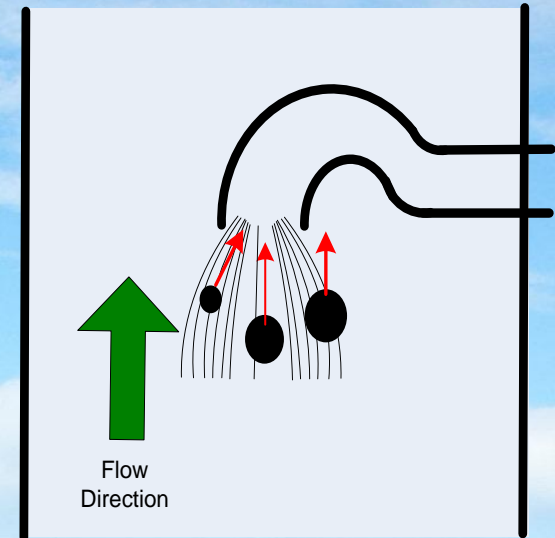


Sample gas volume contains big particles that should not have been collected  
Concentration biased HIGH

## >100% Isokinetic

Sample Velocity > Gas Velocity  
biases the concentration

low or high?



Sample volume missing big particles.  
Concentration biased LOW

# Method 5 Data Quality

Test No.	Method 5 Results Train 1 (mg/m3)	Method 5 Results Train 2 (mg/m3)	Difference (Train 1 - Train 2) (mg/m3)	Rel % Diff	Series 7000 Results System 1 (mg/m3)	Series 7000 Results System 2 (mg/m3)
Site 1, Set 1, Run 1	5.11	5.78	-0.67	-3.1%	4.40	4.19
Site 1, Set 1, Run 2	1.57	1.43	0.14	2.3%	2.12	1.59
Site 1, Set 1, Run 3	1.93	2.12	-0.19	-2.3%	1.44	1.65
Site 1, Set 1, Run 4	1.64	1.34	0.30	5.0%	1.09	1.28
Site 2, Set 4, Run 1	7.97	6.83	1.14	3.9%	6.04	6.12
Site 2, Set 4, Run 2	3.51	4.10	-0.59	-3.9%	3.45	3.34
Site 2, Set 4, Run 3	7.23	6.59	0.64	2.3%	5.79	6.14
Site 2, Set 4, Run 4	6.42	5.81	0.61	2.5%	6.00	6.96
Site 4, Set 2, Run 1	7.82	9.98	-2.16	-6.1%	9.57	9.20
Site 4, Set 2, Run 2	10.47	9.94	0.53	1.3%	9.56	9.41
Site 4, Set 2, Run 3	8.91	8.84	0.07	0.2%	8.05	7.10
Site 4, Set 2, Run 4	10.21	9.67	0.54	1.4%	11.66	9.09
Site 7, Run 1	3.94	5.26	-1.32	-7.2%	2.95	4.10
Site 7, Run 2	5.56	5.58	-0.02	-0.1%	5.09	5.04
Site 7, Run 3	3.16	2.98	0.18	1.5%	4.32	2.41
Site 7, Run 4	4.95	4.67	0.28	1.5%	5.14	4.08
		<b>Averages</b>	<b>-0.52</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>		

# Correlation Test Considerations

- Reference Method System Considerations
  - System calibration – ensure all sensors are properly calibrated.
  - Allowable filter temperature variation is huge (+/-25%); maintain same temperature run to run.
  - Allowable isokinetic variation is +/- 10%; goal should be +/- 0%.
  - Measurement includes Method 2, 3 and 4; verify gas composition assumptions during testing.
  - Method allows SS or glass probe liner & nozzles; use glass.
  - Weigh filters to constant weight (within +/- 0.5 mg).
  - Allowable system leak rate 0.02 ft<sup>3</sup>/min (0.0057 m<sup>3</sup>/min) – strive to eliminate leaks.

# Correlation Test Considerations

- Reference Method Operations
  - Ensure proper orientation of probe in gas stream; improper positioning can affect both sample catch and velocity measurement.
  - Cover sample ports during sampling.
  - Start / Stop RM sampling and PM CEMS data collection precisely at same time.
  - Sample exactly the same amount of time at each sample point and port.  
*(STAY OFF THE CELL PHONE!)*
  - Use gloves when handling samples and when rinsing the probe.
  - Use clean probe brush.
  - Maintain filter box and probe temperatures religiously during entire test run.
  - Minimize run to run variability in probe and filter temperature.
  - Strive to eliminate potential for sample contamination.

# Key Points

- The choice of PM test method determines the nature of PM being measured. Verify the test method requirement in the standard.
- PM sampling for condensables is NOT the same as for filterable PM.
- PM sampling for correlating a PM CEMS is NOT the same as PM sampling for a compliance test.
- There is no “PM” SRM.
- Reference method operational factors critical to meeting data quality objectives:
  - System Calibration
  - Filter handling
  - Maintaining sampling conditions, i.e., probe/filter temperature
  - Maintaining isokinetics
  - Sample recovery procedures for nozzle, probe, filter(s) as well as impingers, size selective inlets, etc., depending on method used.
  - Maintaining Pre & Post-filter conditioning / weighing conditions
- Successful PM CEMS correlation highly dependent on quality of reference method measurements.



**Success is simple.**

**Do what's right, the right way, at the right time.**

[Arnold H. Glasow](#)



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Questions

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**Thanks for Your Attention**