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1 ABSTRACT

2 Because fine particulate matter ≤ 2.5 μm in diameter (PM_{2.5}) causes health problems, PM_{2.5}
3 emissions are of concern. However, little research on stationary sources has been conducted. To
4 determine the concentration and filtration behaviour of PM_{2.5}, dust was collected from five fluid
5 bed sewage sludge incinerators (SSIs) sorted by particle size using cascade impactors. The
6 average PM_{2.5} concentration was 0.00014–4.8 mg/Nm³. The total estimated amount of PM_{2.5}
7 emissions from the SSIs for all plants in Japan was 0.96–8.9 tons/year. Since the SSIs with dry
8 Electrostatic Precipitators (EP) contributed 75–99% of the total emissions, replacing dry EPs with
9 Bag Filters would significantly reduce the PM_{2.5} emissions from SSI.

11 KEYWORDS

12 PM_{2.5}, sewage sludge incinerator, bag filter, electrostatic precipitator, emission

14 INTRODUCTION

15 In recent years, fine particulate matter ≤ 2.5 μm in diameter (PM_{2.5}) has attracted increasing attention
16 because of its health risk and the high PM_{2.5} concentrations in some rapidly industrialising areas.^[1,2]
17 Epidemiological studies have demonstrated a relationship between mortality and long-term exposure to
18 PM_{2.5} in ambient air.^[3,4] Many international organisations have assessed the health risks of exposure to
19 PM, and the European Union, United States, and World Health Organisation (WHO) established quality
20 standards for ambient air in 2005^[5] and 2006.^[6,7] In Japan, PM_{2.5} was added to the Japanese environmental
21 standards in September 2009. These hold that the annual average PM_{2.5} concentration should be less than
22 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and the daily average less than 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

23 Recently, the multinational European EBoDE-project estimated that particulate matter (PM) was
24 associated with the highest disease burden (6 000–10 000 DALYs per million people), followed in order
25 by second-hand smoke, noise, and radon. Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) are a summary measure
26 of population health combining mortality and morbidity.^[8] The International Agency for Research on
27 Cancer (IARC) also classified PM as carcinogenic to humans.^[9]

28 As primary particles, sources of PM_{2.5} include both anthropogenic sources such as combustion plants
29 and vehicle emissions, and natural sources such as yellow sand, etc. It is also notable that secondary
30 particles produced from gases affect atmospheric PM_{2.5} levels. However, few studies have determined
31 PM_{2.5} levels from sources other than ambient air and most of the studies of PM_{2.5} sources have examined
32 mobile sources, with few direct measurements of PM_{2.5} in flue gases.^[10-12] To prevent PM_{2.5} emissions,
33 it is necessary to examine the present state of PM_{2.5} emissions from stationary sources. We have
34 investigated some stationary sources of PM_{2.5} in recent years.^[13,14]

35 In Japan, sewage sludge represents one of the largest sources of industrial waste, with amounts produced
36 increasing with the increase in the population using sewage treatment systems. The overall treatment
37 system produces ~2.2 million tons of dry sewage sludge (Dried Sludge; DS) annually.^[15] Incineration
38 techniques are widely used for disposal of sewage sludge, this reduces the volume of sludge and transforms
39 waste into solid incineration ash, which facilitates easy waste handling. Due to the small land area available

40 in Japan, it is difficult to dispose of large quantities of sludge without intermediate treatment. Therefore,
41 ~68% (1.5 million tons-DS) of sludge was incinerated in sewage sludge incinerators (SSIs) in 2008.^[15]
42 Incineration emits toxic substances such as dioxin ^[16] and mercury ^[17] as well as large quantities of dust
43 and PM2.5. However, no recent study has measured PM2.5 emissions from SSIs.

44 This study focused on the emission of PM2.5 from SSIs. We collected dust samples from five SSI plants
45 according to particle size using an Andersen stack sampler to evaluate the concentration, removal ability,
46 emission factor, and emission mass of PM2.5 from SSIs. This paper assumes that PM2.5 from SSI is the
47 primary particle in the SSI flue gases.

49 MATERIALS AND METHODS

50 Sewage Sludge Incineration plants

51 Dust sampling was carried out at five continuous fluidized-bed-type SSI plants with different dust
52 collectors. Two of the five plants had dry electrostatic precipitators (EP; plants EP1 and EP2), and the
53 remaining three plants had both EP and wet EP (plant EP+WEP), bag filter (BF; plant BF), and ceramic
54 filter (CF; plant CF), respectively. Generally, EP removes dust from flue gases using an electrostatic force.
55 The removal efficiency for 10 μm particles is more than 99.5%. WEP is an EP that includes cleaning
56 equipment that rinses gases with water, which results in removal efficiency better than that provided by EP
57 alone. Fabric filters such as BF and CF remove dust from flue gases by filtration. This type of filter has
58 much higher dust removal efficiency than EP has, particularly for fine particles. The temperature resistance
59 of CF is better than that of BF due to the materials used in their manufacture.^[18] All of the incinerators had
60 fluidised beds, a popular type of incinerator for sewage sludge in Japan.^[19] The fluidized beds are heated
61 to an annual average temperature between 820 and 854°C, and sewage sludge burns continuously at a rate
62 that depends on the incineration capacity of each plant. The sewage sludge in cake form is partially
63 dewatered by a dewatering system such as a belt filter press (plant EP1, EP2, and EP+WEP), centrifuge
64 (plant BF), screw press and indirect heating (plant CF). The sludge cakes contained 74.6 to 84% moisture
65 when wet and 70.6 to 86.0% organic matter content when dried; the composition of the sludge tended to
66 be similar to each other and in good agreement with previous reports.^[20-24] Among these plants, operational
67 conditions are similar with respect to the incinerator, coagulant, combustion temperature, and organic
68 content in sludge cake. Figure 1 and Table 1 show a summary of the plant flow and an outline of technical
69 data, respectively, for each SSI plant.

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72 FIG. 1. Plant flow and sampling points

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74 TABLE 1 Technical data for five SSI plants^[25]

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77 **Sampling**

78 Sampling was carried out at five SSI plants: plants EP1, EP2, EP+WEP, BF, and plant CF, which were
 79 sampled during on May 12-14, 2010, November 19-21, 2012, May 26-28, 2010, July 11-13, 2012, and
 80 November 17-19, 2010, respectively. In all plants, samples were collected from the dust collector and stack
 81 inlets to evaluate the proportion removed by the air pollution control devices (APCDs). Fig. 1 shows the
 82 sampling points. Dust samples in SSI flue gas were collected isokinetically in nine particle size fractions
 83 (from submicron to approximately 10 μm) using Andersen stack samplers (AS-500, Tokyo Dylec, Japan)
 84 inserted into the flue gas ducts of five SSI plants. The sampling methods were based on Japanese Industrial
 85 Standards (JIS) Z8808 and K0302.^[26,27] The representative particle size at each stage of the cascade
 86 impactor is defined as the aerodynamic particle size at which 50% separation is achieved and was obtained
 87 using the following equation:

$$D_{p50n} = -1.26 \times \lambda + \sqrt{1.58 \times \lambda^2 + \frac{1.08 \times \pi \times N \times \Psi_{50} \times D_{cn}^3 \times (172 + 0.4 \times \theta_s) \times 10^{-1}}{4 \times q_s}} \quad (1)$$

89 D_{p50n} : 50% separation particle size at the n^{th} stage (μm)

90 N : number of jet nozzles at the n^{th} stage

91 D_{cn} : bore of the jet nozzles at the n^{th} stage (mm)

92 Ψ_{50} : inertia parameter for 50% separation by particle size

93 θ_s : flue gas temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

94 q_s : suction flow rate at the suction nozzle (L/min)

95 λ : mean free path of a gas molecule (μm)

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97 In this formula, the mean free path of a gas molecule (λ) was obtained using equation (2).

$$98 \lambda = 2.10 \times 10^{-5} \times (172 + 0.4 \times \theta_s) \times \sqrt{(273 + \theta_s)} \quad (2)$$

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100 A period of at least 5 min was required for sample collection at the dust collector inlets and 44 h at the
 101 stack inlets. Two impingers (one without solution and the other with 5% H_2O_2) were placed behind the
 102 samplers to remove moisture and to absorb any gaseous substances in flue gas that had removed dust.
 103 Samplings was carried out under stable conditions. Table 1 and FIG. 2. summarize the sampling conditions
 104 and sampling design, respectively.

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106 TABLE 2 Sampling conditions

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110 FIG. 2. Design for sampling dust in flue gas

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112 Analysis

113 The quartz filters used for sampling were heated at 250 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h and cooled to room temperature before
 114 sampling to remove volatile substances. Before and after sampling, each filter was dried and weighed in a
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116 clean room kept at 21.5°C (upper: 23°C , lower: 20°C) and 35% relative humidity (upper: 40%, lower:
117 30%), using microbalances (M5P-F, Sartorius, USA, or XP26, METTLER TOLEDO, USA) at a sensitivity
118 of 1 µg. To determine the PM2.5 fraction exactly, the fraction up to a diameter of 2.5 µm was divided
119 linearly according to the upper and lower diameters defining the fraction.

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121 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

122 **Dust concentration**

123 Figure 3a shows mass distribution versus aerodynamic diameter at the inlet of the stack. In particular,
124 more than 90% of dust collected from the stacks of EP1 and EP2 consisted of particles under 3 µm.
125 Although 55-90% of the stack dusts from WEP and CF also tended to consist of particles under 3 µm,
126 some stack dust fractions from WEP and CF and most from BF were collected in only small amounts, and
127 their weight was negligible. Figure 3b shows mass distribution versus aerodynamic diameter at the inlet of
128 the dust collector. Of the dusts collected from the collectors of EP1, EP2, and WEP, 80-90% consisted of
129 particles under 10 µm. In contrast, 40-70% of dusts collected from the dust collectors of BF and CF tended
130 to consist of particles over 5 µm. Pretreatment of flue gases with a cyclone in some plants can account for
131 this differences in size distribution at the dust collector.^[18]

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134 FIG. 3. Mass distribution of dust. (a) at inlet of stack, (b) at inlet of dust collector. Dp: aerodynamic
135 diameter.

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137 The total dust and PM2.5 concentrations at the dust collector and stack inlets at each SSI plant are shown
138 in Figure 4. The total dust and PM2.5 concentrations were $<0.32\text{--}5,000 \pm 670$ and $<0.14\text{--}4,800 \pm 730$
139 $\mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$ (mean \pm mean deviation), respectively, in the flue gas in the stacks. Ehrlich et al. and Tirlir et al.
140 reported that the PM2.5 concentrations in German and Italian waste incineration plants were 752 and 32.9
141 $\mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$, respectively^[10,12]. Our results for plants WEP, BF, and CF were within the same or smaller range,
142 while the results for plants EP1 and EP2 were considerably larger. More than 55% of total dust in the stack
143 consisted of PM2.5. This result is similar to those reported by Ehrlich et al.^[10] and Bounanno et al.^[11] The
144 PM2.5 concentration at the stack inlet of plant BF was less than the annual average Japanese environmental
145 standard ($15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Plant BF operated a state-of-the-art APCD, and the PM2.5 concentrations remained
146 less than $0.14 \mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$. In contrast, the PM2.5 and total dust levels at plants EP1 and EP2 were considerably
147 higher than those at the other plants. Similar results were reported previously for municipal solid waste
148 incinerators^[13,14]. The respective total dust and PM2.5 concentrations in the dust collector inlet were $1.5 \pm$
149 0.5 and $0.43 \pm 0.13 \text{ g}/\text{Nm}^3$ in plant EP1, 0.45 ± 0.8 and $0.32 \pm 0.7 \text{ g}/\text{Nm}^3$ in plant EP2, 4.4 ± 0.3 and $1.9 \pm$
150 $0.1 \text{ g}/\text{Nm}^3$ in plant EP+WEP, 5.6 ± 0.3 and $0.51 \pm 0.09 \text{ g}/\text{Nm}^3$ in plant BF, and 3.9 ± 1.0 and 0.86 ± 0.09
151 g/Nm^3 in plant CF. The BF, WEP, and CF removed PM2.5 efficiently, but not the EP.

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154 FIG. 4. Total dust and PM2.5 concentrations in the dust collector inlet

155 and the stack inlets at SSI plants ; error bar is mean deviation.

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157 **Removal of PM2.5 by APCD**

158 The removal efficiency of PM2.5 and dust from the plants was investigated to determine the relationship
159 of PM2.5 and the dust concentration in the stack inlet for different dust collectors, where the removal
160 efficiency was calculated as follows:

$$\eta = \left(1 - \frac{C_{oN} Q_{oN}}{C_{iN} Q_{iN}}\right) \times 100 \quad (3)$$

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162 η : removal efficiency (%)

163 C_{iN} : dust or PM2.5 concentrations at the dust collector inlet of each plant (g/Nm³)

164 C_{oN} : dust or PM2.5 concentrations at the stack inlet of each plant (g/Nm³)

165 Q_{iN} : flow rate of flue gas at the dust collector inlet of each plant (Nm³/h)

166 Q_{oN} : flow rate of flue gas at the stack inlet of each plant (Nm³/h)

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168 The results are shown in Table 3. Plants EP+WEP, BF, and CF removed more than 99.99% of the PM2.5
169 and total dust, demonstrating that those dust collectors are effective for particle emission control. Most
170 importantly, BF was the best dust collector in terms of both the dust concentration in the stack inlet and
171 removal efficiency. The EP at plants EP1 and EP2 were the least efficient collectors. These findings are
172 similar to the results of studies of municipal solid waste incinerators ^[13,14], in which the PM2.5 removal
173 efficiency of BF was higher than that of EP. The European Environment Agency (EEA) reported that the
174 PM2.5 removal efficiency was 77–98% for industrial waste incineration, including hazardous waste and
175 sewage sludge with some APCDs.^[28] In 1996, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) report
176 ^[29] suggested that advances in incineration and APCD technology have improved removal efficiency.
177 Replacing dry EP with BF would improve the PM2.5 removal in SSIs.

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179 Table 3 Removal efficiency of total dust and PM2.5 by APCDs

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182 **Calculating the PM2.5 Emission Factor from SSIs**

183 To evaluate PM2.5 emissions from SSIs in Japan, we calculated the emission factor for PM2.5 from our
184 results although there were insufficient samples taken at each SSI plant. We surveyed the number and
185 incineration capacity of SSIs with each type of dust collector, and calculated the PM2.5 emissions. These
186 methods are described in detail below. Dust removal efficiency is generally known to be higher in
187 WEP, BF, and CF than in EP.^[18] Temperature resistance differs between BF and CF. Because
188 these dust collectors have different characteristics, we calculated the emission factor for each dust
189 collector separately (EP, WEP, BF, and CF). The factor for EP was the average of those calculated
190 for plants EP1 and EP2. In this study, the emission factor is defined as the weight of PM2.5 per ton
191 of sewage sludge incineration capacity. The emission factor is defined by the following equation:

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$$E_f = \frac{24 \times Q \times A}{10^6 \times B} \quad (4)$$

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194 *E_f*: emission factor, weight of PM_{2.5} per ton of the incineration capacity (g/ton-sludge cake)

195 *Q*: flow rate of flue gas at the stack inlet in the plant (Nm³/hour)

196 *A*: concentration of PM_{2.5} at the stack inlet (μg/Nm³)

197 *B*: incineration capacity of the plant (ton-sludge cake/day)

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199 The resulting emission factors are shown in Table 4. The PM_{2.5} emission factor for the SSI with EP
200 was 8.7 g/ton-sludge cake, whereas those for wet EP, BF or CF were less than 0.26 g/ton-sludge cake and
201 BF had the lowest value. The US EPA has set 0.18 kg/Mg-DS as the PM_{2.5} emission factor for a fluidised
202 bed incinerator for SSI with a scrubber; this equals 180 g/ton-DS or approximately 36 g/ton-sludge cake
203 based on an 80% water content.^[30] The EEA set 0.004 kg/Mg-waste (4 g/ton-waste) as the default PM_{2.5}
204 emission factor for industrial waste incineration, including hazardous waste and sewage sludge.^[28]
205 Although the units and materials burned in these other studies differed, the results were similar to the
206 values set by the US EPA and EEA, and the values for WEP, BF, and CF were considerably smaller.
207 Therefore, advances in technology could improve the removal efficiency.

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209 Table 4 Emission factors of PM_{2.5}

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212 The results of the survey of the number and incineration capacity of SSI plants with each type of dust
213 collector (EP, WEP, BF, and CF) are shown in Table 5. This was based on a survey of SSI plants, to which
214 85 plants responded. The total incineration capacity was 9,950 ton/day, which is 48% of the total number
215 of plants and 39.3% of total plant capacity, for all of the SSI plants in Japan.^[31]

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217 Table 5 Results of survey on SSI plants and calculated PM_{2.5} emission values

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220 The PM_{2.5} emissions are defined by the following equation:

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$$E = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{E_f \times C}{10^6} \times \frac{X_i}{100} \quad (5)$$

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224 *E*: annual emissions of PM_{2.5} from SSIs (ton/year)

225 *E_f*: PM_{2.5} emission factor from the SSIs (g/ton-sludge cake)

226 *C*: amount of sewage sludge burnt in SSIs annually (ton-DS/year)

227 X_i : relative incineration capacity of SSI plants with each type of dust collector (%)

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229 The emission results are shown in Table 6. These calculations are outlined in detail below. There were
230 92 plants with no available information on dust collector type. We assumed that all of these 92 plants were
231 equipped with EP, WEP, BF, or CF, representing cases I, II, III, and IV, respectively (in Table 5). The
232 amount of sewage sludge burnt annually in SSIs is 1.5 million tons-DS/year, or 68% of the 2.2 million
233 tons-DS/year produced annually; these amounts are on a dry weight basis.^[15] It is possible that the PM_{2.5}
234 emissions are underestimated. The total estimated emissions of PM_{2.5} from SSIs were 0.96–8.9 tons/year,
235 of which more than 75% was from SSIs equipped with EP. Sugiyama et al. estimated that the total PM_{2.5}
236 emissions in 2000 in Japan were 252 kton, of which 49% was from mobile emission sources.^[32] Kannari
237 et al. estimated that anthropogenic PM_{2.5} emissions in 2000 in Japan equalled 147 Gg, of which 12% was
238 due to waste incineration and field burning.^[33] The PM_{2.5} emissions from SSIs in our study was less than
239 0.0035% of the total estimated by Sugiyama et al. and less than 0.006% that of Kannari et al., so the
240 contribution of SSIs to the total PM_{2.5} emissions is negligible. The emission results in our study could be
241 underestimated because of the difference in units between E_f (g/ton-sludge cake) and C (ton-DS/year), the
242 difference in the real amount of burnt sewage sludge, and incineration capacity. Because most of the PM_{2.5}
243 emissions might originate from plants with EP, replacing dry EP with BF could significantly reduce the
244 PM_{2.5} emissions from SSIs.

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246 Table 6 Calculated PM_{2.5} emission values

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250 CONCLUSIONS

251 This study measured the concentrations and removal efficiency of PM_{2.5} and total dust in flue gas from
252 five SSI plants. The average PM_{2.5} concentration in the stack inlet of the plant with BF was lower than
253 the Japanese environmental standard for ambient air (15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annually). In the plants with WEP or CF,
254 the PM_{2.5} concentrations in the stack inlet were also close to the environmental standard (35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ daily).
255 The removal efficiencies of the plants with these dust collectors exceeded 99.99%. The emission of PM_{2.5}
256 as primary particles from these plants was very low. By contrast, the plants with EP not only had the
257 highest PM_{2.5} concentrations in the stack inlets but also the lowest PM_{2.5} removal. The PM_{2.5} emission
258 factor for SSIs using EP was 8.7 g/ton-sludge cake, whereas that with wet EP, BF, or CF was less than
259 0.26 g/ton-sludge cake. The total estimated emission of PM_{2.5} from SSI in Japan was 0.96–8.9 ton/year,
260 which was less than 0.0035% of the total PM_{2.5} emissions and 0.006% of the anthropogenic PM_{2.5}
261 emissions estimated for Japan for 2000, although these emissions could underestimate. Since the SSIs
262 with dry EP contributed 75–99% to the total emissions, replacing a dry EP with BF would significantly
263 reduce the PM_{2.5} from SSIs.

264 The results suggest that PM_{2.5} emissions as primary particles from some SSI plants were very low.
265 Future work should determine the contribution of secondary particles from gaseous substances such as SO₂,
266 HCl, and NO in ambient air.

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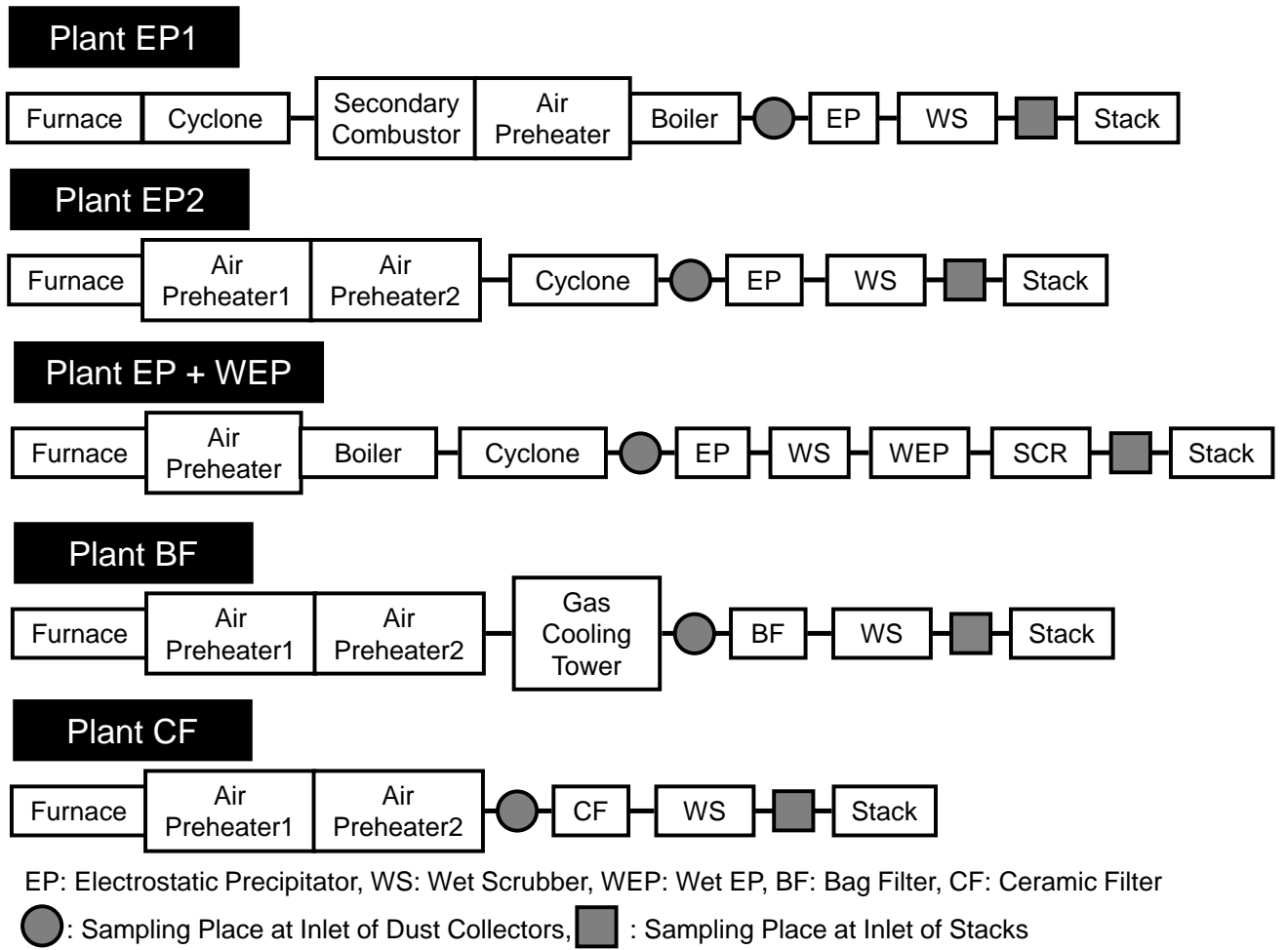
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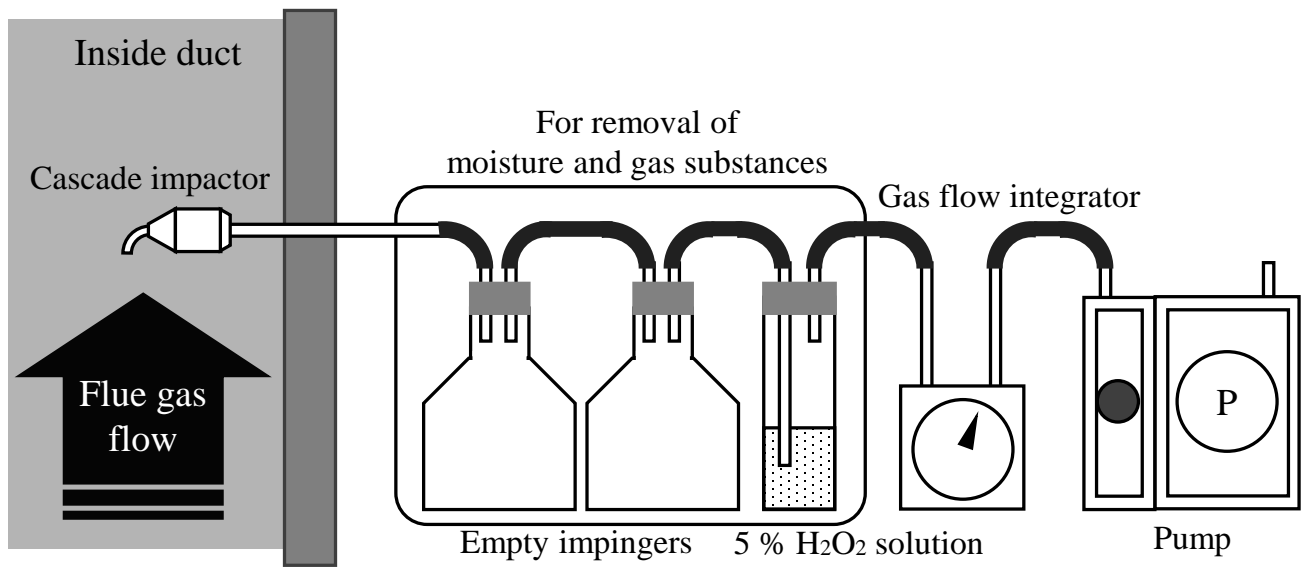
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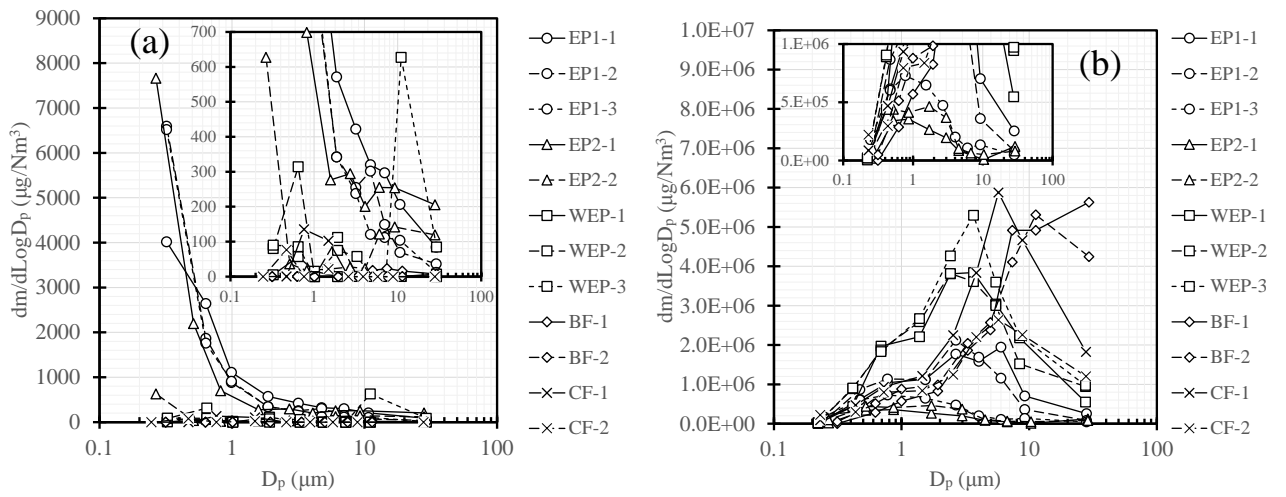
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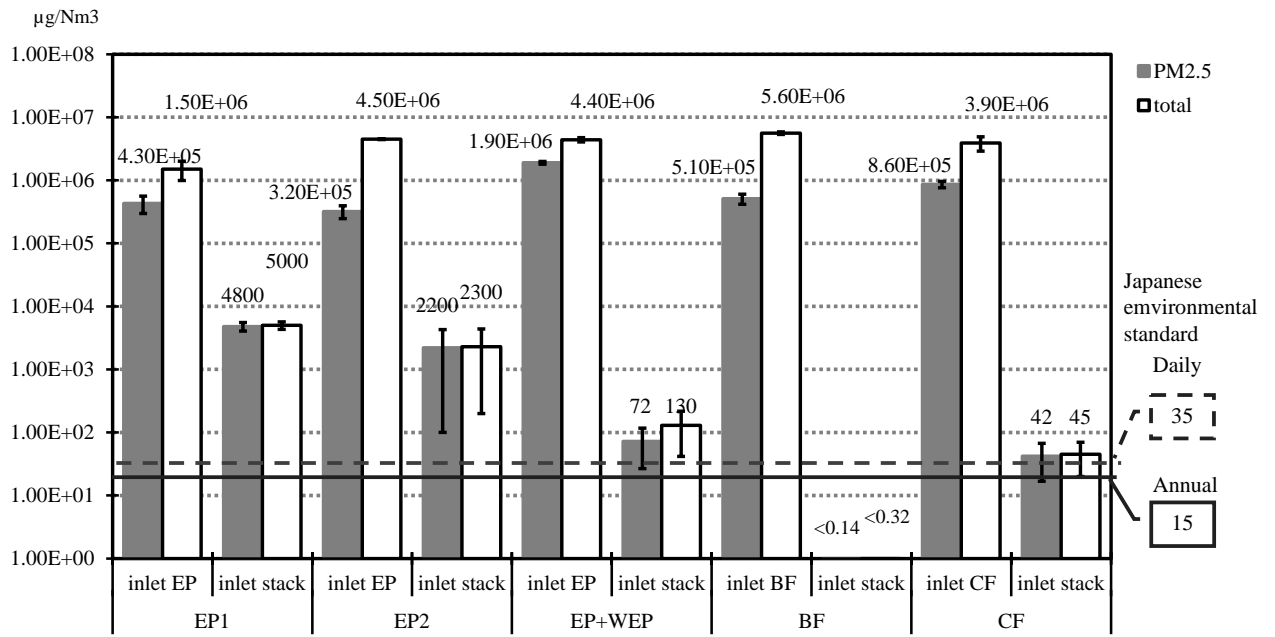
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TABLE 1
Technical data for five SSI plants

Plant Parameters	EP1	EP2	EP+WEP	BF	CF	
Sludge incineration capacity (ton-sludge cake/day)	72	65	130	200	150	
Incinerator	Fluidized bed	Fluidized bed	Fluidized bed	Fluidized bed	Fluidized bed	
Annual mean of combustion temperature (°C)	850	820	850	854	850	
Coagulant	polymer	polymer	polymer	polymer	polymer	
Sludge dewatering	Belt filter press	Belt filter press	Belt filter press	Centrifuge	Screw press	
Annual amount of sludge cake incineration (ton/year)	14,300	14,700	54,200 ^(a)	147,000 ^(a)	55,800 ^(a)	
Sludge cake	Water content (% wet basis)	84	74.6	76.8	80.6	77.8
	Organic content (% dry basis)	70.6	86	80.5	81.8	78
Ash (ton/year)	798	658	4100 ^(a)	8100 ^(a)	2680 ^(a)	
Reagent consumption in flue gas treatment	Sodium hydroxide solution	Sodium hydroxide solution	Sodium hydroxide solution	Sodium hydroxide solution	Sodium hydroxide solution	
	at wet scrubber	at wet scrubber	at wet scrubber	at wet scrubber	at wet scrubber	

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(a): Sum amount contained other lines in the plant

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TABLE 2
Sampling conditions

Plant Sampling date (year/month/day)	EP1		EP2		EP+WEP		BF		CF		
	2010/4/12	2010/4/12-14	2012/11/19	2012/11/19-21	2010/5/26	2010/5/26-28	2012/7/11	2012/7/11-13	2010/11/17	2010/11/17-19	
Parameters											
Sampling points	Inlet of EP	Inlet of stack	Inlet of EP	Inlet of stack	Inlet of EP	Inlet of stack	Inlet of BF	Inlet of stack	Inlet of CF	Inlet of stack	
Flue gas flow rate (m/s)	16.5	2.8-3.1	14.3	4.8	20.3	18.1-19.5	22.5	22.3-23.6	18.9	15.3-16.7	
(Nm ³ /hour)	3,130	4,320-4,870	4,620	12,400-12,700	9,640	18,500-20,000	17,300	34,600-37,100	12,800	24,700-26,500	
Flue gas temperature (°C)	276	30-35	338	134	296	69-80	202	198-215	316	186-202	
Relative humidity (%)	22	3.2-3.4	27.4	4.3	43.3	4.4-7.0	45.9	1.6-3.6	35.5	2.5	
O ₂ (%)	10.8	12.3	10.2	15.8-16.1	6	10.5-15.1	6.7	15.3	9.2	15.1-15.8	
CO ₂ (%)	9.1	7.9	9.1	3.9-4.1	14.3	5.5-10.0	11.2	3.9-4.1	9.1	3.5-5.1	
N ₂ (%)	80.1	79.8	80.7	80.0-80.1	79.7	79.4-79.5	82.1	80.6-80.8	81.7	79.8-80.7	
Diameter of suction (mm)	6	10	6	10	6	4	4	4	6	4	
Suction flow rate (m/s)	10.4	11.6	9.2	13.4	8.9	11	5.4	10	6.1	13.5	
Suction time	6 min	44 hrs	5 min	48 hrs	5 min	44 hrs	5 min	47 hrs	5 min	48 hrs	
Suction gas volume (Nm ³)	1	0.0626	30.8	0.0367	38.9	0.0443	27	0.027	28.4	0.0305	38.8
	2	0.0626	30.6	0.0367	37.7	0.0443	29.6	0.027	28.5	0.0305	38.9
	3	0.0627	30.6	-	-	0.0443	29.9	-	-	0.0305	-

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TABLE 3

Removal efficiency of total dust and PM2.5 by APCDs

Removal efficiency (%)					
Plant	EP1	EP2	EP+WEP	BF	CF
PM2.5	98.75	98.75	99.99<	99.99<	99.99
Total	99.63	99.91	99.99<	99.99<	99.99<

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TABLE 4

Emission factors of PM2.5

Plant	EP1	EP2	EP+WEP	BF	CF
APCD	Cyclone, EP, WS		Cyclone, EP, WS, WEP	BF, WS	CF, WS
Emission factor of PM2.5 (g/ton-sludge cake)	8.7		0.26	< 5.9 E-7	0.17

APCD: Air Pollution Control Device, EP: Electrostatic Precipitator

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WS: Wet Scrubber

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Dust collector type	Number of plants	Sum of incineration capacity (ton-sludge cake/day)	Ratio of incineration capacity (%)				Use of emission factor (g/ton-sludge cake)
			Case I	Case II	Case III	Case IV	
Cyclone, EP	24	1750	67.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	8.7
Cyclone, EP, WEP	14	2200	8.7	69.4	8.7	8.7	0.26
BF	34	3500	13.8	13.8	74.5	13.8	< 5.9 E-7
CF	13	2500	9.9	9.9	9.9	70.6	0.17
No information	92	15383	all of EP	all of EP+WEP	all of BF	all of CF	-
Whole of Japan	177	25333	100	100	100	100	-

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TABLE 6

Calculated PM2.5 emission values; case I-IV are assumed cases because there were 92 plants with no available information on dust collector type. In case I, II, III, and IV all of the 92 plants are assumed to be equipped with EP, WEP, BF, or CF, respectively

Dust collector type	Case I	Case II	Case III	Case IV	Emission of PM2.5 (ton/year)
Cyclone, EP	8.8	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90 - 8.8
Cyclone, EP, WEP	0.034	0.27	0.034	0.034	0.034 - 0.27
BF	1.2 E-7	1.2 E-7	6.7 E-7	1.2 E-7	< 1.2 E-7 - 6.7 E-7
CF	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.18	0.025 - 0.18
Sum	8.9	1.19	0.96	1.11	0.96 - 8.9

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