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AN CVERVIEW OF CHENICAL DETECTION SYSTEMS

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This presentation is a brief overview of some potentially useful analytical techniques currently available for the investigation of gas phase contaminates in ambient air. I would like to acknowledge my supervisor, Ted Galen and our technical monitor, Duane Pierson who both assisted in making this presentation possible.

The scope of this presentation includes a brief overview of some of the analytical techniques currently used in monitoring and analyzing permanent gases and selected volatile organic compounds in air. Sampling techniques and the exact analytical methods used to identify and quantitate specific compounds are not included in the presentation. Further, I need to state that this presentation is not an endorsement of any of the hardware or systems mentioned for any project applications.

This is a basic outline of what I will discuss. First, I will discuss some of the analytical considerations in developing a specific method. Next, I will discuss four broad groups of hardware are: compound class specific personal monitors, gas chromatographic systems, infrared spectroscopic systems, and mass spectrometric residual gas analyzer systems. Under the group of personal monitors, I will discuss three types of detectors: (A) catalytic sensor based systems, (B) Photoionization detectors, (C) wet or inv chemical reagent systems. Under gas chromatograph based systems I will cover five detector systems used in combination with a GC: (A) thermal conductivity detectors, (B) photoionization detectors, (C) fourier transform infra-red spectrophotometric systems, (D) quadrapole, mass spectrometric systems and (E) a relatively recent development- a surface acoustic wave vapor detector.

I would like to begin with a brief outline of some basic analytical considerations in developing a method for a specific application. First, the analytical problem should be as well defined as possible using the information and data available. The need for qualitative information may require the exact, stereospecific identification each species, or the need may only require a general classification (such as halocarbons and alcohols). The expected levels of the species to be monitcred will influence the instrument sensitivity and range required. The system should produce useful information in time to respond to significant changes in the species monitored. The method of standardization and quality assurance will vary with the analytical system and the required level of precision. The basic an lytical requirements of the problem guides the selection of st table types of methods. The selection of suitable methods narrows the selection specific hardware and procedures. The actual testing of the hardware selected should produce "fficient data to make comparisons between c didate systems. Following some iterative testing and modiric fion, the precision and accuracy of the final prototype is carefully estimated. The amount of operator training required usually is dependent on the level of automation of the system.

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This is a list of twelve criterion usually included in the selection of suitable types of methods: the reported detection limits and dynamic range, the samples needed and type of inlet used, the overall speed of analysis, the ruggedness and resistance to vibration, the reported accuracy, the interference from other sample components, the predictability of performance of the system, the training required, the physical dimensions and power needed to operate the system, the other utilities needed (such as vacuum), and the potential hazards in operating the system.

This is a photo of a personal monitor which contains four separate sensors for carbon monoxide, explosive gases, hydrogen sulfide and molecular exygen. The unit has a digital read-out and it can be used with a data logger.

This is the same monitor with the protective cover removed from over the sensors. The sensor which responds to volatile organics is a catalytic, pellistor type sensor and, the CO, H2S and O2 sensors are electrochemical type sensors.

This is a summary of some of the important characteristics of the multi-sensor, personal monitor. The overall dimensions of the monitor unit are 2.3 inches by 4 by 9 inches and it weighs approximately 3 pounds. The unit depicted above is designed to respond to the three permanent gases and catalytically oxidizable organics. The response range of the above unit is '0' to 500 ppm for carbon monoxide. The unit is powered by alkaline batteries. Some of the limitations of may include: short battery charge life, single point calibration for a specific compound with the assumption that the response is linear over the full range, and the sensitivity and selectivity of the sensors is dependent on the red-ox potential of compounds reaching the sensors. The response of each sensor is calibrated against one or more gas phase standards. The estimated run to run precision is about 5 \$ of the reading. One advantage of having these monitors present is that response is immediate to any change in the levels of the target compounds.

This is a prototype total hydrocarbon monitor designed for us to demonstrate the possibilities of size roduction for personal monitors. The unit is literally shirt pocket - size, it has a digital display range in hundredths of ppms and it could be fabricated with a threshold alarm.

The unit dimensions are 1.5 by 2.5 by 3.75 inches. The weight of this unit is much less than a pound. The semiconductor sensor responds to oxidizable organics. The response range to is from about 0.1 to 1000 ppm for many organics.

The monitor is powered by an alkaline battery. Limitations of particular interest: are similar to the previous unit in that the response is dependent on the organic compounds present in the air and on the partial pressure of oxygen. The response time is less than a minute.

The system is calibrated with a single point external standard. The level of precision or repeatability is about 2% of the reading.

This unit is based on a photoionization detector. When the compound of interest passes into the detector cell, it absorbs a quanta of energy 'hv' emitted by the UV source and the compound is ionized. The cations are collected at an electrode surface producing a measurable signal.

The dimensions are 5 by 9 by 6 inches. The weight of the unit is 5 pounds. The unit responds to species with photoionization potentials below the energy of the lamp (around 10eV) and some exceptions above this limit. The digital display range is from 1 to 2000ppm. The monitor is powered by a 12V battery. Limitations of particular interest are the low selectivity and the variable sensitivity to the various volatile organics. The response time is sufficiently fast to allow this type of detector to be used with capillary gas chromatography. The system is calibrated with a single, volatile organic standard. The level of precision or repeatability is reported as around 2% of the reading from run to run.

This is a wet or dry chemical reagent tube system for monitoring various individual compounds. The system consists of a hand operated sample pump used to draw an air sample through disposable glass tubes containing the chemical reagents and indicators.

The weight of the pump plus several disposable tubes is about 2 pounds. There are over 300 different reagent tubes available to measure various permanent gases and volatile organic compounds. The reported response range to benzene is from 2 to 60ppm. The pump is hand operated. Limitations of particular interest are the training required for interpreting the indicator changes, and the disposal of the used reagent tubes. The response time varies from 1 to 5 minutes for various tubes. The tube response may be calibrated by a duplicate run of an external standard. The level of precision or repeacability of the benzene tubes is reported as plus or minus lppm for a 5ppm reading.

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The next broad group of analytical systems is based on the gas chromatographic separation of the compounds of interest prior to detection by one or more devices.

This is a photograph of a portable, dual column, dual detector gas chromatograph manufactured for environmental applications. The temperatures of the individual columns are controlled independently. The columns have different stationary phases and are about 10 meters in length. The chromatograms are typically 2 minutes long. The detectors are both micro chip sized thermal conductivity detectors. The response of the detectors can be transferred to a separate integrator and the data can then be down loaded to a 'lap-top' personal computer.

This is a view of the internal packaging of the unit showing the two individually insulated columns with the chip size detectors. The dimensions of the MTI GC are 6" by 10" by 14".

The unit weighs only 5 pounds. The miniature thermal conductivity detectors respond to most permanent gases and volatile organic compounds.

The detector response range is reported as from lppm and extending to 6 orders of magnitude,

The unit requires a helium carrier source, 120Vac power, and some type of recording devica.

Limitations of particular interest are: short columns have limited 'peak capacity', compound identification is based on retention time, the need for an additional, very fast recording device or integration device and the detector sensitivity does not extend below the ppm level.

The average chromatogram for simple mixtures is less than 5 minutes long.

The system is calibrated using one or more external standards.

The chromatographic repeatability has been reported as better than 5% from run to run.

Here is another commercially available, portable gas chromatographic system. This unit is now available with capillary columns and temperature control. The unit 2150 contains an integrator capable of making concentration calculations based on an external standard runs saved in memory and are continuously updated. The unit can be operated remotely through a modem and it contains an internal reservoir for the

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carrier gas. The unit is available with a photoionization detector only at this time.

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This is a view of internal configuration of the unit showing the column area. This particular unit is one of the older models without temperature control.

This unit's overall measurements are 18" by 13" by 6". The entire system weighs 26 pounds.

The detector responds to most volatile organic compounds.

The response range is reported as 0.1ppb to over 100ppm.

The system requires high purity air to replenish the internal pressurized reservoir and operates from a rechargeable 12V battery.

Limitations of particular interest of this version are the ambient temperature column, limited 'peak capacity' of the short column, and the variable retention times resulting from no independent temperature control.

The average run is about 10 minutes for simple mixtures.

The system is calibrated using an internal pressurized container of an external standard gas mixture.

The chromatographic repeatability is better than 5% run to run.

Here is a photograph of a laboratory model of a sequential, gas chromatograph, Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer, quadrapole mass spectrometer with the dual computer operating system. This system is capable of generating a tremendous amount of analytical data from a single sample. The FTIR and mass spec. data complement one another in that the infrared spectra can be used to distinguish between certain isomers of the same compound and supply additional structural data the mass spectra may not supply. Notice the relatively small size of the FTIR component of the system: which may suggest the possibility of a portable, GC/FTIR unit the future.

The FTIR component dimensions are 12" by 10" by 26".

The weight of the FTIR unit is 55 pounds.

The unit responds to infrared absorbing species and produces mass spectral data to any species eluting off the column.

The FTIR response range is from ppb to above 100ppm and is approximately one to two orders of magnitude less sensitive than the mass spectrometer.

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One limitation of interest is the tremend \square amount of computer memory space required for a single GC run.

The average run time for a sample of moderate complexity is 45 minutes.

The system is calibrated by external standard, internal standard or standard addition methods depending on the application.

The level of chromatographic repeatability is about 5% from run to run and depends on the conditions used. Another interesting system is this combined, gas chromatograph, quadrapole mass spectrometer system. In this case the recently developed version of the mass spectrometer has an extremely small footprint. The netal box contains the ion source, the quadrapole flight tube and all the electronics boards. 1

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The mass spectrometer dimensions are roughly 12" by 8" by 26" The weight of MS without the pump and other hardware is about 48 pounds.

The system responds to any permanent gas or volatile organic which can be eluted of the column.

The system can be used to detect sample components from ppt to about 100ppm.

The system requires mechanical roughing vacuum for the oil diffusion pump, high purity helium carrier gas and 120Vac power. Two of the limitations are the peak capacity of selected capillary column and the nearly indistinguishable mass spectra produced from some isomers.

The average run time under certain conditions is 45 minutes.

The system is often calibrated using external standards for quantitative determinations.

The level of chromatographic precision is 5% for some applications.

Another recently developed type of GC detector intended for ambient air monitoring is the surface acoustical wave vapor sensor. One commercially available unit is now being developed for production which includes a packed column gas enromatograph and uses ambient air as the carrier gas. The dimensions of the unit are reported by the manufacturer as 12" by 10" by 5". The unit weighs 15 pounds. The detector can be custom designed to be sensitive to a broad group of volatile organics commonly found in environmental sir. The response range is reported as ppb to ppm. The unit may be run off a rechargeable gell cell battery. One of the reported limitations is that the present sensor too slow for capillary columns. The average chromatogram is 5 min. long.

The third group of monitors is based on infra-rad spectrophotometry. This is a portable, commercially available dispersive IR unit designed for environmental applications.

The dimensions of this unit are 28" by 9" by 11".

The weight of this unit is 30 pounds which makes it very difficult to carry for any length of time.

The system responds in a scanning mode or fixed frequency mode to species in the simpled air which absorb in the IR region r = 650 to 4000 cm-1.

The response range to benzene is reported as 2.2 to 50ppm.

The monitor is powered by a rechargeable NiCd battery.

Limitations of particular interest are the short battery charge life, the sensitivity compounds such as benzene and the loss of selectivity for specific compounds in complex mixtures often found in air samples.

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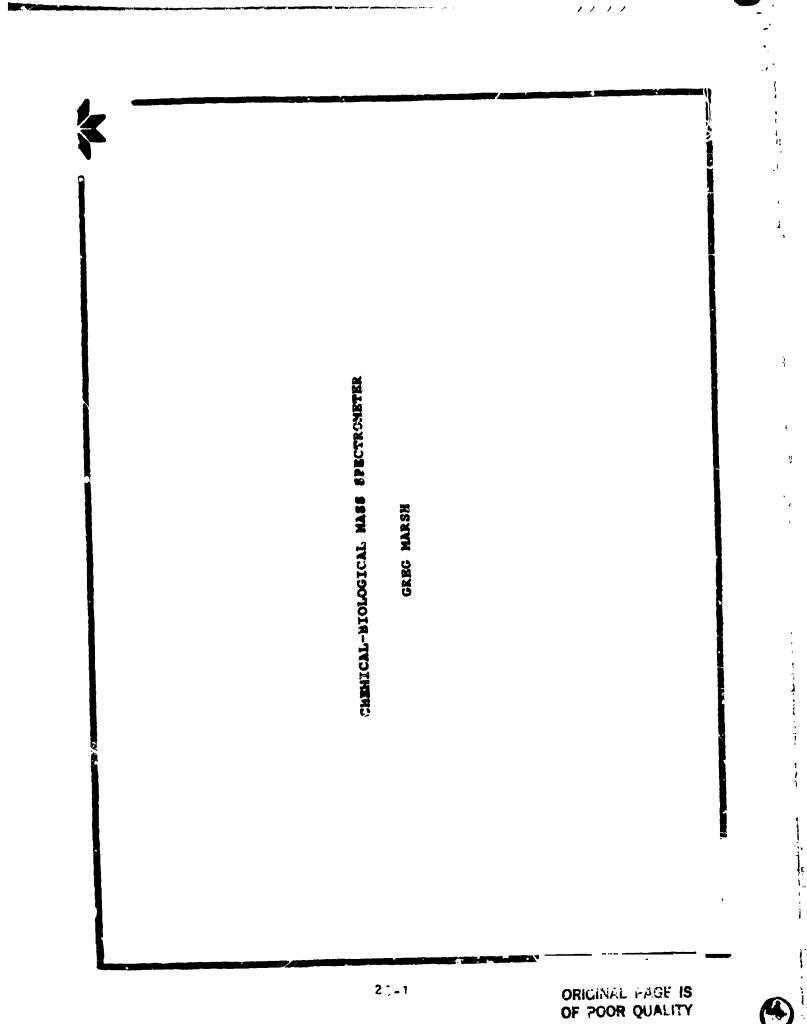
The response time is less than a minute in fixed frequency mode. The system is calibrated with an external standard gas mixture. The level of repeatability is reported as about 15% from run to run.

The forth and final group of analytical systems that I will briefly discuss is based on small quadrapole mass spectrometers with some type of specialized inlet system other than a gas chromatograph. One approach to the sample inlet problem has recently been published in Analytical Chemistry by Scott A. McLuckey and his colleagues at the Oak Ridge Referent Laboratory where they reported an estimated limit of detection of 1.4 ppt for head-space vapor over solid TNT using their atmospheric sampling glow discharge ionization source.

This is a photograph of a commercially available, quadrassle residual gas analyzer system. This particular unit is used by the toxicology laboratory a JSC as vacuum measuring device. The unit is part of a vacuum oven system use to evacuate and clean air sample cylinders and stainless steel chambers used to perform materials out-gassing measurements. The ion source and flight tube are located in this area of the vacuum system. The system is maintained at approximately 10 to the minus 7 torr by a turbo pump backed by a mechanical roughing pump. The control and acquisition electronics are located in this module with digital display of several mass channels for N2 and CO, O2, et cetera. The mass range of this quadrapole is to 65 amu. The unit is remotely operated and data is down-loaded to a personal computer. In this application, the mass spectrometer is used to measure extremely low levels of permanent gases and trace contaminants by single mass assignments of these compounds and simple ion patterns of isotopic abundances. Other commercially available systems have been used with ambient pressure, differe.itially pumped inlets to monitor air contaminants.

This presentation is by no means an exhaustive listing of the wide variety of methods and hardware available for monitoring and analyzing volatile organic compounds in air. The adaptation of existing analytical systems to monitor spacecraft breathing environment has some obvious advantages for saving time and resources in hardware development. The engineering and safety constraints should be coordinated with the analytical considerations in the selection and modification of candidate nardware. Iterative testing and evaluation of the analytical performance of each candidate system during development would aid achieving the test results

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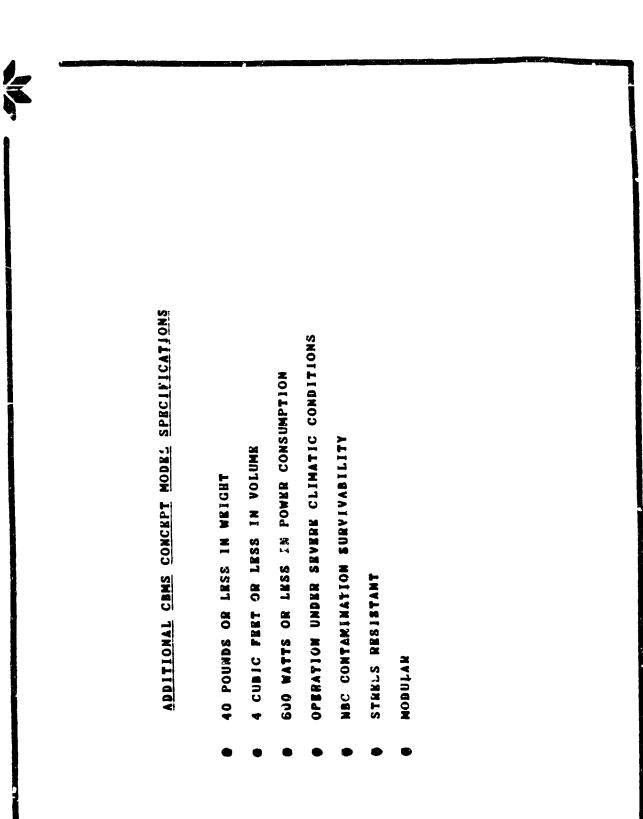
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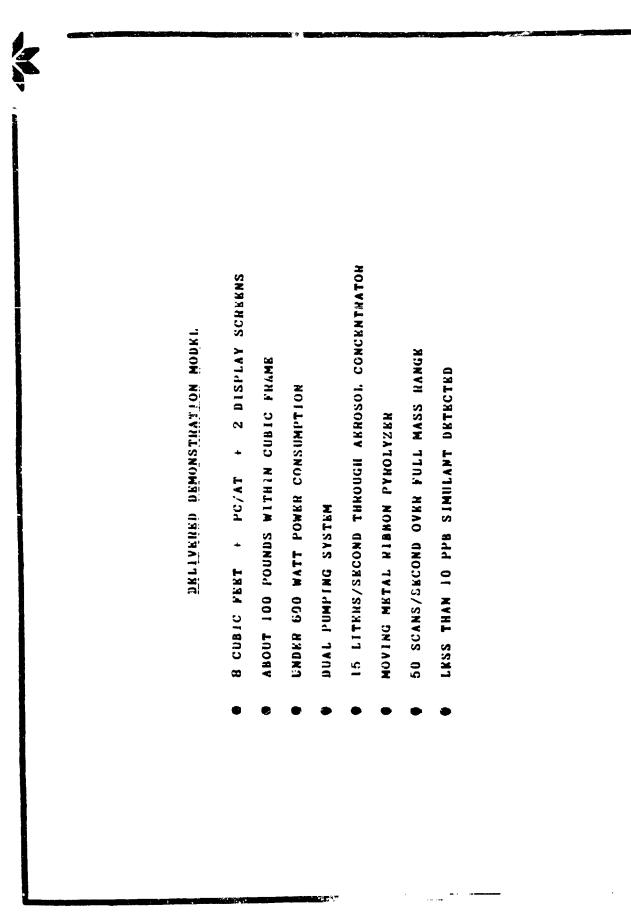
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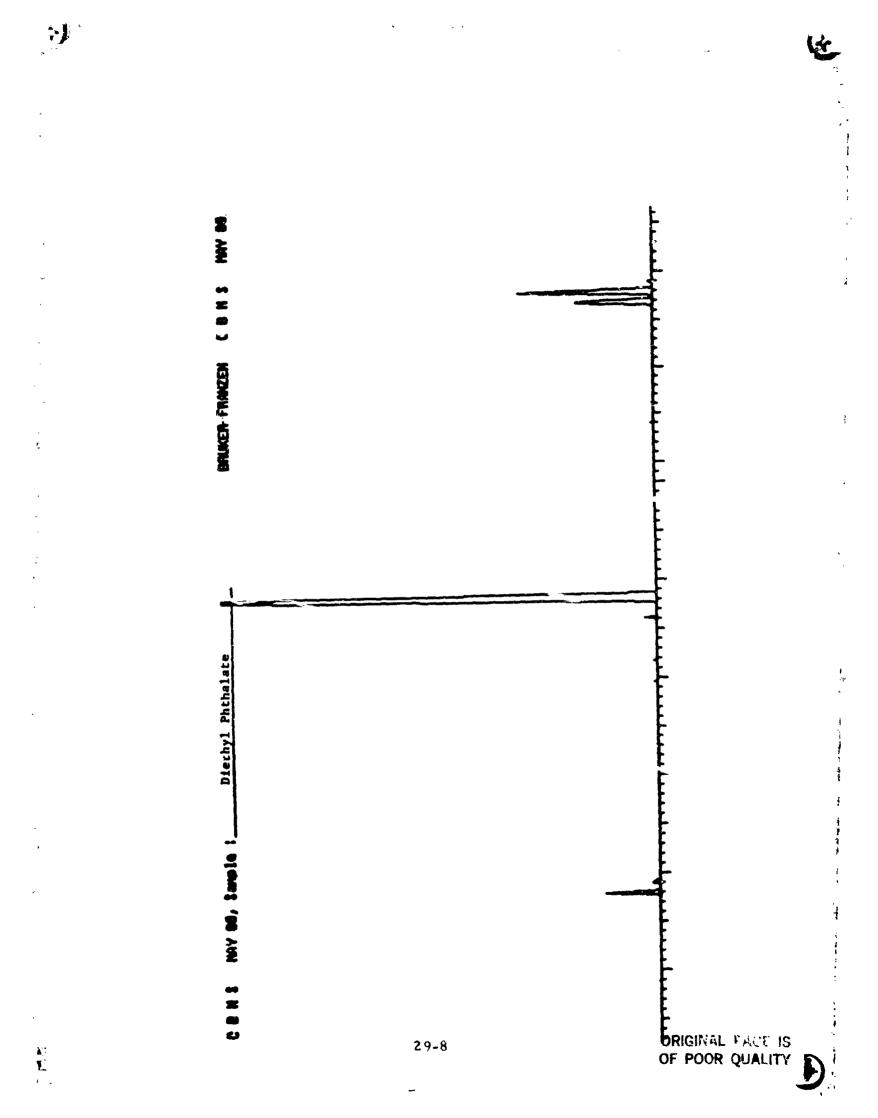
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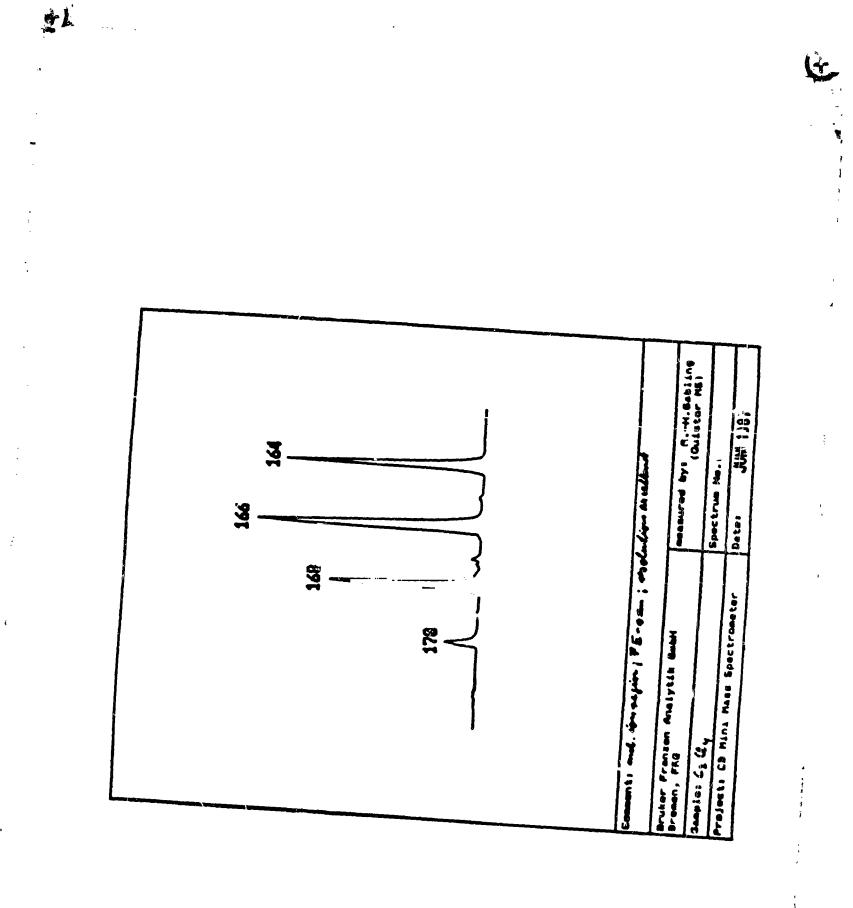
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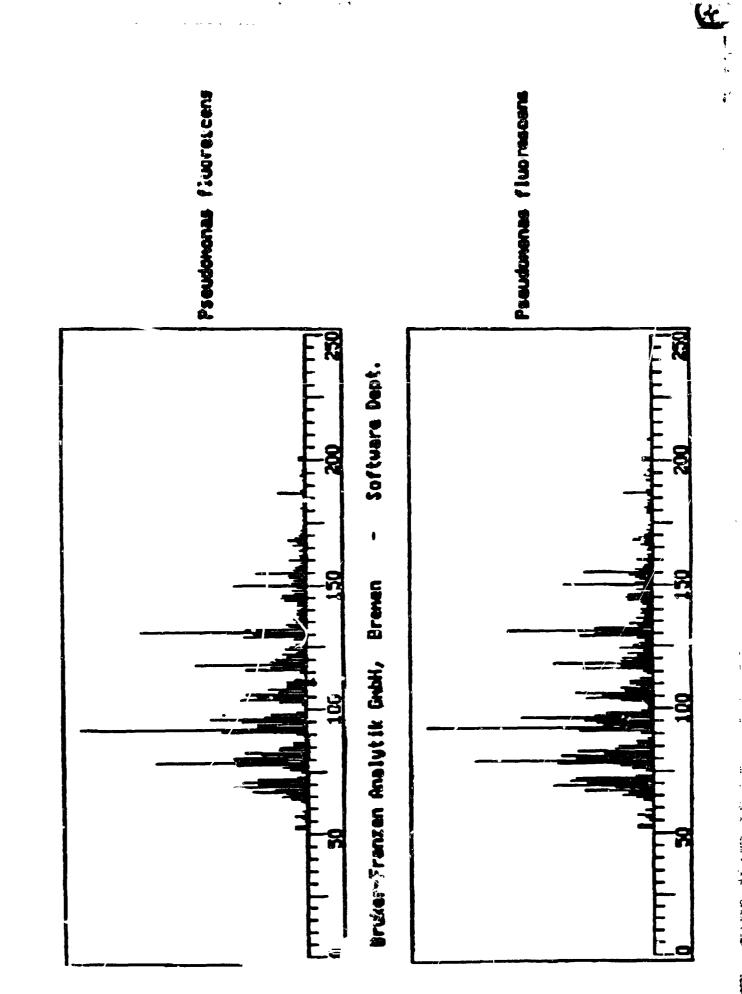
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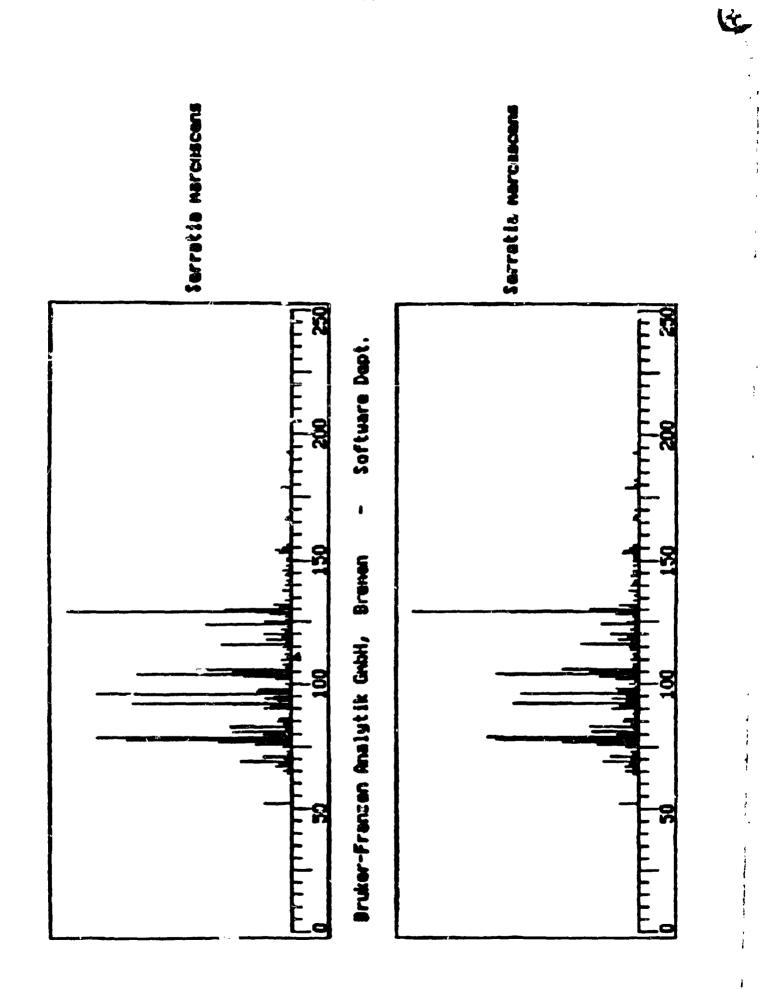
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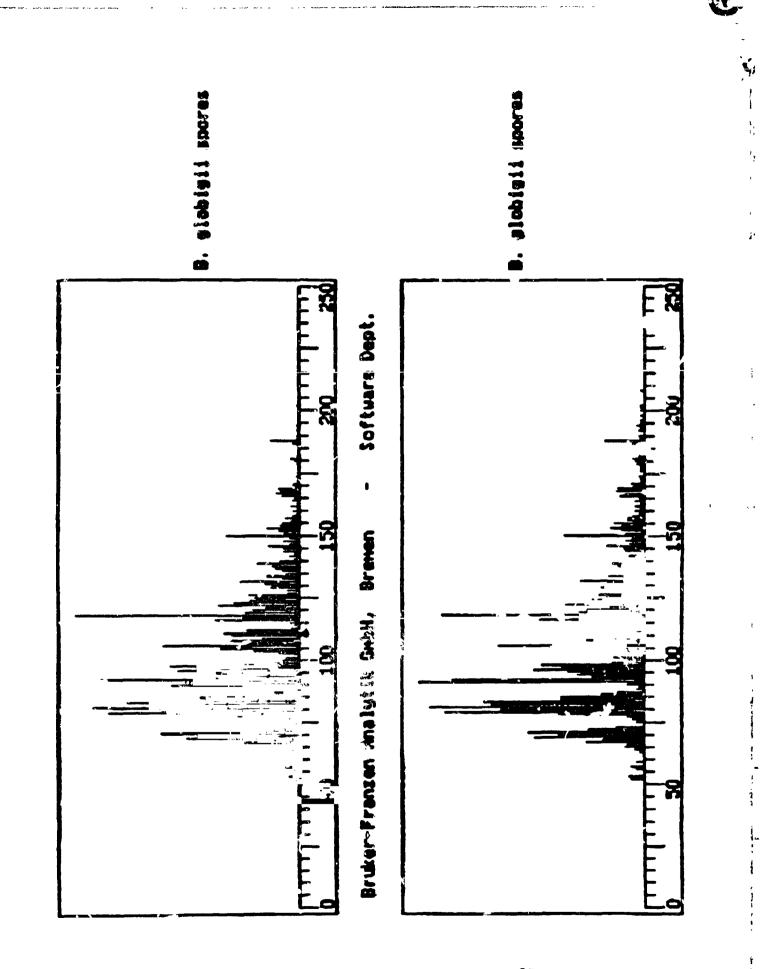
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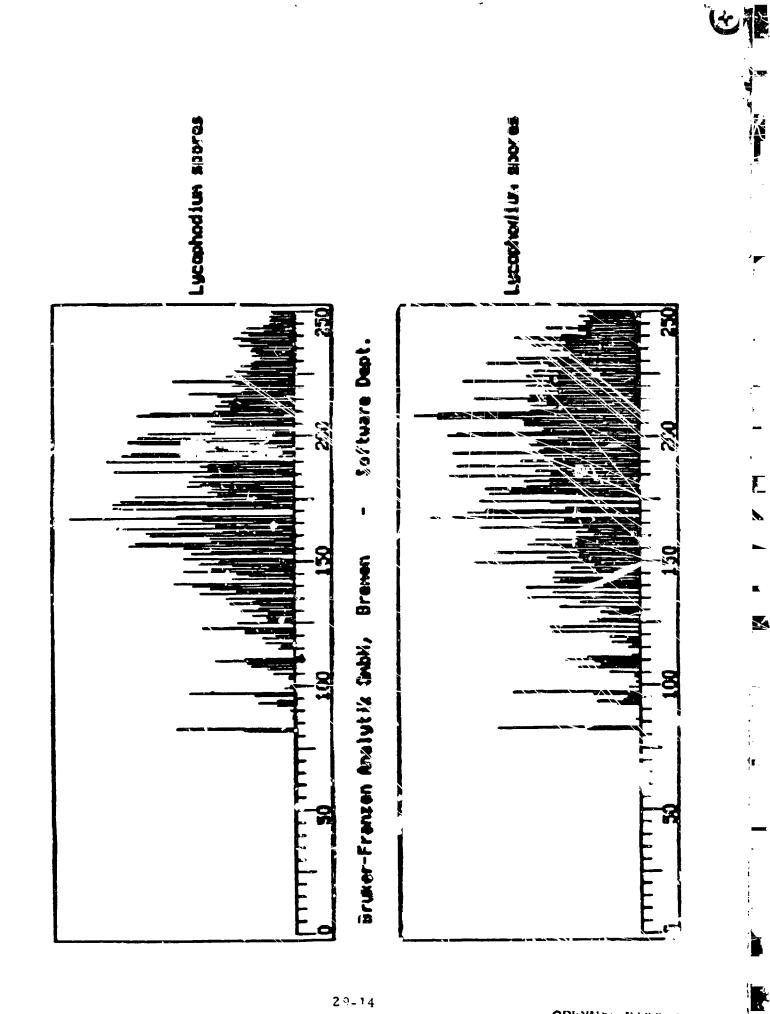
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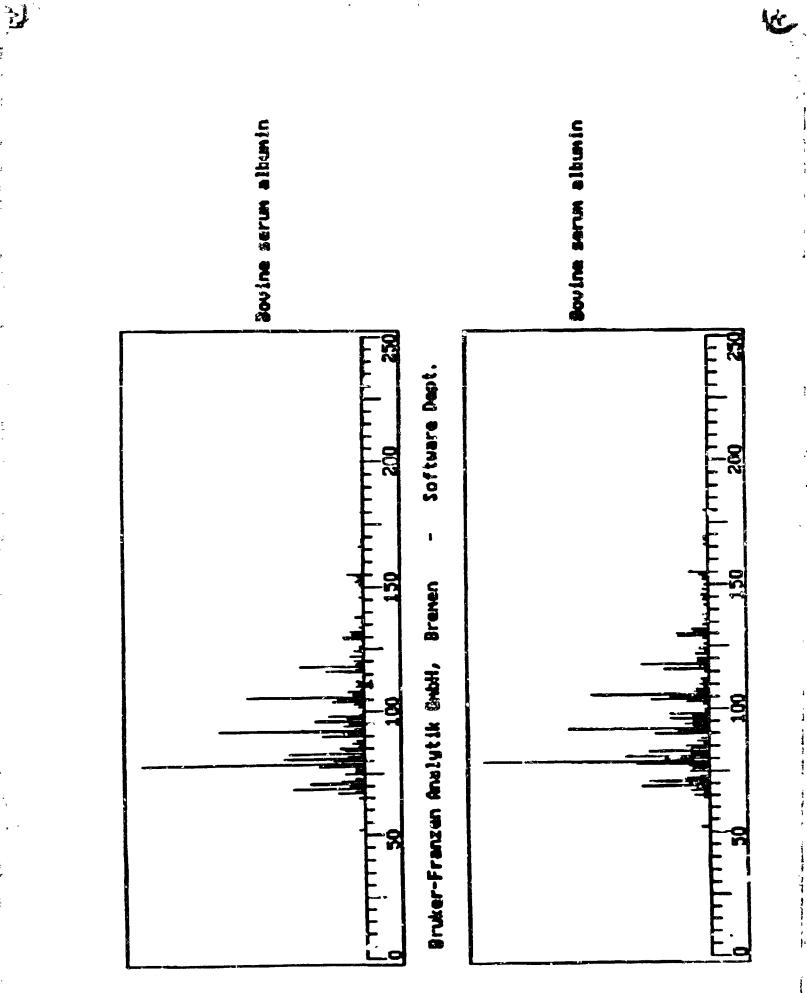
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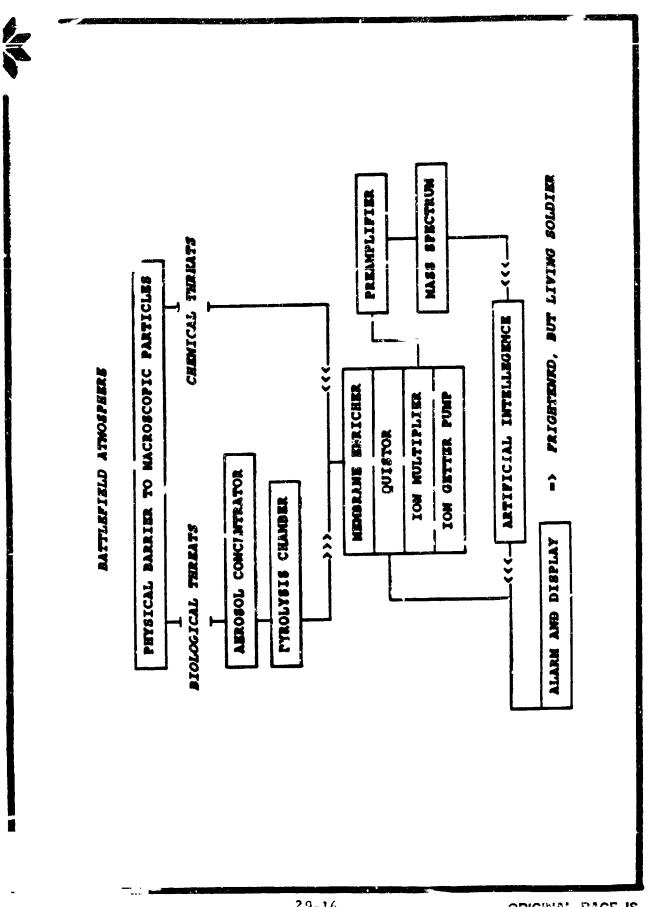
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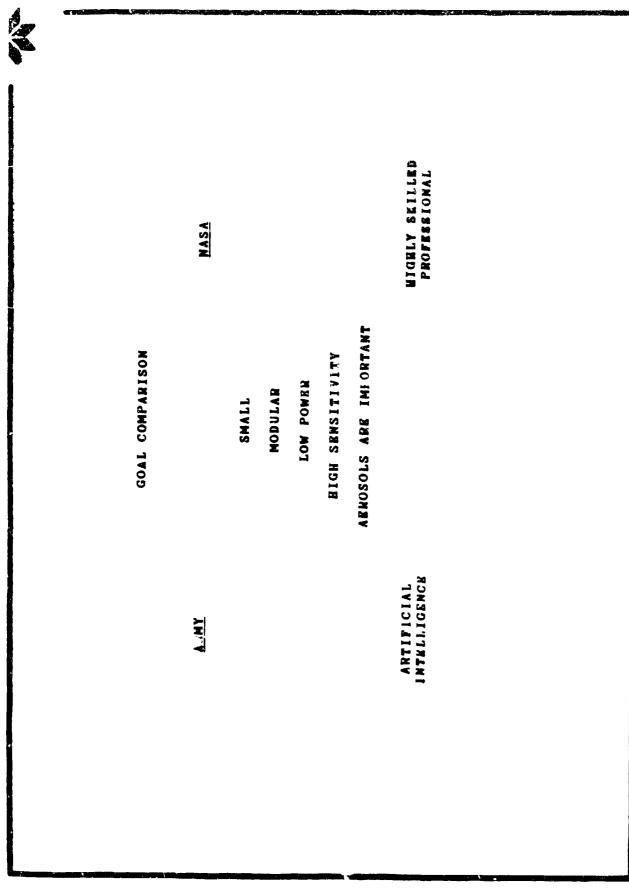
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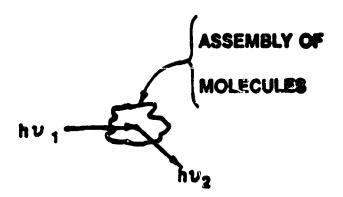
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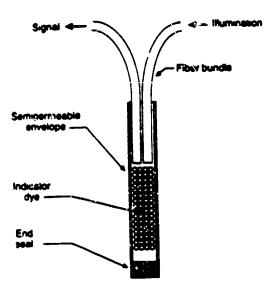
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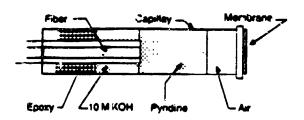
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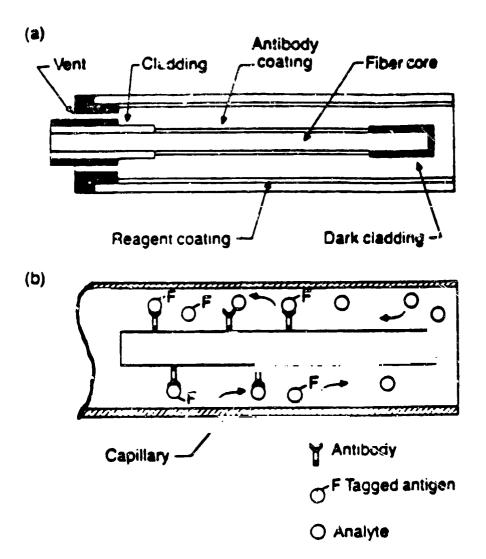
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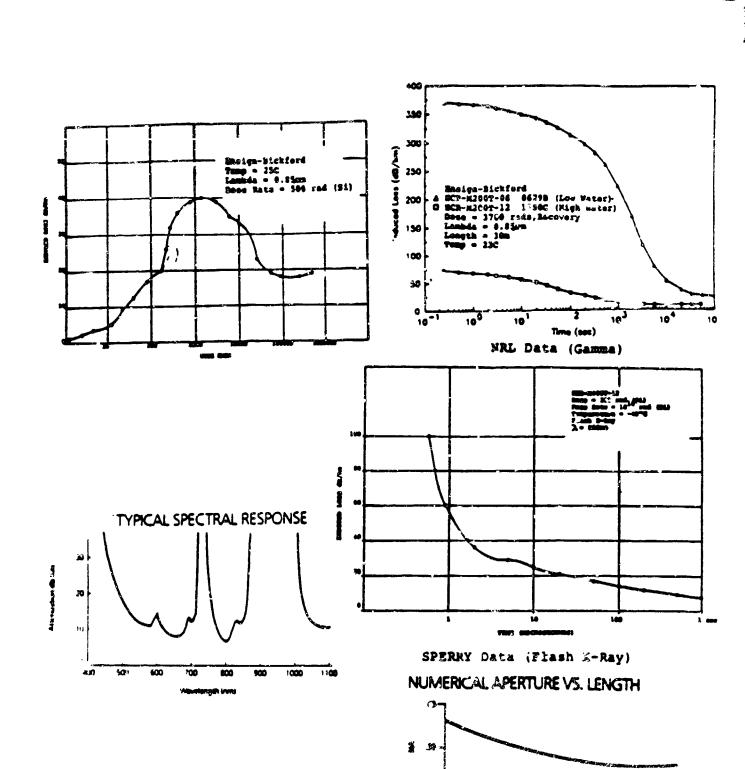
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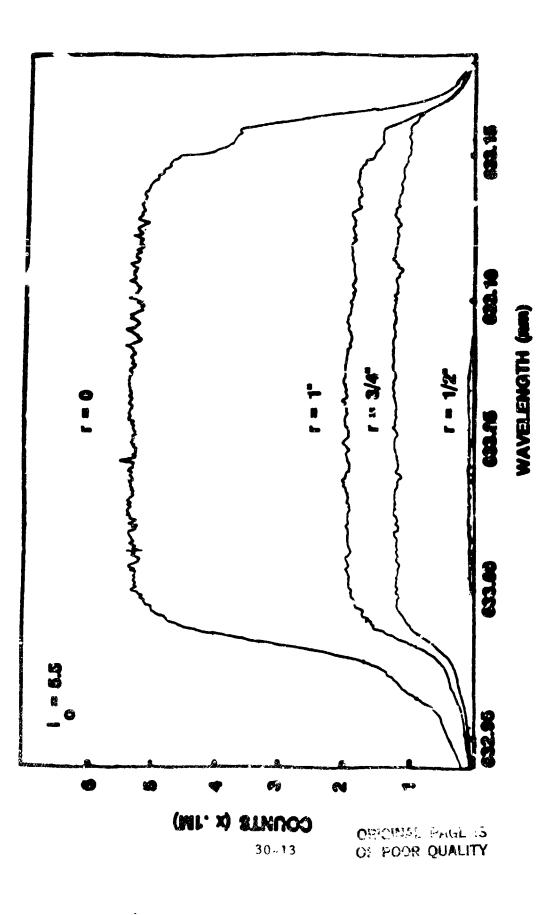
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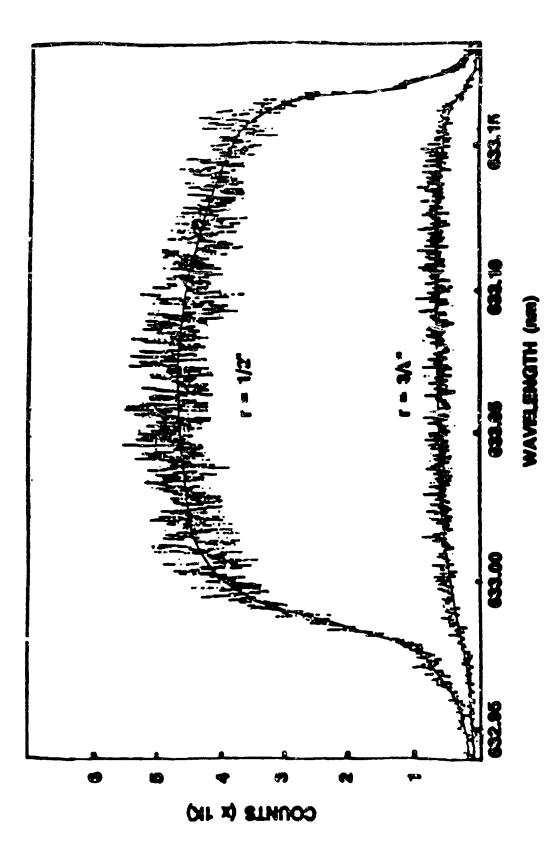
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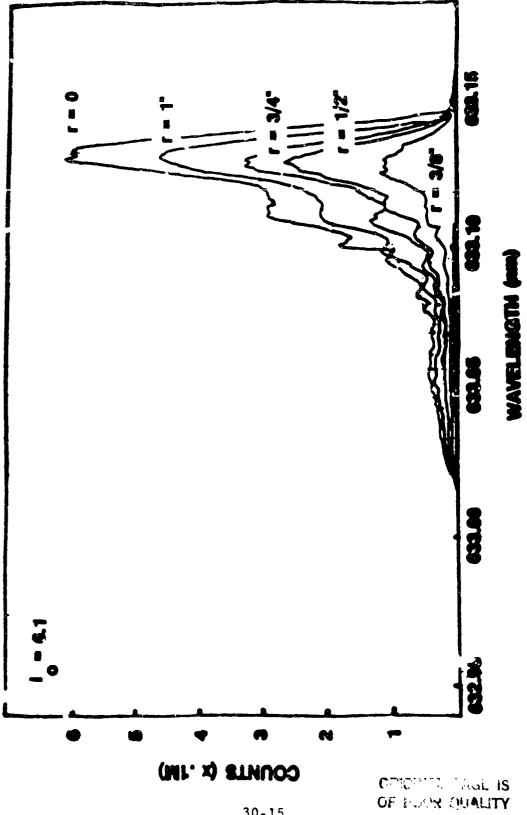


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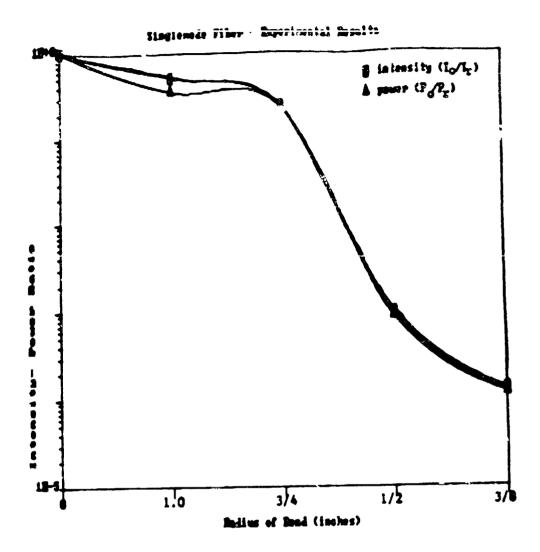
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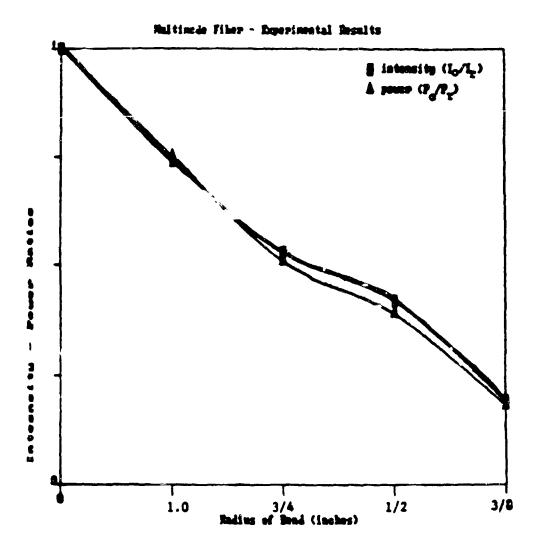


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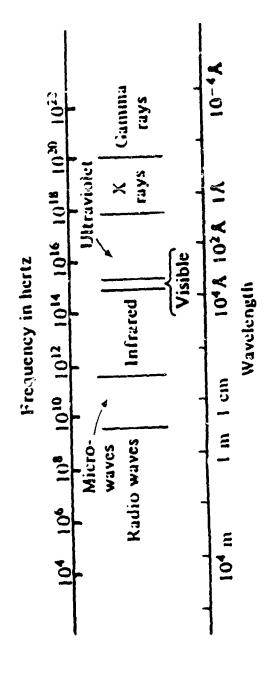
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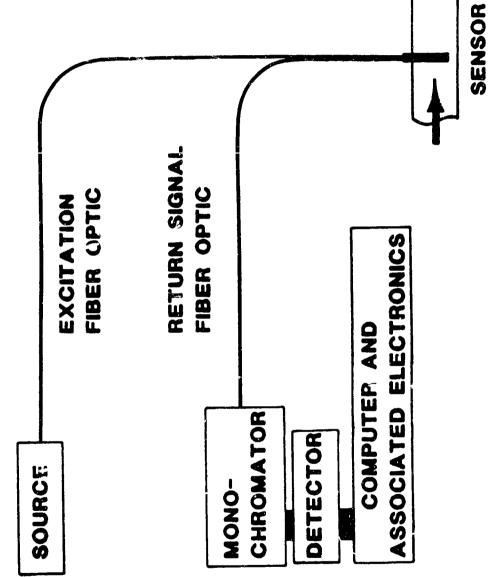


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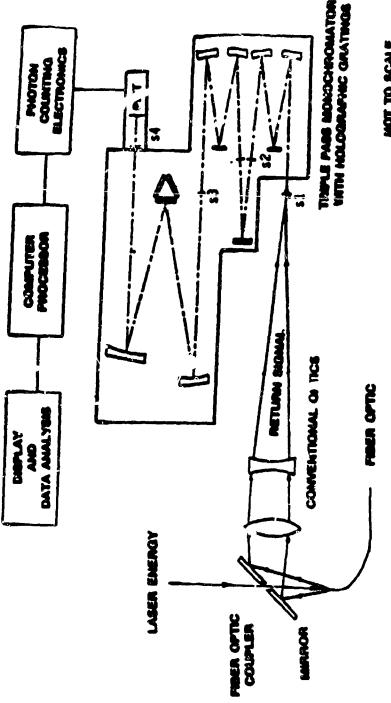
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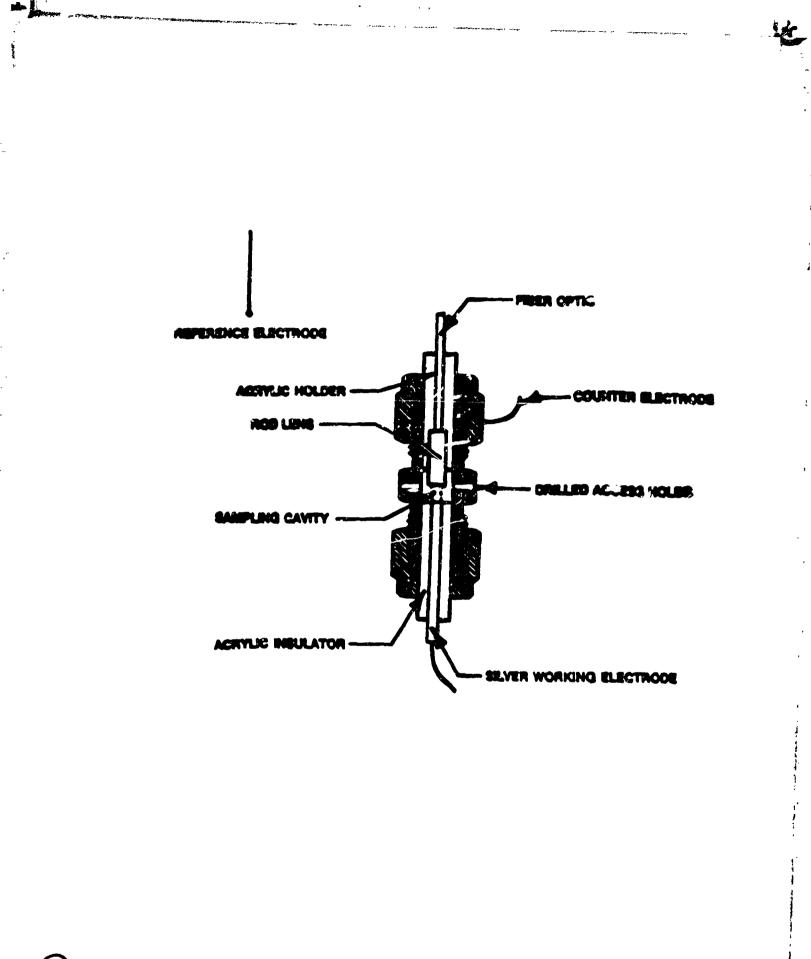
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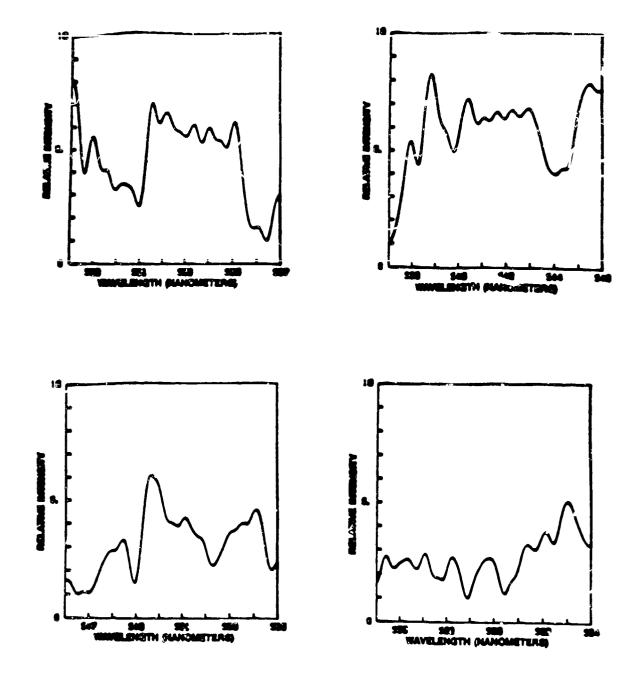
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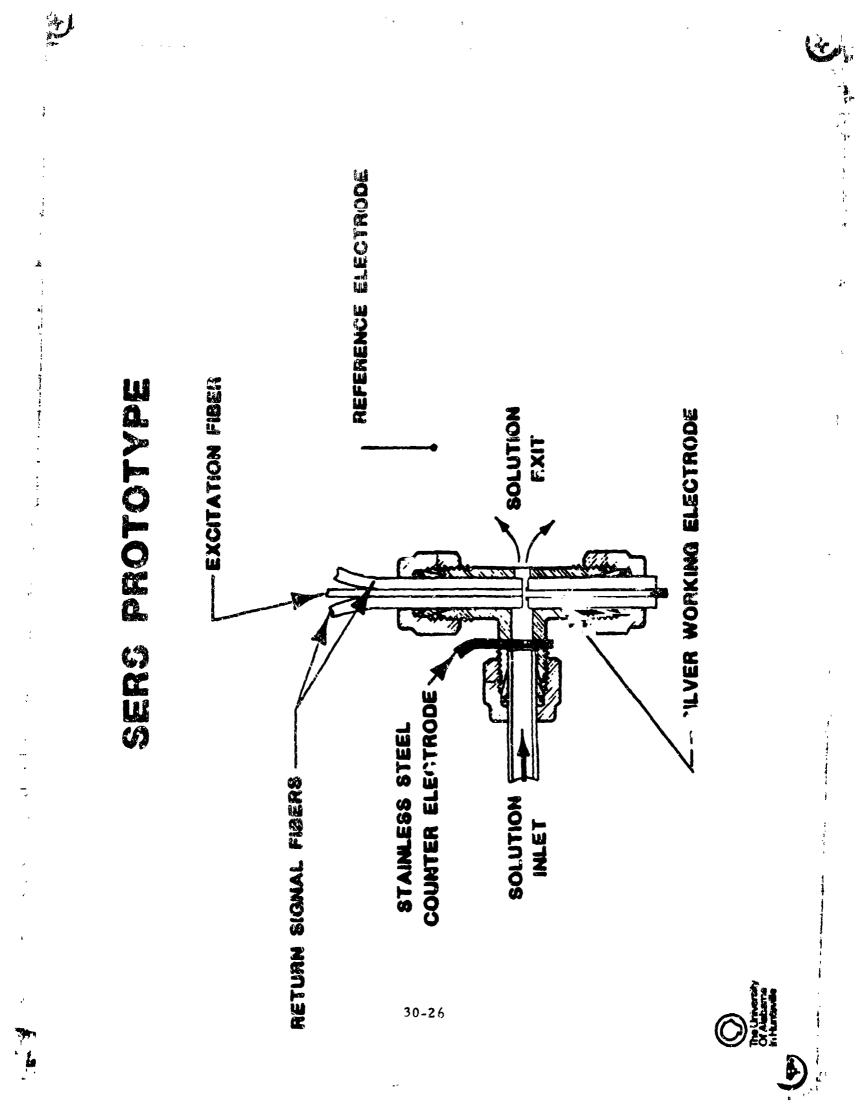
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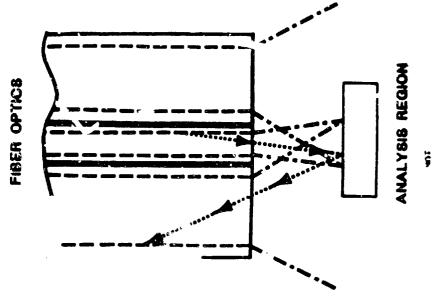
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AND COLLECTION OF SCATTERED RADIATION NUMERICAL APERTURES FOR ILLUMINATION TECHNIQUE FOR EXPLOITING FIBER OPTIC



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CONCLUSIONS

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- FIBER OPTIC CHARACTERIZATIONS AS A EXTERNAL FORCES NEED FURTHER FUNCTION OF FREQUENCY AND **CONSIDERATION**
- SERS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED AND SHOWS POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ۲

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FUTURE RESEARCH

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- IMPROVING THE OPTIC DESIGN OF THE SENSOR
- EXAMINING THE INFLUENCE OF LASER **EXCITATION ENERGY LEVELS**
- QUANTIFYING PYRIDINE MIXTURES AS A FUNCTION OF CONCENTRATION AND ELECTROCHEMICAL POTENTIAL

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- STUDYING THE INFLUENCE OF ELECTROLYTE **ADDITION**
- SOLUTE/SOLVENT INTERACTIONS IN DRINKING AND GROUND WATER

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"Particulate Detection Technology"

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ABSTRACT

This talk will cover an overview of the major types of particulate contamination detection and monitoring instruments available which would be useful in a space station environment. The instruments can be grouped according to measurement method. These methods consist of optical, electrical and mechanical. The optical instruments which will be discussed are the Condensation Nucleus Counter (CNC), and the Laser Particle Counter (LPC). Electrical instruments include the Differential Mobility Analyzer (DMA), and Electrical Aerosol Analyzer (EAA). Mechanical instruments include the Aerodynamic Particle Sizer (APS), the Diffusion Battery, and the Impactor.



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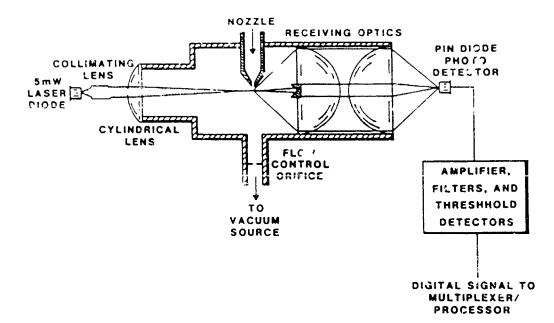
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- a. Optical Particle Counter
- b. Condensation Nucleus Counter

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- 2. Electrical Methods
 - a. Electrical Aerosol Analyzer
 - b. Differential Mobility Analyzer
 - c. ElectroStatic Precipitator
- 3. Mechanical Methods
 - a. Cascade Impactor
 - b. Diffusion Battery
 - c. Aerodynamic Particle Sizer



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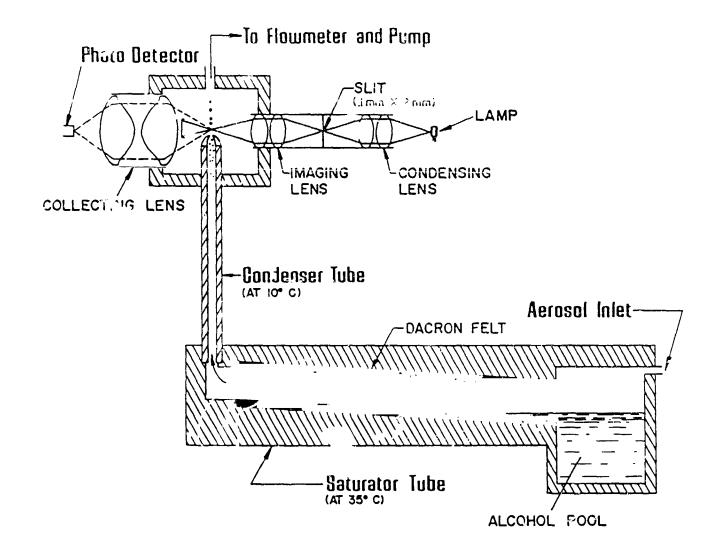
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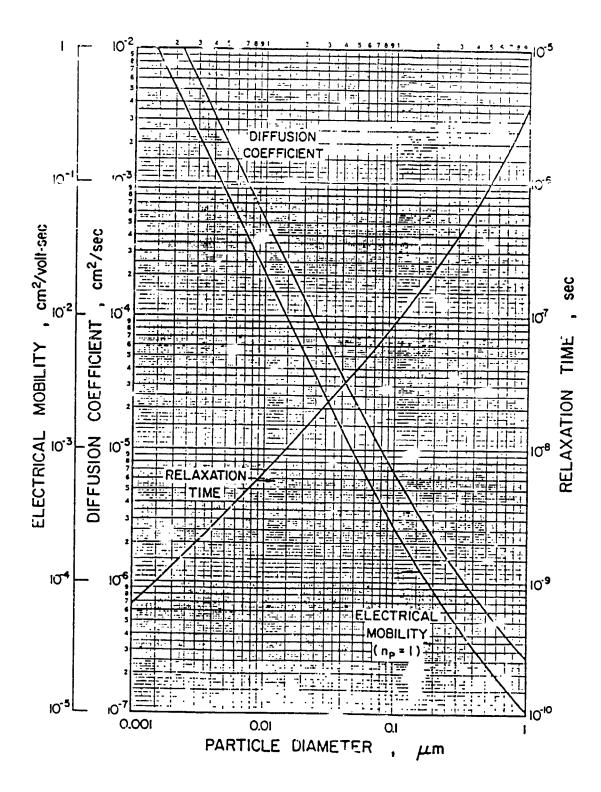
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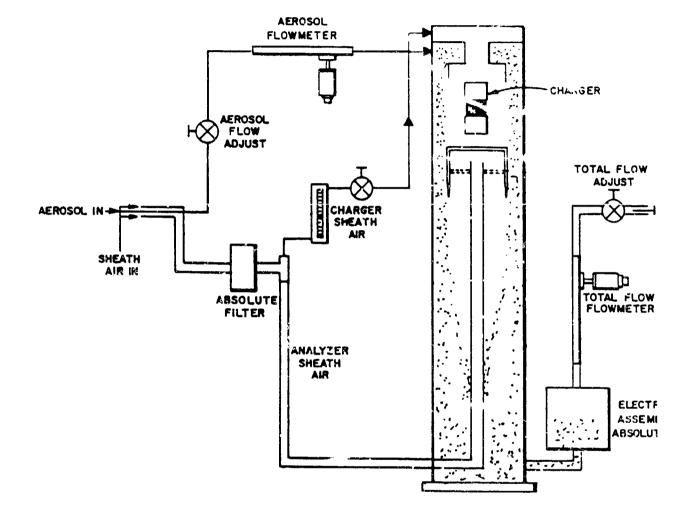
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Condensation Nucleus Counter (CNC)



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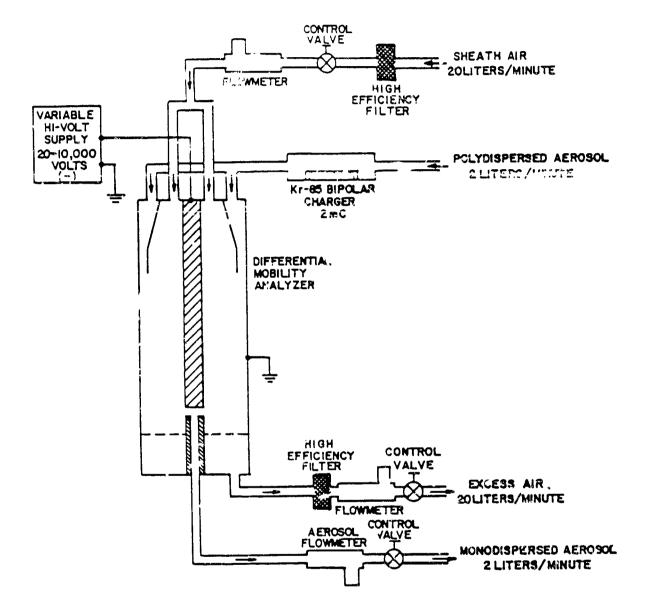
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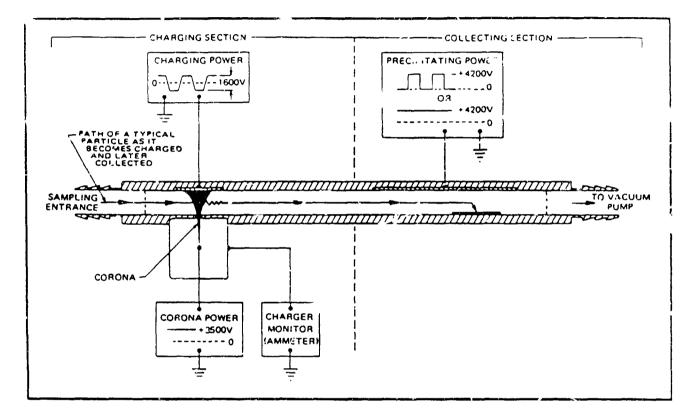


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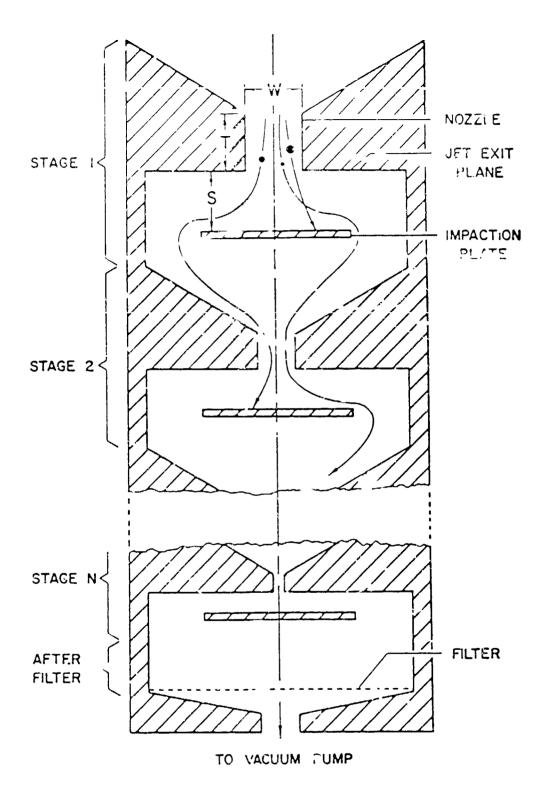
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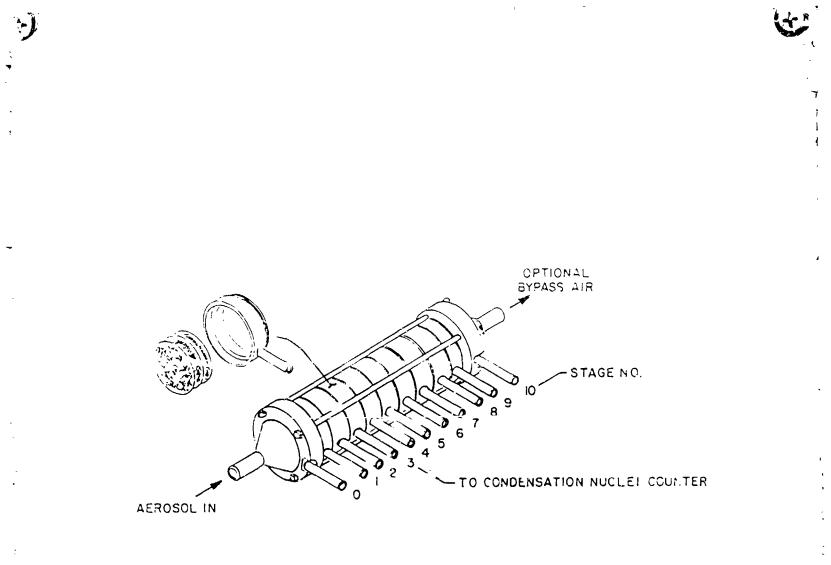


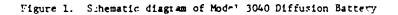
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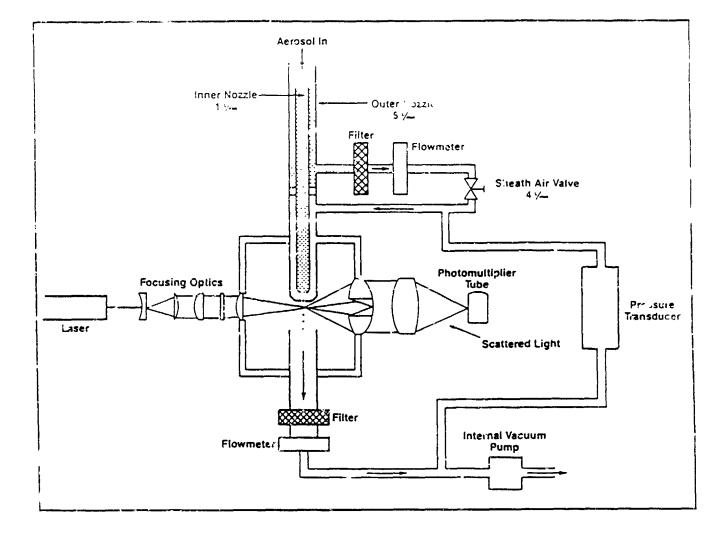


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Diffusion Battery (DE)



Aerodynamic Particle Sizer (APS)



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Optical Methoù Summary

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	Advantage	Disadvantage
	very fast, inexpensive versatile, compact, lightweight.	may not be accurate for non-spherical particles, coincidence problems.
OPC	high flow, multimode.	unstable, short life.
LPC	compact, very stable, rugged.	lower power, single-mode.
CNC	very high sensitivity.	no sizing capability, uses a working fluid.

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Electrical Method Summary

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	Advantage	Disadvantage
	can collect sample, very rugged, versatile.	long sampling time, large, heavy, high power consumption.
EAA	rugged, short sample time, self-contained.	large, heavy, requires error correction.
DMPS	versatile, accurate, very high resolution.	large, heavy, requires particle sensor, hard to set up, slow sample time.
EP	collects representative sample, self contained.	no sizing capabilities.

Mechanical Method Summary

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	Advantage	Disadvantage
	uses aerodynamic properties.	
CI	very rugged, collects sample, steep size cut, compact.	very labor intensive, slow response time, hard to sample very small particles.
DB	very rugged, compact, measures to CNC limits.	slow response, requires a CNC or counter, requires data reduction.
APS	very fast response, steep size cut-off, very high resolution, computerized, repeatable.	expensive, less rugged, measures only low concentrations.