Project APEX (Aircraft Particle Emissions eXperiment) was a multi-agency commercial aircraft emission characterization and technology demonstration experiment. Its objective was to characterize particle and trace gas precursor species in the emissions from a NASA DC-8 aircraft with General Electric CFM56-2C1 engines at the engine exit plane as well as selected downstream locations. This was to advance the understanding of particle emissions and their evolution in the atmosphere from a current in-service turbofan engine. The test was conducted at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base California during April 15-30, 2004. Participants included the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Defense, the aviation industry (General Electric, Pratt and Whitney, and Boeing), and the research community (Aerodyne Research Inc., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Process Metrix, University of California-Riverside, and University of Missouri-Rolla).

The test was conducted on the ground with sampling rakes behind the engine at selected locations. The engine was operated at various power settings ranging from 4% to 100% thrust, with three classes of fuels: baseline JP8 (409 ppm sulfur and 17.5% aromatic), high sulfur (1639 ppm sulfur and 17.5% aromatic), and high aromatic (Jet A with 553 ppm sulfur and 22% aromatic). The engine was held at each test condition for 4 minutes, except for the 100% condition which was limited to 1.5 minutes. Each condition was visited multiple times during the campaign.

A new instrument, the DMS 500, for fast real-time analysis of the size distribution, shape parameters, number density, mass concentration and number- and mass-based emission indices of exhaust particulates was employed, and here we report a comparison of its results with traditional instrumentation, the scanning differential mobility spectrometer (TSI Model 3071) and the condensation nuclei counter (TSI Model 3022). The samples were collected with probes mounted behind the engine exhaust plane (the intercomparison focused on data from a probe 1m behind the engine), and were delivered via a sampling train to a distribution plenum in the UMR instrument trailer. From there they were delivered to the various instruments. For the intercomparison, each instrument’s measurements were corrected for losses back to the distribution manifold, using size dependent line penetration calibration data. Differences between instruments varied substantially from run to run (see plot of PctDXb vs. umr). Most of these large differences were associated with runs having low signal to noise ratios or signal instability. A weight function was devised to account for these issues, and weighted average percent differences and rms percent differences were evaluated for three aerosol parameters: number and mass based geometric mean diameters, and total number concentration. The DMS500 agreed well with traditional slower instrumentation. For number based geometric mean diameter, the DMS tended to be slightly below the DMA, by 3% on average, with a 12% scatter (rms average difference). For mass weighted geometric mean diameter, the DMS was systematically low, by 8% on average, with a 15% rms difference. For total particle concentration, the DMS was systematically high
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Aerosol parameters did show dependencies on power, fuel type, and distance behind engine exit plane. The geometric mean diameter was observed to increase monotonically with power for all fuels, and ranged from 15 to 34 nm. The geometric standard deviation (sigma) generally increased with power for all fuels, ranging from 1.5 to 1.8. This represents a factor 3 to 4 increase in halfwidth. The number based emission index (EIn) had a maximum at low power and was larger at 30m than at 1m for low and mid-range power. EIn for 1m and 30m converged at high power, where the temperatures are highest and plume residence times are lowest. This is compatible with gas-to-particle conversion being active in the plume. The mass based emission indices also exhibited this trend, converging at high power and diverging at low power, although not as strongly as for the number based emission indices.

The hydration properties of the exhaust aerosol were characterized using deliquescence measurements with a tandem DMA system. The original dry (40 nm and 60 nm) and deliquesced size information was converted into soluble mass fraction assuming sulfuric acid as the soluble species. The average (over size and power) soluble mass fractions are plotted vs. probe distance behind the engine (smf vs. PLoc). No statistically significant soluble material was observed at the 1m and 10m locations, for any fuel type. For the 30m probe, soluble material was found, with soluble mass fractions of 0.057±0.026 for the baseline fuel, 0.115±0.076 for the aromatic fuel, and 0.151±0.085 for the Hi sulfur fuel. This hydration behavior is compatible with gas-to-particle conversion being active in the plume.
apex, umr = 70

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\frac{dN}{d\log x} = 10 \quad \text{if } x_{\text{nm}} < 500 \\
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\]

\[
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Test Location

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Test Period

April 15 – 30, 2004

Test Aircraft/Engine

NASA DC-8 with CFM56-2C1 engine
Team

Participants:
NASA (DFRC, GRC, LaRC), EPA, FAA,
DoD (AEDC, NAVAIR, NFESC, WPAFB),
Aviation Industry (GE, Boeing, PW),
Research community (ARI, MIT, PM, UCR, UMR)

Sponsors: NASA
          EPA
          DOD

Manager: Dr. Chowen Chou Wey
         NASA GRC
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$dN/d\log x$

x (nm)

DMA
DMS
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pen2(DMS)=\(-0.04036 \times (\ln x)^2 + 0.4735 \times \ln x - 0.3787\) if \(x_{nm} < 210\)
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Percent differences between instruments

APEX 383 runs (u=1,2,3,…,383)

\[
\{x_j, s_{n_j}\}_{dms,u} \Rightarrow Dg_{dms,u}, \quad Dg_{dms,u}, \quad TCN_{dms,u}
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\{x_j, s_{n_j}\}_{tsi,u} \Rightarrow Dg_{tsi,u}, \quad Dg_{tsi,u}
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TCN_{cnc}
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PctDg_n_u \Rightarrow 200\frac{(Dg_{dms,u} - Dg_{tsi,u})}{(Dg_{dms,u} + Dg_{tsi,u})}
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\[
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\]
Uncertainty metrics
Quantify the uncertainty in the measurements for a given run (u).

Stb = Signal to background.

PctDDg Differences between 2 TSI DMA size sweeps.

$D_{g_{dms}}, \sigma_{D_{g_{dms}}}$ From average of ~ 20 sweeps.

Build a weight function that will give a large weight to good data having low uncertainty and small credit to marginal data having high uncertainty.

Convert these uncertainty parameters into ones that increase with goodness of the data: Stb, $\frac{100}{\text{PctDDg}}$, $\frac{D_{g_{dms}}}{\sigma_{D_{g_{dms}}}}$

rf reciprocal fractional errors
Global weight function:

\[ w_{Dgn} = w_{(100/PctDg)} \times w_{(Dg/sig\_Dg)} \times w_{stb} \]

\[ \langle PctDgn \rangle = \frac{\sum PctDgn \times w_{Dgn}}{\sum w_{Dgn}} \]

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Hydration Properties

• Objective – To determine the PM soluble mass fraction.
• Method - Deliquescence
Fig. 1  Schematic of UMR deliquescence apparatus.
APEX Deliq, Soluble Mass Frac
Avgd over diam (40,60), Power

Fig 2. Soluble mass fraction v. probe position from UMR Deliq.
CONCLUSIONS:

1. Two classes of particles were measured. These had dry diameters of approximately 40 nm and 60 nm. The results of both classes of particle diameters and the results of all thrust settings are combined in the previous plot and the following conclusions.

2. At the 10 m probe, the soluble mass fraction (sol \( mf \)) was not statistically different from that at the 1 m probe.

3. At the 30 m probe, the soluble mass fraction (sol \( mf \)) was
   
   \[
   \begin{align*}
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Spares
Weight function for fractional error uncertainties

\[ f = \text{fractional error} \]
\[ w_f = \text{weight function} \]
\[ rf = \text{reciprocal fractional error} \]

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A good fit to this is given by:
\[ w_f = \tanh\left(\frac{rf}{\text{const}}\right), \quad \text{const}=5.765 \]
Weight function for signal to background

\[ w_{\text{stb}} = \frac{\text{tanh}(\text{stb}/c1 - c2) + \text{tanh}(c2)}{1 + \text{tanh}(c2)} \]

(Wanted a less-sharp curve at small stb)
This is a two parameter fit, we need two data points:

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A non-linear fit yields

- \( C1 = 4.02775 \)
- \( C2 = 0.783 \)
EIn (1e15/kg_fu) vs. Power
Ploc 1m and 30m, NASA Sequences

Base Fuel

Power
- 4%
- 7%
- 30%
- 40%
- 65%
- 85%
- 100%

EIn (1e15/kg_fu)
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