There is a need to define particle size, shape, polydispersity, and concentration.

The size of the particles of a monodisperse aerosol is completely defined by a single parameter, the particle diameter. However, most aerosols are polydisperse and may have particle sizes that range over two or more orders of magnitude. Because of this wide size range and the fact that the physical properties of aerosols are strongly dependent on particle size, distribution, and shape, it is necessary to characterize these size distributions by statistical means and also it is needed to find a reasonable way to define particle shape.



Quantum Dot

- 나노입자의 크기에 따라 다른 파장의 빛 발생

GaAs-Quantum Dots





Synthesis of Fe₂O₃ Nanoparticles in a Flame





TEM micrographs of Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles with different collection heights (H_2 flow rate = 3.0 *l/min*)









TEM Images of Fe₂O₃ Nanoparticles (H₂ flow rate = 4.0 l/min)





Particle Sizes vs H₂ Flow Rate





XRD Patterns of Fe₂O₃ Nanoparticles with **Different Height**



(H₂ flow rate = 4.0 l/min)



High Resolution TEM Images of Fe_2O_3 Nanoparticles Collected at 20 mm $[H_2]/[O_2] = 0.8$





High Resolution TEM Images of Fe₂O₃ Nanoparticles Collected at 60 mm Yang et al., 2003, Fragmentation of Fe2O3 nanoparticles driven by a phase transition --, APL, 83, 4842





Nanoparticle Growth during Gas Phase Synthesis



+Transport Processes

(convection, diffusion, thermophoresis, deposition, etc)



Growth of Aggregates

⊢____ 200 nm



z=7.5 mm



z=10 mm



z=15 mm



z=25 mm



- * Particle concentration
- number concentration N: #/cm³
- particle surface (area) concentration S: µm²/ cm³

(if particles are spheres and monodisperse,

 $\pi d^2 \times N = S)$

- particle volume concentration: µm³/ cm³
- particle mass concentration: μ g/ cm³



* Characterization of particle sizes

Interval, #	n_i (#/cm ³)	midpoint	\mathbf{n}_i/μ M
1 – 2	30	1.5	30
2 - 3	90	2.5	90
3 – 5	50	4.0	25
5 - 10	20	7.5	4
10 - 20	10	15	1



Histogram: simple description for particle size distribution, but, the profile can be strongly distorted by changing the width of particle size.

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IGURE 5.9 Cascade impactor (a) Schematic diagram. Reprinted with permission from *erosol Measurement*, by Dale Lundgren et al. Copyright 1979 by the Board of Regents of the State of Florida. (b) Eight stage Anderson ambient cascade impactor with nozzle plate nd impaction plate shown at left.

The sequential separation divides the entire distribution of particles into a series of contiguous groups according to their aerodynamic diameters. From the gravimet-





FIGURE 5.9 Continued.



Cascade impactor (Kwon *et al.*, 2003)





Cutoff diameter

 Definition of cutoff diameter: aerodynamic diameter where 50% collection efficiency acquired

Example of efficiency curves for Cascade impactor



Stage Number	Initial Mass (mg)	Final Mass (mg)	Net Mass (mg)	Mass Fraction (%)	d ₅₀ (μm)	Size Range of Collected Particles (µm)	Cumulative Mass Fraction ^a (%)
1	850.5	850.6	0.1	0.6	9.0	>9.0	100.0
2	842.3	844.1	1.8	11.0	4.0	4.0-9.0	99.4
3	855.8	861.0	5.2	31.7	2.2	2.2-4.0	88.4
4	847.4	853.6	6.2	37.8	1.2	1.2-2.2	56.7
5	852.6	855.1	2.5	15.2	0.70	0.70-1.2	18.9
Downstream filter	78.7	79.3	<u>0.6</u> 16.4	<u>3.7</u> 100.0	0	0-0.70	3.7

TABLE 5.5 Example of Cascade Impactor Data Reduction

^aCumulative mass fraction is plotted against the upper limit of each size range, to construct a cumulative mass distribution curve.



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To prevent this distortion, the histogram can be normalized for interval width by dividing the number of particles in each interval by the width of that interval.







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* Particle size distribution function $n(d_p)$: number of particles per unit size interval

Unit: #/cm³·µm

 $n(d_p)dd_p$: numbers of particles per unit volume between d_p and $d_p + dd_p$

N (total number concentration) #/cm³ = $\int_0^\infty n(d_p) dd_p$



 $f(d_p) = \frac{n(d_p)}{N} \text{ frequency function or probability density function}$ $df = \frac{n(d_p)dd_p}{N} = f(d_p)dd_p$ $\int_0^\infty f(d_p)dd_p = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty n(d_p)dd_p = 1.0$

For usual aerosols, a wide range of particle size may be present in numbers which can vary by several orders of magnitude. In this case, the typical bar graph will be overcrowded at small sizes and display almost zero at other sizes since the large numbers of small particles can completely overwhelm the display of other sizes. Though, the larger sizes may be most significant in terms of mass or surface area.

 \rightarrow One solution is to plot the logarithms of particle diameters on the X-axis instead of the diameters themselves. This spreads out the presentation of distribution data over a much broad range of particle size.



Example 2.3	Plot the data given in Example 2.1 in the form of $\Delta n/\Delta \log d$ ver-
sus $\log d$.	and the second

Interval	Midpoint	No. Δn	$\Delta \log d$	$\Delta n/\Delta \log n$
1-2	1.5	30	0.30	100
2-3	2.5	90	0.18	511
3-5	4.0	50	0.22	225
5-10	7.5	20	0.30	66
10-20	15.0	10	0.30	33







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* Particle size distribution function is a function of size, position and time



and

Total number $N(\vec{r}, t)$ is a function of position and time

* Once we determine the size distributions of particles in space and time, we know everything about aerosols. (the evolution of particles, transport, deposition, collection ...)

* For non-spherical particles, we often use

- equivalent diameter to define the size distribution function. However, if you need to know more details about the evolution of morphology as well as the size, you need to

define different size distribution function.

Instead of $n(d_p, \vec{r}, t)$, you need to know $n(v, s, \vec{r}, t)$ v: particle volume

v: particle volume

s: particle surface area



For spheres, once you know the diameter, then you can determine others such as volume



 $(\frac{\pi d_p^3}{6})$, surface are (πd_p^2) . For non-spheres, particle volume and surface area are independent.

