

Methods for Sampling Bioaerosols in Earth's Troposphere & Stratosphere

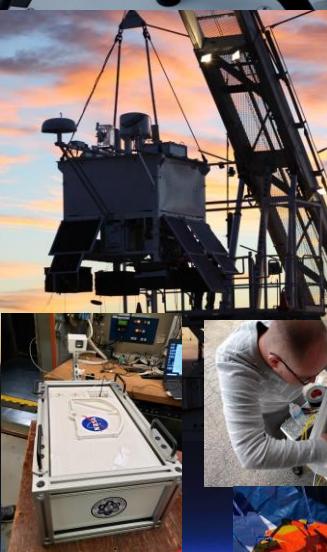
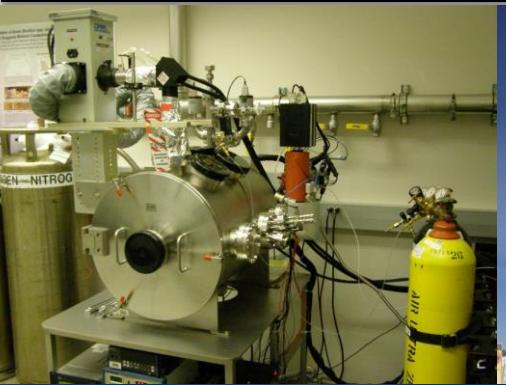


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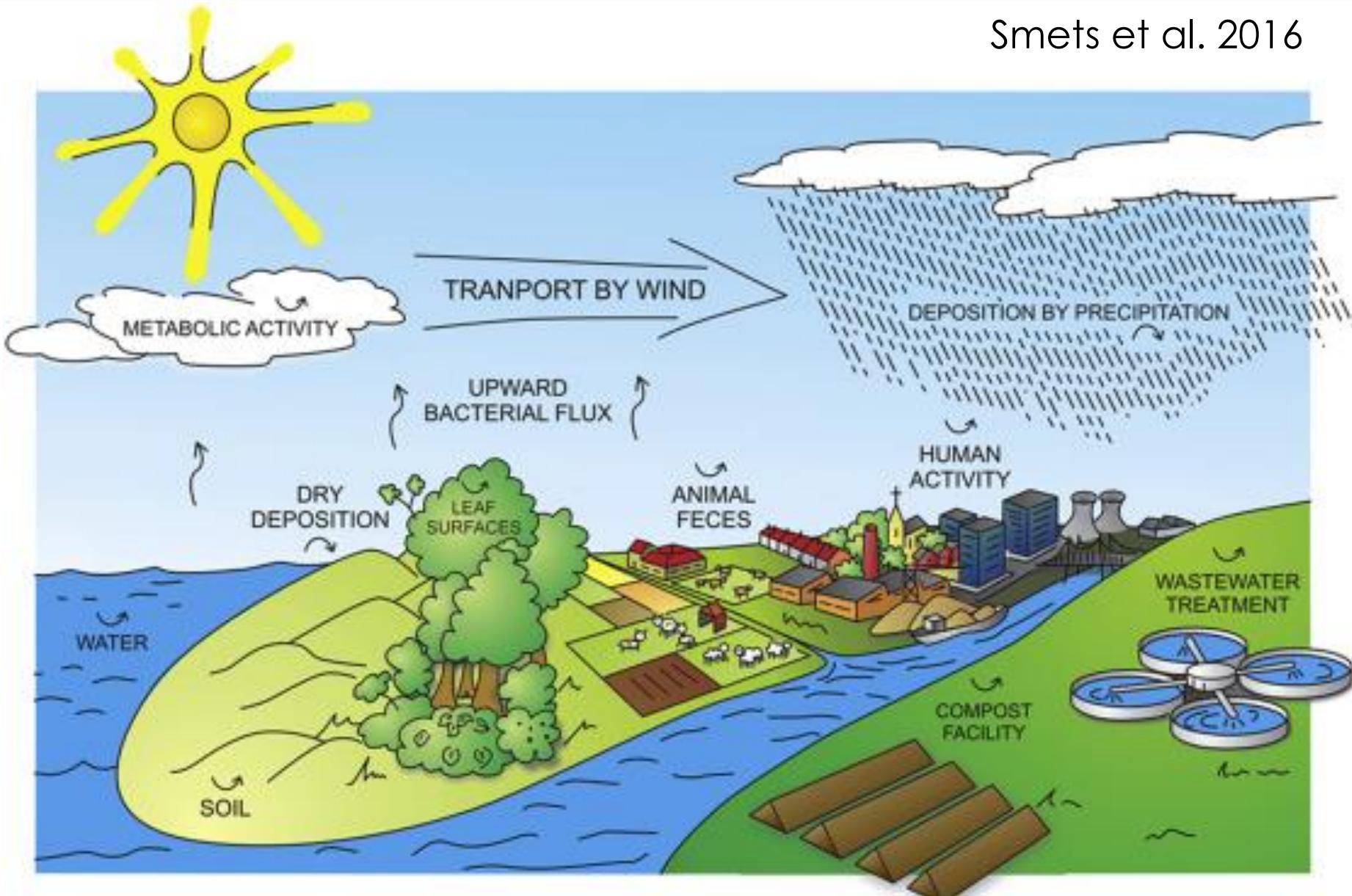
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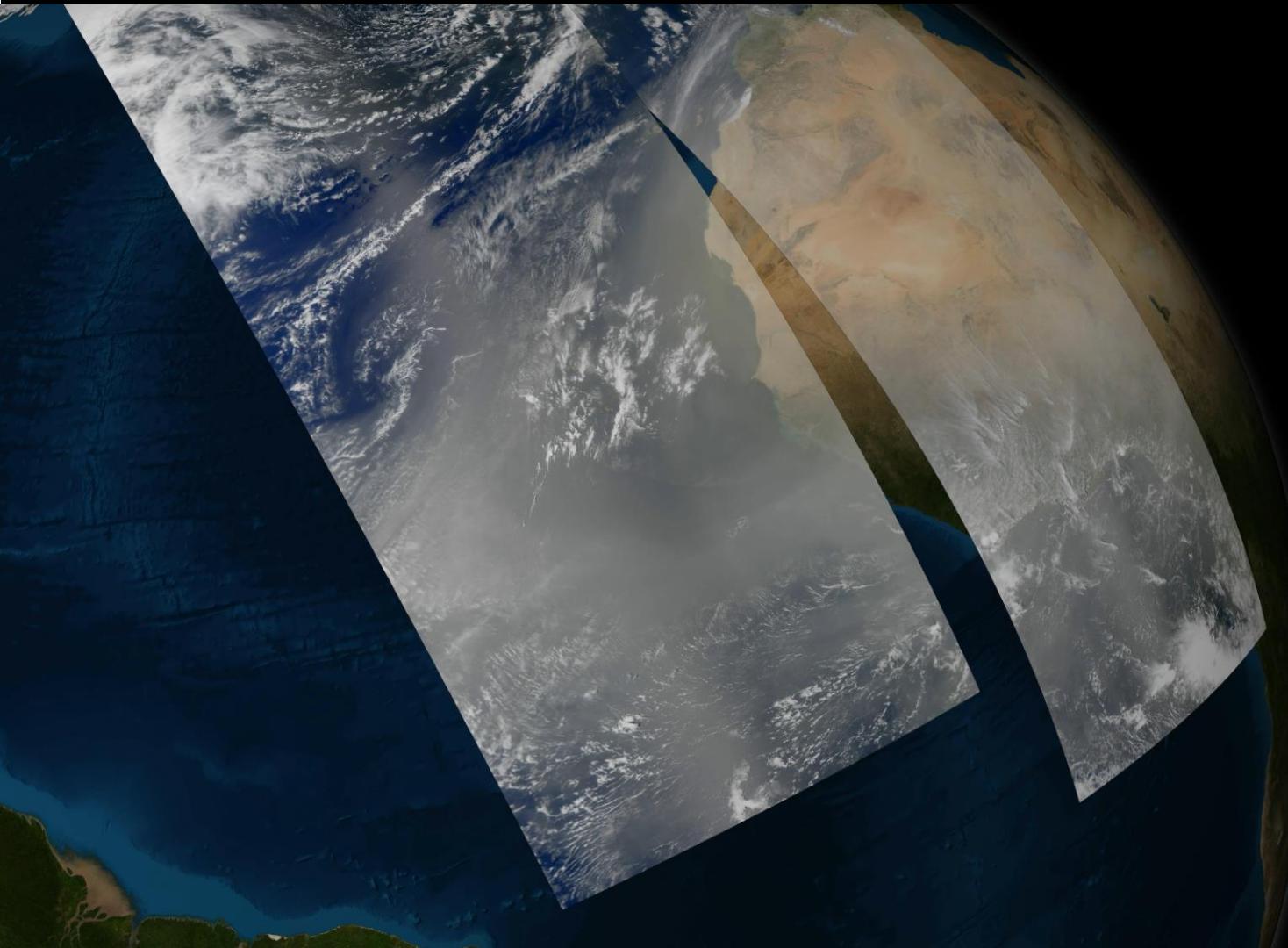
Bioaerosols: Sources and Sinks



Smets et al. 2016



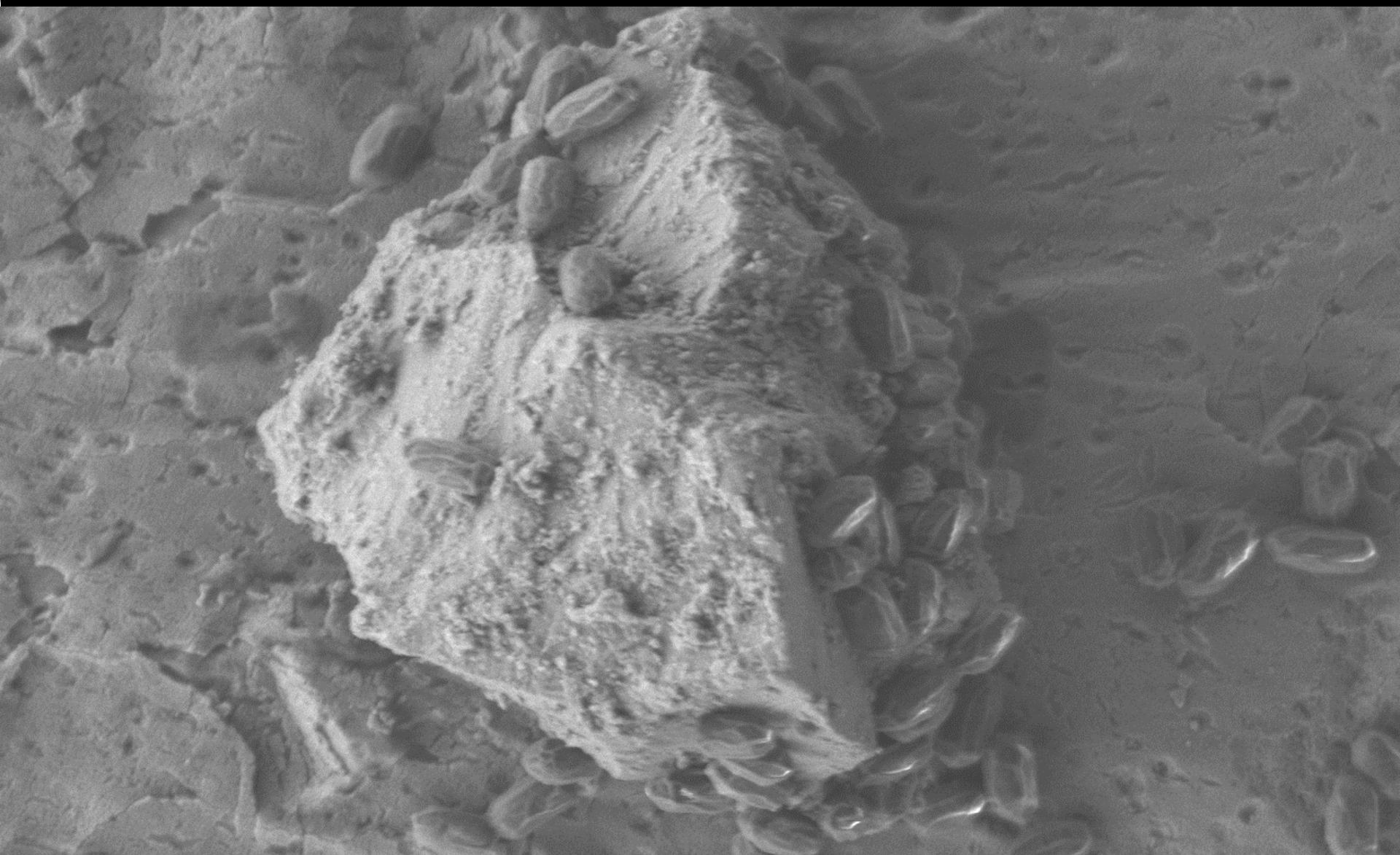
Aerobiology: Follow the Dust



Courtesy of Goddard Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS) using CALIPSO data
Yu et al. (2015)



Bacterial Hitchhikers



x 6,500

2.00kV LEI

1 μm NASA
SEM

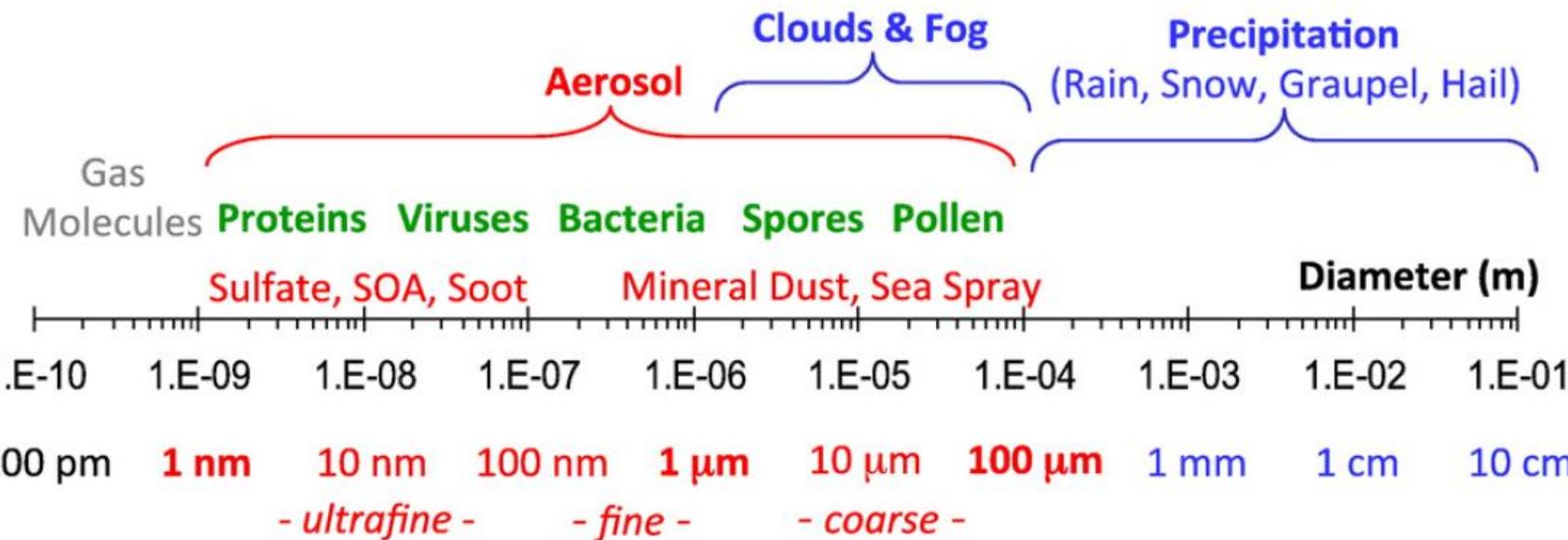
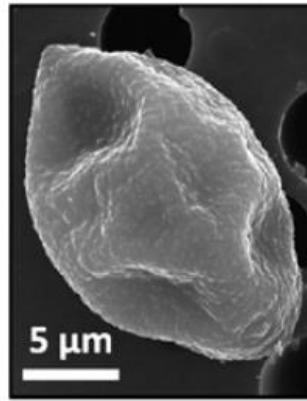
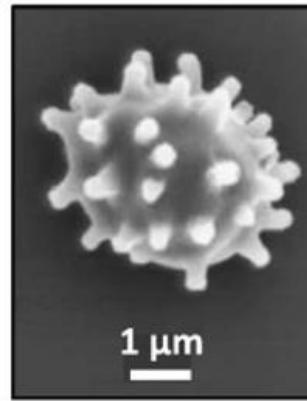
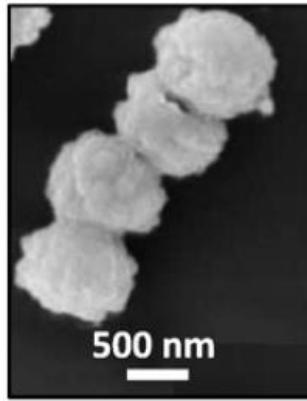
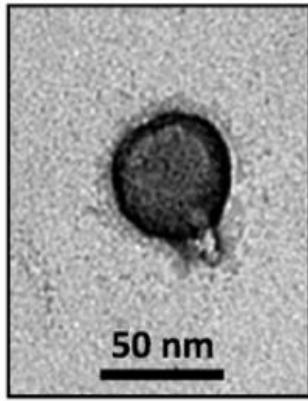
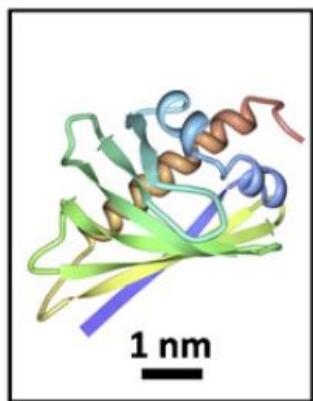
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Biological Aerosols (Bioaerosols)



Fröhlich-Nowoisky et al. 2016



Aerobiology Essentials

COLLECT

Passively

Actively



CONCENTRATE

Separate

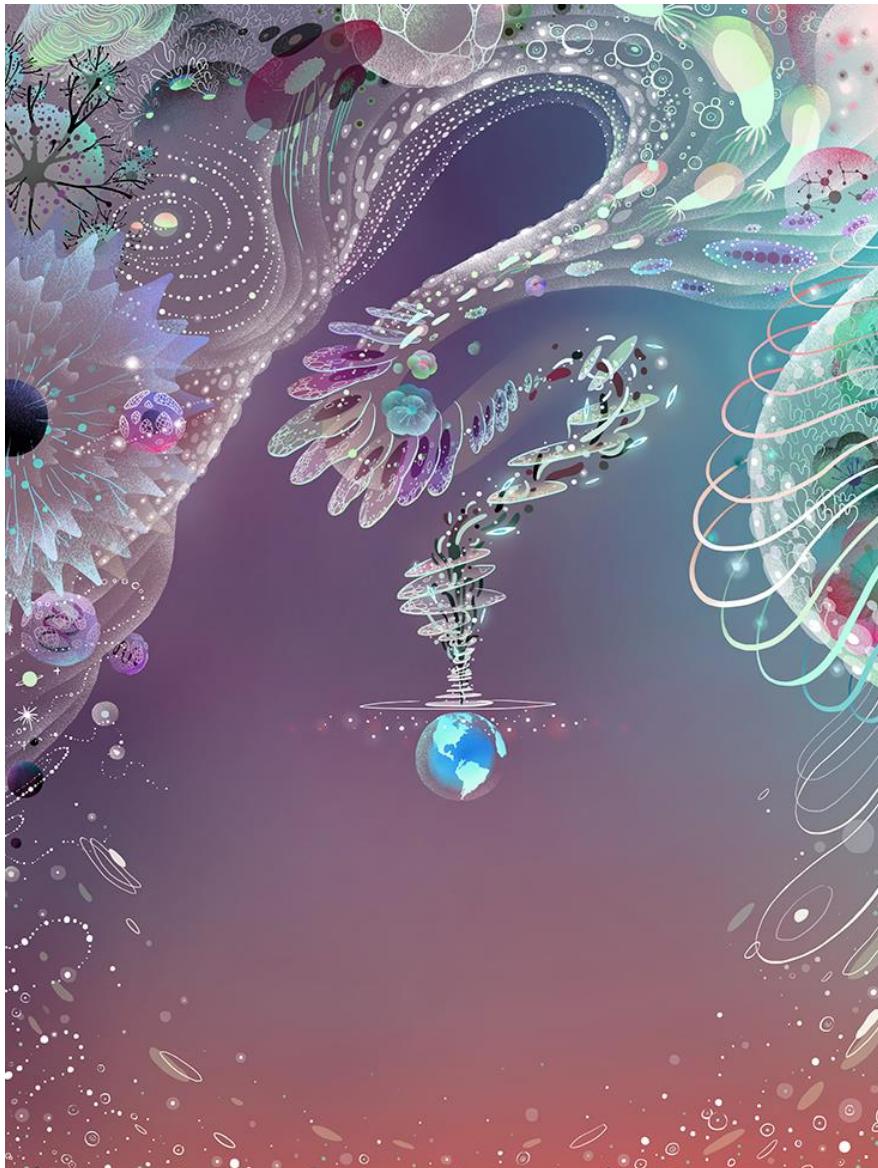
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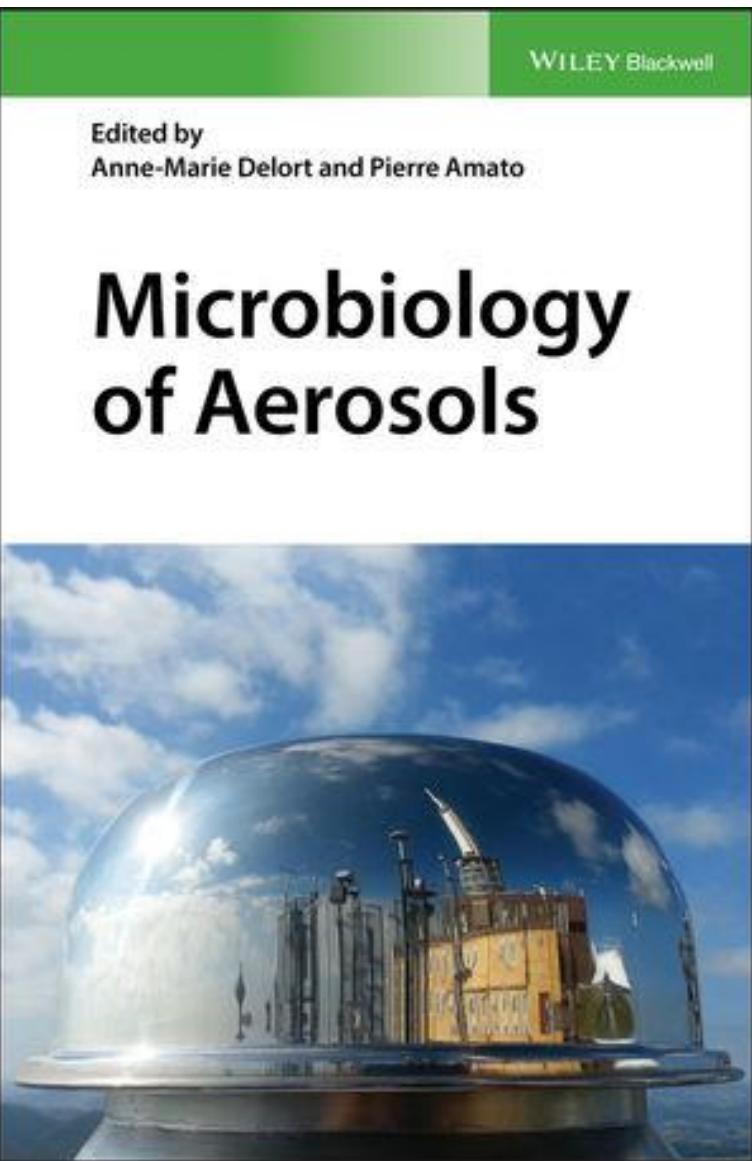
ANALYZE

Offline

Online



Aerobiology Review Chapters



Chapter 1.2 |  Token Access

Sampling Techniques

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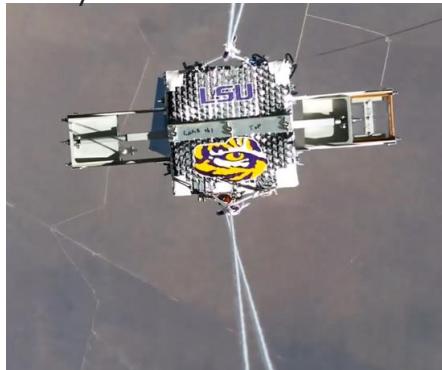
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- Filtration
- Sedimentation
- Impaction
- Centrifugation/cyclone
- Impingement
- Electrostatic precipitators

Earth Case Study: Balloons

Bryan et al. 2019

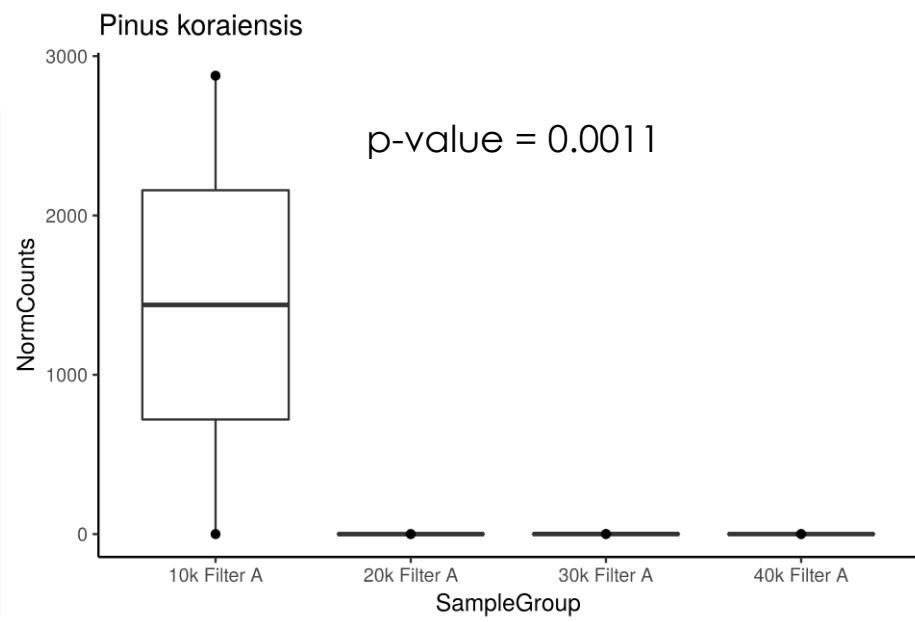
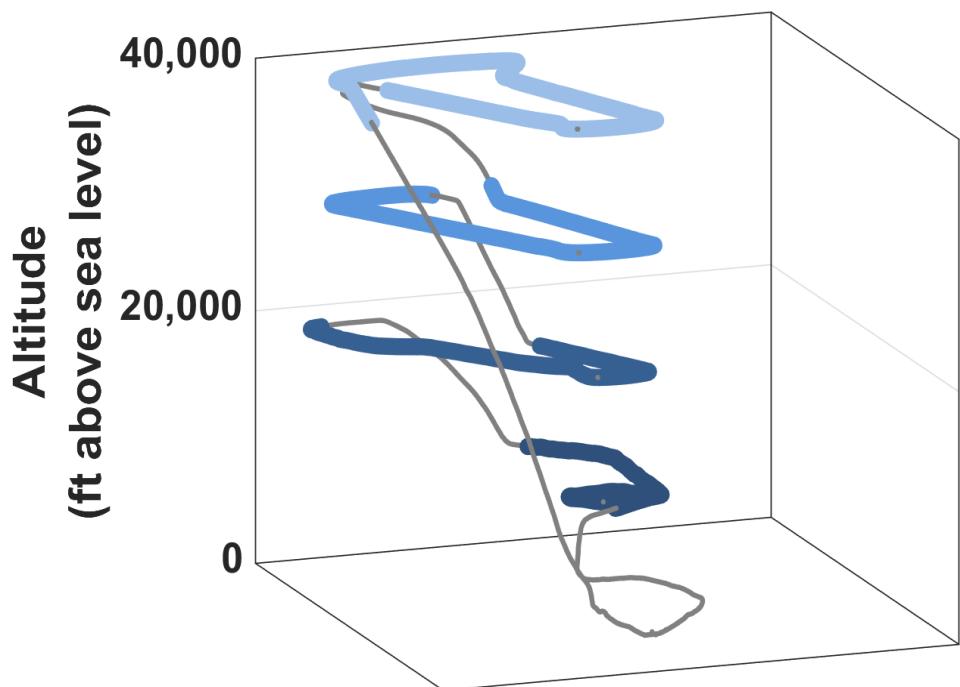
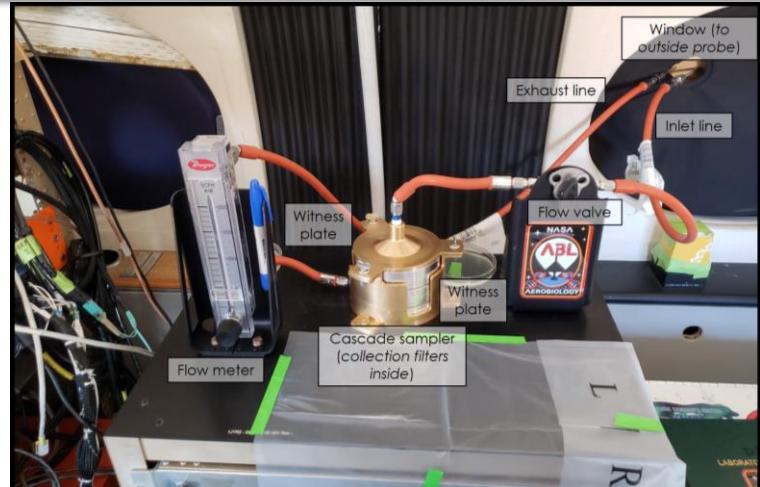


Vega (credit:
G.A. Landis)

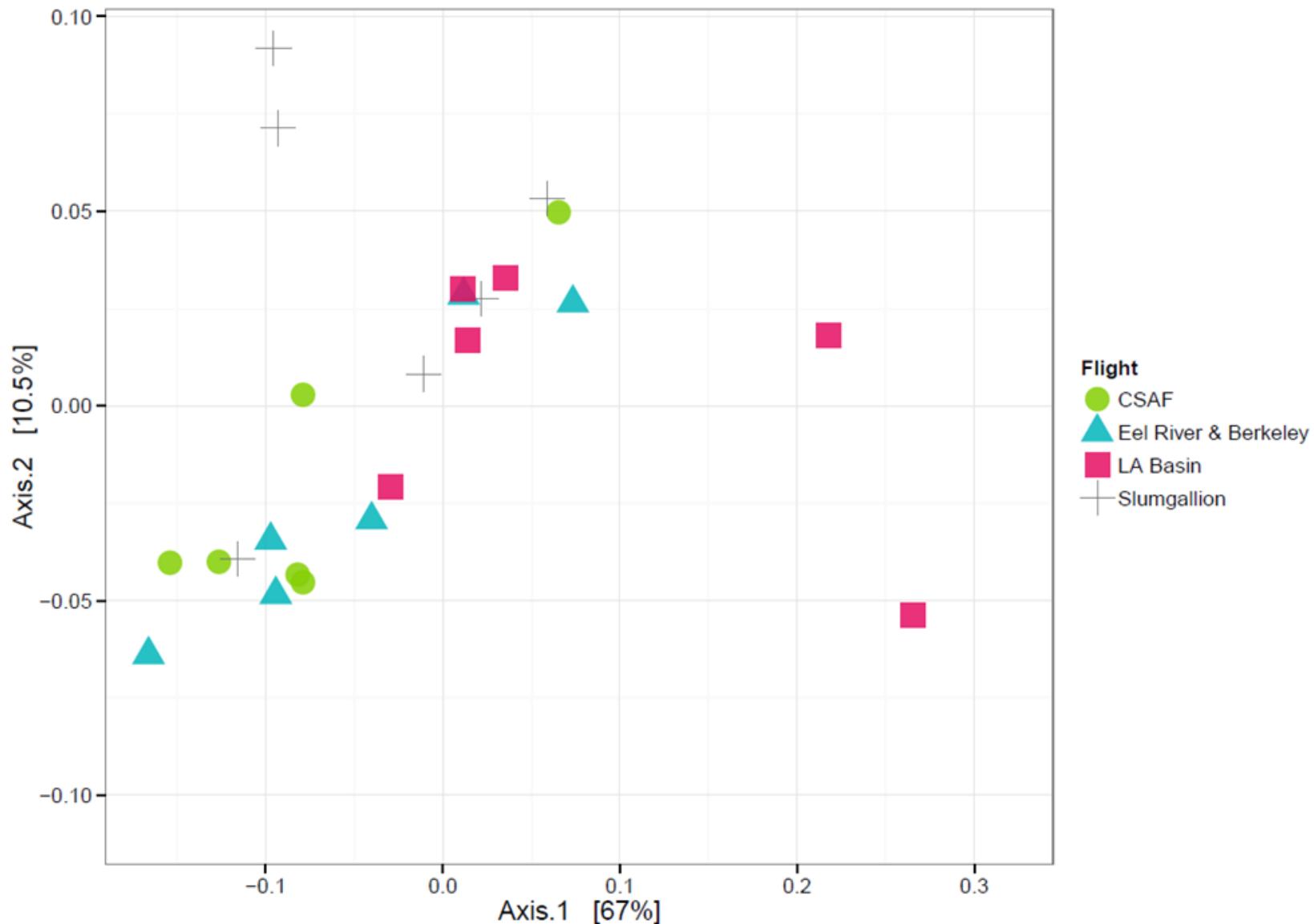


Case Study: Smith et al. 2018

C20A aircraft
($< 1133 \text{ kg}$)
Up to 12 km



Case Study: Smith et al. 2018



Case Study: Bryan et al. 2019



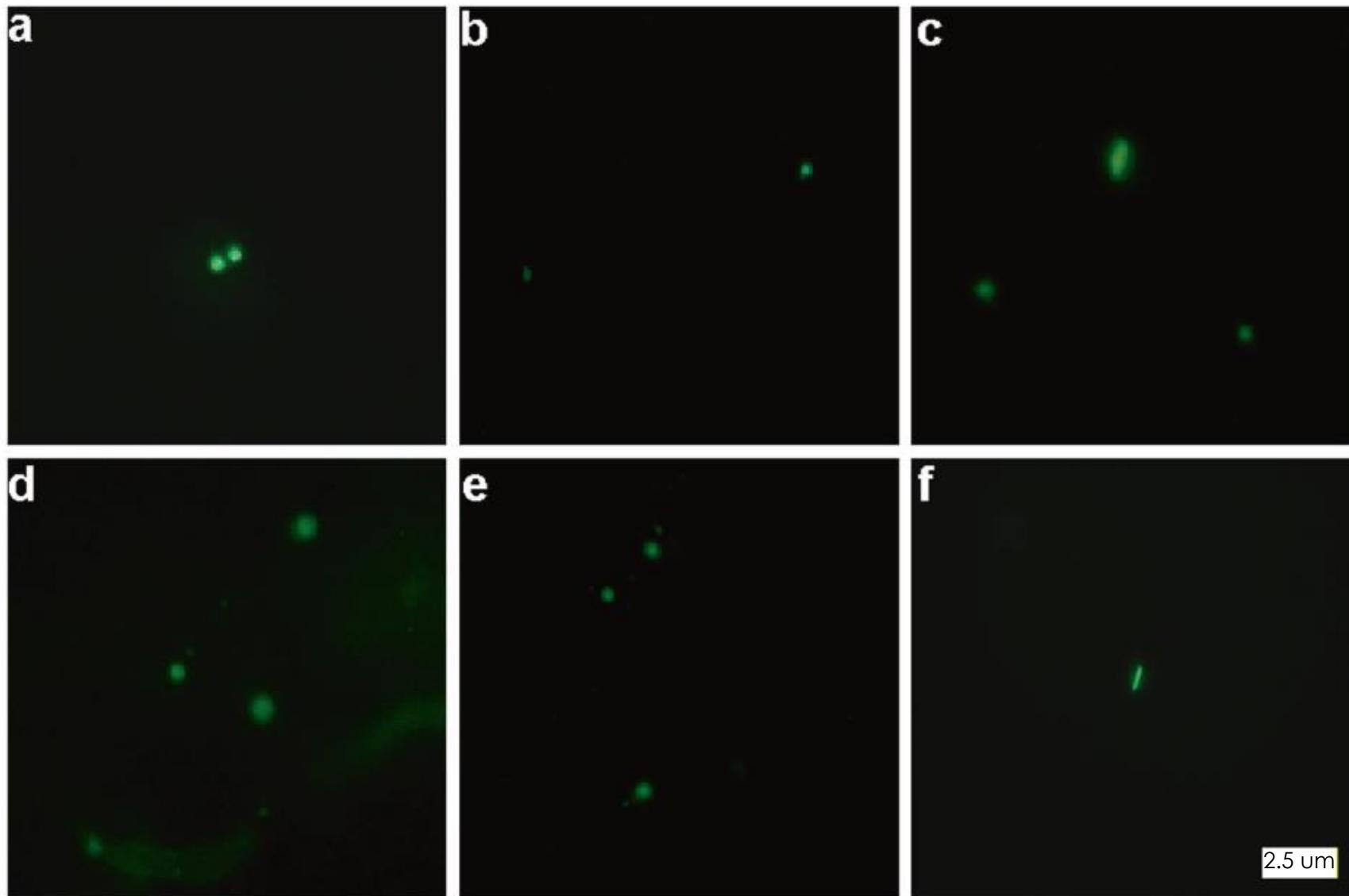
Meteorological
balloon
(< 10 kg)
Up to 29 km



Large scientific
balloon
Up to 38 km

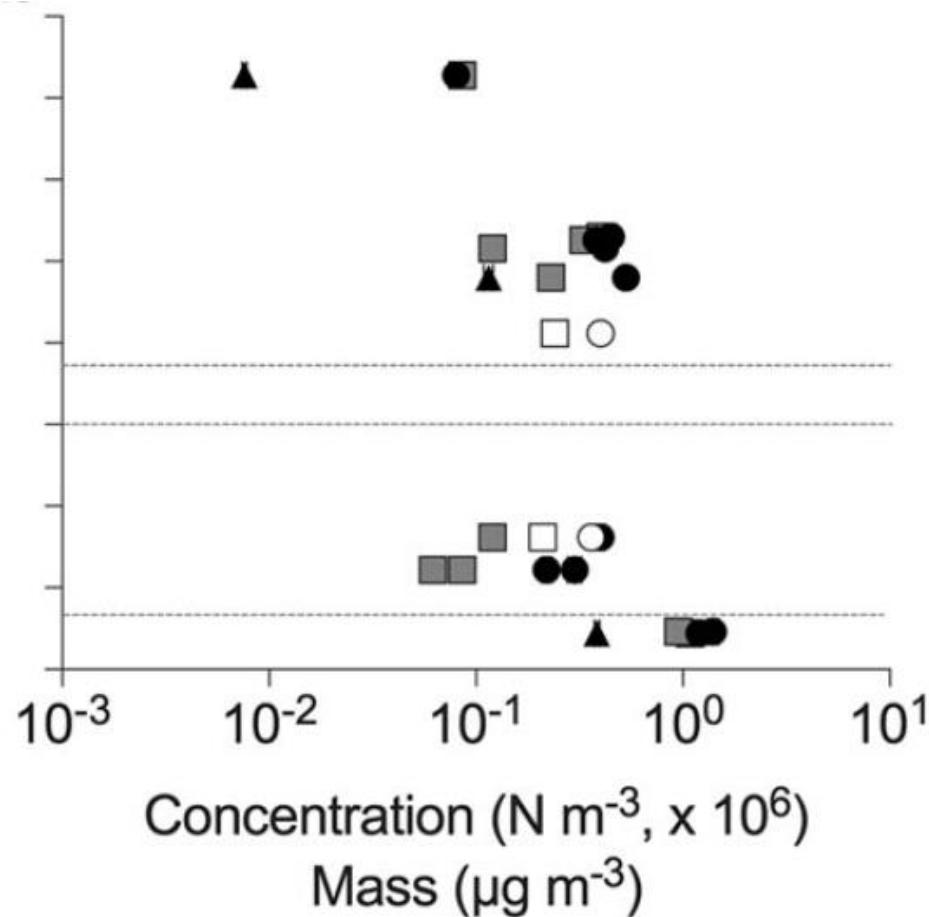
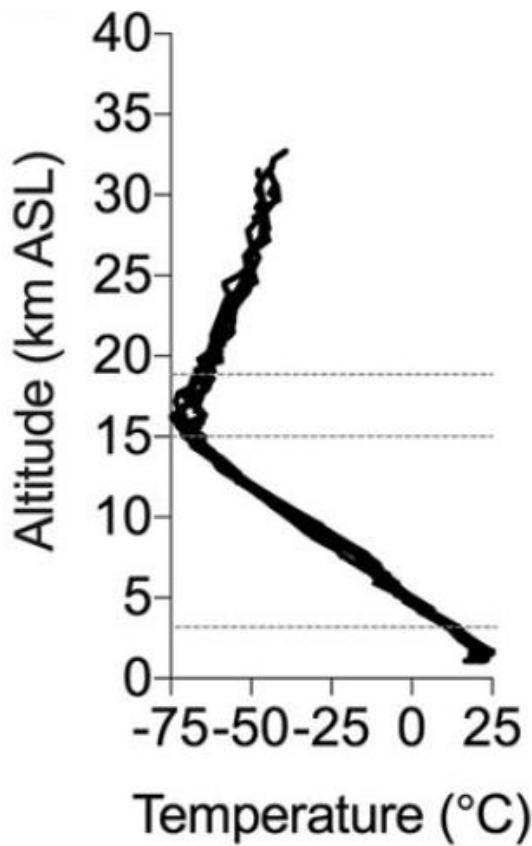


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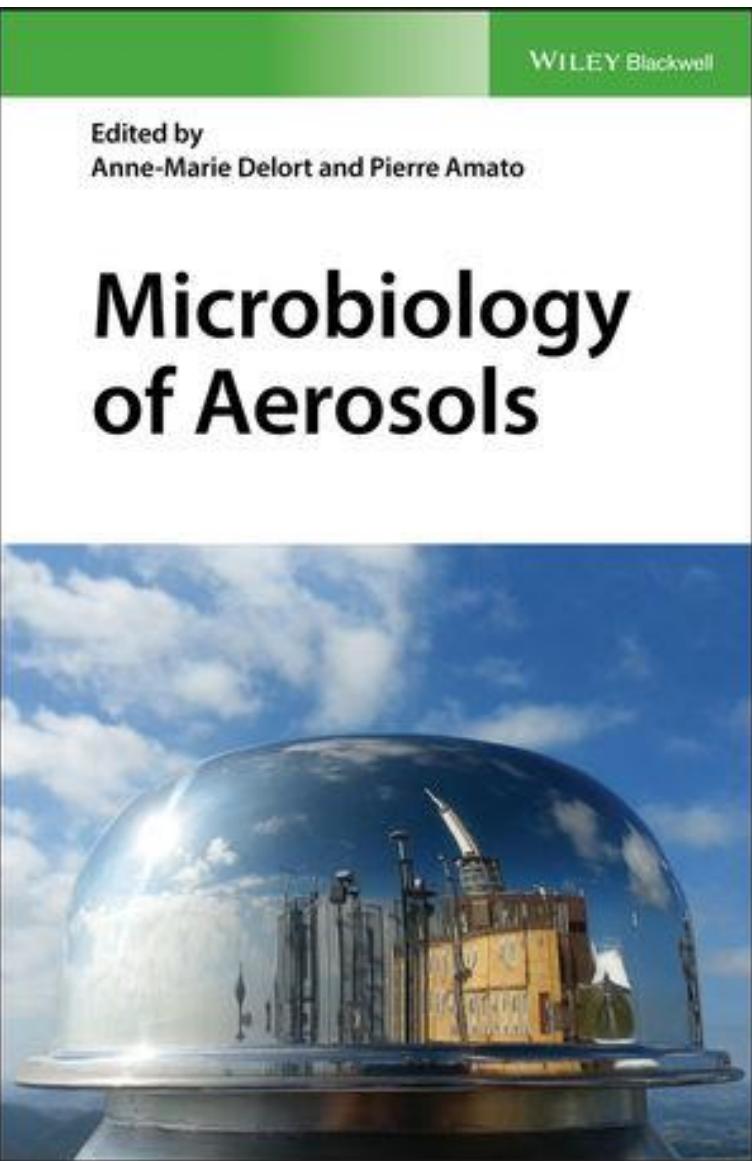


Case Study: Bryan et al. 2019

Extrapolation of the cell and biomass concentration data implies the atmosphere (i.e., from the surface to 40 km) may contain $\sim 10^{24}$ cells... this estimate... suggests the stratosphere could harbor $\sim 40\%$ of all bioaerosols.



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Chapter 1.4 |  Token Access

Online Techniques for Quantification and Characterization of Biological Aerosols

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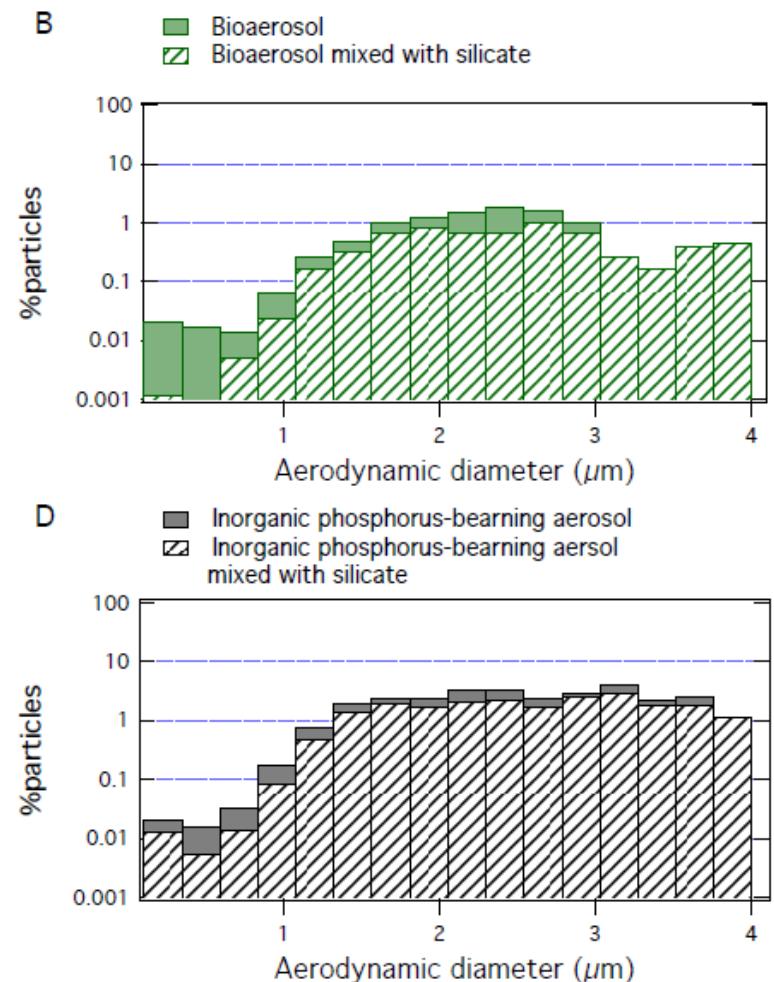
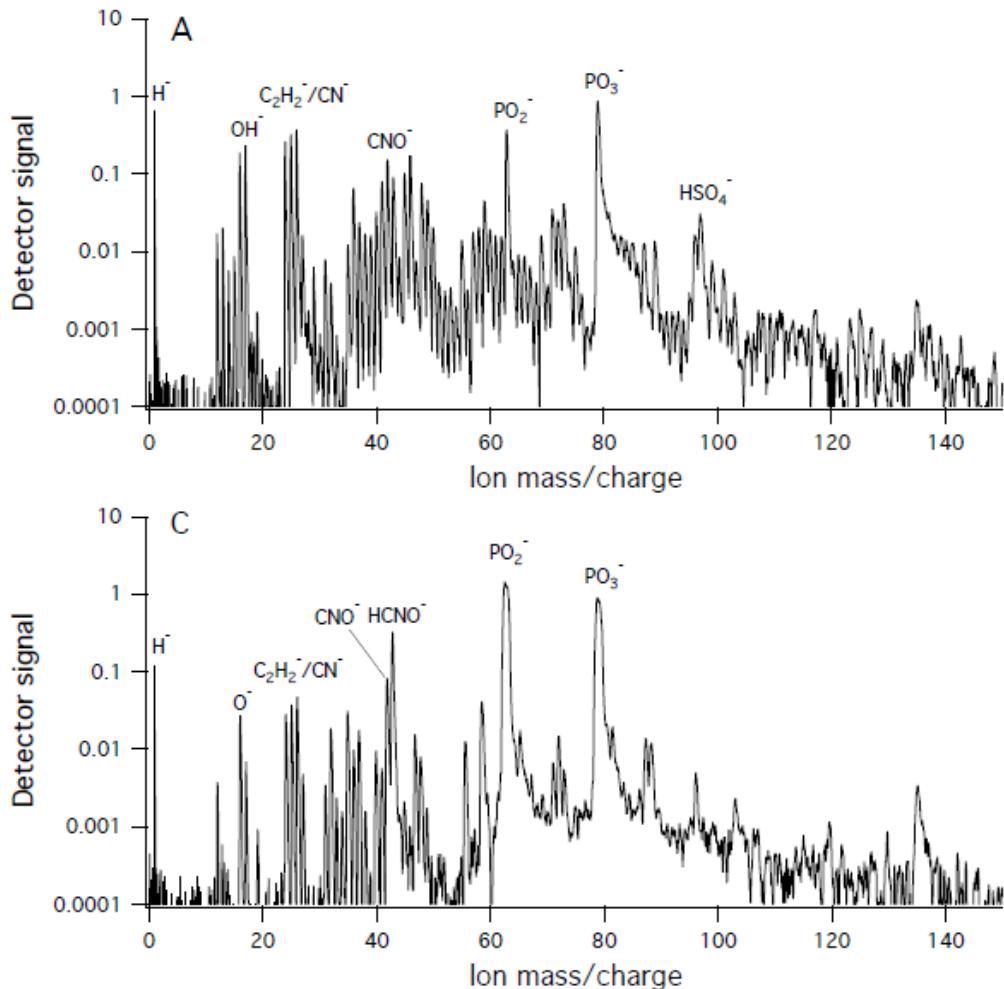
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- Single-particle fluorescence spectroscopy
- Two-wavelength single-particle fluorescence analyzer
- Fluorescence aerodynamic particle sizer (FLAPS)/ultraviolet aerodynamic particle sizer (UV-APS)
- Wideband integrated bioaerosol sensor (WIBS+) and spectral intensity bioaerosol sensor (SIBS)
- Bioaerosol mass spectrometer (BAMS)
- Aerosol time-of-flight mass spectrometer (ATOFMS)
- Aerosol mass spectrometer (AMS)
- Resource effective bioidentification system (REBS)
- Molecular tracer techniques



Case Study: Zawadowicz et al. 2019



Aerobiology Pioneers

Meier and Lindbergh (1935)

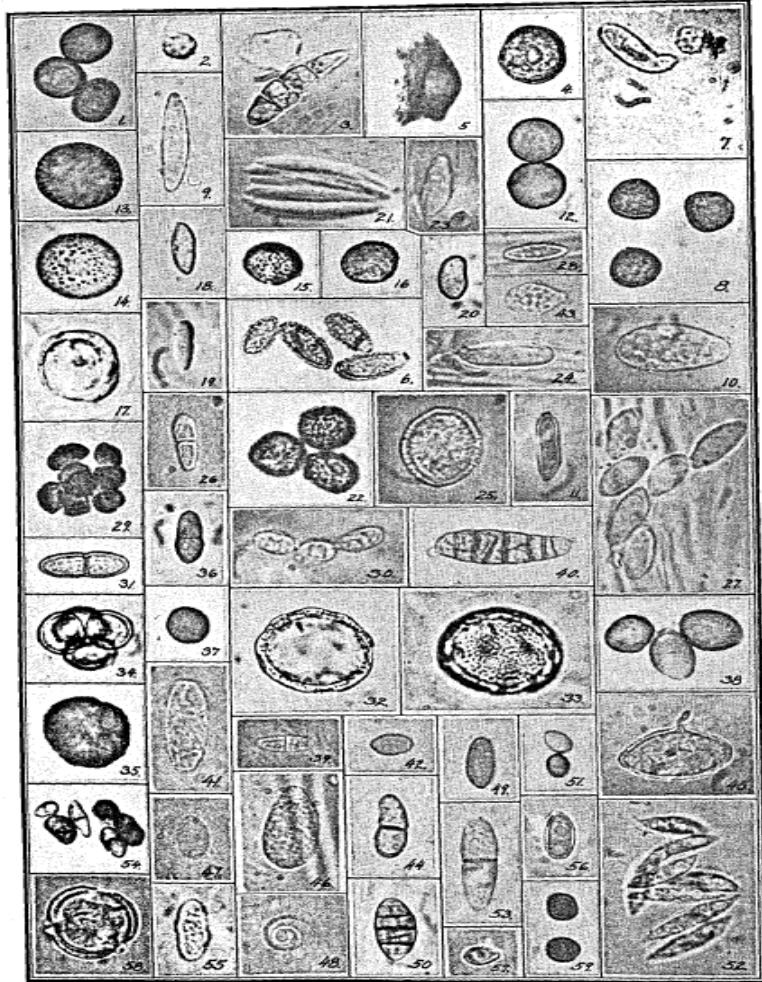


FIG. 11. SOME OF THE MORE CONSPICUOUS OBJECTS FOUND ON SLIDE 9. X 660. (SEE FIGS. 2 AND 8.)

Clouds are Accessible...





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Advances in Aerobiology: Investigations and Techniques for Atmospheric Microbiology

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Session Description:

Aerobiology is the science of life in the atmosphere. Beyond animals capable of flight, the atmosphere is host to significant microbial life, as spores, on dust particles, and within fog and cloud water. These airborne microbes have substantial regional and global impacts, affecting aerosol composition, ice and cloud nucleation, health and agriculture, and biodiversity. Advances in aerobiology are enabled by innovation in areas including sample capture (balloons, aircraft, rocketry, drones, fog collectors); sample analysis (low-biomass detection, nucleation studies, phylogenetic classification, functional genomics); and integration with remote sensing and climate and ecosystem modeling (dust trajectories, aerosol lifetimes, biodiversity, habitability). This session seeks diverse contributions covering all areas of aerobiology, including new field observations, sampling platforms or strategies, laboratory experiments, theoretical modeling, and Earth's atmosphere as an analogue for other worlds. Studies that integrate multiple types of data, or observations across spatial and temporal scales, are particularly encouraged.

Index Terms:

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0452 Instruments and techniques [BIOGEOSCIENCES]

0465 Microbiology: ecology, physiology and genomics [BIOGEOSCIENCES]

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