



The 1st Canadian Aerosol Conference

CAC 2026

Conference Program

Tuesday, July 7

18:00 – 19:00 Welcome Reception & Registration (55 Laurier Ave E)

19:00 – 21:00 Billiards at MacLaren's (301 Elgin St)

Wednesday, July 8

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Coffee** (55 Laurier Ave E)

09:00 – 09:10 **Joel C. Corbin**, National Research Council Canada

Opening Remarks

09:10 – 10:10 **Keynote: Robert Nishida**, University of Waterloo

*Charge-Based Measurement of Ultrafine Particles:
From Mobility Spectrometers to Widely-Deployable
Monitors*

10:10 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Atmospheric Aerosols**

10:30–10:45: **Doug R. Worsnop**, Aerodyne Research,
Inc.

*Atmospheric Aerosols: Mass Spectrometry, Air
Quality and Climate*

- 10:45–11:00: **Emmet D. Norris**, Université de Montréal
Environmental Monitoring for Industrial Sites (ÉMIS): A LoRa-Based Network for Real-Time PM Monitoring in Rouyn-Noranda, Québec
- 11:00–11:15: **Elisabeth Galarneau**, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Size distributions of aerosol number, mass, and chemical species from the Study of Winter Air Pollution in Toronto (SWAPIT)
- 11:15–11:30: **Andrew Martin**, University of Alberta
The transition to low global warming potential propellants in pressurized metered-dose inhalers
- 11:30–11:45: **Ian Coussons**, University of Toronto
Comparing Particle Size Concentrations for Dust Filtered on the International Space Station Versus Residential Buildings in Downtown Toronto
- 11:45–12:00: **Norm O'Neill**, Université de Sherbrooke
Analysis of multi-year fine mode aerosol remote sensing retrievals and microphysical measurements at a high-Arctic site

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (on your own)

13:30 – 15:00 Wildfires & Combustion

- 13:30–13:45: **Pourya Shahpoury**, Alberta Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas
The impacts of forest fires on oxidative potential of air across Canada
- 13:45–14:00: **Nour Elsagan**, National Research Council
Evaluation of MERV Filter Performance and Degradation Under Simulated Wildfire Smoke Exposure
- 14:00–14:15: **Atena Sombolostani**, University of Calgary
Bioaerosols in Wildfire Smoke: Implications for Asthma Exacerbations
- 14:15–14:30: **Yuetong Zhang**, University of British Columbia
Cellular Responses to Biodiesel and Diesel Exhaust from a Marine Engine
- 14:30–14:45: **Keyvan Ranjbar**, National Research Council
Airborne Observations of Wildfire Aerosols and Trace Gases Near Red Lake, Ontario
- 14:45–15:00: **Patrick Hayes**, Université de Montréal
Chemical transport modeling of wildfire smoke PM_{2.5} in Canada: An evaluation of major emission inventories

- 15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 18:30 **Poster Session 1 (All Topics)**
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Conference Dinner**

Thursday, July 9

- 07:00 – 08:00 **Fun Run/Walk**
- 08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Coffee**
- 09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome**
- 09:10 – 10:10 **Keynote: Errol Thomson**, Health Canada
Beyond mass: Mechanisms, metrics, and the hunt for determinants of PM health effects
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Health & Toxicity**
- 10:30–10:45: **Philip K. Hopke**, Clarkson University
Changes in Source Specific PM2.5: Unintended Consequences of Policy
- 10:45–11:00: **Scott Tavernini**, University of Alberta
The Alberta Lung Filter Apparatus: A Novel Instrument for Classification of Pharmaceutical Aerosols
- 11:00–11:15: **Arthur Chan**, University of Toronto
Emission of Atmospheric Nanoplastic Particles and Additives from Plastic Combustion Sources
- 11:15–11:30: **Camille Drouin**, Université Laval
Exposure to aerosols produced by vaping devices cause changes in the respiratory microbiota of mice
- 11:30–11:45: **Shrutika Kadam**, Trent University
Tire-derived p-phenylenediamine antioxidants and their transformation products in particulate matter across Toronto: size distribution, inhalation bio-accessibility, and oxidative potential
- 11:45–12:00: **Chris Nickolaus**, Cambustion Ltd.
Indoor Air Quality measurements: volatile & non-volatile particle number measurement in a domestic environment during normal activities
- 12:00 – 13:30 **Buffet Lunch & AGM**
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Tours of Ottawa & Nearby Labs**
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 18:30 **Poster Session 2 (All Topics)**
- 19:00 – 21:00 **CAAR-ACRA Brewery Night (Lowertown Brewery)**

Friday, July 10

- 08:00 – 09:00** **Registration & Coffee**
- 09:00 – 09:10** **Welcome**
- 09:10 – 10:10** **Keynote: **Caroline Duchaine**, Université Laval**
Bioaerosols: from the hospital, to the farm and beyond!
- 10:10 – 10:30** **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00** **Bioaerosols & Indoor Air**
- 10:30–10:45: **Laurie Piché**, Université Laval
Role of long-term exposure to anthropogenic heavy metals and resistant bacteria in upper respiratory tract dysbiosis
- 10:45–11:00: **Nehul Agarwal**, University of Toronto
Bacterial concentration in residential apartments using quantitative and semi-quantitative filter forensics
- 11:00–11:15: **Cindy Dumais**, Université Laval
Airborne fungi in Nunavik dwellings: seasonality and climate-driven indoor conditions as key determinants
- 11:15–11:30: **Rébecca Gagnon**, UQAC
Urbanization and indoor-outdoor bioaerosol dynamics shape the airborne microbiome
- 11:30–11:45: **Erin Tavares**, University of British Columbia
Optimizing Portable HEPA Purifier Use in Long-Term Care Homes in British Columbia
- 11:45–12:00: **Zoe Hoskin**, University of Toronto
Effectiveness of an Educational Intervention on Portable Air Cleaner Use to Reduce Indoor PM_{2.5} in Residences in Toronto
- 12:00 – 13:30** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 13:30 – 15:00** **Aerosol Instrumentation**
- 13:30–13:45: **Tyler J. Johnson**, Atmose Ltd.
Enhanced Charging of Aerosol Particles
- 13:45–14:00: **Judith Boudrias**, Université de Montréal
Metals and metalloids analysis by GED-SP-ICP-MS in airborne particles
- 14:00–14:15: **Jay G. Slowik**, Paul Scherrer Institute
Mobile and Highly Time-Resolved Measurements of Metals and Trace Elements using a new Microwave-Induced Plasma Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

- 14:15–14:30: **José Morán**, University of Ottawa
The effect of inductance-controlled energy release rate on the plasma resistance and size distribution of copper nanoparticles generated by spark-discharge ablation
- 14:30–14:45: **Varun Yadav**, University of Toronto
Advanced Apportionment of Carbonaceous Aerosols Using High-Time-Resolution TC-BC Measurements
- 14:45–15:00: **Daniel Troolin**, TSI Incorporated
Characterization of a compact water CPC for portable use

15:00 – 15:30 Awards & Close

Poster Session 1 (Wednesday, July 8)

Atmospheric Aerosols

Sharon Tchougong, Université de Montréal

Characterization of mineral dust in high latitudes during cryodesiccation phases and environmental impacts

Angelos T. Anastasopoulos, University of Rochester

Spatial-Temporal Variations in Source-Specific PM_{2.5}: Investigation of the Calgary Metropolitan Region, Alberta, Canada

Julia Zaks, University of British Columbia

Biodiesel as a drop-in fuel increases marine-engine organic aerosol emissions by 1-2 orders of magnitude

Yuetong Zhang, University of British Columbia

Characterization of emission factors of diesel trucks at a roadside at a causeway

Cameron Varcoe, University of British Columbia

Roadside Characterization of Heavy-Duty Vehicle Non-Exhaust Particle Emissions Using Plume-Based Emission Analysis Methods

Parisa Afkari, ETS Montreal

Soot Particle Activation in Contrail Formation Using LES

Lucas Vargas, University of Toronto

Development of a Flow Tube to Investigate Aerosol Yield Using Environmentally Relevant Ammonia and Humidity Conditions

Bioaerosols & Indoor Air

Nathalie Turgeon, IUCPQ - Université Laval

What we learned about antimicrobial resistance genes in bioaerosols: a canadian multi-centre study

Nora WC Chan, DRDC Suffield Research Centre

A low burden broad-spectrum electrochemical pathogen sensor in a field trial

Rachel Tyli, University of Toronto

3D Facial Shape and Respirator Fit in Emergency Service Workers

Darryl M. Angel, Blueprint Biosecurity

Glycol Vapors in Emergency Airborne Pathogen Transmission Suppression

Samantha Leclerc, Université Laval

Detection of microorganisms and antibiotic resistance genes (ARGs) in the vicinity of swine barns and henhouses using conifer needles as passive samplers

Zichen Fan, University of Western Ontario

Investigation of the Effects of Nasal Flow and Dynamic Mouth Opening on Cough-Induced Airflow and Particle Dispersion: A Large-Eddy Simulation Study

Rudolph Jaeger, CH Technologies (USA) Inc.

Rayleigh breakup aerosol spray devices: Investigations into their toxicology and aerobiology applications

Mustafa Al-Zoughool, PhD, Kuwait University

Levels of Indoor PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in Public High Schools in Kuwait

Annabel Zhang, Virginia Tech

Heterogeneity of Airborne Virus Transmission in the Built Environment

Health and Toxicity

Nicole Trieu, University of Toronto

Comparison of PM_{2.5} Elemental Composition and Oxidative Potential in Two Canadian Subway Systems: Toronto and Montréal

Dr Kevin Hedges, Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. (OHCOW)

Exposure to respirable airborne particulate matter containing crystalline silica, particle size distribution and morphology.

Miranda Jordens, Health Canada

Air-liquid interface exposures for the assessment of aerosol and mixture toxicity

Shrutika Kadam, Trent University

Mapping oxidative potential of winter air pollution in Toronto using passive samplers

Wildfires and Combustion

Sepehr Nikkho, University of British Columbia

Formation of Tar Balls in Wildfire Smoke Driven by Nighttime Chemistry

Mohamad H. Al-Jabiri, University of Toronto

*Emissions from burning of relevant boreal forest materials:
A PMF approach for combustion phase separation and MAC
determination*

Daniel S. Lu, Queen's University

*Particle-nitrate and particle-sulfate emissions from wildfire
smoke*

Emily M. McCullough, Dalhousie University

*Model-derived prevalence of forest fire smoke at Aerosol
Limb Imager (ALI, on HAWCsat) measurement altitudes*

Mohammad Adib, Carleton University

*Yield, morphology and maturity of carbon black made by
methane pyrolysis in a shock tube*

Jay S. Dave, University of Saskatchewan

*Urban-Rural PM_{2.5} Dynamics in Saskatchewan: Wildfire
Amplification Effects*

Harshit Gujral, University of Toronto

*Learning the Tar-Char Continuum in Wildfire Smoke from
SP2 Waveforms*

Instrumentation

Zilin Zhou, Health Canada

*Development of new targeted and non-targeted analysis
methods for residential airborne contaminants*

Devendra Pal, McGill University

*AI-Enabled Nano Digital Inline Holography for In-Flight Aerosol
Observations*

Adnan Masri, Université de Montréal

*Aerosol Filtration with Eco-Responsible Electrospun Nanofiber
Media*

Greg J. Smallwood, National Research Council Canada

*Metrology of Aviation non-volatile Particulate Matter (nvPM):
Developing a Global Black Carbon Emissions Standard for
Aviation*

Nishan Sapkota, University of British Columbia

*Using size-based classifiers in tandem to calibrate and infer
mixing state with an aerosol mass spectrometer*

Joel C. Corbin, National Research Council Canada

Image analysis techniques for transmission electron microscopy analysis of carbonaceous and related particles and their application

Joshua Harper, University of Waterloo

Demonstration of a Novel Ultrafine Sensor based on Pulsed Bipolar Charging

Kristin Iorio, University of Toronto

Performance Evaluation of Low-Cost Sensors in a PM2.5-10 Dominant Environment

Christine Levesque, Health Canada

Method Development for Settled House Dust Resuspension to Isolate PM10 for Subsequent Characterization

Poster Session 2 (Thursday, July 9th)

Atmospheric Aerosols

Philip K. Hopke, Clarkson University

Urban Railroad Yards: An Underappreciated Source of Urban Black Carbon Particles

Anand Kumar, University of British Columbia

Fuel-Dependent Particulate Properties and Soot Structures in Marine Engine Emissions under Biodiesel and Conventional Diesel Operation

Eric Ward, University of Toronto

Developing a Robust Calibration Framework for Concentration and Size Distributions from Low-Cost Particulate Matter Sensors in the Greater Toronto Area

Keith Van Ryswyk, Health Canada

Exploring Heterogeneity in the Urban Spatial Pattern of Ultrafine Particle Number Concentrations Across Size Modes

Connor Overton, York University

Investigating chemical composition of size-resolved aerosol collected over the Yellow Sea during Fatima 2023

Rym Mehri, National Research Council Canada

Improvements in Calibration of Black Carbon Mass Instruments using the Centrifugal Particle Mass Analyzer-Electrometer Reference Mass Standard (CERMS)

Rin Takai, Mt Allison University

Impact of SO₂ Emission Controls on Water-Soluble Iron in Fine Particulate Matter Air Pollution in Atlantic Canada

Simon J. Smith, Retired

Aerosol Filtration Requirements in Standards for Respiratory Protective Equipment

Bioaerosols & Indoor Air

Amanda M. Weiler, DRDC Suffield Research Centre

Collection and concentration of bacterial and viral aerosols by electrostatic precipitation (ESP) and electrowetting-on-dielectric (EWOD)

Michelle Secours, Frétt Solutions

Sustainability in Air filtration

Paul Lebbin, National Research Council Canada

Coupled Computational Fluid Dynamics–Agent-Based Modeling of Airborne and Fomite Infection Risk in Gate-to-Gate Air Travel

Patricia H. Watanabe, University of Toronto

Multiplexing dPCR for Indoor Bioaerosol Surveillance and Detection

Rafsan Nahian, University of Toronto

Real-world performance of HVAC filters/air cleaners in commercial and institutional buildings

Elizabeth Thibeault, Université Laval

*Caractérisation des bioaérosols fongiques dans l'air et de la résistance aux azolés d'*Aspergillus fumigatus* dans les fermes laitières*

Christina Bouchard, Université Laval

Does the organic status impact air quality, microbial communities, and antimicrobial resistance genes in egg farms?

Zama Mahlobo, Stellenbosch University

Airborne bacterial communities and biological factors associated with their viability and survival.

Brooke Thompson, University of Saskatchewan

Antimicrobial-resistance genes in bioaerosols from Livestock Operations

Health and Toxicity

Andre Isaac Castillo, Royal Military College of Canada

Occupational Hazard Assessment of Hexachloroethane Smoke Devices used in military training exercises within the Canadian Armed Forces

Yang Wang, University of Alberta

Unveiling the Hidden Role of Zinc in Aerosol Oxidative Potential: From Coordination Competition to Metal Specific Interplay

Andres R. Henriquez, Health Canada

Characterization and toxicological assessment of size-fractionated brake wear particulate matter

Harshita Arora, University of Alberta

Crop-Specific Oxidative Potential of PM_{2.5} from Major Crop Residue Burning in India Assessed Using the Dithiothreitol (DTT) Assay.

Wildfires and Combustion

Liu Sun, Health Canada

Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Physiological Responses in Subsidized Housing in Metro Vancouver

Jahanbakhsh Jahanzamin, Carleton University

Towards monomer-resolved Discrete Element Models to predict soot fractal-like agglomerate thermal restructuring

Mahsa Zarei, University of Alberta

Optical Properties of Wildfire Smoke from Controlled Combustion of Canadian Biomass Fuels

Roshan Kumar Singh, IIT Kanpur

Emission Characterization of Indoor and Outdoor Biomass Combustion Sources Across the Indo-Gangetic Plain, India

Joel C. Corbin, National Research Council Canada

Chemical composition of tarballs and charballs formed by pyrolysis of wildfire-like organics

Instrumentation

Marie-Pier Joncas Reid, Université de Montréal

Analyse par spectrométrie de masse à plasma à couplage inductif de métaux et de métalloïdes dans les particules aéroportées à proximité d'une zone industrielle

Morteza Kiasadegh, University of Alberta

Two-dimensional inversion routines for tandem mass-aerodynamic diameter measurements

Aiden Haddad, University of Ottawa

Numerical simulations of a new electrostatic quadrupole system for ultrafine aerosol particle focusing

Hussein Rashid, University of Ottawa

Design and calibration of an experimental ns-pulsed-laser cavity for aerosol ultrafine particle internal structure, morphology, and size control

Zaki A. Nasreddine, McGill University

Innovative AI-Driven Approach for Real-Time 4D Tracking and Physicochemical Analysis of Inorganic Carbonaceous Aerosols in Air and Water

Lily M. Mueller, University of Waterloo

The Effect of Charger Ion Properties on Particle Size Distributions using a Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer

Nishan Sapkota, University of British Columbia

Interpreting and reconciling classifier-order effects in effective density measurements

Tim Onasch, Aerodyne Research, Inc.

CAPS PMSSA Monitors for the In Situ Measurement of Particle Absorption

Girisankar Solaimalai, University of Waterloo

A CFD Based Residence Time Distribution Model for Aerosol Flows

Zuzana Gajdosechova, National Research Council Canada

Replacing Gravimetry: A Metrological Route For Aerosol Mass Calibration Using ICP-MS

Jalal Norooz Oliaee, National Research Council Canada

Self-calibrating aerosol absorption measurements using co-located TDLAS and tunable-wavelength photothermal interferometry

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