Dust Sampling Instrumentation and Methods

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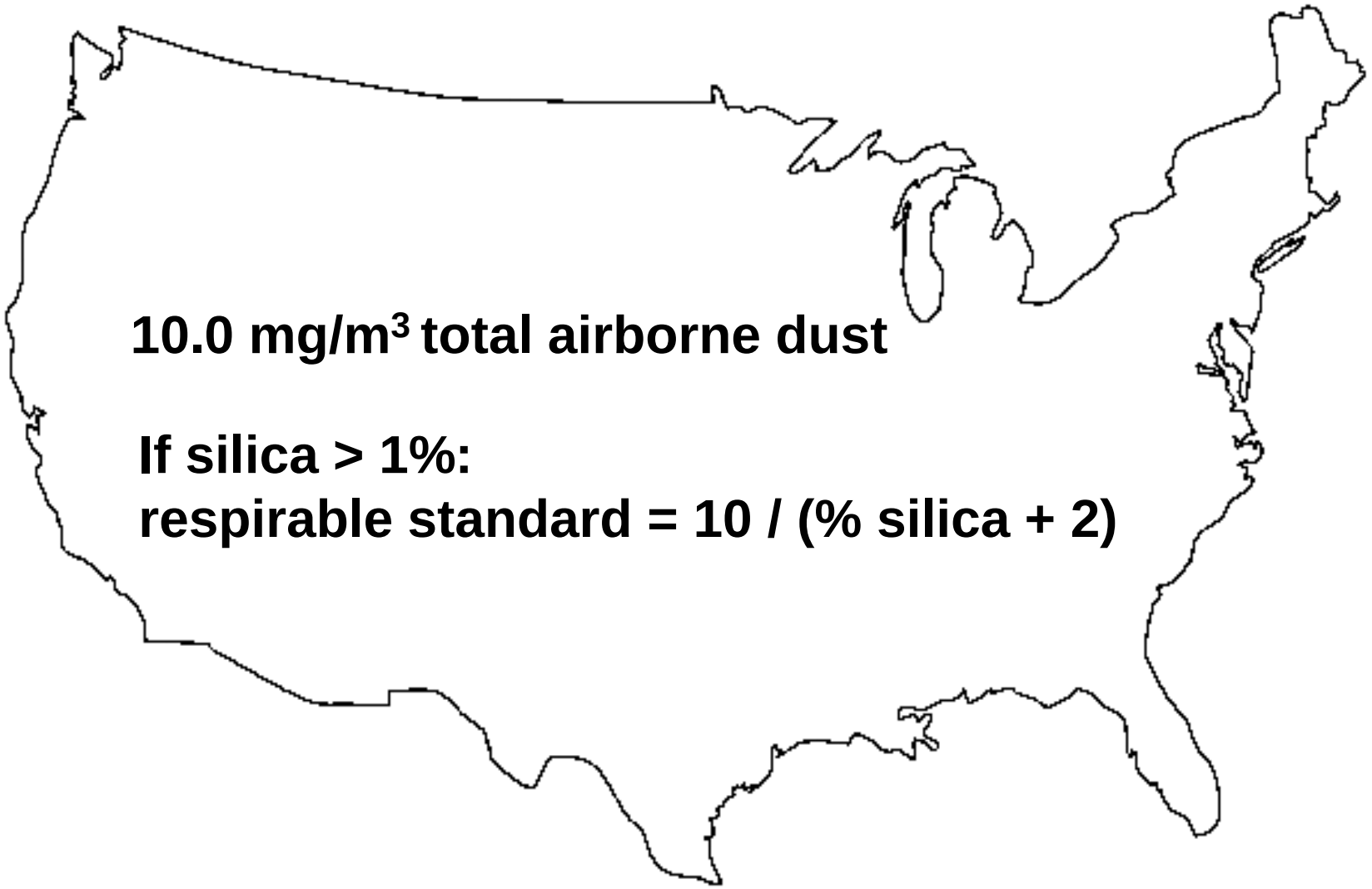
Presentation Outline

- Current respirable dust standards and sampling requirements
- Dust sampling instruments available for use in mining
- Sampling methods to quantify dust sources

Dust Standards for Metal/Nonmetal Mining

(Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977)



10.0 mg/m^3 total airborne dust

If silica > 1%:
respirable standard = 10 / (% silica + 2)

Gravimetric Dust Sampler

- Provides time-weighted-average respirable dust concentration
- Dorr-Oliver cyclone separates respirable and oversize dust
- Pump operated at 1.7 liters per minute in M/NM mines

Sampling with Gravimetric Samplers

- Filter is pre- and post-weighed to determine mass gain and is used to calculate an average dust concentration over sampling period
- Filter processed using XRD analytical technique for silica content (NIOSH Method 7500)
- Sufficient mass must be collected to have confidence in measurement
- NIOSH typically uses multiple gravimetric samplers and averages data

*personal*DataRAM (pDR)

- Model 1000 AN passive sampler
- Uses light scattering as measurement technology
- Instantaneous readings correlated with time and stored in internal memory
- pDR concentrations impacted by:
  - size distribution of dust
  - composition of dust
  - water mist in air
- OMSHR adjusts readings with ratio obtained from adjacent gravimetric samplers

pDR Field Calibration

- Divide average gravimetric concentration by average pDR concentration for same sampling period
- Multiply all individual pDR readings by ratio
- Example:

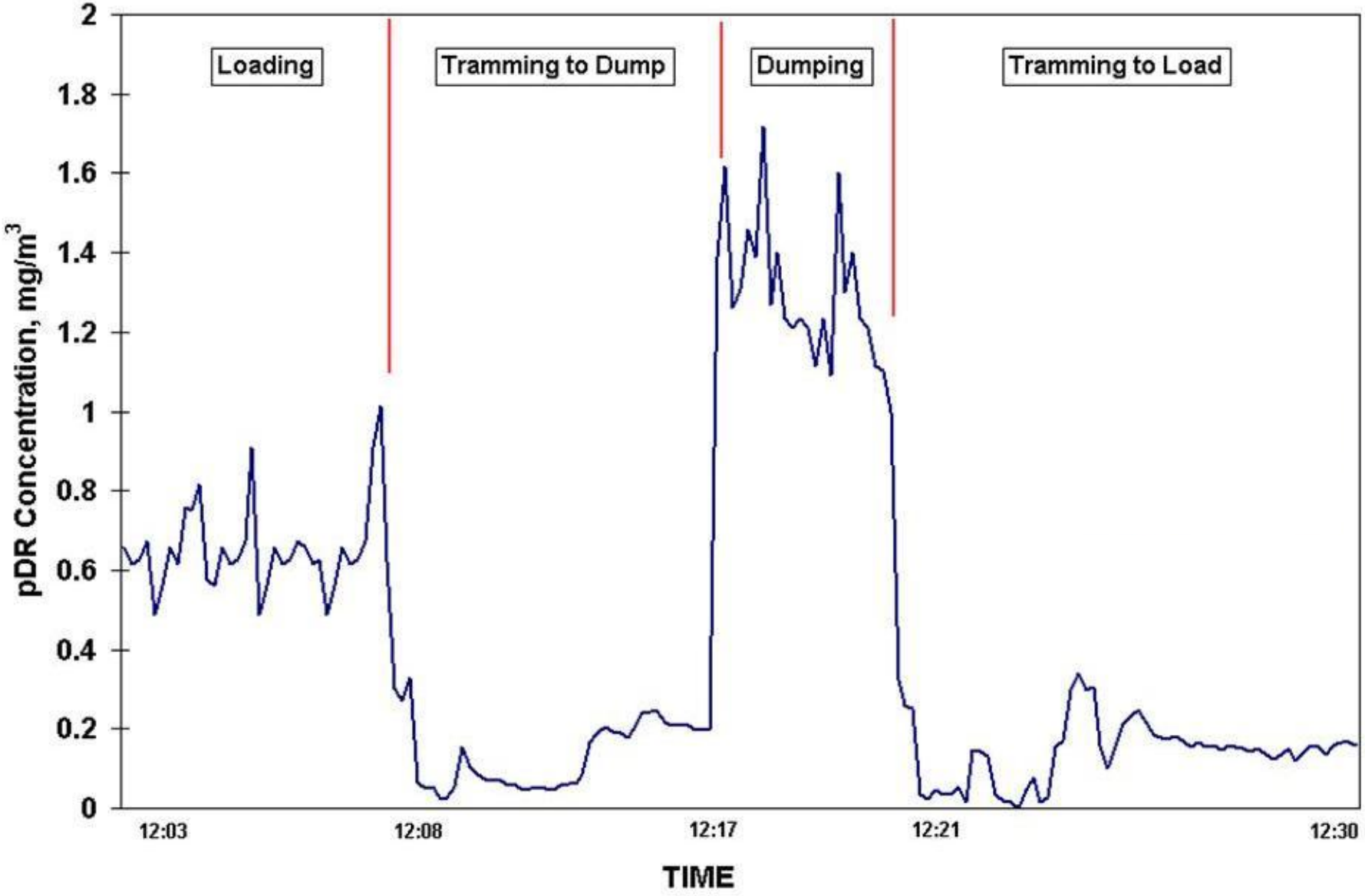
  gravimetric average = 1.4 mg/m^3

  pDR average = 1.1 mg/m^3

  grav/pDR ratio = 1.4/1.1 = 1.27

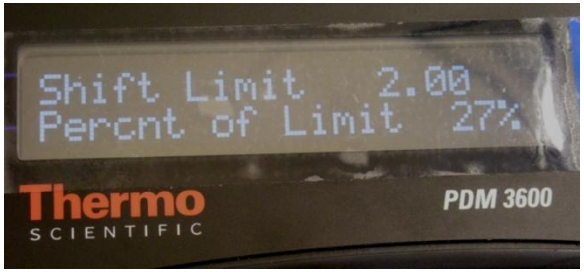
  pDR concentrations * 1.27 = adjusted pDR concentrations

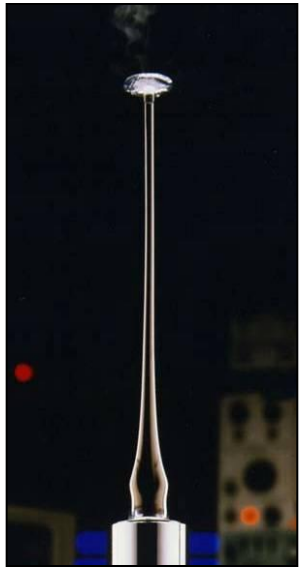
pDR Provides Time Record of Dust Levels



Personal Dust Monitor (PDM)

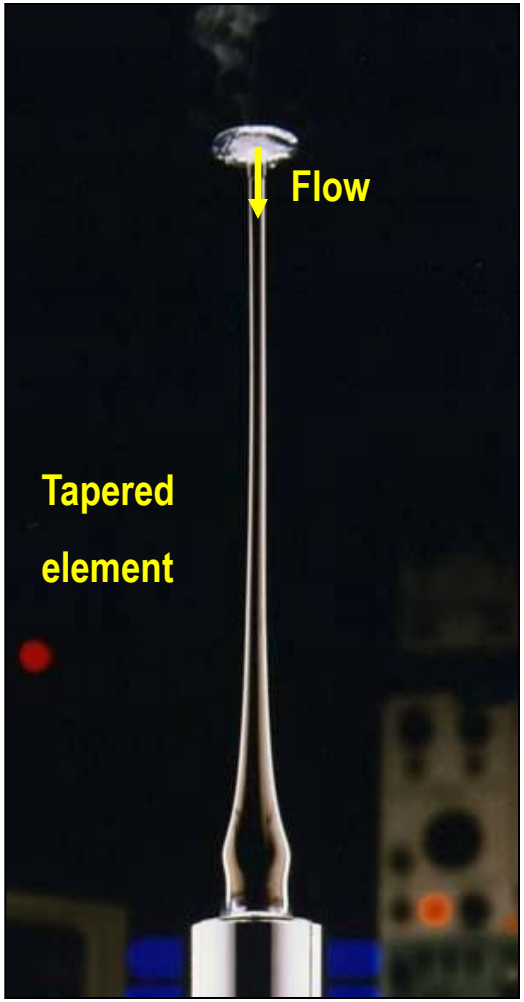
- Real-time measurement of respirable dust
- Combines dust sampler and cap lamp into one unit
- Sample inlet is mounted on cap lamp
- Uses mass-based measurement to quantify dust concentration (TEOM)
- Dust measurements are displayed on screen and stored internally for later analysis





Principle of Operation

- Exchangeable filter cartridge mounted on the end of the tapered element collects particles as sample stream flows through hollow tube
- Tapered element oscillates at a known frequency, like a tuning fork
- Frequency changes in *direct* relation to the mass collected on the filter
- Measurement principle does *not* respond to other particle characteristics such as size distribution or composition (heated circuit removes moisture)

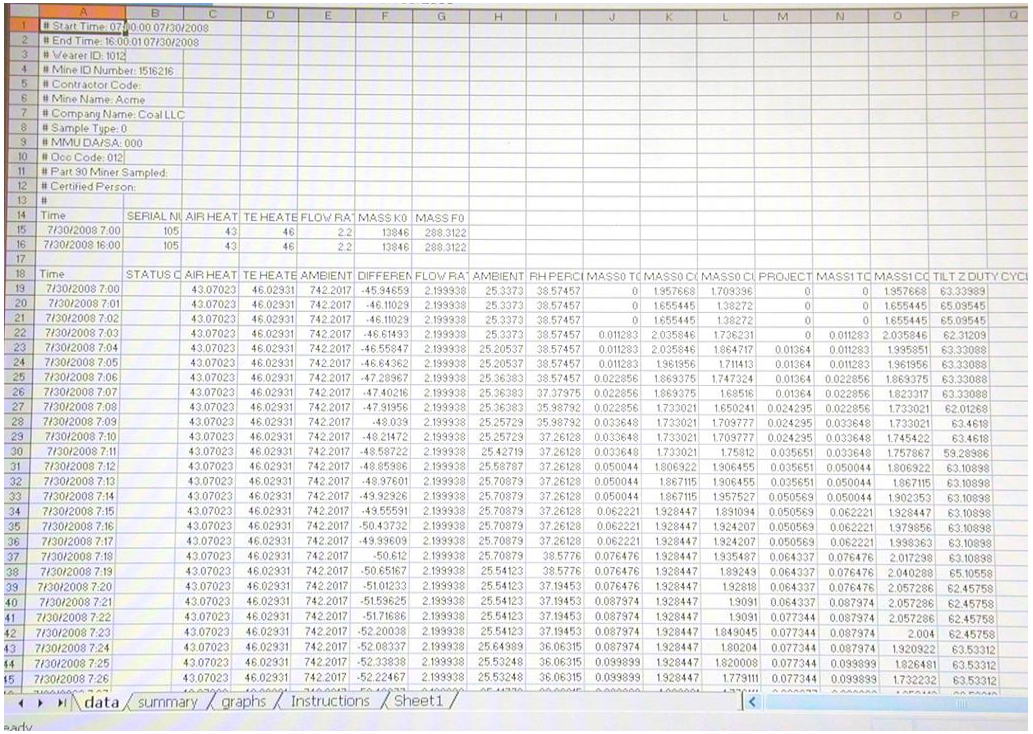


PDM Status

- Meets NIOSH sampling accuracy requirements (NIOSH RI 9669)
- Equivalency to CMPDSU (gravimetric sampler) published in peer-review journal
- MSHA intrinsic safety approval granted for use in underground coal mines
- New CFR 30, Part 74 rule enacted in 2009
- Thermo Scientific began delivery of commercial units in July 2009
- Two ongoing NIOSH research efforts (software and silica)

PDM Analytical Software

- Compile output from PDM samplers
- Provide user-selected summaries for multiple samplers (foreman, mine superintendent, etc.) or engineering evaluations
- Provide graphing capabilities



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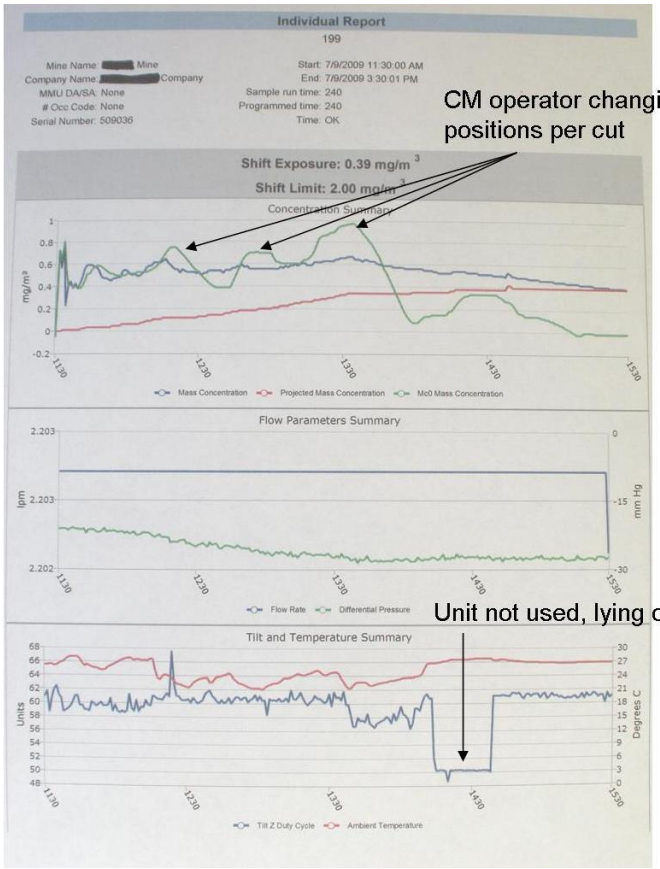
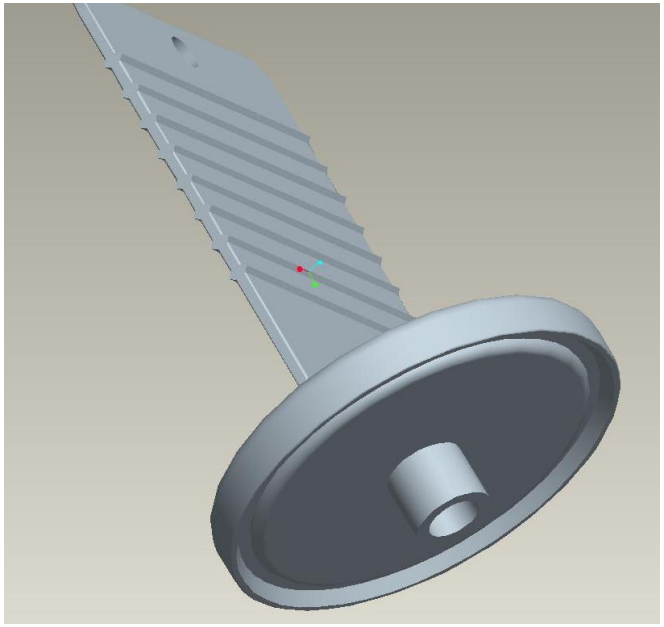
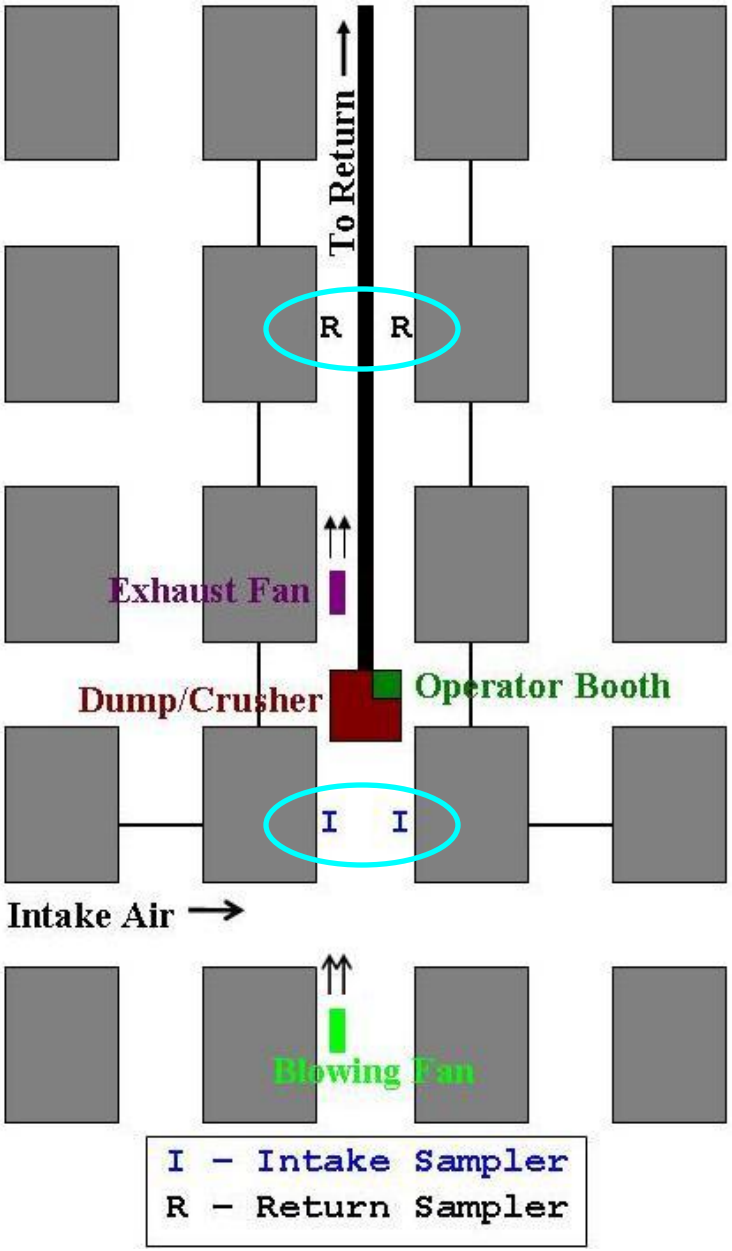


PDM Filter Capsule for Maintaining Sample Integrity for Quartz Analysis

- Place capsule over PDM filter when TEOM unit removed from PDM
- Use capsule as filter removal tool and to secure dust
- Send to lab, remove finger tab, ash capsule
- Plan to conduct mine surveys to complete side-by-side testing with current silica analysis method



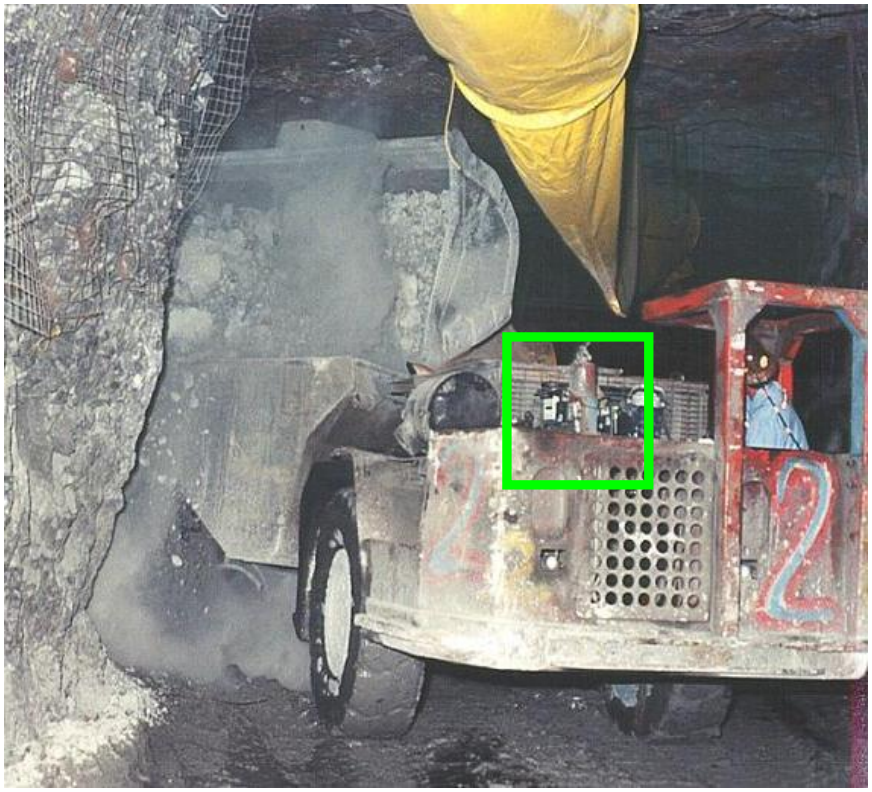
Sampling to Isolate a Fixed Dust Source



Sampling a Mobile Position

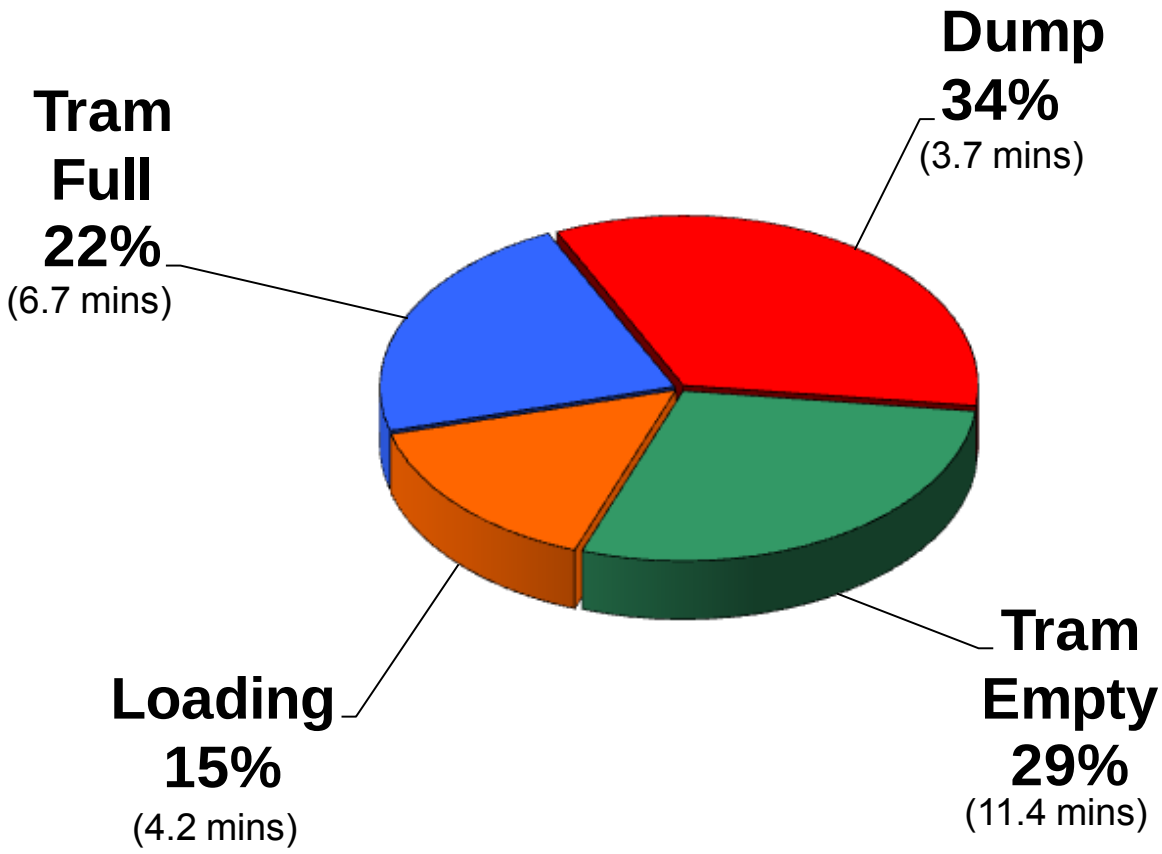
Using Real-time Data to Quantify Multiple Dust Sources

- Evaluate dust levels during truck haulage cycle at an underground gold mine
- Use pDR samplers and time study data to quantify dust generation for different parts of cycle
  - loading
  - hauling full
  - dumping
  - hauling empty
- Two researchers conducting time studies



Time-weighted-average Dust Contributions

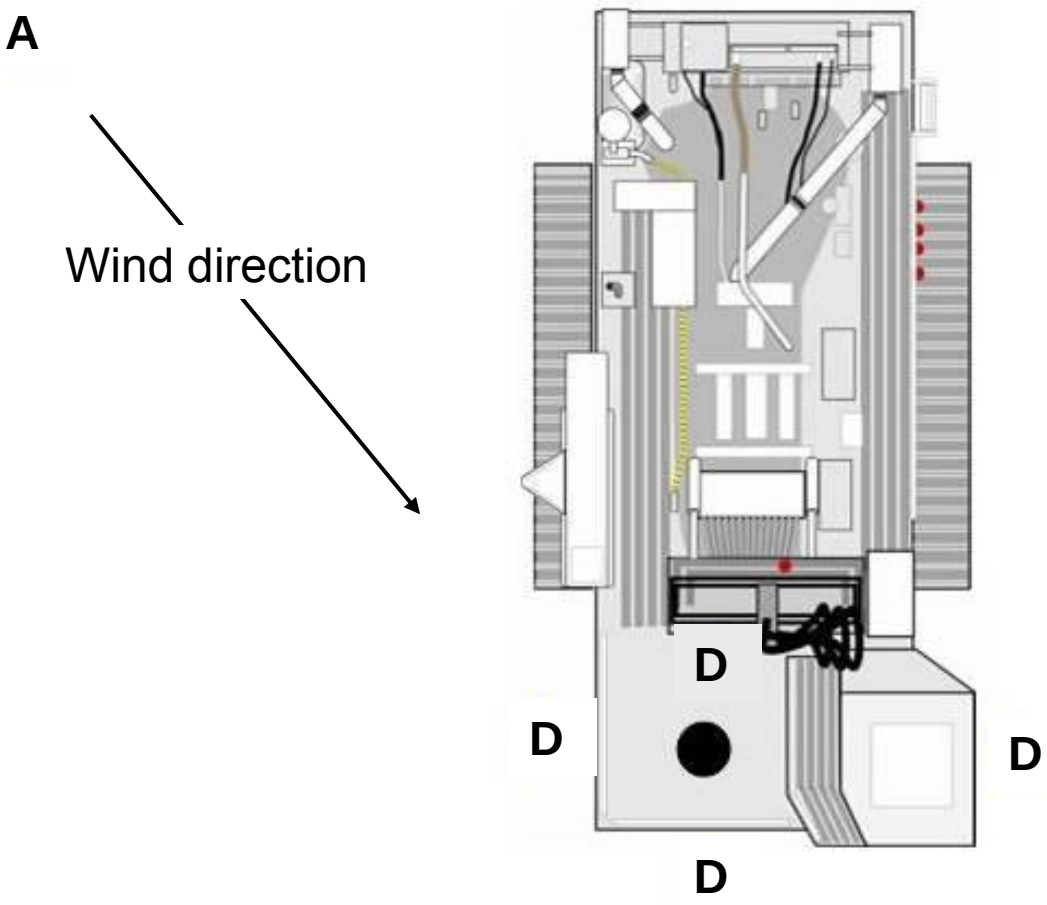
Dump location had highest dust contribution despite having the shortest duration… (14% time vs. 34% dust)

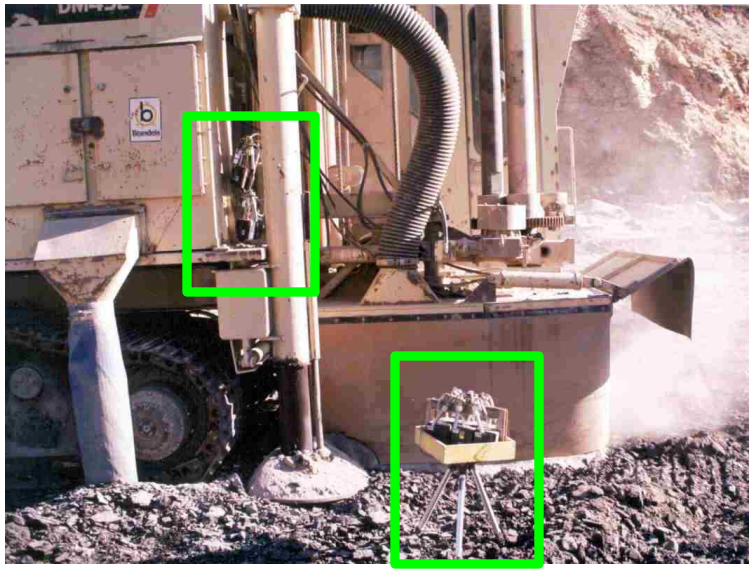


Using Real-time Data to Quantify Dust Sources for Mobile Workers

- Evaluate work tasks and associated dust levels for mobile workers throughout their shift
- Merge active pDR 1500 sampling data and video (Helmet Cam) to quantify highest sources of dust generation for different tasks
- Develop controls and/or improved work practices to reduce mobile workers' dust exposure

Sampling to Isolate an Unconfined Dust Source





A – Ambient sampling location

D – Drill sampling locations

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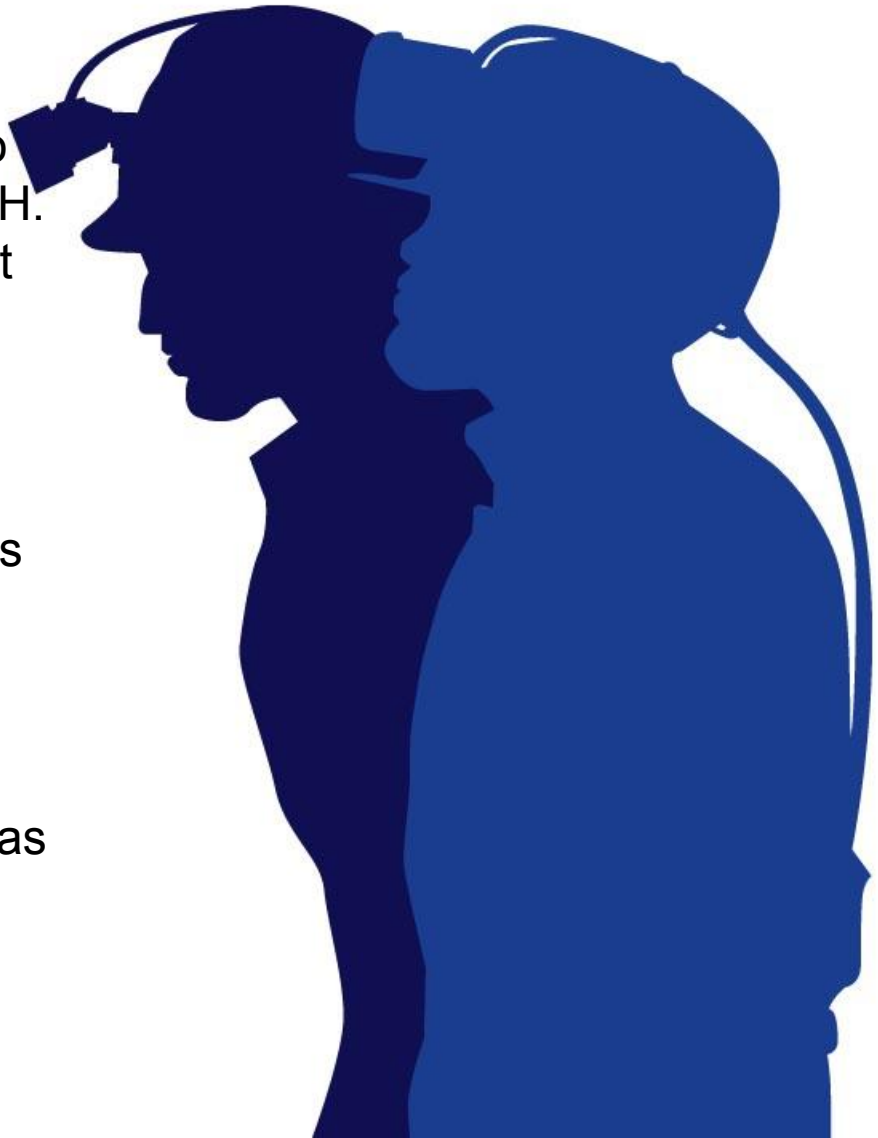

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