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*Atmospheric aerosols in
environment*

*Lecture 2
«Anthropogenic aerosol»
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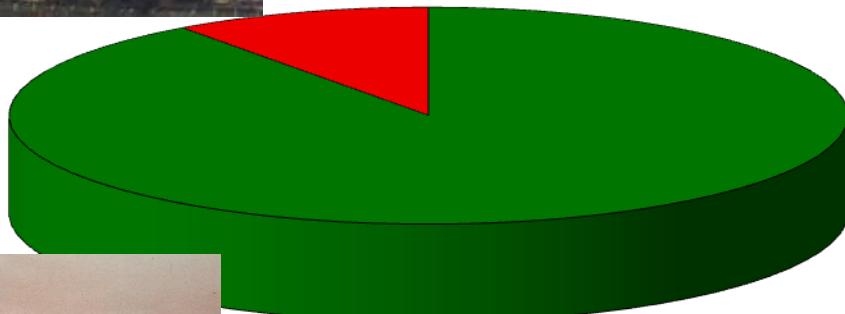
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1. Sources.
2. Human health effects of aerosols.

1. Sources



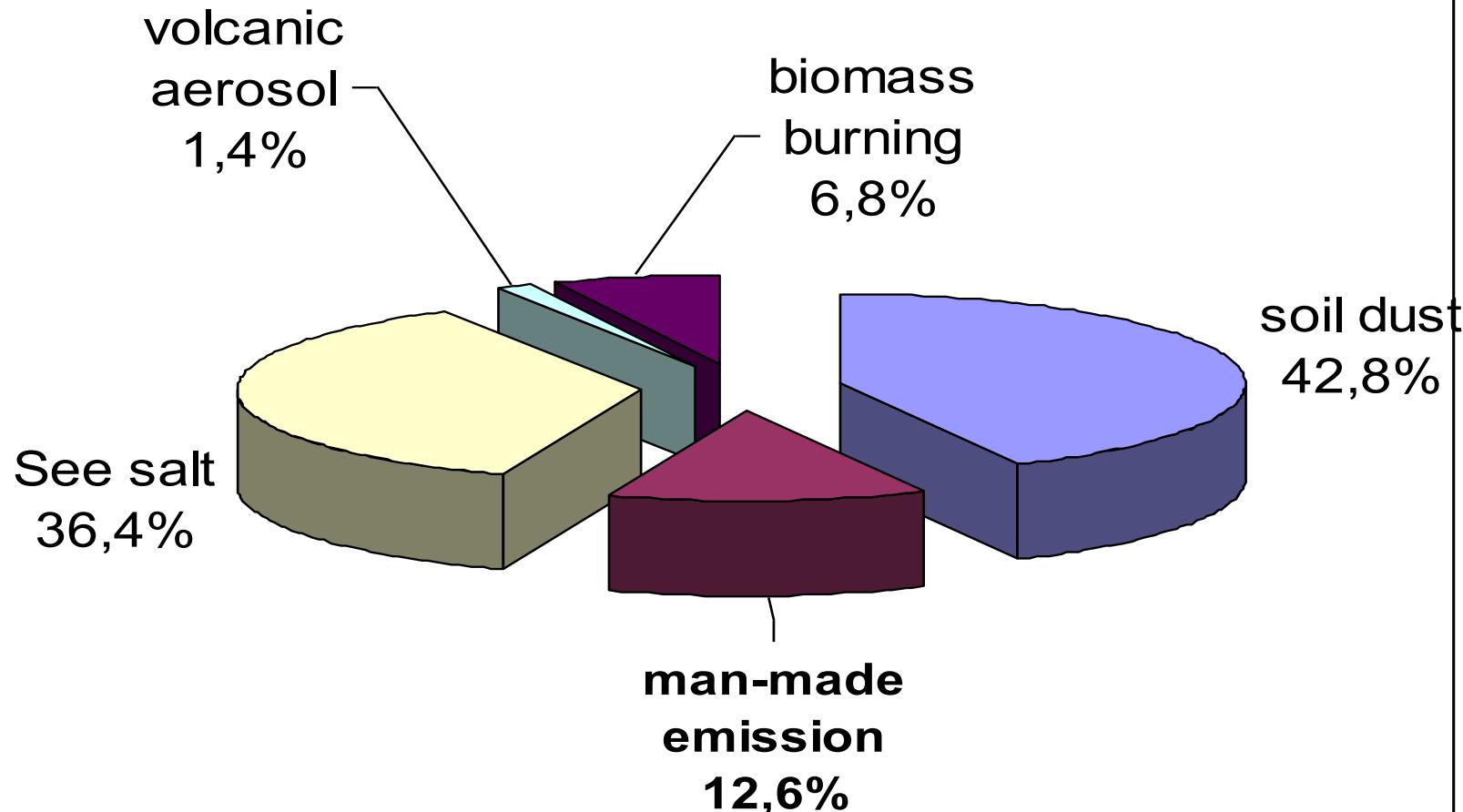
*Anthropogenic
aerosols, 10%*



*Natural aerosols,
90%*

- 1. Primary aerosols
- 2. Secondary aerosols

Global balance of aerosol sources in 1980-s (Kiehl and Rodne, 1995)



Global emission estimates for primary aerosols, ml. t/year

***Anthropogenic
aerosols***

Burning fossil
fuels

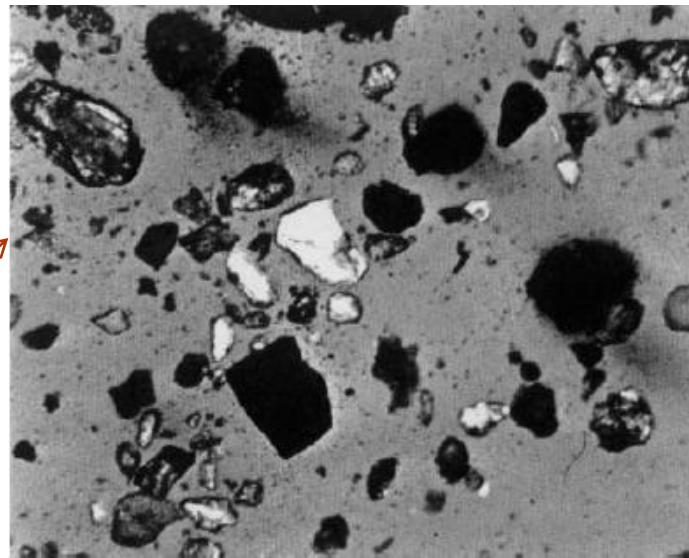
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Industry,
transport

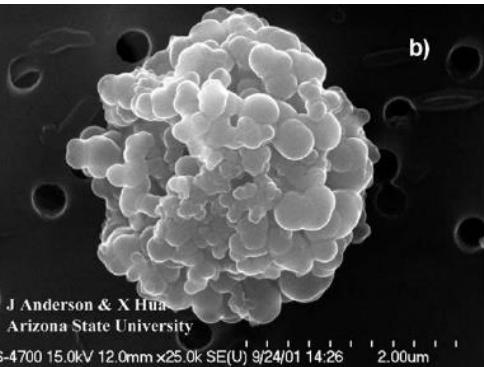
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A street sample



dried leaves,
glass, glass
fibers, paper
fibers, cement
dust, hematite,
limestone,
olivine, coal
dust, soot, and
burned wood



Carbon aerosol
(soot)



Fly ash

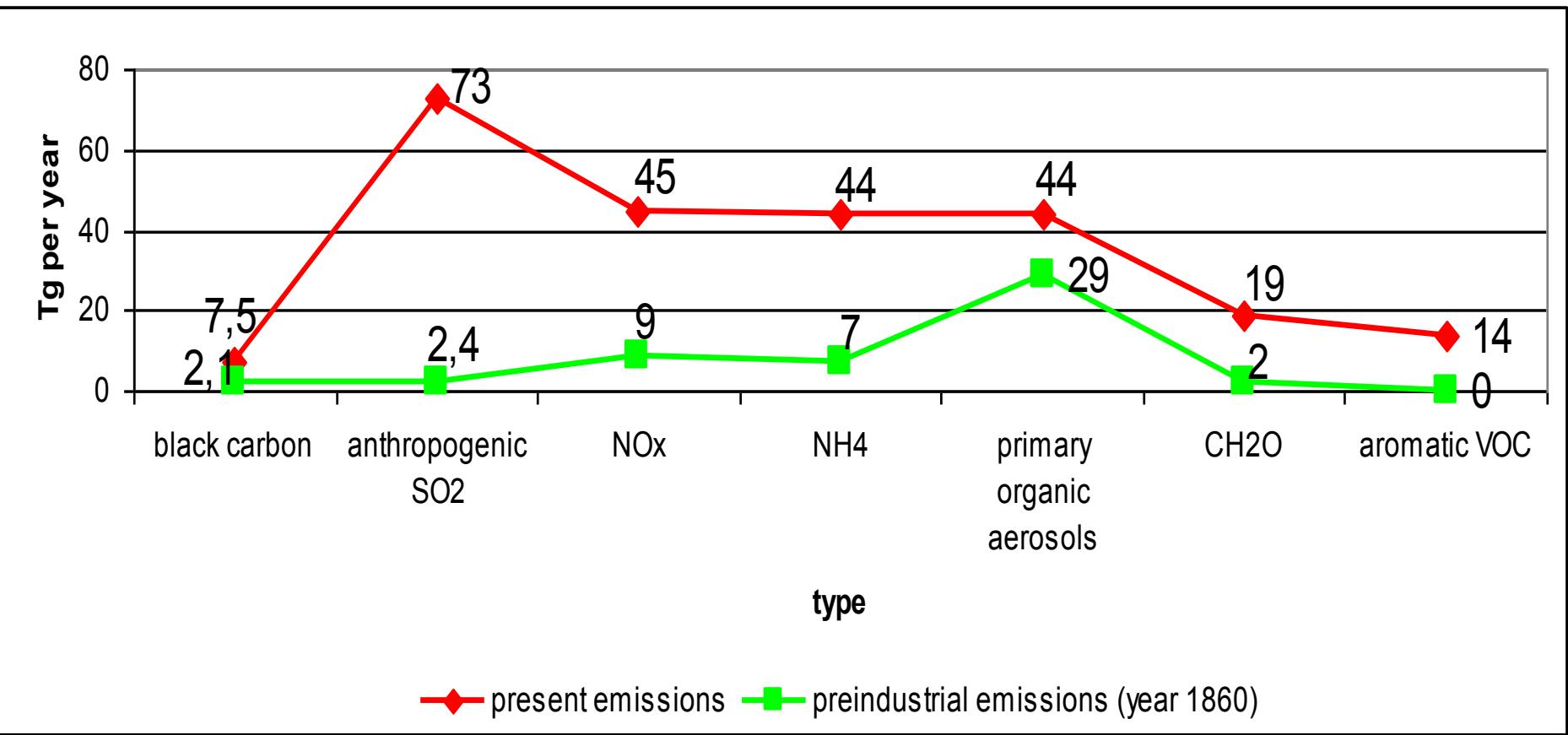
Combustion process



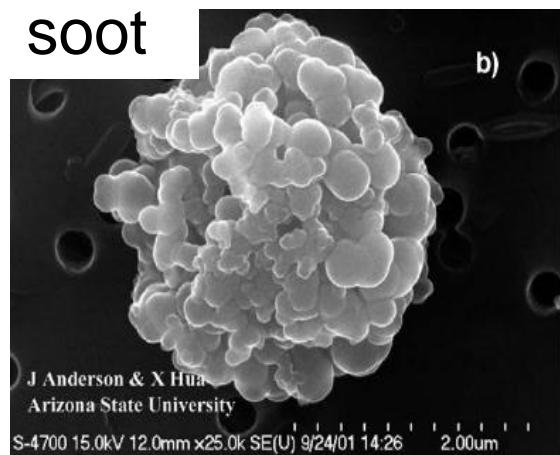
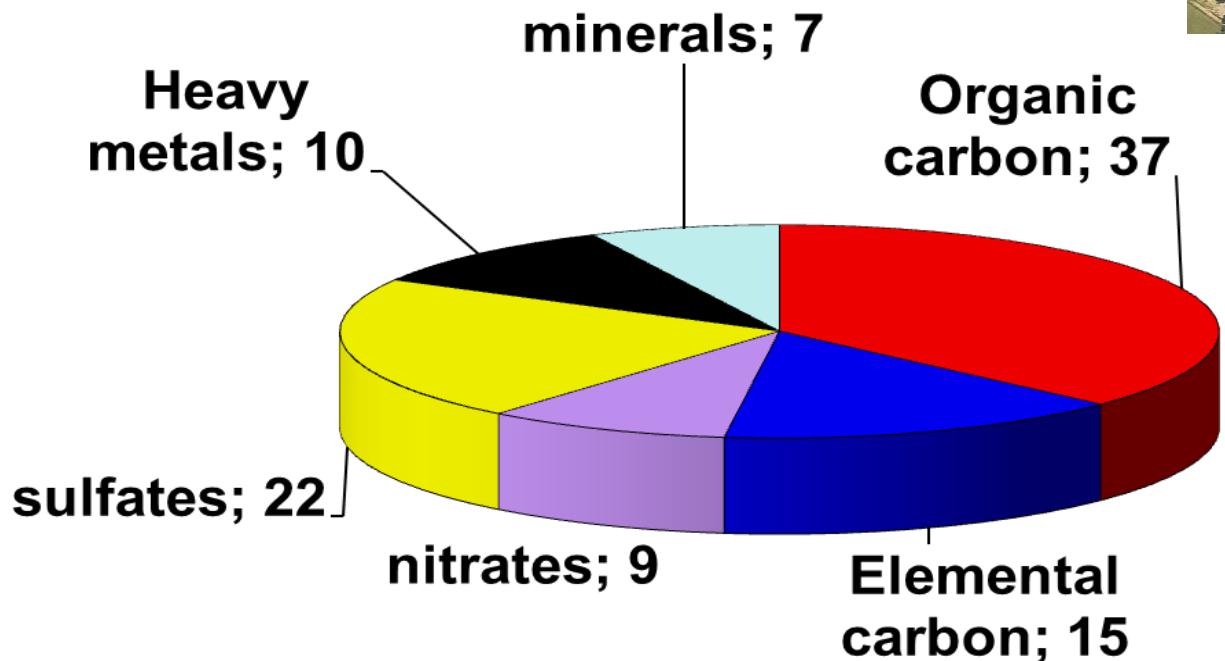
Global emission estimates for secondary aerosols

Secondary aerosol types	Mass, ml t/year
Natural source	
Sulfates	130-200
Ammonium hydrate	80-270
Nitrates	60-430
Organic matter from biogenic volatile organic compounds	75-200
Anthropogenic source	
Sulfates	75-200
Nitrates	30-35
Organic from anthropogenic volatile organic compounds	15-90

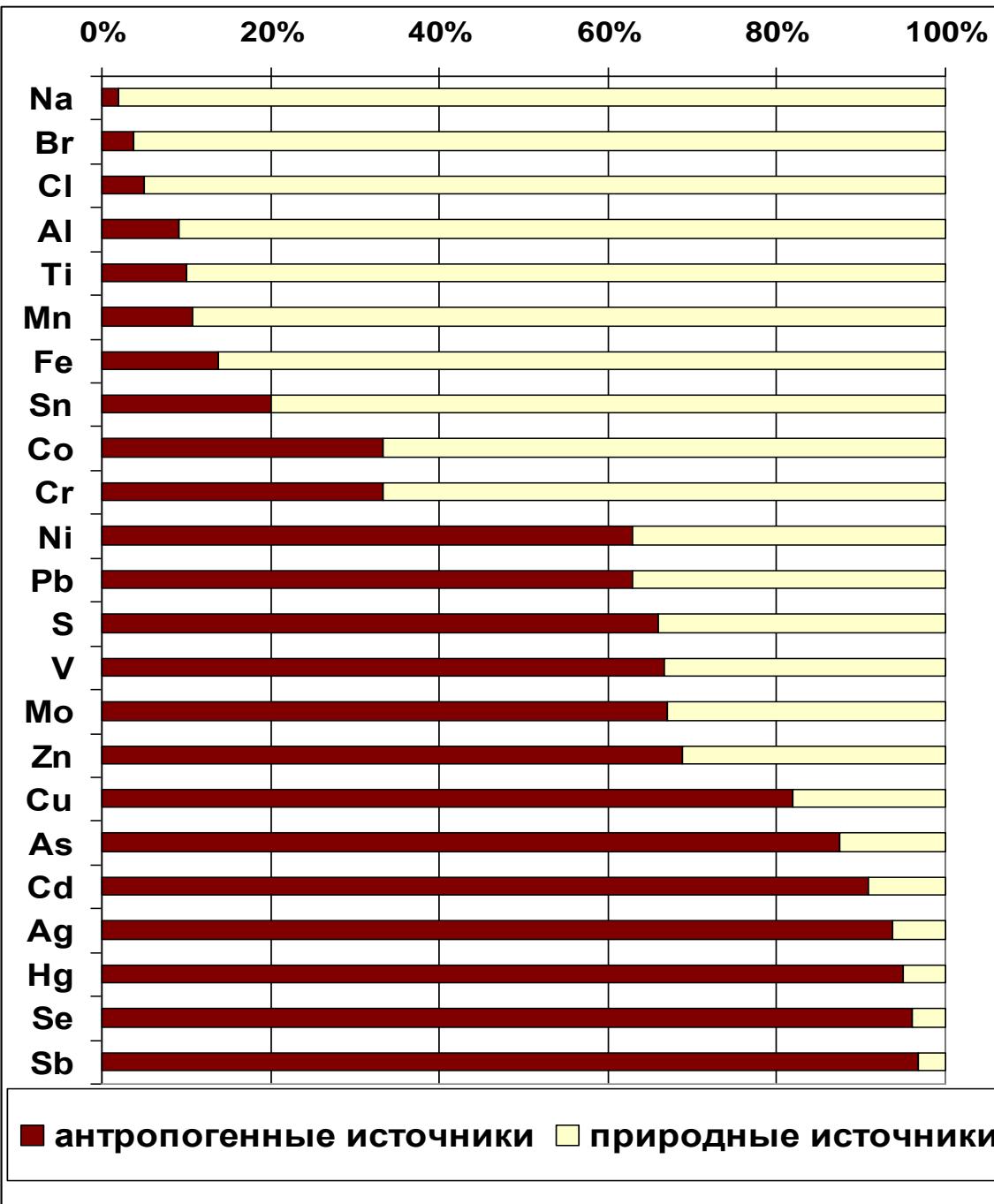
Preindustrial and present emissions in the atmosphere



Particulate matter (PM10 , PM2.5) composition in cities (%)



Directive 1999/30/EC



*Element
concentration of
atmospheric aerosol
originated from
anthropogenic and
natural sources*

Anthropogenic source

Natural source

Radioactive aerosols

Sources

anthropogenic

The decay products of radon gas



Detonation of nuclear weapons



From nuclear reactor



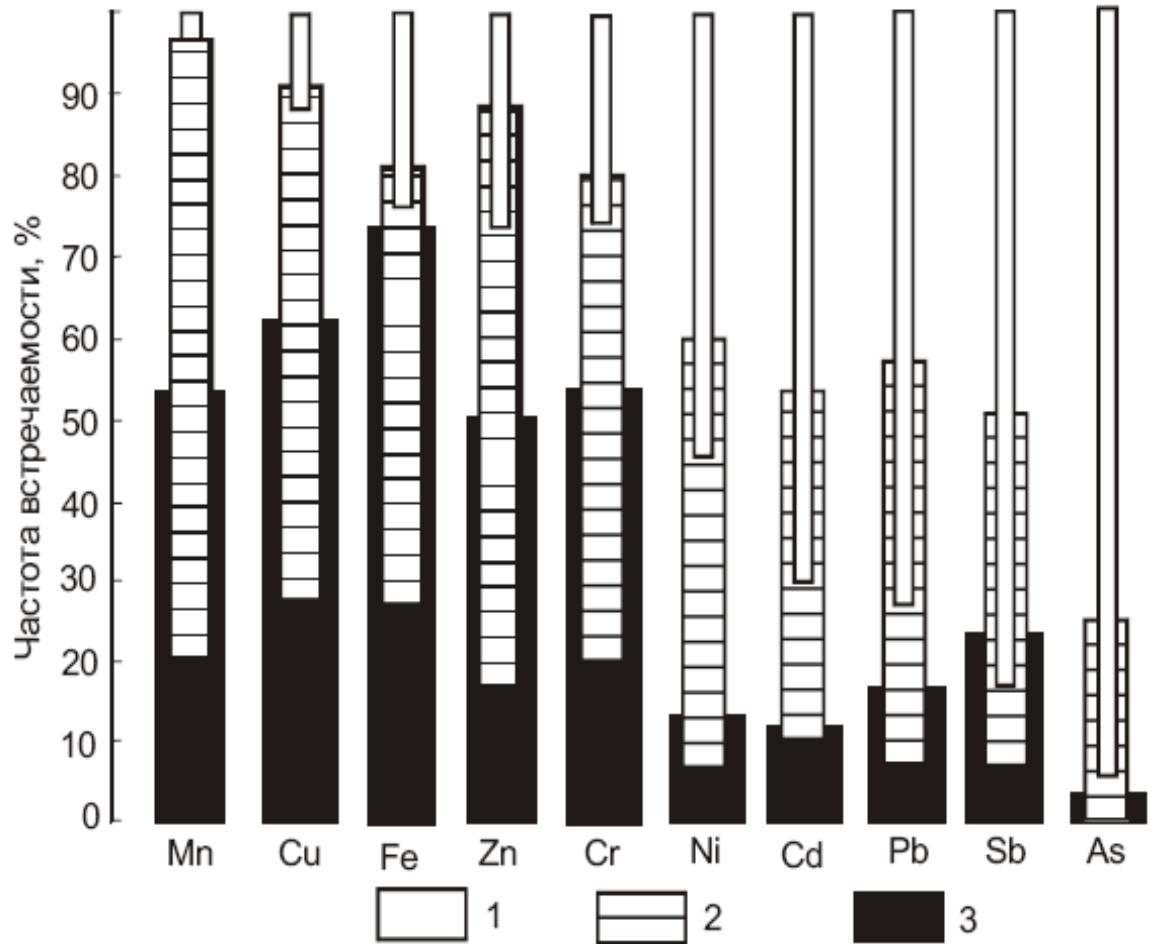
Nuclear power plant



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b7PwKraek&feature=related>

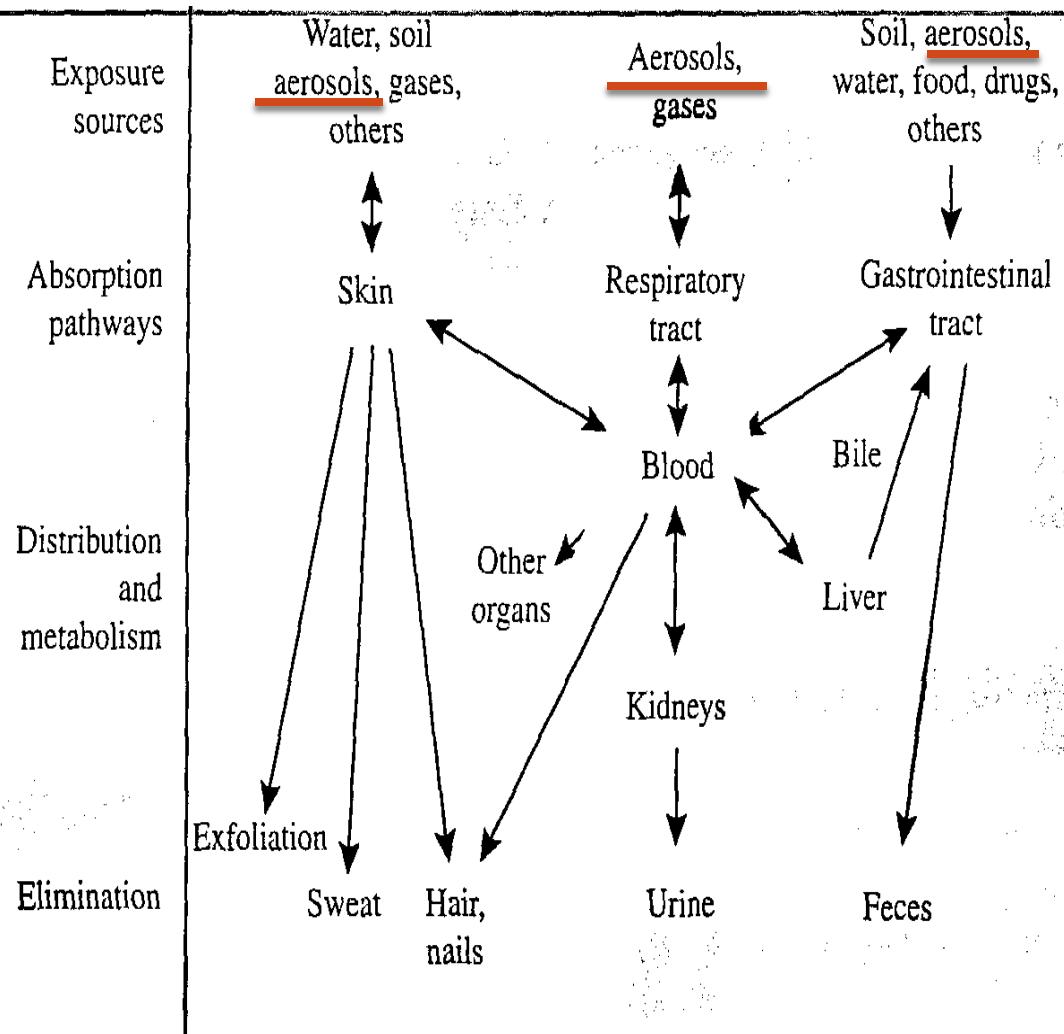
Several tens of seconds after an explosion, these aerosols contain about 100 different radioactive isotopes.

Element distribution in aerosols size modes, %



**1 – ultra fine
(less than 0,05
μm),**
**2 – fine (0,05 – 2
μm),**
**3 – coarse (more
than 2 μm)**

2. Human health effects of aerosols



This schematic diagram shows the absorption pathways and systems of distribution, metabolism, and elimination for potential toxins. "Aerosols" include dusts, other solid particulates (such as smoke), and liquid droplets (such as fog, mists, etc.). Distribution may involve deposition of a toxin within a target organ and/or metabolism with or without excretion of the toxin by the target organ (after Goyer and Clarkson, 2001).

A schematic diagram of the respiratory system shows the fractionation of particle sizes that occurs with progressive depth in the system

