Report of a Technical Workshop under the Task Force on Measurement and Modelling:

Application of the DELTA low-cost denuder methodology (Edinburgh, 14-15 July 2005)

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Sampling and chemical species DEnuder for Long-Term atmospheric sampling

- Typically monthly sampling (weekly and greater)
- Important for gas-aerosol split for nitrogen compounds (TIN, TIA)
- Comparison with EMEP daily filter packs where available.
- DELTA method much easier as low-frequency
- Species covered:
 - Gases: NH₃, HNO₃, SO₂, HCl,
 - Aerosol: NH_4^+ , NO_3^- , SO_4^{2-} , Cl, base cations

DELTA Denuder System DEnuder for Long-Term atmospheric sampling



Architecture of full DELTA system

14 cm long denuder coated with K_2CO_3

Collect acids

14 cm long denuder coated with K_2CO_3

Denuders from 6 mm i.d. borosilicate glass

10 cm long denuder coated with citric acid

Collect ammonia

10 cm long denuder coated with citric acid

Collect anion aerosol 25 mm paper filter in K₂CO₃



Example HNO₃ and NO₃⁻ data from full DETLA system







TFMM: Edinburgh DELTA workshop

- Organized by Sim Tang, CEH Edinburgh
- 20 experts, 15 countries, inc representative of EMEP-CCC
- Presented practical implementation of the method with hands on sessions
 - Design of DELTA system
 - Theory of denuder sampling
 - Building and running DELTA systems
 - Coating of denuders
 - Preparing post denuder filter packs
 - Chemical analysis
 - QA/QC approaches

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- Field trip to EMEP Super Site "Auchencorth Moss"
- Priorities for further testing and refinement
 - Potential for NO_2 interference with carbonate coating in urban areas
 - Most suitable denuder coatings for different climates
 - Radiation protection for enclosures in hot climates
 - Need to improve characterization of particle size cut-off
 - Relevance of temperature corrections for air volutme
 - Standardization of measurement sampling height (1.5-2 m above short grass)
- Copy of report available.