The Chemical Speciation Network (CSN) is a routine air monitoring network designed to complement the PM\(_{2.5}\) monitoring network; support the implementation of PM\(_{2.5}\) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); assist in developing and tracking emission control strategies; and provide data to aid in health studies. CSN sites are primarily located in urban areas and complement the largely rural Interagency Monitoring of PROtected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) network. The CSN target analytes are trace elements, ions, and carbon.

Percent of Samples Successfully Collected and Analyzed Per Year

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Samples Successfully Collected and Analyzed in 2020 by Filter Type. PTFE: 61 (100%), Nylon: 61 (100%), Quartz: 55 (90.2%)

The plots below show temporal trends for site 48-203-0002 alongside network-wide CSN and IMPROVE average concentrations. The top plot shows the variability of the reconstructed fine mass (RFM) concentrations during 2020; RFM can only be calculated if all three filters collected on a sampling day are valid. The bottom plot illustrates the long-term trends of ambient concentrations; the gray shaded region represents the range of values measured each year at this site, illustrated using the 10\(^{th}\) and 90\(^{th}\) percentile values.

More Information

To view and download CSN data: https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data
The EPA website with guidance documents and background information: https://www.epa.gov/amtic/chemical-speciation-network-csn
EPA real-time air monitoring data: https://www.airnow.gov/
The Univ. of California, Davis website with information about current research and publications: https://aqrc.ucdavis.edu/csn
The Colorado State Univ. website with data resources, literature, and visibility overviews: http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/improve/
The following plots summarize the chemical composition of particles collected at this site. The monthly averaged compositions calculated from 2016-2020 data are shown on the left while compositions for the day with the highest measured concentrations during 2020 are shown on the right.

### Average Monthly Particle Composition

**Components**
- Salt
- Soil Dust
- Soot
- Organic Matter
- Nitrate
- Sulfate

**Calculation**
- Salt: $1.8 \cdot Chloride$
- Soil Dust: $2.2 \cdot Al + 2.49 \cdot Si + 1.63 \cdot Ca + 2.42 \cdot Fe + 1.94 \cdot Ti$
- Soot: $Elemental Carbon$
- Organic Matter: $1.4 \cdot Organic Carbon$
- Nitrate: $1.29 \cdot Nitrate$
- Sulfate: $4.125 \cdot Sulfur$

**Natural Sources**
- Ocean spray, dry lakebeds
- Soil resuspension, dust storms
- Wildfires
- Plants, animals
- Volcanism

**Anthropogenic Sources**
- Chemical manufacturing, lake consumption
- Construction, agriculture, deforestation, unpaved roads
- Motor vehicles, wood burning, smoking
- Motor vehicles, cooking oils, household cleaners
- Fertilizer, stock yards, chemical manufacturing
- Coal-fired power plants, chemical manufacturing

The following map shows the average RFM concentrations for nearby sites in both CSN and the rural IMPROVE Network. The point shapes indicate which network the sites are associated with. The color bar indicates the average annual RFM concentration (micrograms per cubic meter) measured at each site in 2020.