Basic Principles of Cigarette Design and Function

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Cigarette Construction



Processes Related to Cigarette Construction



Processes of Smoke Formation



Combustion Pyrolysis Distillation Pyrosynthesis



Mainstream Smoke Phases

- Particulate Phase
 - The phase of the cigarette smoke retained on a Cambridge filter pad during machine smoking
 - Consists of condensed droplets of material ranging in size from 0.2 0.4 microns
- Gas/Vapor Phase
 - The phase of the cigarette smoke that passes through a Cambridge filter pad during machine smoking
 - Consists of permanent gases and volatilized compounds
- Cambridge Filter Pad
 - Consists of a fiberglass sheet that collects greater than 99% of the 0.1 µm diameter particles

Mainstream Smoke Generated by Smoking Machines







- Smoking Parameters
 - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) / International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
 - 35 mL Puff Volume
 - 2 Second Puff Duration
 - 60 Second Puff Interval

Mainstream Smoke Measurements

- Traditionally, used to determine "tar", nicotine and carbon monoxide yields
 - "Tar" is the weight of the material collected on a Cambridge filter pad when a cigarette is smoked under a defined set of conditions (e.g. ISO or FTC) minus nicotine and water.
- Interlaboratory validated methods to measure "tar", nicotine and carbon monoxide exist

Smoke Profile

- Approximately 4,000 identified constituents in smoke
- Difficult to identify an ingredient added to tobacco in the ppm concentration range



Other Smoke Constituents Measured in Benchmark Studies

• Ammonia & Aromatic • Amines

- Ammonia
- 1-Aminonaphthalene
- 2-Aminonaphthalene
- 3-Aminobiphenyl
- 4-Aminobiphenyl

Aldehydes and Ketones

- Formaldehyde
- Acetaldehyde
- Propionaldehyde
- Butyraldehyde
- Acrolein
- Crotonaldehyde
- Acetone
- Methyl Ethyl Ketone

Miscellaneous

– "Tar"

Aromatic Hydrocarbons

- Benzene
- Toluene
- Styrene
- Gases
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Hydrogen Cyanide
 - Nitric Oxide
- Heterocycles
 - Pyridine
 - Quinoline
- Metals
 - Arsenic
 - Cadmium
 - Chromium
 - Lead
 - Mercury
 - Nickel
 - Selenium

• Phenols

- Phenol
- Catechol
- Resorcinol
- Hydroquinone
- Cresols
- Tobacco Specific Nitrosamines
 - NAB
 - NAT
 - NNK
 - NNN
- Unsaturated Compounds
 - Acrylonitrile
 - 1,3-Butadiene
 - Isoprene
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon

- Benzo(a)pyrene Presentation to LSRO 10/29-30/01

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Alternate Smoking Parameters

- Massachusetts
 - 45 mL Puff Volume
 - 2 Second Puff Duration
 - 30 Second Puff Interval
 - 50% Ventilation Holes Blocked
- Canadian (Extreme)
 - 55 mL Puff Volume
 - 2 Second Puff Duration
 - 30 Second Puff
 - 100% Ventilation Holes Blocked

Constituent Yield Methodology

• Interlaboratory validated methods do not exist

Machine Cigarette Smoking Compared to Consumer Smoking

- Machine smoking
 - Standardized method (*e.g.* FTC, ISO) useful to assure consistency in manufacturing and inter-brand comparison for "tar", nicotine and carbon monoxide
- Consumer smoking
 - Actual exposure to smokers is not measured by a smoking machine

Variability

- All measurements show some variability in their results
- There are a number of sources contributing to this variability including:
 - the method itself
 - inherent product variability
 - the sampling procedure

Mainstream Smoke Summary

- Smoking machine derived mainstream smoke
- Actual exposure to smokers is not measured by a smoking machine
- Ingredients added to tobacco and part of smoke are not typically measured due to the analytical difficulty
 - Complex smoke matrix
 - Low concentration of ingredients used

Processes of Smoke Formation



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The Burning Cigarette



Reference: The Design of Cigarettes, C. L. Brown

Smoke Formation Temperature Profile

Temperature Profile



Distillation Process

- Transfer of a compound into the smoke stream unchanged
- Analytical Pyrolysis of Menthol



Combustion Process

- Transformation of a compound into one or more <u>other</u> substances by heat in the presence of oxygen
 - Formation of CO₂, CO, H₂O and degradation fragments
- Analytical pyrolysis of Cocoa



Pyrolysis Process

- Transformation of a compound into one or more <u>other</u> substances by heat in a low oxygen concentration environment
 - Decomposition into smaller fragments
 - Isomerization

Pyrosynthesis Process

• Formation of smoke components during the combustion, pyrolysis and distillation processes

Process of Smoke Formation Summary

- Mainstream smoke is produced by a number of processes
- Specific process which impacts an ingredient is dependent on the physical properties of the specific ingredient

Cigarette Construction



Principal Cigarette Construction Parameters Controlling Smoke Yields

- Type of Tobacco
- Tobacco Weight (Density)
- Cigarette Paper
- Filter Type
 - Efficiency (retention)
- Filter Ventilation
- Cigarette Geometry
 - Circumference
 - Length

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Types of Tobacco

BURLEY	<u>BRIGHT</u>	ORIENTAL	EXPANDED	<u>RECON</u>	<u>STEMS</u>
Air Cured	Flue Cured	Air Cured	Bright Burley Oriental	Flue Cured Type Burley Type	Expanded Stems Flue Cured
High Filling Power	Moderate Filling Power	Low Filling Power	Excellent Filling Power (2X)		Mod High Filling Power
Excellent Burn	Variable Burn	Very Slow Burn	Fast Burn		Fast Burn

Tobacco Variability

- Natural product
 - Grown in many parts of the world
- Crop year variation
 - Weather
- Multiple crop years are used in US blended cigarettes

Typical US Blend

<u>Components</u>	<u>%</u>
Burley	25 - 35
Bright	25 - 35
Oriental	3 - 5
Reconstituted	10 - 25
Stems	3 - 10
	100

Tobacco Weight (Density)

- US commercial brands have approximately 400 mg to 1 gram of tobacco
- Reduced tobacco weight reduces machine smoked yield of smoke components, but also can reduce the physical stability of the cigarette
 - Compensate by using a higher filling power tobacco
 - Use expanded tobacco

Cigarette Paper

- Cigarette papers are constructed of:
 - Flax or wood fibers
 - Typically calcium carbonate as a color enhancing agent
 - Sodium and potassium citrate as burn rate modifiers
- Resulting paper has a certain permeability
 - Measure of the volume of air that flows through a specified area of cigarette paper in a given unit of time--CORESTA units

Cigarette Paper Properties

- US commercial brands have paper permeability between 14 and 51 CORESTA units
- Increased potassium and sodium citrate results in faster burning papers and reduces machine smoked tar yield per cigarette by reducing the number of puffs
- Increased cigarette paper permeability decreases the amount of tobacco consumed during a puff and reduces machine smoked tar yield

Filter Types

- Cellulose Acetate
 - Most common
 - Made of cellulose acetate
- Paper
 - Offers higher smoke component removal efficiency, at the same pressure drop, but poor visual appearance
 - Made of pure cellulose
- Combination carbon filter
 - A combination of a cellulose acetate or paper filter with carbon



Single Component Filter





Cavity Filter (plug space plug)



Resistance to Draw (RTD) or Filter Pressure Drop

- The amount of suction that must be used to pull smoke through the filter
- Measure of pressure required to force air through the filter at the rate of 17.5 mL/sec

Filter Efficiency (Retention)

- The percentage of the incoming smoke components that are removed by the filter
- As the pressure drop increases for a given filter rod configuration, filtration efficiency increases due to a reduction in mainstream smoke velocity

Direct Interception





Flow direction



Filter Efficiency (Retention)

- Particulate phase materials can be removed to some degree with a cellulose acetate or paper filter while gases (e.g., CO) are not removed
- Use of a combination carbon filter can also reduce some gas phase materials but not CO

Filter Ventilation

- US commercial brands range from 0 to 81% ventilation
- Increased ventilation causes:
 - Reduction in per-puff machine smoke concentration due to dilution with air from the atmosphere
 - Improved filtration efficiency of tobacco column and filter due to reduced aerosol velocity
 - Decreased tobacco burned during a smoking machine puff resulting in increased puff count
 - Increased diffusion of the gas phase out of the tobacco column

Cigarette Geometry

- Circumference
 - US commercial brands are 17 mm to 27 mm, most are 25 mm
 - Reduced circumference increases Resistance To Draw (RTD)
- Length
 - US commercial brands are 70 to 120 mm, most are 85 or 100 mm
 - Longer length has the potential for more tobacco to be burned

	Marlboro	Raffles
	King, HP	100, HP
	EU	UK
	GBS	GBS
Smoke Constituent		
Tar, mg/cig	13	12
Nicotine, mg/cig	0.9	1.2
CO. ma/cia	11	13
Formaldehyde, ug/cig	38	41
Acetaldehvde, ug/cig	540	643
Acetone. ug/cig	287	335
Acrolein ug/cig	51	60
Propionaldehyde ug/cig	50	56
Crotonaldebyde ug/cig	20	28
MEK ug/cig	66	78
Butylaldebyde ug/cig	34	48
	54	
Hydroquinone, ug,cig	54	75
Resorcinol, ug/cig		
Catecnol, ug/clg	50	73
Phenol, ug/cig	15	24
m+p-Catechol, ug/cig	10	13
o-Catechol, ug/cig	3	6
Benzo(a)pyrene, ng/cig	11	13
1-Aminonaphthalene, ng/cig	18	18
2-Aminonaphthalene, ng,cig	11	10
3-Aminobiphenyl, ng/cig	3	2
4-Aminobiphenyl, ng/cig	2	2
NO, ug/cig	156	118
HCN, ug/cig	114	135
Ammonia, ug/cig	18	12
1,3-Butadiene, ug/cig	46	54
Isoprene, ug/cig	385	466
Acrylonitrile, ug/cig	11	11
Benzene, ug/cig	44	44
Toluene, ug/cig	68	68
Styrene, ug/cig	9	10
Pyridine, ug/cig	12	13
Quinoline, ug/cig	0.3	0.6
NNN. ng/cig	189	27
NAT ng/cig	160	43
NAB ng/cig	19	7
NNK ng cig	104	34
nH	6.2	6.2
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Cadmium ng/cig	51	
Lead ng/cig	20	17
Chromium ng/cig		
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BBS - Brazil Benchmarking S	Procontation	
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Cigarette Construction Summary

- Mainstream smoke concentration, including ingredient smoke concentration, is influenced by:
 - dilution air
 - filtration by tobacco
 - filtration by the filter or additive
 - outward diffusion

Overall Summary

- A cigarette is surprisingly complex with many inter-related parts
- Cigarettes are constructed with a natural, somewhat variable, biological matrix tobacco
- Mainstream smoke formation is dynamic
- Mainstream smoke components, including ingredients, are impacted by a number of processes
- Mainstream smoke components and ingredient concentrations are influenced by:
 - dilution air
 - filtration by tobacco
 - filtration by the filter or additive
 - outward diffusion
- Approximately 4,000 constituents have been identified in smoke
- Difficult to identify an ingredient added to tobacco due to the complex nature of smoke and low concentration of ingredients used