



## Sources and Composition of Ambient Particulate Matter

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Research related to ambient particulate matter (PM) remains very relevant today, due to the adverse effects PM have on human health. PM are pollutants with varying chemical composition and may originate from many different emission sources, which directly affects their toxicity. To formulate effective control and mitigation strategies, it is necessary to identify PM sources and estimate their influence on ambient PM concentration, a process that is known as source apportionment (SA). Depending on the geographical location and characteristics of an area, many anthropogenic and natural sources may contribute to PM concentration levels, such as dust resuspension, sea salt, traffic, secondary aerosol formation (both organic and inorganic), industrial emissions, ship emissions, biomass burning, power plant emissions, etc.

Manuscripts on all aspects of PM chemical characterization and source apportionment, regarding the inorganic and/or organic fraction of PM, are welcome for this Special Issue.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Continued developments in instrumentation and modeling have driven atmospheric science to become increasingly more complex with a deeper understanding of concepts, mechanisms, and interactions. This is the field that innovation built and it has led to a better appreciation for the complexity with atmosphere. Human life is intertwined in this complexity as we strive to better understand our atmosphere. Climate change is constantly stretching the limits of our thinking and forcing new ideas and concepts to be played out. Welcome to the Anthropocene!

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