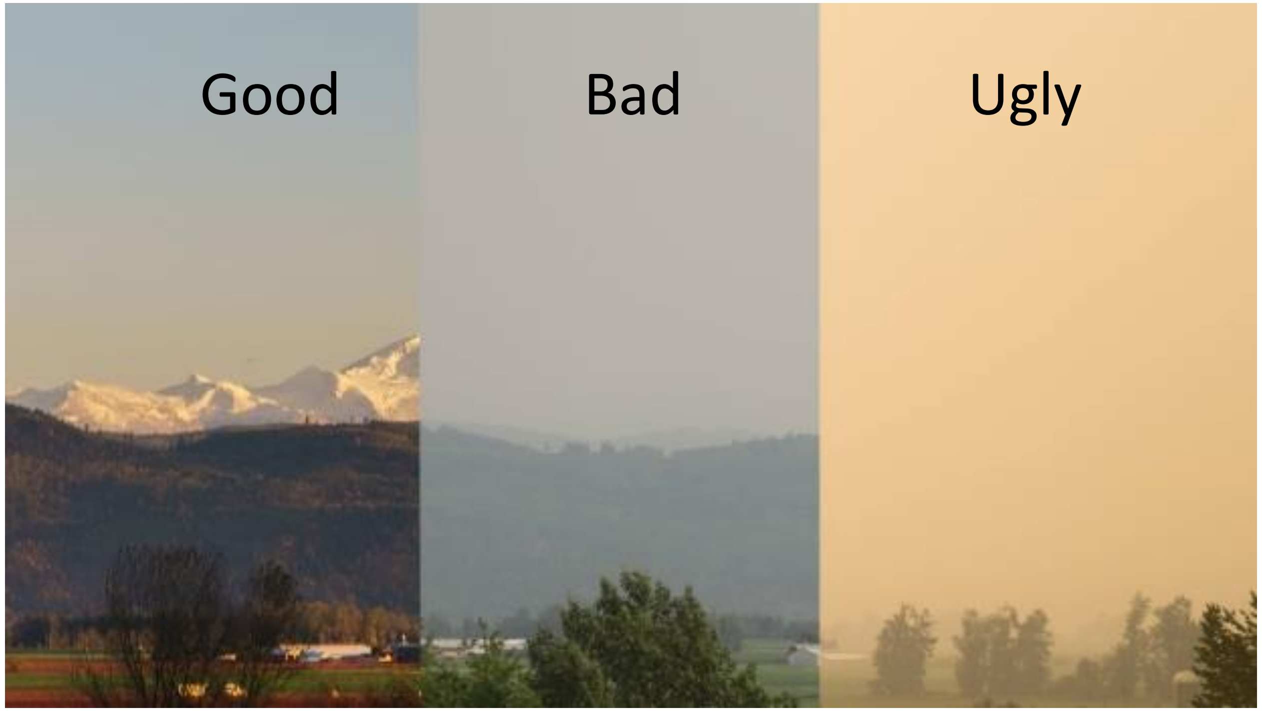
Atmospheric Aerosols



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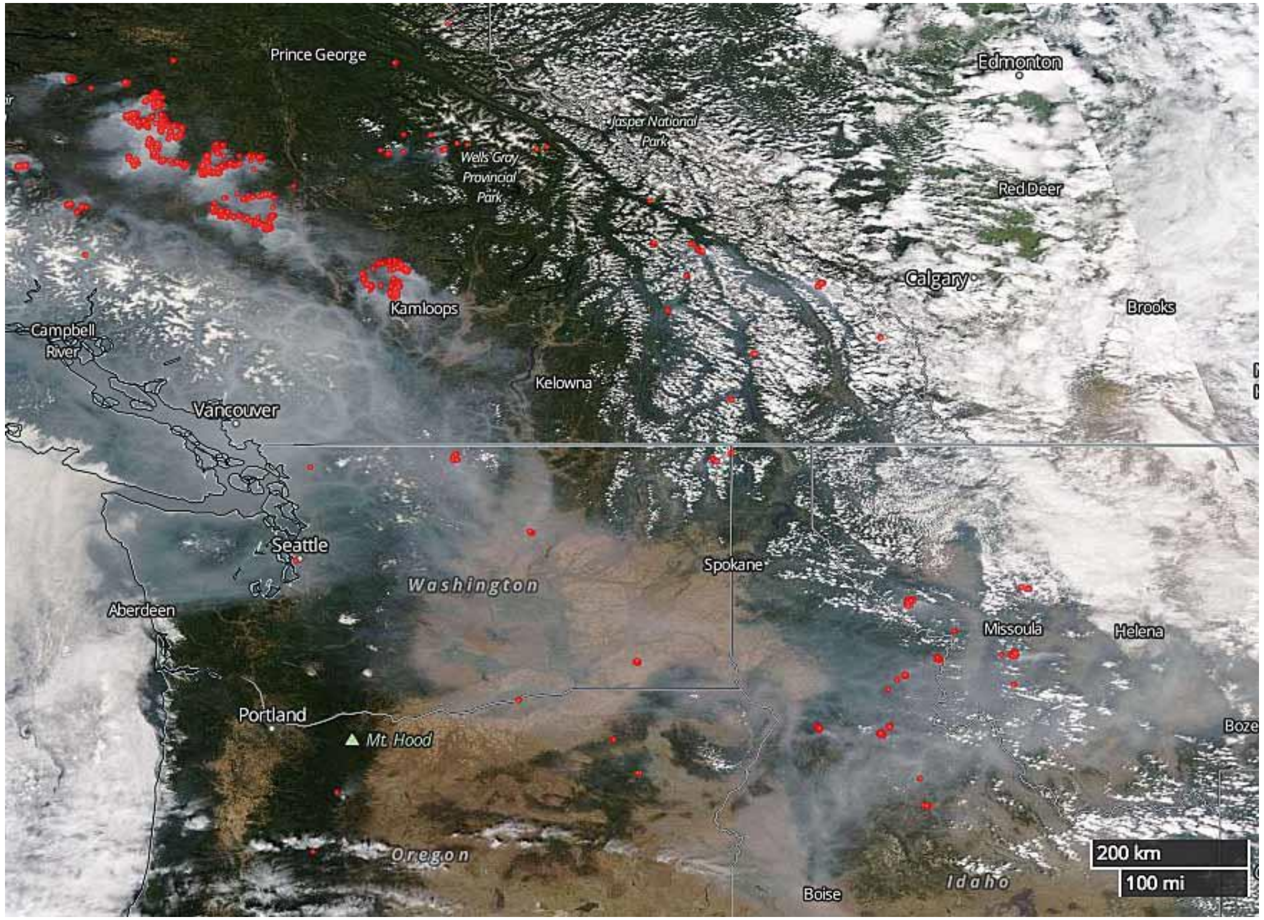
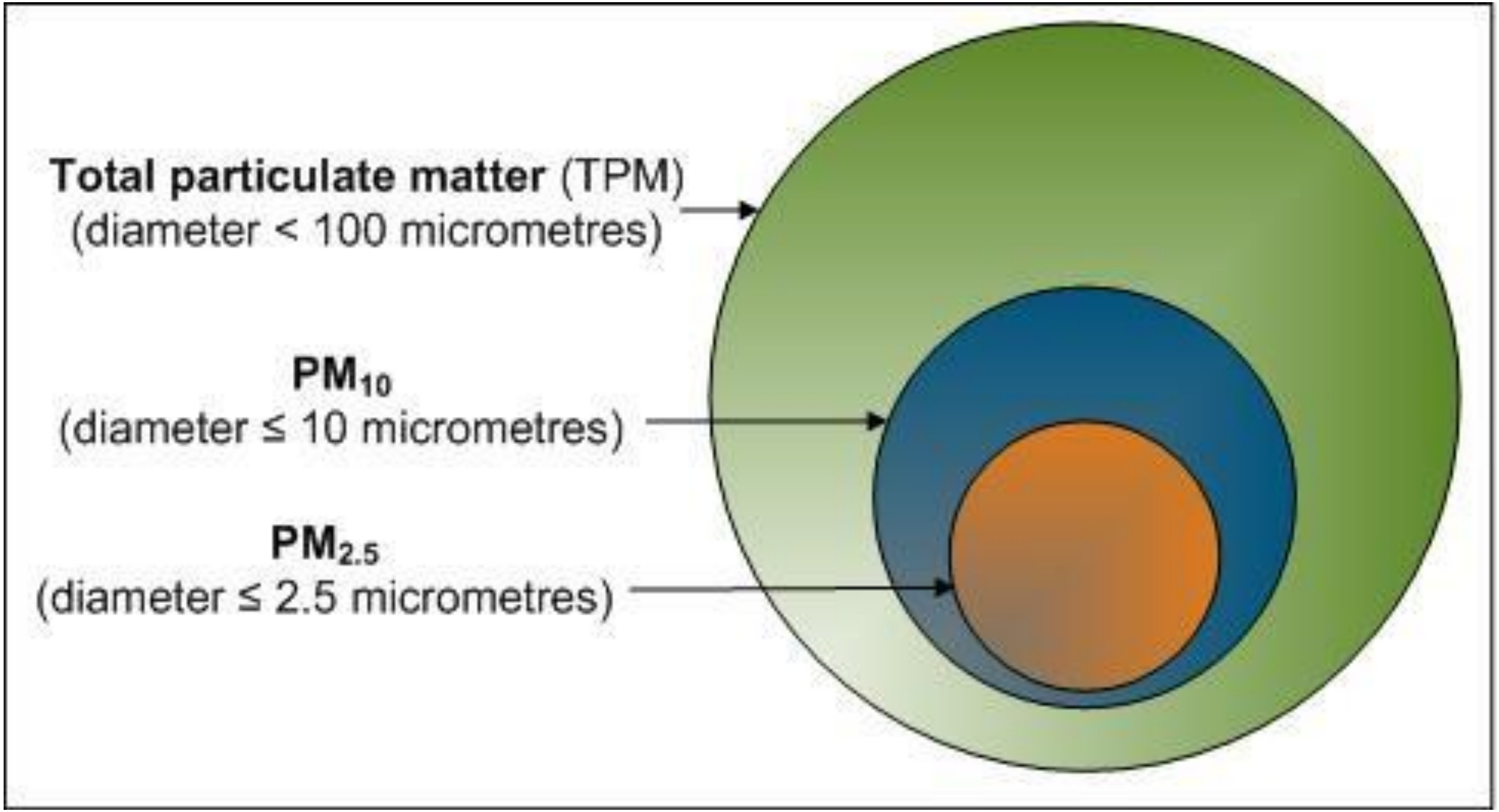
Bejing, Jan., 2013

$PM_{2.5}$ = 122 ug/m^3

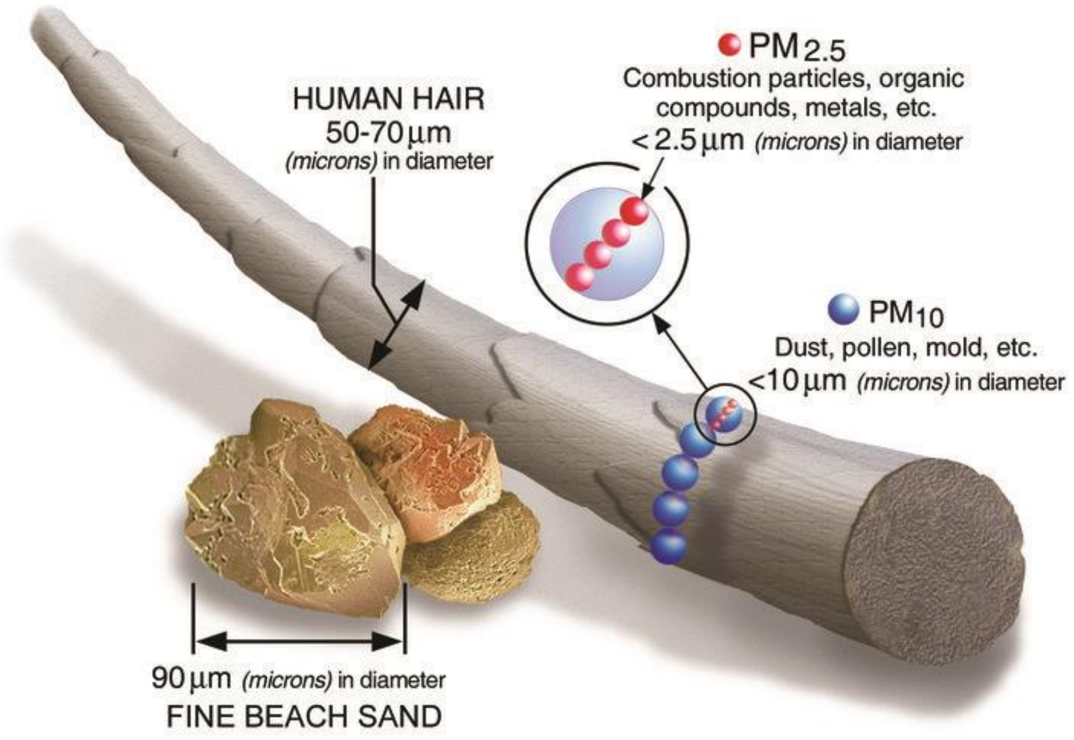
Tiananmen Square, Jan. 23rd, 2013

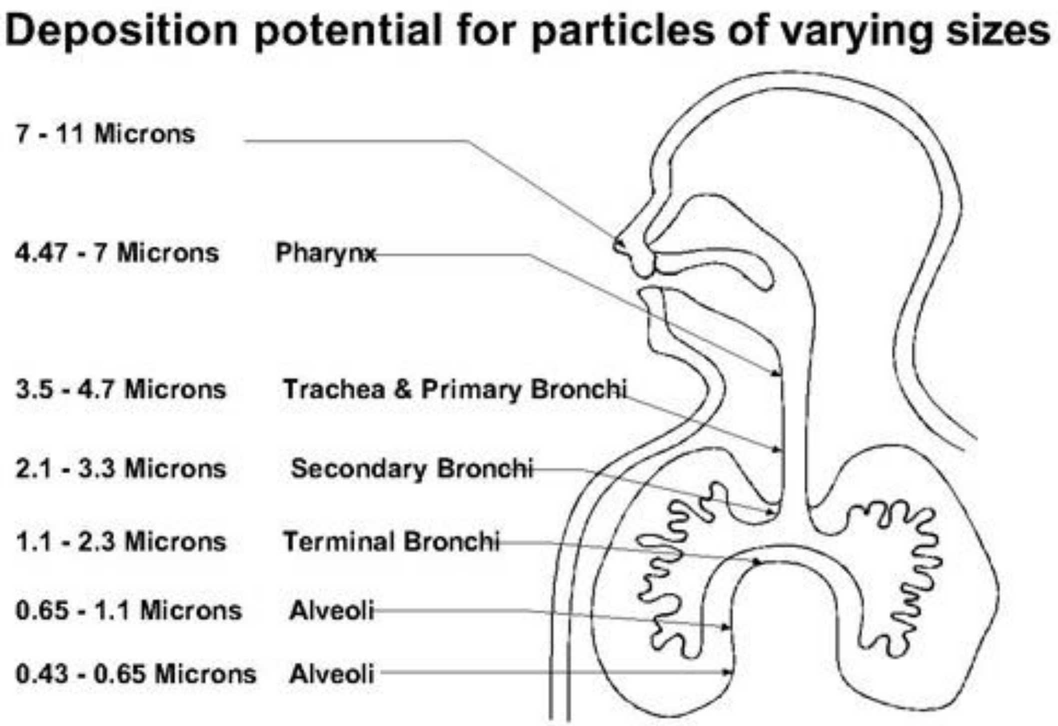
BC Forest Fires: July – August 2017




Total particulate matter (TPM)
(diameter < 100 micrometres)
PM10
(diameter ≤ 10 micrometres)
PM2.5
(diameter ≤ 2.5 micrometres)

Size matters





Classification and properties of atmospheric particulates

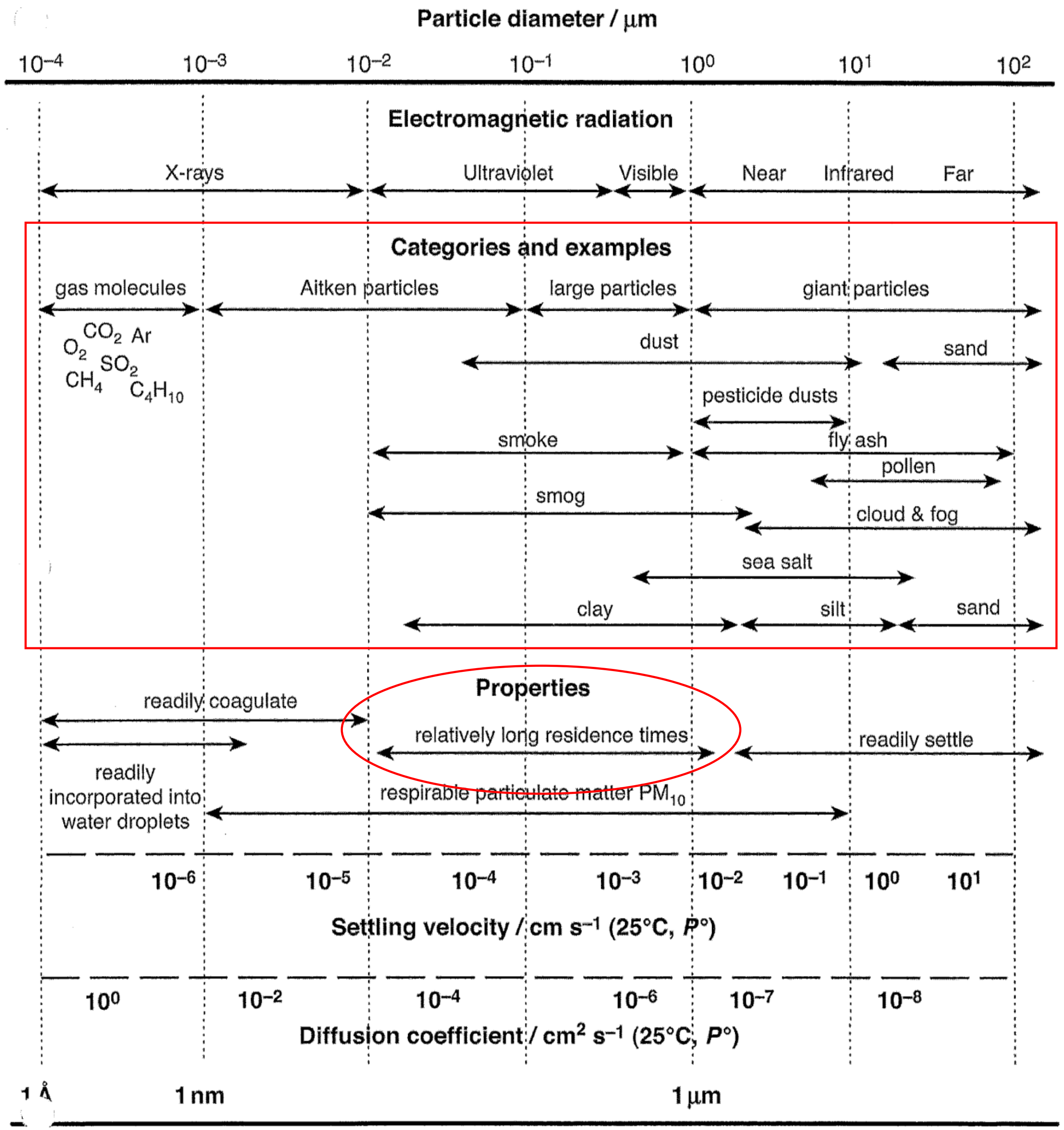
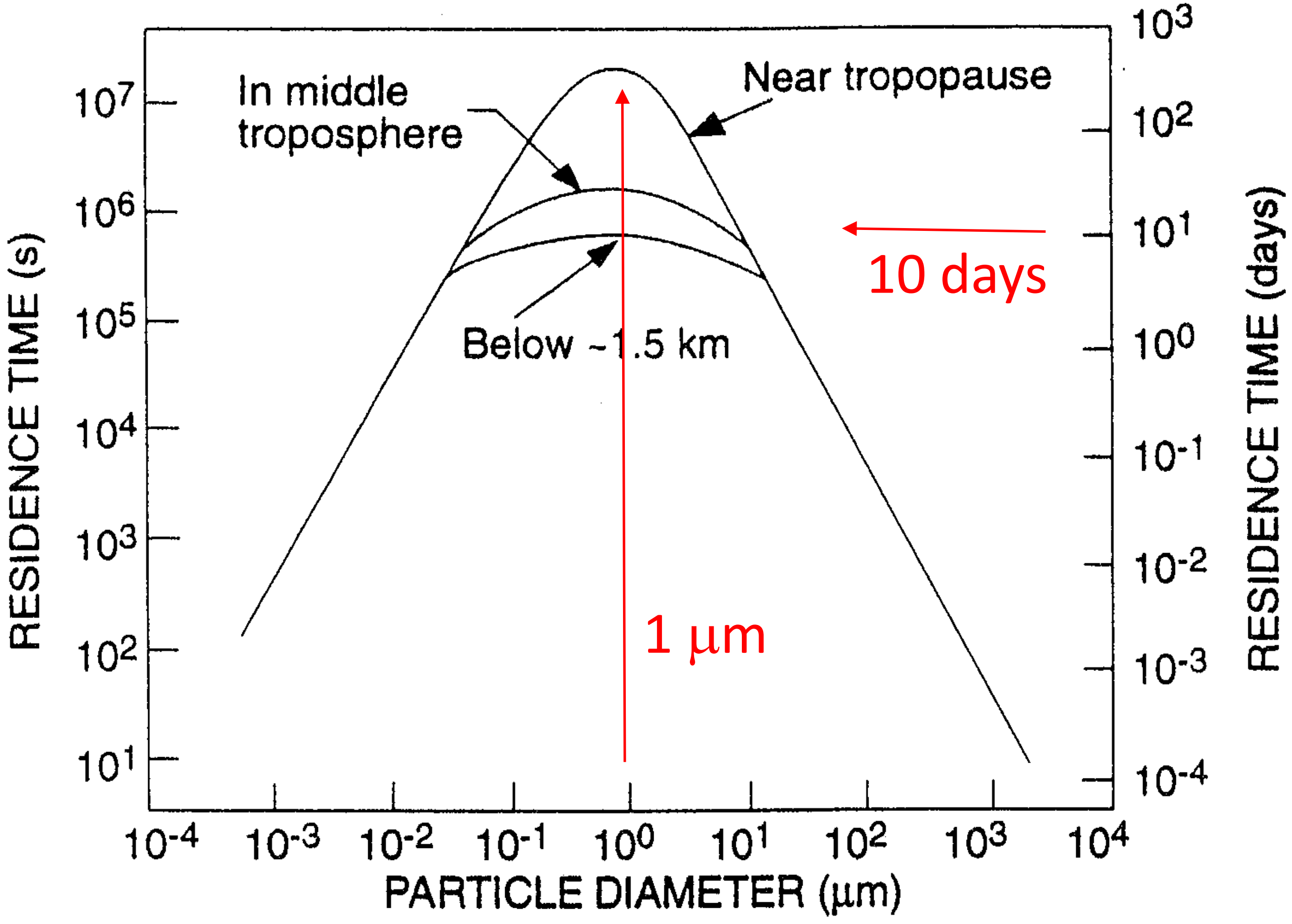


Fig. 6.1 Van Loon

Residence time of atmospheric aerosols



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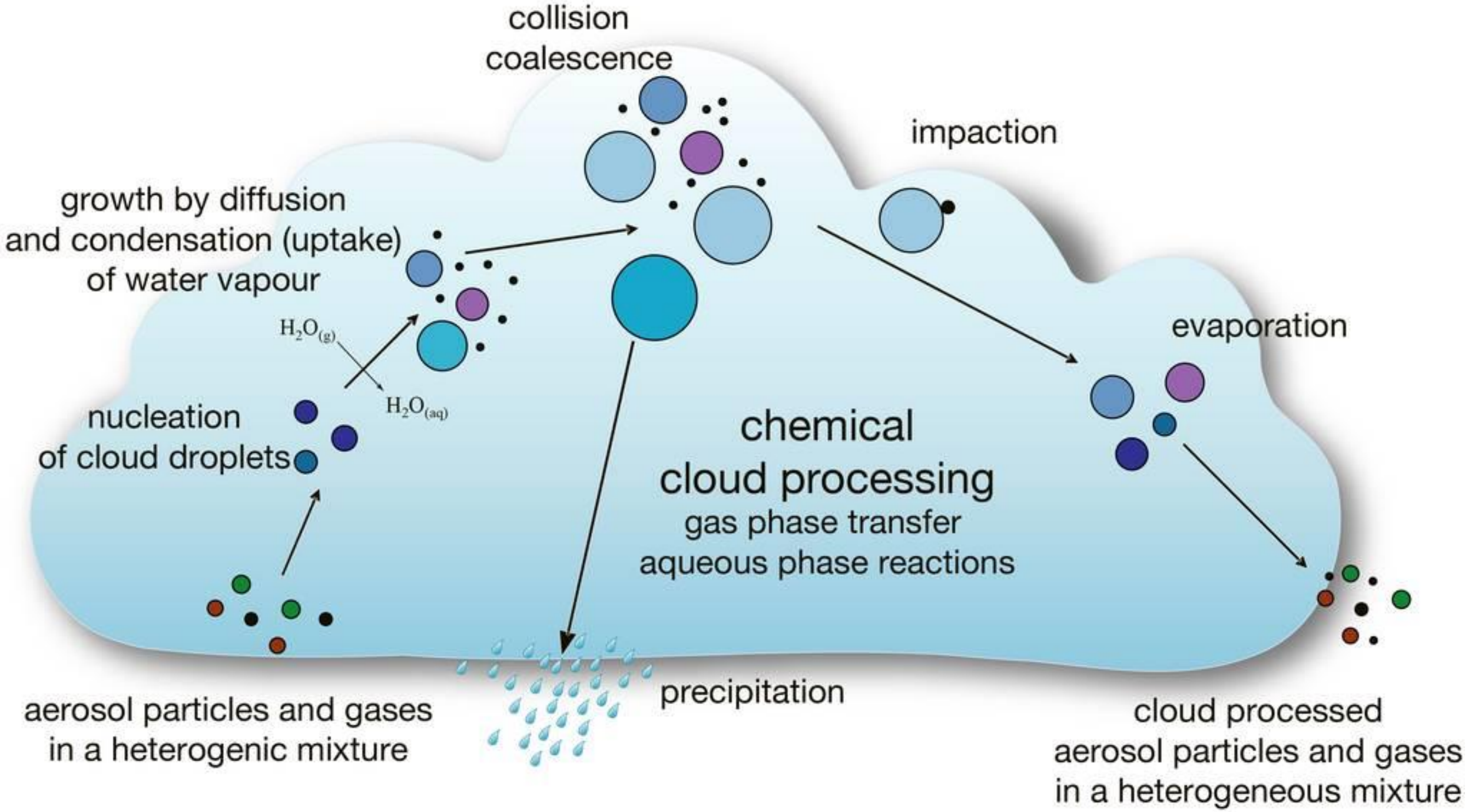
Aerosol Processes

- Diffusion
- Coagulation
- Condensation
- Chemical reactions
- Sedimentation


collision
coalescence
impaction
growth by diffusion
and condensation (uptake)
of water vapour
$H_2O_{(g)}$
$H_2O_{(aq)}$
nucleation
of cloud droplets
chemical
cloud processing
gas phase transfer
aqueous phase reactions
evaporation
precipitation
aerosol particles and gases
in a heterogenic mixture
cloud processed
aerosol particles and gases
in a heterogeneous mixture

2. Sources and measurement

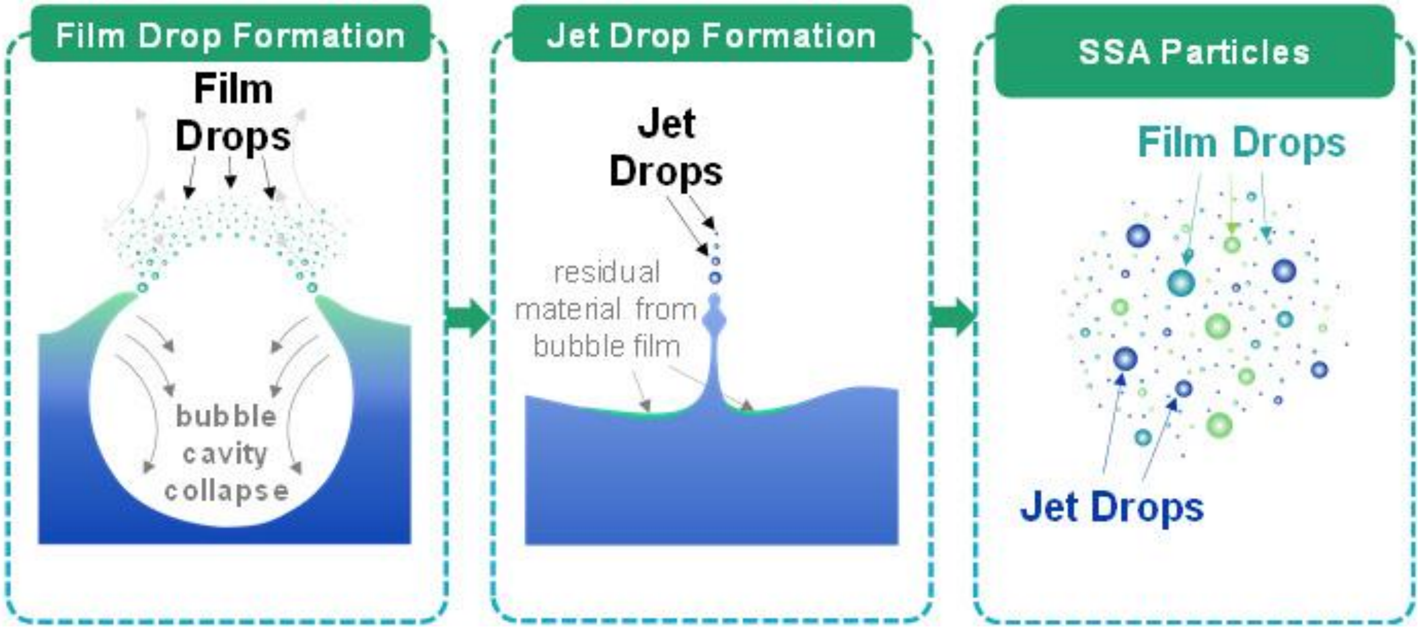
- Sea spray
- Dust
- Combustion
- Condensation –inorganic and organic
- Arctic haze
- Volcanoes

Sea spray

Chemical Concentration Factors (CCF)

$$CCF = \frac{(C_x / C_{Na})_{aerosol}}{(C_x / C_{Na})_{seawater}}$$

CCF > 100 for some heavy metals
(e.g., Hg, Cd, Pb)
&
organics



After water evaporation
fine salt aerosol remains
(i.e., 5 – 300 pg of NaCl(s))

Dust

Chemical composition reflects source

- Natural → soil and rock types
- Anthropogenic → brake lining, tire components, cement, construction materials

Combustion aerosols

- Forest fires
- Volcanoes
- Internal combustion engines
- Coal burning power plants
- Industry, roasting and smelting

Fly Ash & Bottom Ash

Inorganic minerals (Ca, Mg, SO_4 etc)

Trace metals (Hg, Pb, Cd, Se, As)

Soot – elemental carbon

Trace organics (PAHs, PCBs etc)

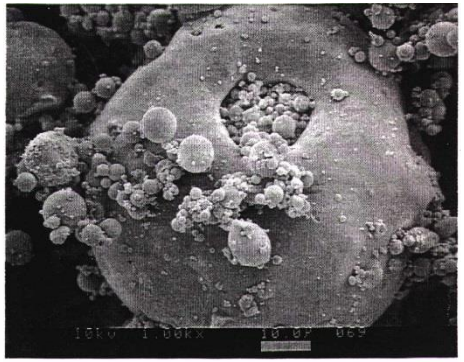
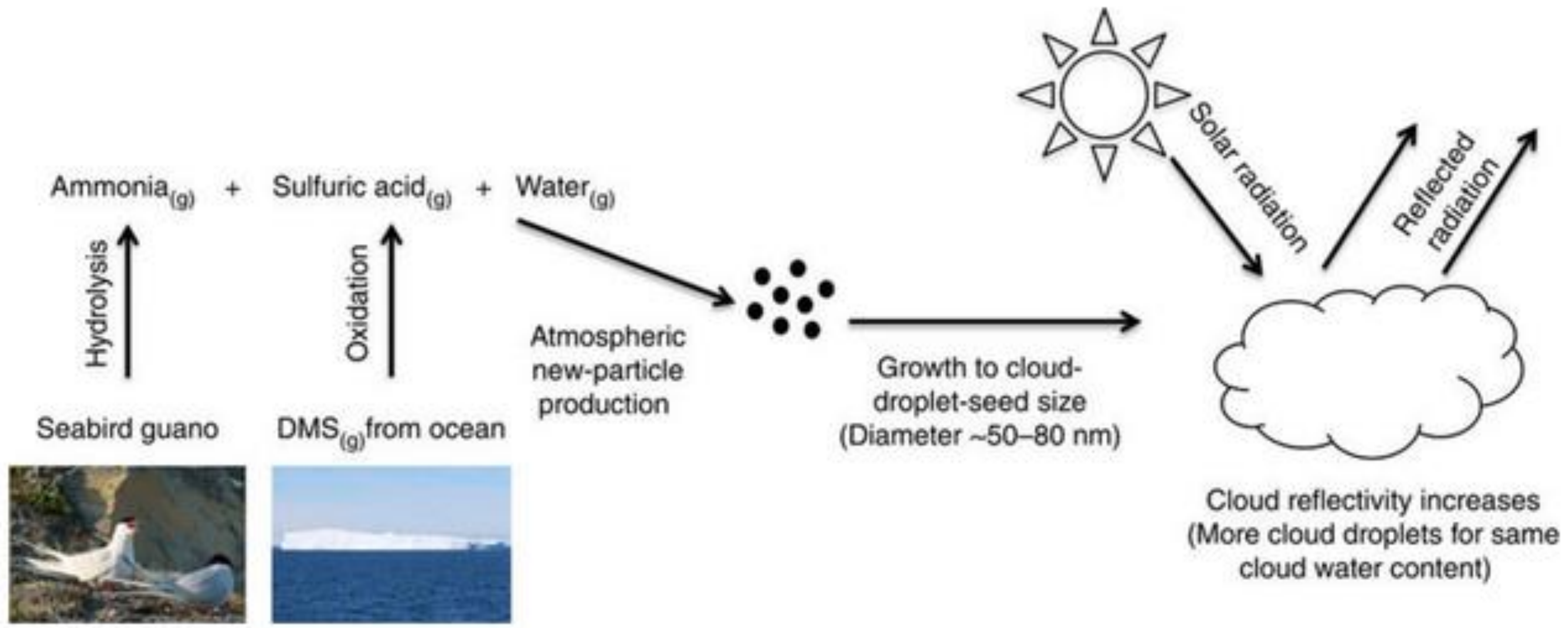


Figure 2.3.2. Fly ash showing large plerospheres containing smaller cenospheres (courtesy of Hills, 1995).

Condensation aerosols

Inorganics: Ammonium Sulfate and Ammonium Hydrogen Sulfate

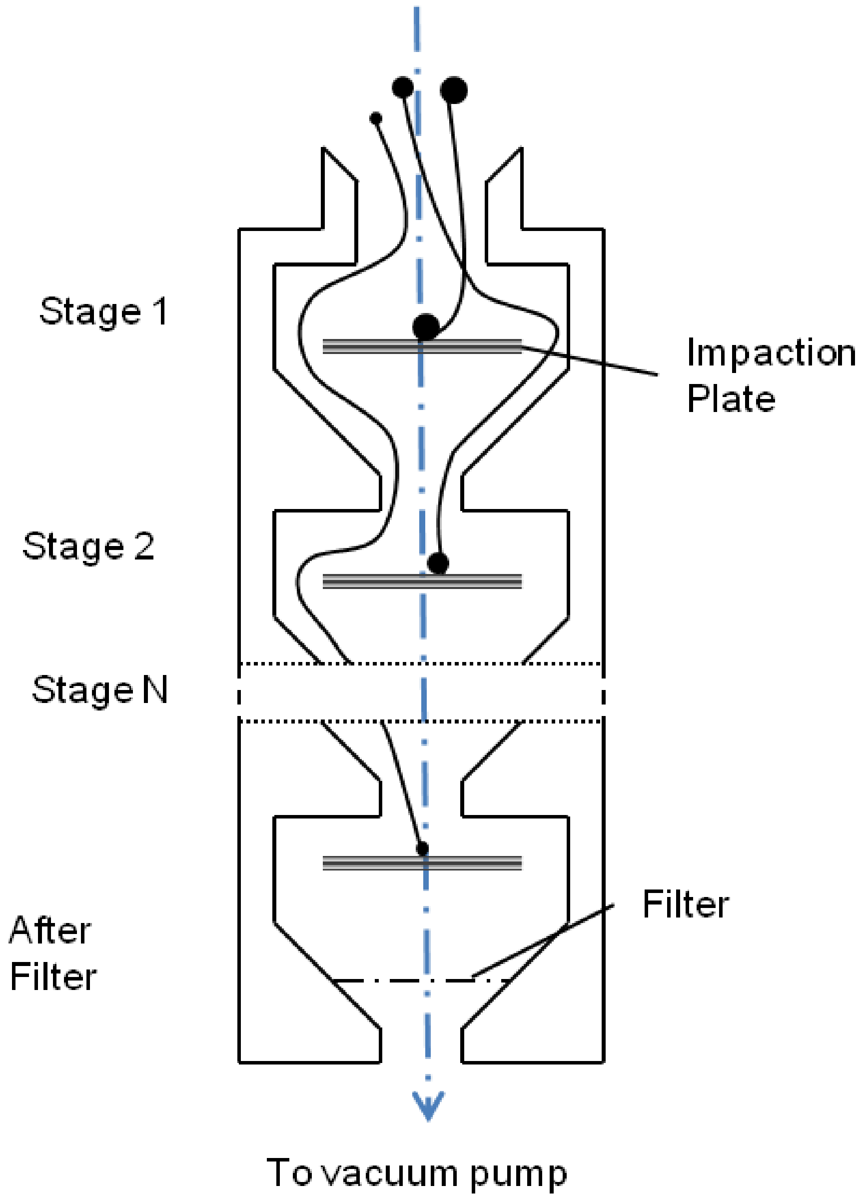
From: Contribution of Arctic seabird-colony ammonia to atmospheric particles and cloud-albedo radiative effect



Schematic summary of processes that couple Arctic seabird-colony ammonia emissions with climate.

Measurement
Particle Size Fractionation

aerodynamic impactors



Measurement
Optical Particle Sizer & Counter

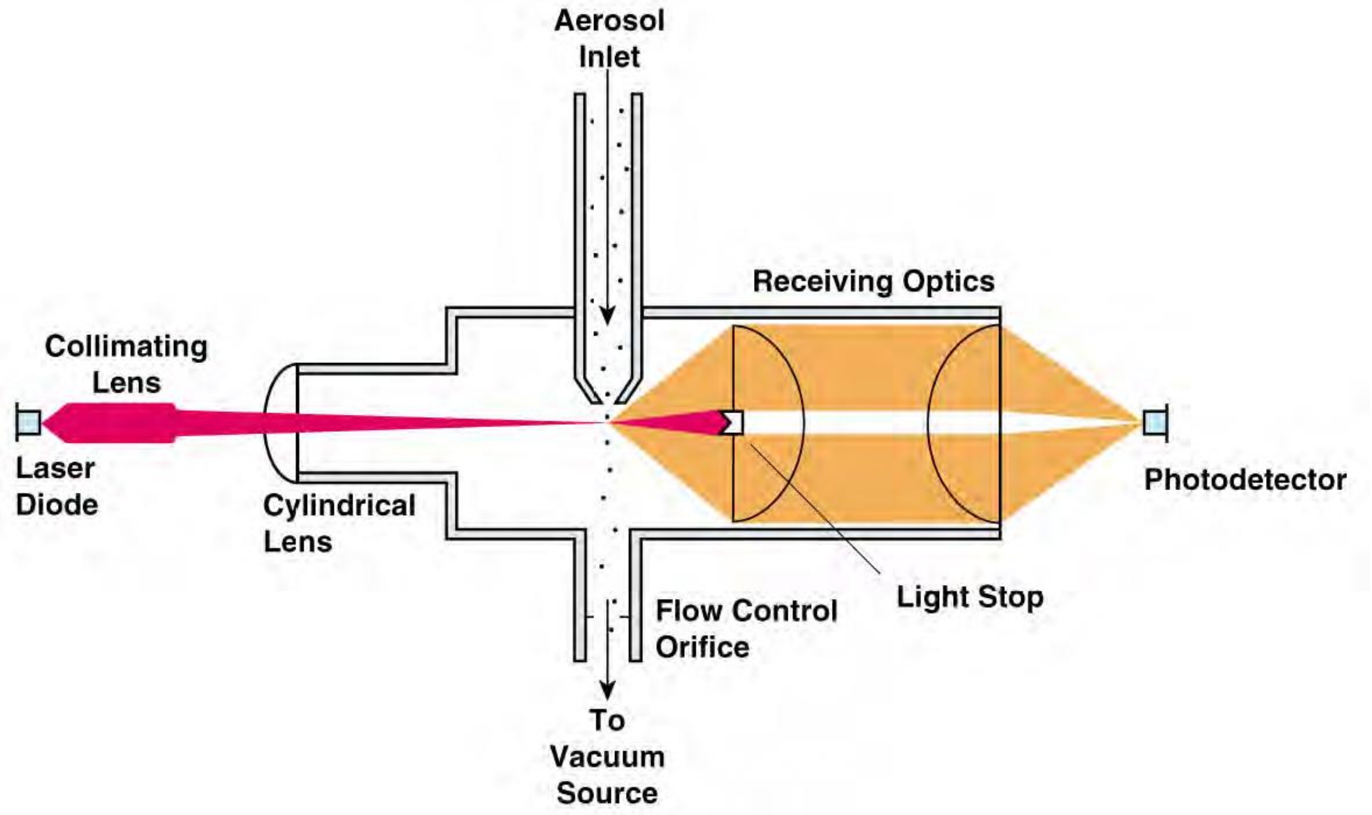
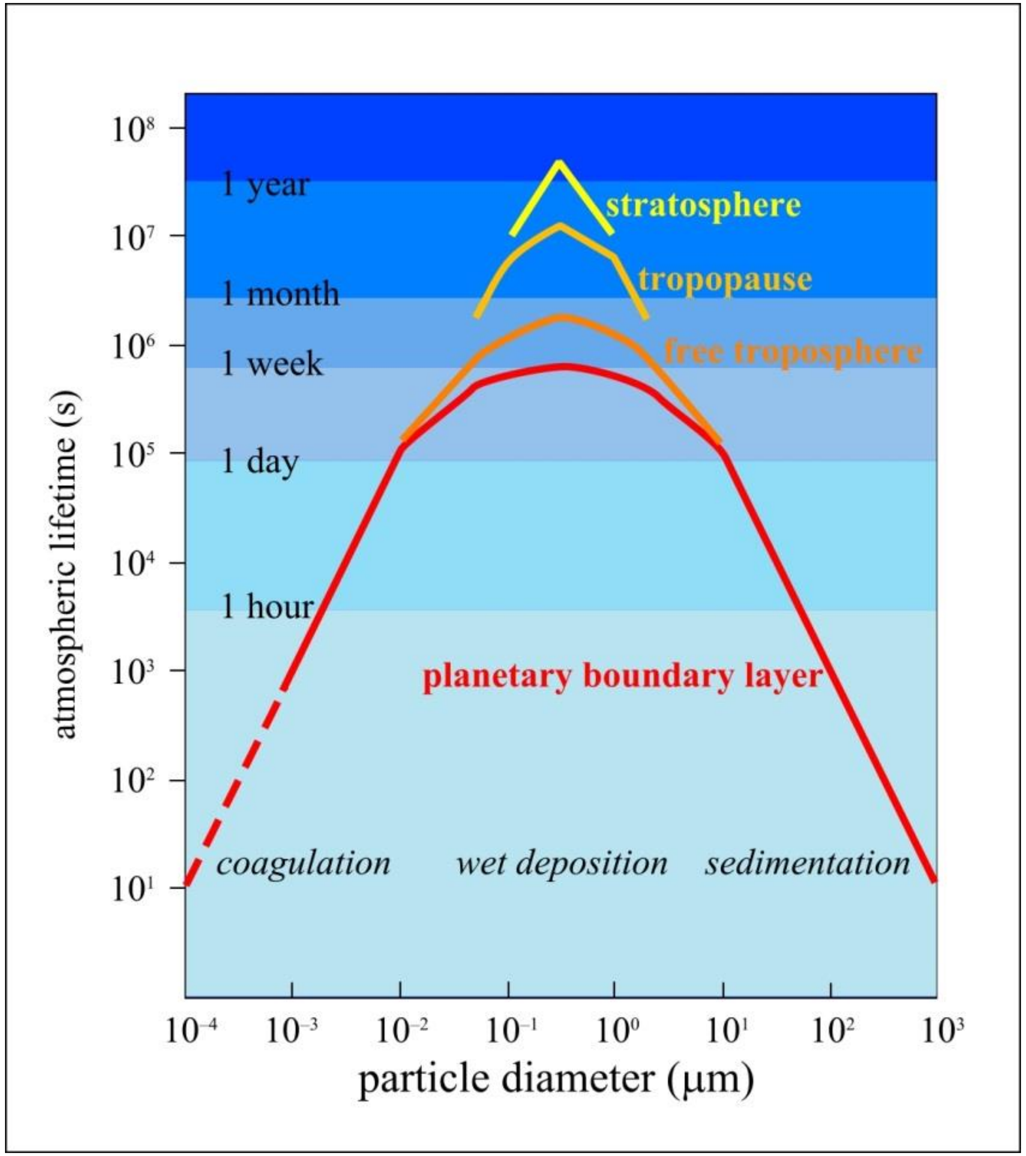


Figure 2
Flow Through an Optical Particle Counter

3. Concentrations and Residence times

Concentrations reported as either
Number density (# particles/m^3)
Mass density (μg/m^3)

Typical range:	10 – 500 μg/m^3
Rural forested	10 – 50 μg/m^3
Open ocean	10 – 150 μg/m^3
Urban	10 - 300+ μg/m^3



Settling velocity

$$v_t = \frac{(\rho_p - \rho_{air})\ C\ g\ d_p^2}{18\eta}$$

meters per second

ρ_p = density of particle (g m^{-3})

ρ_{air} = density of air (g m^{-3})

C = correction factor (see Table 6.4 Textbook)

g = 9.81 m s^{-2}

d_p = diameter of particle (m)

η = 1.9 x 10^{-2} g m^{-1} s^{-1} at T=298K, P= 1atm

Coagulation kinetics

$$\frac{-dN}{dt} = 4\pi D C d_p N^2$$

$$\frac{-dN}{dt} = k_2 N^2$$

where $k_2 = 4\pi D C d_p$

N = **is number density of the aerosol particles (in particles/m^3)**

D = **is the diffusion coefficent of the aerosol particle**

C = **is a correction term which depends on the particle diameter**

d_p = **is the particle diameter (in m)**

Table 6.4 Aerosol transport properties assuming spherical particles, density 2.0 g cm^{-3}, in air at P^o and 25 °C

d_p/μm	C	v_t/cm s^{-1}	D/m^2 s^{-1}	$t_{1/2}$
0.001	216		5.14×10^{-6}	1 min
0.005	43.6		2.07×10^{-7}	0.5 h
0.01	22.2		5.24×10^{-8}	2 h
0.05	4.95		2.35×10^{-9}	38 h
0.1	2.85	1.7×10^{-4}	6.75×10^{-10}	110 h
0.5	1.326	2.0×10^{-3}	6.32×10^{-11}	520 h
1.0	1.164	6.8×10^{-3}	2.77×10^{-11}	690 h
5.0	1.032	1.5×10^{-1}		
10.0	1.016	6.0×10^{-1}		
50.0	1.003	15		
100.0	1.0016	58		

For half-life calculations, particle number density in the atmosphere is taken as 10^9 m^{-3}.

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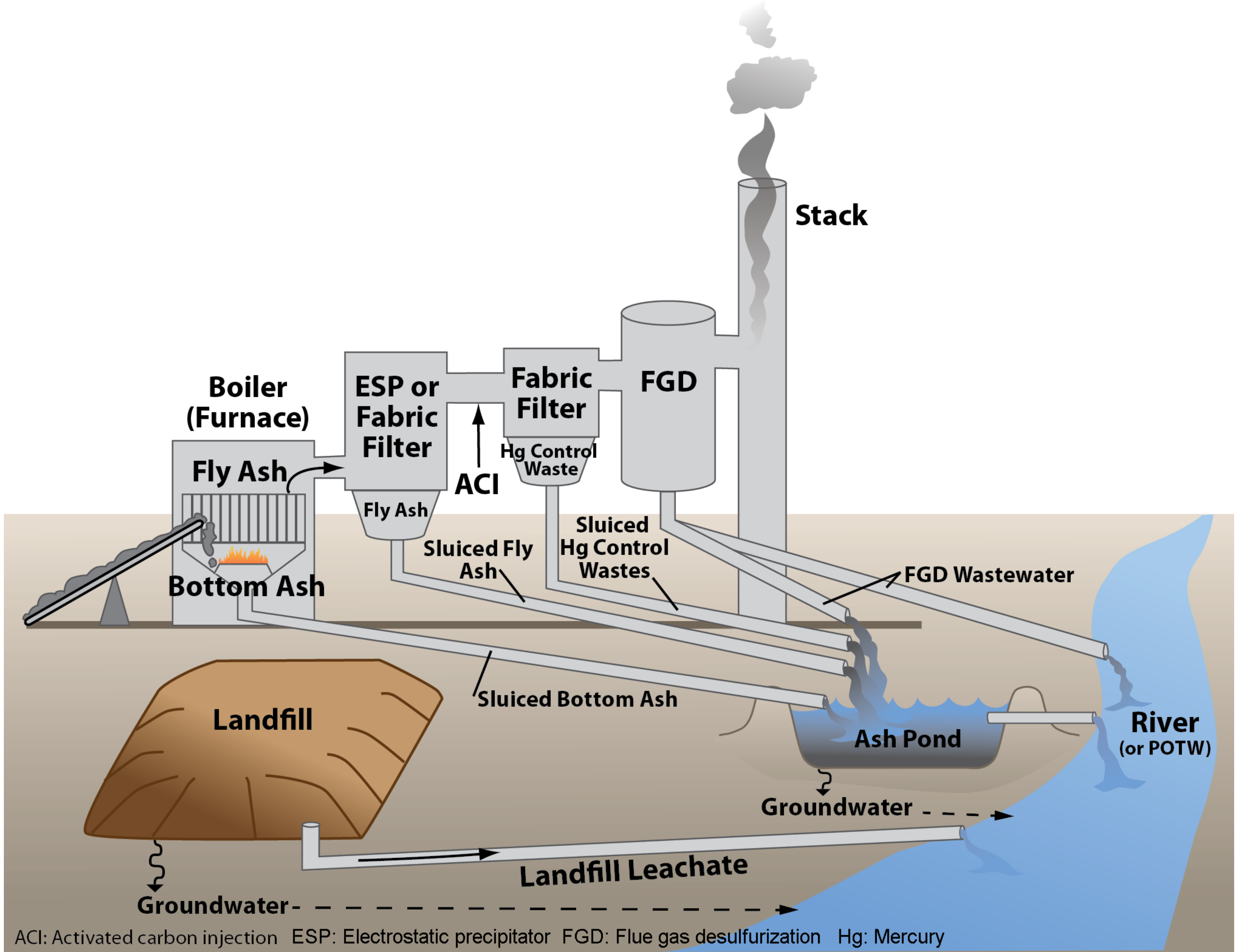
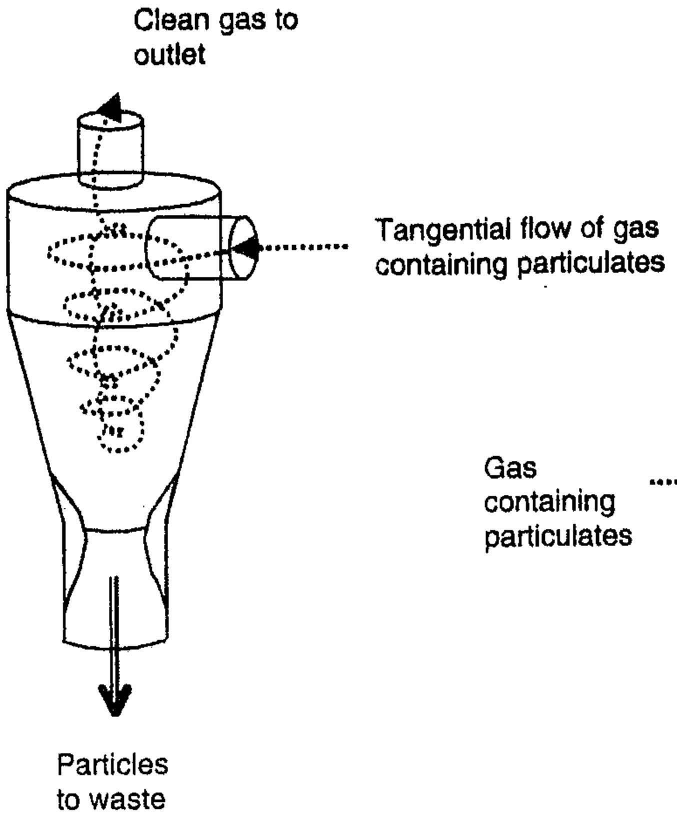
4. Emission controls and abatement technology

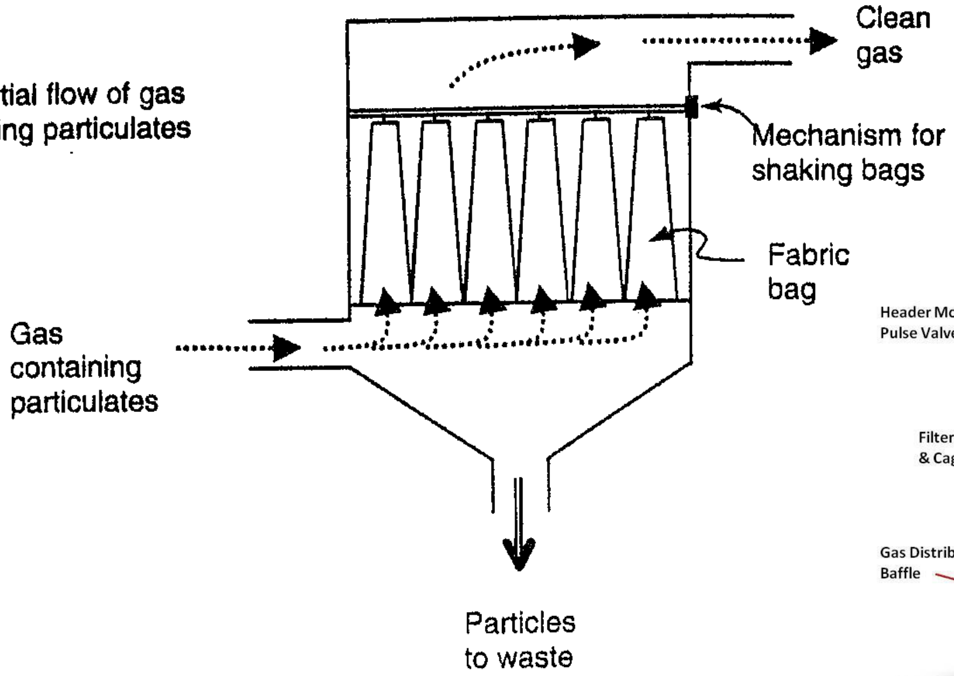


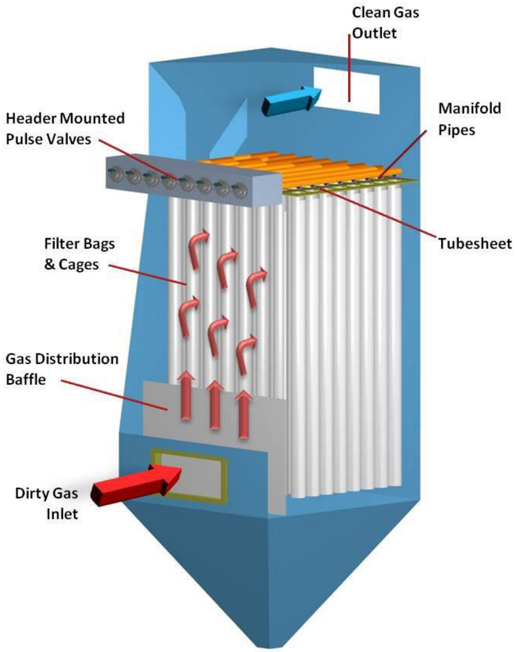
Aerosol control for larger particles

Cyclone precipitator



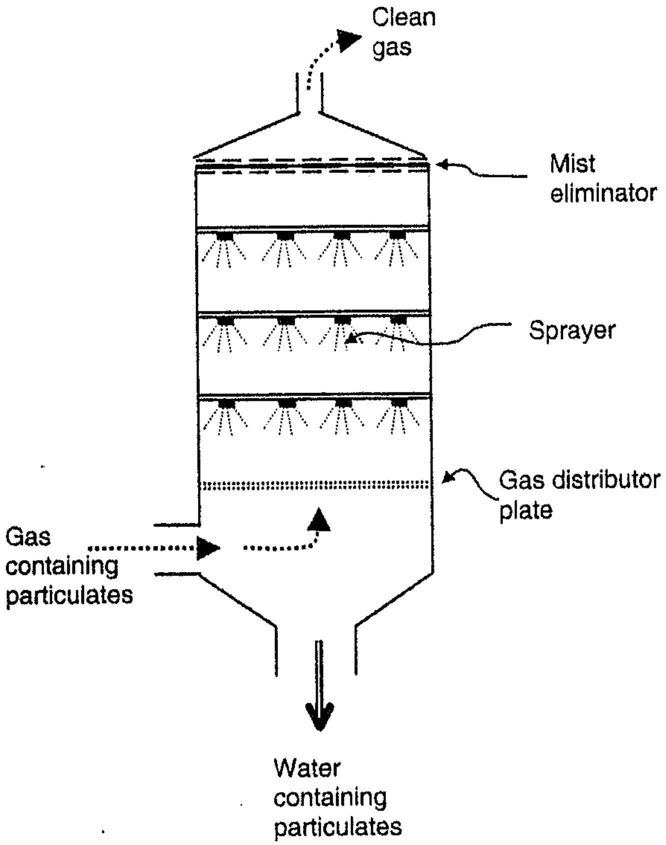
Fabric filtration



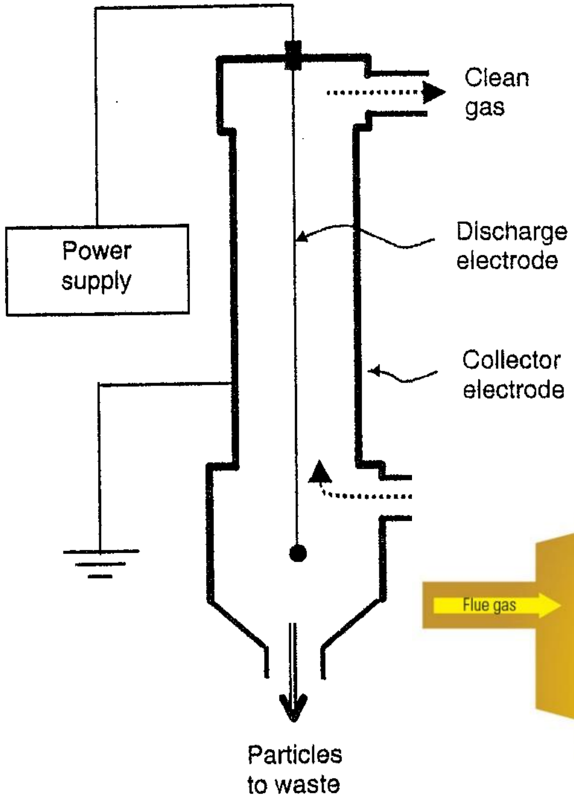


Aerosol control for smaller particles

Wet Scrubber



Electrostatic Precipitator



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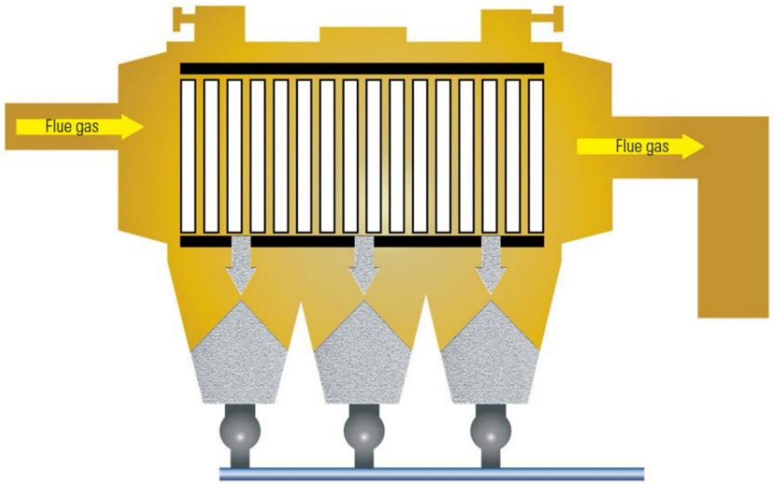

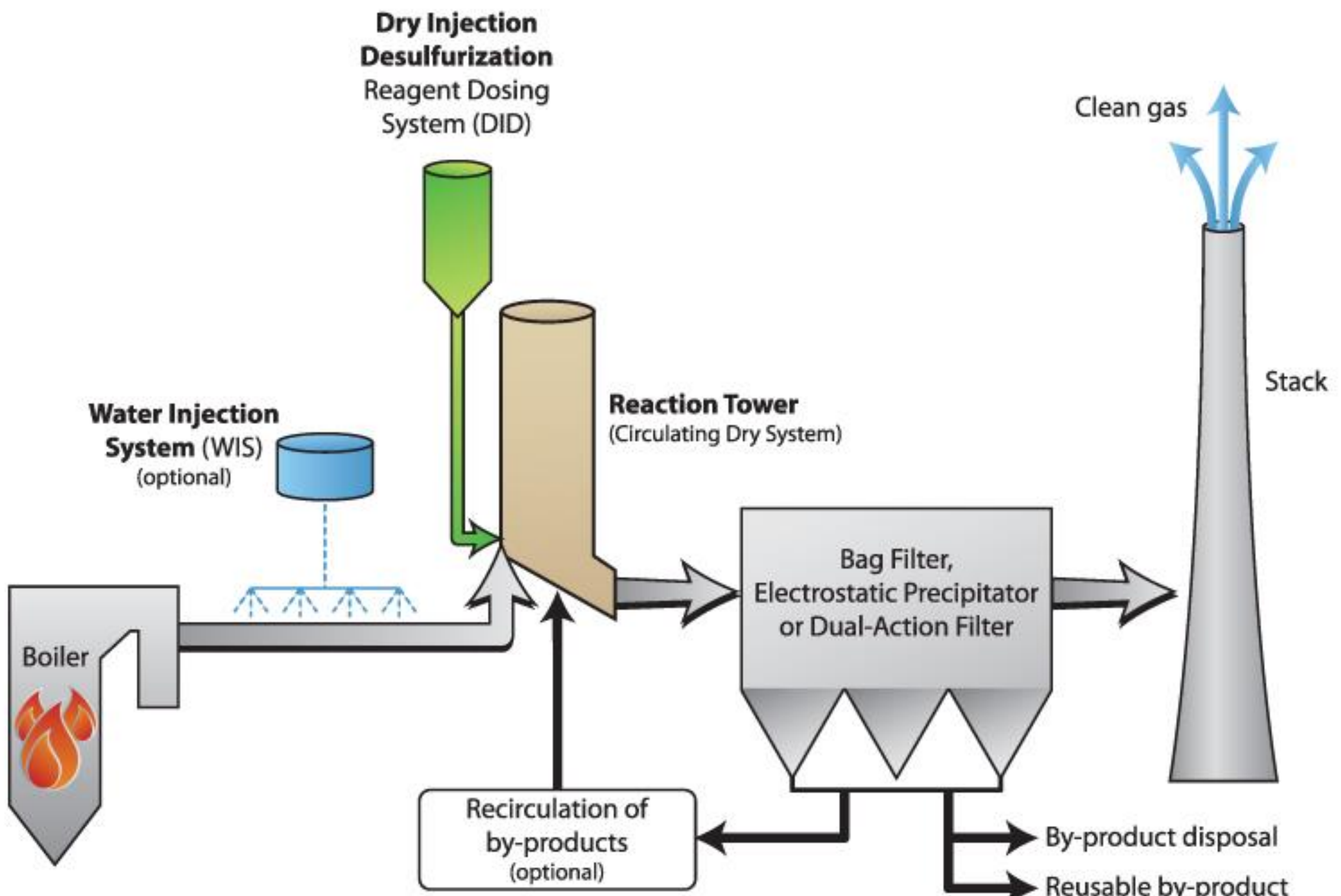

Dry Injection
Desulfurization
Reagent Dosing
System (DID)
Clean gas
Stack
Reaction Tower
(Circulating Dry System)
Water Injection
System (WIS)
(optional)
Bag Filter,
Electrostatic Precipitator
or Dual-Action Filter
Boiler
Recirculation of
by-products
(optional)
By-product disposal
Reusable by-product

Cyclone Collection (Particle Removal) Efficiency Formula

$$\eta = \frac{1}{1 + (d_{pc}/d_p)^2}$$

η – fractional particle collection efficiency
d_{pc} – diameter of particle collected with 50% efficiency in m
d_p – diameter of particle of interest in m

Size distribution of aerosols in engine exhaust