

**(Management Topic in Environmental Studies)**

B. Tech 7<sup>TH</sup> semester



## AIR POLLUTION

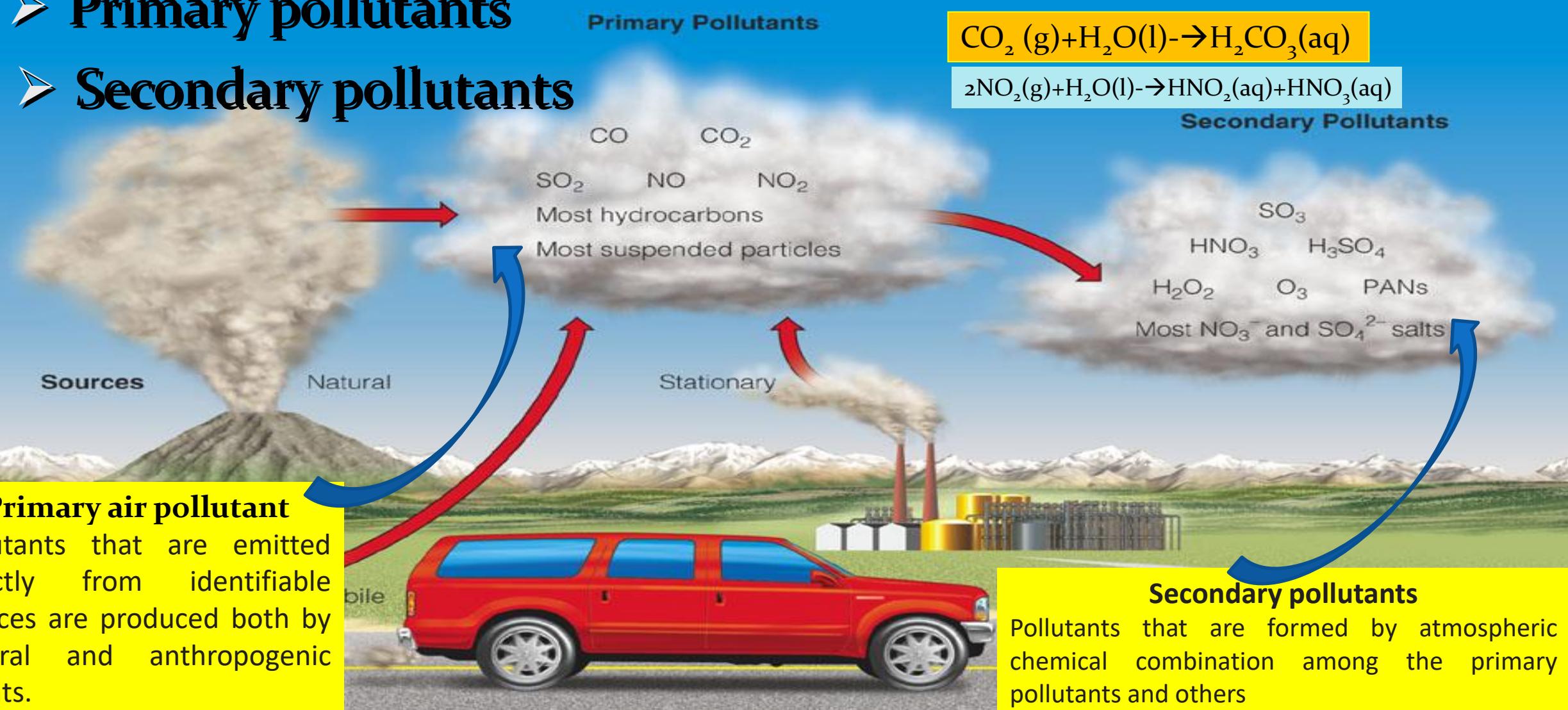
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# Definition

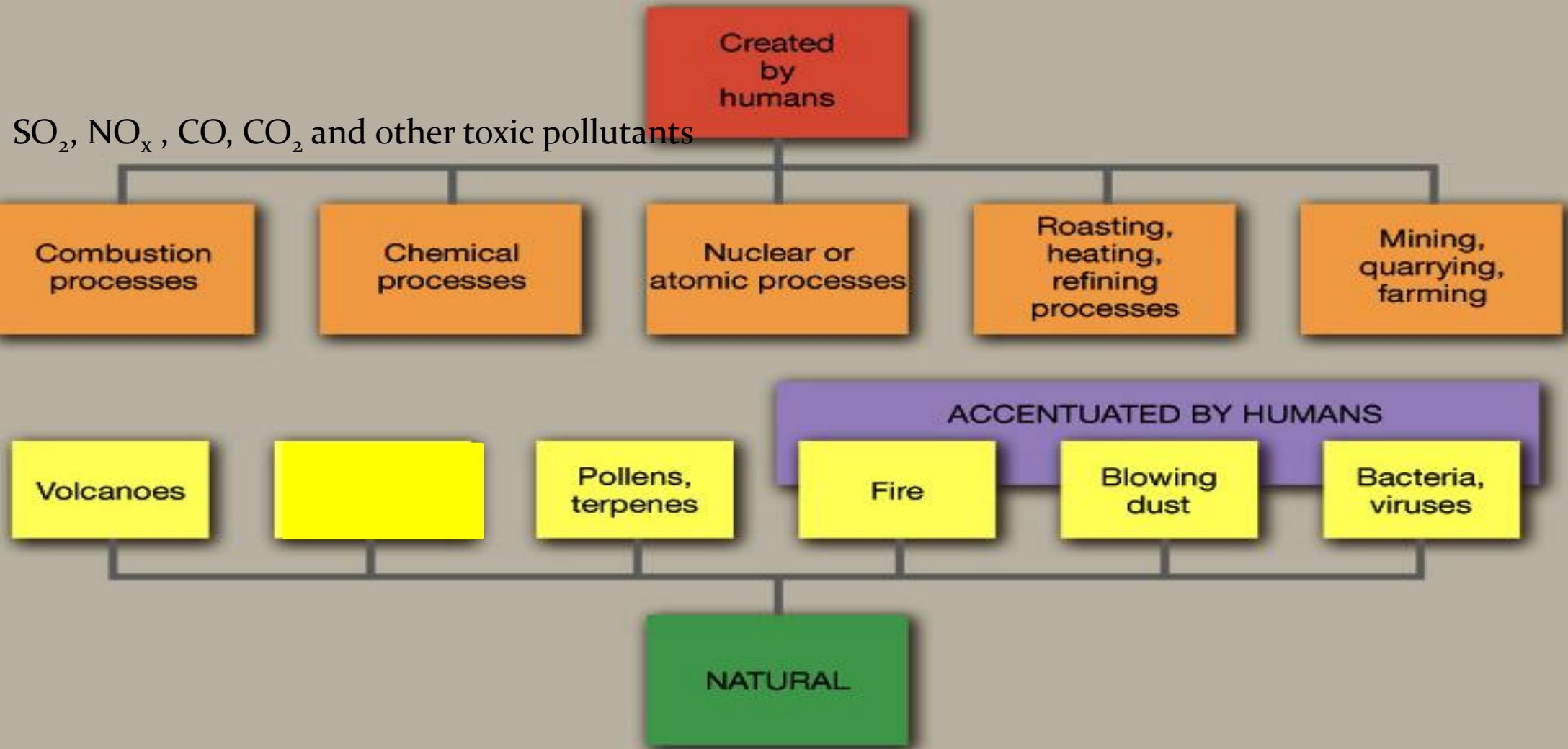
Air pollution: presence of one or more contaminants in such quantities and of such durations which tend to be *injurious to human, animal or plant life, or property, or which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property or conduct of business.*

# Major Classes of air pollutants

- Primary pollutants
- Secondary pollutants



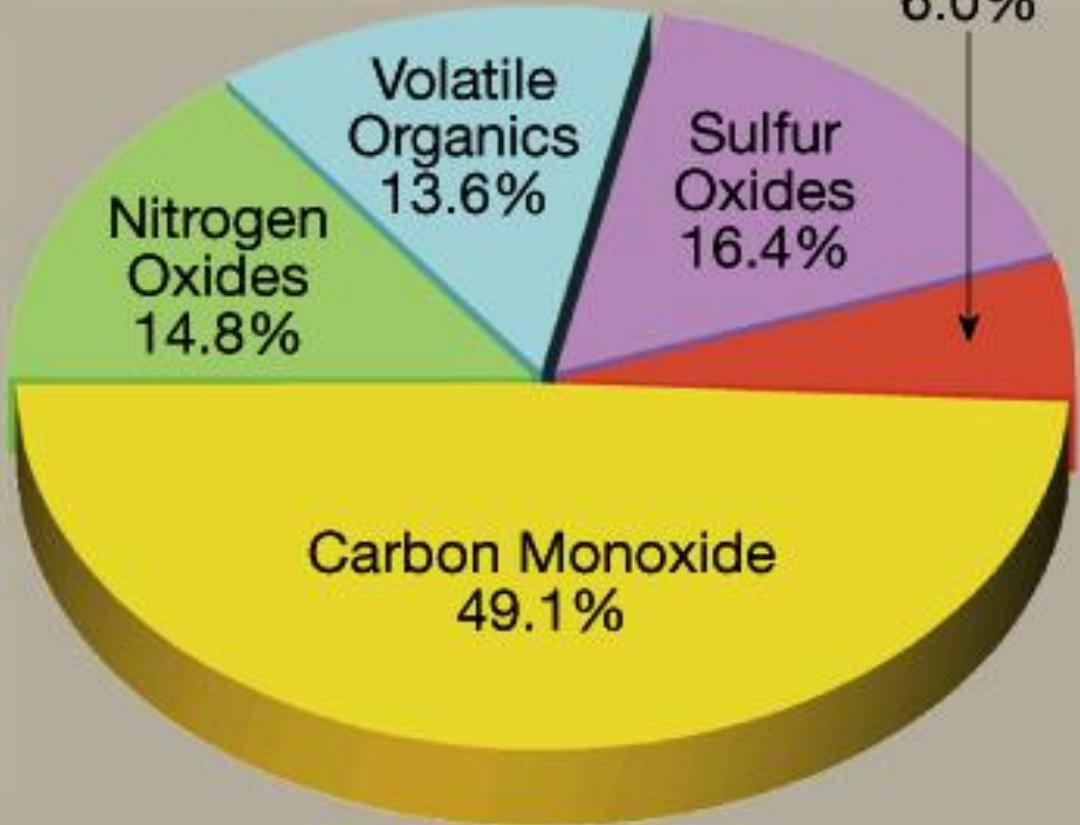
## SOURCES OF PRIMARY POLLUTANTS



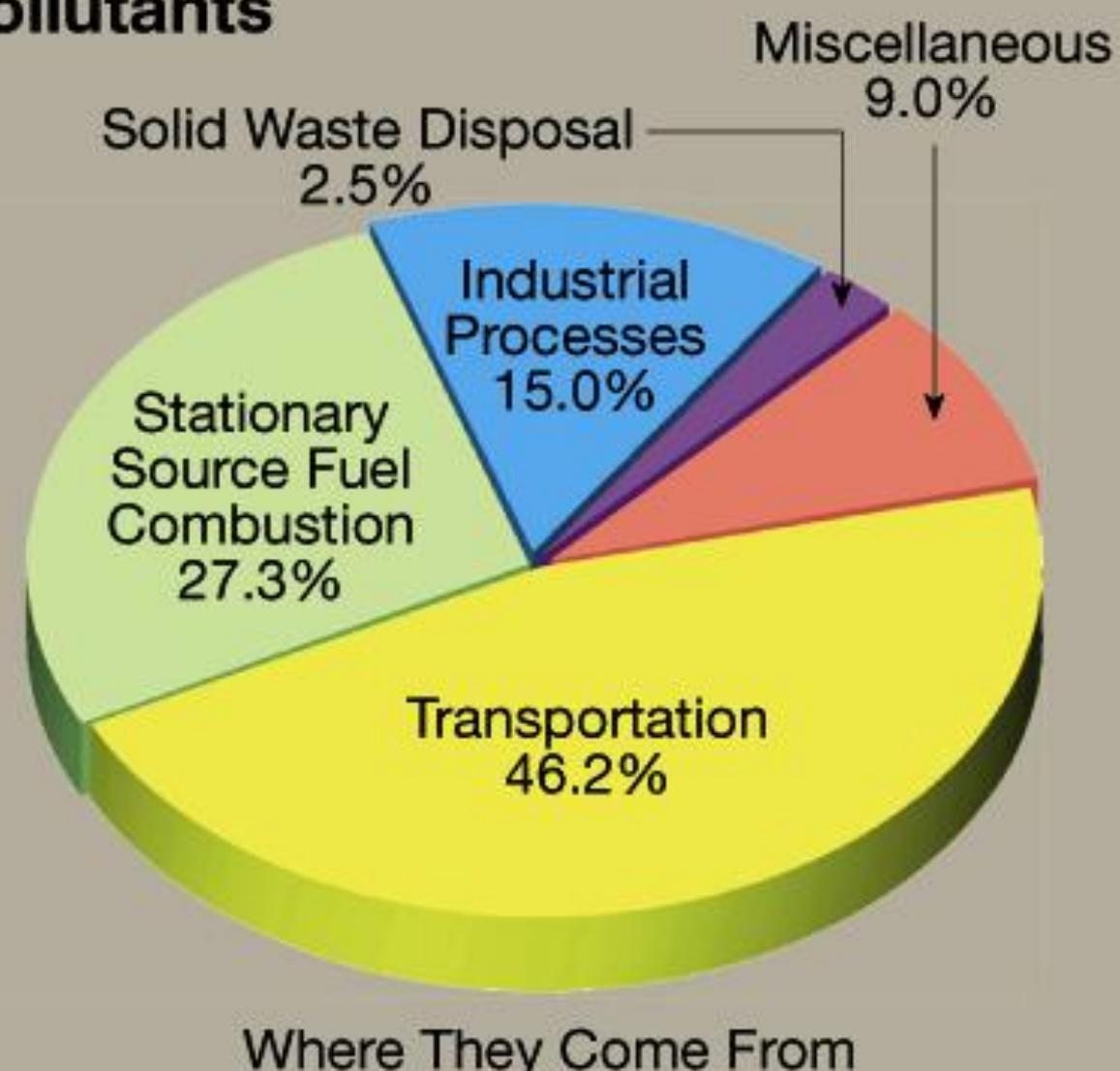
**Table 1: Sources, Health and Welfare Effects for Criteria Pollutants.**

Pollutant	Description	Sources	Health Effects	Welfare Effects
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Colorless, odorless gas	Motor vehicle exhaust, indoor sources include kerosene or wood burning stoves.	Headaches, reduced mental alertness, heart attack, cardiovascular diseases, impaired fetal development, death.	Contribute to the formation of smog.
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Colorless gas that dissolves in water vapor to form acid, and interact with other gases and particles in the air.	Coal-fired power plants, petroleum refineries, manufacture of sulfuric acid and smelting of ores containing sulfur.	Eye irritation, wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, lung damage.	Contribute to the formation of acid rain, visibility impairment, plant and water damage, aesthetic damage.
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	Reddish brown, highly reactive gas.	Motor vehicles, electric utilities, and other industrial, commercial, and residential sources that burn fuels.	Susceptibility to respiratory infections, irritation of the lung and respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, chest pain, difficulty breathing).	Contribute to the formation of smog, acid rain, water quality deterioration, global warming, and visibility impairment.
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	Gaseous pollutant when it is formed in the troposphere.	Vehicle exhaust and certain other fumes. Formed from other air pollutants in the presence of sunlight.	Eye and throat irritation, coughing, respiratory tract problems, asthma, lung damage.	Plant and ecosystem damage.
Lead (Pb)	Metallic element	Metal refineries, lead smelters, battery manufacturers, iron and steel producers.	Anemia, high blood pressure, brain and kidney damage, neurological disorders, cancer, lowered IQ.	Affects animals and plants, affects aquatic ecosystems.
Particulate Matter (PM)	Very small particles of soot, dust, or other matter, including tiny droplets of liquids.	Diesel engines, power plants, industries, windblown dust, wood stoves.	Eye irritation, asthma, bronchitis, lung damage, cancer, heavy metal poisoning, cardiovascular effects.	Visibility impairment, atmospheric deposition, aesthetic damage.

- i) Gaseous air pollutant
- ii) Particulate matter (Dust)



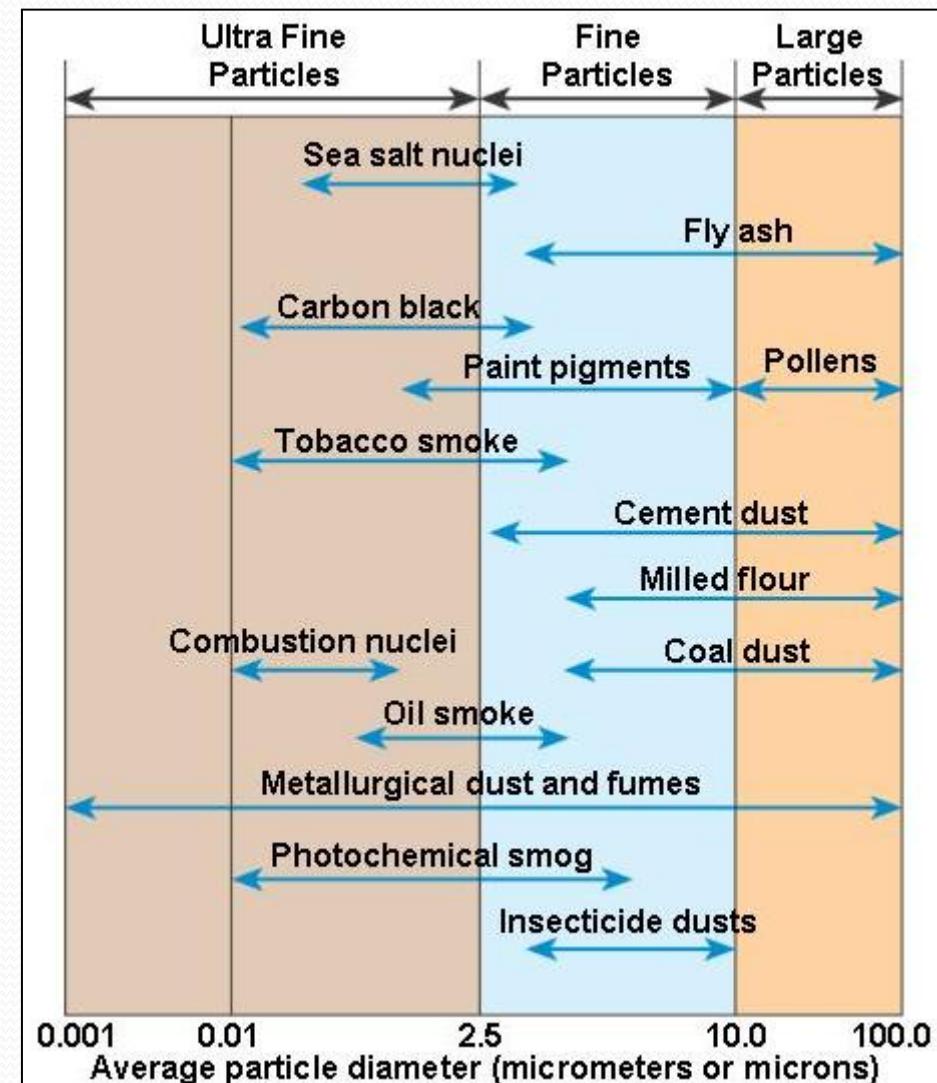
### Primary Pollutants



# Particulate matter

Besides technical names PM10 and PM2.5, the popular names of particulate

- **Mist:** Aerosol consisting of liquid droplets Sulfuric acid mist
- **Dust:** solid particles produced from larger particles by grinding them down
- **Smoke:** solid particles or a mixture of solid, Cigarette smoke
- **Fume:** Generally means the same as smoke but often applies Zinc/lead fumes specifically to aerosols produced by condensation of hot vapors of metals.
- **Fog:** Aerosol consisting of water droplets



# Air Quality Index (AQI) Values

TABLE 7.2 PSI VALUES AND AIR QUALITY DESCRIPTORS

PSI value	Descriptor
0–50	Good
51–100	Moderate
101–199	Unhealthful
200–299	Very unhealthful
≥300	Hazardous

TABLE 7.3 POLLUTANT STANDARDS INDEX (PSI) BREAKPOINTS

Index	1-hr O <sub>3</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	8-hr CO mg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-h TSP µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-hr SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	TSP × SO <sub>2</sub> 10 <sup>3</sup> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>
0	0	0	0	0	—
50	118	5	75	80	—
100	235	10	260	365	—
200	400	17	375	800	65
300	800	34	625	1600	261

Source: 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 58, 1982.

## National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)-2009

It was notified on 16-11-2009 by government of India. Some of the important air quality parameters are mentioned in the table

Pollutant parameter	unit	Averaging	Concentration in ambient air
			Industrial/residential area
Sulfur dioxide	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24 hourly	80
Nitrogen dioxide	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24 hourly	80
Particulate PM10	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24 hourly	100
Particulate PM2.5	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24 hourly	60
Carbon monoxide	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	8 hourly	2000
ozone	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	8 hourly	100

# Air pollution control:

# Control of Particulate matter

Pollution control methods	Removal mechanism	Particle size removal	efficiency	Design parameters
Gravity settling chamber	Gravity	>50 $\mu$	>50%	-
Cyclone separator	Centrifugal forces and gravity	>5 $\mu$	>85%	-
Bag filter	Interception, impaction and diffusion	< 0.1 $\mu$	>99%	Air to cloth or filtering ratio 0.5 to 5 m/minute
Electrostatic precipitator (ESP)	Electrostatic forces of attraction	< 0.1 $\mu$	>99%	

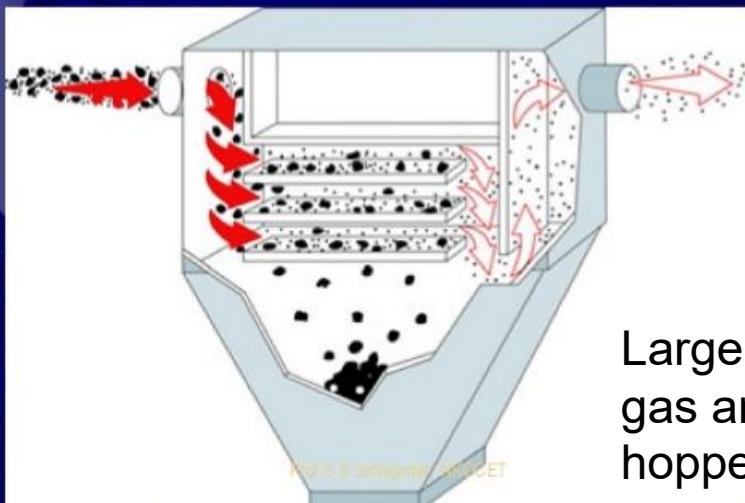
# Settling Chambers

**Principle:** Suddenly increase in flow cross sectional area of the influent dust laden air from a to A at constant flow rate, the horizontal velocity of the particulate matter drop down from V to v when it enter in to the settling chamber (with high cross sectional area) from a pipe (small cross sectional area) thus the horizontal momentum of the Particulate matter floating in the air decreases and the gravitational force over come the horizontal momentum, as a result the particulate matter move down ward due to gravity and settled in the bottom, and clean air exhausted in the out pipe of the settling chamber

Application many tray in settling chamber increases the settling area also reduces the vertical distance facilitate settling efficiently and quickly

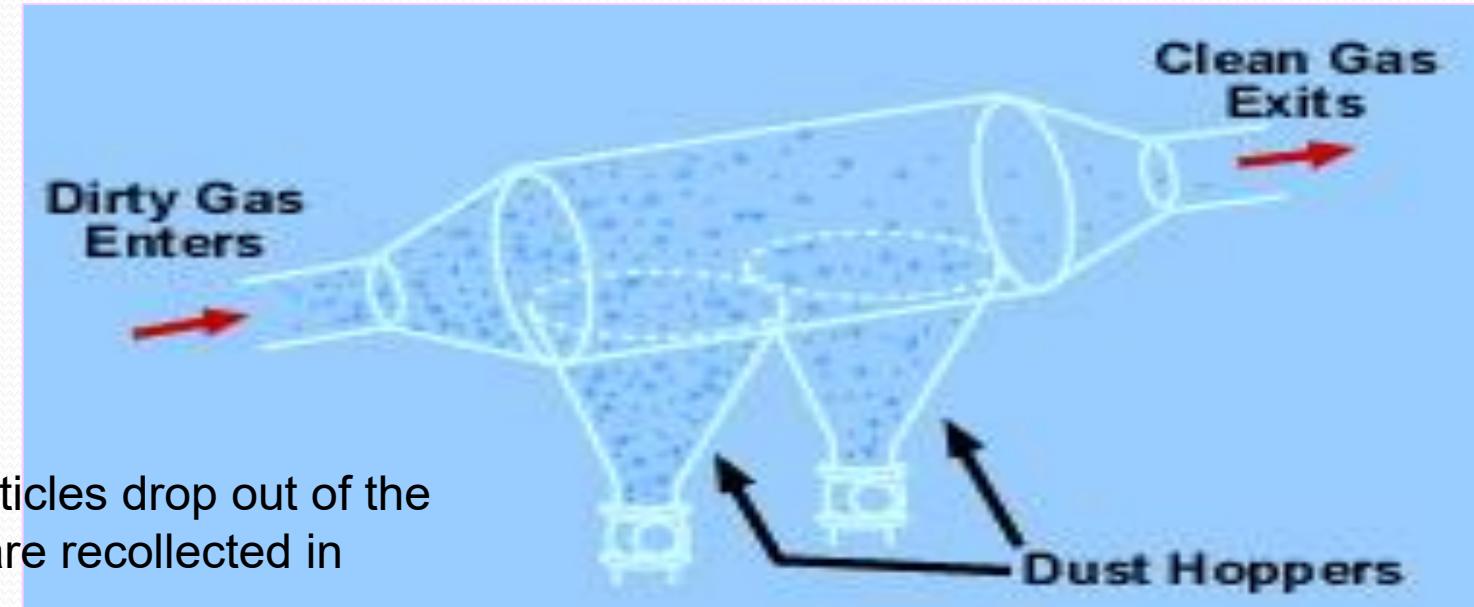
## Settling chamber with trays

Settling trays can be used to improve removal efficiency.



Large particles drop out of the gas and are recollected in hoppers

Figure: Settling chambers



# Cyclone Separator

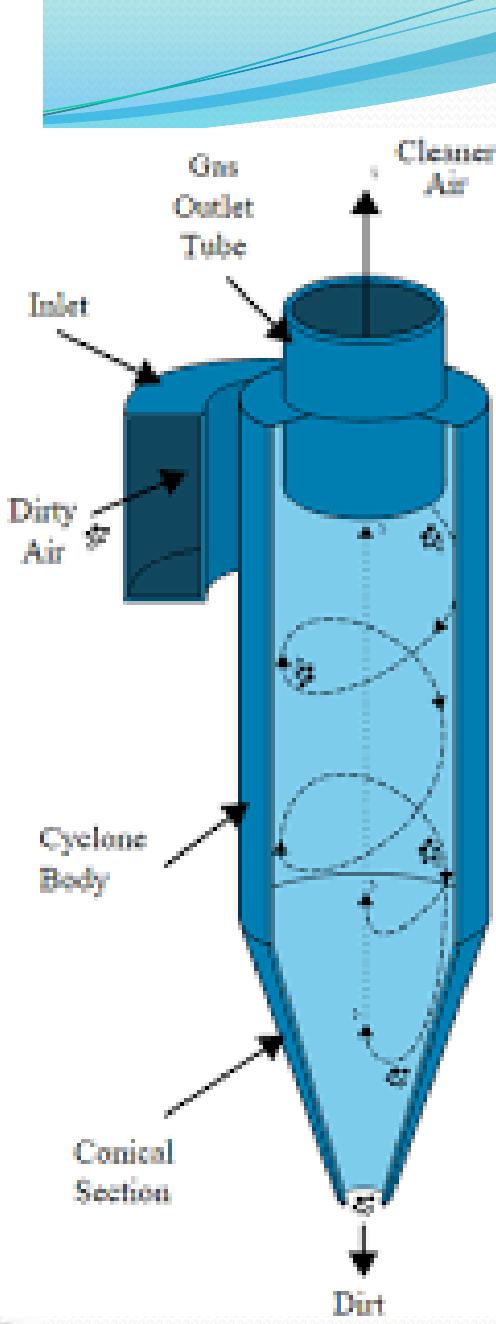
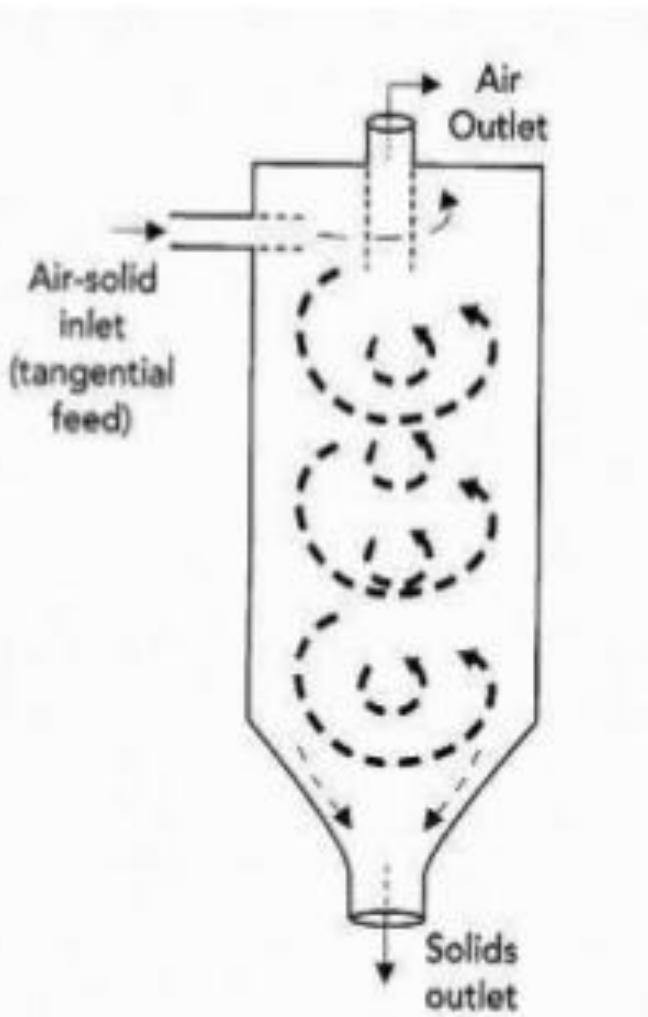
- In a Cyclone, the air or vapor containing particulate material is forced into along the tangential axis. A helical flow pattern is set up within the chamber.



The centrifugal force causes the particles to migrate to the outside of the chamber. Here they fall down to the bottom of the cyclone by gravity.

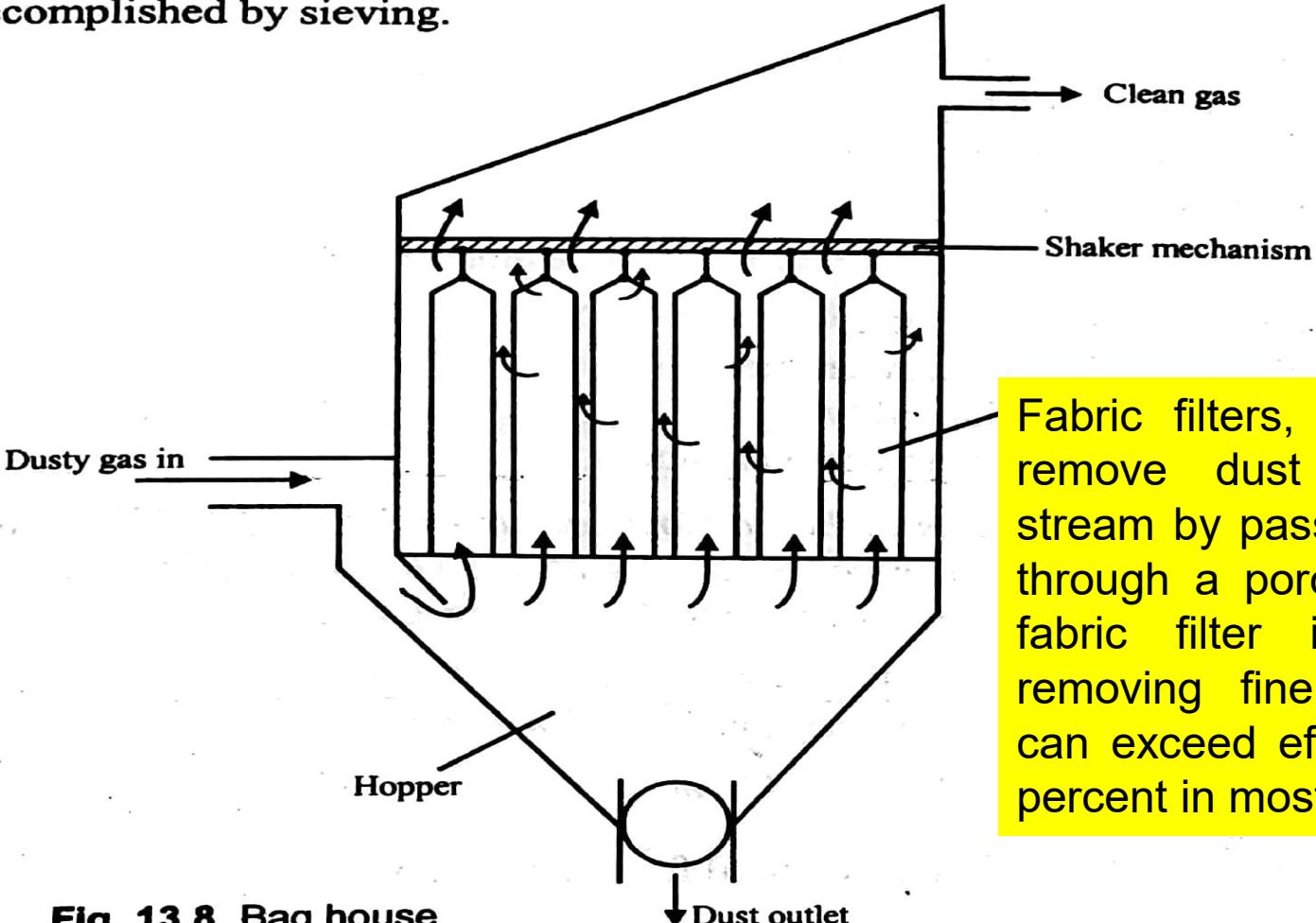
The collected particulates are allowed to exit out an underflow pipe while the gas phase reverses its axial direction of flow and exits out through the vortex finder (gas outlet tube).

- The air moves up the center of the cyclone and reaches the top.



### 13.5 FABRIC FILTRATION SYSTEM

Dust laden gas is allowed to pass through the fabric bags, wherein the dust from air is filtered out allowing the clean gas to come out. The different physical mechanisms involved in the separation of dust particles from the gas stream are direct interception, inertial impaction and diffusion. After a dust mat has formed on the fabric more effective collection of submicron particle is accomplished by sieving.



**Fig. 13.8 Bag house**

Fabric filters, or baghouses, remove dust from a gas stream by passing the stream through a porous fabric. The fabric filter is efficient at removing fine particles and can exceed efficiencies of 99 percent in most applications.

Filter bags are usually tubular or envelope shaped with size ranging from 1.8 to 9 m long. As particulates build up on the inside surface of the bags, the pressure drop increases, then cleaning of the bags is required. The cleaning may be accomplished by shaking the bags or by

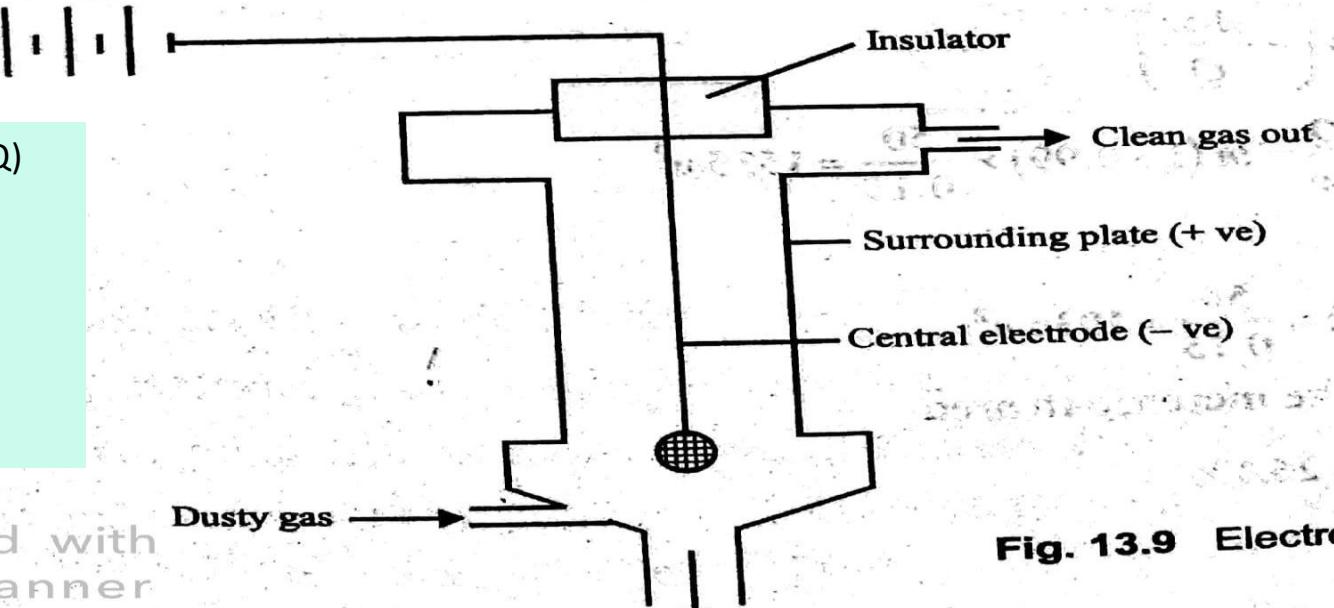
### 13.6 ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATION (ESP)

ESP is one of the most widely used collection devices for particulates. The basic force which acts to separate the particles from the gas is electrostatic attraction. The particle-charging process is done by means of a corona surrounding a highly charged electrode such as wire. The electric field used in collecting the particles is set up between two electrodes. The dust particles collected on the plates can be removed by mechanical means like rapping (for dry collection and use of fly ash) or by washing and making the slurry to be taken to ash pond.

Four main steps in dust collection in ESP.

- Establishment of an electric field with a very high potential gradient. The central electrode is connected to the negative terminal of high DC voltage about 50 kV. Surrounding plate is maintained at +ve potential.
- Corona discharge ionisation and subsequent charging (negative) of the particulates.
- Particle migration and collection on plate with charge neutralisation.
- Particle removal - Rapping for dry collection for use.  
Washing - and making slurry for disposal in ash pond.

DC power supply 50 kV



$$\text{Efficiency of ESP } (\eta) = 1 - \exp(-Aw/Q)$$

$$\eta = 0 \text{ to } 1$$

A = Collector plate area in m<sup>2</sup>

w = particulate velocity

Q = Gas flow in m<sup>3</sup>/sec

Fig. 13.9 Electrostatic precipitator



## Numerical on bag filter

Q- A bag house is to be constructed using bags of 0.25 m diameter and 6 m long. It is to receive 15 m<sup>3</sup>/s of air. Assuming the filtration rate of 2.2 m/min. Determine the no bags required in the bag house.

Ans:- Total filtration area required= gas flow rate /filtration rate=  
 $15 \times 60 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} / 2.2 \text{ m/min} = 409.1 \text{ m}^2$

$$\text{Area of one bag} = \pi * D * H = 3.14 * 0.25 * 6 = 4.71 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{No of bags required in bag house} = 409.1 / 4.71 = 86.8 \text{ that is } 87 \text{ bags}$$

# Numerical on ESP

Efficiency of ESP ( $\eta$ ) =  $1 - \exp(-Aw/Q)$

$\eta$  = 0 to 1

A = Collector plate area in  $m^2$

w = particulate velocity

Q = Gas flow in  $m^3/sec$

Compute the plate area of ESP handling a flow of  $3600\ m^3/min$ . If the particulate velocity is taken as  $0.15\ m/s$ , and efficiency of ESP as  $99\ %$

$$(\eta) = 1 - \exp(-Aw/Q)$$

$$0.99 = 1 - \exp(0.15 * A / 3600 / 60)$$

$$A = \text{Area of plate} = 1842.1\ m^2$$

# Control of gaseous pollutants from stationary sources

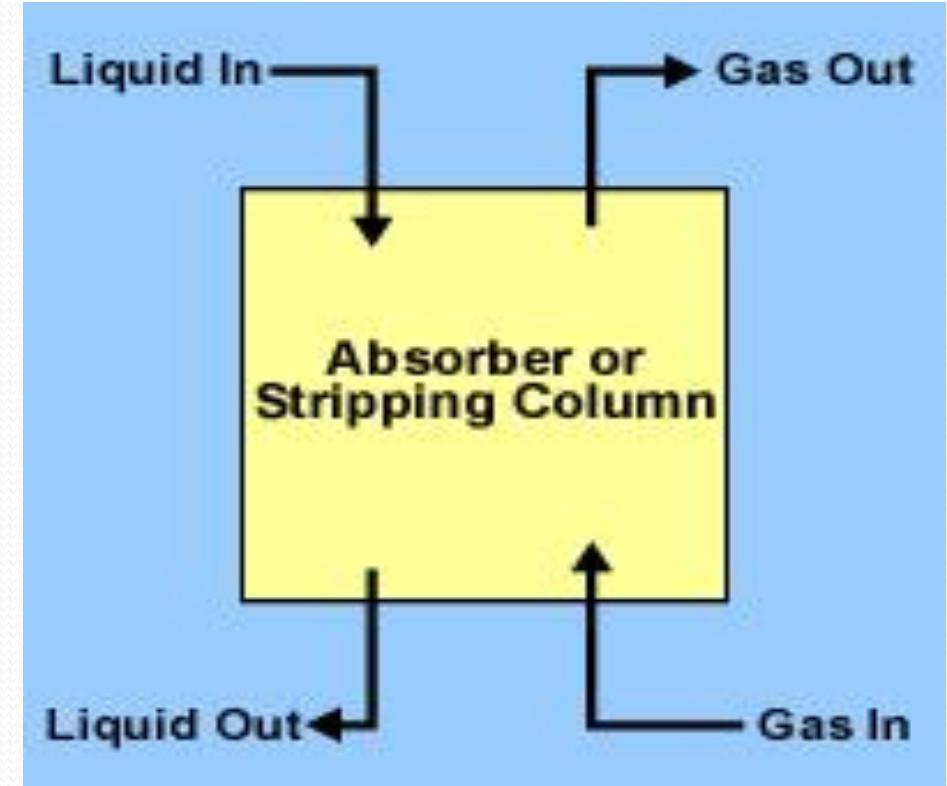
- The most common method for controlling gaseous pollutants is the addition of add-on control devices to recover or destroy a pollutant.
- There are four commonly used control technologies for gaseous pollutants:
  - Absorption,
  - Adsorption,
  - Condensation, and
  - Incineration (combustion)

# Absorption

**Absorption:** involves transfer of pollutant from gas stream to liquid stream. Examples are removal of ammonia by water, hydrogen sulphide by sodium hydroxide etc.

- Absorption is a process in which a **gaseous pollutant is dissolved in a liquid.**

Absorbers are often referred to as **scrubbers**,



Typical Packed Column Diagram

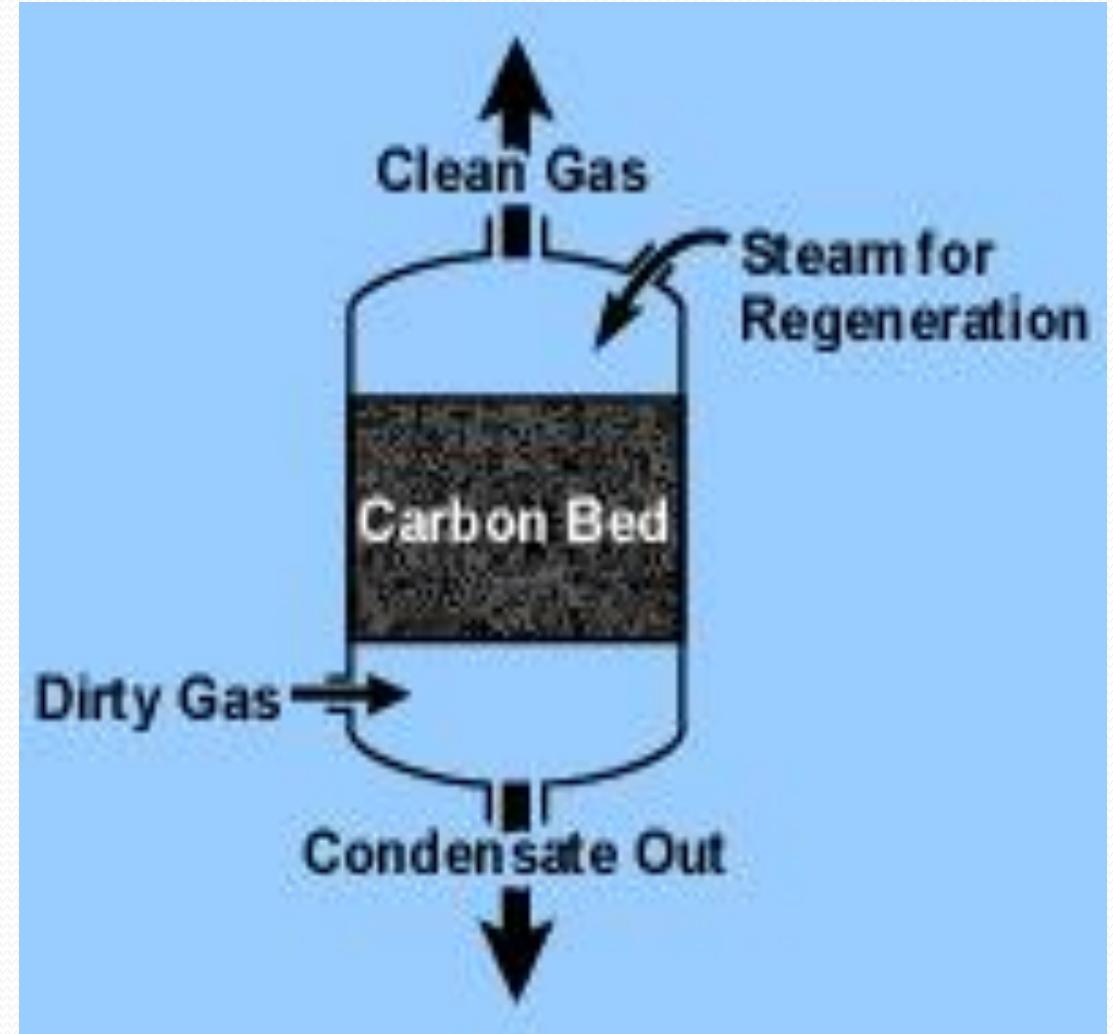
In general, absorbers can achieve removal efficiencies greater than **95 percent**.

One potential problem with absorption is the generation of waste-water, which converts an air pollution problem to a water pollution

# Adsorption

**Adsorption** involves transfer of pollutant from gas or liquid stream to solid surfaces having desirable surface properties.

- The most common industrial adsorbents are;
- **Activated carbon**
- **Silica gel**
- **Alumina,**
- because they have enormous surface areas per unit weight.



# Incineration

- Incineration, also known as combustion, is most used to control the emissions of organic compounds from process industries.
- This control technique refers to the rapid oxidation of a substance through the combination of oxygen with a combustible material in the presence of heat.
- When combustion is complete, the gaseous stream is converted to carbon dioxide and water vapor.
- Equipment used to control waste gases by combustion can be divided in three categories:
  - Direct combustion or flaring,
  - Thermal incineration and
  - Catalytic incineration.
- **3T= Temperature, Time, and turbulence**



**THANK YOU**

