

# **Green Technologies for Sustainable Environment: CFR Research Overview**

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# Lancet Commissions

*“Pollution is the largest environmental cause of disease and premature death in the world today. Diseases caused by pollution were responsible for an estimated 9 million premature deaths in 2015—16% of all deaths worldwide— three times more deaths than from AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined and 15 times more than from all wars and other forms of violence. In the most severely affected countries, pollution-related disease is responsible for more than one death in four”.*

**Lancet 2018; 391:462-512**



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# Research Goals

Our Goals are to develop **Green Technologies** that benefit **Sustainable Environment** which will enable people and the environment to prosper together, through:

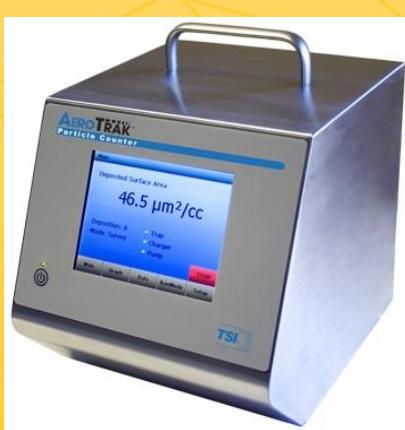
1. Mitigate PM<sub>2.5</sub> in urban environment;
2. Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> to mitigate global climate change;
3. Clean water to achieve water sustainability.

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# Instrumentation Development at the Particle Technology Laboratory (PTL)



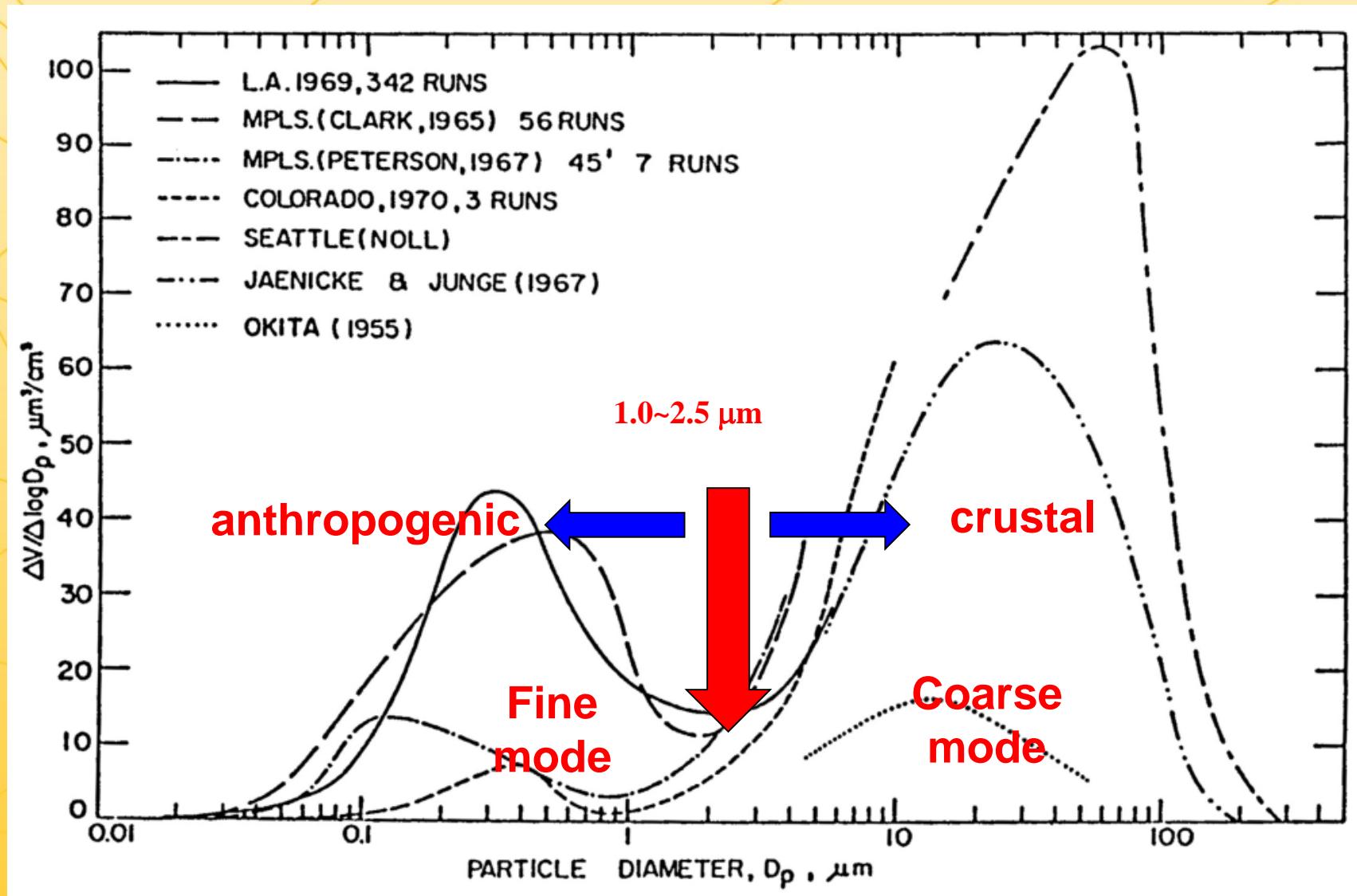
Chen, Pui, et al. *J. Aerosol Sci.* 29:497 (1998)

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# Particle Size Distributions of Atmospheric Aerosols



Whitby, K. T., Husar, R. B., & Liu, B. Y. H. (1972). *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*, 39(1), 177-204..



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# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Sources and Lifetimes

## Fine Particles

*Combustion, gases to particles*

- Sulfates/acids
- Nitrate
- Ammonium
- Organics
- Carbon
- Metals
- Water



### Sources:

- Coal, oil, gasoline, diesel, wood combustion
- Transformation of SOx, NOx, organic gases
- High-temperature industrial processes (smelters, steel mills)
- Forest fires



### Exposure/Lifetime:

Lifetime days to weeks, regional distribution over urban scale to 1000s of km

## Inhalable Coarse Particles

*Crushing, grinding, dust*

- Resuspended dusts (soil, street dust)
- Coal/oil fly ash
- Aluminum, silica, iron-oxides
- Tire and brake wear
- Inhalable biological materials, such as soils & plant fragments



### Sources:

- Resuspension of dust tracked onto roads
- Suspension from disturbed soil (farms, mines, unpaved roads)
- Construction/demolition
- Industrial fugitives
- Biological sources

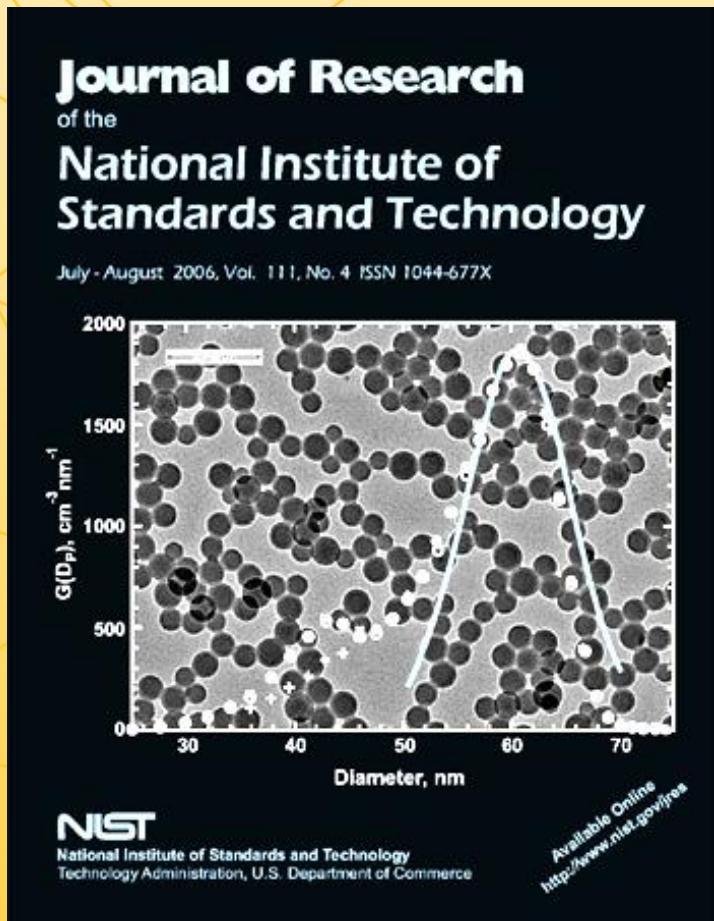
### Exposure/Lifetime:

- Coarse fraction (2.5-10) lifetime of hours to days, distribution up to 100s km

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard, U.S. EPA

- Established in 1997, PM<sub>2.5</sub> describes Particulate Matter (PM) that is 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter and smaller,  $D_p < 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
- 24-hour standard: 65  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , 3 yr avg, 98th percentile concentration; reduced to 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  since 2006
- Annual standard: 12  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in 2012, 3-yr average of annual mean concentration

# ISO, NIST-SRM, and NFPA Standards



Mulholland, Pui et al., *J.  
Research NIST*  
111:257-312 (2006)

## ISO/FDIS 15900

Determination of particle size  
distribution – Differential electrical  
mobility analysis

## ISO/WD 27891

Calibration of aerosol particle number  
concentration measuring instruments

## NFPA 96

Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire  
Protection of Commercial Cooking  
Operations – reduce air velocity through  
any duct to 500 ft/min from 1500 ft/min  
(Note: 42% Bldg, 28% Transport, 30%  
manufacturing)



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# Former Students/Post-docs

- Chuen-Jinn Tsai, **Chair Professor**, Taiwan Chiao Tung University, NSC Coordinator
- Xiang Zhang, UC Berkeley **Chancellor's Professor** and US NAE Member; **President** of University of Hong Kong
- Scott Earnest, **Deputy Director** of National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Seungki Chae, **Vice President, Samsung Semiconductors**; Senior VP, Samsung Display
- Yan Ye, Senior Director, Applied Materials
- **Da-Ren Chen**, Chair Prof.; **Shawn Chen**, Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Jing Wang**, Assoc. Prof., ETH Zurich
- **Changhyuk Kim**, Assistant Prof., Pusan National U.
- Visiting Scholar, X.Q. Wang, **Vice President of PetroChina**

# Particle Technology Laboratory (PTL) Family: Former Students/Post-docs/Visiting Scholars



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# UMN Center for Filtration Research (CFR)



ELECTRONICS

Corning



The member companies of CFR have \$28 billion annual sales (est.) in filtration industry. Applications include

- Removal of PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollutants
- Engine emission removal
- Cabin air filter for automobiles/airplanes
- Respirator and personal protection equip



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# Objectives

- Foster industry/university collaboration in filtration through
  - graduate education
  - research
  - continuing education and technology transfer
- Help University to become more relevant in its research and education
- Encourage industry to utilize the knowledge and skill base available at the University to make itself more competitive in the global market place.

# Technical Objectives

- Perform fundamental filtration research and theoretical modeling
- Develop improved experimental methods useful for filtration research, filter characterization, and filter testing
- Keep abreast of development in fundamental filtration science and new industry and government initiatives
- Seek new application of scientific knowledge to practical filtration problems

Center for Filtration Research (CFR)  
54<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting, October 25-26, 2018  
Corning Incorporated Headquarter  
Corning Valley, Elmira, New York

Host:  
Dr. Liming Wang  
Director, Corning Research Center, China



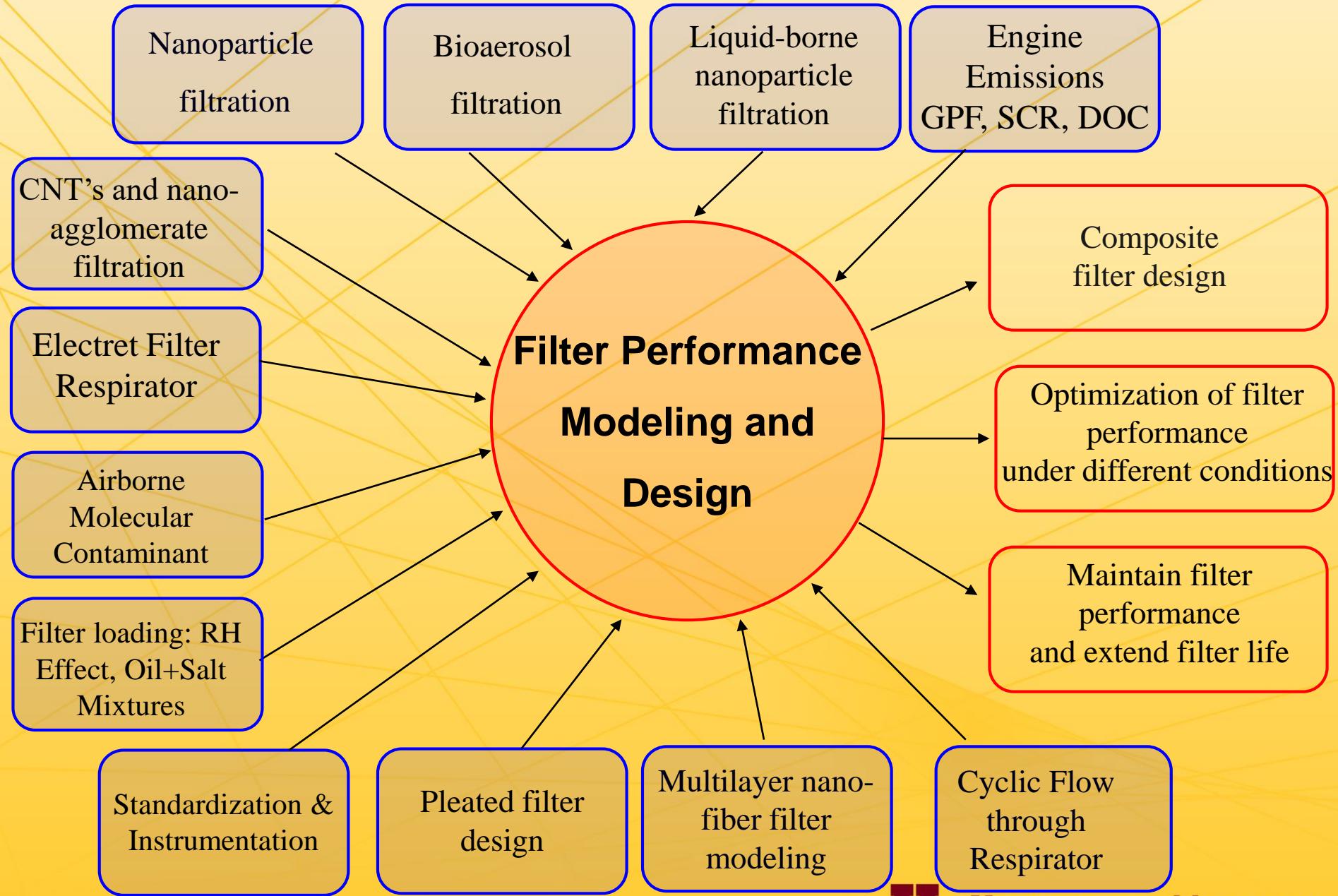
# CFR Member Requests (2018)

- Air Intake Filter Loading by Mixture of Solid and Oil Particles
- Characterization of CMP Particles using Aerosolization Method
- Ultra-high Efficiency Filter Tests
- HVAC Filter Loading by Ammonium Sulfate and Ammonium Nitrate Submicron Particles and the Effect of Mixing with Combustion Soot
- Global Air Pollutant D/B and Real-life Filter Loading Test Rig Development
- Modeling of ISO Dust Dispersers and Measurement of Size Distribution of ISO Standard Dusts by Shadowgraphy Method
- Utilizing the WRF Modeling System to Simulate Atmospheric Flow over Beijing for SALSCS Evaluation
- Effect of Wash Coatings on Wall Flow Filter Performance and Filter Structure Analysis using 3D Image Scanner
- High Loading Capacity Nanofiber Filter Media
- Microbial Growth on Filter and Insulating Materials
- Particle Loading on Two-Stage Filtration System
- Surface Particle Removal using Dry/Wet Methods
- Electret Filter Loading: Effect of Fiber Structure and Charge Density
- Liquid Filtration Modeling: Effect of Chemical and Physical Factors

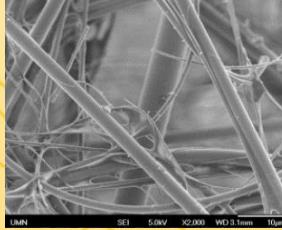
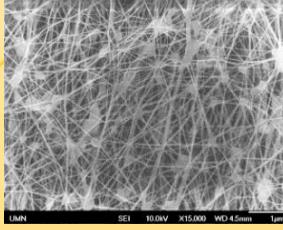
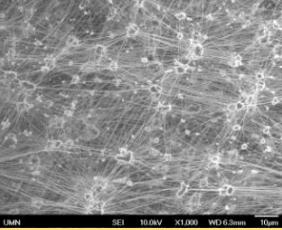
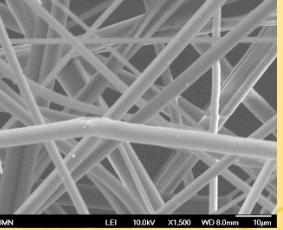
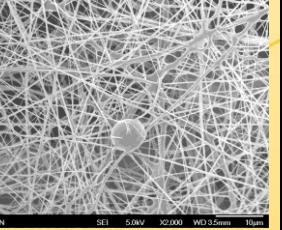


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# Comprehensive Filter Modeling and Design



# Comparison of Different Types of Filter Media

Types	Glass Fiber	PTFE	Ultrafine Nanofiber	Electret	Traditional nanofiber
SEM Image					
Fiber diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0.4-0.5	0.02-0.12	0.02-0.15	10-20	0.15-0.3
Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	350-500	5-15	80-150	500-800	5-20
Efficiency (%) for 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ @ 5 cm/s	$\geq 99.97$	$\geq 99.97$	$\geq 99.97$	$\geq 95$	$\geq 80$
Pressure drop (Pa)	$\sim 300$	$\sim 150$	$\sim 150$	$\sim 10-15$	$\sim 15-25$
Mechanism (cross-section)	Depth filtration	Surface filtration	Depth filtration	Depth filtration	Surface + Depth

# Software Solution for Filter Analysis

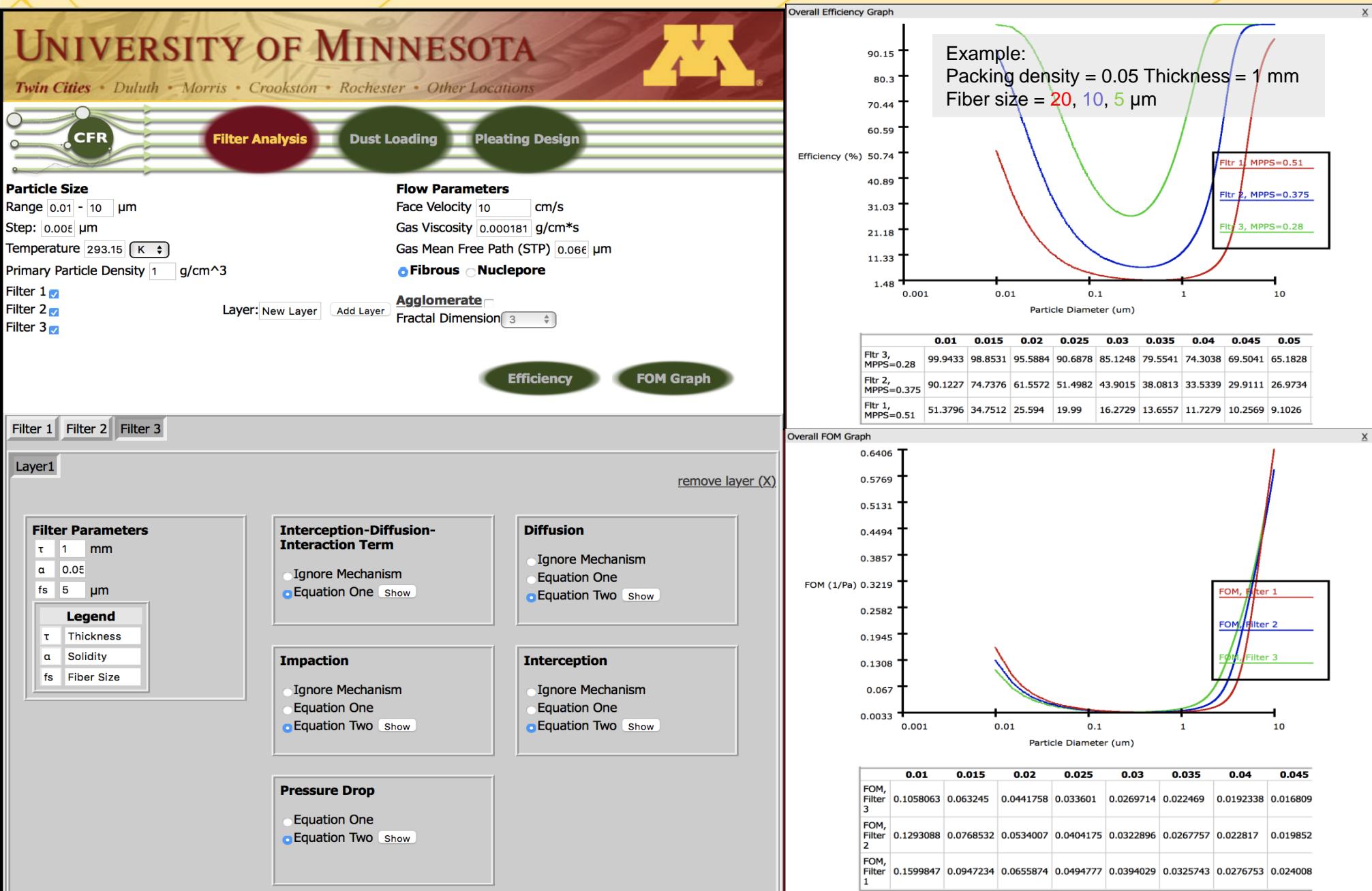


Figure of merit for composite filters: Wang, Kim and Pui, *Aerosol Science & Technology*, 42, 722 – 728 (2008).

# Interface of web-based electret filter performance model and design tool

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**Filter Modeling & Design Tool**

**Electret Filter**

neutralized  n=1  n=0

**Particle Properties**  
Particle dielectric constant (relative permittivity): KCl ▾ 4.86 (-)  
Particle charge state: Uncharged ▾ 0 (-)

**Operational properties**  
Temperature: 298.15 K ▾  
Upstream pressure: 1 atm ▾  
Face velocity: 5 cm/s ▾

**Filter Properties**  
 Layer1  
 Mechanical layer  Electret layer  
Solidity: 0.102 (-)  
Fiber diameter: 15.6 μm  
Fiber dielectric constant (relative permittivity): Polypropylene ▾ 2.28 (-)  
Layer thickness: 0.826 mm ▾  
Surface charge density: High ▾ 118  $\mu\text{C}/\text{m}^2$  [Fit effective surface charge density](#)

Notes:

Layer1  
 Layer2  
 Layer3  
 Layer4  
 Layer5

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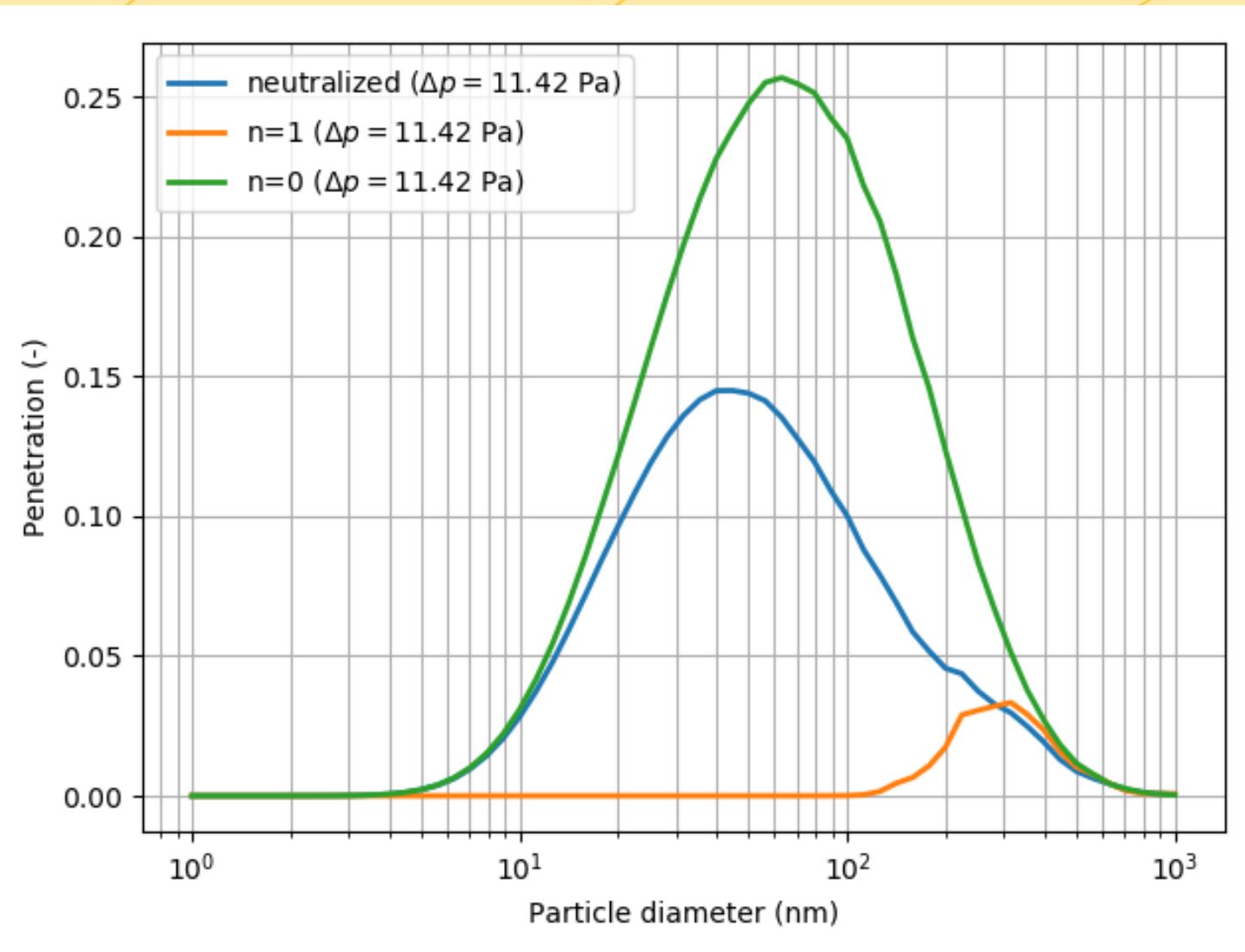
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# Results of web-based electret filter performance model and design tool



# Software Solution for Pleating Design

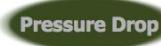
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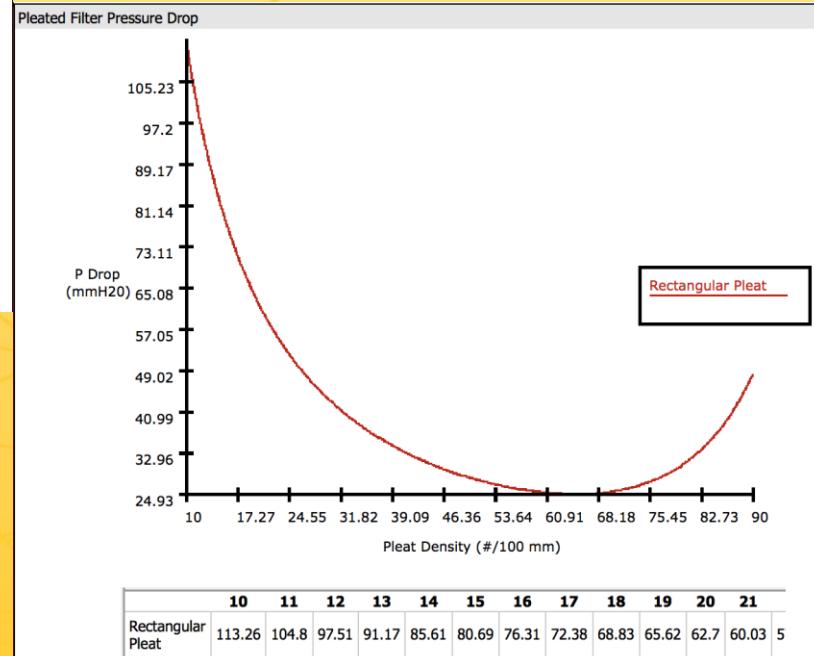
**CFR** Filter Analysis Dust Loading **Pleating Design**

**Filter Medium Selection**  
Lydall Inc Grade 373  
Permeability 6.095e-9 cm<sup>2</sup> Thickness 0.038 cm = 2.181 Frazier

**Pleating Parameters** (rectangular pleat)  
Pleat height 2.222 cm Panel length 250 cm  
Panel width 2.54 cm Flow rate 1935.48 lpm  
Pleat density 10 to 90 #/100 mm

High volume flowrate mode (triangular pleat)  
Medium pressure drop non-Darcy effect  
c1 0.024 c2 0.000335   
Channel flow turbulence effect  
m1\_k 0.00000782 m1\_p 2 m2\_k 8.96e-10 m2\_p 3.2   


References mm H2O 



Chen, Liu and Pui, *Aerosol Sci. Technol.* 23:579-590 (1995).

# Software Solution for Dust Loading

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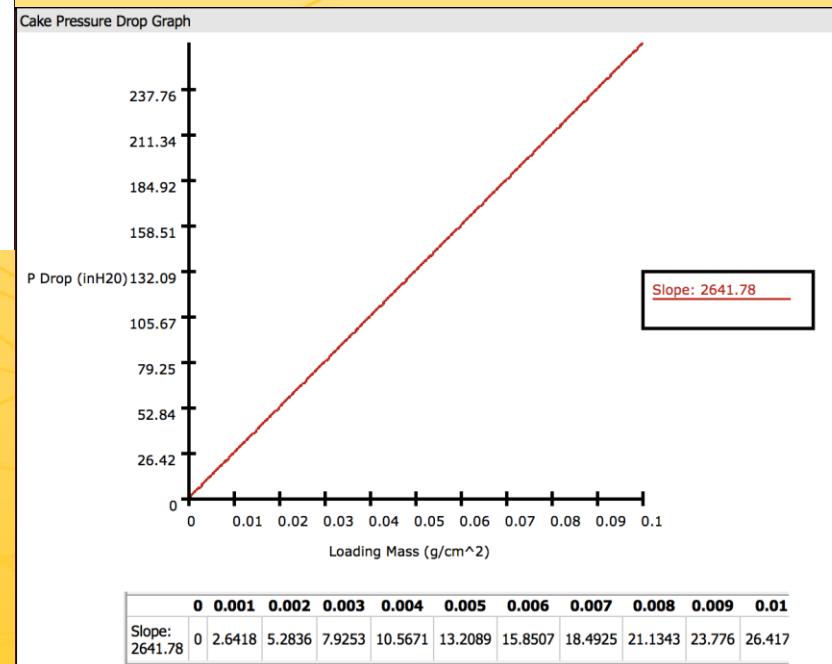
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**General Parameters**

Gas viscosity  g/cm\*s  
Atmospheric pressure  Pa  
Dust cake porosity   
Estimate cake porosity  [What is this?](#)

**Aerosol 1**  
% of number concentration:   
Geometric mean of volume equivalent diameter   $\mu\text{m}$   
Geometric standard deviation   
Particle density  g/cm $^3$   
Dynamic shape factor   
[Show Pressure Drop Eqn.](#)

**Aerosol 2**  
% of number concentration:   
Geometric mean of volume equivalent diameter   $\mu\text{m}$   
Geometric standard deviation   
Particle density  g/cm $^3$   
Dynamic shape factor   
**Pressure Drop**  



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Filter Analysis

Dust Loading

Pleating Design

## General Parameters

Gas viscosity  g/cm\*s

Face velocity  cm/s

Atmospheric pressure  Pa

Temperature  K

Dust cake porosity

Estimate cake porosity  [What is this?](#)

Void Function [Vanni-Happel](#)

Location

Season: [Summer](#)

Filter type: [Nano-fiber coated cellulose filter](#)

Aerosol 1

US

Houston

Los Angeles

Minneapolis

New York

Orlando

Phoenix

Rapid City

Seattle

St. Louis

China

Beijing

Chengdu

Guangzhou

Haikou

Shanghai

Taipei

Urumqi

Xi'an

Geometric mean diameter   $\mu\text{m}$

Geometric standard deviation

Aerosol 2

% of number conc.

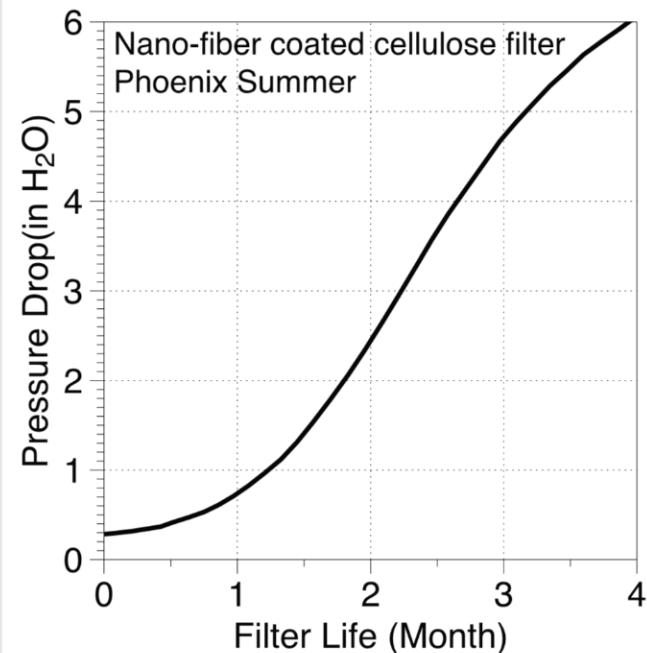
Geometric mean of v.

Geometric standard dev.

Particle density

Dynamic shape factor

[Loading Curve](#)



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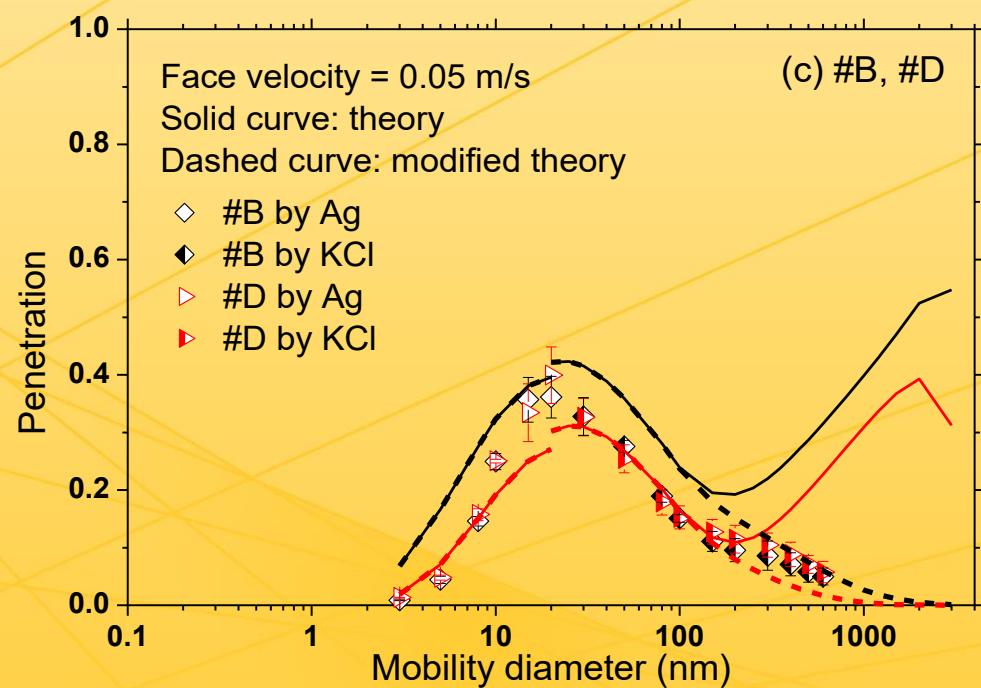
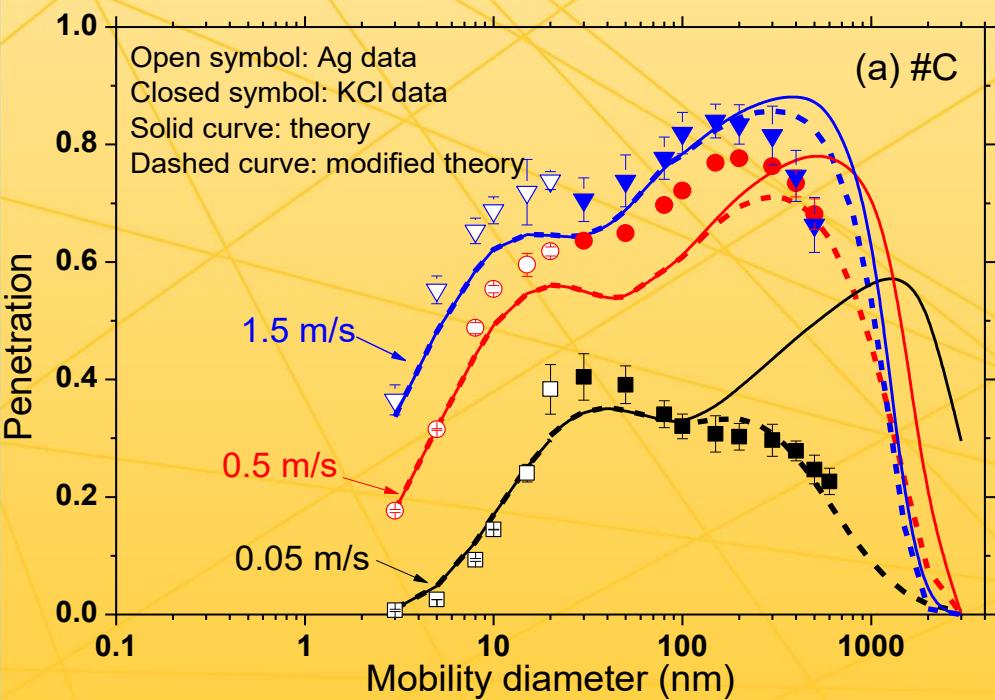
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# Electret Filter Model for Predicting the Particle Penetrations

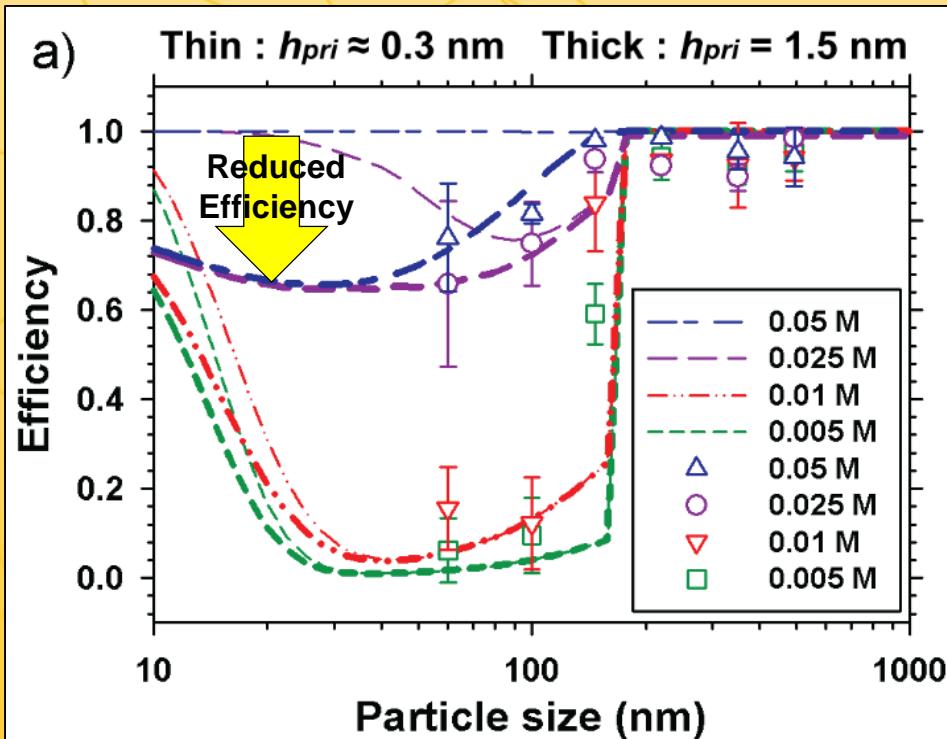
- The modified model (dashed curve) are in very good agreements with data.



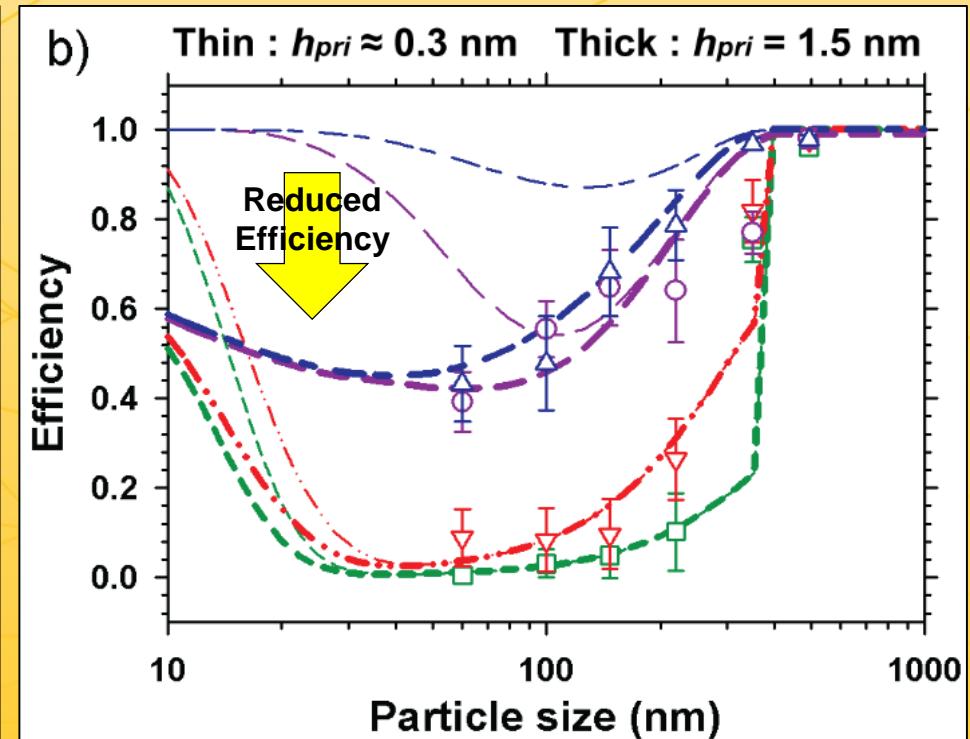
# Efficiency Considering Short-Range Repulsion

- Short-range repulsion at 1.5 nm
  - ✓ When considering the short-range repulsion, hydrodynamic drag resulted in detachment of particles on the pore walls.
  - ✓ Experiments and models agree better for different ionic strengths when considering the short-range repulsion.

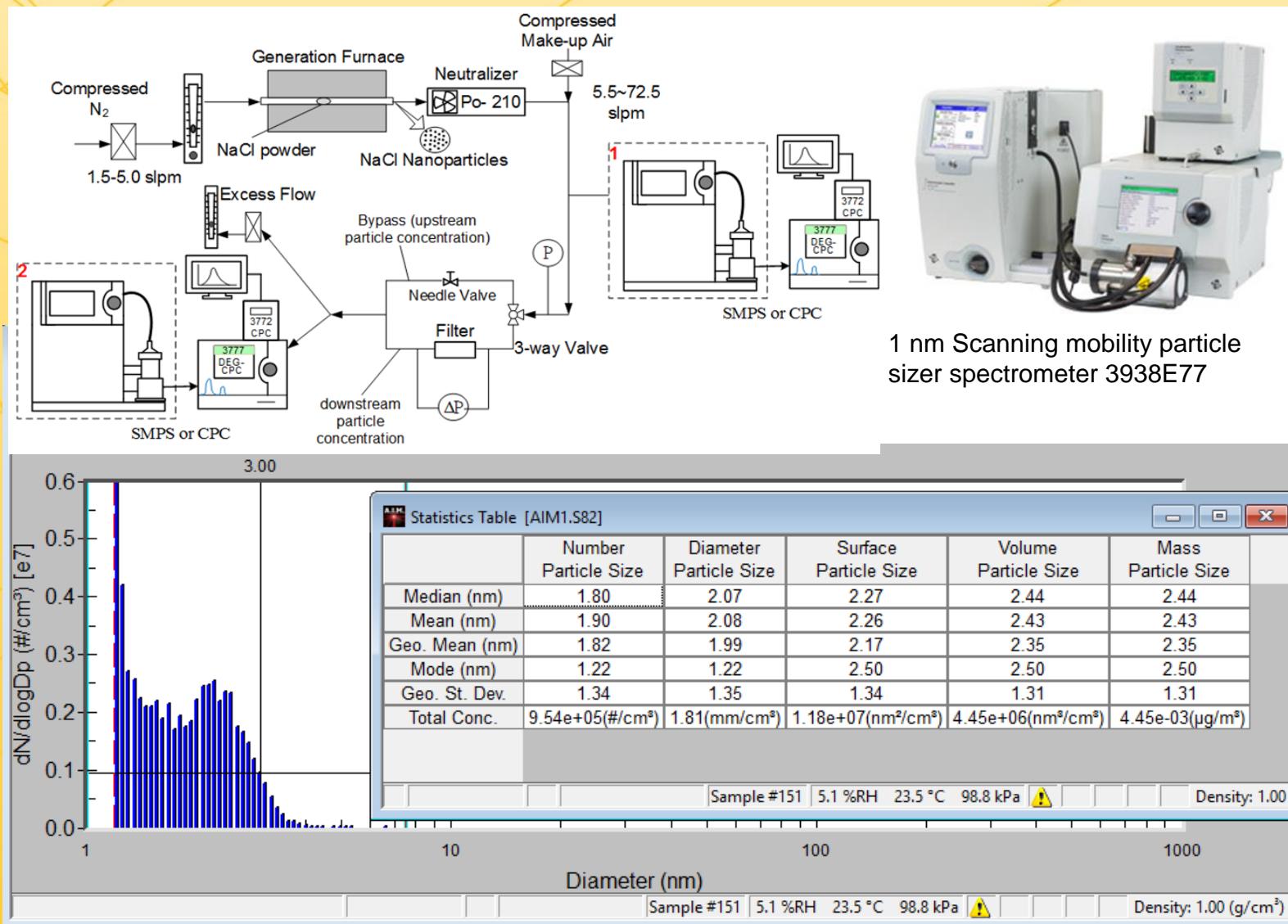
## 0.2- $\mu\text{m}$ rated Nuclepore filter



## 0.4- $\mu\text{m}$ rated Nuclepore filter



# Sub-3 nm (1.5 nm) Nanoparticle Generation



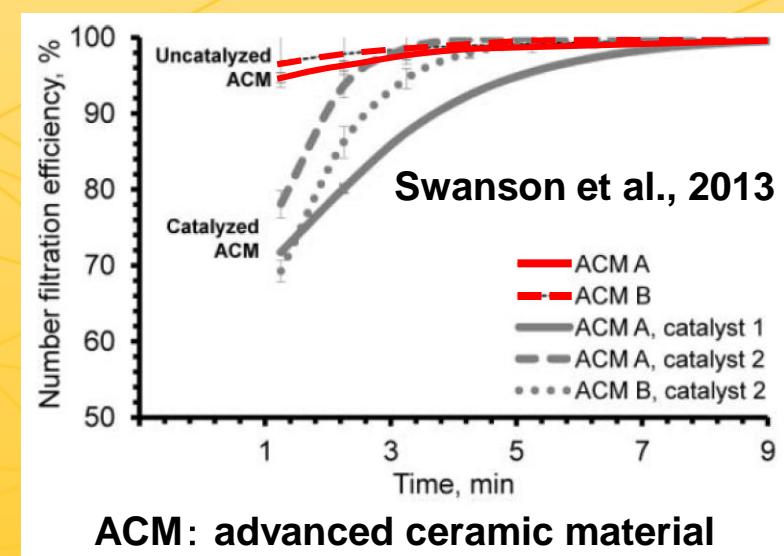
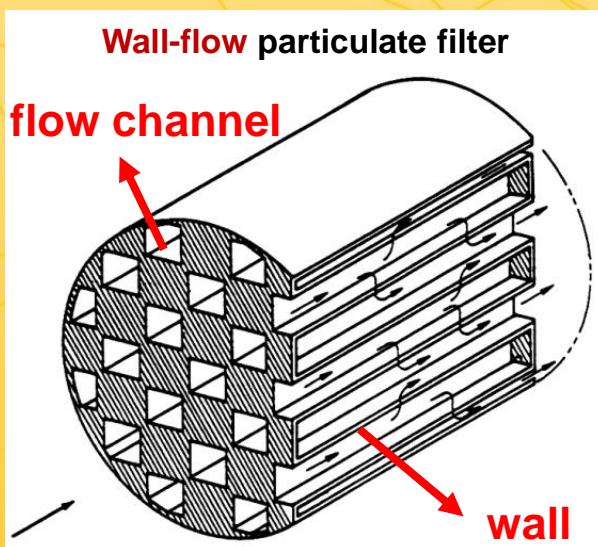
# Evaluation of High Efficiency Filters for 2 nm Particles

Efficiency > 99.999999%, Log Reduction Value (LRV)> 9

<b>FILTER MODEL</b>	<b>flow rate (slpm)</b>	<b>Sample time (min)</b>	<b>sampling flow volume (c.c.) by CPC</b>	<b>upstream conc. (#/c.c.)</b>	<b>downstream conc. (#/c.c.)</b>	<b>downstream counts</b>	<b>background conc. (#/c.c.)</b>	<b>background counts</b>	<b>Pen.</b>	<b>Lrv</b>
#1	8	~120	6000	6.50E+05	2.22E-03	13	2.05E-03	12	2.62 E-10	9.58
#2	10	~120	6000	4.36E+05	1.70E-03	10	1.85E-03	11	3.82 E-10	>9.42
#3	20	~120	6000	3.15E+05	2.17E-03	13	2.68E-03	16	5.29 E-10	>9.28
#4	30	~100	5000	3.00E+05	1.81E-03	9	2.07E-03	10	5.56 E-10	>9.26
#5	50	~120	6000	2.50E+05	1.34E-03	8	1.14E-03	7	8.00 E-10	9.10
#6	60	~120	6000	2.45E+05	3.03E-03	18	3.84E-03	23	6.80 E-10	>9.17
#7	75	~100	5000	1.00E+05	2.16E-03	11	2.07E-03	10	9.00 E-10	9.05

# Effect of Catalyst Coating on Filtration Performance of Diesel Particulate Filters

- Diesel particulate filters are widely used on diesel engines after-treatment system to mitigate the particulate matter emission.
- Usually, catalyst is applied onto the monolithic wall-flow particulate filter substrate, when both gaseous and particulate emissions need to be controlled. However, previous study (Swanson et al., 2013) showed that the soot removal efficiency decreases with catalyst coatings. We would like to investigate this phenomenon.

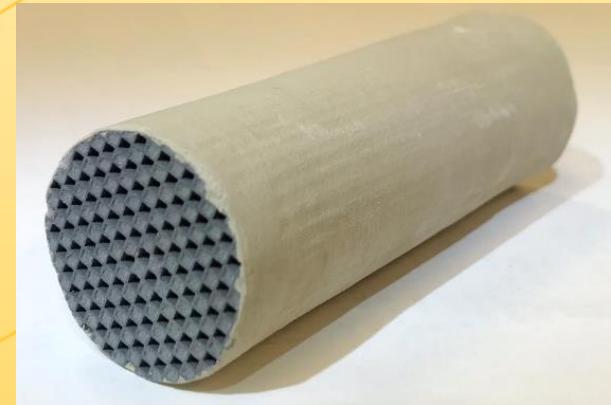


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# Blank and Coated Samples

- Substrate: SiC; Outer diameter: 1"; Length: 3";
- Cell density: 300 cpsi; Wall thickness: 12 mil.

	Sample #	Catalyst Coating Amount
Blank	Blank-1	0.0%
	Blank-2	0.0%
	Blank-3	0.0%
	Blank-4	0.0%
A	A-1	24.3%
	A-2	23.5%
B	B-1	49.3%
	B-2	48.9%
C	C-1	97.2%
	C-2	100.0%



\* 100% coating amount: the coating amount needed for desired catalytic conversion.

\* cpsi: cells per square inch.

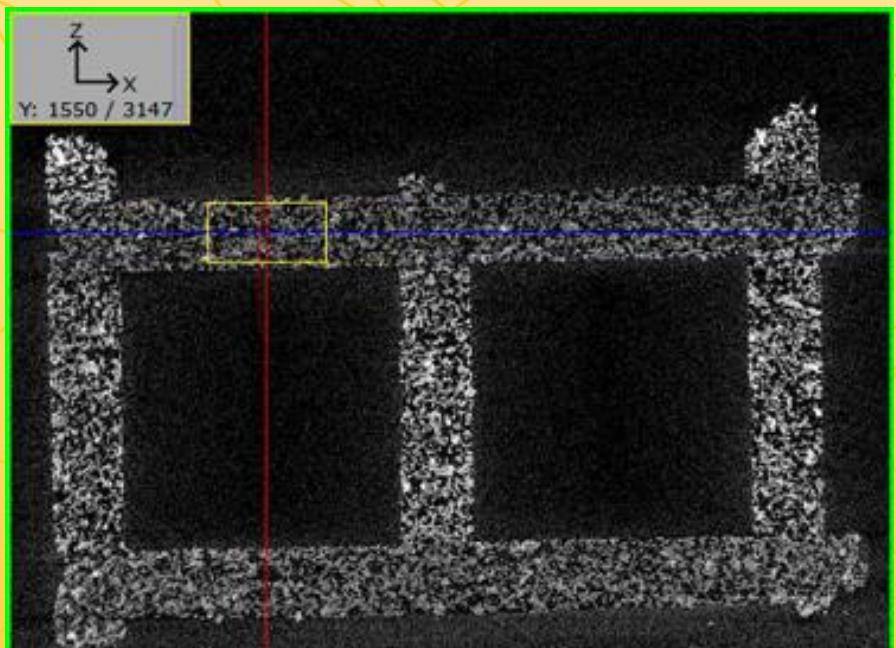
\* mil: 1/1000 inch.



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# Simulation Method

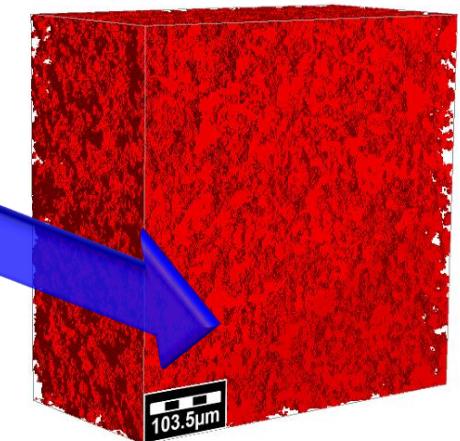
- Micro X-ray computed tomography (CT) can provide a 3D reconstruction of the micro-porous structure.
- Importing the micro-CT scan images of the blank sample to GeoDict.



Material Information:  
ID 00: Pore [invis.]  
ID 01: Manual

**300 × 300 × 165  
voxels**

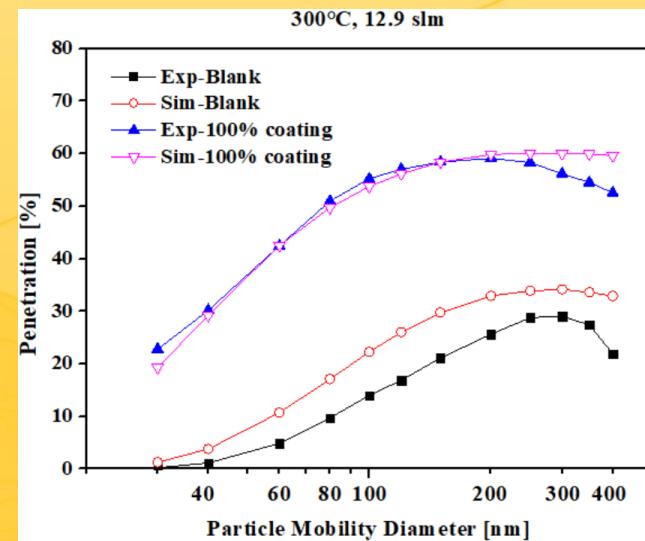
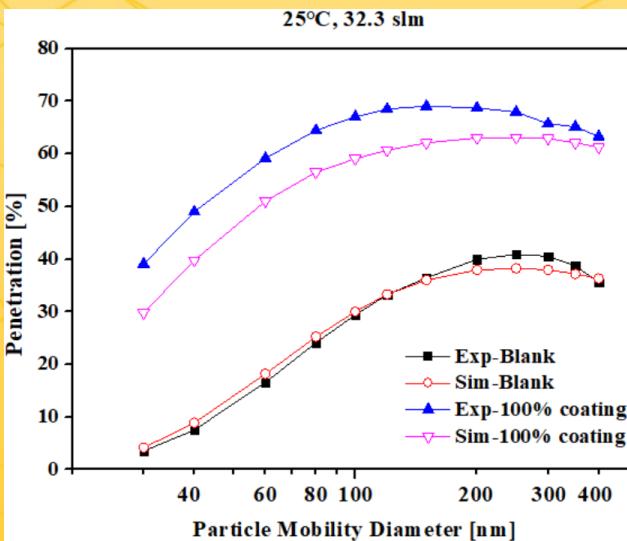
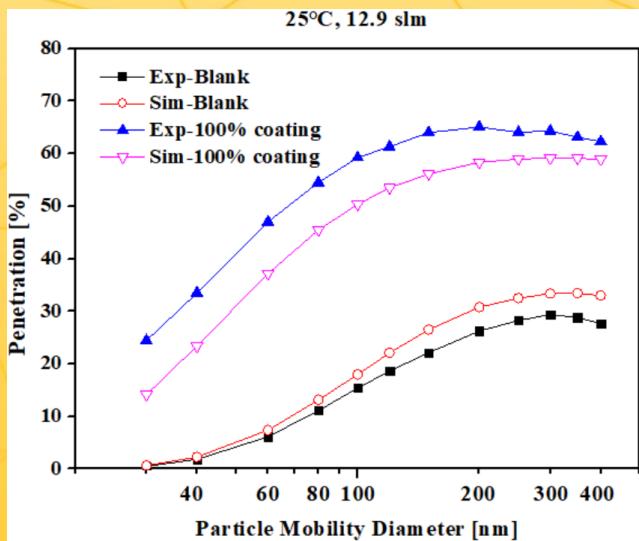
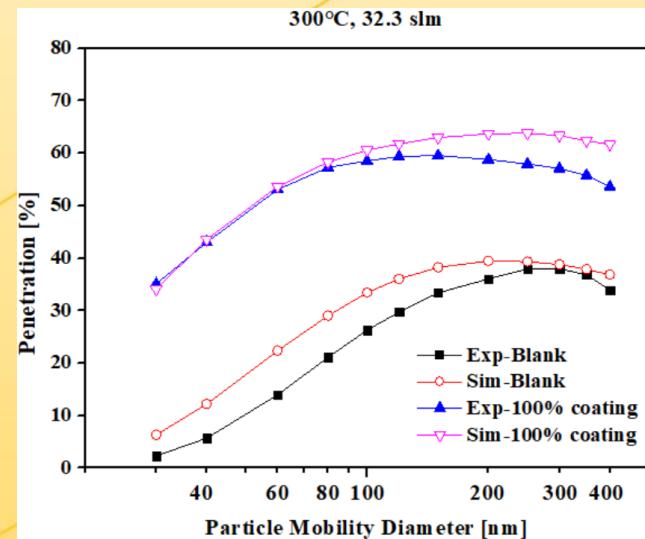
**Flow direction**



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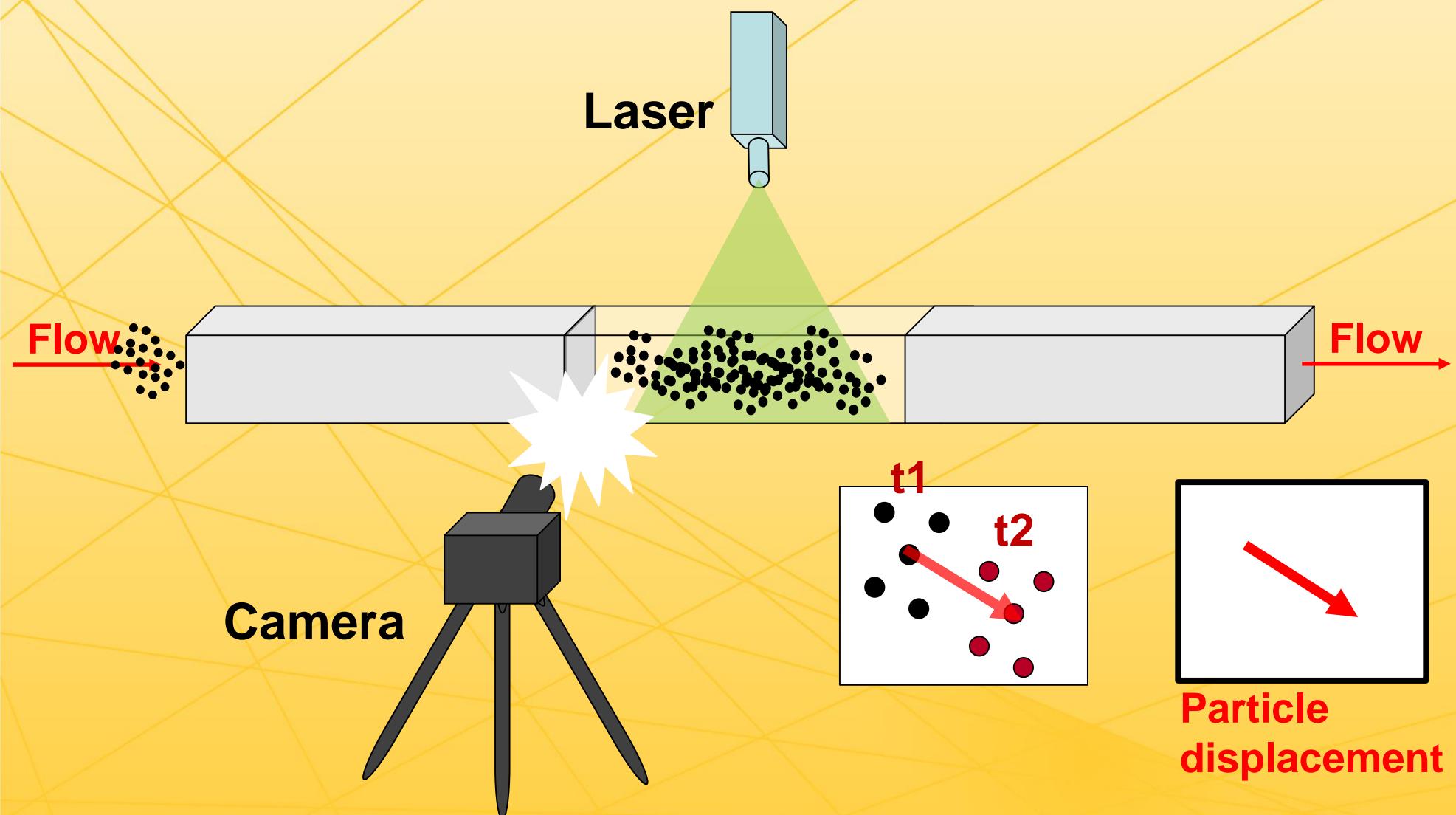
# Initial efficiency – blank and coated samples

- At all test conditions, penetration of blank samples is lower than that of samples with 100% coating amount – higher efficiency for blank samples. The experimental results agree well with simulation.



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# Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV)

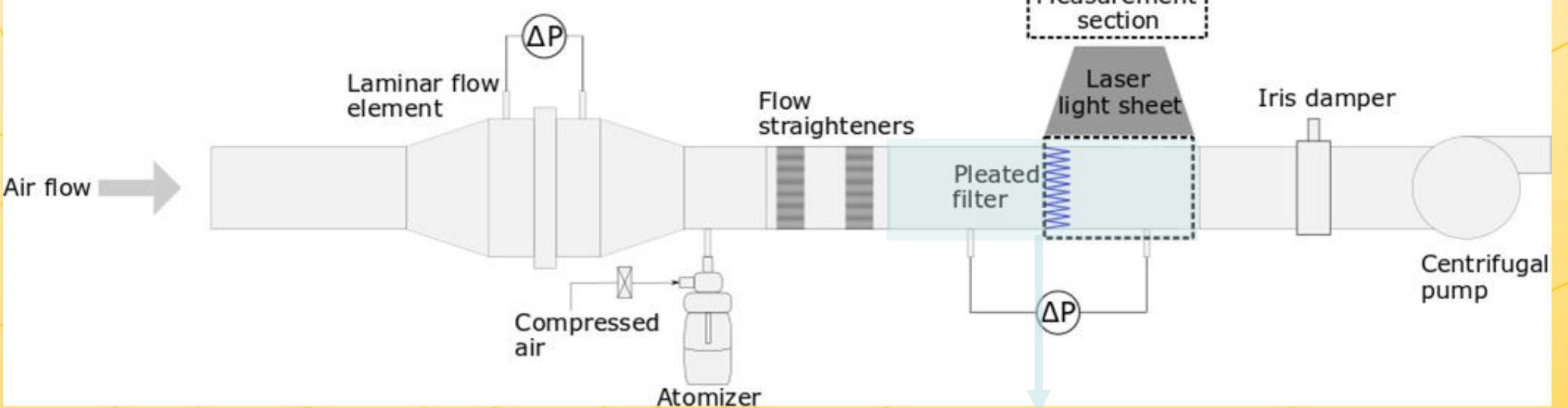
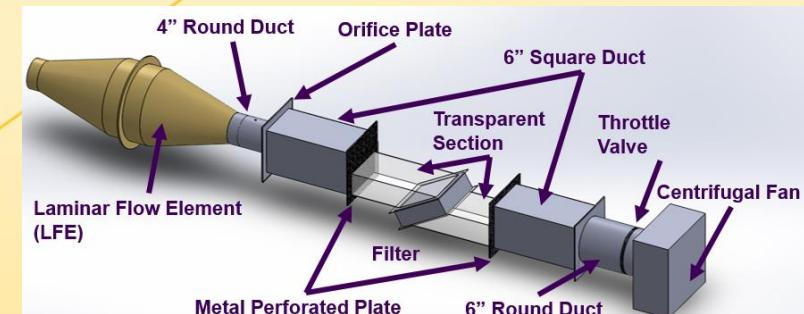


An optical imaging technique to measure fluid velocity vectors at many points simultaneously

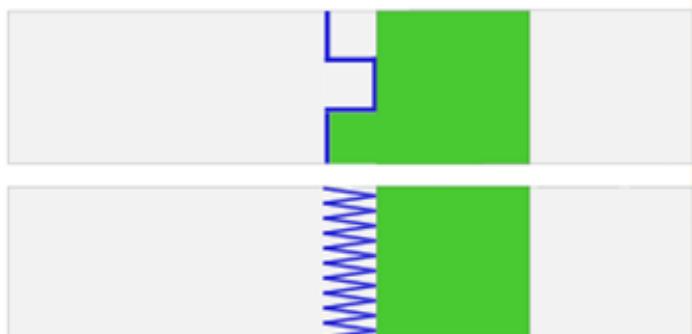


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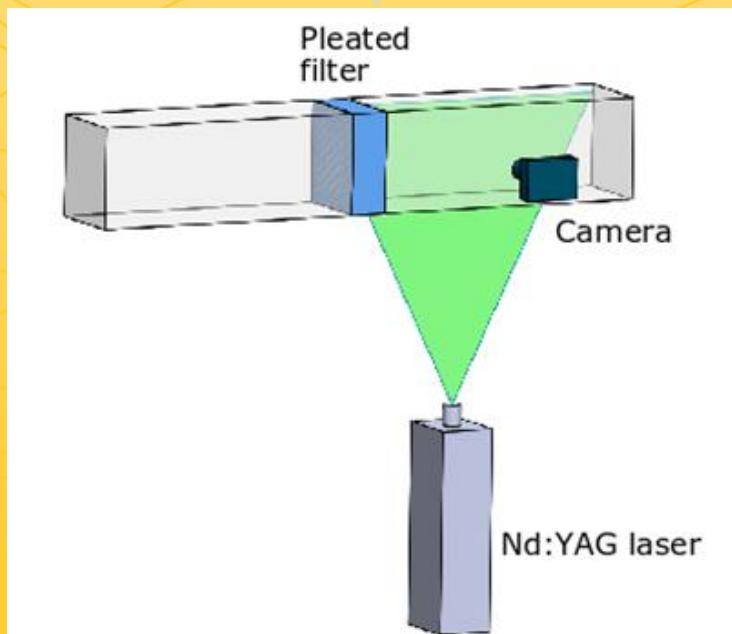
# Pleated Filter Evaluation



(a) Rectangular pleated filter

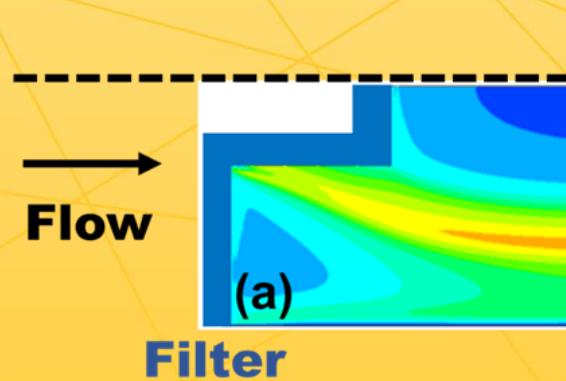
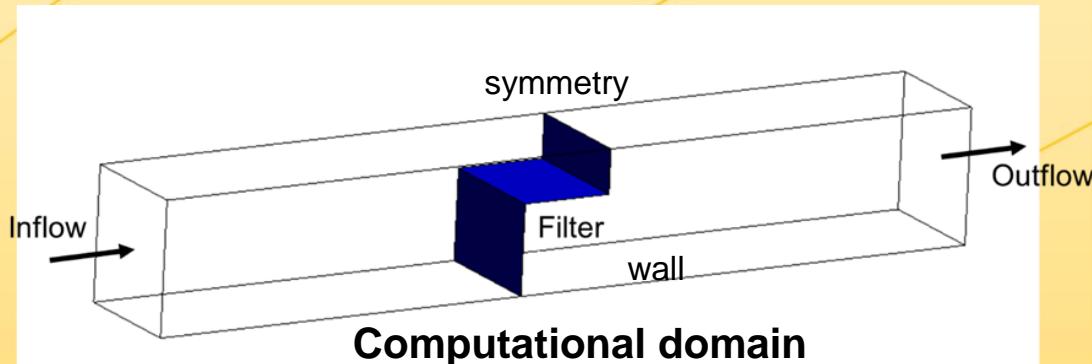
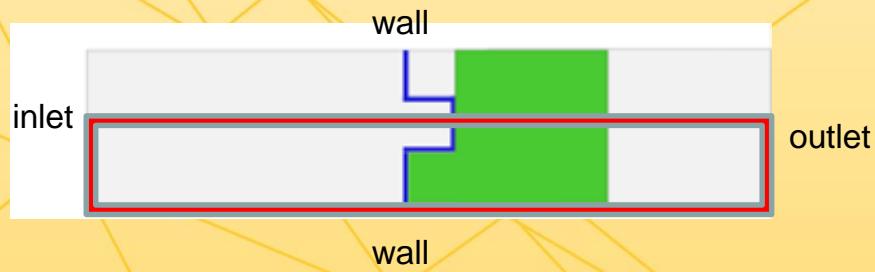


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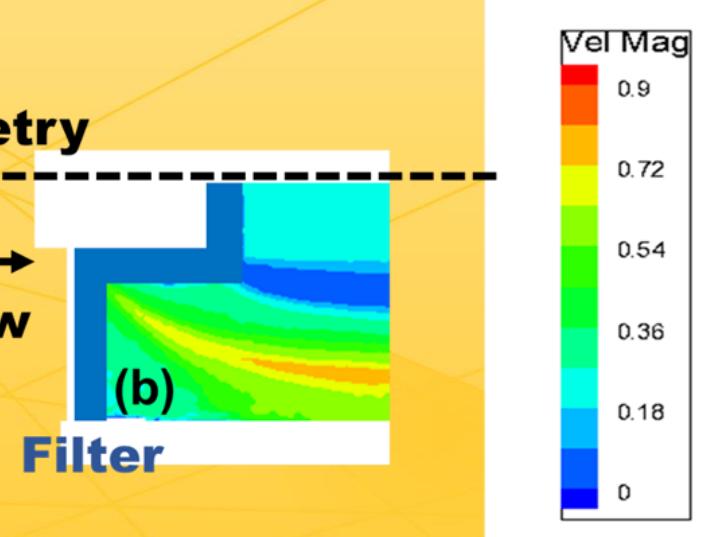


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# PIV vs CFD



(a) CFD



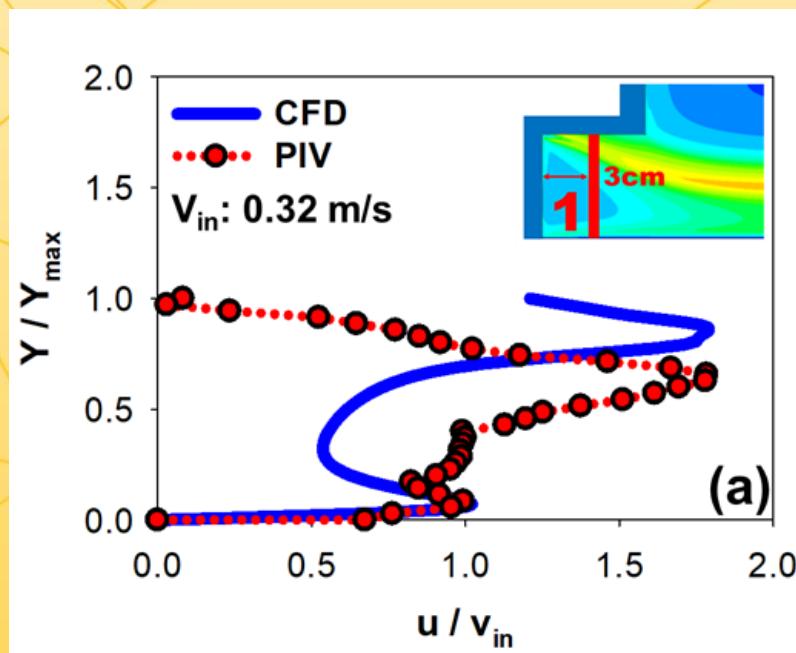
(b) PIV

Time-averaged contour plots at 0.32 m/s

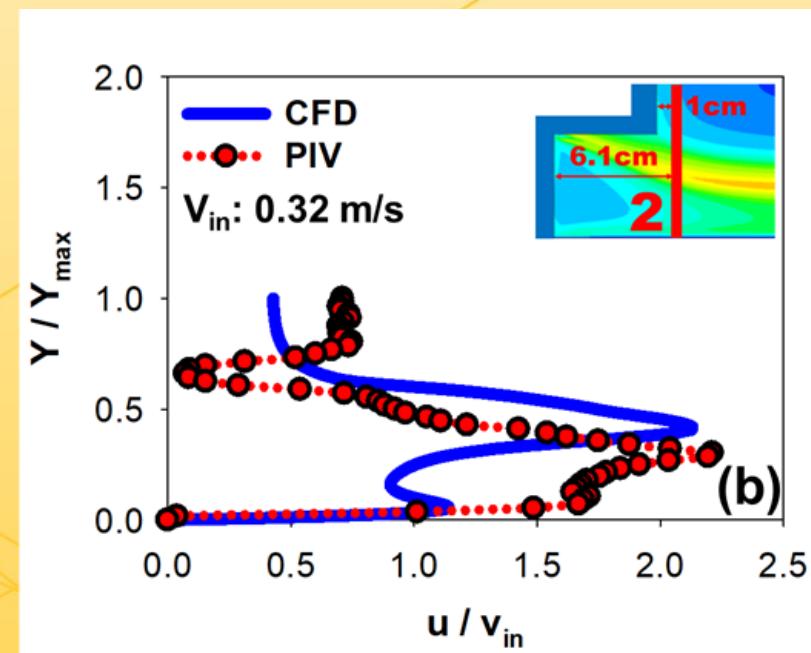


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# PIV vs CFD: Velocity Profiles



(a) at  $x = 3 \text{ cm}$



(b) at  $x = 6.1 \text{ cm}$

Normalized streamwise velocity distribution along the y-axis

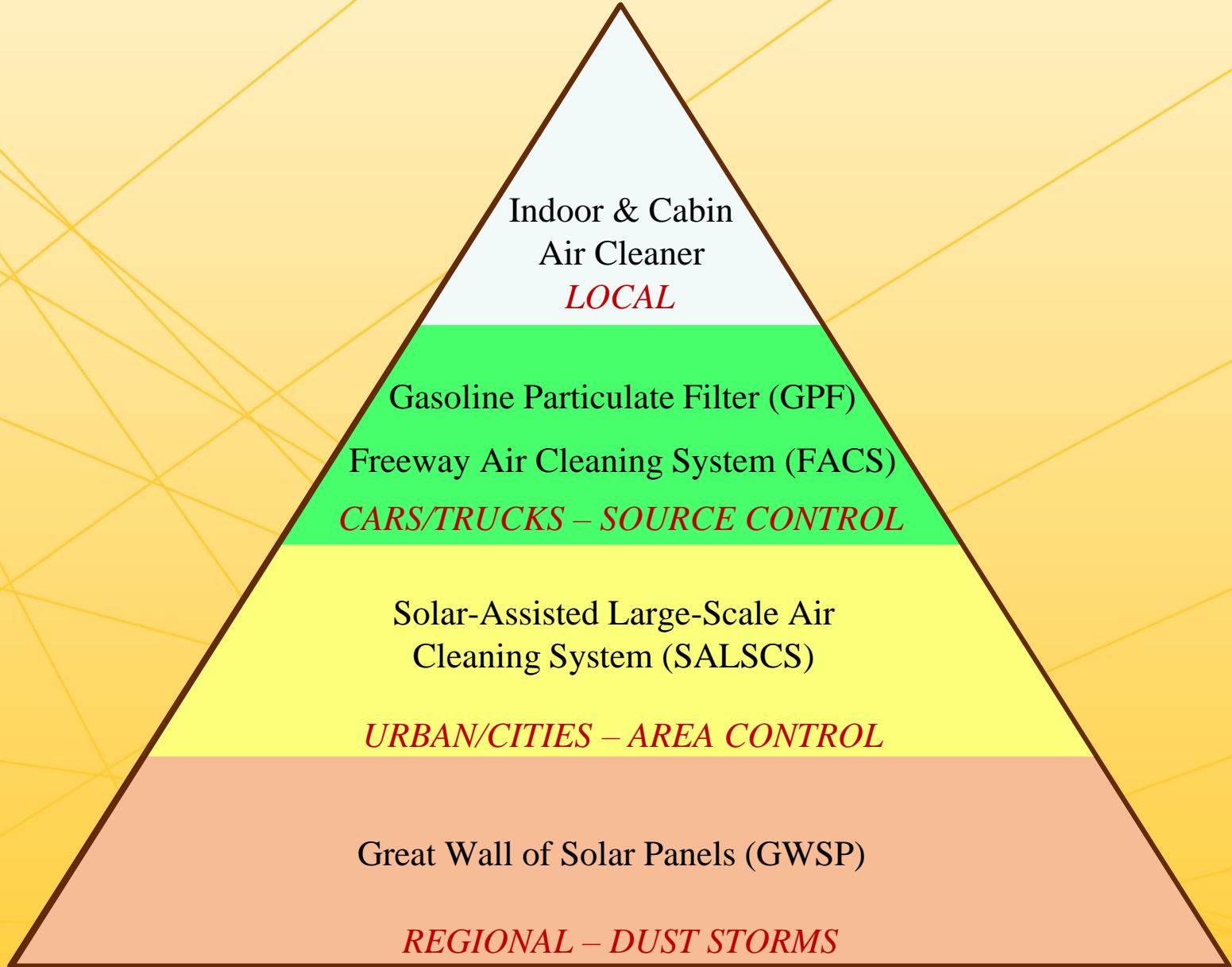


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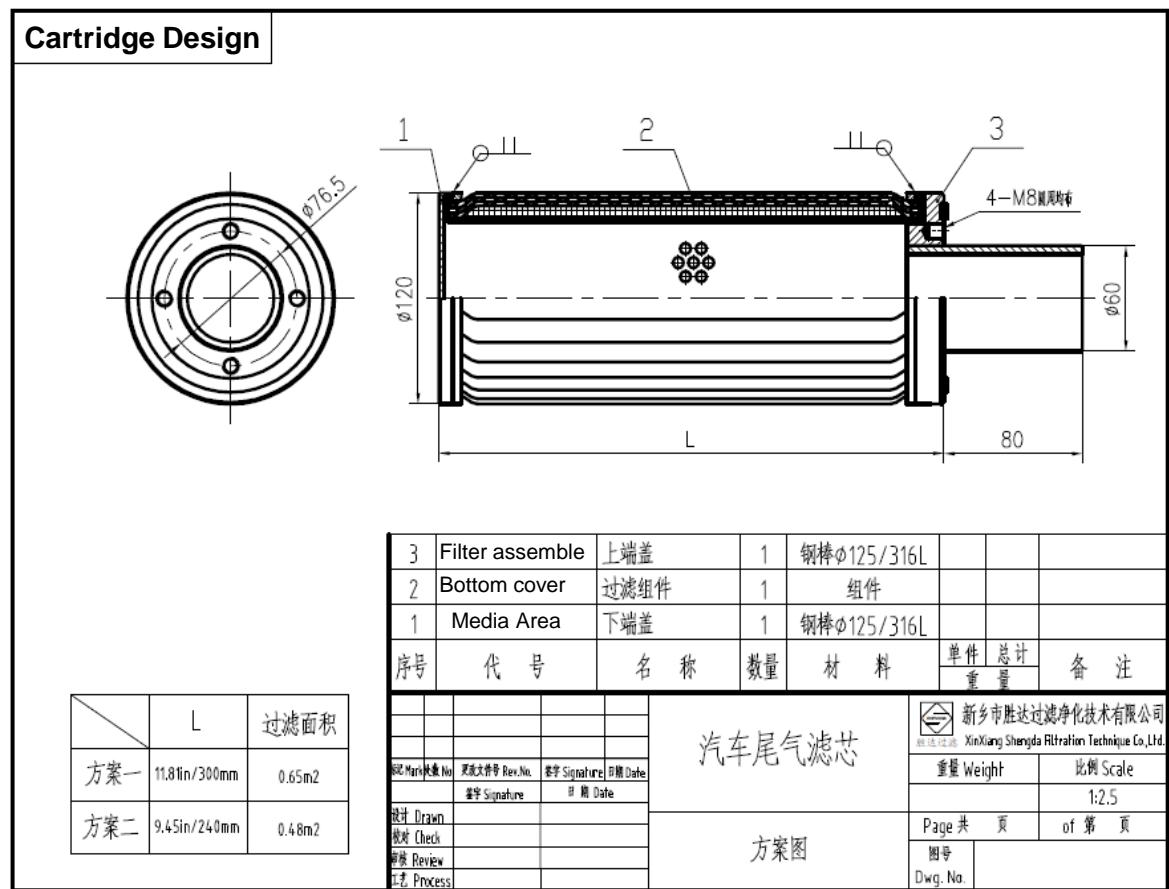
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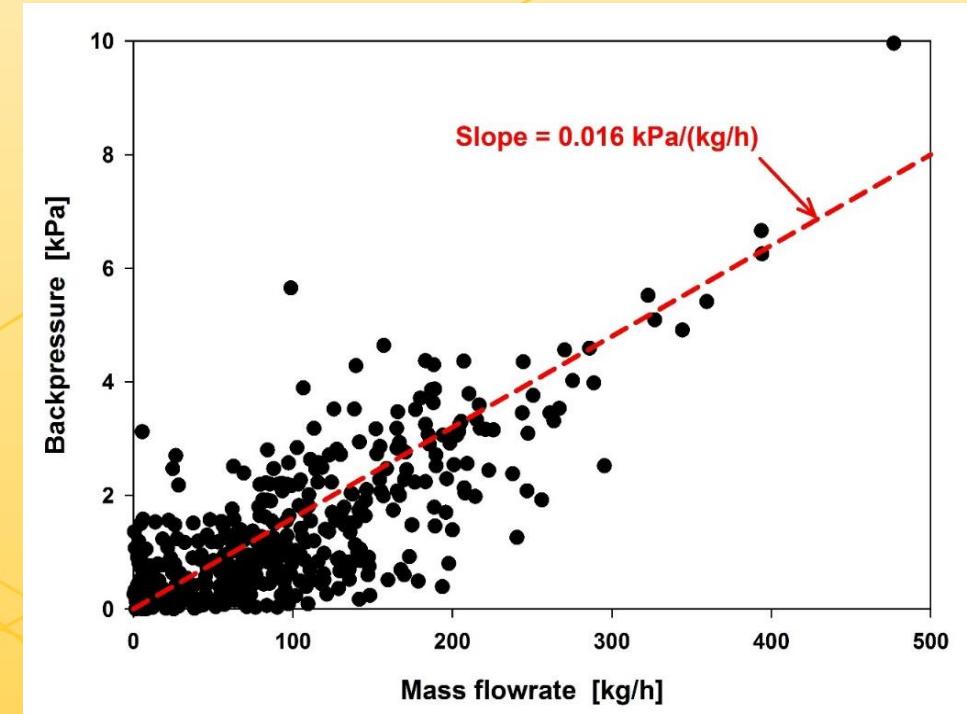
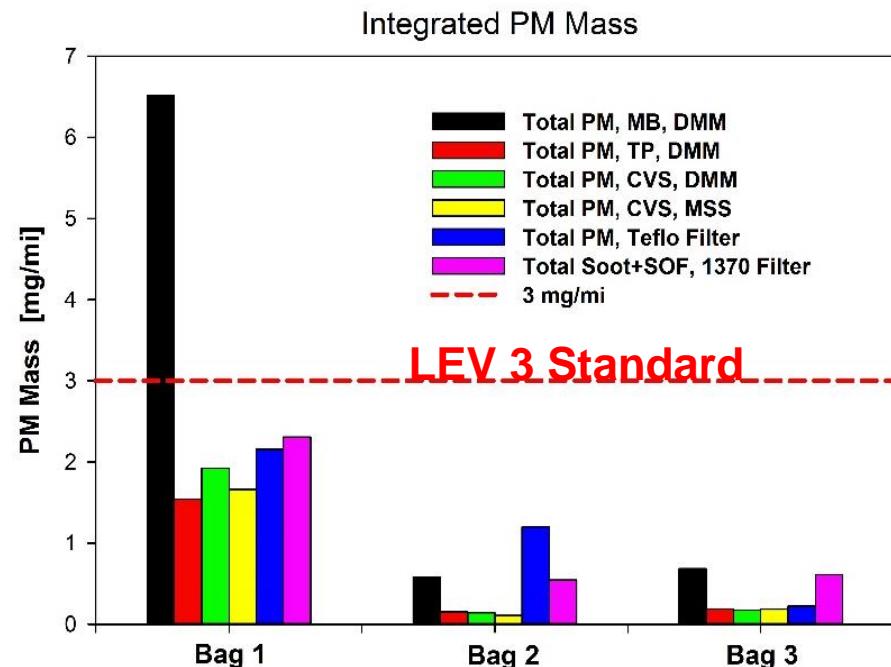
# Gasoline Particulate Filter (GPF) Prototypes

Cartridge Design



- GPF prototypes with two media areas (0.48 and 0.65 m<sup>2</sup>) were built and their filtration performance (efficiency and back pressure) were tested.

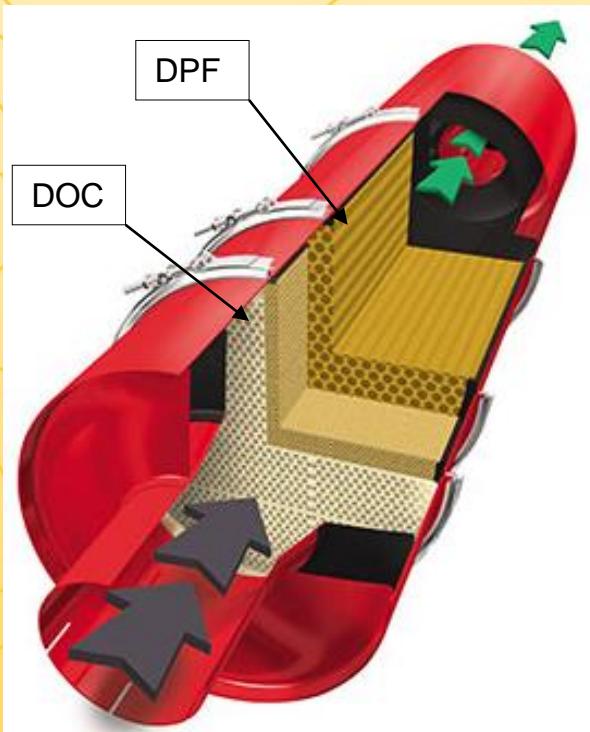
# Vehicle Test Results from Ford Motor (Prototypes will meet 2017 Euro and US Standards)



- Vehicle test results indicate the efficiency of the GPF prototype is greater than 70%, with an average backpressure below 2 kPa for US06 drive cycle. (US06 is a high speed drive cycle with high exhaust flowrate and temperature, which is typically associated with high backpressure.)

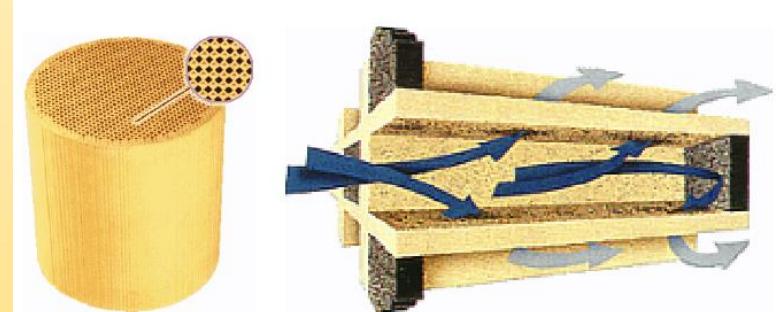
UMN Patent Pending

# Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) reduces the emission of Particulate Matter (PM) from diesel engine



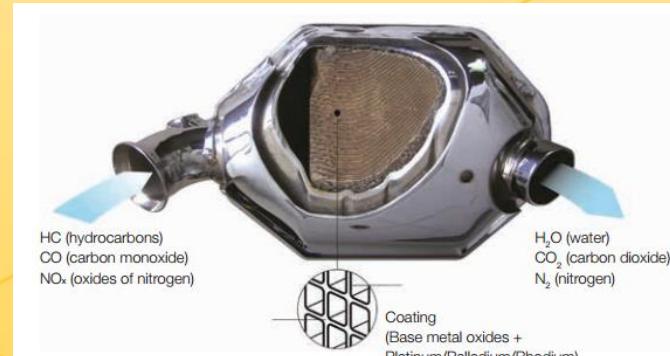
Courtesy of Cummins Filtration

Diesel  
Particulate  
Filter  
(DPF)



Courtesy of Corning and Johnson-Matthey

Diesel  
Oxidation  
Catalyst  
(DOC)



Courtesy of BASF

- Most high efficiency DPFs use wall flow filter, as shown in top right image.
- Without regenerative unit to oxidize soot, the DPF can be clogged quickly.

**Passive regeneration**—Use Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) before DPF to oxidize the NO in the exhaust to NO<sub>2</sub>.

**Active regeneration**—Inject extra fuel before DPF, or use catalyst from fuel.

**Off-board regeneration**—Filter is removed, and then burned or electrically heated.



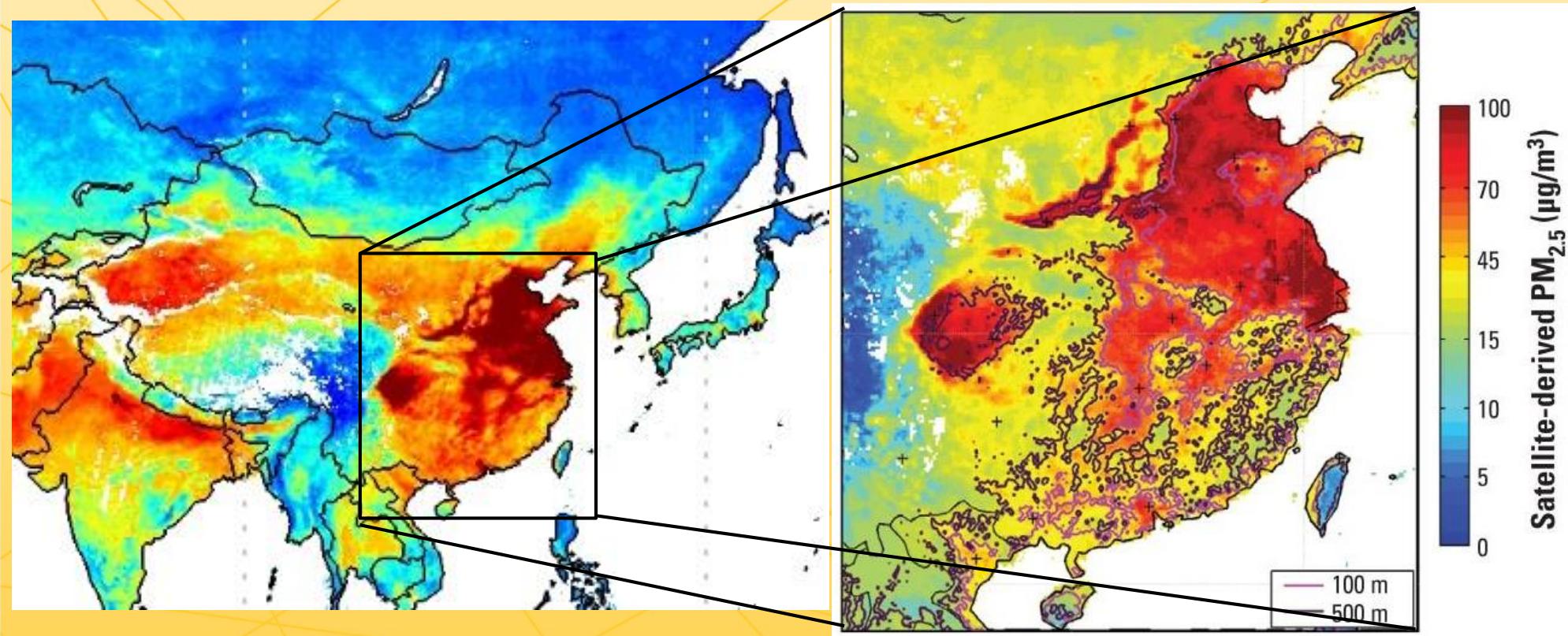
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# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Pollution and Haze Formation in China



- 600 million Chinese (50% of the population) and 25 provinces (25% of the land area) are being affected
- WHO Global Burden of Disease (GBD) estimated the outdoor air pollution has resulted in 1.2 million premature deaths each year in China.

# China Tackles PM<sub>2.5</sub>

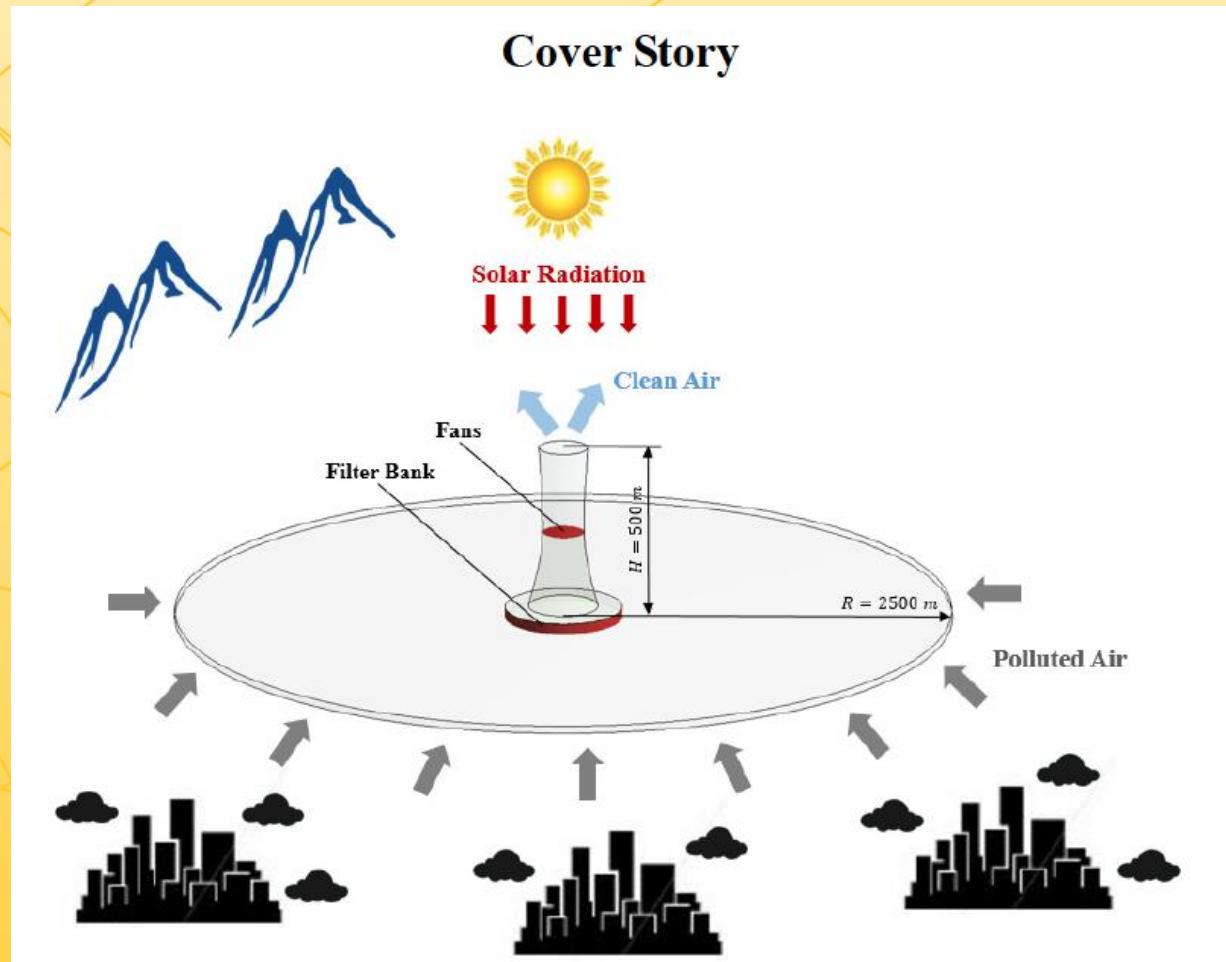
- In September, 2013, the first National Action Plan on Air Pollution Prevention and Control (2013–17), requires that annual PM2.5 in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Area, Yangtze River Delta, and Pearl River Delta should be reduced by over 25%, 20%, and 15%, respectively, by 2017 compared with 2012, and that the annual PM2.5 in Beijing should be controlled at 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017.
- The National Action Plan requires that US\$277.5 billion be invested over the next 5 years in the prevention and control of air pollution.

Reference: Zhu CHEN et al., “China Tackles Health Effects of Air Pollution,” *Lancet* Vol. 382, December 14, 2013, [www.thelancet.com](http://www.thelancet.com)

## UMN and CFR Ready to Join the Efforts

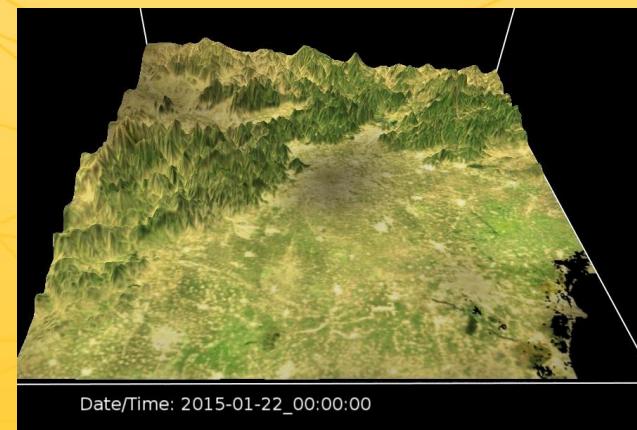
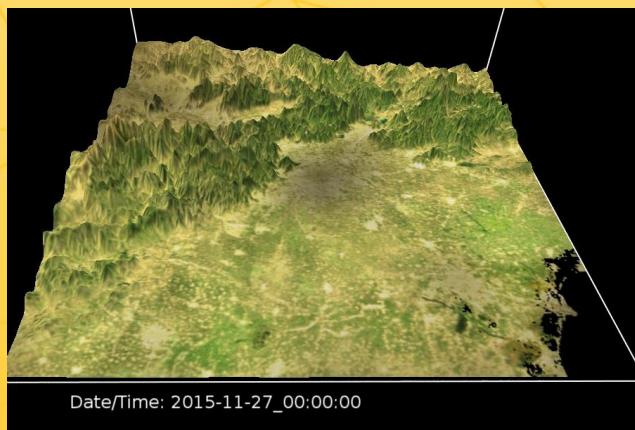
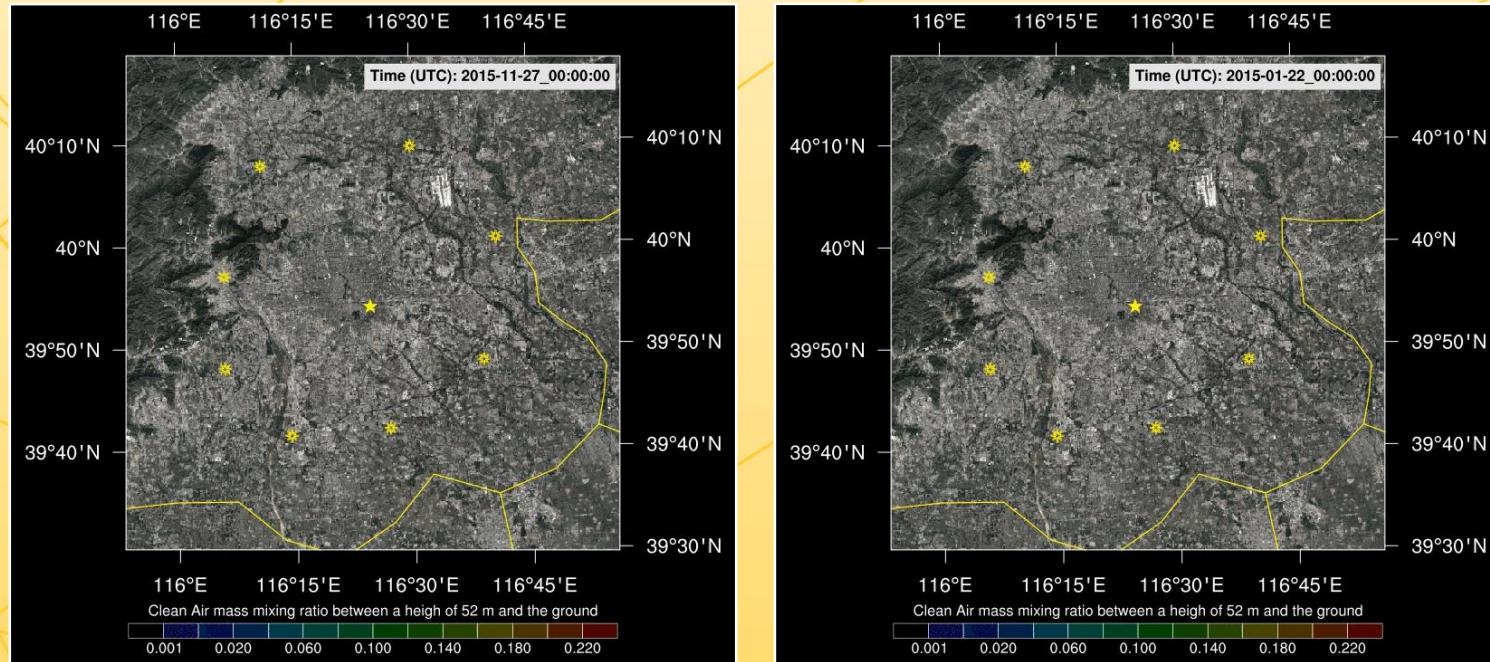
- President Kaler and CSE Dean Crouch led a delegation of 15 UMN faculty members from Science and Engineering, Medical School, and School of Public to Xi'an for a Bilateral Seminar/Workshop with the Chinese Academy of Sciences to establish research collaborations.
- Center for Filtration Research (CFR) with 30 CFR delegates from 9 companies addressed control technology at the Workshop.

# Solar-Assisted Large-Scale Cleaning System (SALSCS) -- Disruptive Innovation

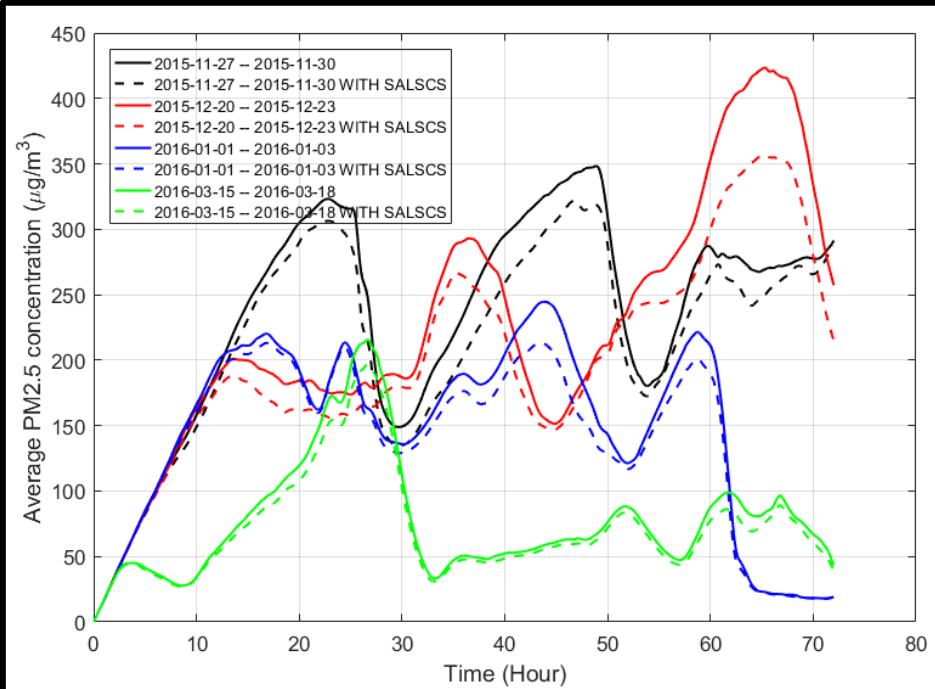


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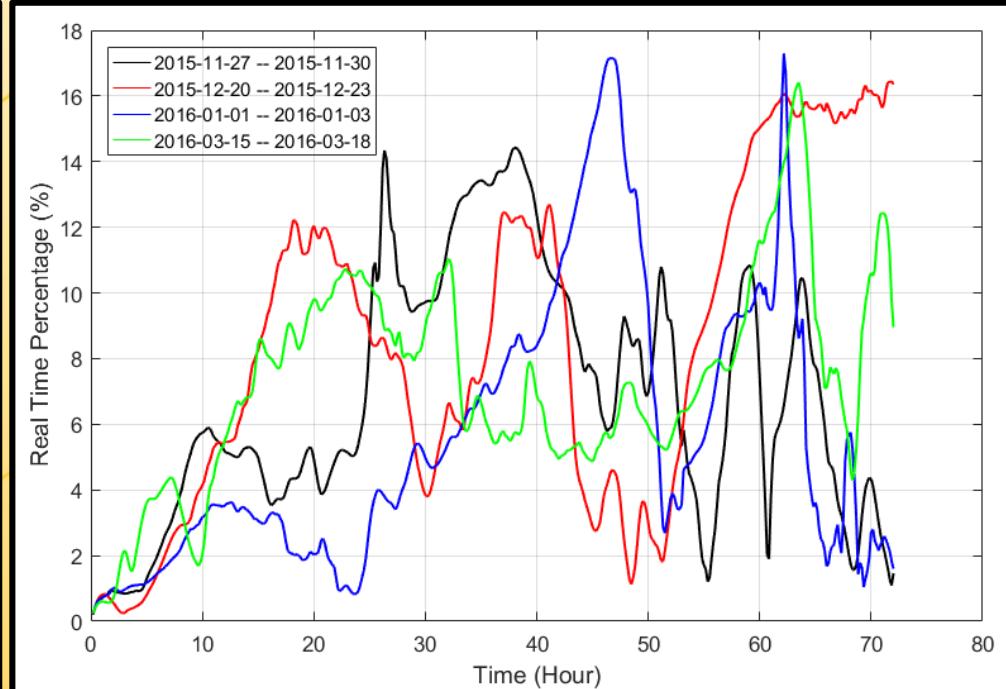
# Clean Air from 8 Giant SALSCS bathing Beijing Basin



# Modeling Results of Air Pollutants



Average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration within a 61 km X 61 km area.



Real time percentage by comparing the conditions of  
WITH and WITHOUT SALSCS.

- After installing 8 full-scale SALSCS next to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ring Road of the Beijing city, we can reduce the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration up to **15%** in average for the urban area of Beijing.
- This conclusion is based on our atmospheric simulation performed by the WRF model.



**Xi'an SALSCS Completed: July 22, 2016**

*In collaboration with:*

Prof. Junji Cao, Institute of Earth Environment (IEECAS)

Prof. W.Q. Tao, Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU)

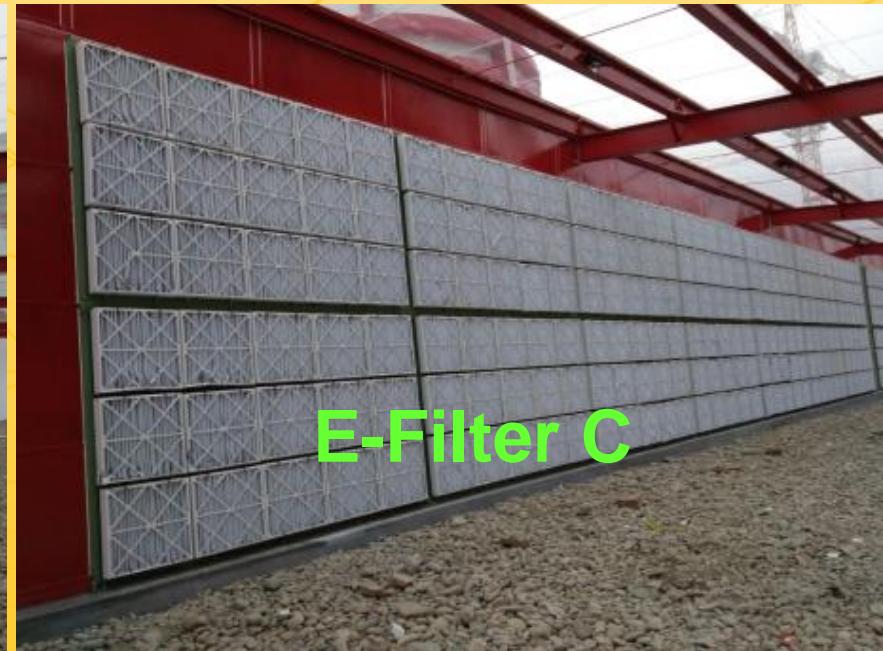
## Photos of the three filtration systems



**W-Filter B**



**N-Filter A**



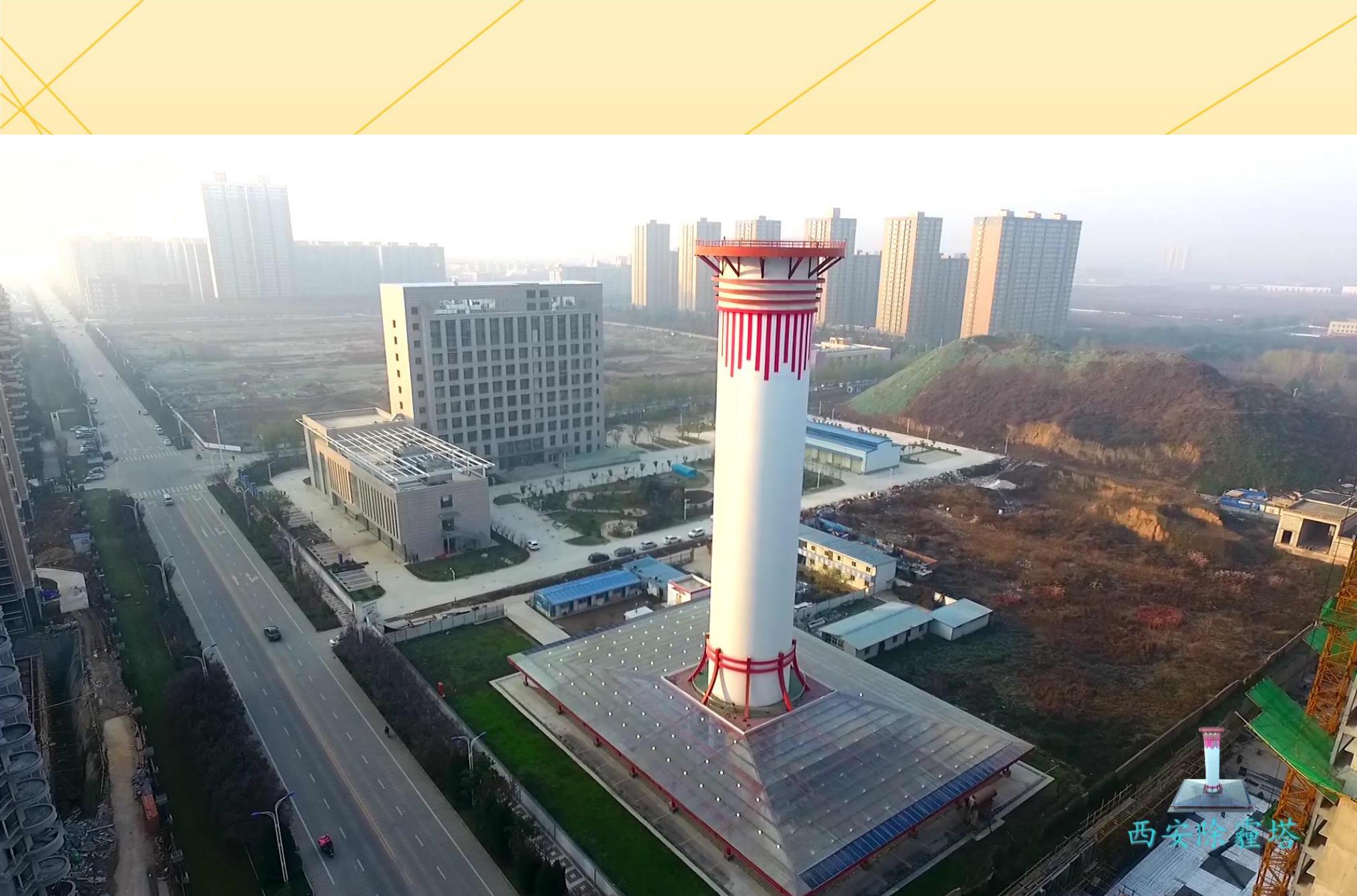
**E-Filter C**

# Flow Rate Comparison Between Measurement and Numerical Results

<i>A comparison of the flow rate and temperature between the measurement and simulation</i>		Time of mea	Radiation Intensity Received by Solar Collector (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Ambient Temperature (°C)	Flow rate (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Temperature at the mid-way interface (°C)	Temperature at the door (°C)
Only one section opened	South Side (Open Section)	Jan 13 2:52 pm – 3:56 pm	100.94	9.5506	27.46 28.97	14.41 10.85	11.14 11.09
	South Side (Open Section)	Jan 13 10:10 am – 11:00 am	166.23	3.8847	34.48 34.53	6.85 5.52	5.52 6.17
	North Side *** (HAF Section)	Jan 13 11:10 am – 11:51 am	246.93	6.5956	13.95 35.80	6.42 9.10	6.58 9.89
Both the two sections opened	South Side (Open Section)	Jan 11 11:17 am – 12:10 pm	108.68	4.5912	34.87 31.05	6.61 5.79	5.62 6.26
	South Side (Open Section)	Jan 12 10:48 am – 12:20 pm	262.68	6.7730	38.97 41.06	11.52 8.99	8.66 9.86
	North Side *** (HAF Section)				20.63 30.34	8.41 9.92	7.76 10.72
	South Side (Open Section)	Jan 13 4:03 pm – 5:08 pm	33.35	9.0318	21.89 21.58	12.21 9.57	10.55 9.79
	North Side (HAF Section)				10.81 11.38	8.80 10.08	9.08 10.33

- Red color indicating simulation results and blue color indicating measurement results.
- The flow rates matches each other well, except for the two cases indicated by the red asterisks.
- This discrepancy is caused by the fact that the real solar energy received by the north section is much smaller than the radiation intensity measured by the weather station.





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- Two dozens of Newspaper articles and TV News
- Nature (March 6, 2018) “China Tests Giant Air Cleaner to Combat Smog”
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Vice Minister Wang of China Environmental Protection Ministry review the SALSCS on September 25, 2017



**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation SALSCS in City**



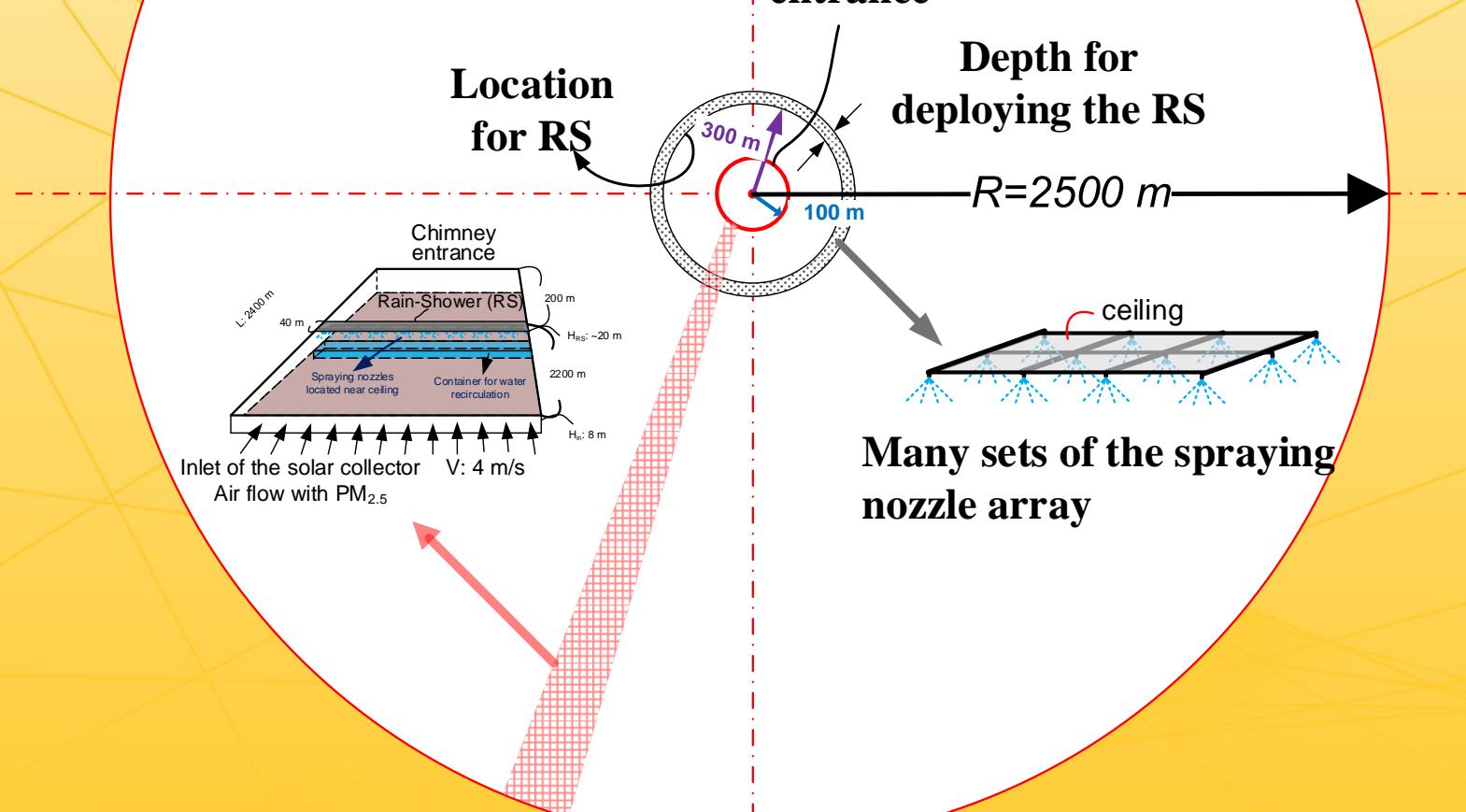
# Health Effects of Climate Change

- Climate Change
  - Temperature Rise
  - Sea Level Rise
  - Hydrologic Extremes
    - Droughts
    - Floods
    - Fires
- Cost of Cleaner Energy  
 $< \$30 / \text{tCO}_2$
- Health Effects
  - Urban Heat Island Effect → Heat Stress, Heart Attacks
  - Air Pollution & Aeroallergens → Respiratory Diseases
  - Vector-borne Diseases → Malaria, Dengue, Zika
  - Water-borne Diseases → Cholera, Cryptosporidiosis
  - Water Resources & Food → Malnutrition, Diarrhea
  - Mental Health & Refugees → Migration, Overcrowding
- Benefits of Cleaner Energy  
 $\$200 / \text{tCO}_2$

Patz (2017), West (2013)

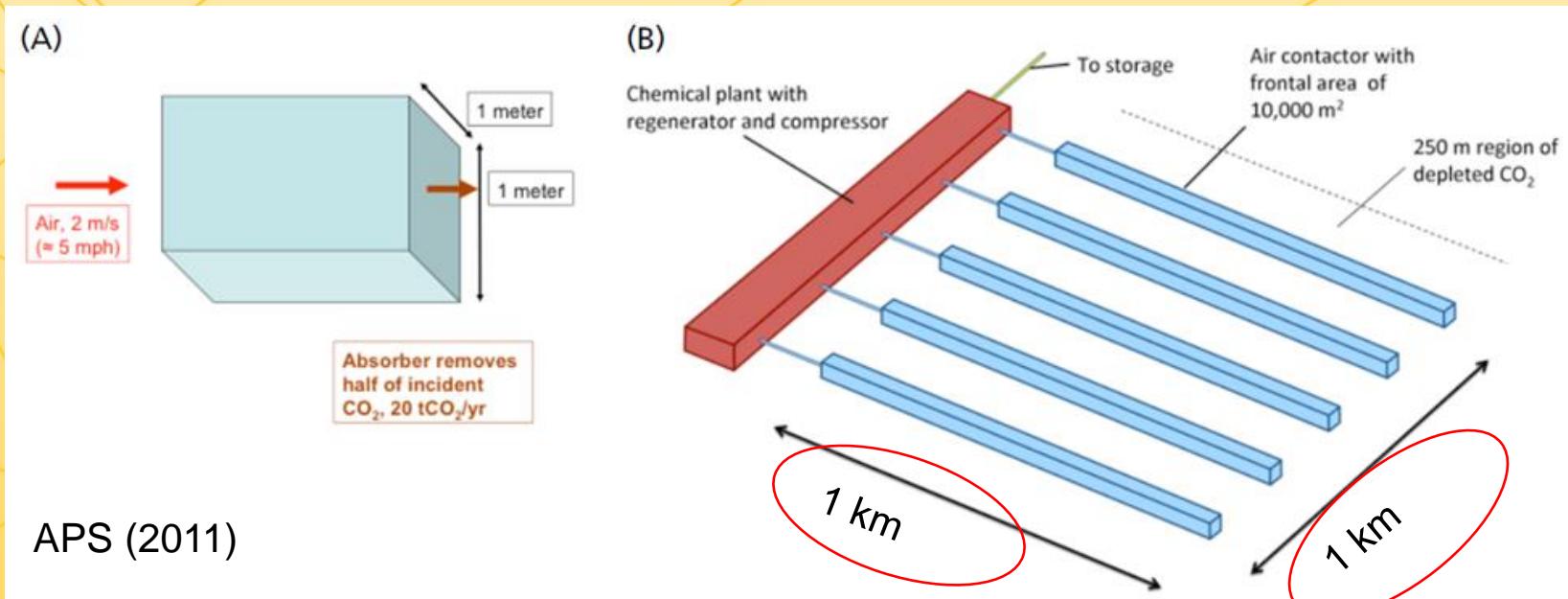
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation SALSCS with Water Spray – Low cost and effective way to collect PM<sub>2.5</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> (using NaOH spray)

## Top view of the full scale SALSCS



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# $\text{CO}_2$ removal by the APS unit (a facility proposed by the American Physical Society)



- APS claims one of this facility can have a removal rate of 1 Mt $\text{CO}_2$ /yr based on the assumption of 50%  $\text{CO}_2$  removal efficiency.
- Contact Column using NaOH solution to absorb  $\text{CO}_2$  was applied. This will cause a great deal of pressure drop and require a lot of fan power.

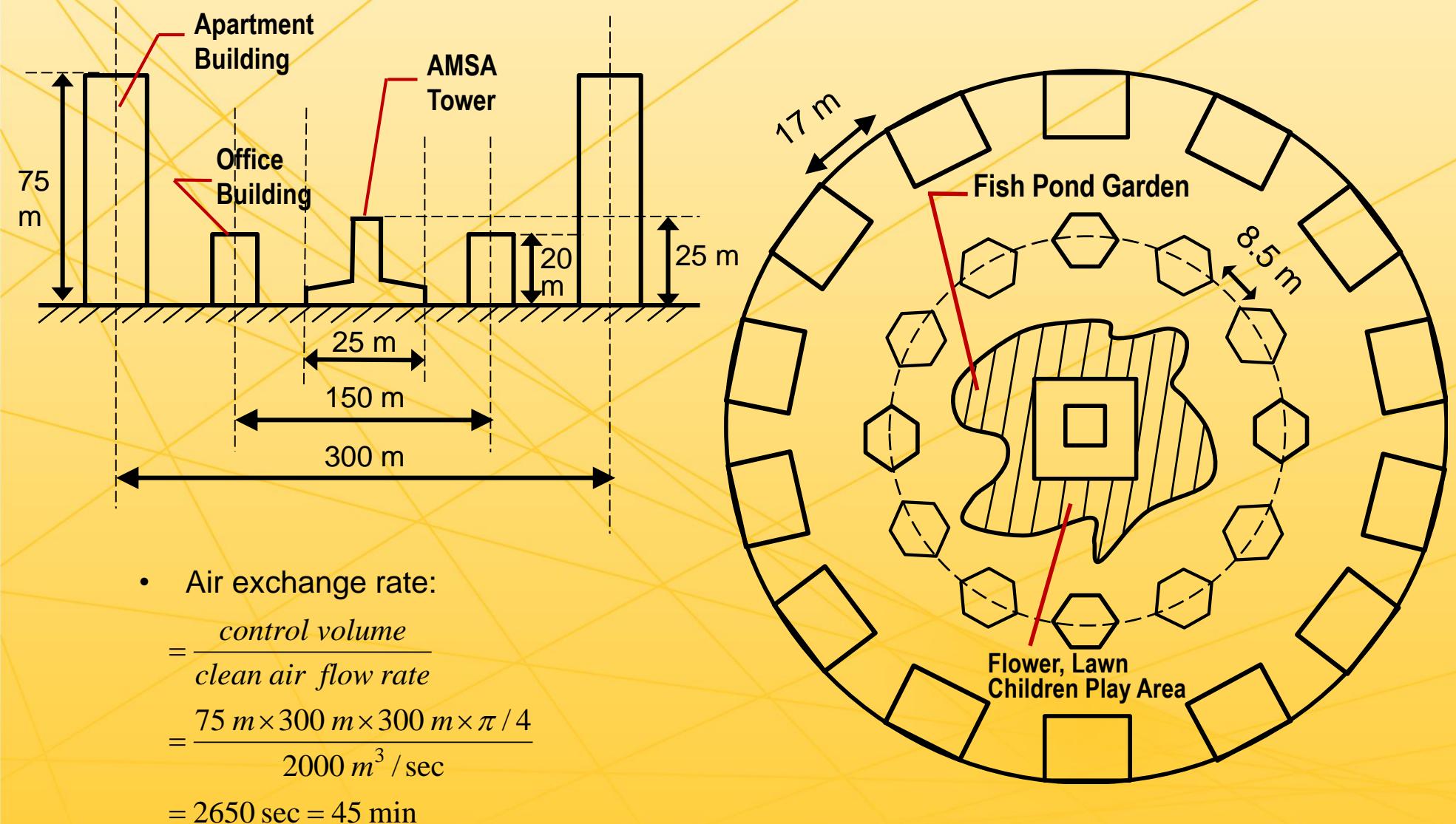


It also needs a lot of fans to draw air into the unit.

# Economics Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> removal by the Water-Spray SALSCS and APS unit

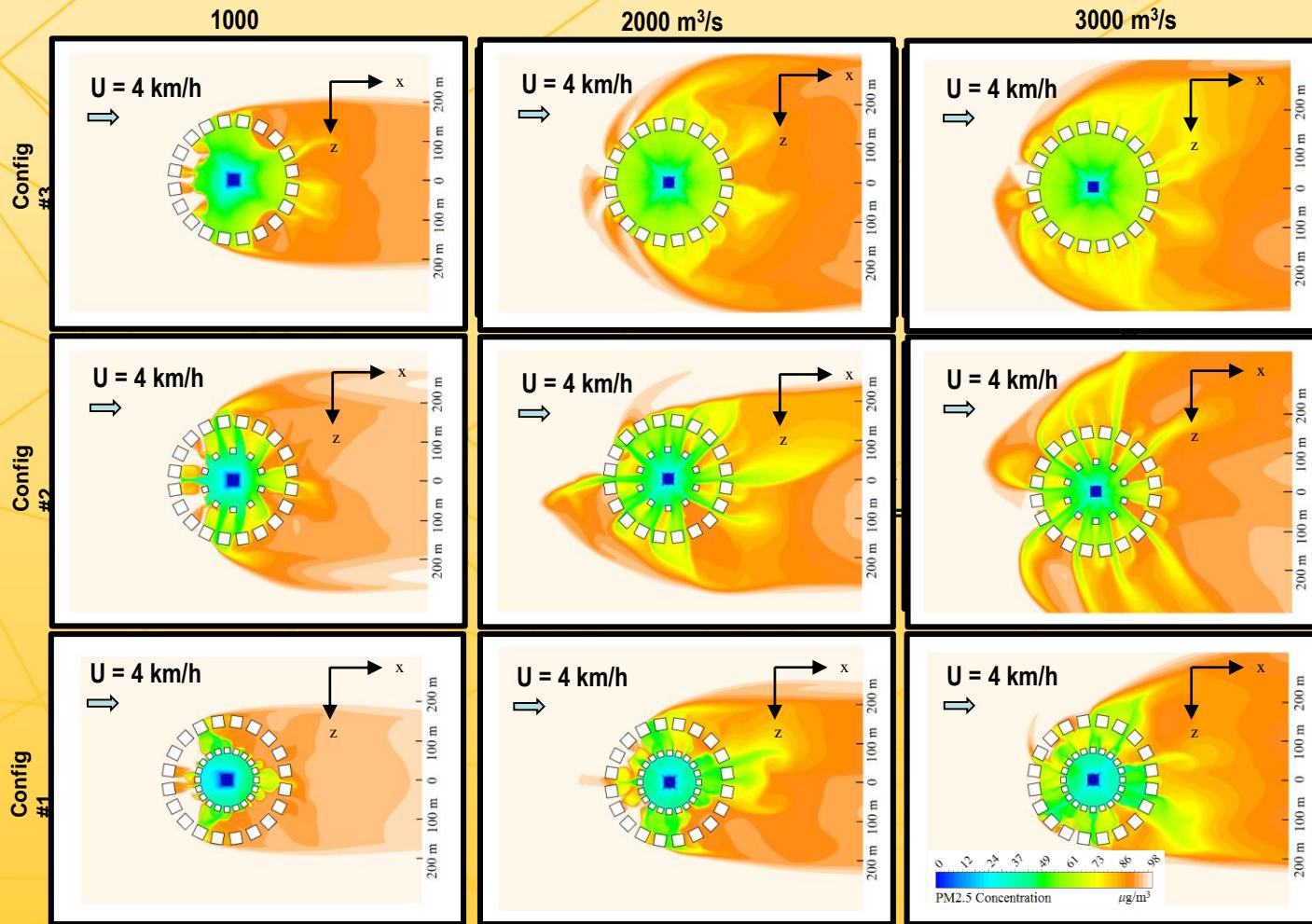
1. **80 APS units per year** need to be built continuously for 100 years to reduce **CO<sub>2</sub> concentration from the current 390 ppm to 340 ppm in 100 years.**
2. The **Water-Spray SALSCS** has **more than four times capacity** of CO<sub>2</sub> removal **than the APS unit** (2x higher flowrate and 2x contact efficiency) meaning that only **20 SALSCS need to be installed per year around the world.**
3. The proposed 8 SALSCS units built in Beijing will remove 40% of the APS global requirement. (China contributes about 30% of global CO<sub>2</sub>.)
3. The capital cost is already paid for by PM2.5 removal. The **operating cost is estimated to be about 1/10 of APS unit** – making it **feasible to install** such units around the world.

# SALSCS (3<sup>rd</sup> Gen) Green Community



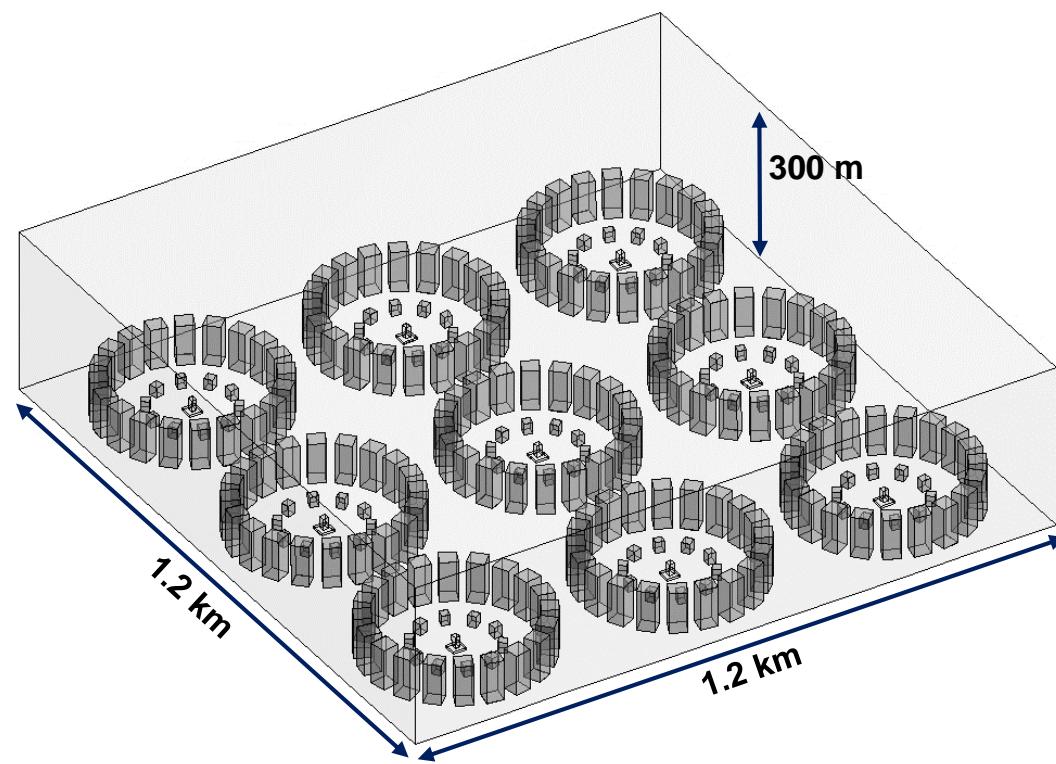
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# Contours of PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentration: A Comparison

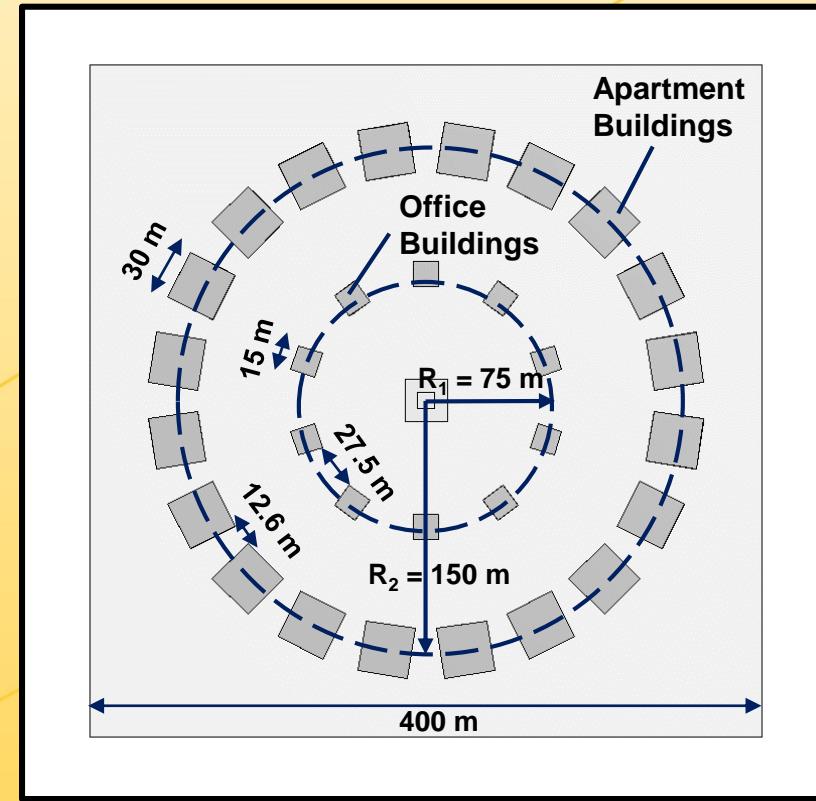


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# 9-Clusters of SALSCS Green Community



A cluster of AMSA green community



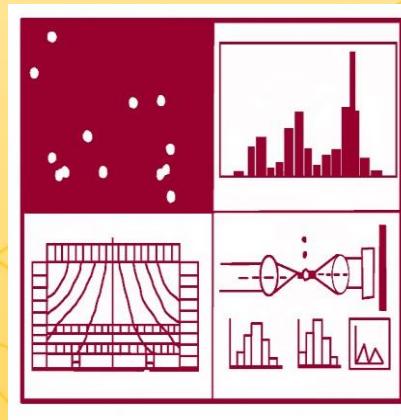
Computational domain

- The AMSA has a tower of 25 m in height. The tower has a dimension of 10 m.
- The base of the system has a horizontal dimension of  $25 \times 25 \text{ m}^2$  with a height of 4 m.
- The office and apartment buildings are 20 m and 75 m tall, respectively.
- There are 20 apartment buildings for each community. The number of office buildings will be 20, 10 or 0.
- **The 9 clusters together can house 75,000 residents inside the green community.**



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