

# **Wet Scrubbing Control Technology For FCCU's Particulate, SO<sub>2</sub> , SO<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> Removal In One Process Unit**

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# ***BELCO® - Providing Proven Technologies***

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- **EDV® Wet Scrubbing Systems**
- **Linde/BOC's LoTOx NOx Reduction Process**

# BELCO® 's List of Scrubbing Experience In Refineries

## ▪ North America (41)

- Valero (9)
- Coastal
- Marathon/Ashland (2)
- Quakerstate (Pennzoil)
- Irving Oil
- Motiva
- Conoco Phillips (5)
- Premcor (4) (now Valero)
- Shell Oil
- Lion Oil
- Citgo (3)
- Sunoco (4)
- BP
- Placid
- Western
- Petrobras
- HollyFrontier (3)
- Tesoro

## ▪ India (9)

- IOCL (4)
- ESSAR
- HPCL (3)
- NOCL

## ▪ Other (48)

- Taiwan - Formosa (5), Chinese Petroleum
- Korea – SK, GS Caltec, Hyundai
- Qatar – NODCO, Al Shaheen
- Italy – Eni S.p.A.
- Norway – ESSO
- Switzerland – Tamoil
- Saudi Arabia - SAMREF
- Russia – GAZPROM
- Philippines –Petron (2)
- Belgium – Total
- Thailand – Star Petroleum
- Brazil – Petrobras REFAP
- China – Petrochina (13), Sinopec (11), Western Pacific, Sinochem (3)
- UAE – Takreer
- Canada – PetroBank
- Romania – Petrotel/Lukoil

**106 EDV Wet Scrubbing Systems in Refineries  
(94) are on FCCU applications )**

# ***Why EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing for FCCU ?***

- High Collection Efficiency for Particulate, SO<sub>x</sub> and now NO<sub>x</sub> all in one step
- Proven Design Features for >5+ Year “Non-Stop” Operation
- Proven Capability to Handle FCC Upsets/Reversals
  - *Very High Particulate Carry Over*
  - *High Temperature Excursions (& COB Bypass)*
- Proven Capability to Handle Very Abrasive Particulate
- Proven Capability to Allow Large Gas Flow Variations
- Proven Flexibility to Allow Expansion and Feed Changes
- Ability to be designed as a Regenerative Scrubbing System when using LABSORB<sup>™</sup>
- Perfectly suited for NO<sub>x</sub> removal LoTOx<sup>™</sup> application

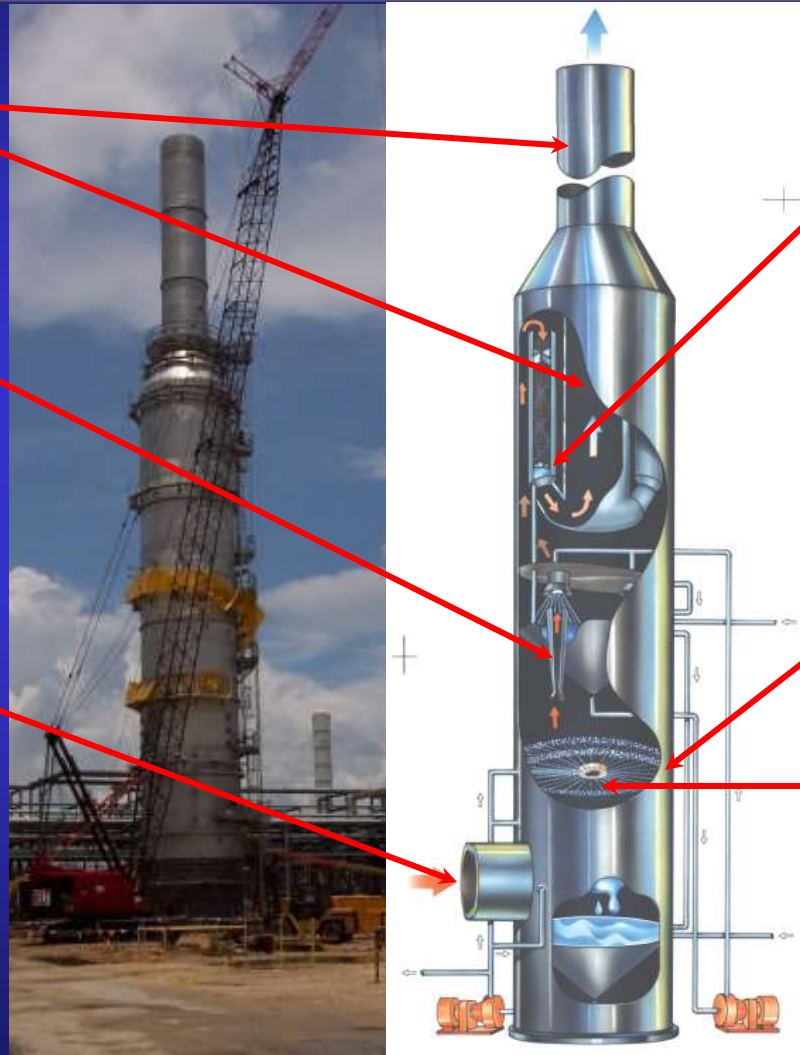
# EDV® Wet Scrubbing

(Typical *Upflow Configuration*)

**Stack**

**Filtering  
Modules**

**Quench  
Section**



**Droplet  
Separators  
(built inside  
scrubber)**

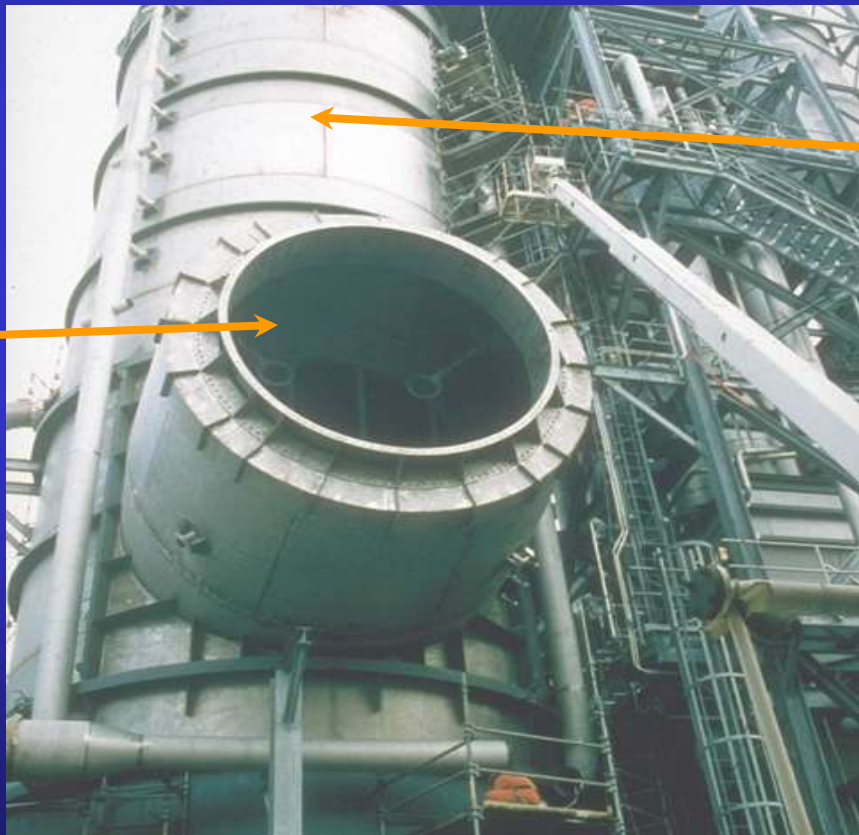
**Absorber  
Section**

**Nozzles  
form Spray  
Curtains**

# ***EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing***

## ***Quench & Spray Tower***

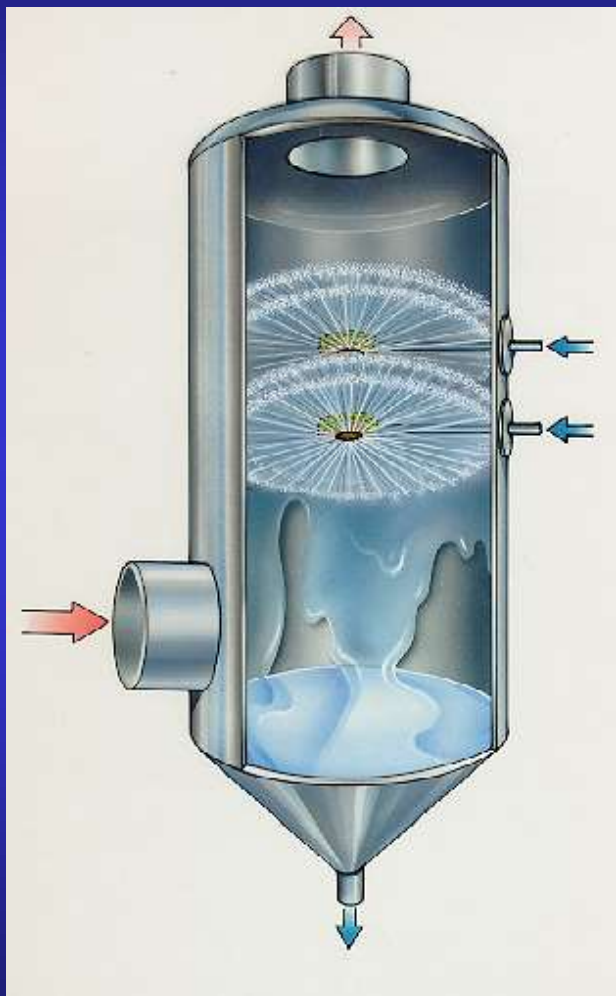
**Quench  
Section**



**Absorber/Spray  
Tower Section**



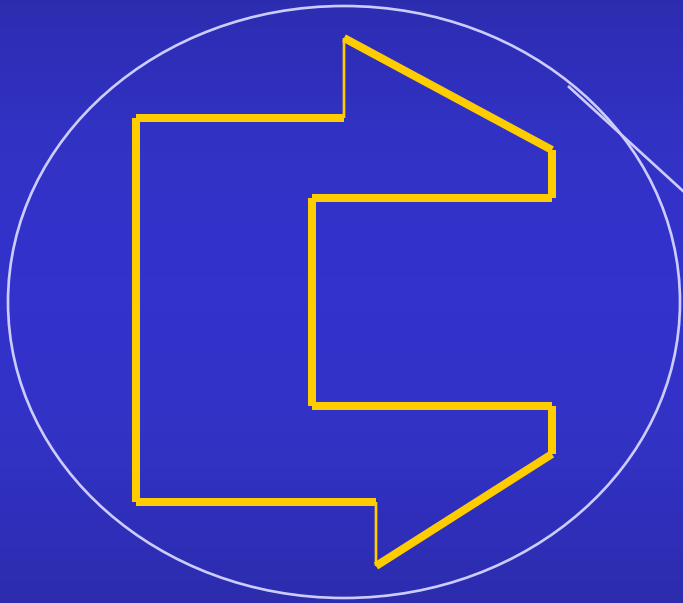
# ***EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing Spray Tower***



- Coarse PM, SO<sub>2</sub> & SO<sub>3</sub> (plus NO<sub>x</sub> when LoTOx<sup>™</sup> is applied)
  - High Liquid / Gas Contact  
Cross Sectional Dense Water/Caustic Curtains  
SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> Absorption/PM & SO<sub>3</sub> Impaction
  - Staged Approach for More Reliable scrubbing
- Open Tower
- Continuously Washed Walls for Self Cleaning
- No Mist Formation
- Low Pressure Drop (No Pressure Drop Design is also Available)

# ***EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing***

## ***G<sup>®</sup> Nozzle***



**X -Section**

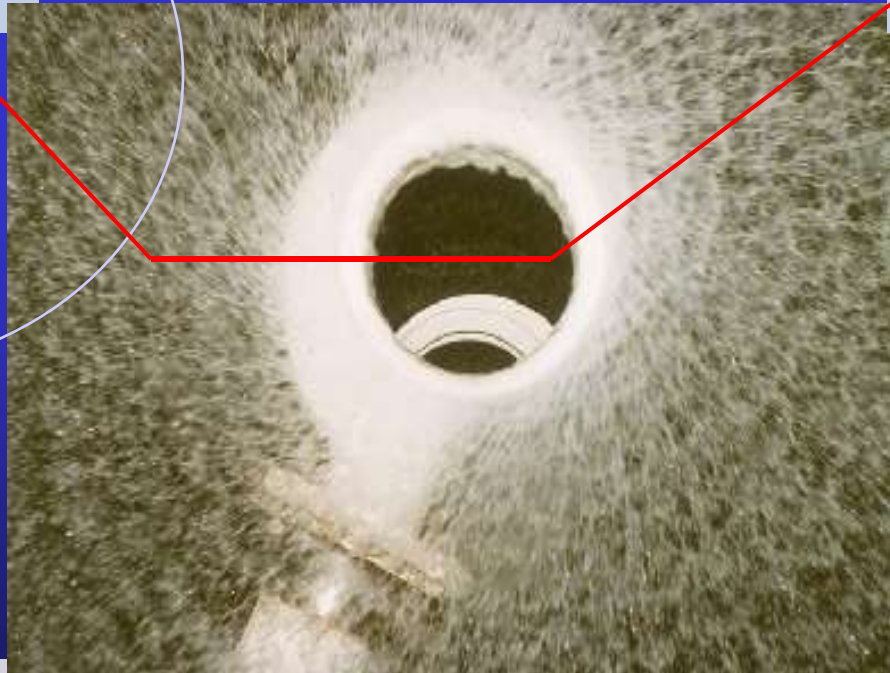
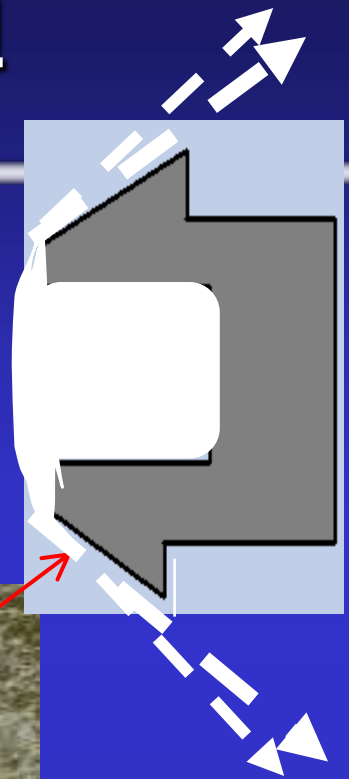
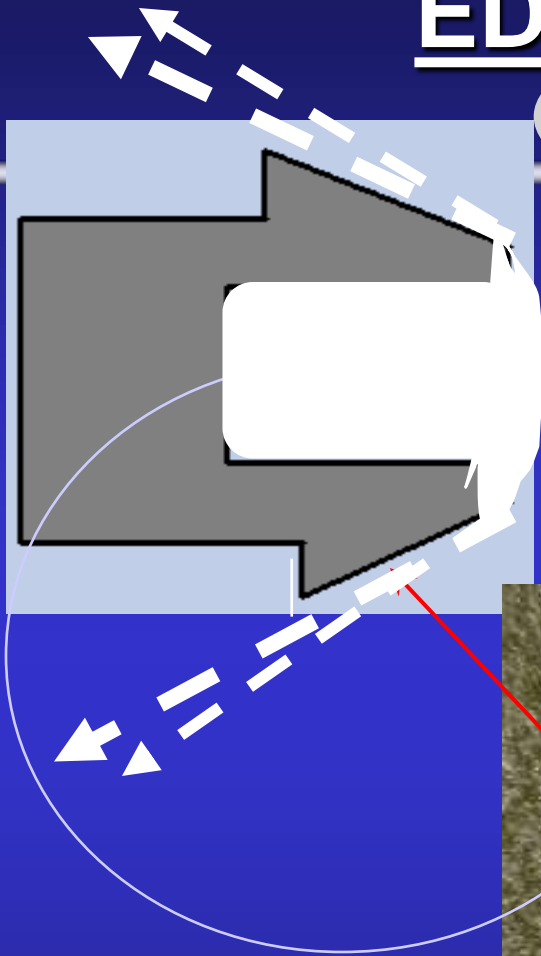




# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing

(G<sup>®</sup>-400 Nozzle) Cross Section

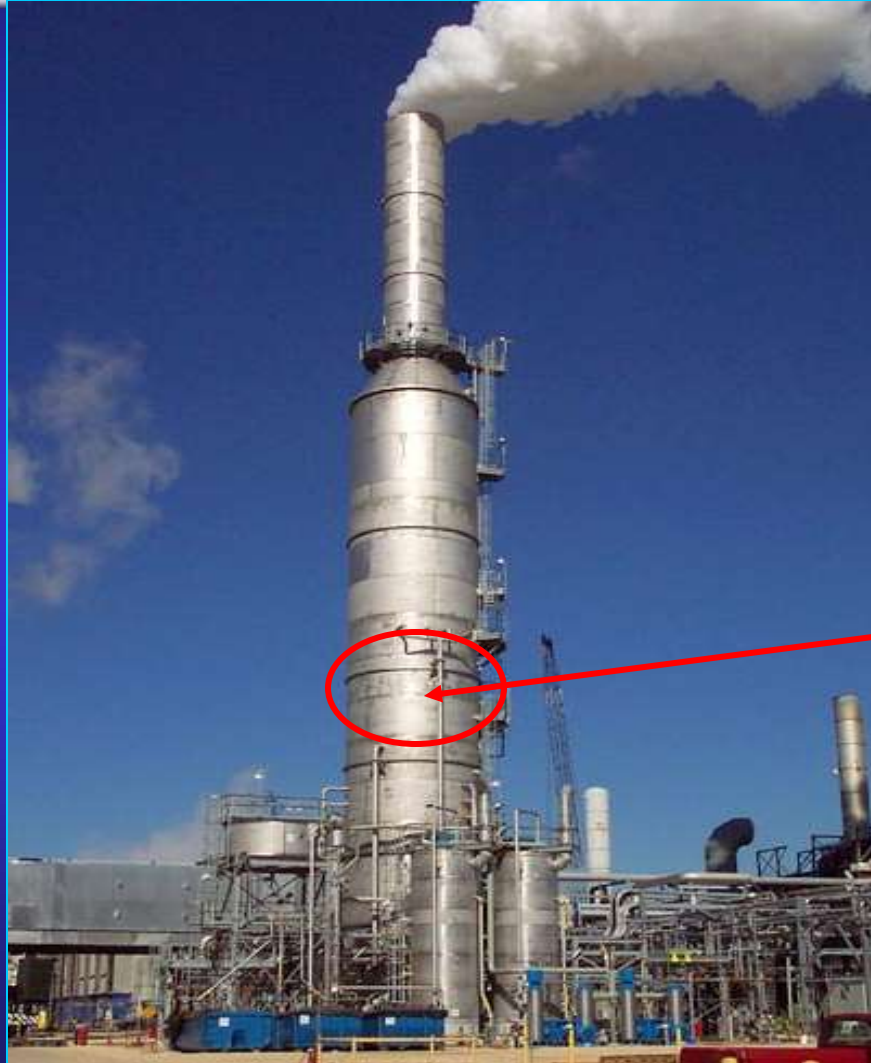
Creates a Dual  
Reagent Spray by  
means of a  
Declining Trough  
Design



# *Single G<sup>®</sup> Nozzle Operation*



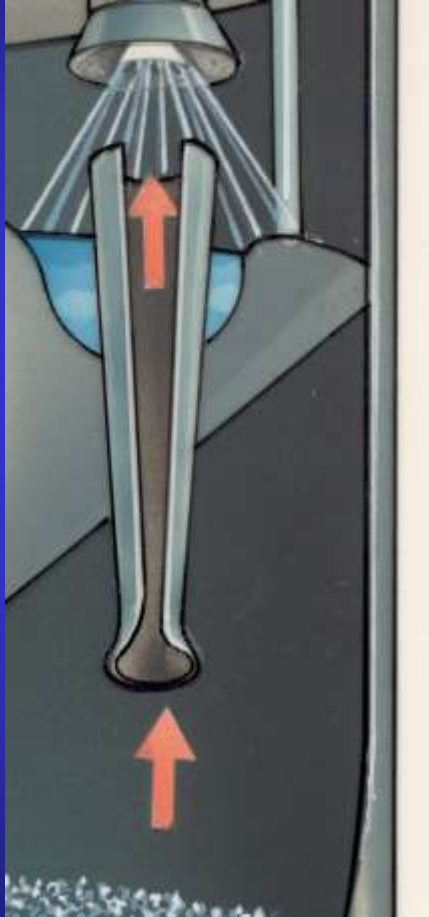
# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing Filtering Modules



Filtering  
Modules

# EDV<sup>®</sup> Filtering Module

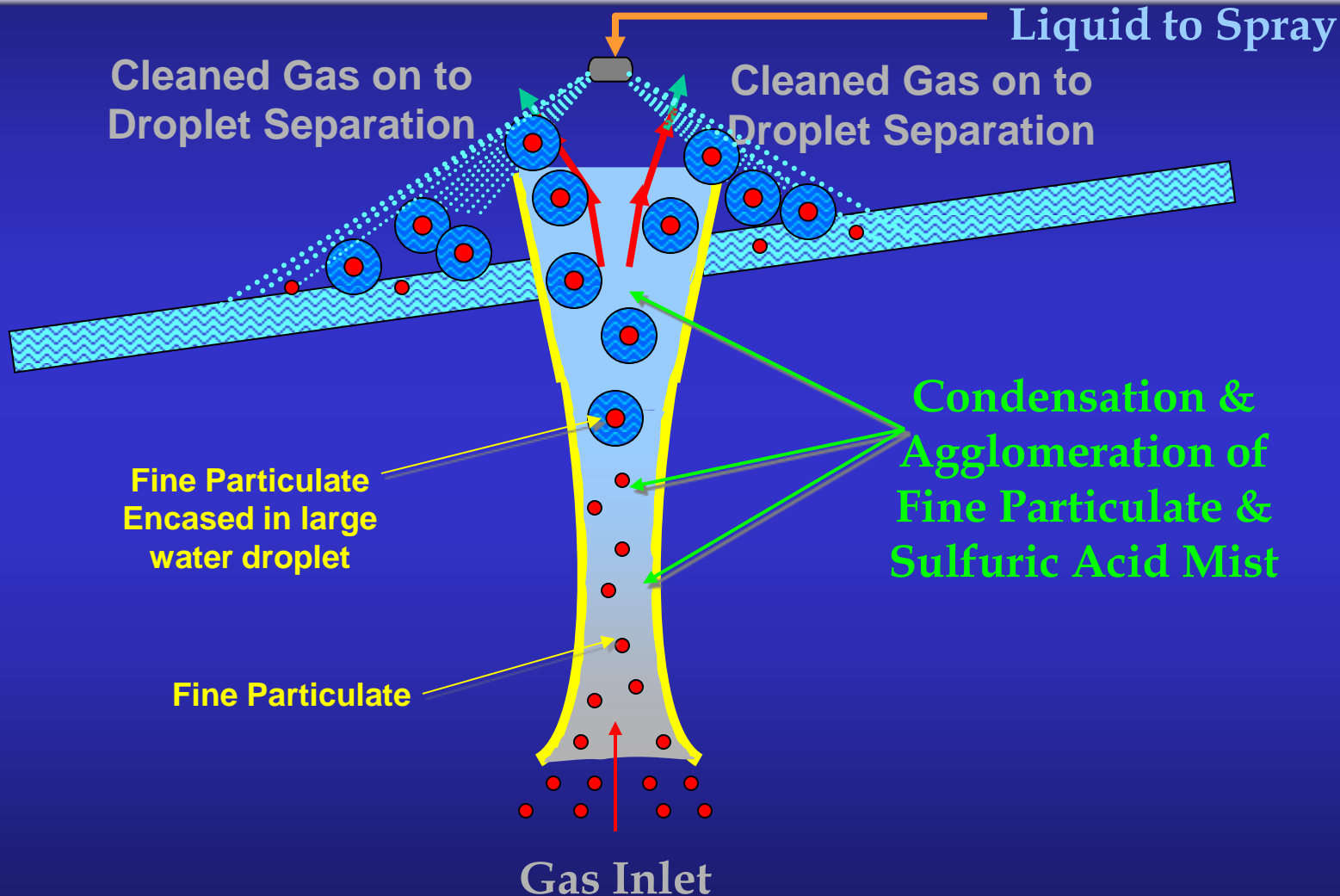
## Condensation & Filtration



- Fine PM & SO<sub>3</sub> Mist Collection
  - By Acceleration, Adiabatic Expansion and Super Saturation
  - Condensation
  - Particle Size Growth
  - Filtration
- Open / Self Cleaning
- Non-plugging Design
- No Mist Formation
- Low Pressure Drop

# EDV<sup>®</sup> 5000 Filtering Module

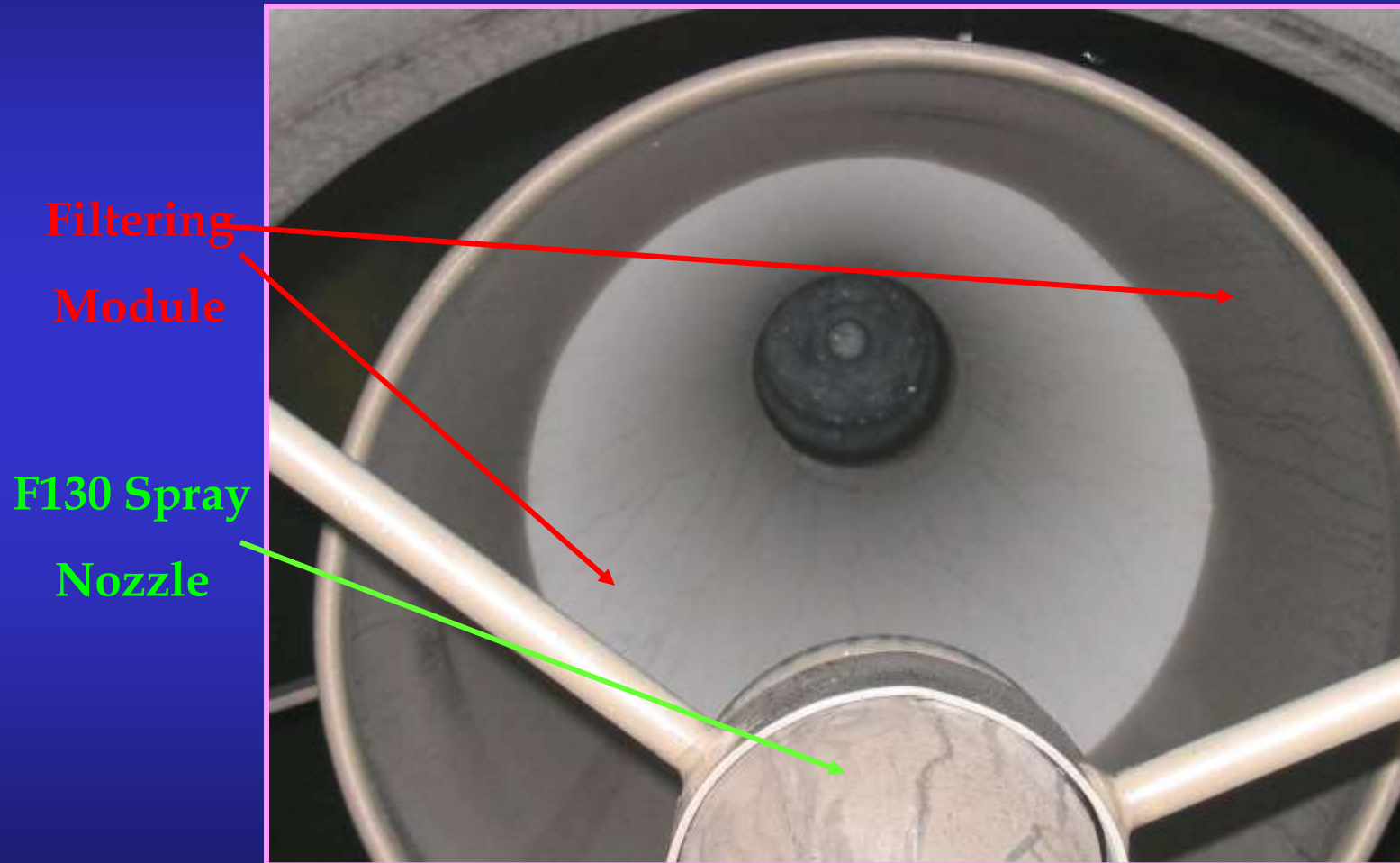
Efficient Fine Particulate Control





# EDV<sup>®</sup> 5000 Filtering Module

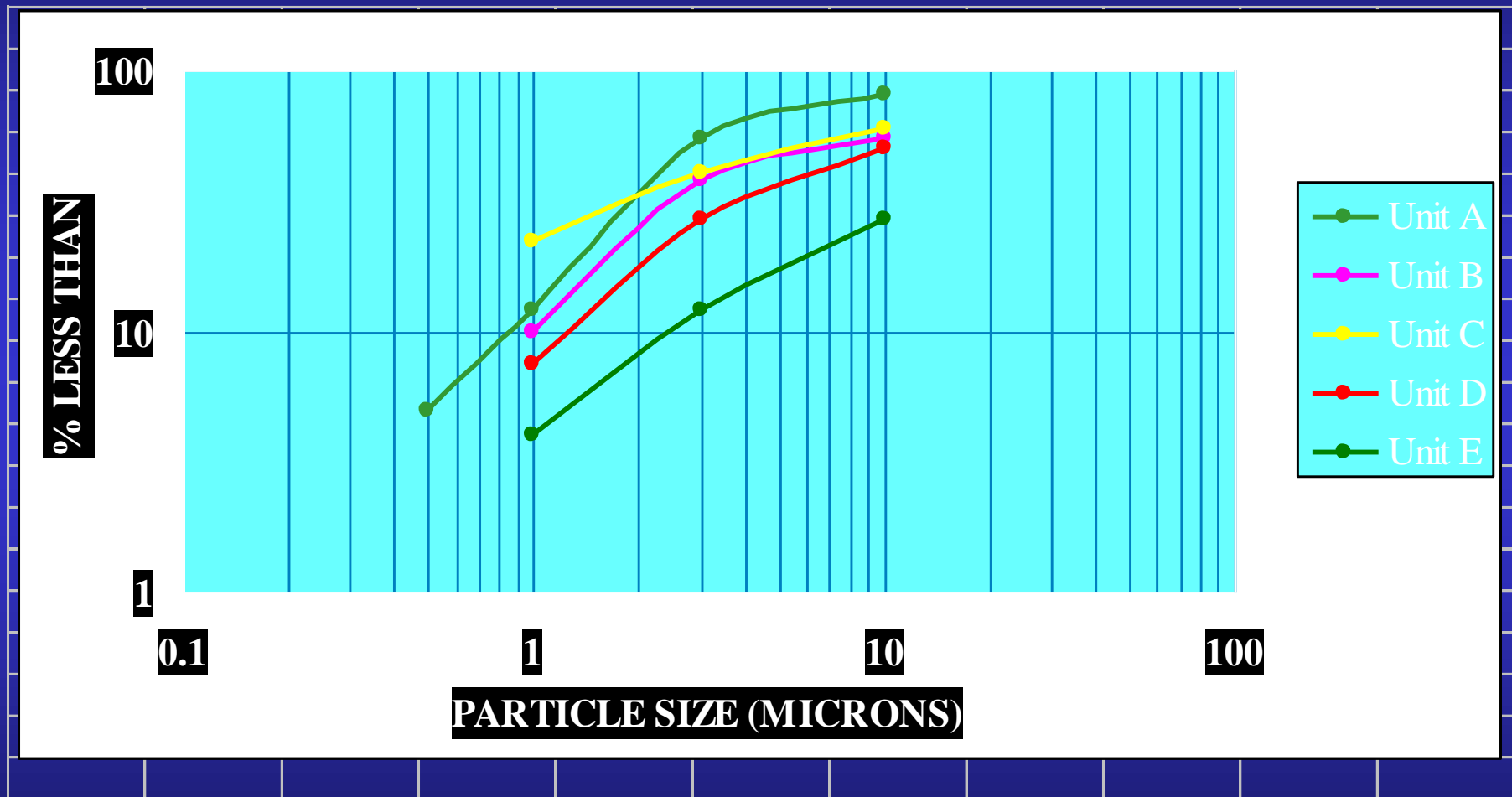
F-130 Spray Nozzle





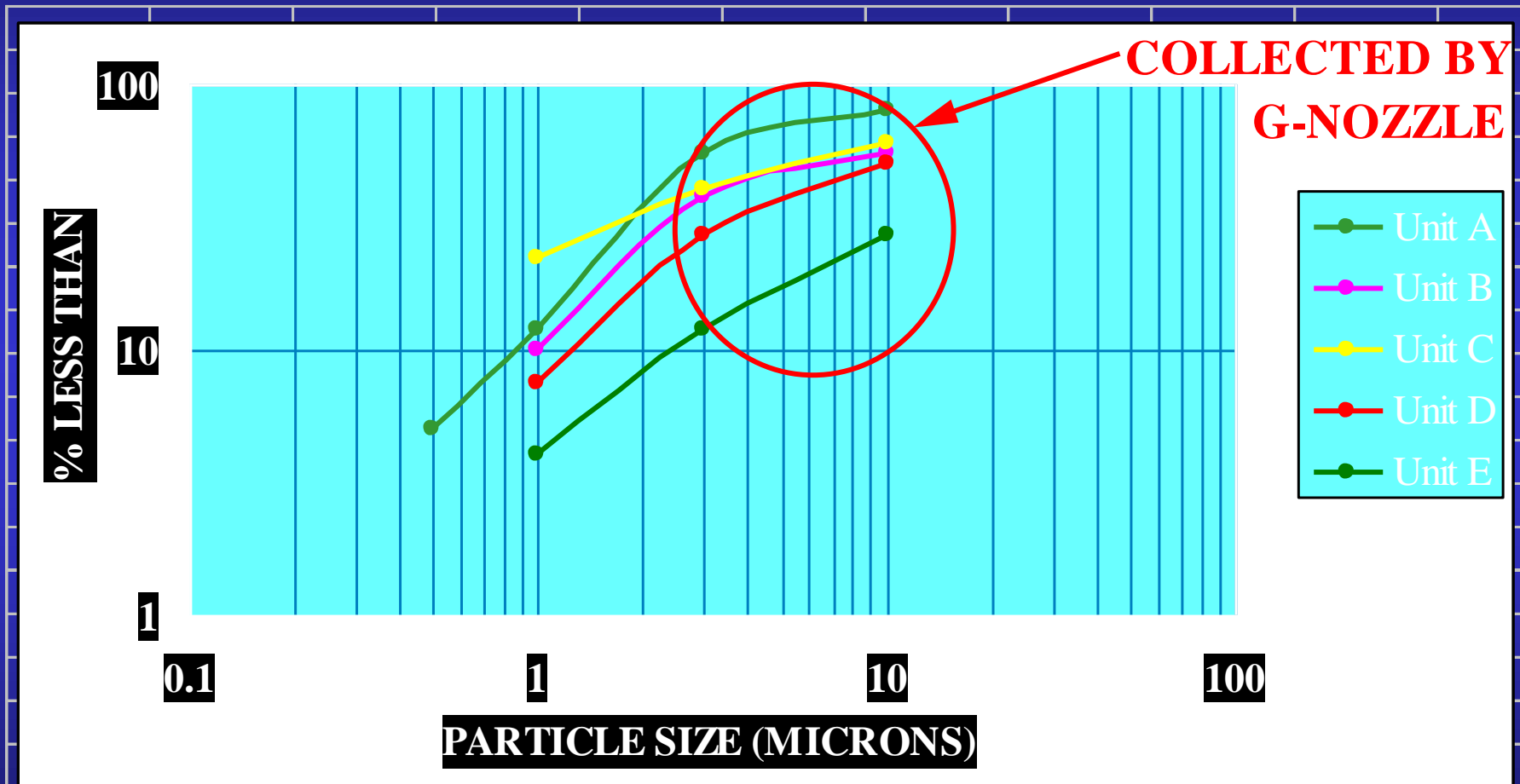
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## Particulate Control/Size Distribution



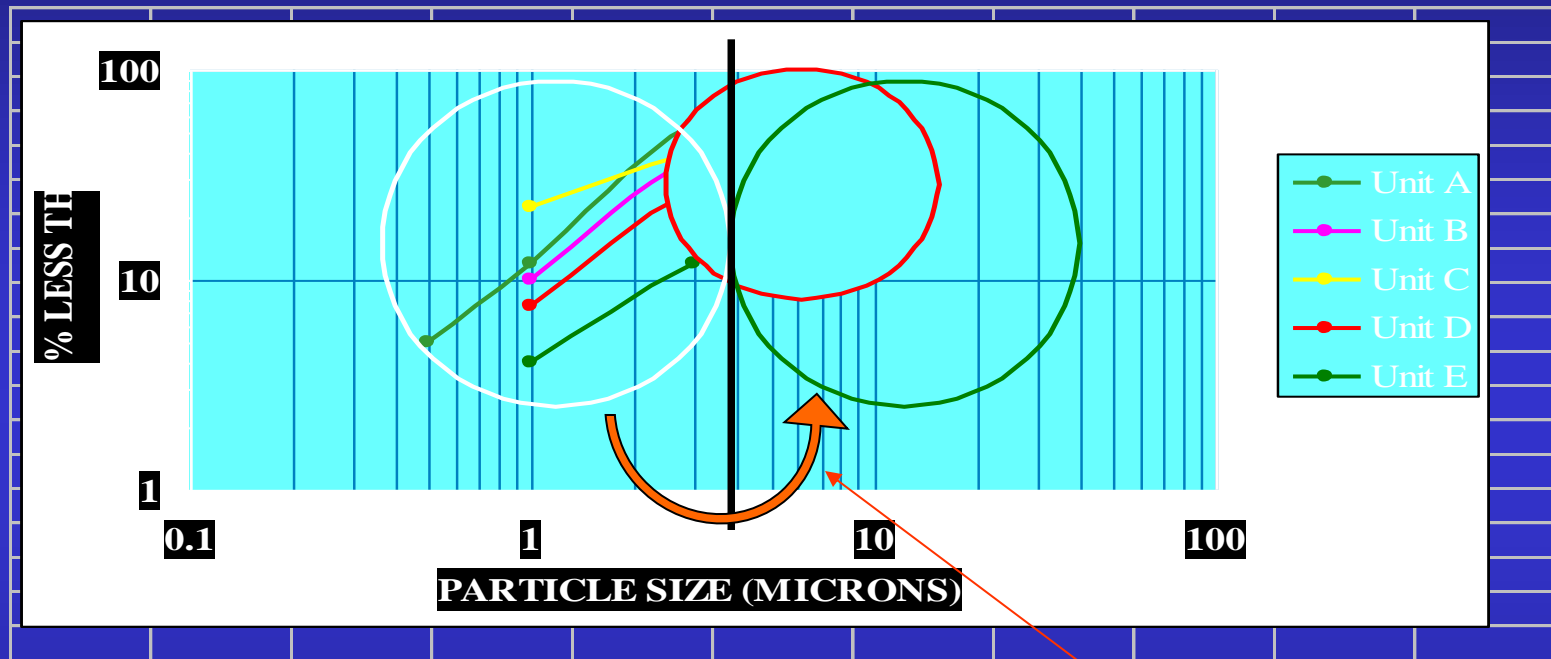
# *EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing*

## Particulate Control/Absorber G-Nozzle Collection



# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing System

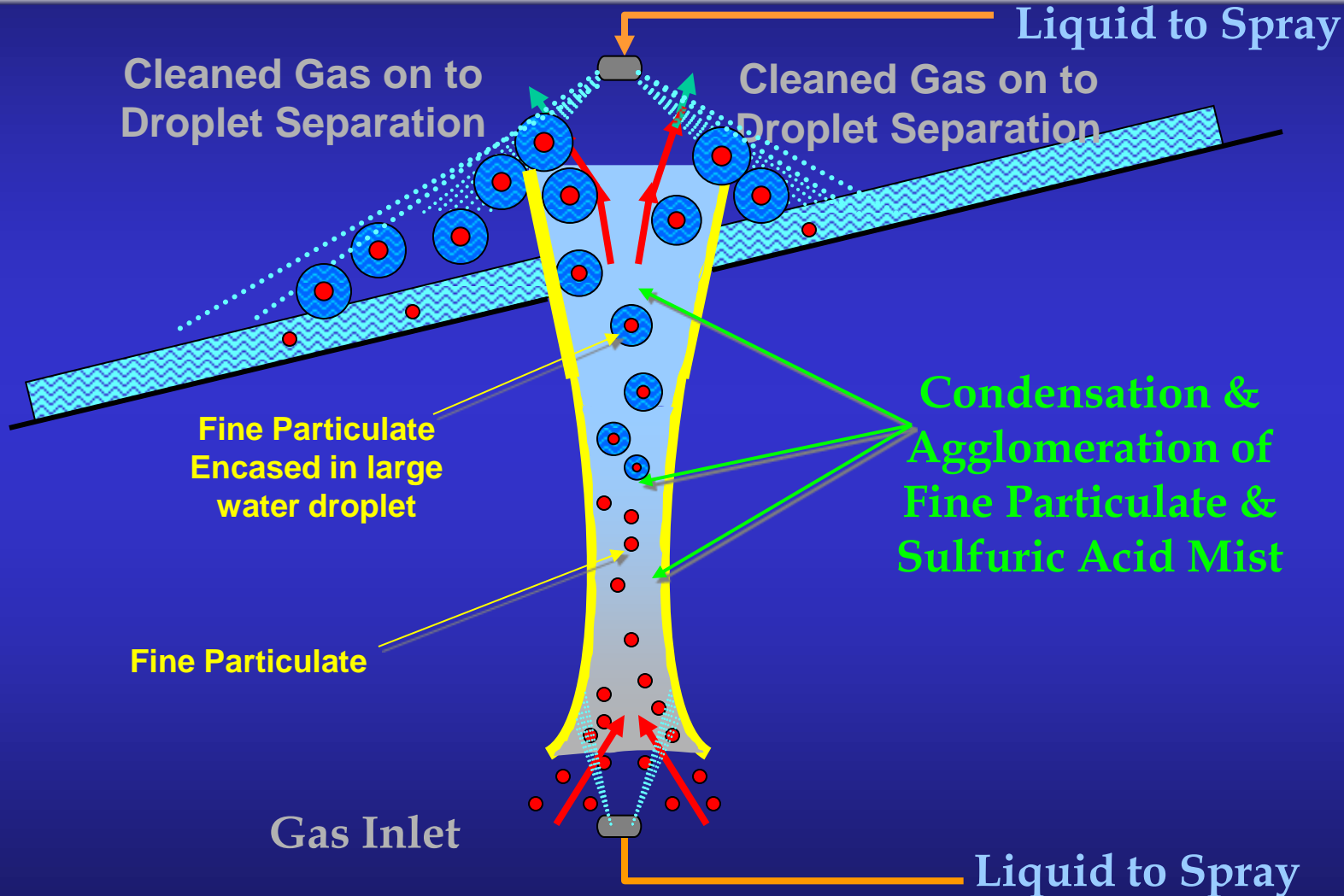
## Particulate Control/Filter Module F-Nozzle Collection



The balance of the particles smaller than 3 micron are then grown by condensation and scrubbed the EDV<sup>®</sup> Filtering Module .

# EDV<sup>®</sup> 6000 Filtering Module

Very Efficient Fine Particulate Control



# *Filtering Modules*



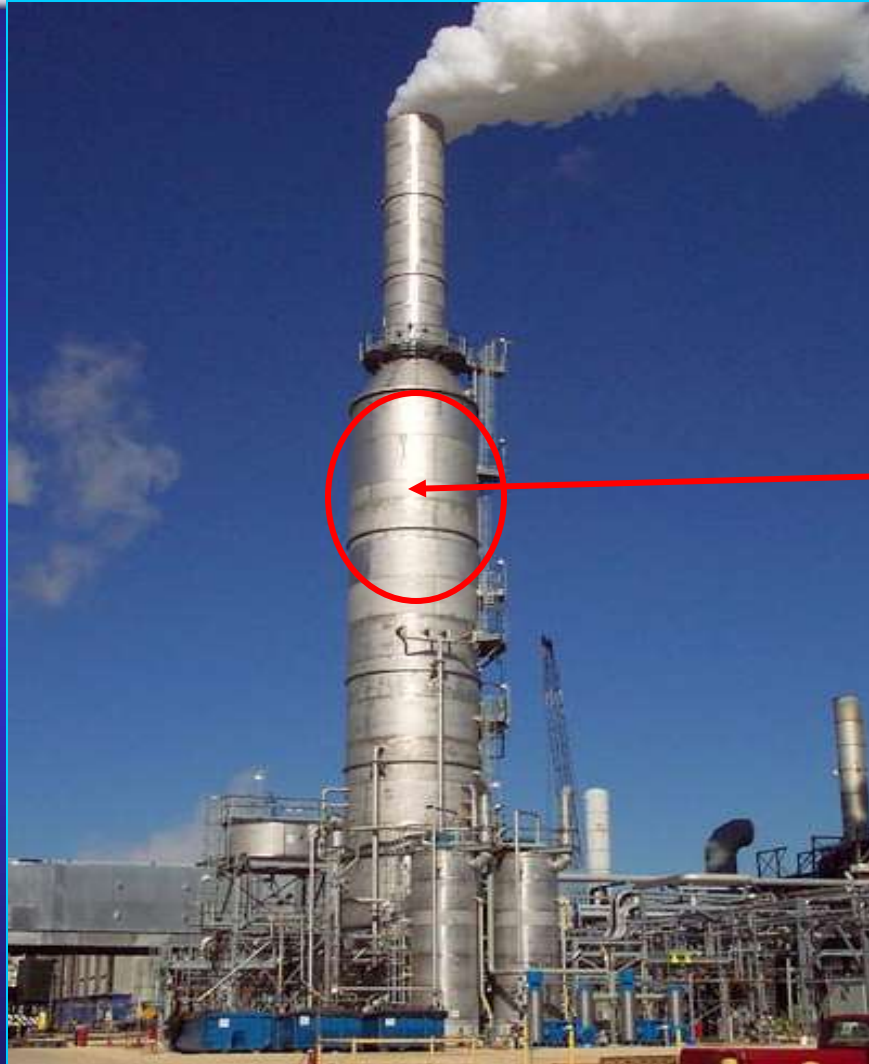
# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing

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**Removal of Excess Water  
Droplets without  
mist eliminators**



# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing Droplet Separators



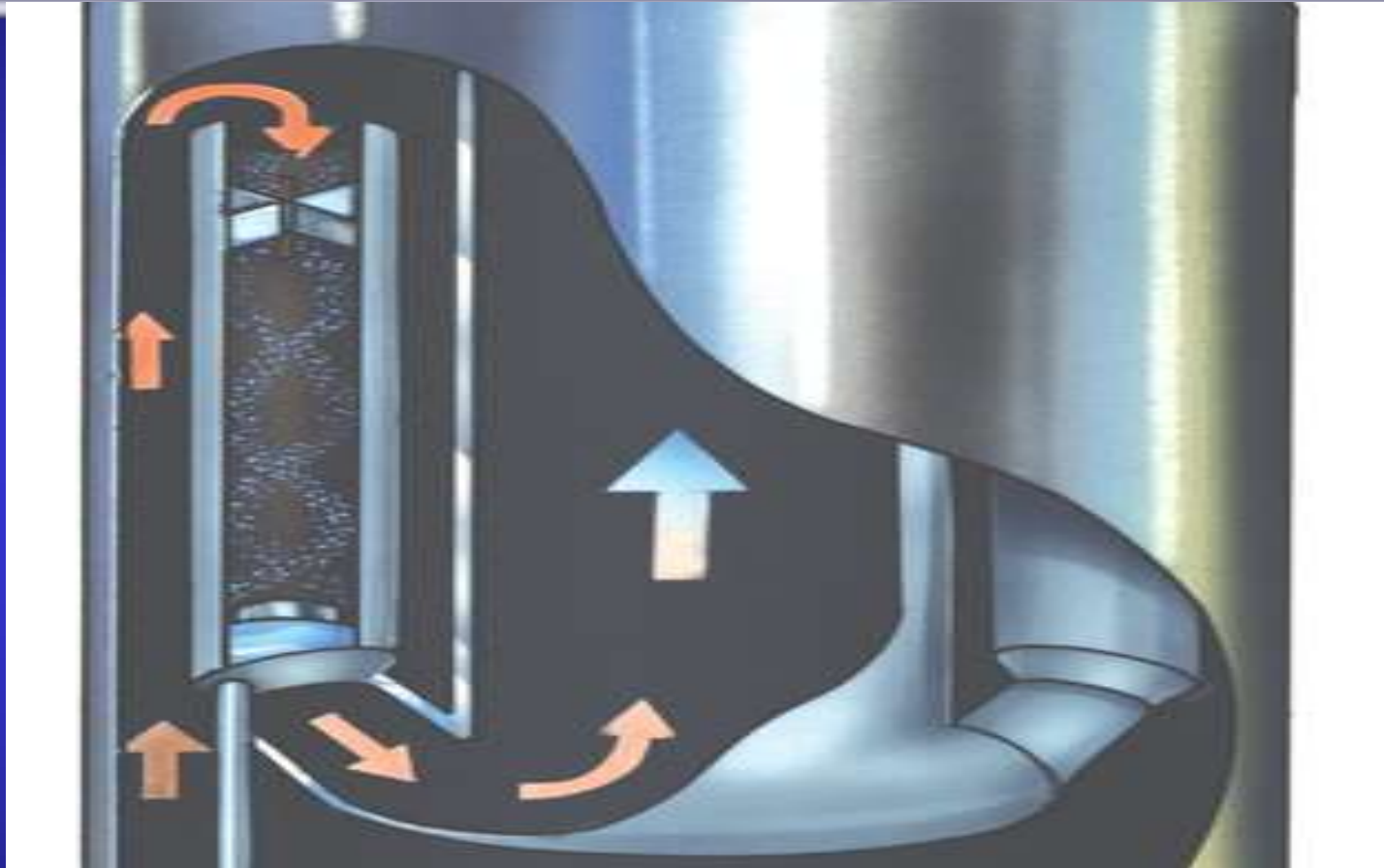
**Droplet  
Separators**

# EDV<sup>®</sup> Droplet Separator



- Removes Droplets Carryover From Gas Stream
- Low Pressure Drop
- Non-Plugging Design
- Open /Self Cleaning
- No Mists Eliminators
- No Moving Parts

# *CYCLOLAB Droplet Separator*



# EDV® Wet Scrubbing System

## Droplet Separators

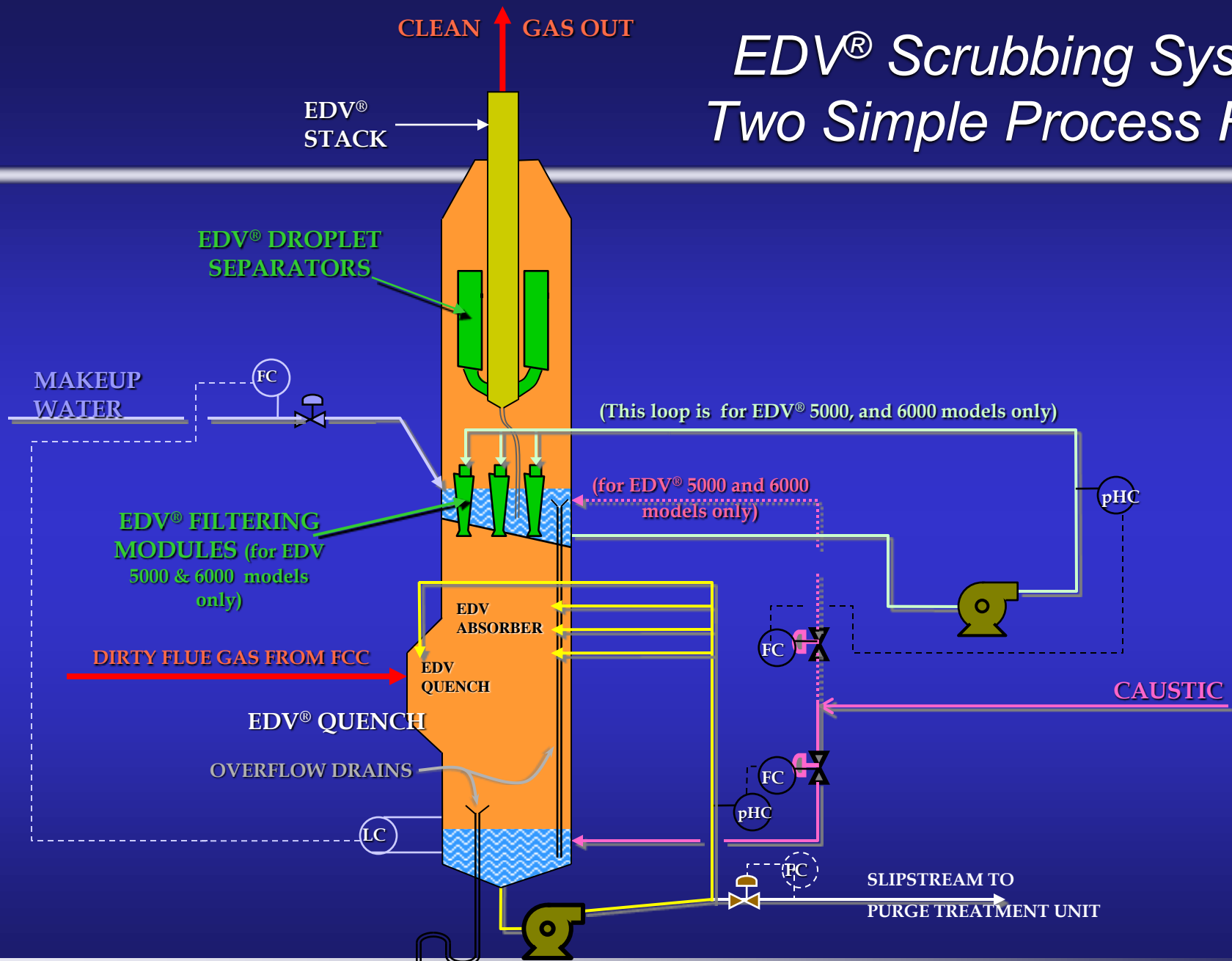




# *CYCLOLAB Droplet Separator*



# EDV<sup>®</sup> Scrubbing System Two Simple Process Flows





# *Daily Monitoring (minimal)*

- a) General Walk-down of Entire System
- b) Monitor pH and SO<sub>2</sub> levels
- c) Monitor pressure readings for the Tower Recycle Pumps and Quench nozzles.
- d) Monitor Delta 'P' for the Filtering Module Loop.
- e) Monitor Clarifier Sludge Build-up

# *Treatment of Scrubber Purge*

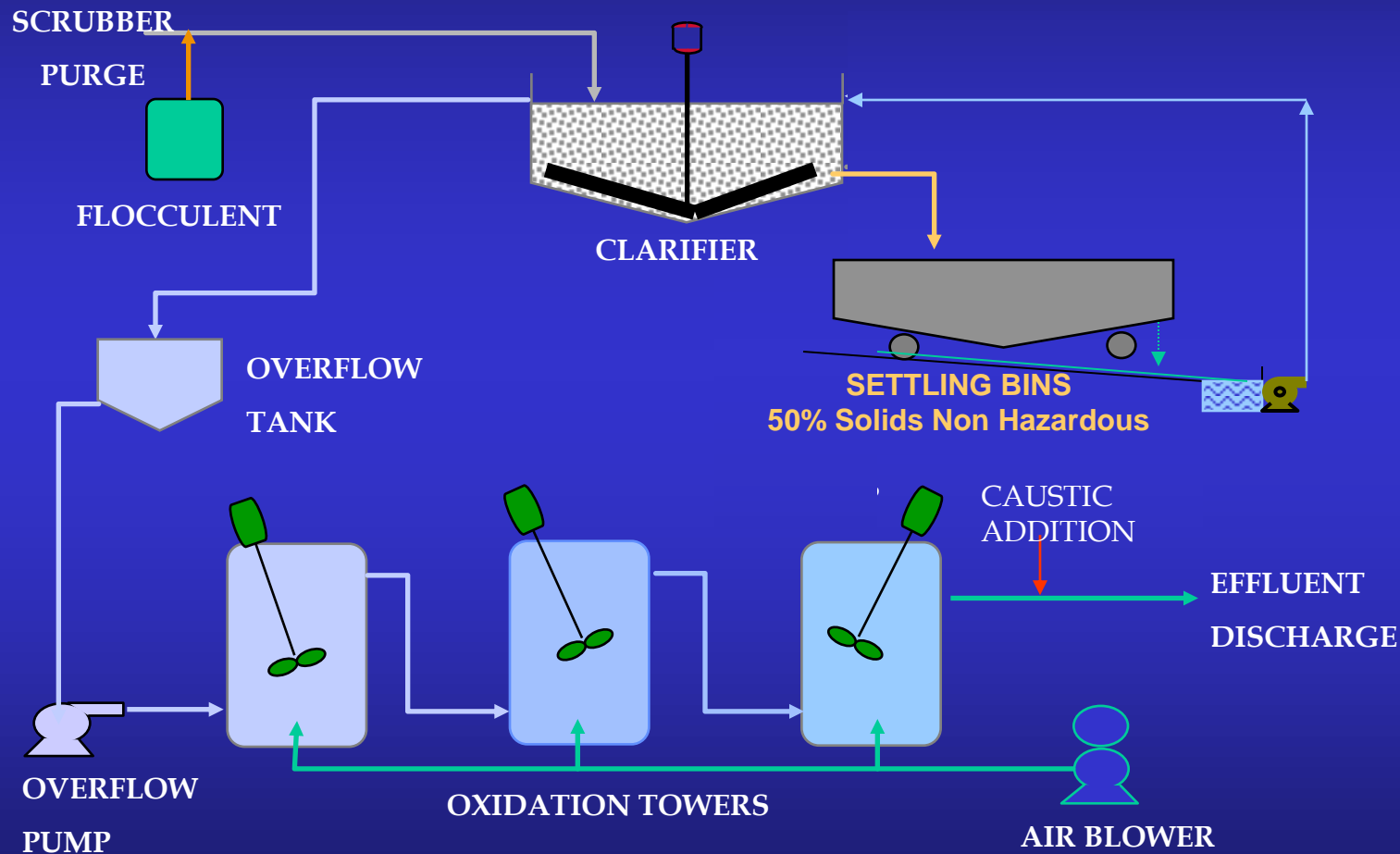
# EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing Purge Treatment Unit



Purge  
Treatment Unit

# *EDV® Wet Scrubbing*

## *Typ. Purge Treatment Unit - PFD with Settling Bin*



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## Purge Treatment Unit -- Effluent

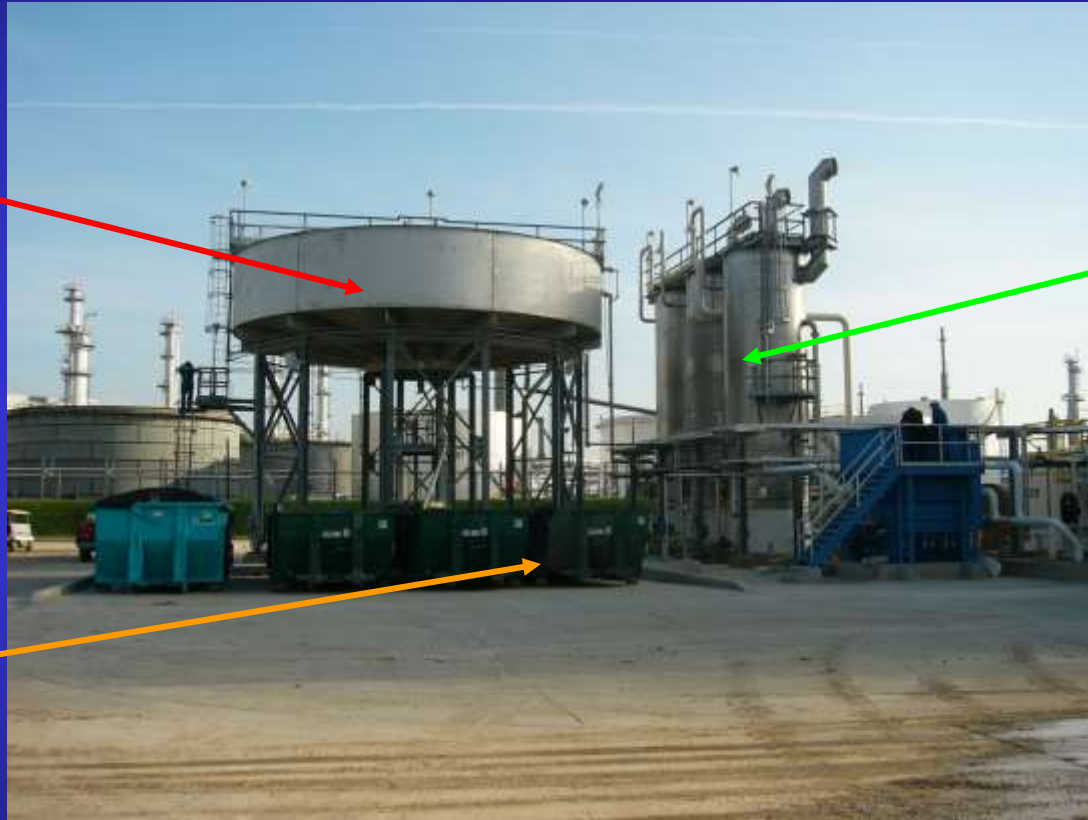
- **Discharge of Scrubber Water**
  - Reduction of Suspended Solids (TSS) down to below 200 ppm
  - Reduction of Chemical Oxygen Demand from Sulfites ( COD) down to below 100 ppm
- **More Stringent Effluent Specifications can be met if required**

# *PTU for 60,000 bpsd FCCU*

Clarifier

Oxidation  
Towers

Settling  
Bins





# EDV® Wet Scrubbing

## Purge Treatment Unit- Settling Bins



**Clarifier Underflow Dumping  
to Settling Bin**



**Dried Catalyst Fines**

# ***EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing***

***Easily Modified for NO<sub>x</sub>  
Control with LoTOx<sup>™</sup>***

- Low Temperature Oxidation

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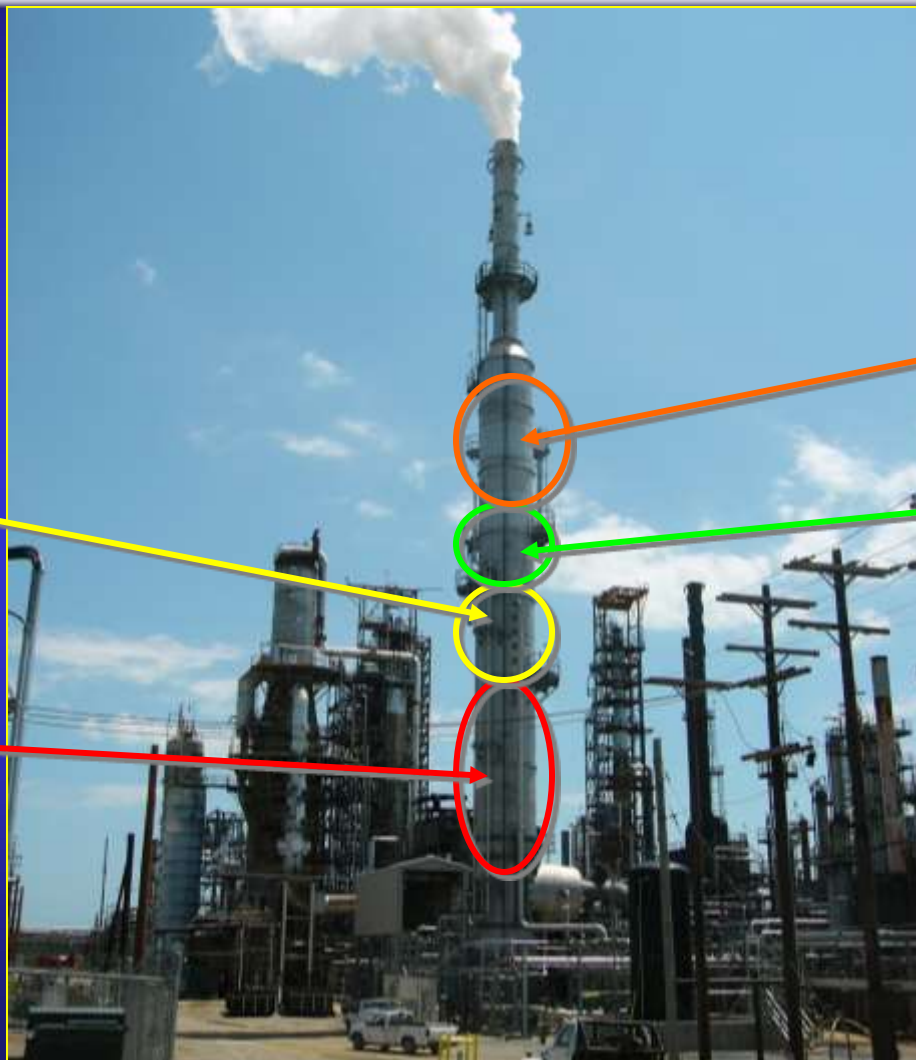
# *LoTO<sub>x</sub><sup>TM</sup> Installation on an FCCU EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubber with LoTO<sub>x</sub><sup>TM</sup>*

SO<sub>2</sub> & Particulate  
Removal

No x  
Removal

Water Droplet  
Separation

Fine Particulate  
Removal

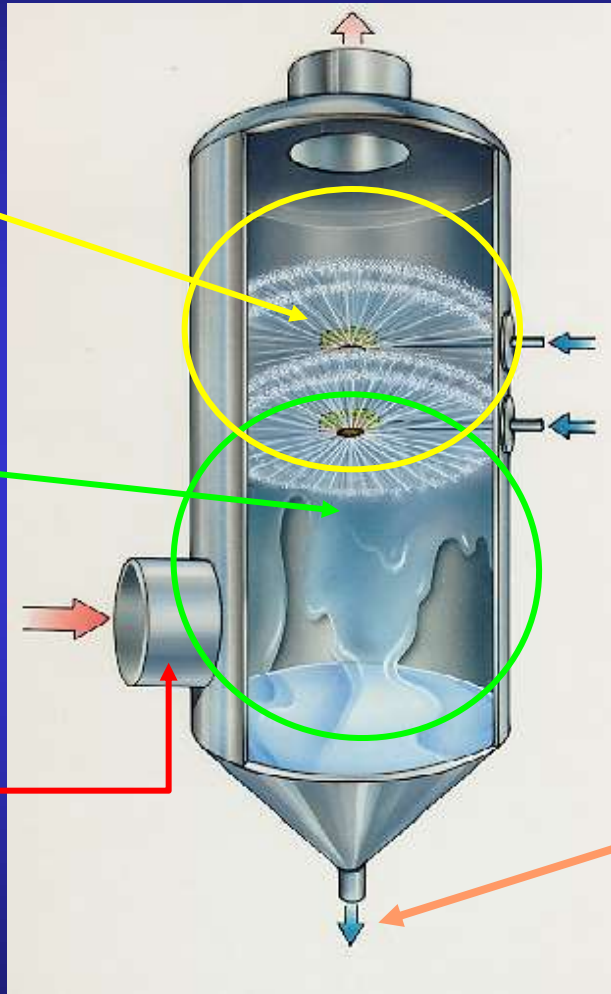


# EDV® Wet Scrubbing System With LoTOx™ injection

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$   
Conversion to  
 $\text{HNO}_3$  and  
Scrubbing by  
EDV Nozzles

$\text{NO}, \text{NO}_x$   
Conversion  
to  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$

Ozone  
Injection



↑ Ozone Injection after  
Quench

↑ Conversion to  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$

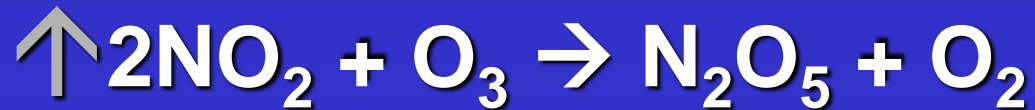
↑ Conversion to Nitric Acid

↑ Conversion to Sodium  
Nitrate by contact with  
scrubber reagent

↑ Nitrates removed with  
Scrubber Purge

# EDV® Wet Scrubbing System With LoTOx™ injection

## *Simplified LoTOx™ Chemistry*





# Rate of Reaction

## Low Temperature Oxidation of NOx:

Rate (k) = cm<sup>3</sup>/molecule/sec  
(298 degrees K)



$$k = 1.8 \times 10^{-14}$$



$$k = 3.5 \times 10^{-17}$$



$$k < 1.1 \times 10^{-21}$$



$$k = 2.2 \times 10^{-22}$$

Ozone is highly selective for NOx due to the rapid reaction rate. NOx is rapidly converted to water soluble species:



(Liquid Phase)

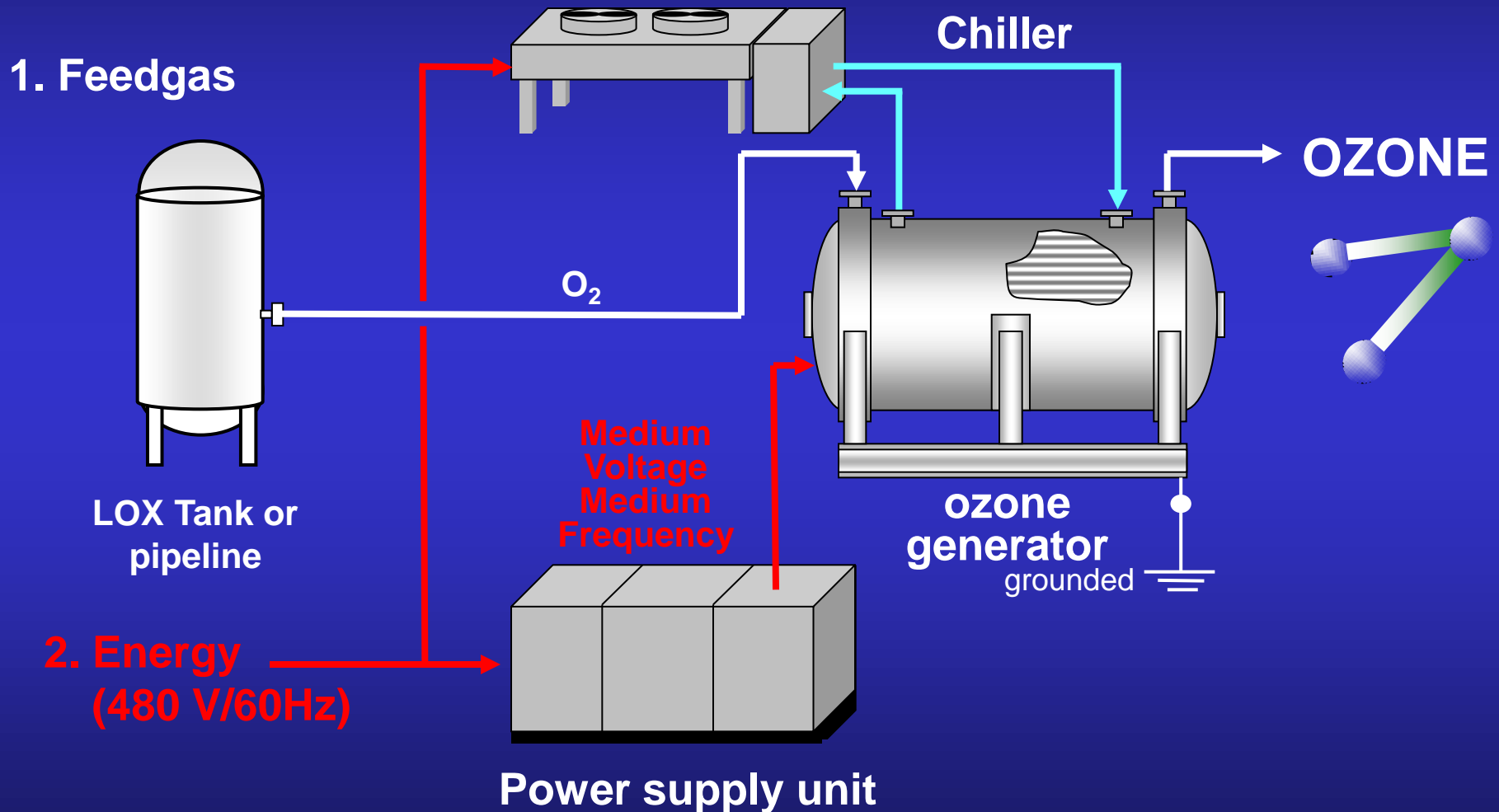


# EDV® Wet Scrubbing System With LoTOx™ injection

<i>Species</i>	<i>Relative Solubility at 25 °C</i>
NO	1
NO <sub>2</sub>	20
SO <sub>2</sub>	2000
N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	>> 2000
HNO <sub>3</sub>	Mixes with water in all proportions

# LoTOx™ Process

## Ozone Generation



# *LoTOx™ Process*

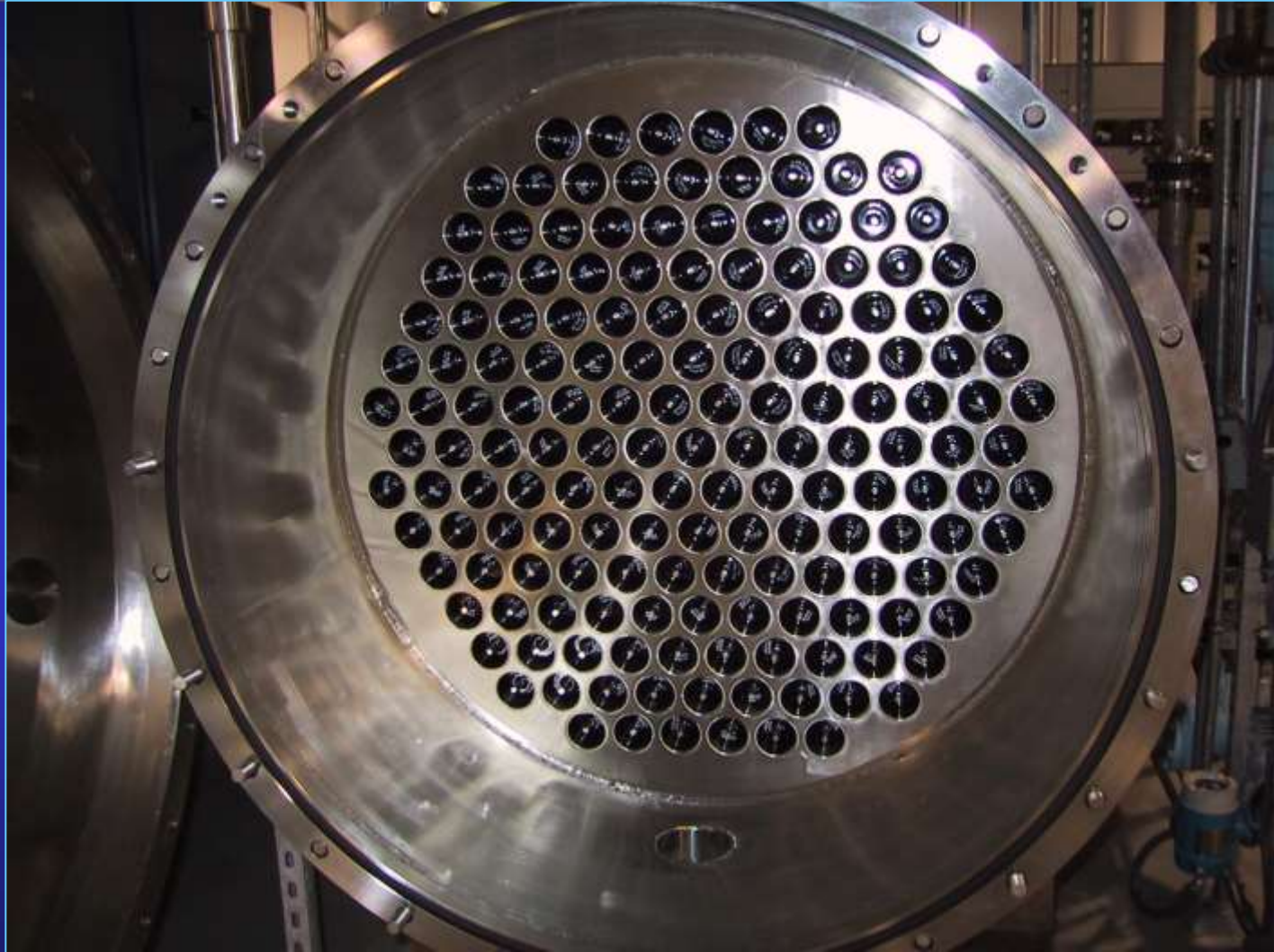
## *Ozone Generation*



# LoTOx™ Process

## Ozone Generation

1370 Lbs/day OZONE  
GENERATOR -  
OZONE SIDE OPEN

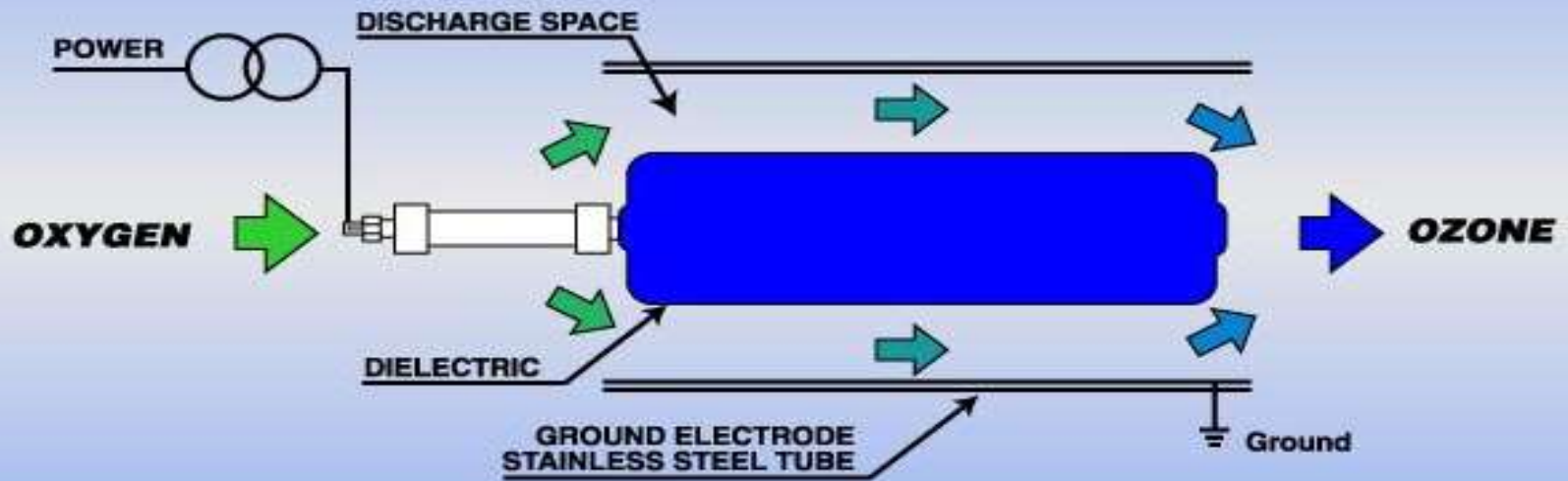




# LoTOx™ Process

## Ozone Generation

### Single Ozone Generator Cell Dielectric



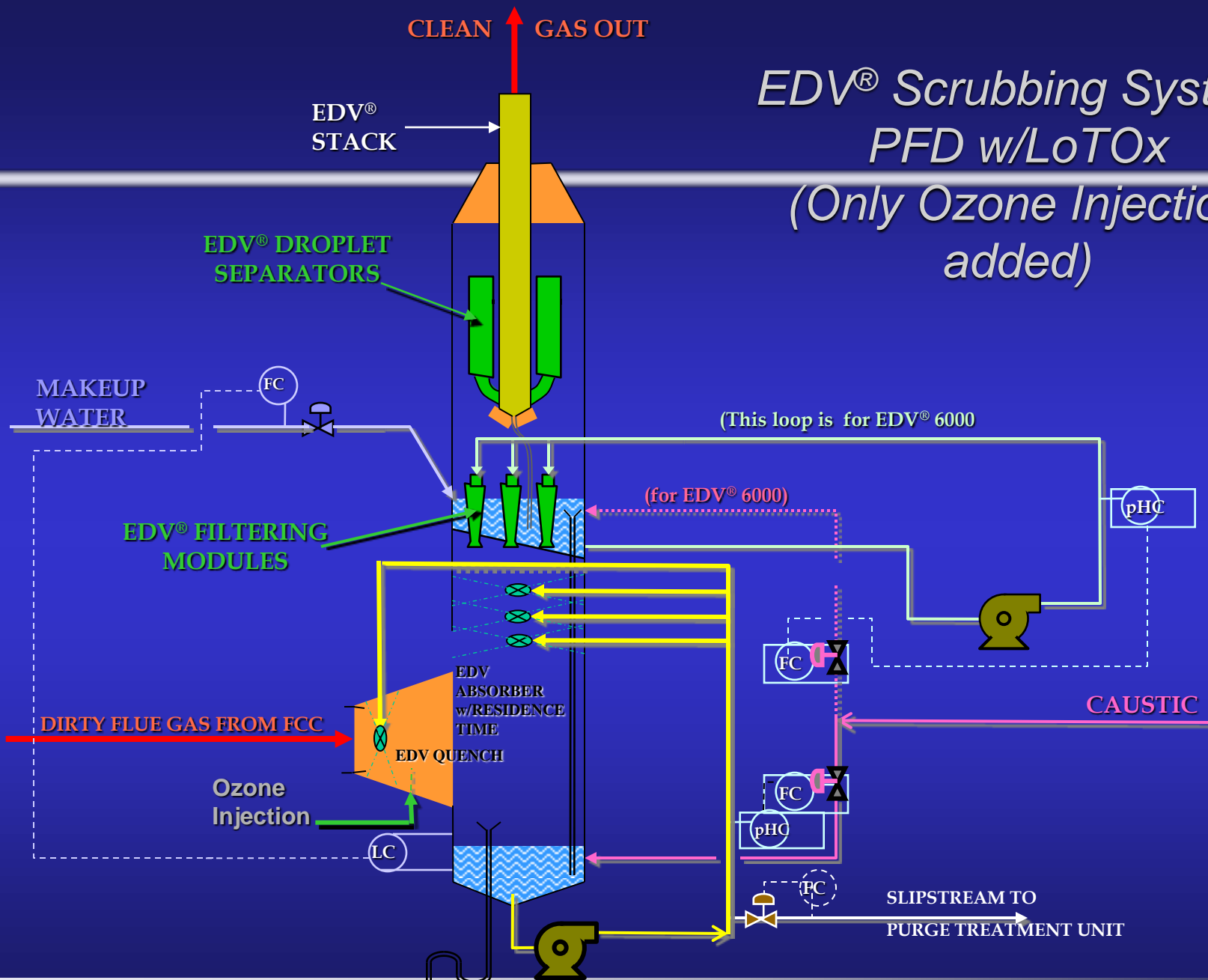
# *EDV<sup>®</sup> Wet Scrubbing System*

## Ozone Injection



Ozone  
Injection

# EDV® Scrubbing System PFD w/LoTOx (Only Ozone Injection added)





Application	Location	Capacity	NO <sub>x</sub> In / Out	Start-up
Gas Fired Boiler	Southern California	400 HP	150-70-30ppm / 2-5ppm	1997
Gas Fired Boiler	Southern California	1000 HP	30-40ppm / 4ppm	January '02
Coal Fired Power Plant	Ohio	25 MW	200ppm / 10ppm	October '01
SS Pickling Process	Pennsylvania	--	1000-3400ppm/100ppm	February '00
Refinery FCCU-EDV w/ Integral LoTOx	Woods Cross, UT	9,000 bpsd	70-110ppm / 20ppm	October, '12
<b>Refinery FCCU (Pre-Invested for LoTOx)</b>	Arkansas	20,000 bpsd	<b>70-100ppm/10ppm</b>	<b>June, 2007</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU (Pre-Invested for LoTOx)</b>	Ardmore, Oklahoma	40,000 bpsd		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU (Pre-Invested for LoTOx)</b>	Three Rivers, Texas	28,000 bpsd	<b>70-110ppm/20ppm</b>	<b>Oct. 2011</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU (Pre-Invested for LoTOx)</b>	Placid Refining, LA	30,000 bpsd	<b>90-165ppm/10ppm</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU (pre-invested for LoTOx)</b>	Alliance – Thailand	40,000 bpsd		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sulfuric Acid Regeneration with LoTOx</b>	Linden, NJ	80,000lbs/hr		<b>1st Quarter '08</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU-LoTOx retrofit to ext. EDV</b>	Texas City, TX	52,000 bpsd	<b>70-100ppm/10ppm</b>	<b>February, 2007</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU (Pre-Invested for LoTOx)</b>	El Dorado, KS	40,000 bpsd	<b>150ppm/20ppm</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU-EDV w/ Integral LoTOx</b>	Houston, TX	58,000 bpsd	<b>100-150ppm/10ppm</b>	<b>April, 2007</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU LoTOx retrofit to ext. EDV</b>	Texas City, TX	60,000 bpsd	<b>100-150ppm/8ppm</b>	<b>Dec. , 2007</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU-EDV w/ Integral LoTOx</b>	Texas City, TX	130,000 bpsd	<b>100-200ppm/10ppm</b>	<b>July, 2007</b>
<b>Refinery FCCU-EDV w/Integral LoTOx</b>	St. Charles, LA	75,000 bpsd	<b>75-100ppm/20ppm</b>	<b>Nov, 2010</b>

# ***EDV Wet Scrubbing Performance In a Single Process Unit***

## **Typical Emission Values:**

**Particulate - Less than 50mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>**

**SO<sub>2</sub> - Less than 20ppm**

**SO<sub>3</sub> - 80% removal plus**

**NO<sub>x</sub> - Less than 20/10ppm**

**Performance values based on over 75 operating Refinery  
Industry applications**

# ***Thank You***



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