## Air Pollution Management and Modeling - Indian Perspective



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# **Air Quality Concerns**

#### METROS CITIES/URBAN AREAS

- 53 non-attainment cities
- Dominant Sources: Vehicular Emissions, Small/Medium Scale Industries, Gensets, Biomass burning, etc.
- Pollutants: Ozone, NO<sub>x</sub>, SPM /PM2.5,1.0 & CO

#### CRITICALLY POLLUTED AREAS

- 24 critically polluted areas
- Dominant Sources: Industries-Power Plants, Refineries, Chemical Plants, etc.)
- Pollutants: Ozone, NO<sub>x</sub>, SPM/PM2.5, SO<sub>2</sub> VOCs, PAHs, etc.

#### RURAL AREAS

- Indoor air pollution: Use of Biomass, Coal, kerosene, etc.
- Outdoor air pollution: Unpaved roads, Biomass burning, Gen-sets etc.
- Pollutants: Ozone, SPM/PM2.5, 1.0, CO, etc.

#### **Major Policy Implications: Discussion Points**

- Transport sector focus: Why and why not?
- Fuel quality CNG vs Diesel: Ban on diesel
- Retrofitting old vehicles : buses, auto others
- Pricing of different fuels
- Taxes on vehicle ownership
- Ban on low cost cars
- Shifting of bus terminus outside city limit
- Public transport vis a vis personal transport

# **Current Status of AQM**

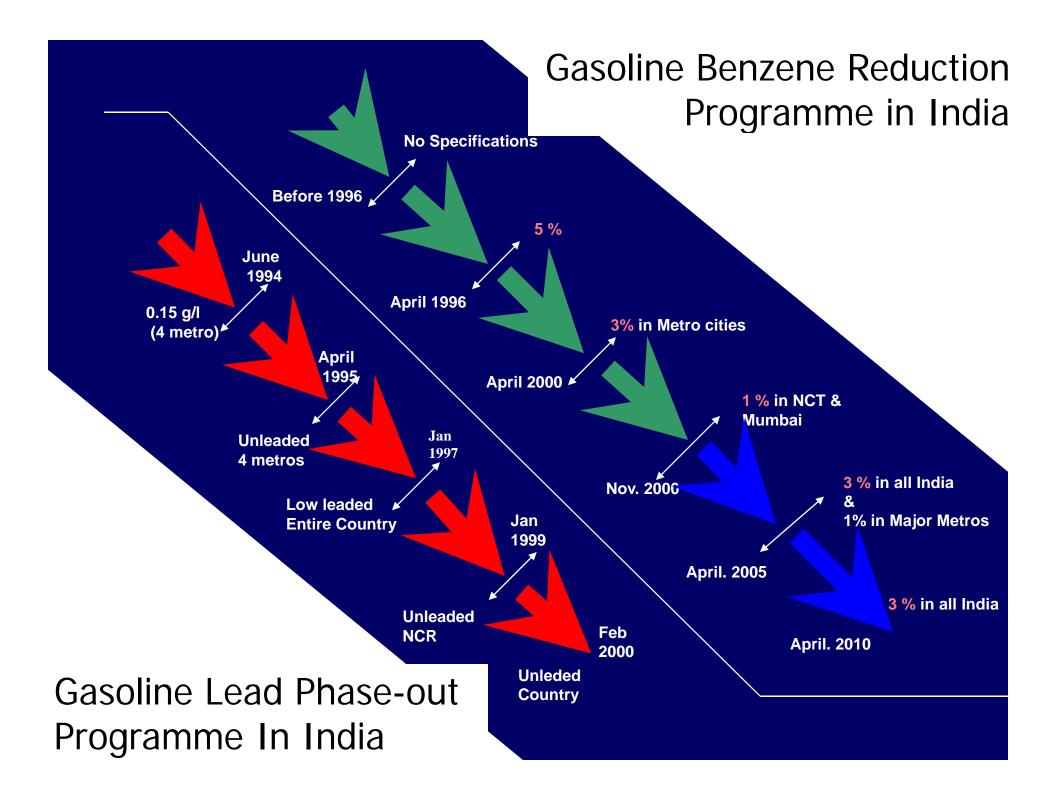
- Institutional Mechanism
- Assessment of Air Quality
  - Monitoring
  - Emission Inventory
  - Source Apportionment
  - Air Pollution Exposure & Health Impacts
- Control Strategies
- City Specific AQM Action Plans

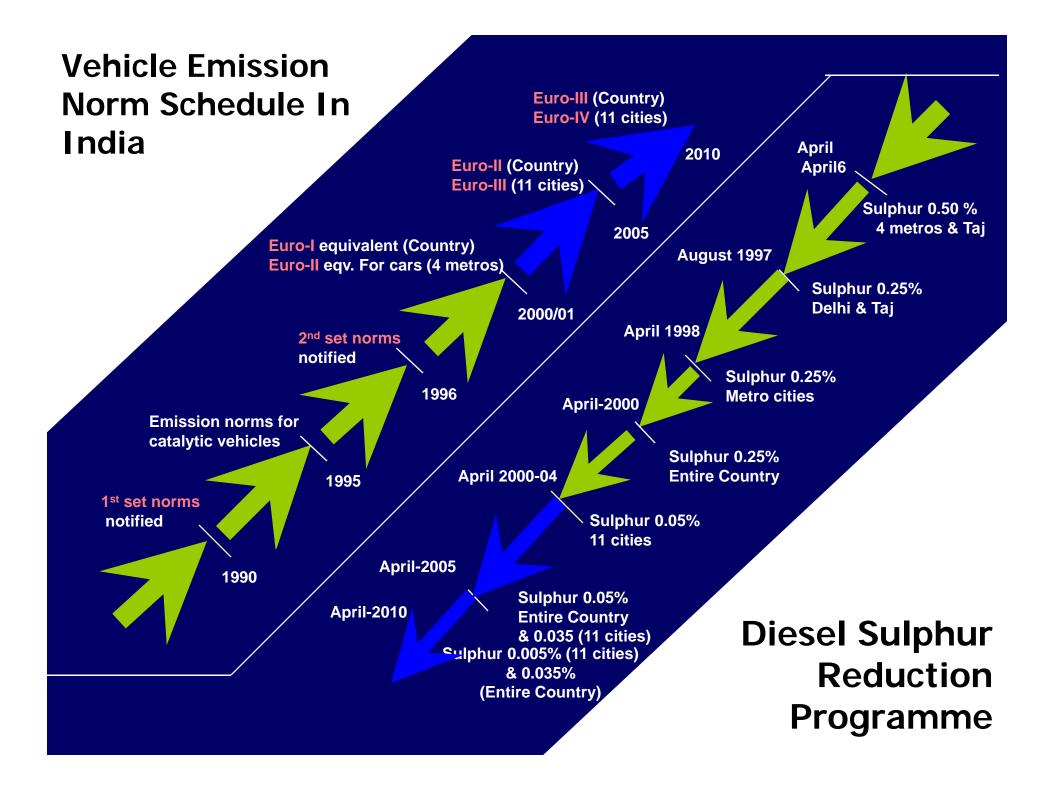
### MAJOR INTERVENTIONS AND POLICY CHANGES

•	Fuel Quality Fuel Change
•	Emission standards (COP –EURO/Bharat) Industrial policy Industrial Fuel Quality
•	Domestic Fuel Quality (LPG/PNG)

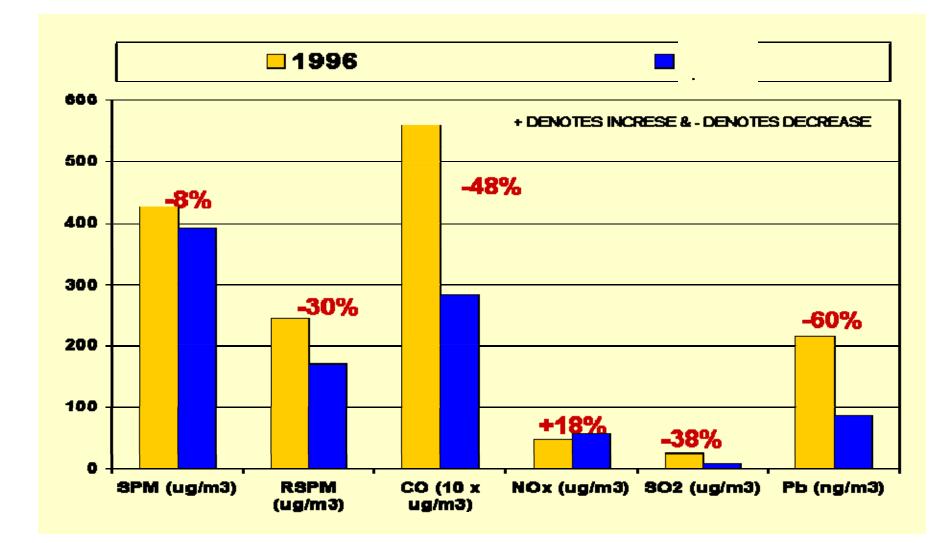
# **Control Strategies Adopted**

- Air Quality Standards notified (1982 & 1994) and Air Pollution Control areas declared
- Emission Standards notified for Industries (, Vehicles (inuse & new), Gensets, etc.
- Fuel quality improvements. (Coal, gasoline & diesel).
- Relocation of polluting industries, phasing out older polluting vehicles, introduction of mass rapid transportation, etc.
- Road map for control of emissions from new and in-use vehicles developed up to year 2010
- Use of Alternate fuel (CNG,LPG,Ethanol petrol, Bio-diesel, Hydrogen,etc.)





## IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS ON AIR QUALITY OF DELHI (1996 Vs. 2007)

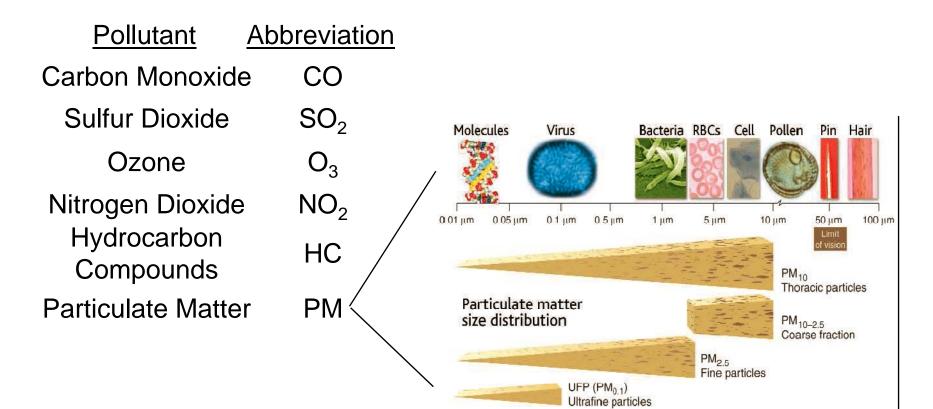


# **Air Quality Trends**

- O<sub>3</sub> Very few measurements. Neglected by CPCB. Increasing trend by 0.5-1% /year in India. Exceeding standard around 50 days /year at Pashan (IITM)
- NO<sub>2</sub> Exceeding standard in many metros and showing increasing trend in some metros
- PM2.5 Exceeding standard in most cities except Delhi
- SPM Exceeding standard in most metros but with no definite trends
  - CO Decreasing trend in Delhi but no trends in Pune

## Why forecast air quality?

#### Pollutants of concern



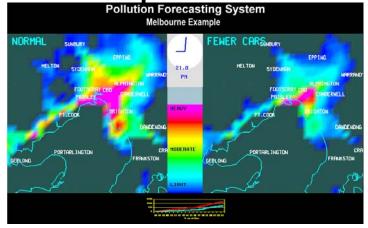
Why forecast air quality?

How are forecasts used:

Protect public health



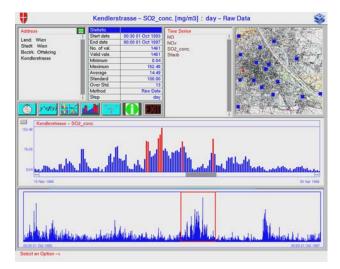
- Operate emissions reduction programs
- Conduct special monitoring





## What is needed?

- 2. Air quality monitoring program
- Monitor network
- Historical data
- Real-time monitoring system





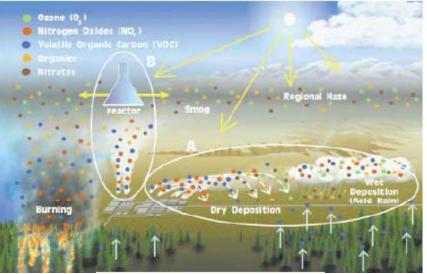


## What is needed?

#### 3. Understanding the interactions

 Determine how meteorological processes influence air pollution in an

area



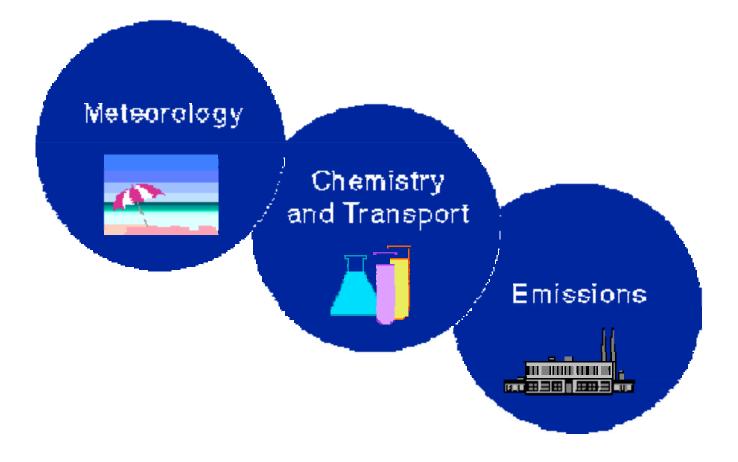
 Forecast the processes that affect air quality, then predict the air quality

# OUR EFFORTS

## Air Pollution Modeling Efforts in India

- CPCB efforts are mainly directed towards hot spot area monitoring and control strategy management
- Majority of the scientific institutions in India are involved in dispersion modeling
- A few institutions are really involved in Whole chemistrytransport modeling.
- Efforts of IITM, Pune in large and medium scale air pollution air pollution modeling (CTM).
- Marching towards achieving capability to predict short term pollution level on a wider but local scale.

#### Coupling of different aspects for Air Pollution Modeling



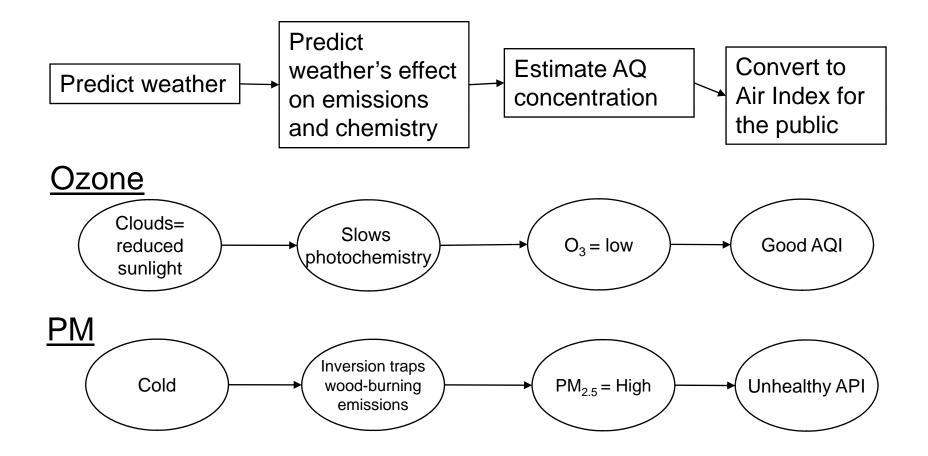
#### ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY-TRANSPORT MODELING

(1) Global: Troposphere & LS (0-40 km) MOZART (1.8° x 1.8°, 1 km)

(2) Development of Emission Inventory for India

(3) Regional: Air Pollution Model – Near Surface /LT REMO-Chem (Indian /South Asian domain) (1/2°x1/2°, 1 km)

## Weather v/s Pollutant



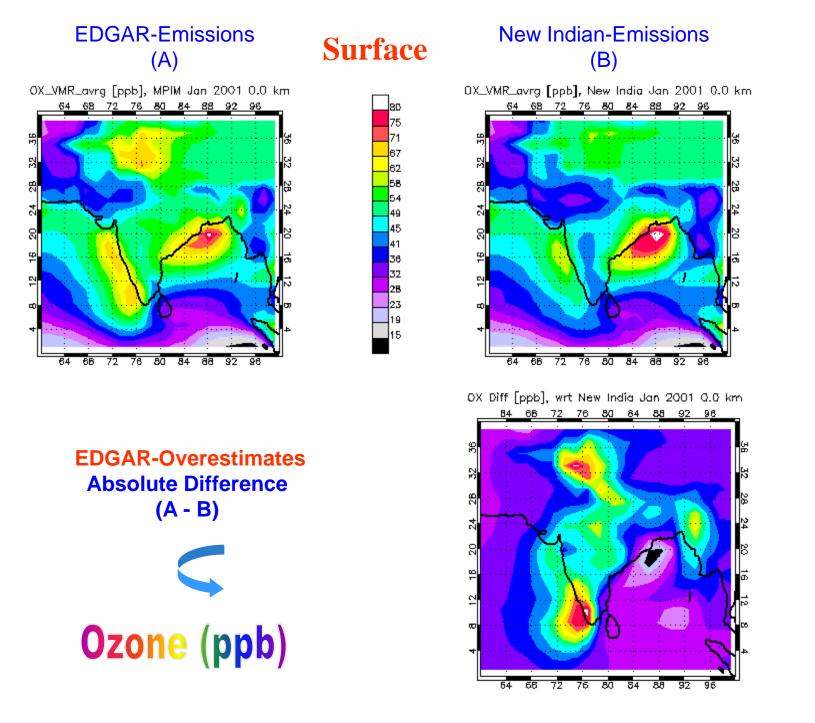
### **Emission Inventory Initiatives in India**

- Global Change Program (CSIR, New Delhi and MoEF, New Delhi) led by NPL (1990-1993).
- ALGAS (Asian least cost GHG amendment strategy) (Asian Development Bank &MoEF): Several Indian Institution (1993-1996).
- NATCOM (Indian's National Communication, P-1), MoEF, New Delhi (parties to UNFCCC) (2004-2006).
- Latest Emission inventories using GIS methodology – IITM, Pune

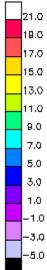
## **EMISSION STATUS**

 Gridded New Indian Emission Inventory of all important pollutants in <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2x</sub><sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> degree resolution ready (IITM+NPL)

 In India, maximum contribution is from coal sources for BC emissions. For CO, maximum contribution is from bio-fuel sources and for NOx, maximum contribution is from fossil fuel sources in the present time.







# **Road Map**

- Building capability to predict short term pollution level on a wider but local scale in 2 years time.
- Role of aerosols in modulating the Indian summer monsoon ?

