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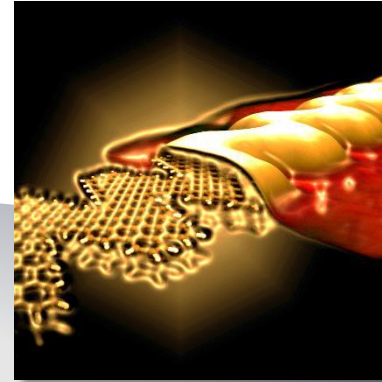
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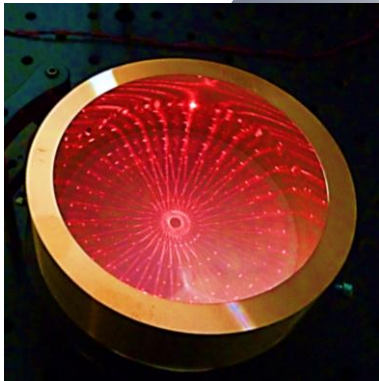
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Welcome to the 5th VERT Forum 22.3.2014 at Empa Materials Science & Technology

Heinz Vonmont Laboratory for «Analytical Chemistry»

BRIEF

Catalysts are key components of particle filters and deNO_x technologies affecting the overall toxicity of exhaust gases of current and future vehicles and machinery. The VERT forum is a good opportunity to learn more on the latest developments of filter and deNO_x systems and their worldwide applications.

MOTIVATION

In 2012, the World Health Organization (WHO) has classified diesel exhaust as a class 1 carcinogen. Sufficient evidence has accumulated to prove that exposure to diesel exhaust can cause lung cancer in humans.

The genotoxicity of untreated diesel exhaust is evident from such exposure studies. With the ongoing success of diesel particle filters, which are increasingly combined with deNO_x-technologies, the chemical composition of diesel exhaust gases and hence its genotoxicity is bound to change.

VERT-tested filters and deNO_x systems are considered a high quality technology fulfilling highest standards and reaching filtration efficiencies of > 98%.

But is efficient filtration sufficient to detoxify diesel exhaust? Are those compounds inducing genotoxic effects removed as well? These aspects should be addressed in the course of risk assessments and should direct the future evolution of filter and deNO_x technologies.

Our society relies on diesel engines and will do so in the decades to come. But we must be able to lower the adverse health effects and environmental impact of diesel exhaust gases with the help of efficient catalysts.

The VERT forum is an excellent occasion to learn more on the evolution of diesel converter technologies and their performance in the field.

PARTICIPANTS

Cordially invited are representatives of the involved industry, government authorities, regulators, members of the VERT association and those interested to join, and those curious to learn more on the latest developments in converter technologies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The conference is free of charge, but registration is needed. Please refer to the Empa-VERT-Forum to obtain reduced accommodation rates in certain local hotels. (see <http://www.empa.ch/hotels>)

Registration

By e-mail via VERT Association: ttm.a.mayer@bluewin.ch

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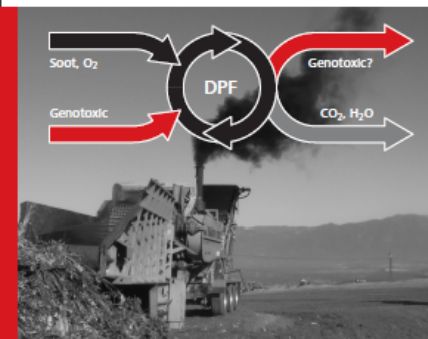
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5th VERT FORUM

Evolution of Diesel Particle Filter and deNO_x Technologies

Catalysts at Work



Empa, Dübendorf, Überlandstrasse 129
Friday, March 21, 2014, 09.00–17.00

Registration by e-mail: ttm.a.mayer@bluewin.ch



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- Filters lower particle emission
- Particle removal not sufficient to eliminate genotoxic compounds
- **Catalytic combustion is needed to lower genotoxicity**



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Have a stimulating 6th-VERT-Day

