

# Measurement of sub-23 nm exhaust emission particles

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# Background

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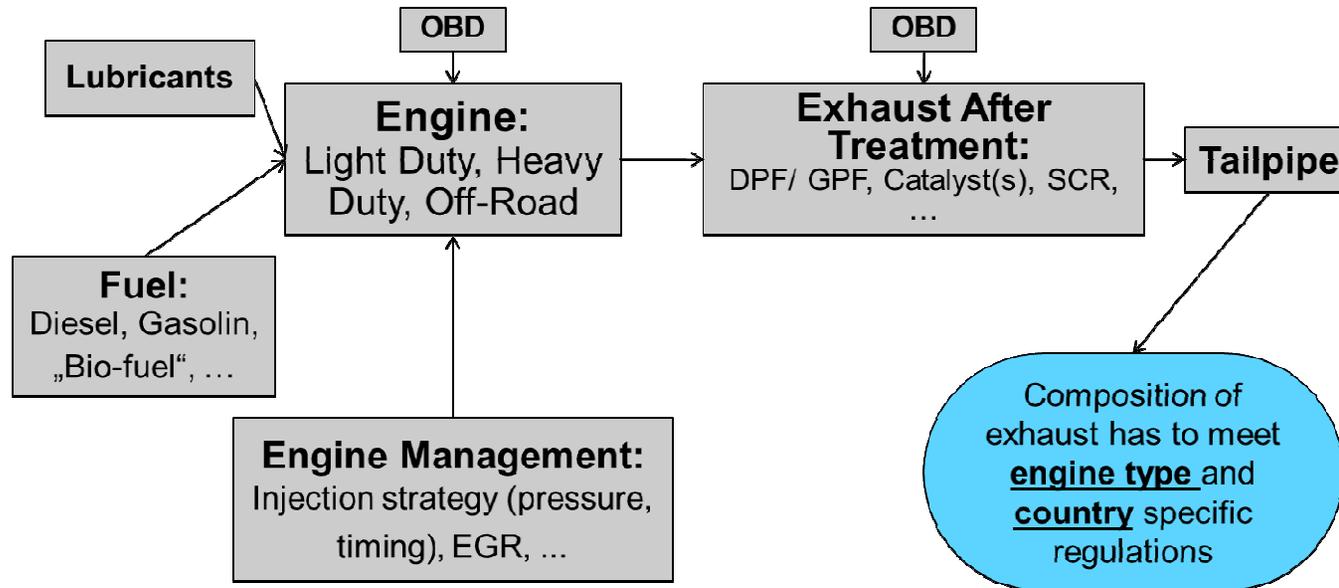
- + Specific engine technologies such as PFI & CNG can emit significant fractions of sub-23 nm particles
- + Intention of European Commission to lower the present cut-off size of 23 nm in post EURO 6/VI regulation
- + Horizon 2020 projects PEMs4Nano, DownToTen, and Soreal23
- + Focus on accurately measuring sub-23 nm particles



# Background

## Particle Size of PN Emissions

+ Particle size provides information to better understand the emission – also sub-23 nm

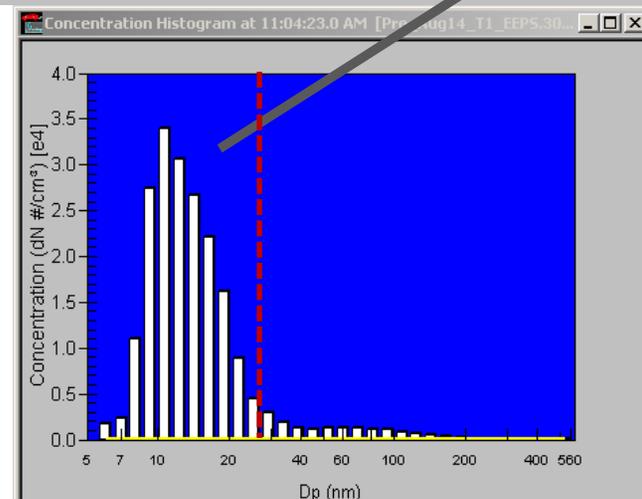
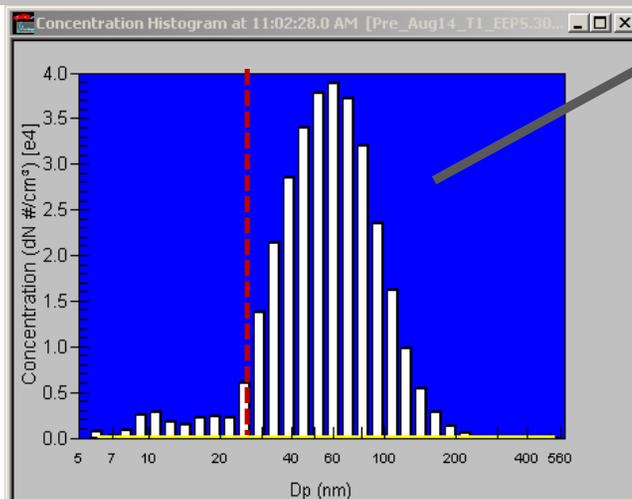
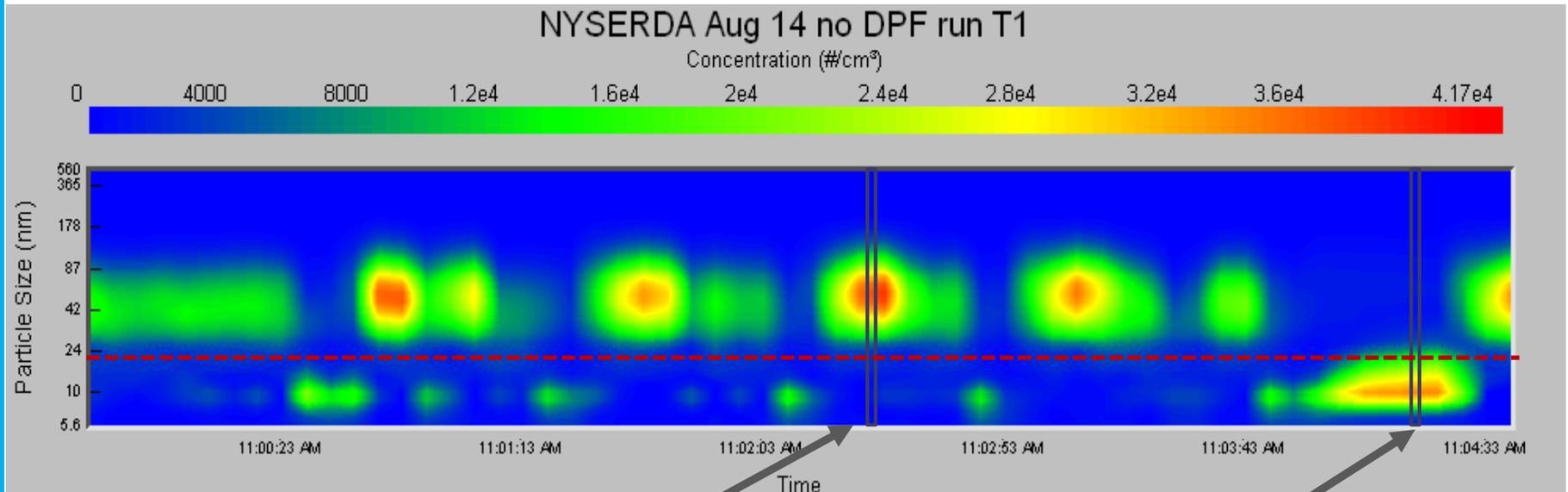


### Engine Exhaust Particle Sizer (TSI 3090)



Measures ten particle size distributions from 5.6 to 560 nm in 32 size channels per second (=10 Hz sampling rate)

# Background Particle Size of PN Emissions



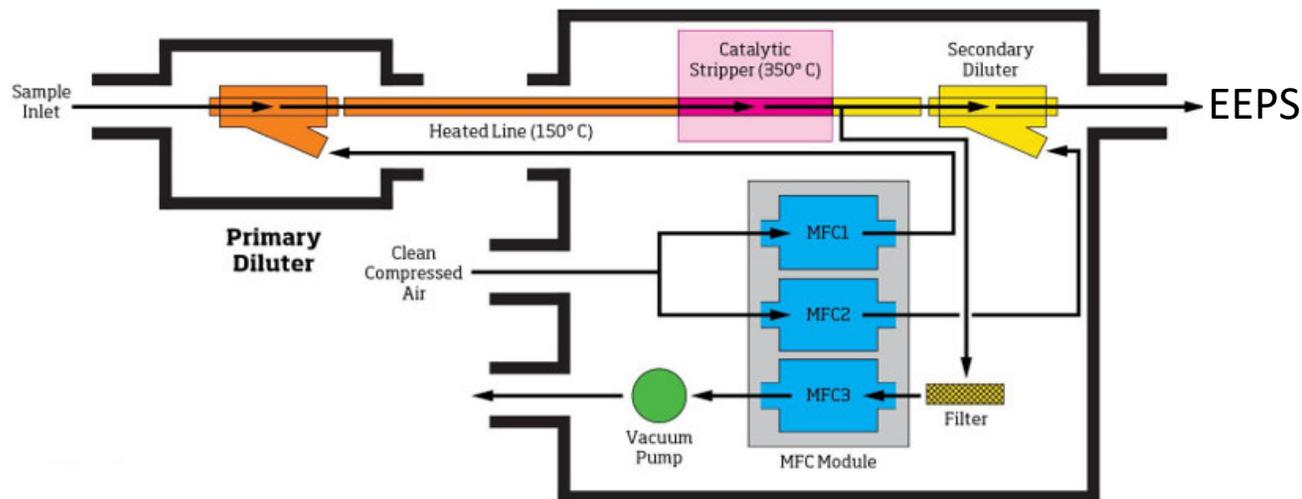
# Dedicated and optimized conditioning system for the EEPS

## + Aim:

- Minimize and fully characterize size dependent particle losses

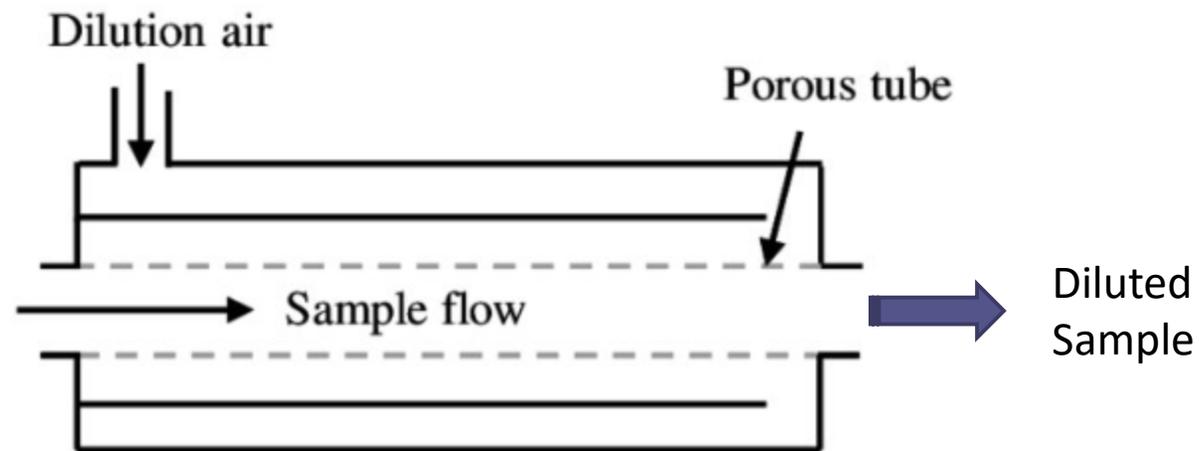
## + Porous Tube Thermodiluter, model 3098

- Primary & secondary dilution - MFC controlled (real time)
- Catalytic Stripper - removal of volatiles
- AK compatibility
- One software for both EEPS & diluter



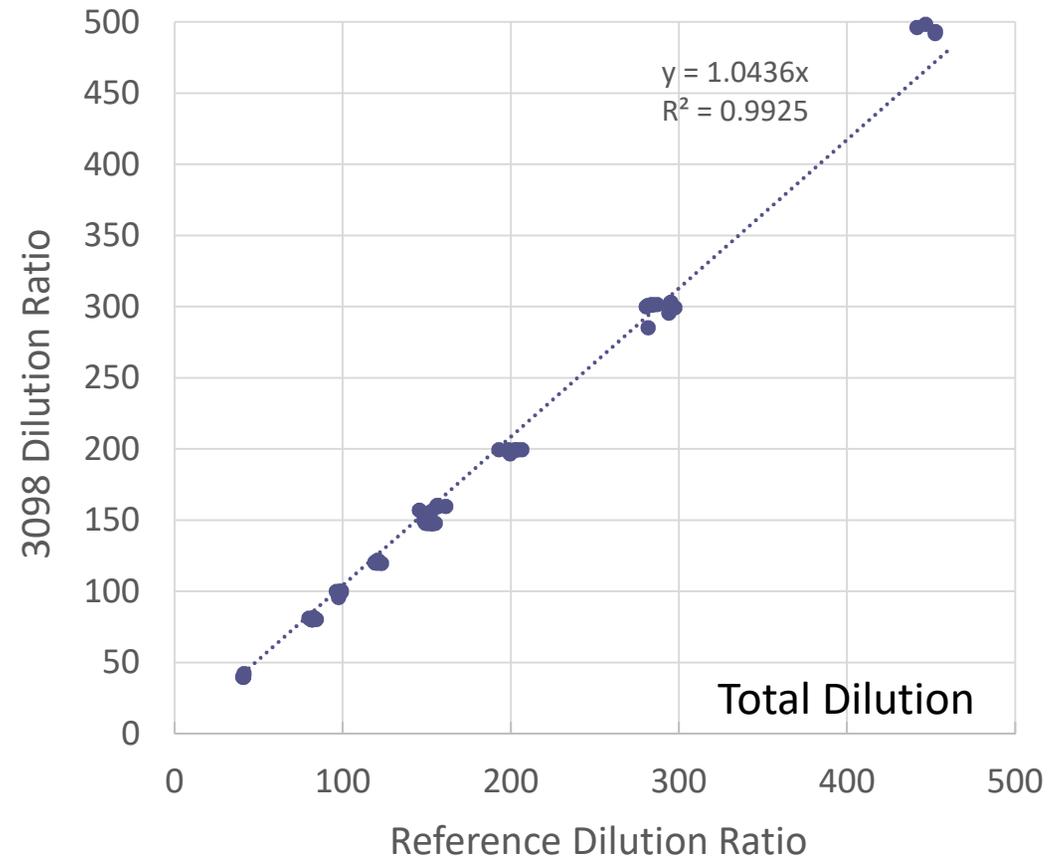
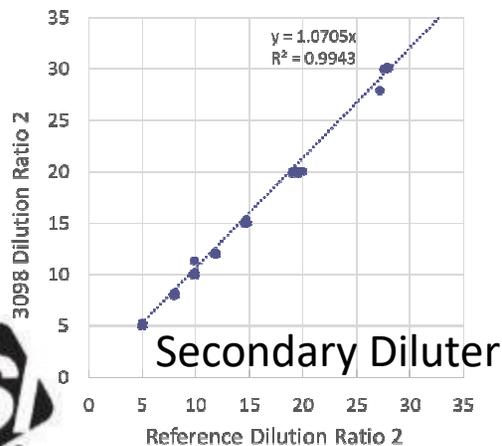
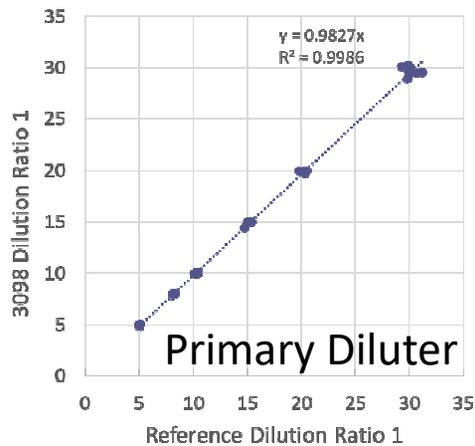
# Porous Tube Diluter

- Mounted right after exhaust probe
- Minimize diffusion losses for particles  $\leq 23$  nm, e.g. research for post-EURO 6/VI
  - low residence time due to high flow rate
  - dilution flow introduced through porous wall along tube
- No moving parts and stays clean (low maintenance)



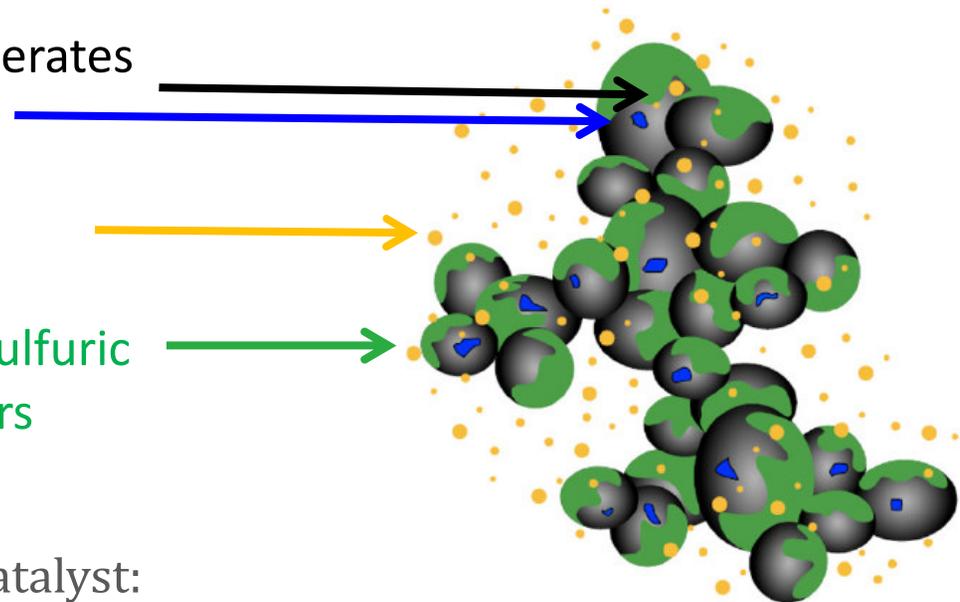
# Total Dilution Control Performance (1 min averages)

- Higher accuracy and better dilution ratio control at low dilution ratios
- This is what is needed to characterize low emission engines!

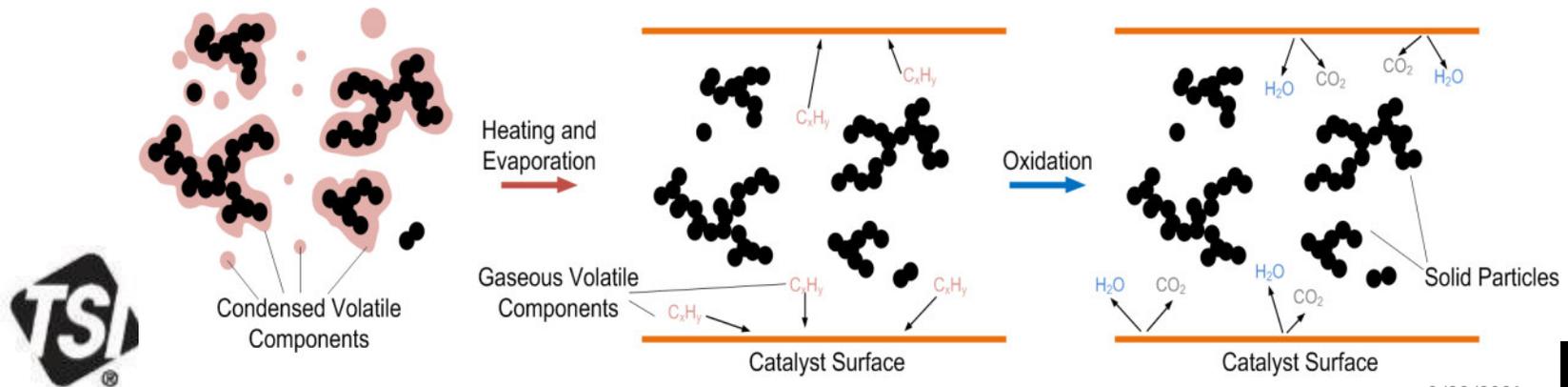


# Catalytic Stripper for the removal of volatile material

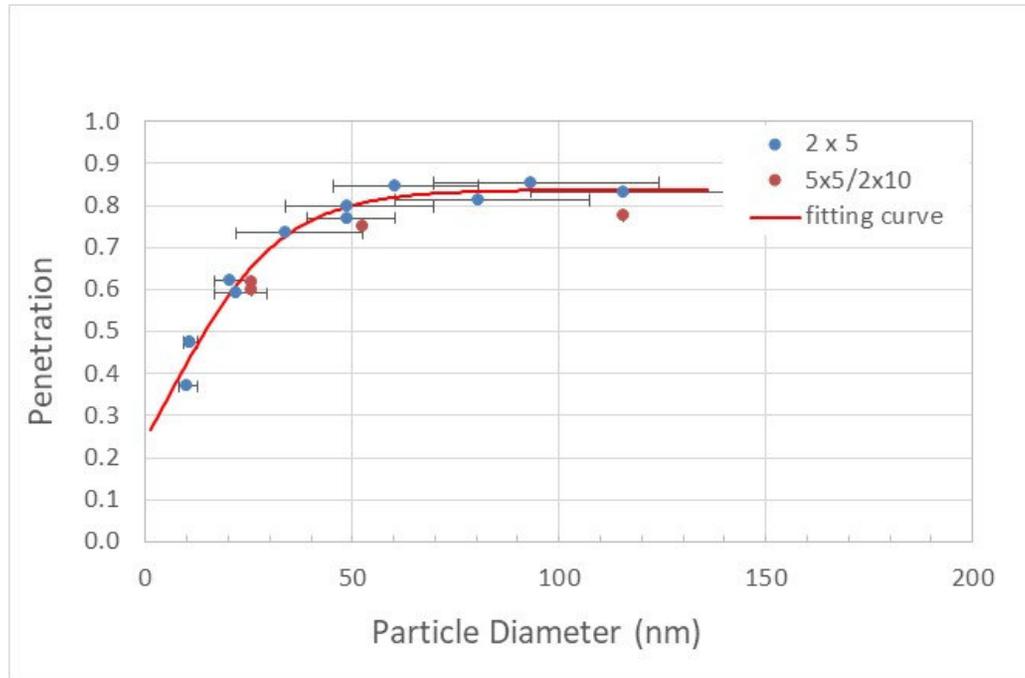
- Solid carbonaceous agglomerates
- Solid ash particles
- Semi-volatile sulfuric acid + hydrocarbon particles
- Adsorbed and condensed sulfuric acid and hydrocarbon vapors



Volatiles are oxidized using a catalyst:



# Characterization of size dependent penetration through the system



Particle Diameter (nm)	Penetration
5.6	0.35
10	0.43
15	0.51
23	0.62
41	0.77
55	0.81
100	0.84

- + Measured at  $d_1=2, d_2=5$ ,  $d_1=2, d_2=10$ , and  $d_1=5, d_2=5$  dilution ratios
- + Thermophoretic losses are about 20%
- + Diffusion losses increase as particle size goes down
- + At 10 nm total penetration is about 40-50%



# Particle Penetration Comparison for comparable complete systems

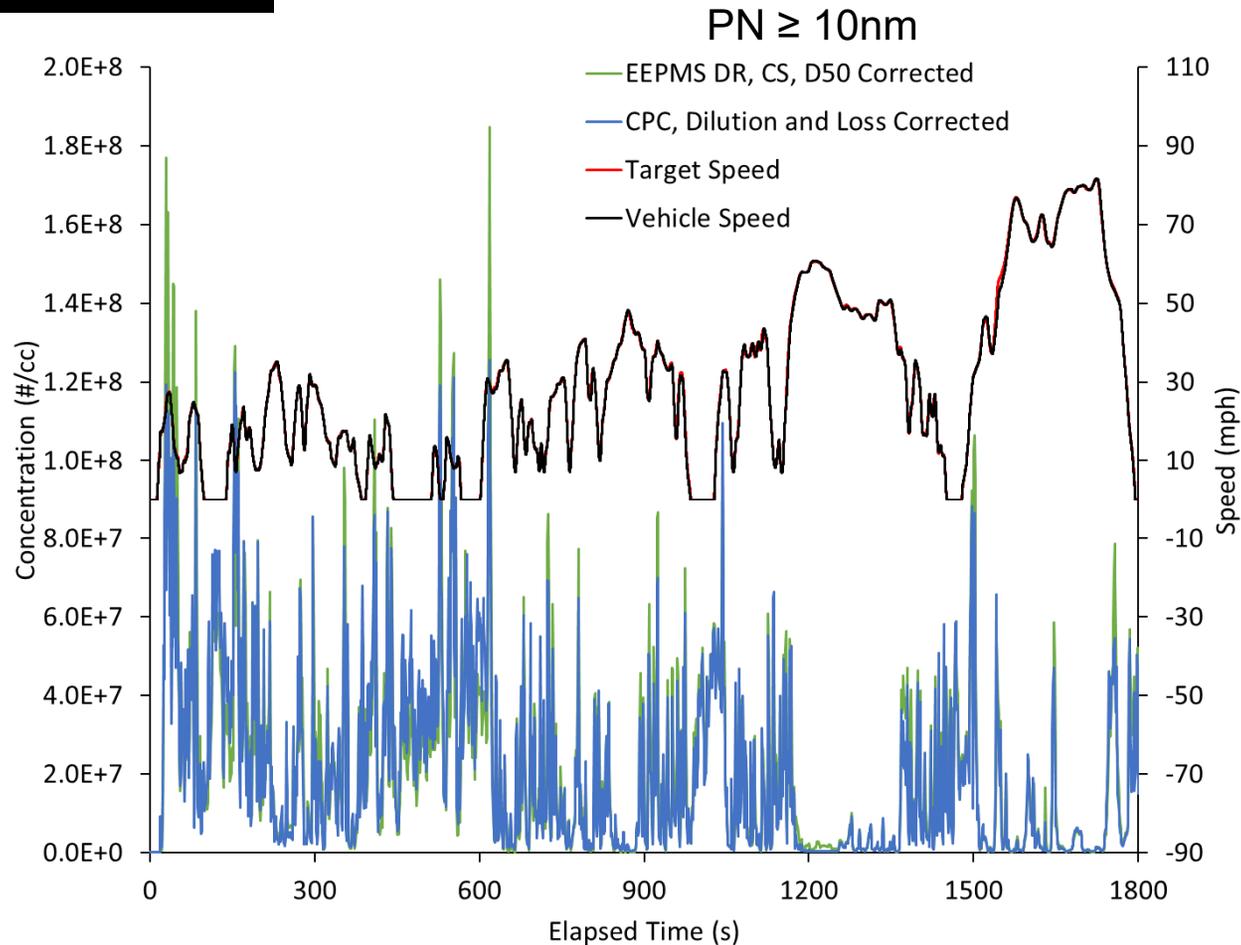
Dp (nm)	3098 PTT (typical)	DownToTen <sup>1</sup> (HPD,CS,PT) (avg values)	JRC <sup>2</sup> system (RDD/ET/mixing diluter)	Horiba <sup>3</sup> SPCS (WRCD/ET/sec diluter)	AVL <sup>4</sup> APC (RDD,ET,PT) (avg values)
10	<b>0.43</b>	~ 0.40	<0.40 (est)		
30	0.70	~ 0.70	0.49	0.71	0.63
50	0.80	~ 0.80	0.60	0.83	0.73
80	0.83		0.78	0.82	
100	0.84	0.80 to 0.90	0.83	0.86	0.78

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# WLTP results

## EEPMS vs. CPC concentration



- EEPMS corrected for dilution, system losses, and CPC counting efficiency
- CPC corrected for dilution and system losses

Thank you for your attention! Questions?

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- Dedicated porous tube diluter system for EEPS
  - Fully characterized losses down to 5/10 nm
  - Optimized conditioning of sub-23 nm particles
  - Accurate & fast measurement of particle size distributions
- Applications
  - R&D:
    - Understand contributions from lubricants and fuel types
    - Optimize engine management
    - Analyze exhaust aftertreatment strategies
  - Brake wear particles studies

