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Lessons learned from diesel nanoparticles in urban air

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European Commission DG ENV: 406 thousands annually in the EU mostly due to particulate matter and ground-level ozone

WHO: 7 milions annually worldwide (25.3.2014) <u>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/air-pollution/en/</u> European Environment Agency: 350 thousands annually in the EU <u>http://www.eea.europa.eu/media/newsreleases/reducing-the-20ac-45-billion</u>

European Environmental Bureau: 455 thousands annually in the EU – just particles

http://www.eeb.org/EEB/index.cfm/news-events/news/air-pollution-threat-highlightedat-launch-of-2013-year-of-air/

Czech National Inst. Of Health 2013 – 7-8 thousands annually in CZ

http://apps.szu.cz/svi/hygiena/archiv/h2013-1-02-full.pdf

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Sion Elementary School instrumented walking tour: Where are the particles that we breath?



"Participation of ... junior scientists is critical to the CEECHE mission." (William Suk on Monday)

"Children may be more susceptible to exposures." (Nina T. Holland on Monday)













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(Diesel) ICE exhaust particulate matter

• Small particles (units to hundreds of nm) formed by incomplete combustion of fuel and engine lubricating oil and wear metals

- Complex mixture of compounds, many known to be carcinogenic
- More premature deaths (> 400 K per year in EU) than traffic accidents (< 40 K per year)
- One of the most pressing urban environmental problems



Liati A., Dimopoulos P.E., Combustion and Flame 157 (2010) 1658–1670.





Typical diesel exhaust PM size distribution



Kittelson, J. Aerosol Sci. Vol. 29, No. 5/6, pp. 575-588, 1998





Lung particle capture efficiency







Lung particle capture efficiency



A. Mayer, 12th ETH Conference on Combustion Generated Nanoparticles, Zurich, 2008





Online PM measurement at Czech Technical Univ. in Prague







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Project BIOTOX – Mechanisms of Toxicity of Particles from Biofuels PM measurement and sampling using high-volume samplers

Gasoline MPI and direct injection, diesel, Traditional and alternative fuels (ethanol, butanol, biodiesel, NEXBTL, blends)











Real driving emissions measurement Portable on-board monitoring systems (PEMS)



Cars, buses, trucks, tractors, loaders, mowers, small airplanes, mopeds, ferries, locomotives, construction machinery









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On-board system versatility: Motorcycle to locomotive





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european social fund in the czech republic Portable on-board emissions monitoring systems (PEMS) "Research PEMS": On-board FTIR (gaseous compounds), EEPS (size distributions), CPC (particle count)



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Student projects: E85, n-butanol, isobutanol in unmodified gasoline engines in Škoda cars

On-board FTIR ~ 30 kg ~ 300-400 W 3 hours on 26 kg of batteries

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Used frying oil as vehicle fuel (effects on PM)



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DOC+DPF efficiency (Pilot project, World trade center, New York, 2003)



Online measurements before & after catalysts with two PEMS















Field test – excavator with diesel particulate filter Emissions measured simultaneously upstream & downstream of DPF



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Diesel particle filters (90 to 99,99% efficiency)



Inlet side

Outlet side













Diesel particle filters

A. Liati, P. Dimopoulos Eggenschwiler / Combustion and Flame 157 (2010) 1658–1670



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Modern diesel engine technology: 10^{11} particles / kWh to meet 6 x 1011 p/kWh Euro 6 limit – at 5–10 m³/kWh, this corresponds to 10–20 thousands p/cm³.

European "urban background" is 7-8 thousands p/cm³.



EURO 5 – DOC, DPF (particle filter), no SCR 2012 Iveco Daily, 3.0-liter Iveco engine

Emissions of particulate matter very low even during 1-hour idle and generally well below 1 mg/m3



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Euro 6 diesel truck, November 2015, Říčany – Kostelec nad Černými Lesy (east of Prague) Particle concentrations in the exhaust (p/cm3)



Internal combustion engines produce very small particles which are harmful to human health and released in the immediate vicinity of people. We have diesel particle filters (DPF) and other technology to take care of this. But does it help? Is the situation improving sufficiently? Are air quality improvement actions in central Europe based on educated decisions supported by facts?







Challenges of EU automobile diesel engines Euro 4 Skoda Fabia – chassis dynamometer runs NEDC vs. full-power loaded accelerations



Euro 4 Skoda Octavia – real-world city driving tests



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Euro 4 Škoda Octavia – high-speed freeway tests

Aggressive, high-speed driving on a freeway, not atypical for Czech roads Results contrasted with ECE cycle test on a chassis dynamometer





Congestion effects: DAF 1505 truck, 2006, Euro 5 Paccar engine, 540 thousands km, with loaded trailer (39 tons total weight)



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The horror of transit truck traffic

We took a DAF truck with semi-trailer, 39 tons, EURO 5 but no DPF, and circulated the Prague perimeter road waiting for congestion to happen "Urban creep":

combustion worsens, DOC cools down, SCR cools down, EGR not feasible Result: NOx and PM up to one order of magnitude higher



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Extended idling effects – diesel fuel – logarithmic scale An order of magnitude increase during + after extended low-load of emissions of BaP, carcinogenic PAH, all PAH, PM mass



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Is diesel PM becoming more of a question of public policy rather than technology?





Warning: This engine emits carcinogenic nanoparticles that are harmful when inhaled.

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DPF work, but ... are they the EU norm, or the privilege of wealthy and progressive countries and regions? Polish advertisement for emulation of (removed) DPF to the ECU



removal?

operates in the automotive industry, electronics and lighting. Our team is based on highly experienced, ambitious people, graduated of the Silesian Technical University, the Silesian higher education and the Technical University of Cracow, which are caring for the best cooperation with many European and Asian business partners. Main priority of company is satisfaction of our customers. Continuously we improve the quality of our services and products.



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UK advertisement for removal of DPF and corresponding adjustments of ECU



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"DieselGate": If the engine is not running under "test conditions", NOx emissions are considerably higher (while we save a small amount of fuel)



USA, heavy-duty truck, 16 years ago









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Diesel bus Euro 6 – Hradčany airport

Braunschweig cycle average: 195 mg/km (312 mg/mi) NO_x. At 37 liters per 100 km, 220 g/kWh: 162 mg/kWh (Euro 6: 460 mg/kWh) At 6.35 miles per gallon, 0.36 lb/bhp-h: 121 mg/bhp-h (Euro 6: 343 mg/bhp-h)







High-volume sampling for advanced analysis



30-60 m³/min sampling on 142/150 mm filters for analyses (i.e. PAH) and toxicological assays



Isokinetic or constant flow sampling is not necessary as 100% of exhaust is sampled







Particle emissions from small engines under real "driving" conditions

Only direct exhaust emissions considered here. Non-engine & secondary emissions and health effects of injuries not negligible.

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Lawnmower and weed-eater – test summary (PAH analysis and toxicology assays to follow)



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Just when we think we have solved the problem, we realize there is a long way to go: What about small engines in garden machinery? Cheap and primitive Chinese engines

Cheap and primitive Chinese engines subject to no particle limit whatsoever (neither in EU nor in the US)









Challenges of EU automobile gasoline engines Euro 4 Skoda Fabia – engine dynamometer runs



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Gasoline engine real-driving PM emissions







Gasoline engine on-road PM emissions: steady speed vs. full-power acceleration



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Gasoline engine PM: Choice of cycles WLTP is "not as lame as NEDC", but does it cover the problematic enrichment at high load (prohibited by EPA)? USO6 and Artemis motorway cycles as a supplement?







Particle metrics:

Total mass (what is retained on the filter)

Total count (EU, Particle Measurement Programme: count of non-volatile particles, 50% counting efficiency at 23 nm)

I want my RDA of vitamin C of apples.

Sorry. We sell fruits like we measure particles – by count or by kilogram.

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Effect of cycle & effect of "PN" definition: PN (PMP), PN (EEPS 5-560 nm), PN (EEPS 23-560 nm) Gasoline, PM is gravimetric on TX40H120-WW Emfab filters









Vojtisek et al., butanol blends in Euro 6 DISI - emissions ICE 2015 Intl. Conference on Engines and Vehicles Capri, Napoli, Italy, September 14, 2015

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Experimental setup:

Ambient size and time resolved nanoparticle measurement in inhabited areas Portable vehicle emissions monitoring instrumentation used for ambient measurement

Fast mobility spectrometer (Engine Exhaust Particle Sizer, Model 3090, TSI Inc.) Condensation counter (UF-CPC 200, Palas) notebook, GPS, batteries mounted on hand carts (or a baby carriage).

Study designed, measurements done, and data interpreted by an interdisciplinary team of engine – combustion – aerosols – toxicology specialists.



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Validation of EEPS for ambient measurements: co-location with SMPS+CPC (UFIREG project, 28.6.-3.7.2014) total particle count



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Validation of EEPS for ambient measurements: co-location with SMPS+CPC (UFIREG project, 28.6.-3.7.2014) average particle size distribution



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Results: Neighborhood of Spořilov instrumented walking tour Absence of larger particles & absence of higher concentrations in the inner neighborhood away / upwind from traffic

Assuming that home heating appliances are evenly distributed throughout the neighborhood, why don't we see anything upwind of the road?







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"Spořilov hotspot": After low-speed travel through congested area of Prague, heavy trucks accelerate onto a freeway and climb a hill – "reentrainment" of material deposited in the exhaust system.





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Particle concentrations vary, size distributions remain similar near roadways, and match engine exhaust size distributions Spořilov, February 2014, mean of 40 normalized distributions



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Results: Village of Líbeznice instrumented walking tour



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In France, manufacture or handling of over 100 g of nanomaterial requires registration...

JORF n°0043 du 19 février 2012 page 2863 texte nº 4

Décret nº 2012-232 du 17 février 2012 relatif à la déclaration annuelle des substances à l'état nanoparticulaire pris en application de l'article L. 523-4 du code de l'environnement

NOR: DFVP1123456D

ELI: https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/decret/2012/2/17/DEVP1123456D/jo/texte Alias: https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/decret/2012/2/17/2012-232/jo/texte

Le décret précise, à cet effet, que la déclaration est à envoyer au ministre chargé de l'environnement avant le 1er mai de chaque année.

Elle est obligatoire dès lors qu'une quantité minimale de 100 grammes de substance a été produite, importée ou distribuée.

... and driving a truck ... ???



~ 0.25 g/km ~ 0.05 g/km < 100 nm Prague-Paris and back: 2000 km x 0.05 g/km = **100 g** Released into the air One trip (2-3 days)

> Are we consistent?









What we have learned summarized

Large temporal and spatial variance of nanoparticle concentrations. Higher <u>number</u> concentrations of nanoparticles always correlated to the presence of internal combustion engines upwind and/or in the vicinity. Away / upwind from roads, concentrations were low.

Normalized size distributions generally agreed with engine exhaust size distributions.

Despite measuring during heating season, no other major sources of nanoparticles (home heating) identified.

High emitting engines — vehicles in bad shape, small engines (lawnmower, scooter) with no PM limit — responsible for peaks. Highest concentrations found where expected based on knowledge of engine emissions: traffic were entering a freeway after extended idling, at intersections, etc.

Working knowledge of engines and their emissions helpful in data interpretation, engines are complex non-linear dynamic systems. Findings useful for transportation & land-use planning.





Lessons learned from diesel nanoparticle measurements

Non-uniform distribution over time and among engines: Large share of emissions from short high-emissions episodes High emitting engines – vehicles in bad shape – large share of total emissions from the fleet.

Disproportional strictness of regulations - small engines (lawnmower, scooter) with no PM limit emit more than highly regulated buses.

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> State of the art and discipline to be followed. Interdisciplinary cooperation. Keeping the view of the large picture. Consistency of regulations.





Lessons learned from diesel nanoparticle measurements

We, as a society, have the technology and know-how to monitor adverse effects of nanomaterials, and while there will be surprises, we are able to, sooner or later, develop technology to prevent adverse health effects resulting from exposure to nanoparticles.

The question is whether we really want to and are willing to pay the cost, and whether the protection of human health is effectively limited to a few high-income countries such as USA, Switzerland and few others.





Thank you !

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> Warning: This engine may produce nanoparticles that are harmful when inhaled.





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EU LIFE+ program, project MEDETOX – Innovative Methods of Monitoring of Diesel Engine Exhaust Toxicity in Real Urban Traffic (LIFE10 ENV/CZ/651)

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