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# Nanoparticle emissions from heavy-duty dual-fuel diesel and natural gas engines

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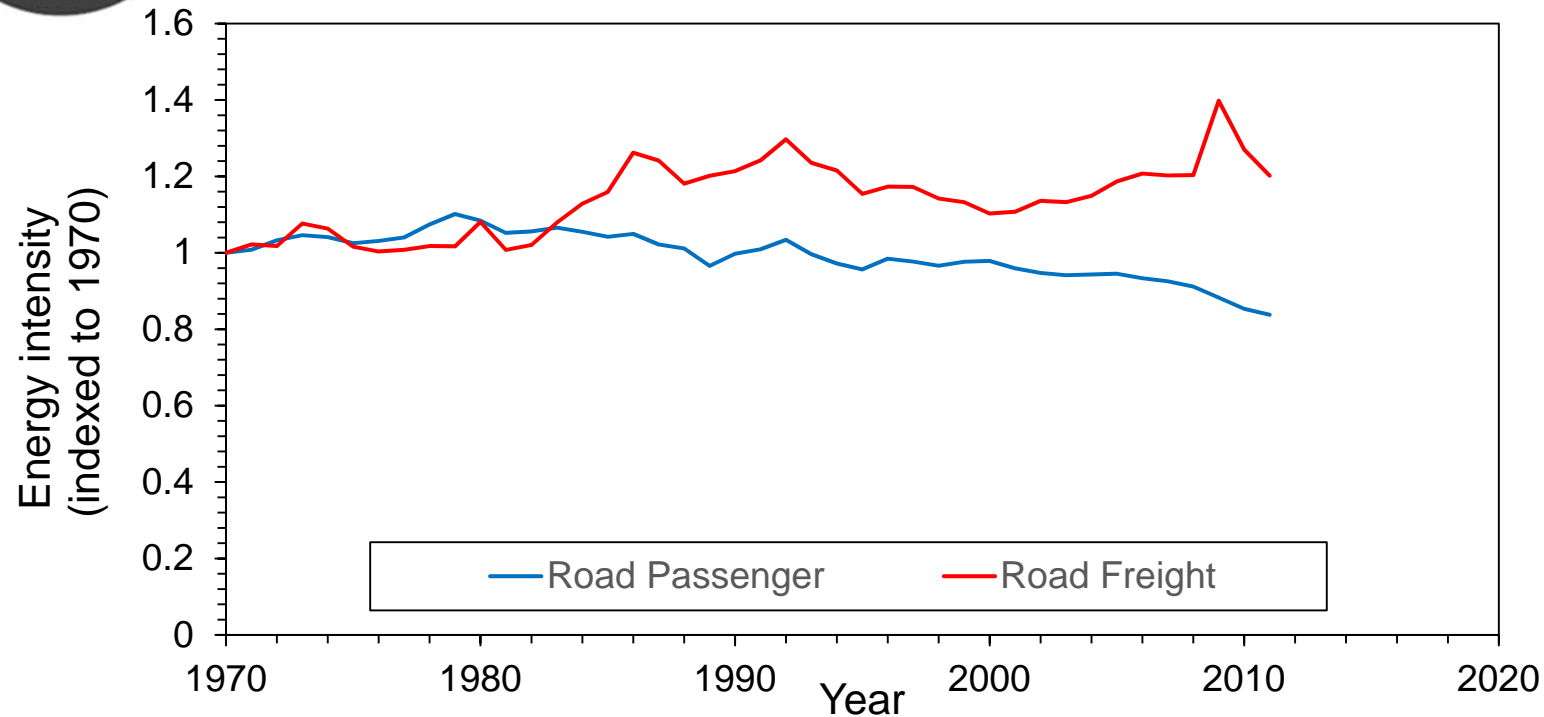


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# UK transport energy intensity

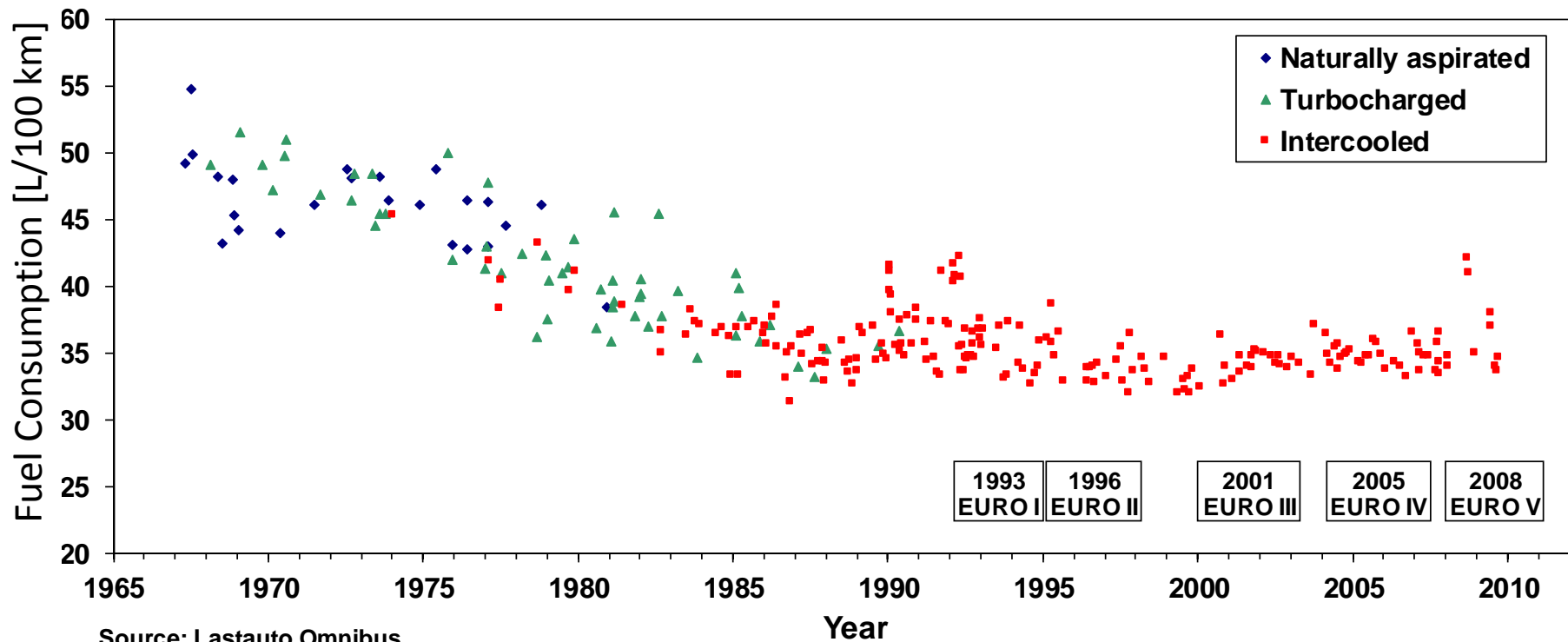


- Freight accounts for 21% of transport energy use in UK (2012)
- Energy intensity is 20% higher than in 1970



# Heavy duty vehicle fuel consumption

Heavy Duty Vehicle Fuel Consumption



Source: Lastauto Omnibus  
Testberichte 1967 - 2009

Data Courtesy Daimler

No Change Since 1986

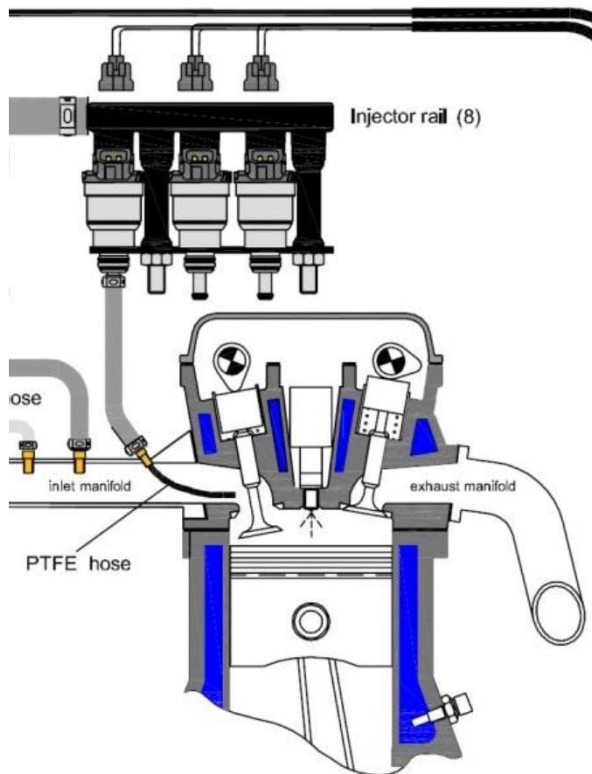
# UK push to gas in freight

- 2009 UK's Low Carbon Strategy
- Ricardo-AEA report (2012):
  - Enable diesel engines to run dual fuel (diesel and natural gas)
  - 16-40% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
  - Improvements in air pollution?
- UK Low Emission HGV Task Force
  - £9.5M government support
  - Vehicles and infrastructure



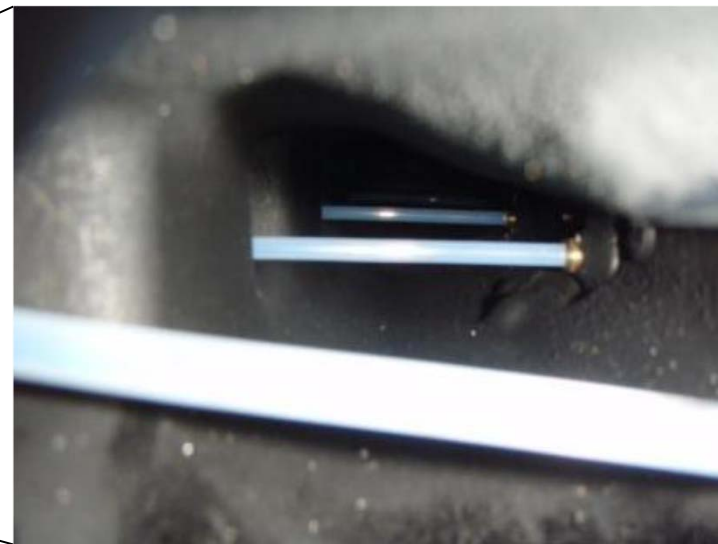
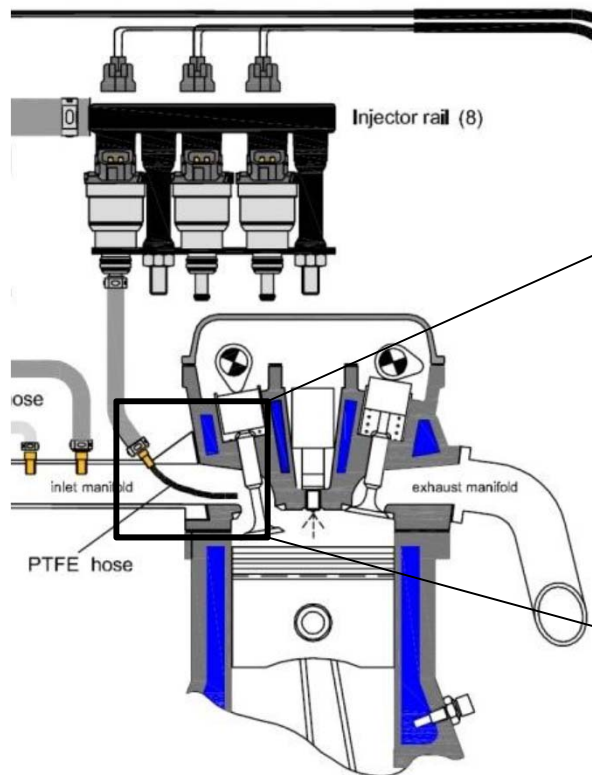
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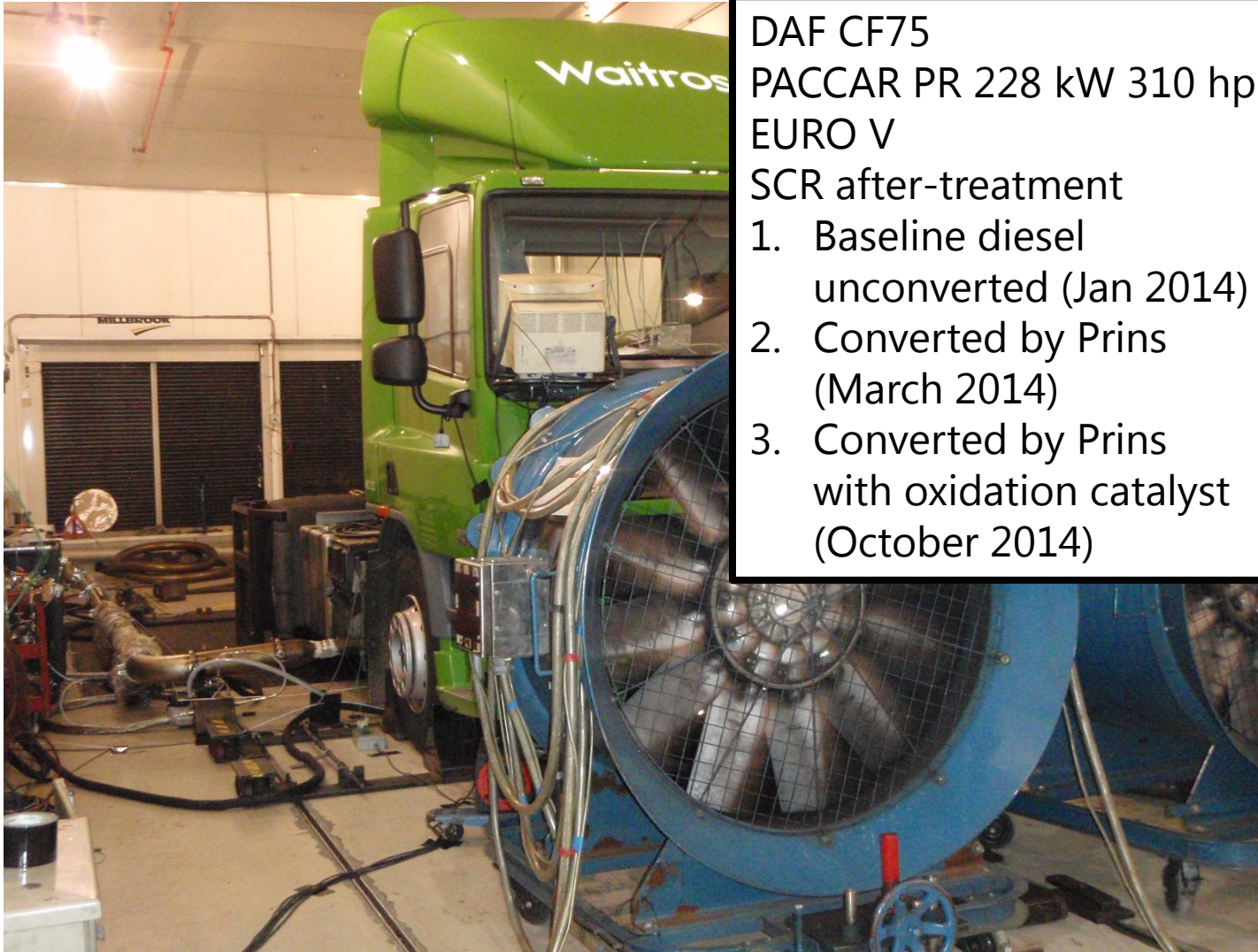
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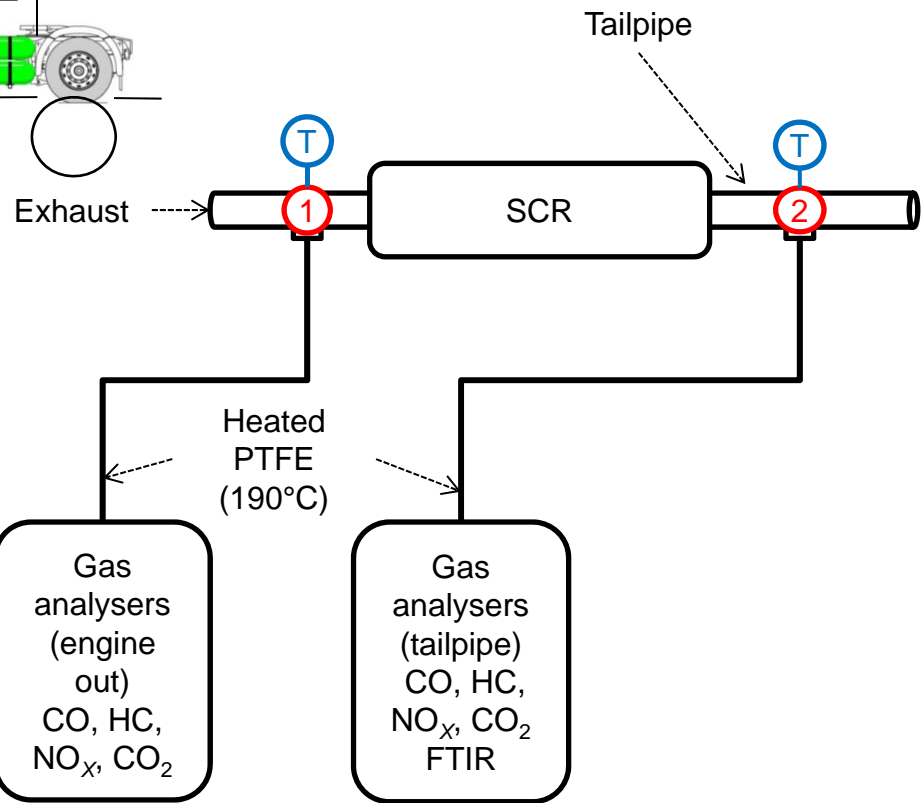
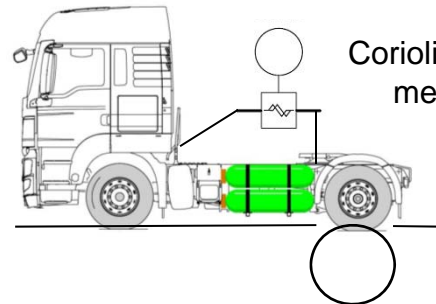


# Engine emissions testing



- DAF CF75  
PACCAR PR 228 kW 310 hp  
EURO V  
SCR after-treatment
1. Baseline diesel  
unconverted (Jan 2014)
  2. Converted by Prins  
(March 2014)
  3. Converted by Prins  
with oxidation catalyst  
(October 2014)

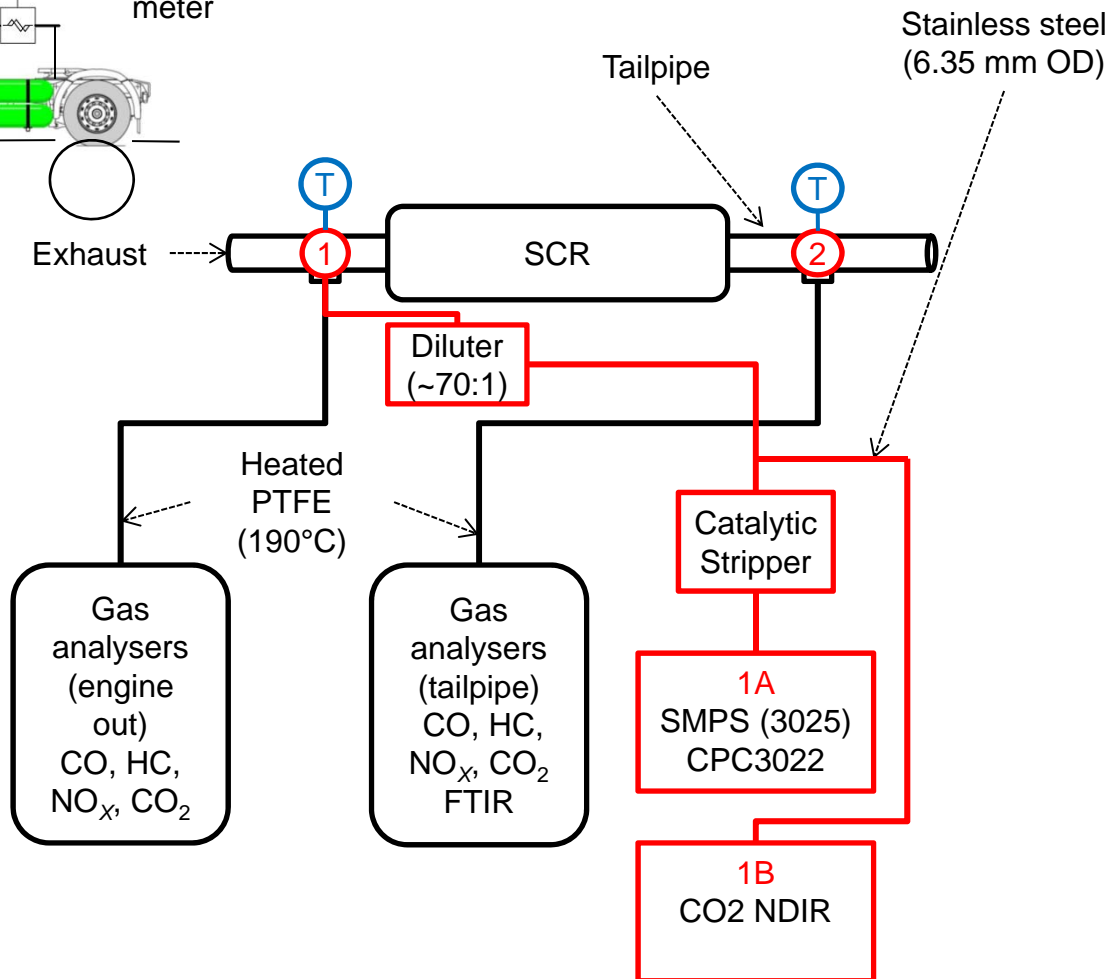
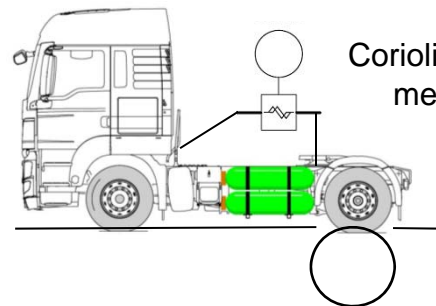
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⊕ Thermocouple

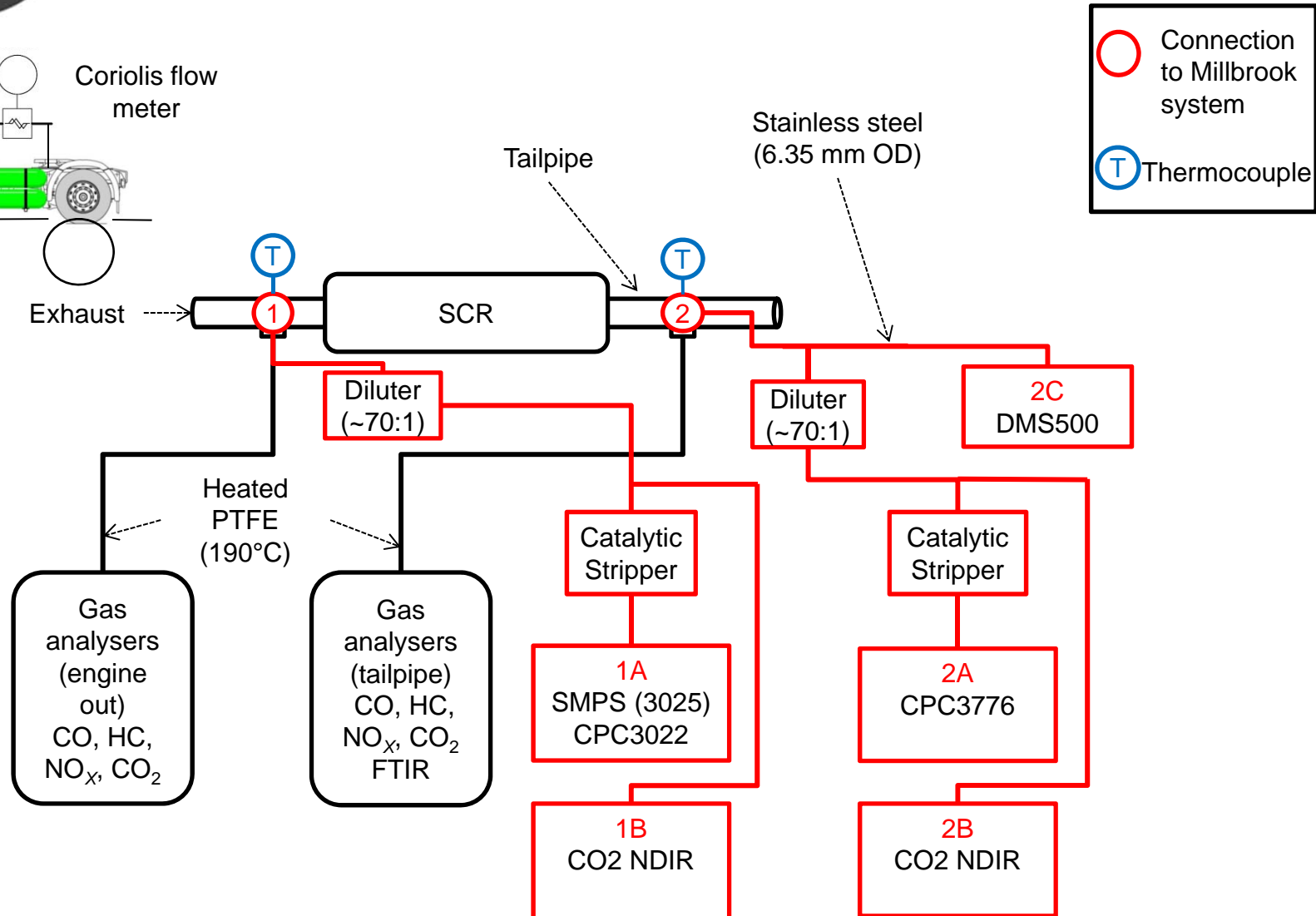
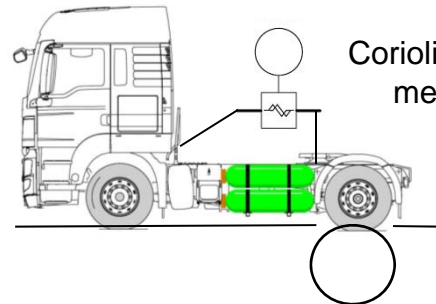
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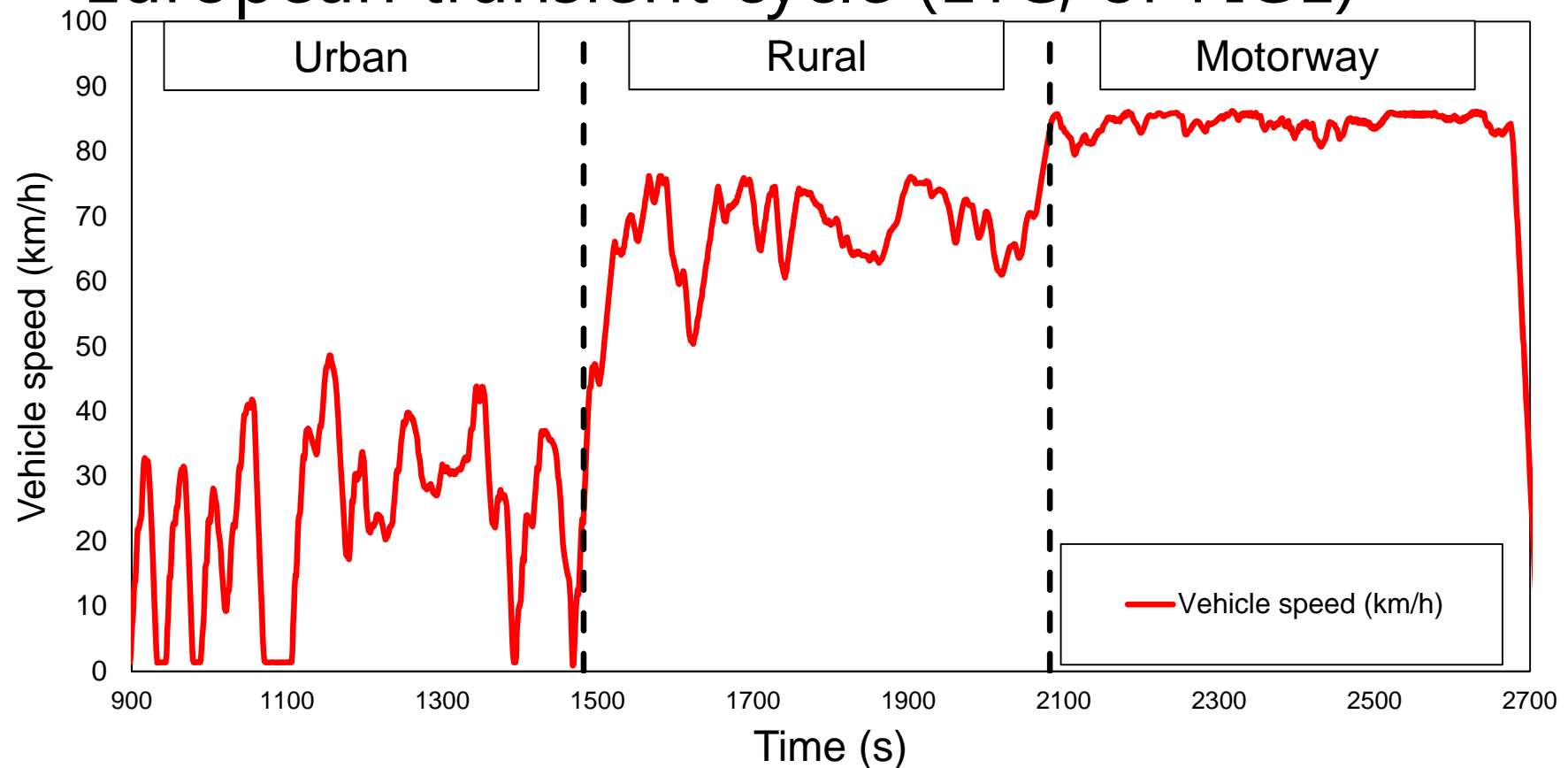
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# Test points

- Steady state
- European transient cycle (ETC, or FIGE)





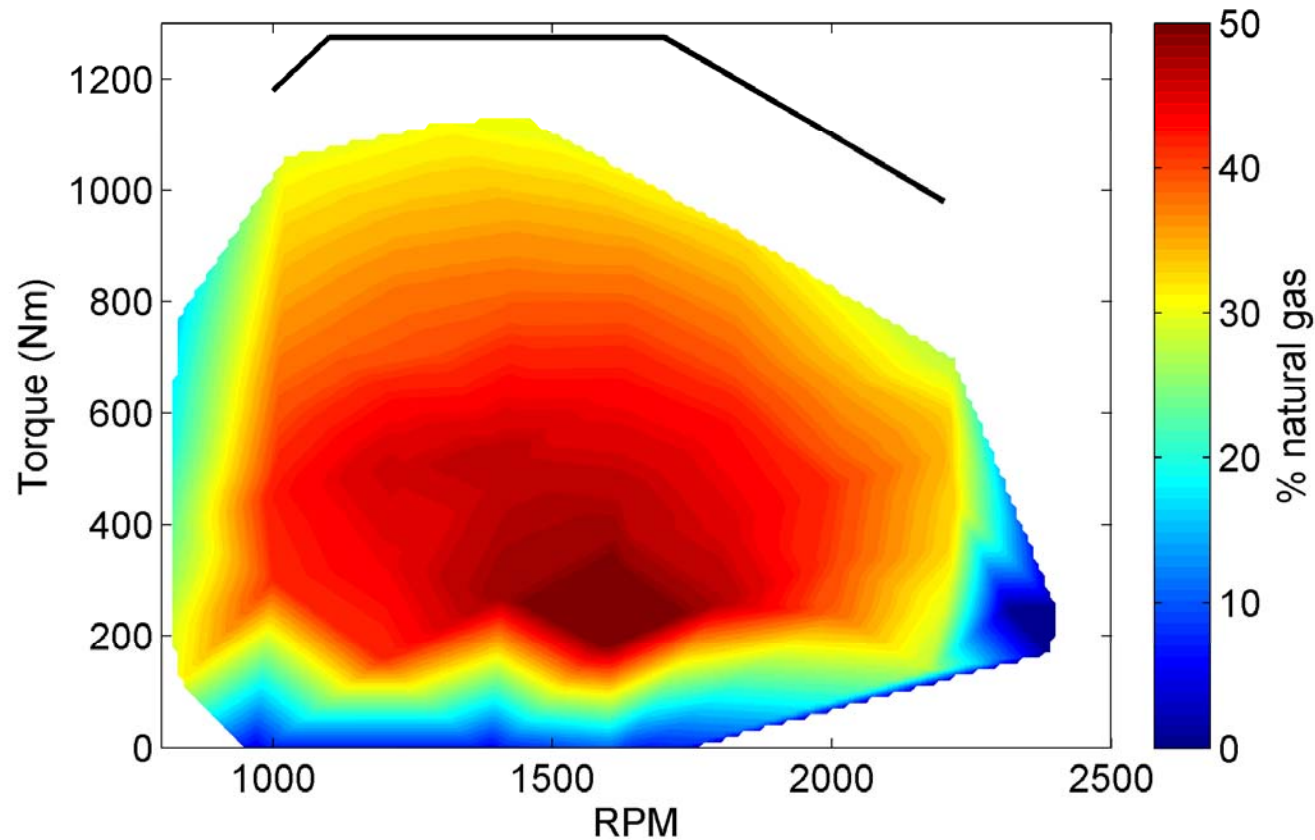
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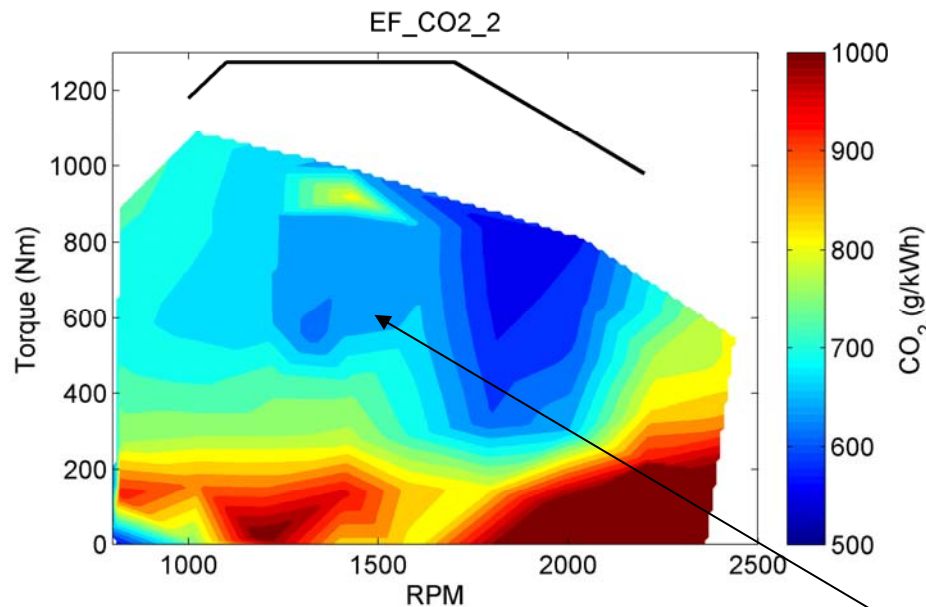
# Substitution ratio

$$\text{Energy substitution ratio} = \frac{\text{energy}_{\text{natgas}}}{\text{energy}_{\text{natgas}} + \text{energy}_{\text{diesel}}}$$

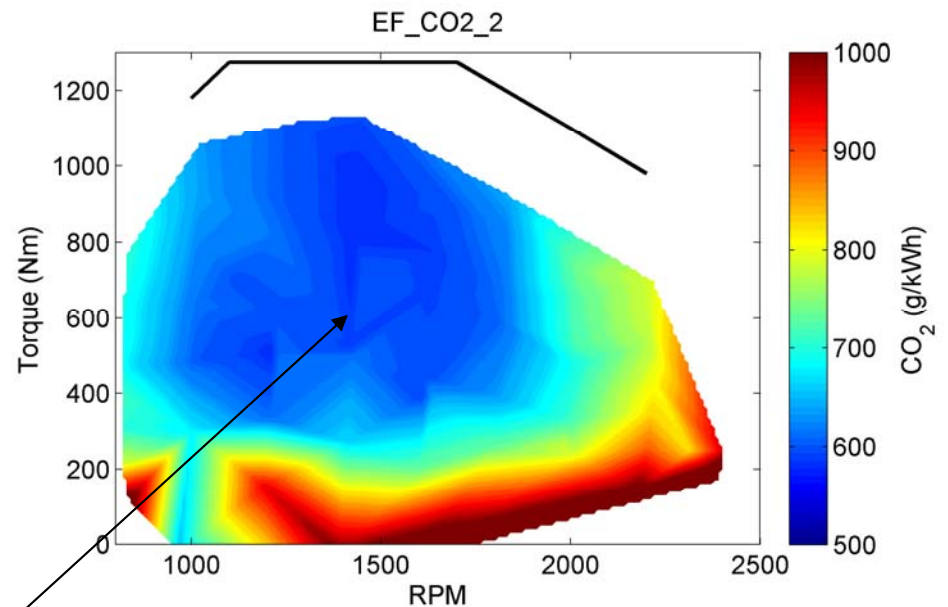


# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

## Diesel



## Dual-fuel



-10% CO<sub>2</sub> @ 1500 rpm, 600 Nm

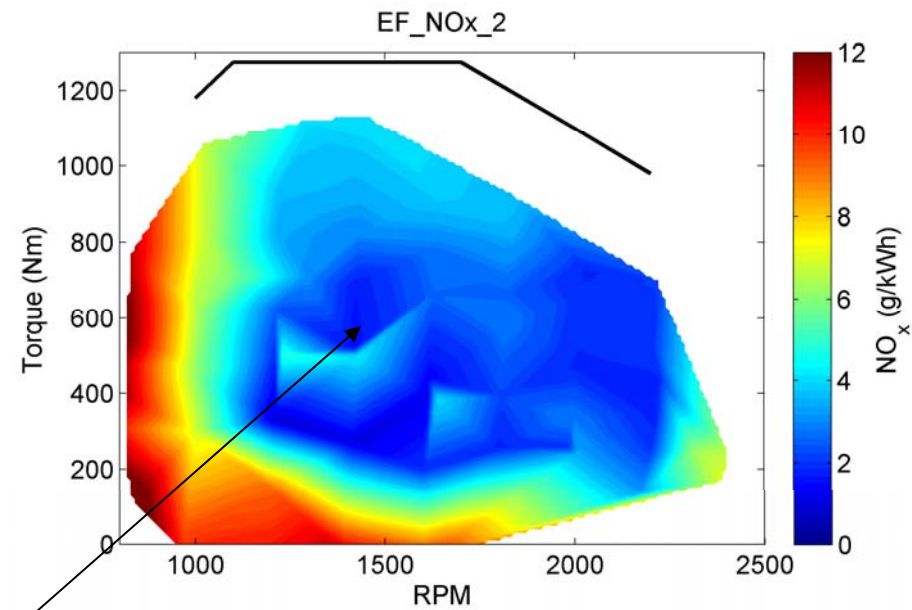
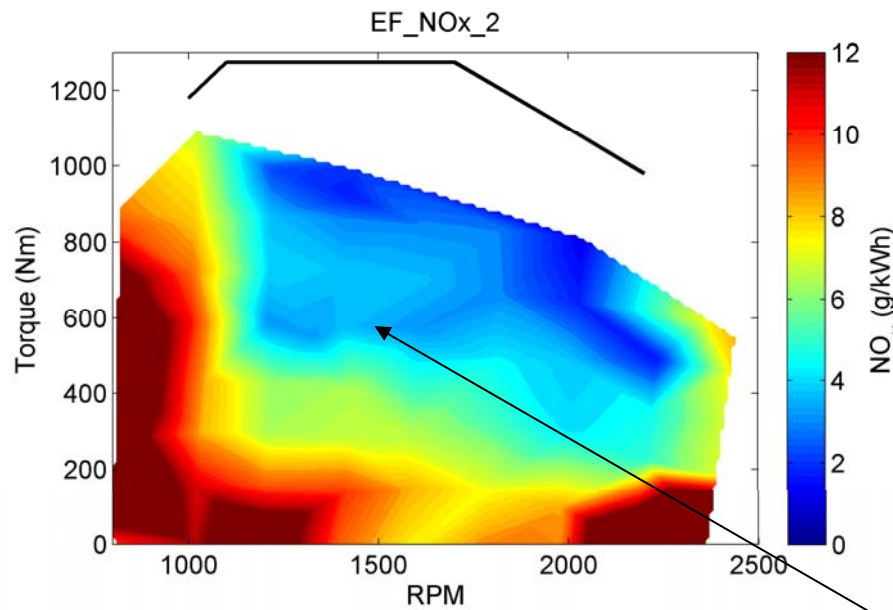
C:H ratio + 50% natural gas → -12% CO<sub>2</sub>



# Tailpipe NOx

## Diesel

## Dual-fuel



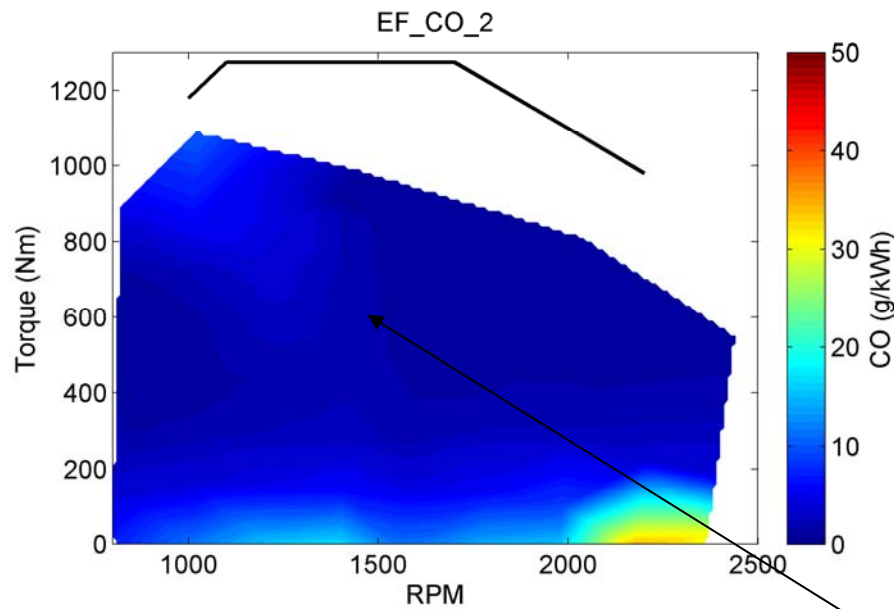
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EURO V limit: 2.0 g/kWh (ESC)

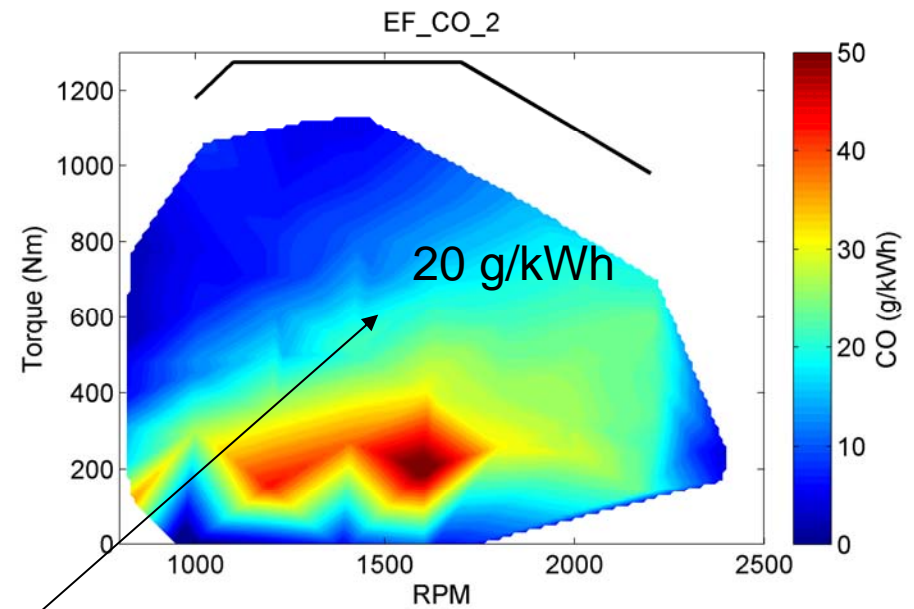


# Tailpipe CO

## Diesel



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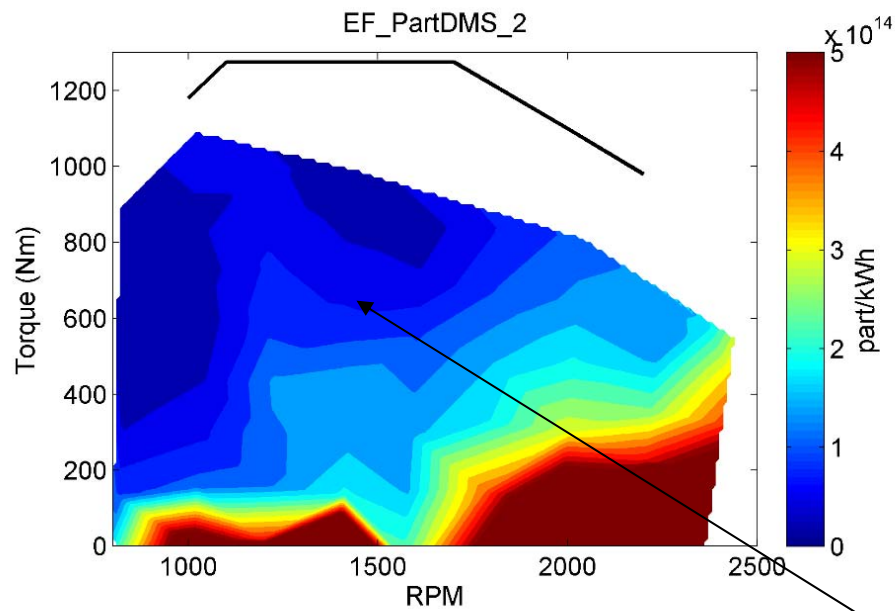
x10 CO @ 1500 rpm, 600 Nm

**EURO V limit: 1.5 g/kWh**

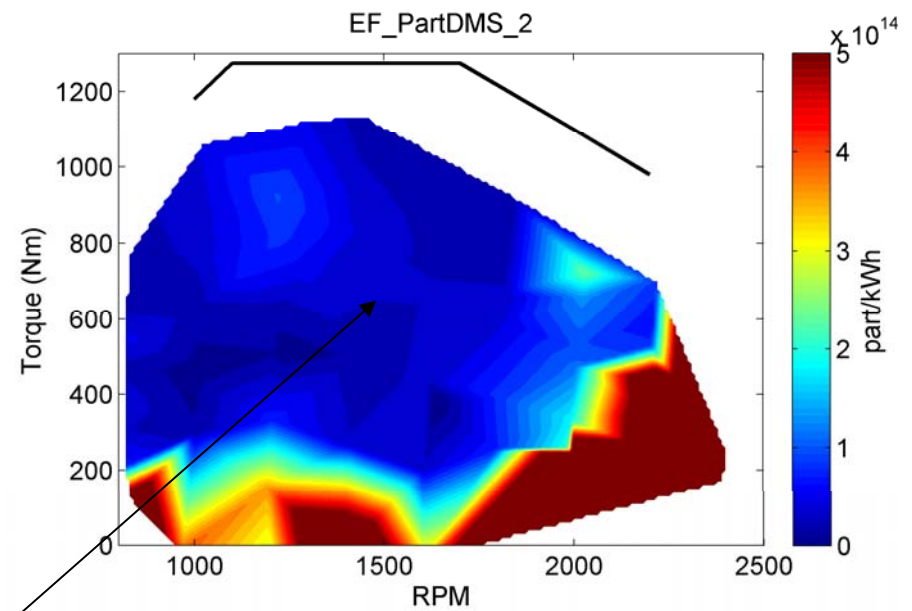


# Particle number emissions

## Diesel



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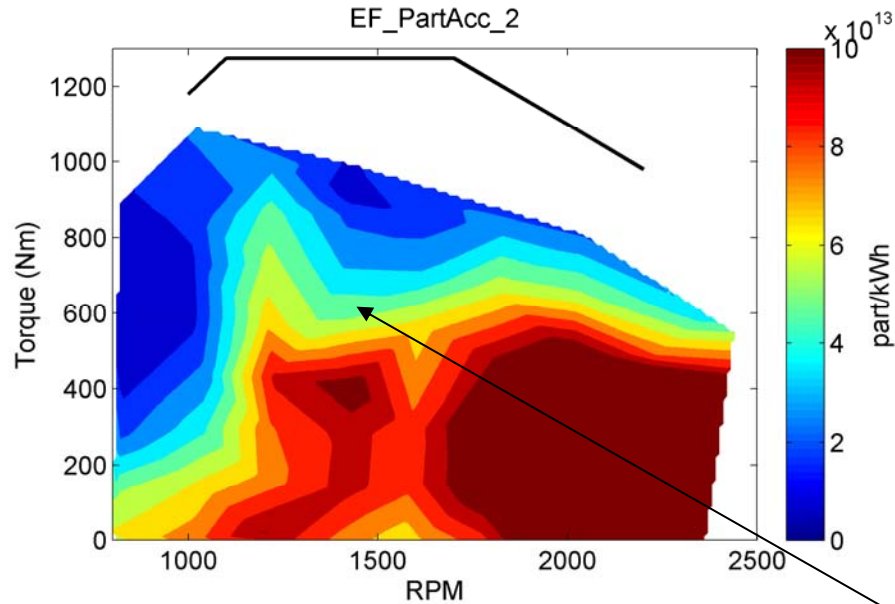


-60% particle number @ 1500 rpm, 600 Nm  
DMS500 (5-1000 nm)

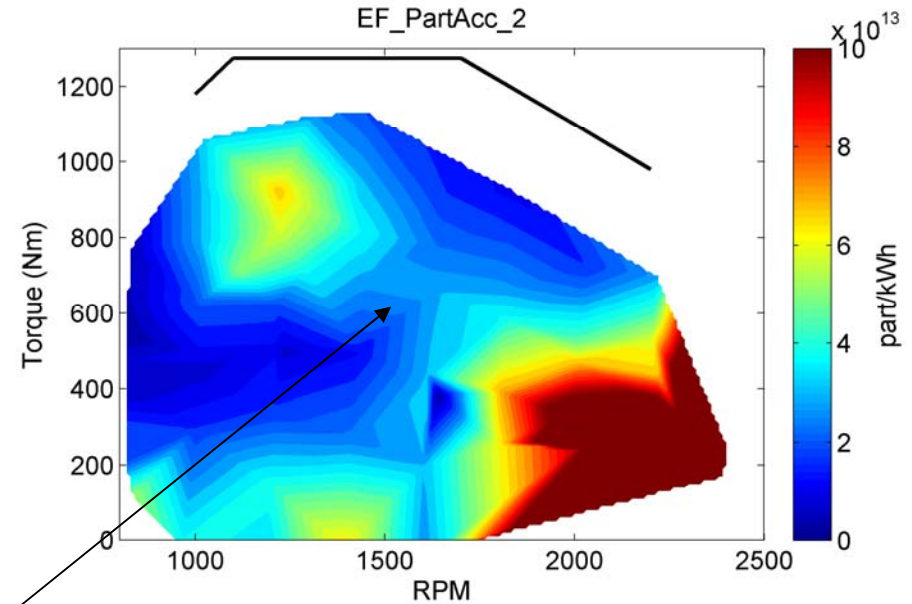


# Accumulation mode PN

## Diesel



## Dual-fuel

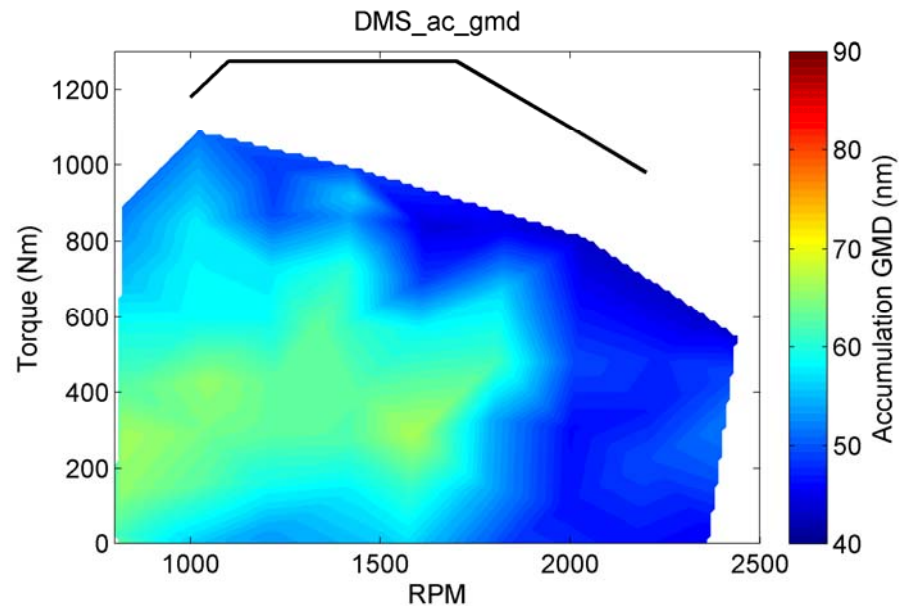


-50% Accumulation mode PN @ 1500 rpm, 600 Nm  
DMS500

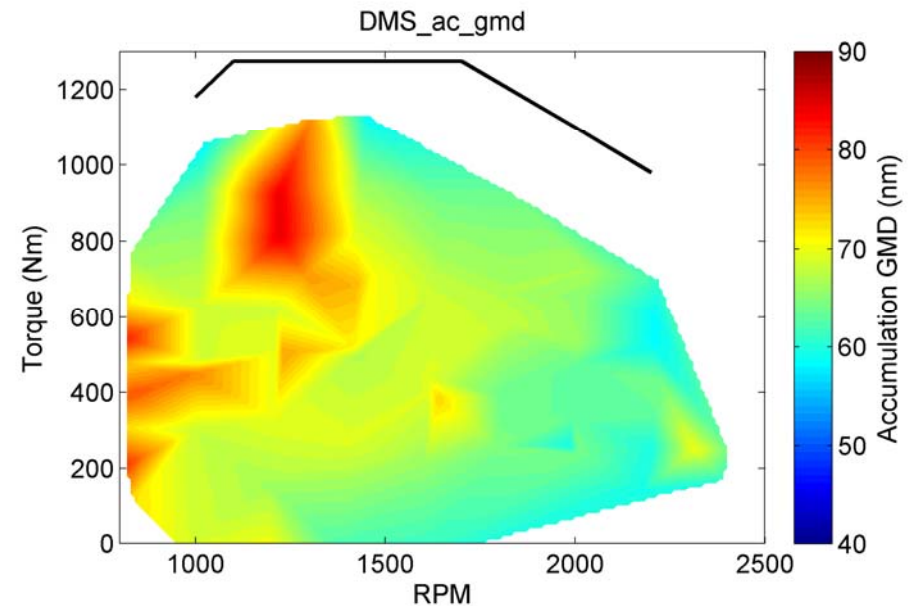
[EURO VI limit  $8 \times 10^{11}$  part/kWh (>23 nm)]

# Accumulation GMD

## Diesel



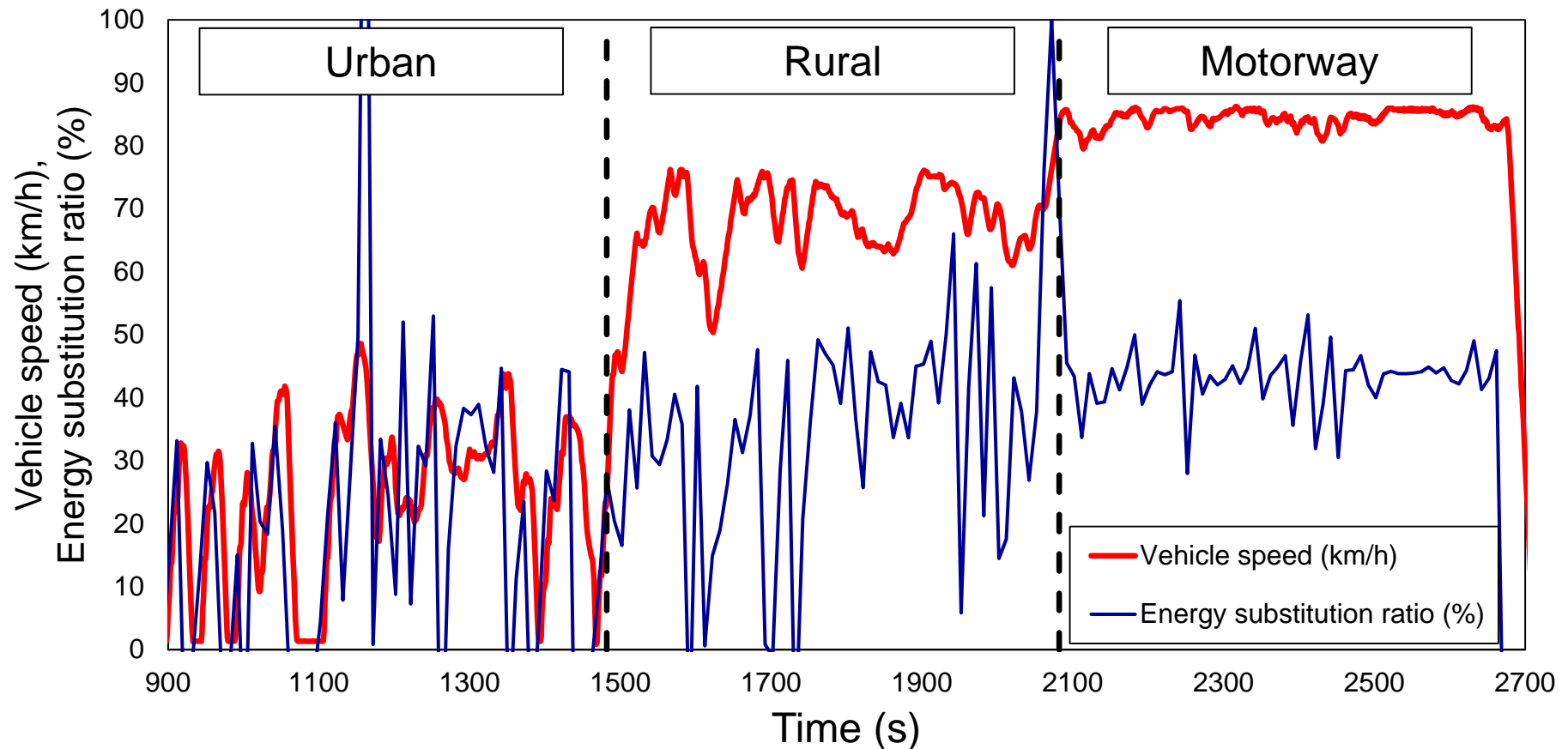
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Significant increase in accumulation mode GMD  
after dual-fuel conversion  
55-70 nm → 65-85 nm

# Transient cycle

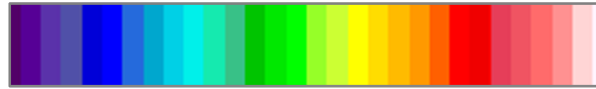
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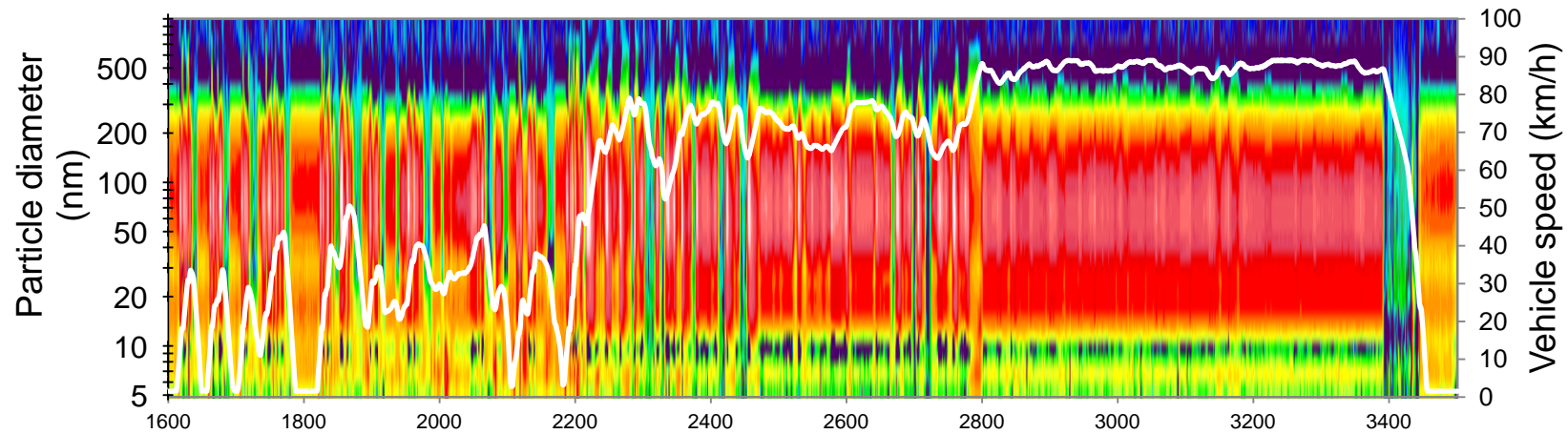
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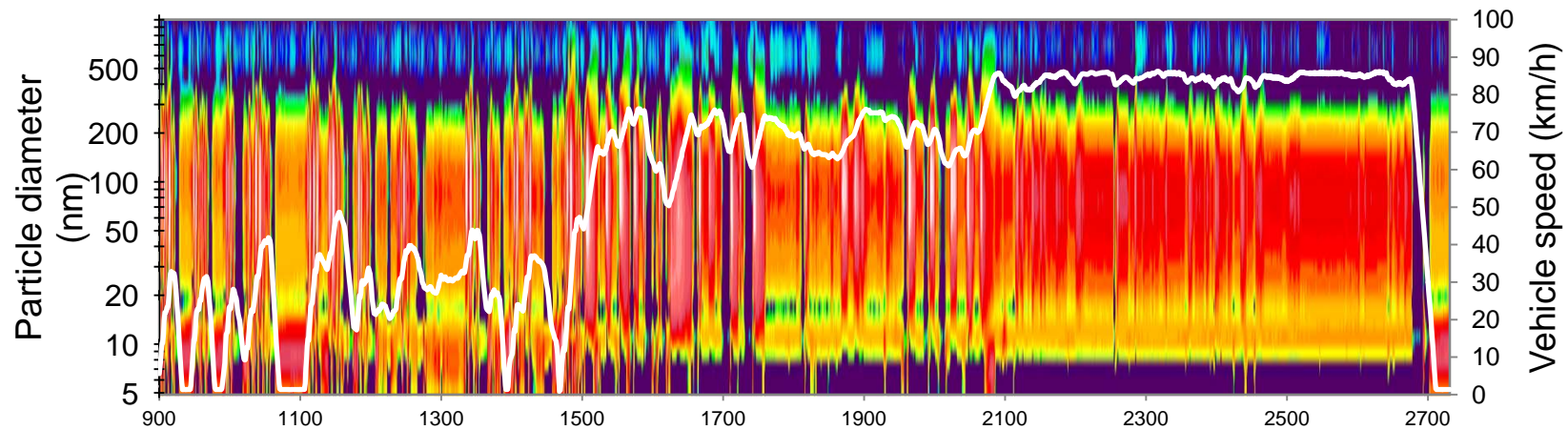
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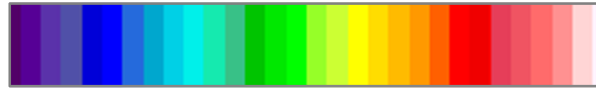


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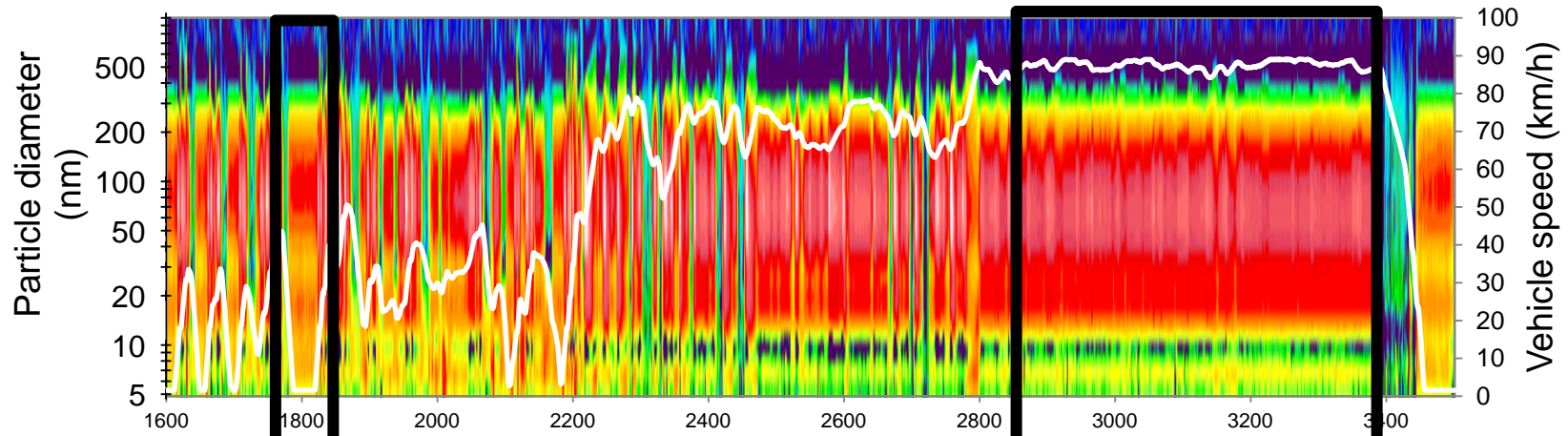
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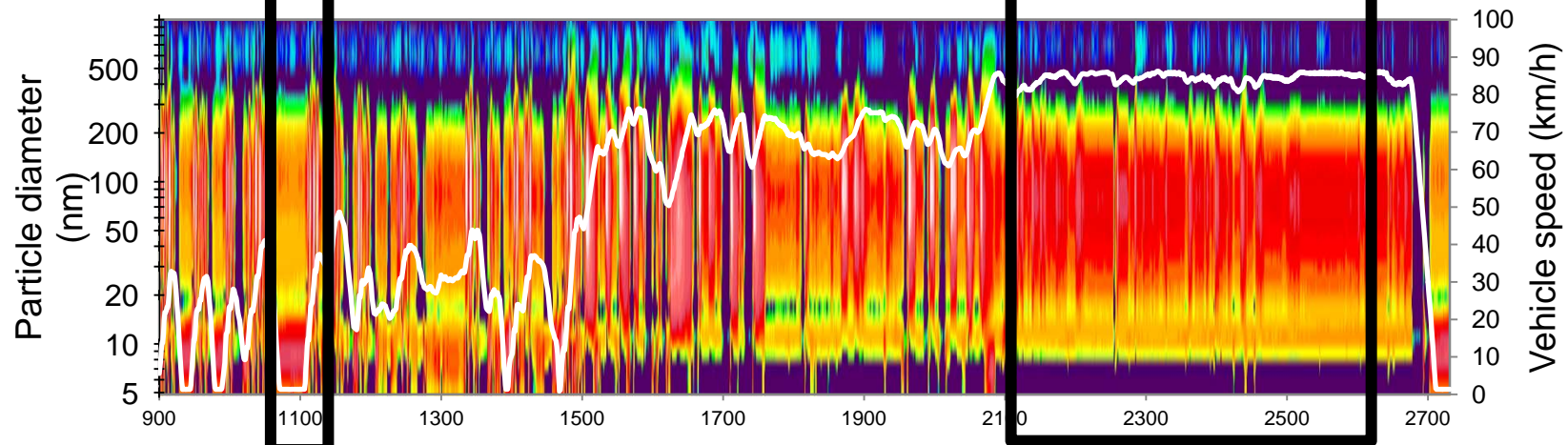
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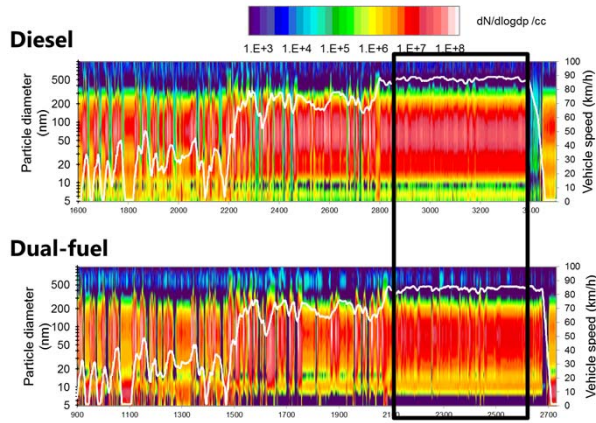
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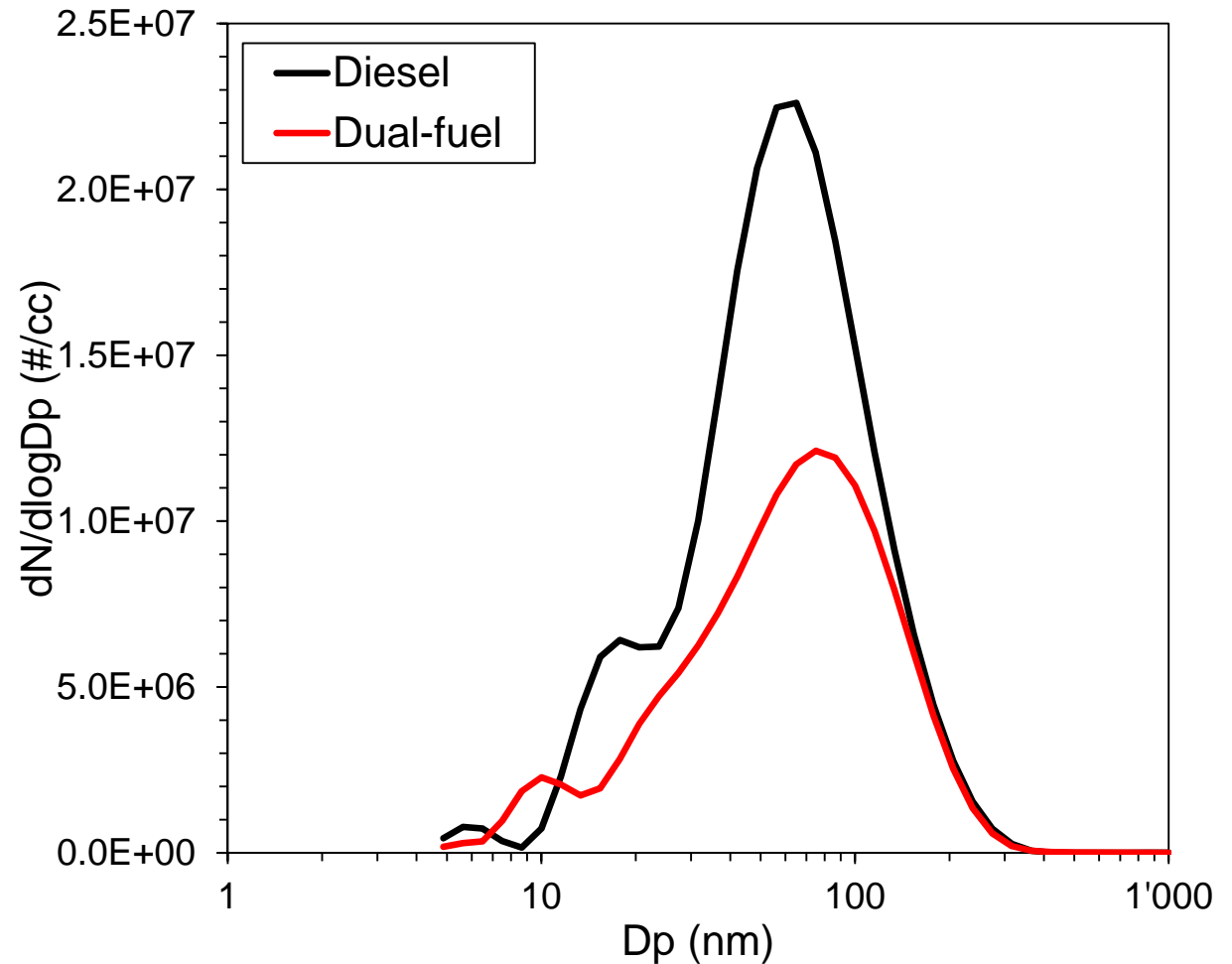
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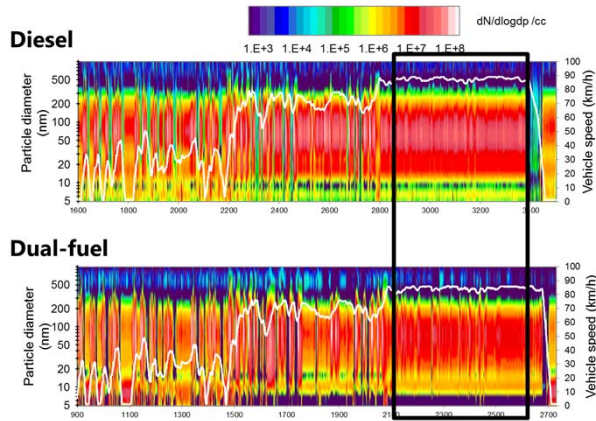
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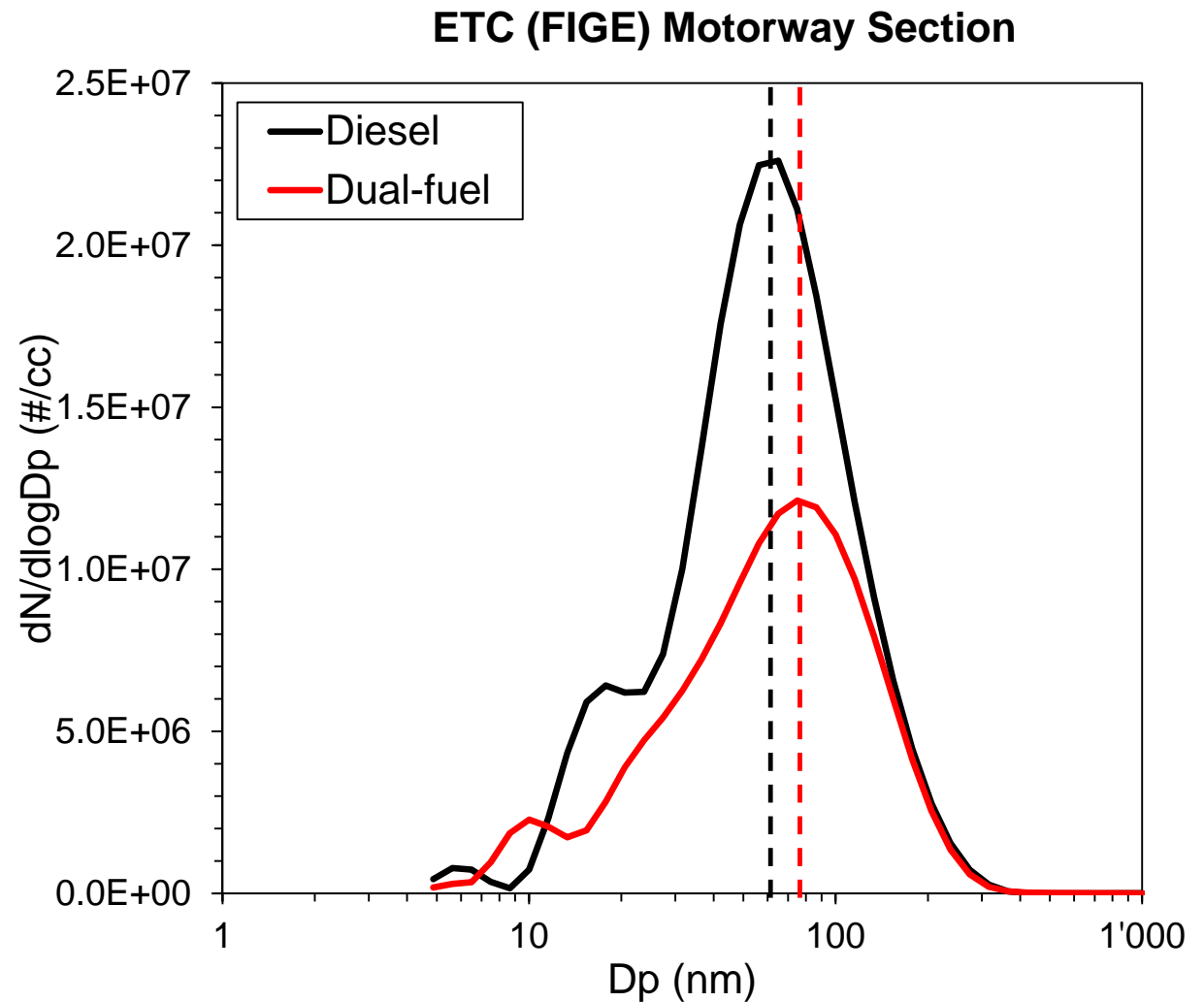
ETC (FIGE) Motorway Section



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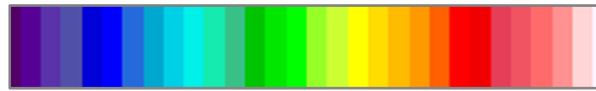


- Accumulation mode GMD increased from 65 nm to 75 nm





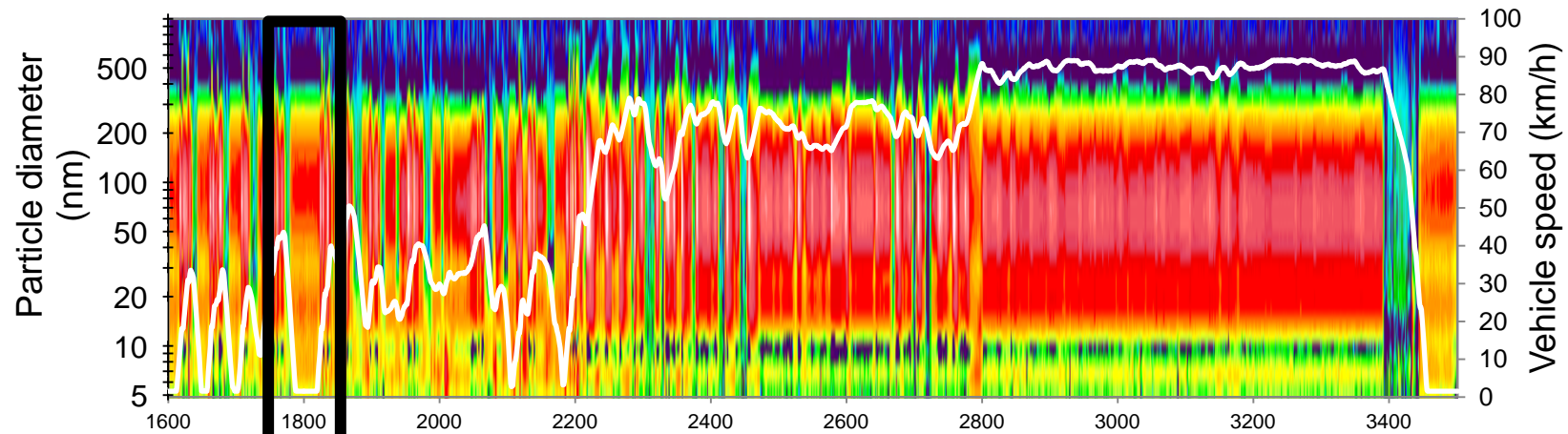
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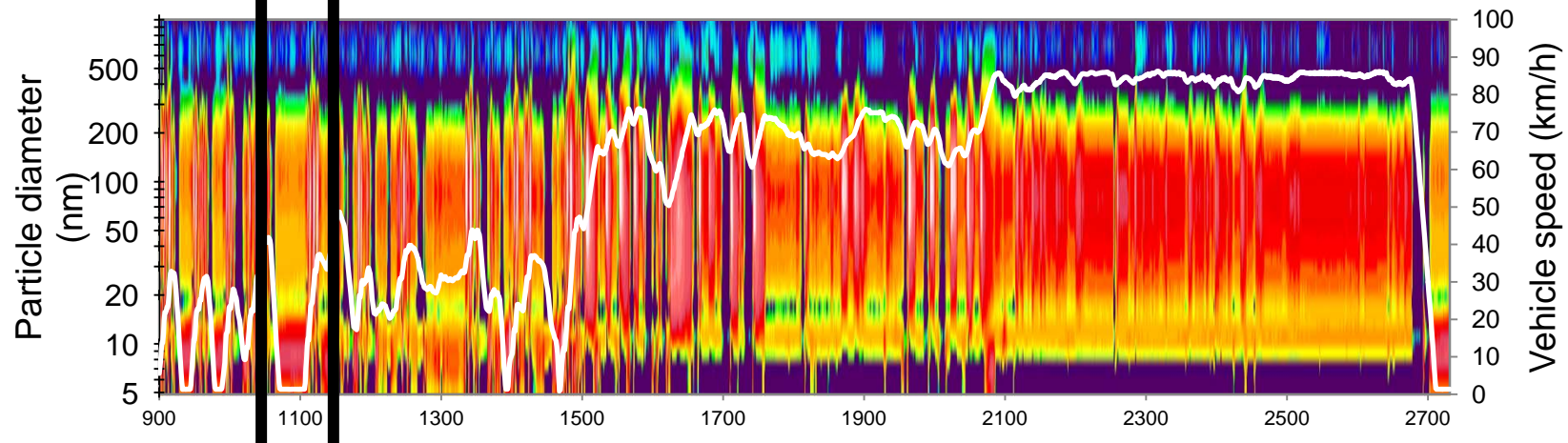
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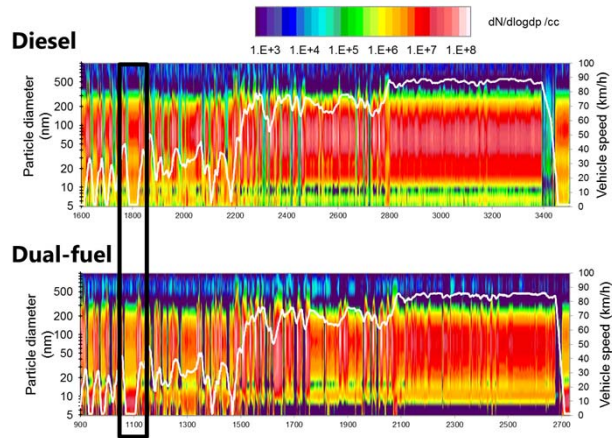
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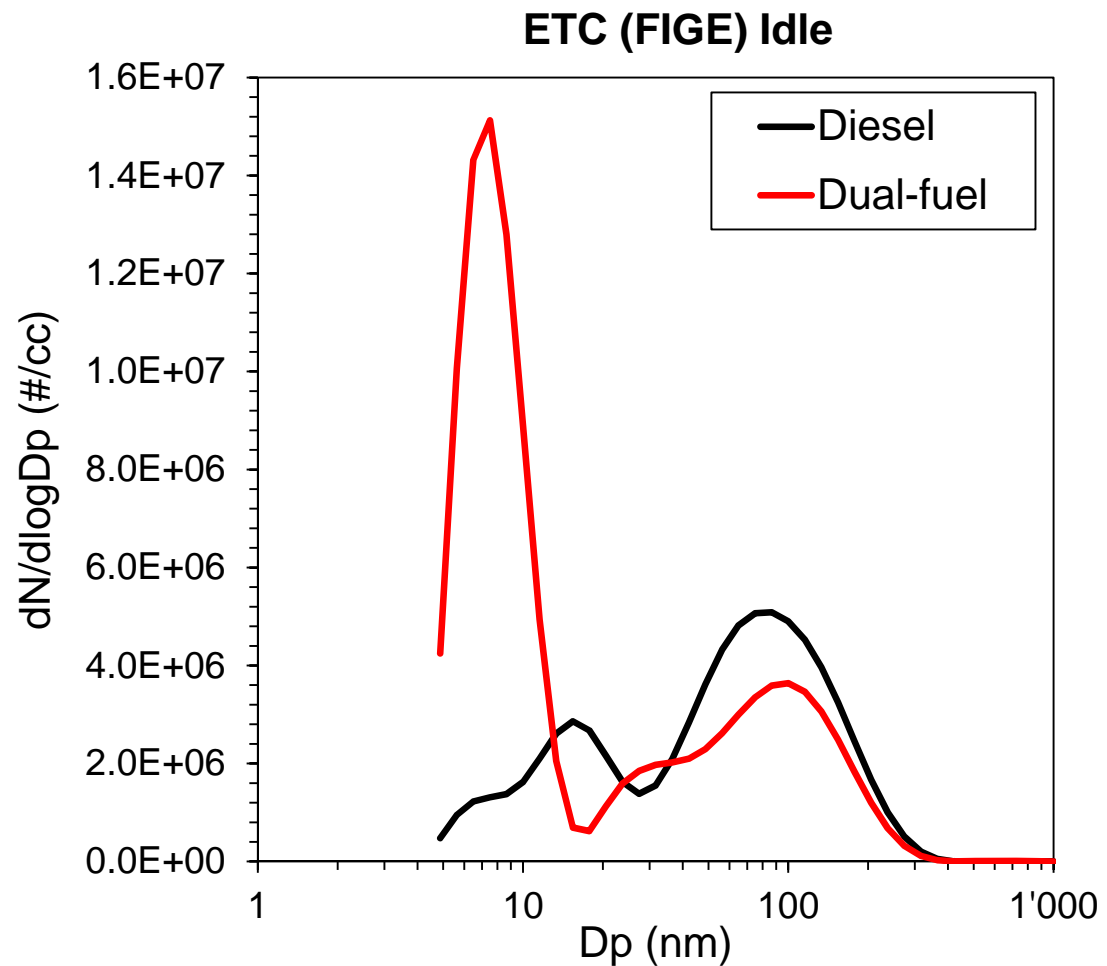
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# Transient cycle (ETC) comparison



- No gas at Idle
- Dual-fuel conversion leads to more nucleation mode particles at Idle

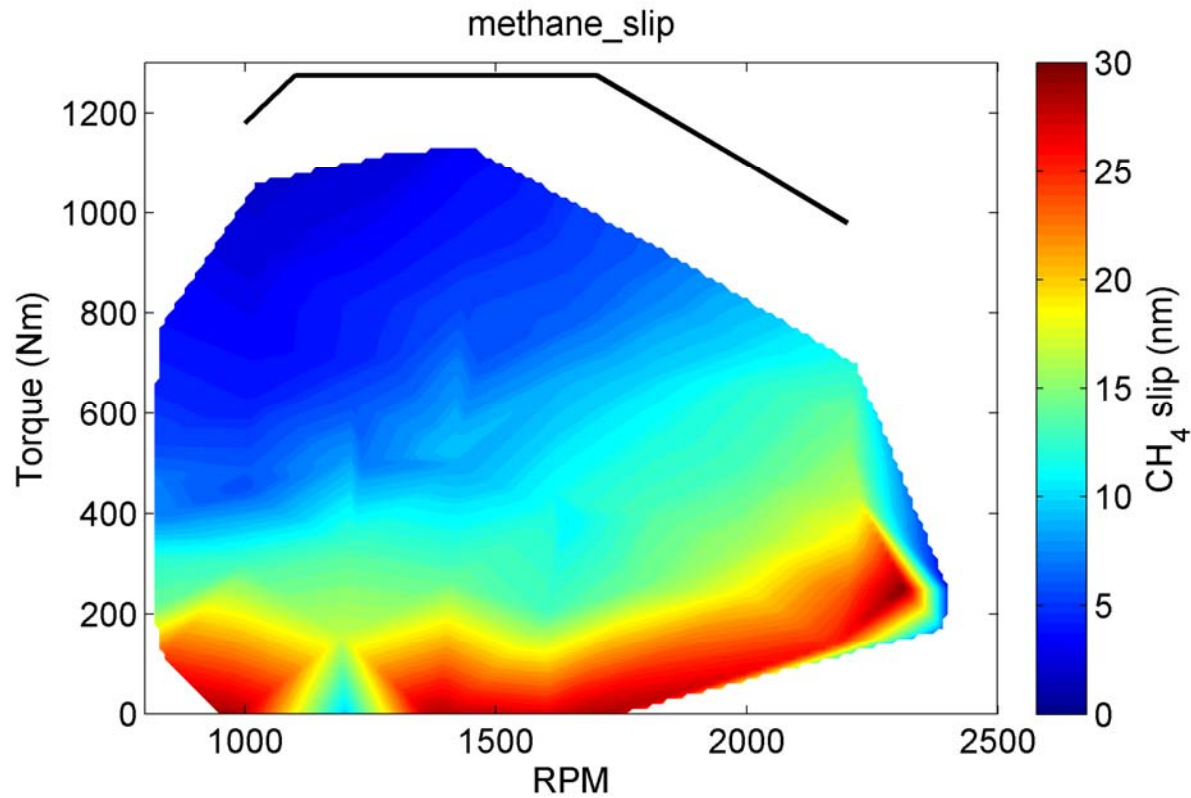




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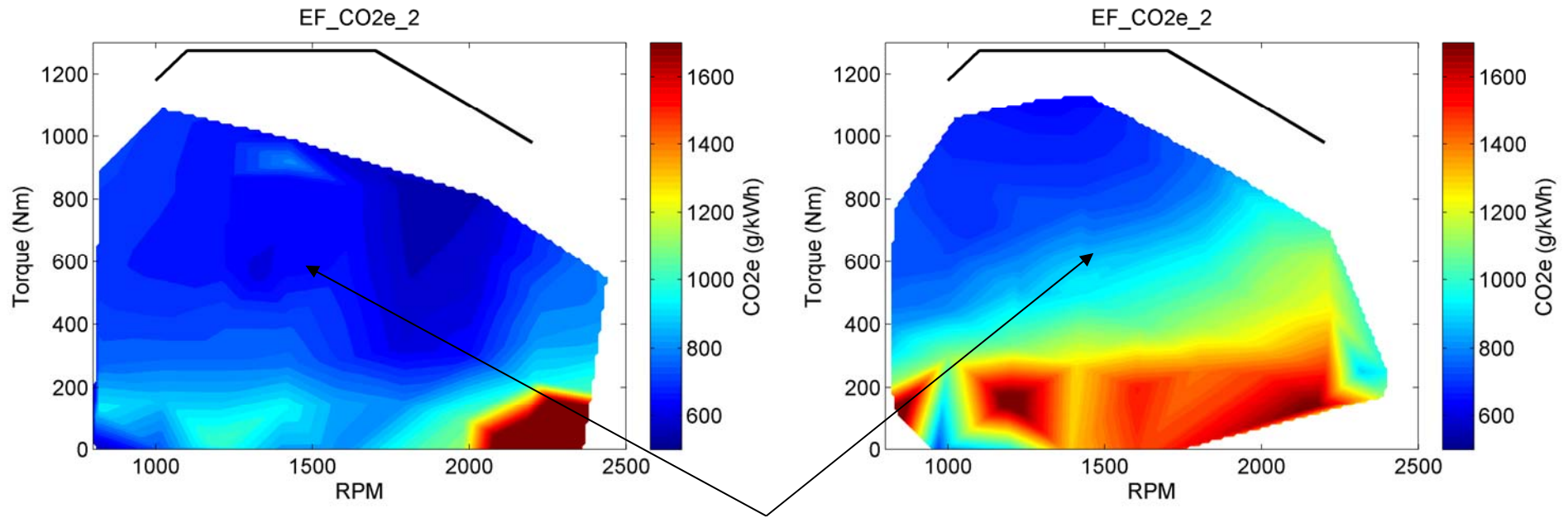




# Total GHGs - CO<sub>2</sub>e

## Diesel

## Dual-fuel



+30% CO<sub>2</sub>e @ 1500 rpm, 600 Nm



# Summary

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- Funding for dual-fuel conversions to cut CO<sub>2</sub> in the UK
- Dual-fuel conversion effects on emissions
  - Reduce NO<sub>x</sub> (~-44%)
  - Increase CO (~x10)
  - Reduce particle number (5-1000 nm, ~-60%)
  - Increase GMD of accumulation mode
  - Increase total GHG (CO<sub>2</sub>e) by ~30%
  - Effects due to fuel and additions to engine



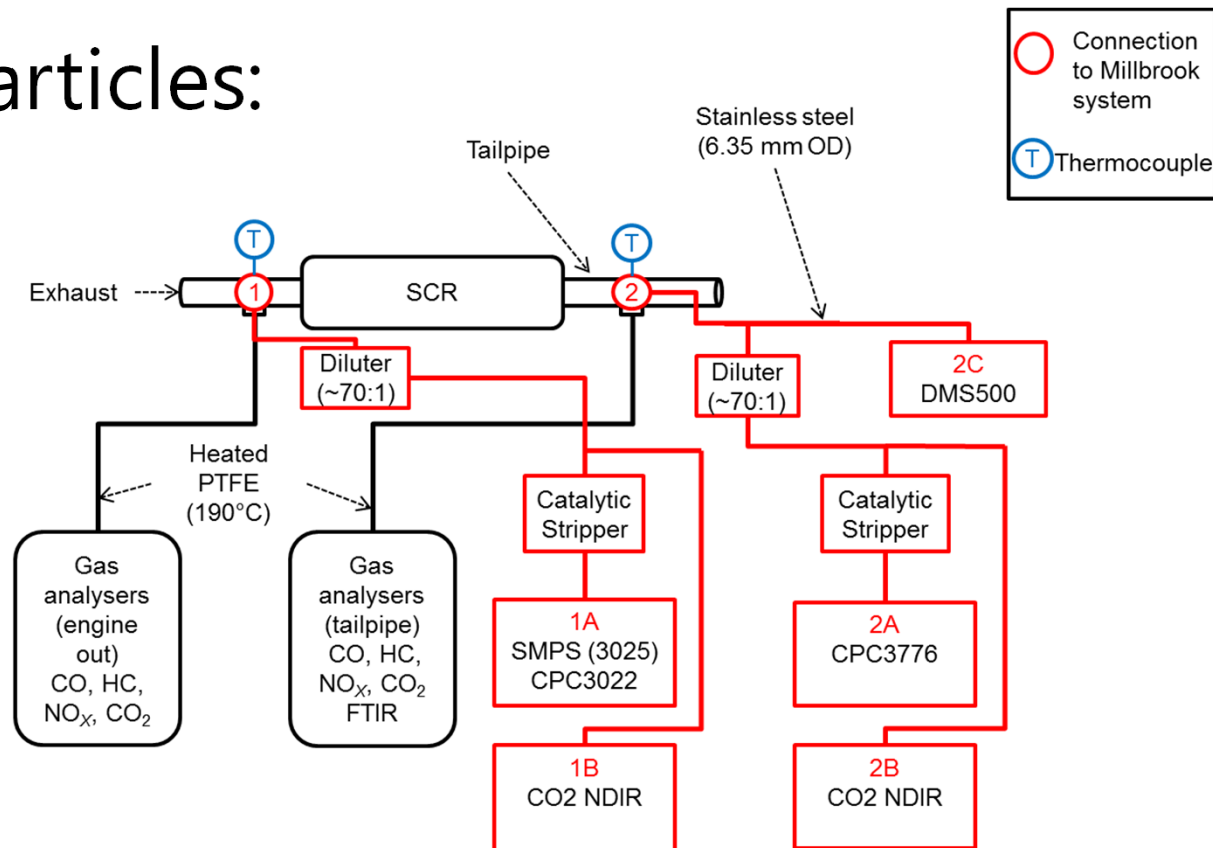
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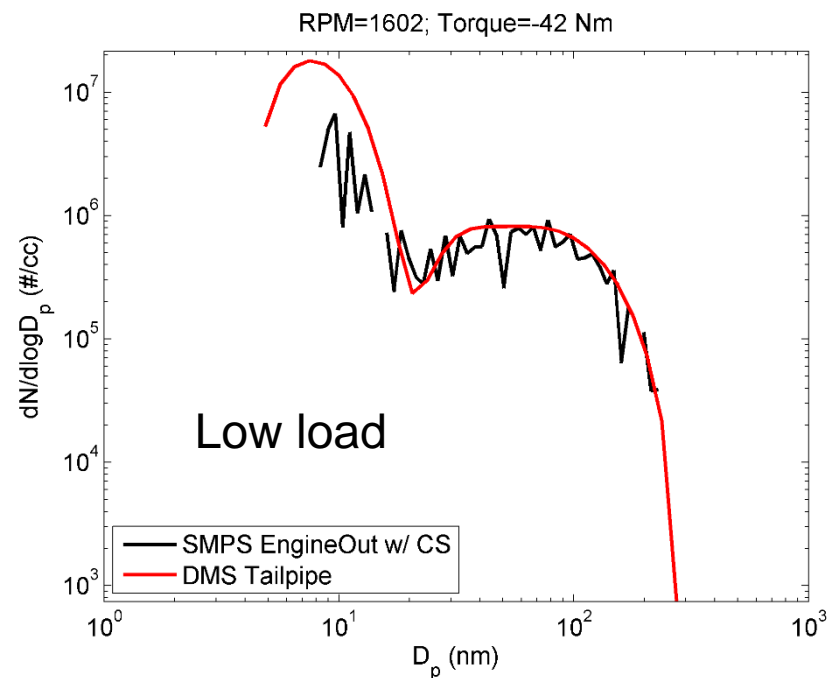
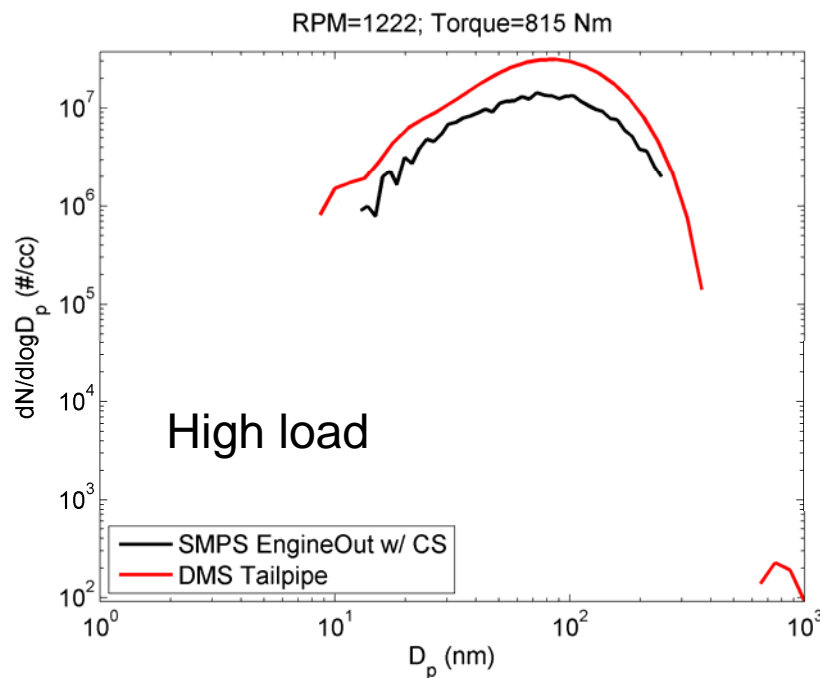
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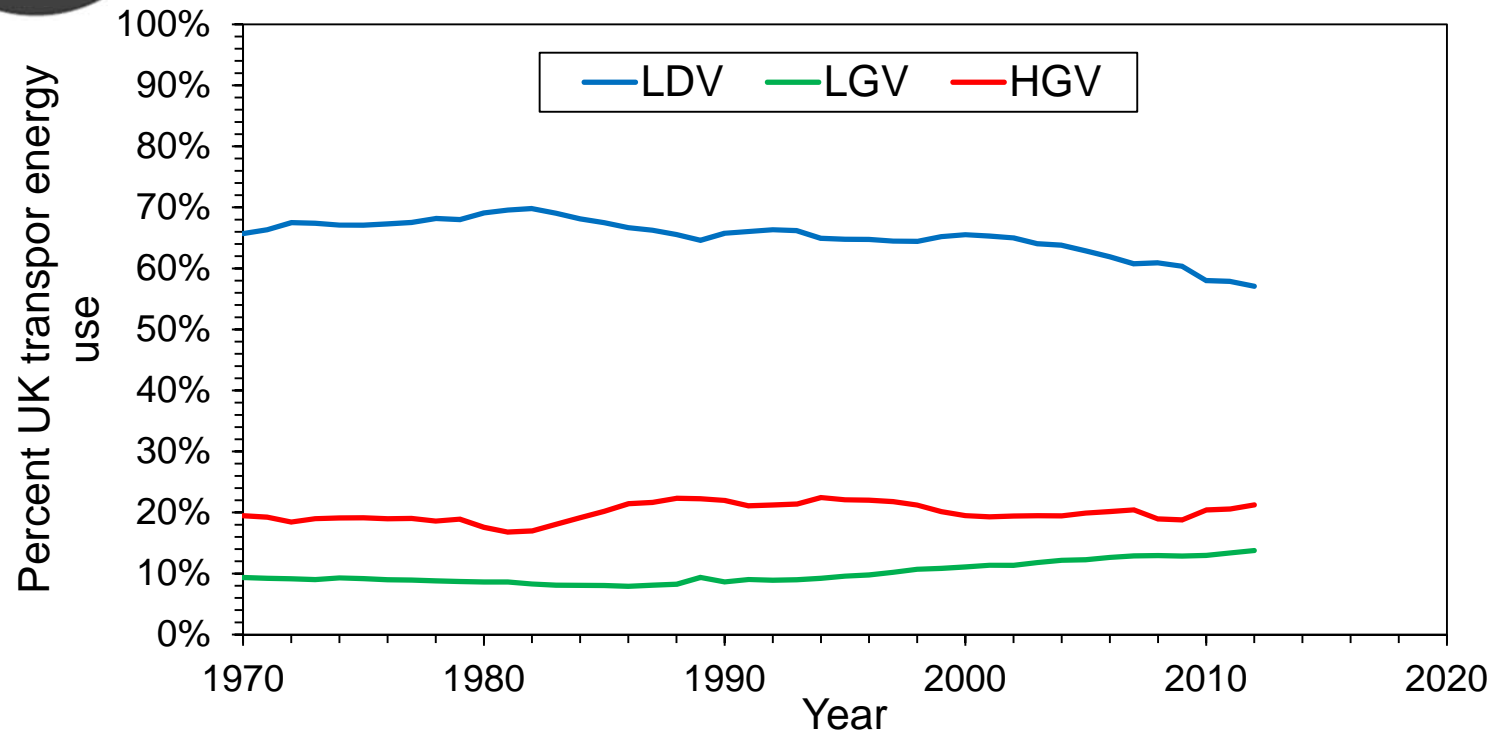
- John Lewis Partnership
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- UK Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC)
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# UK transport energy use

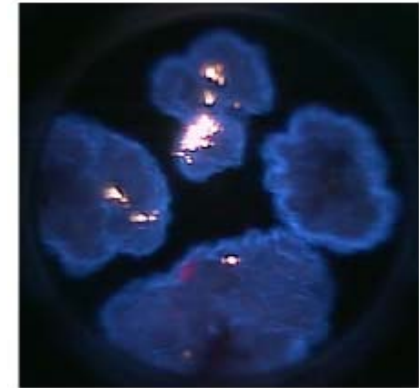


- Freight (HGV) accounts for 21% of transport energy use in UK



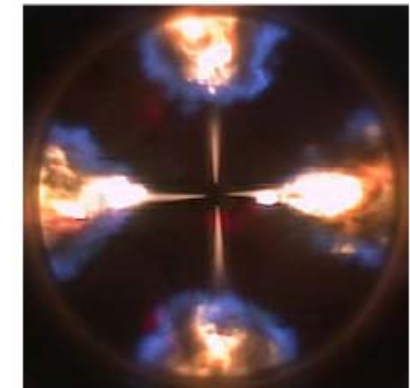
# Dual-fuel combustion

- Pilot diesel injection provides 'spark'
- Gas 'fumigation'
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions depend on
  - C:H ratio of fuel
    - Diesel:  $\approx \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}$ , i.e. 1:1.85
    - Methane:  $\text{CH}_4$ , i.e. 1:4 (-24%)
  - Energy substitution ratio



(B)

2 mg diesel

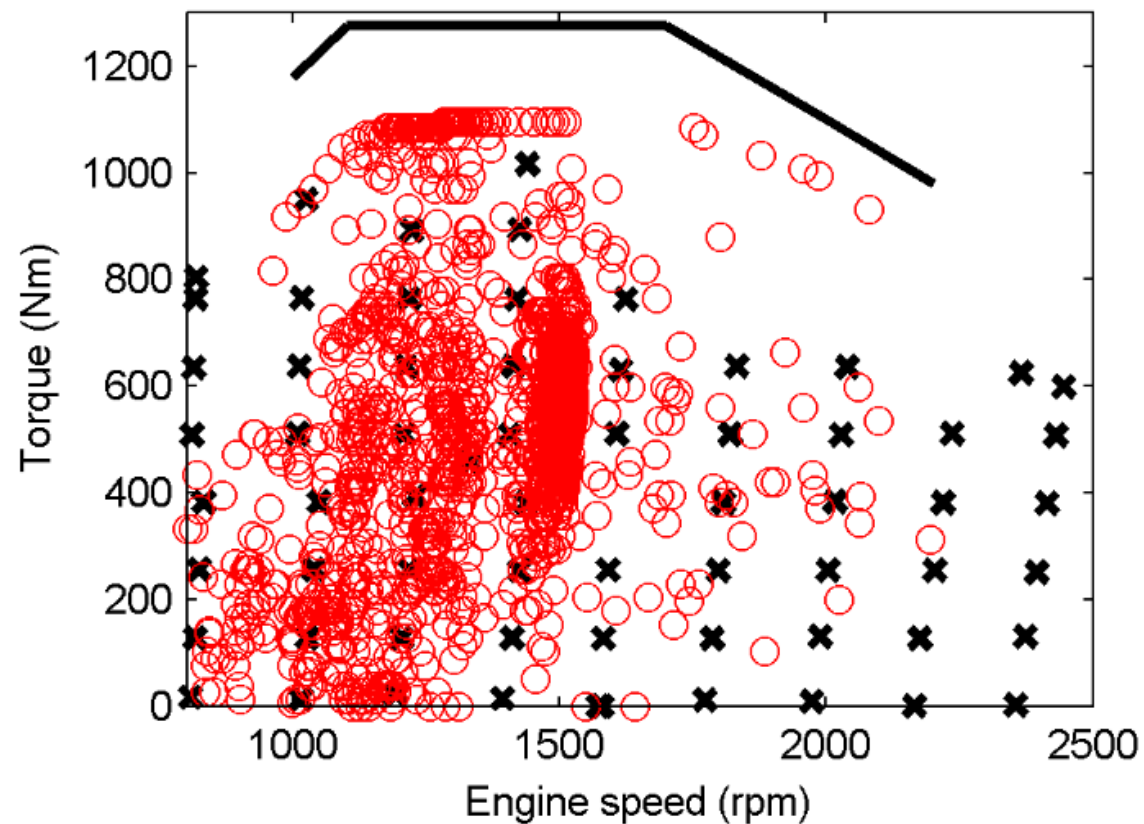


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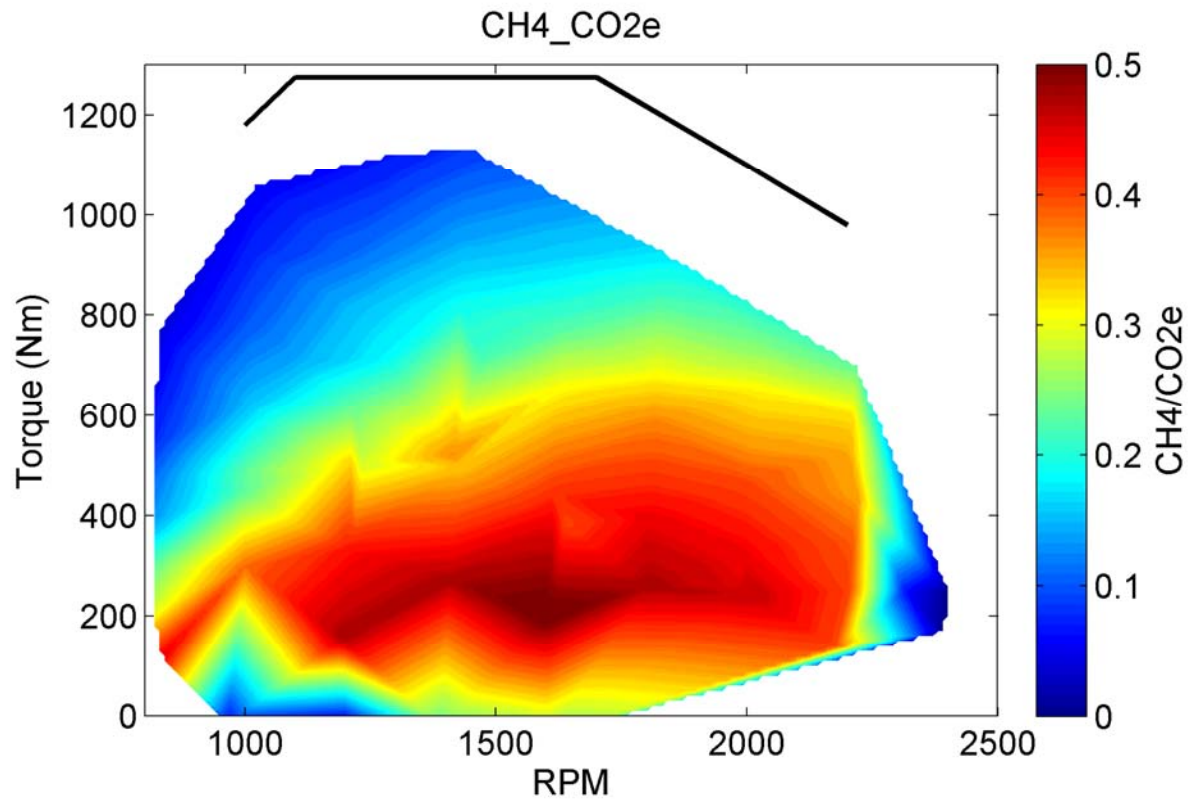
10 mg diesel

# Test points

- 94% of FIGE transient drive cycle covered by steady-state test points



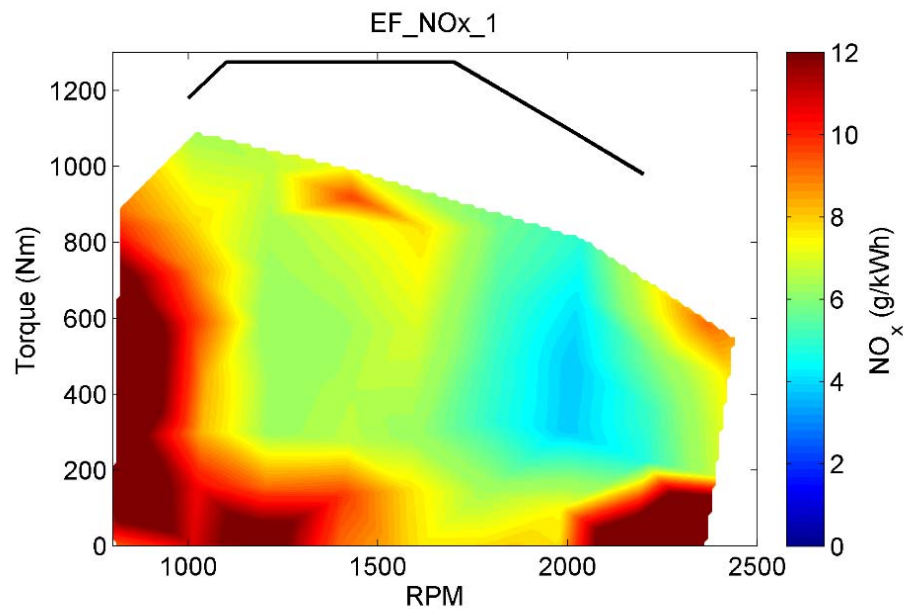
# CH<sub>4</sub> contribution to CO<sub>2</sub>e



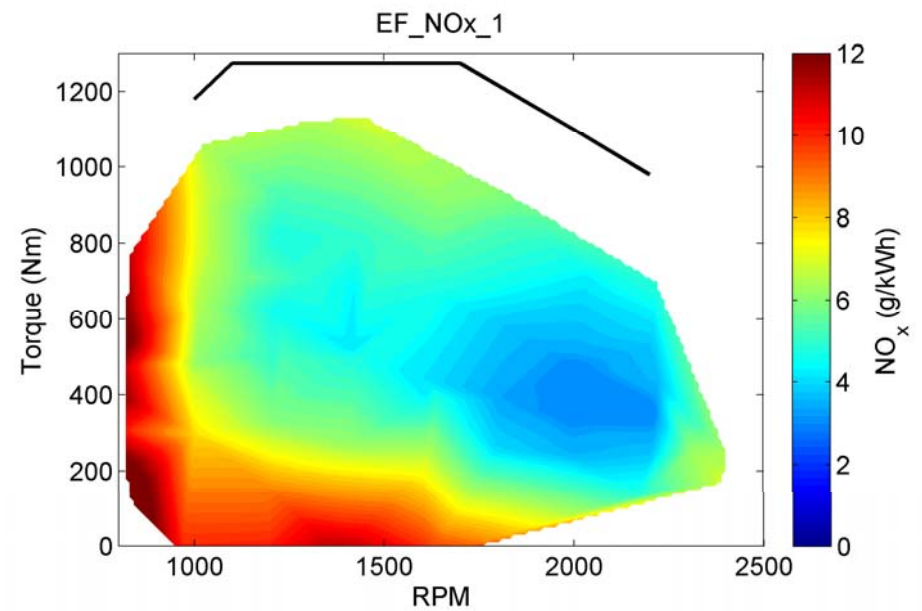


# Engine out NOx

## Diesel



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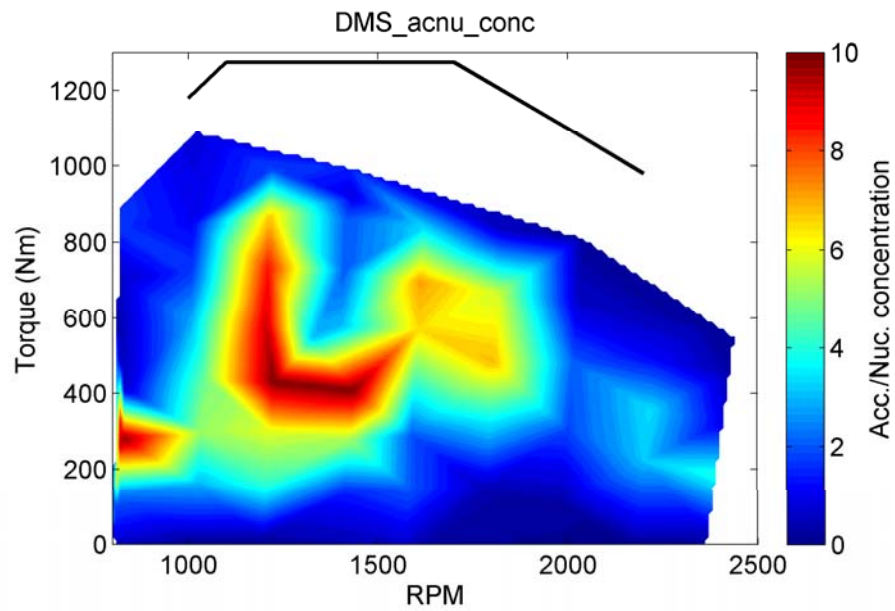
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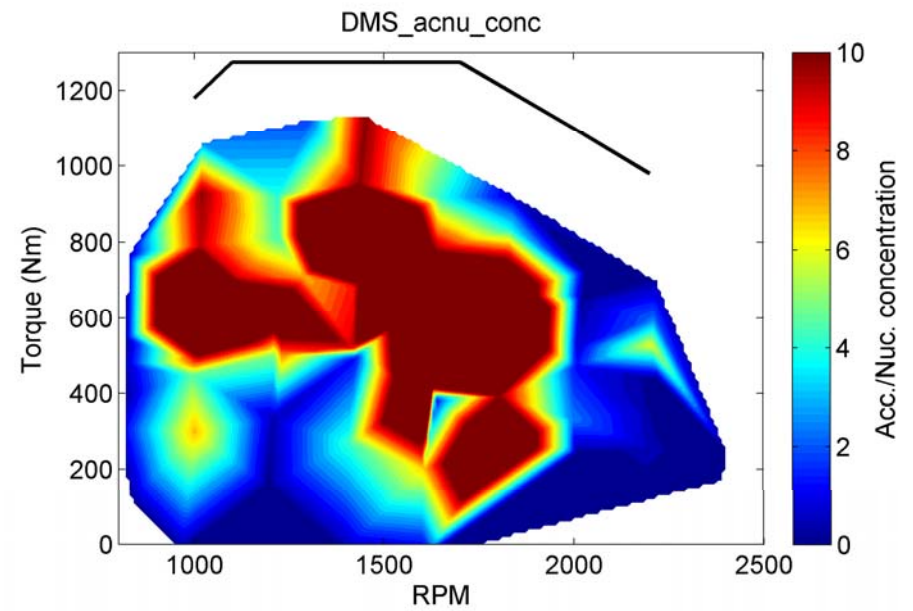


# Accumulation/Nucleation

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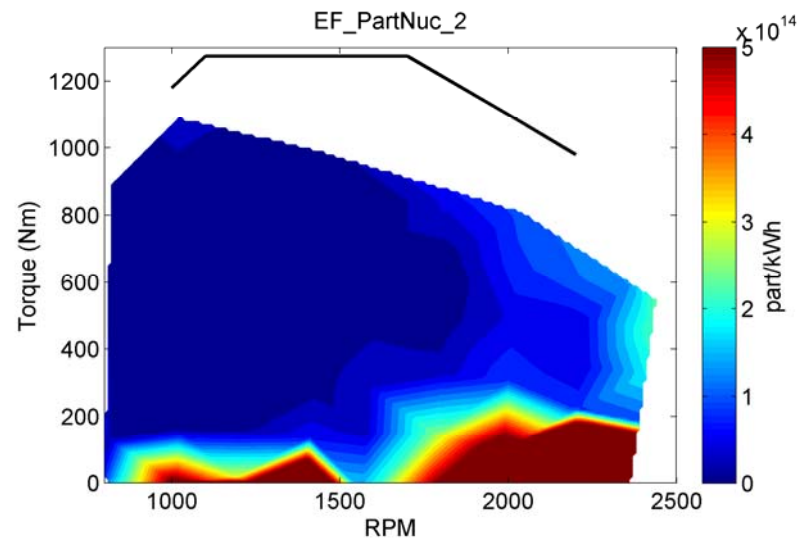
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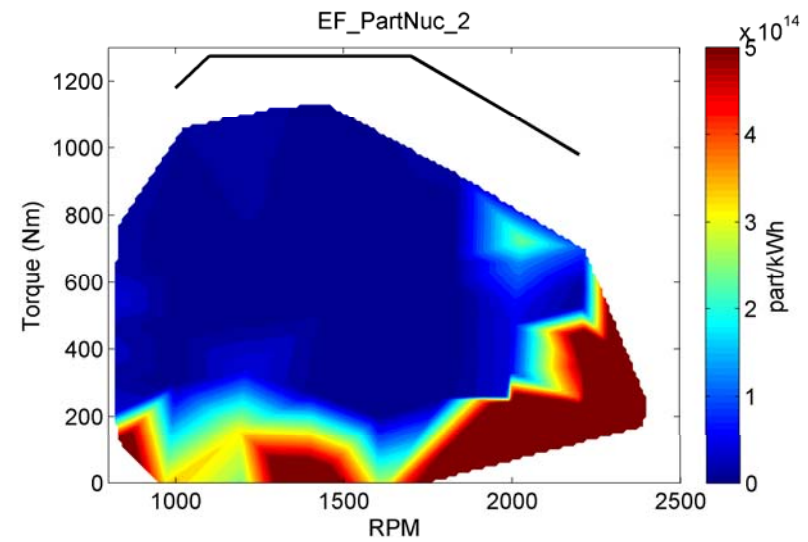


# Nucleation mode PM

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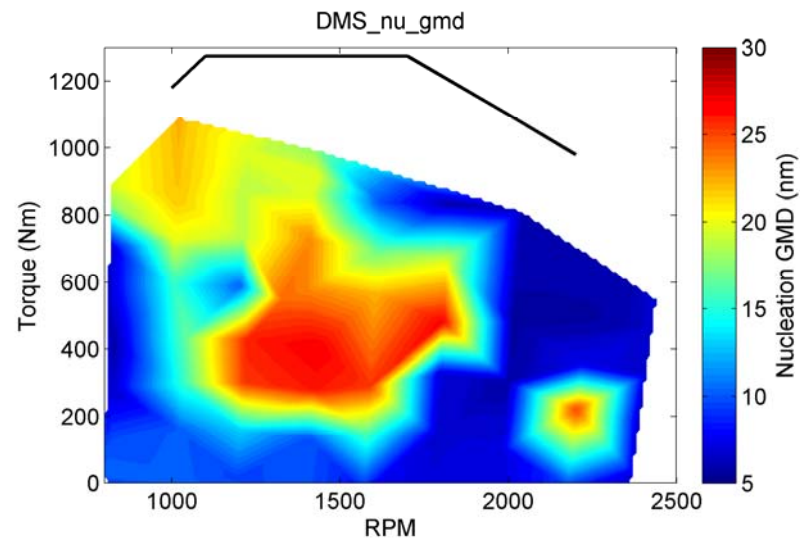
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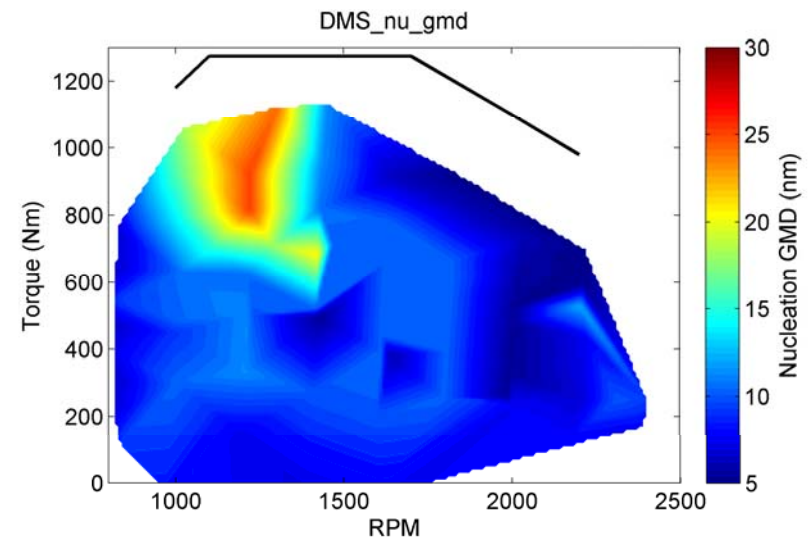


# Nucleation GMD

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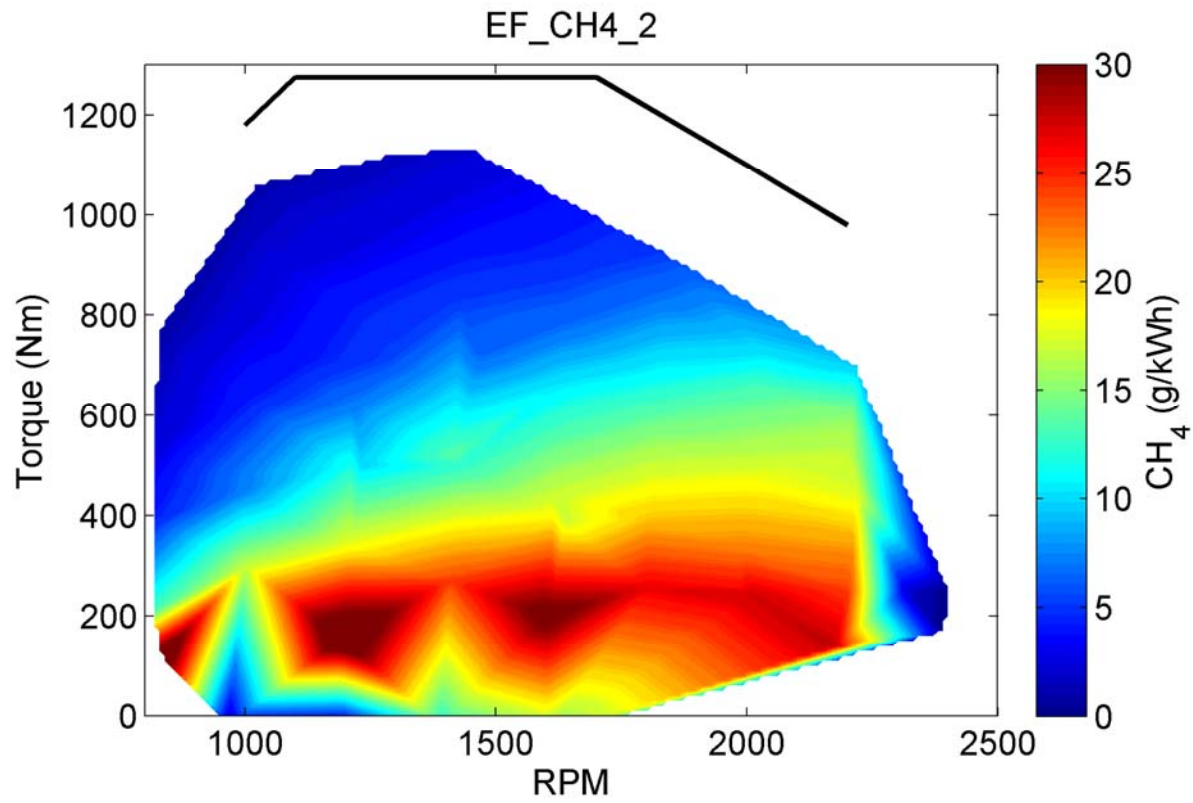


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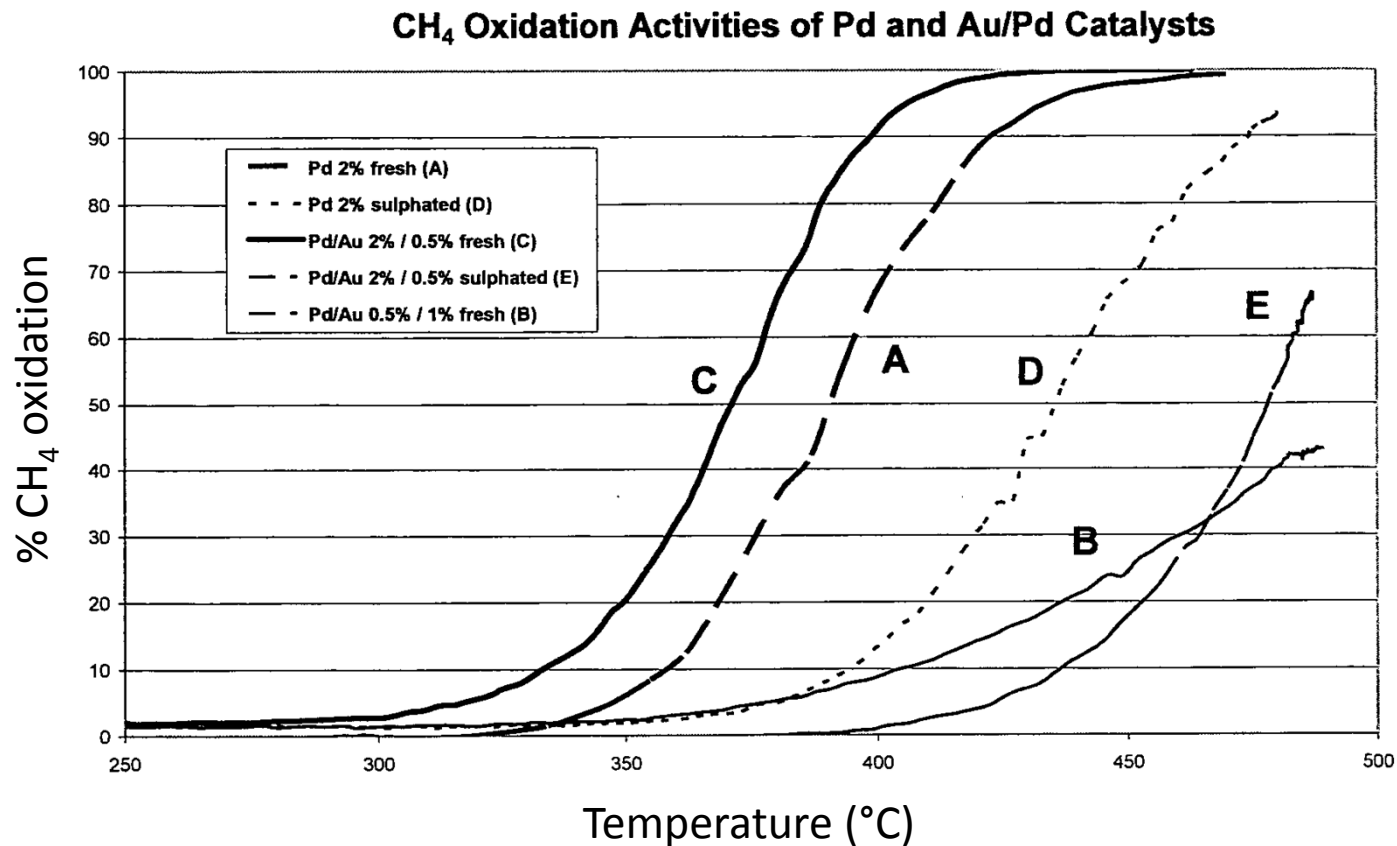
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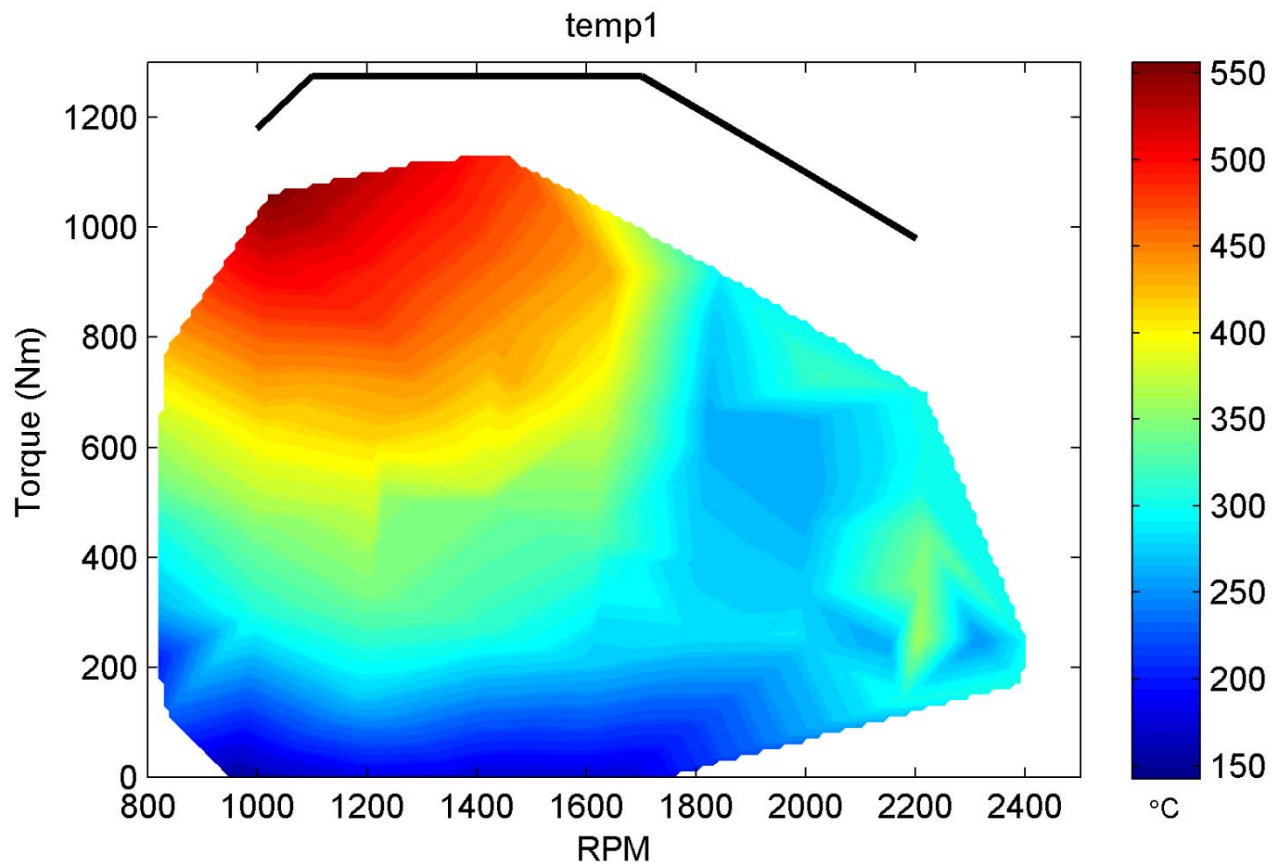


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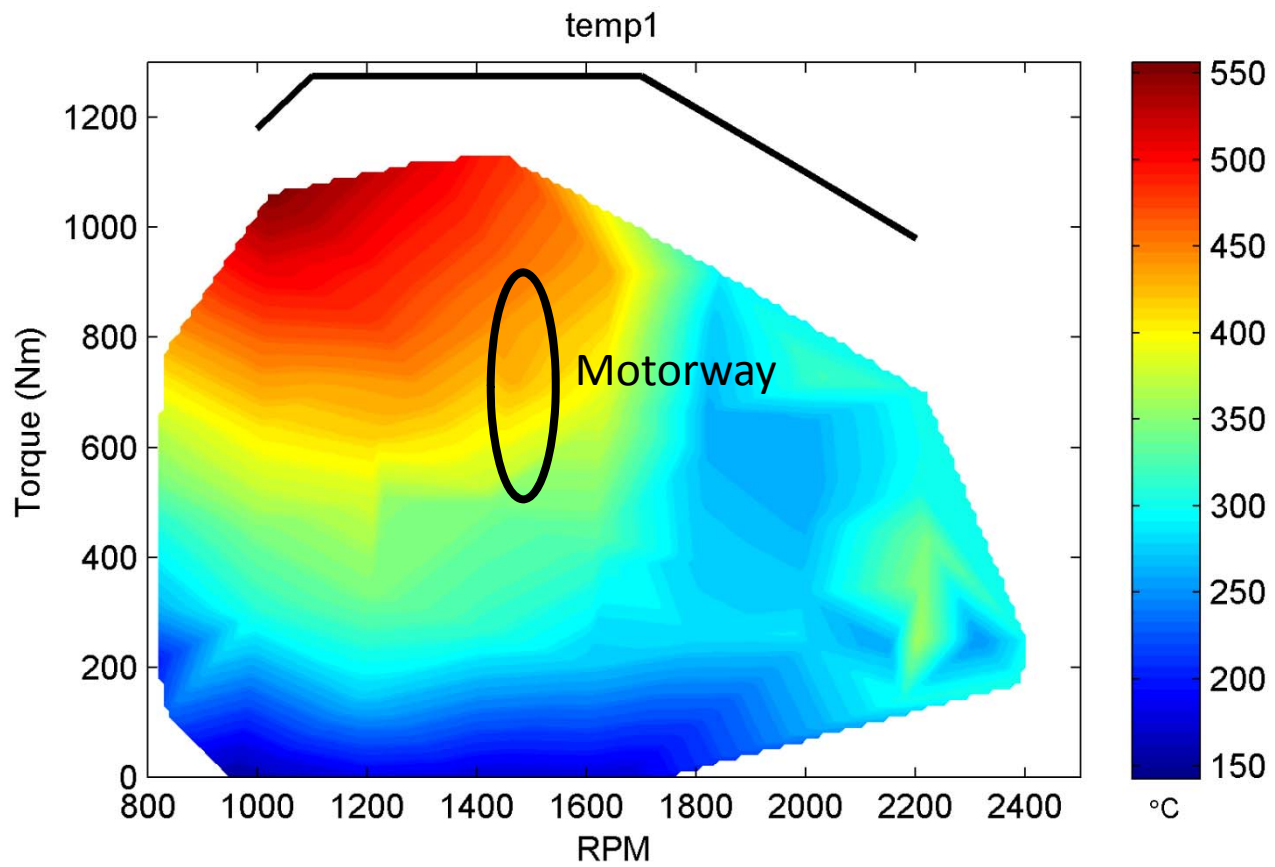
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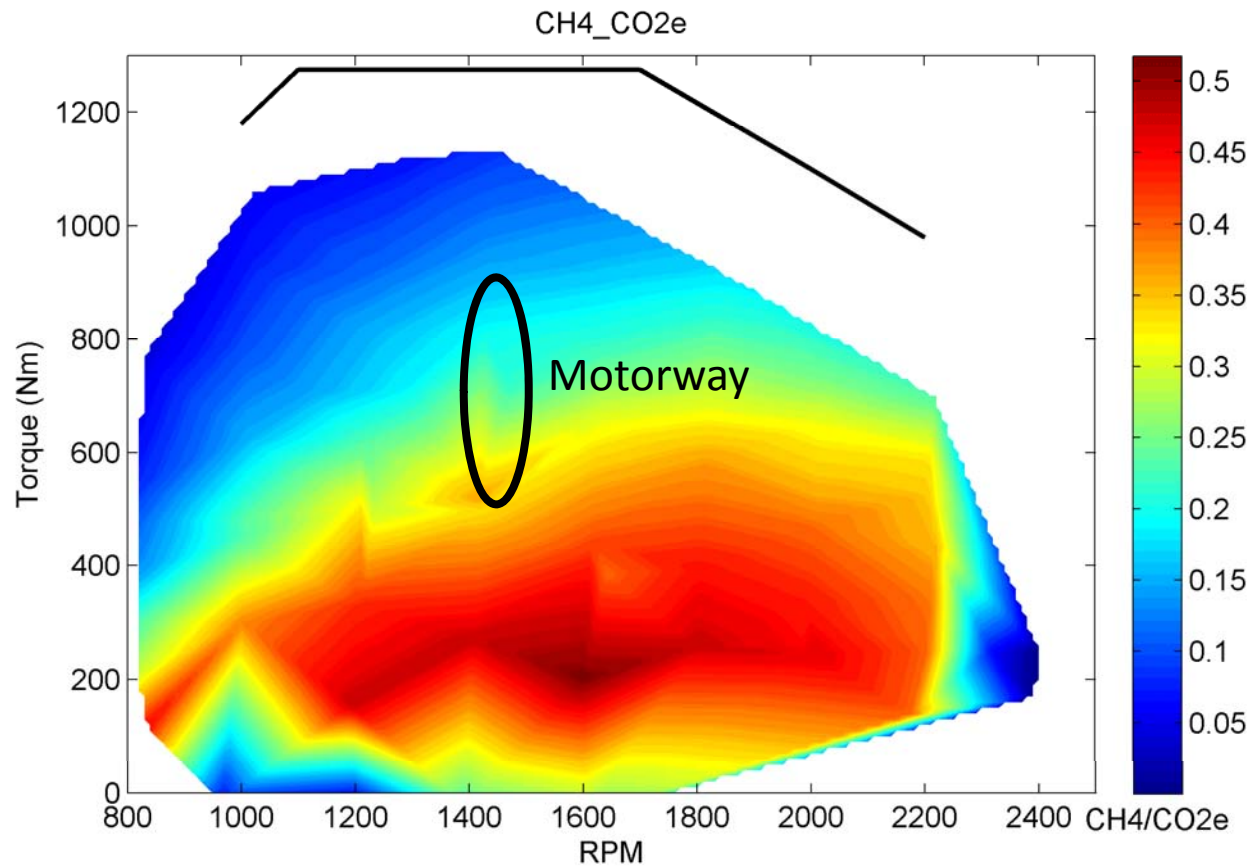
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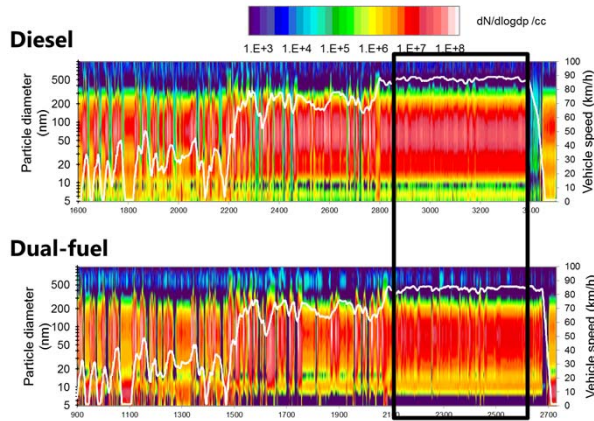


# Potential of oxi cat on motorway

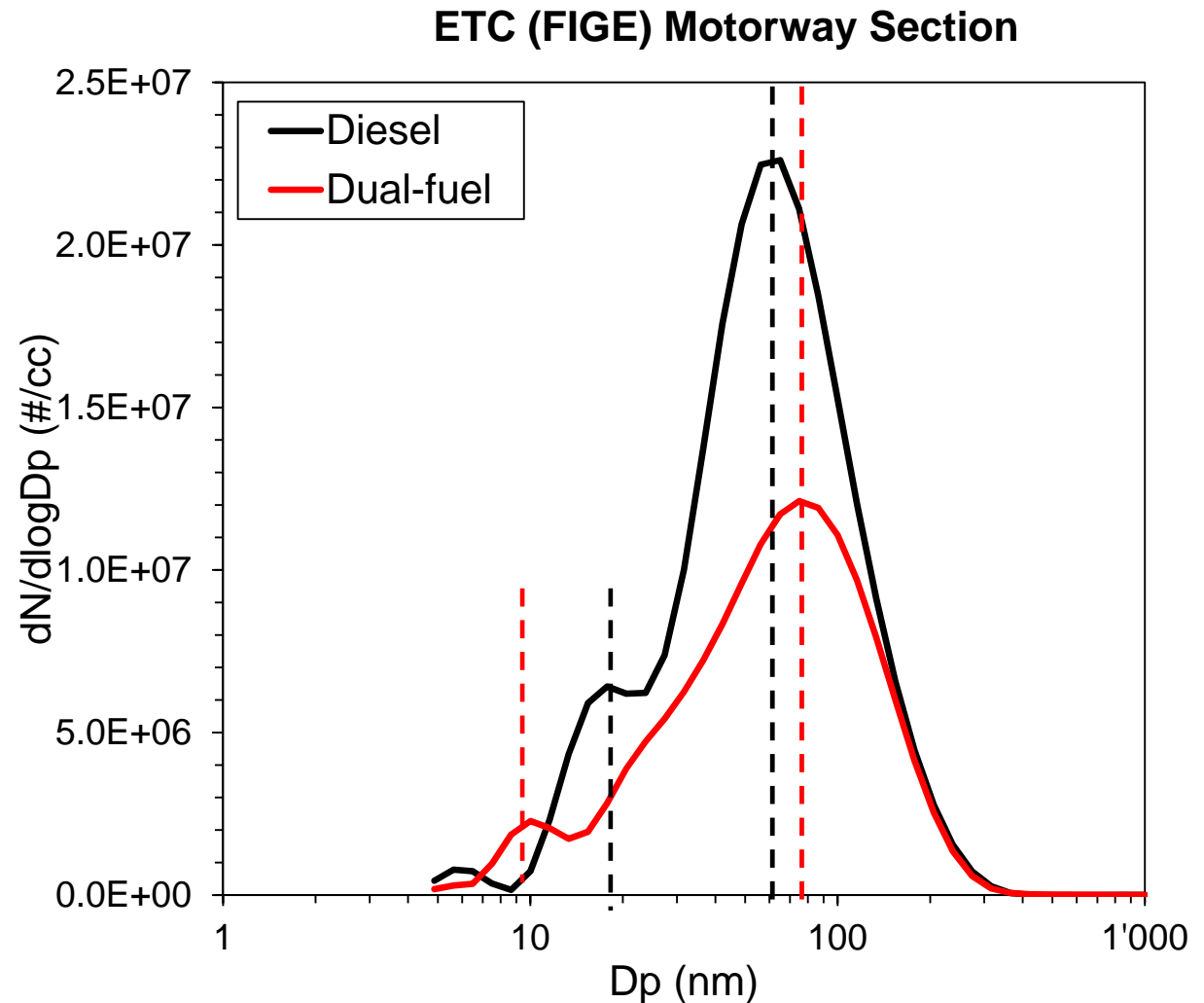


Could reduce CO<sub>2</sub>-e by 20-35% on motorway with addition of oxidation catalyst

# Transient cycle (ETC) comparison

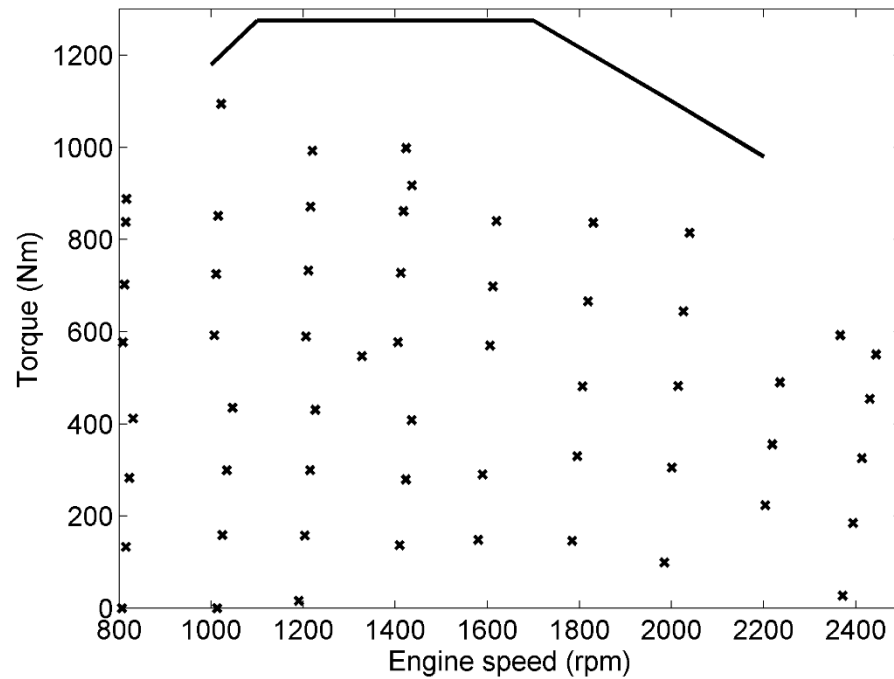


- Accumulation mode GMD increased from 65 nm to 75 nm
- Nucleation mode GMD decreased from 18 nm to 10 nm

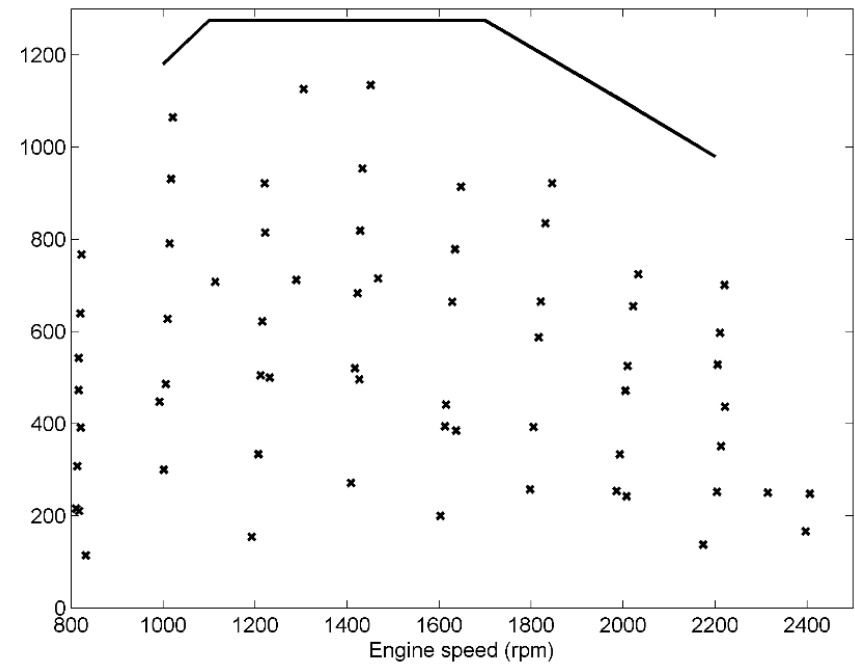


# Steady-state test points

## Diesel



## Dual-fuel





# Global warming potential (GWP)

- Metric to sum the impact of different greenhouse gases on a scale relative to CO<sub>2</sub> over a 'time horizon'
- Quoted as "CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent", CO<sub>2</sub>e

Species	Time Horizon (years)		
	20	100	500
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	1	1
CH <sub>4</sub>	72	25	7.6