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Implications of Nanoparticle Emissions from Passenger Car Brakes based on the WLTP Brake Cycle

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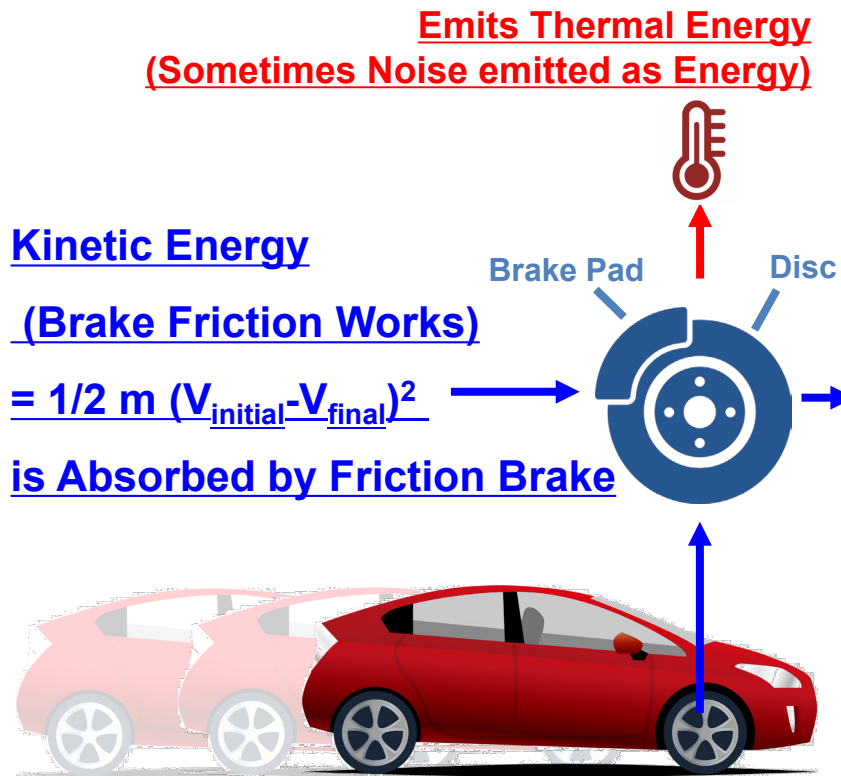
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- ✓ **Brakes: General Topics for Brakes and Emissions**
- ✓ **Implication of Nanoparticle Emission**

Background

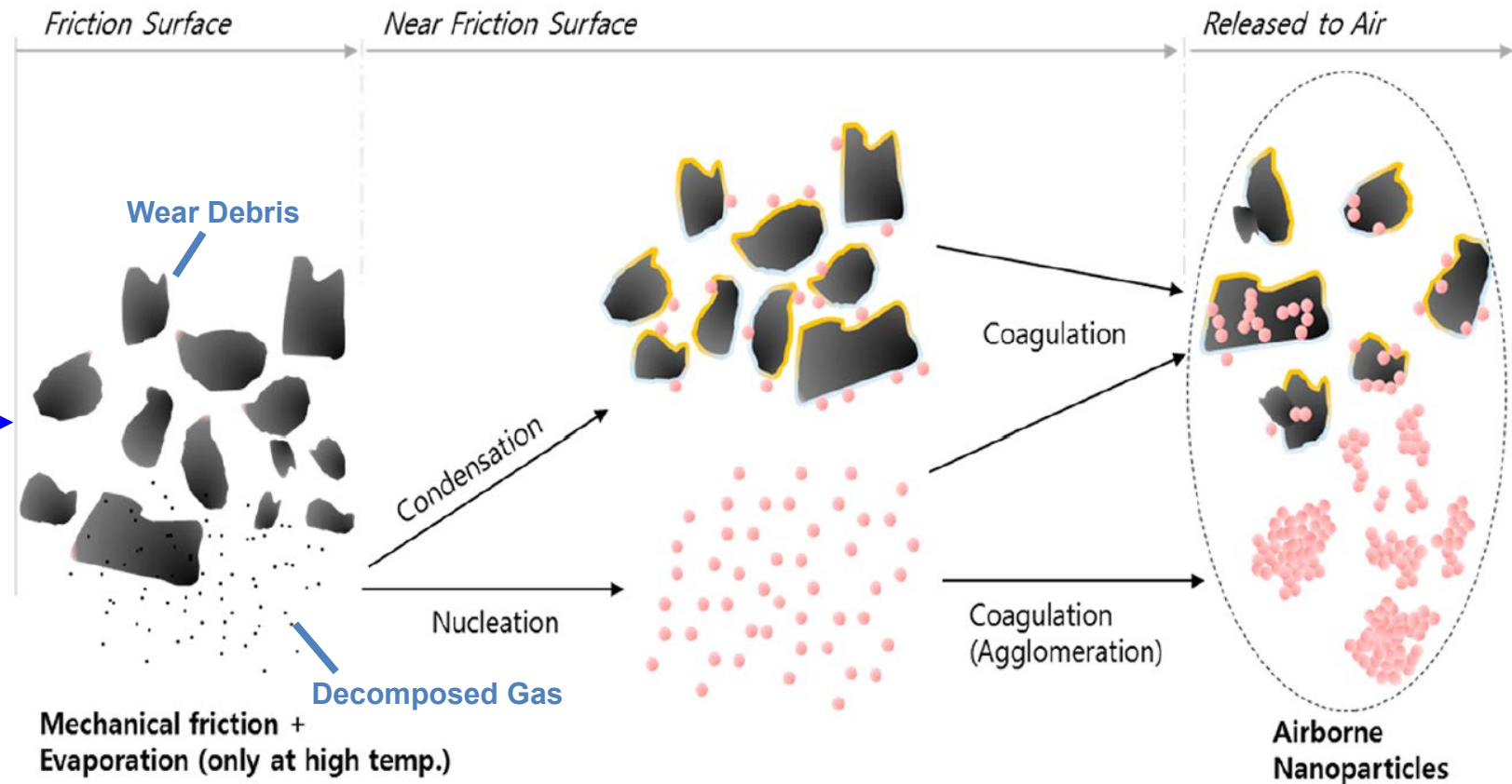
Background

- Automobile brakes are devices to absorb the kinetic energy of driving vehicles for deceleration or stopping.
- Friction between friction material and counterpart material generates brake wear-derived gases and particles.
- In Euro 7, the emission regulation of brake wear particles PM_{10} was established world first, and nanoparticles/particle number is under observation.

Car Brake Event



Brake Emission Process



Brake Wear Particle Measurements

- Common measurement methods for brake emissions have been established by Particle Measuring Program (PMP).
- Recommend dynamometer tests that can provide stable and reproducible data for strict regulations.

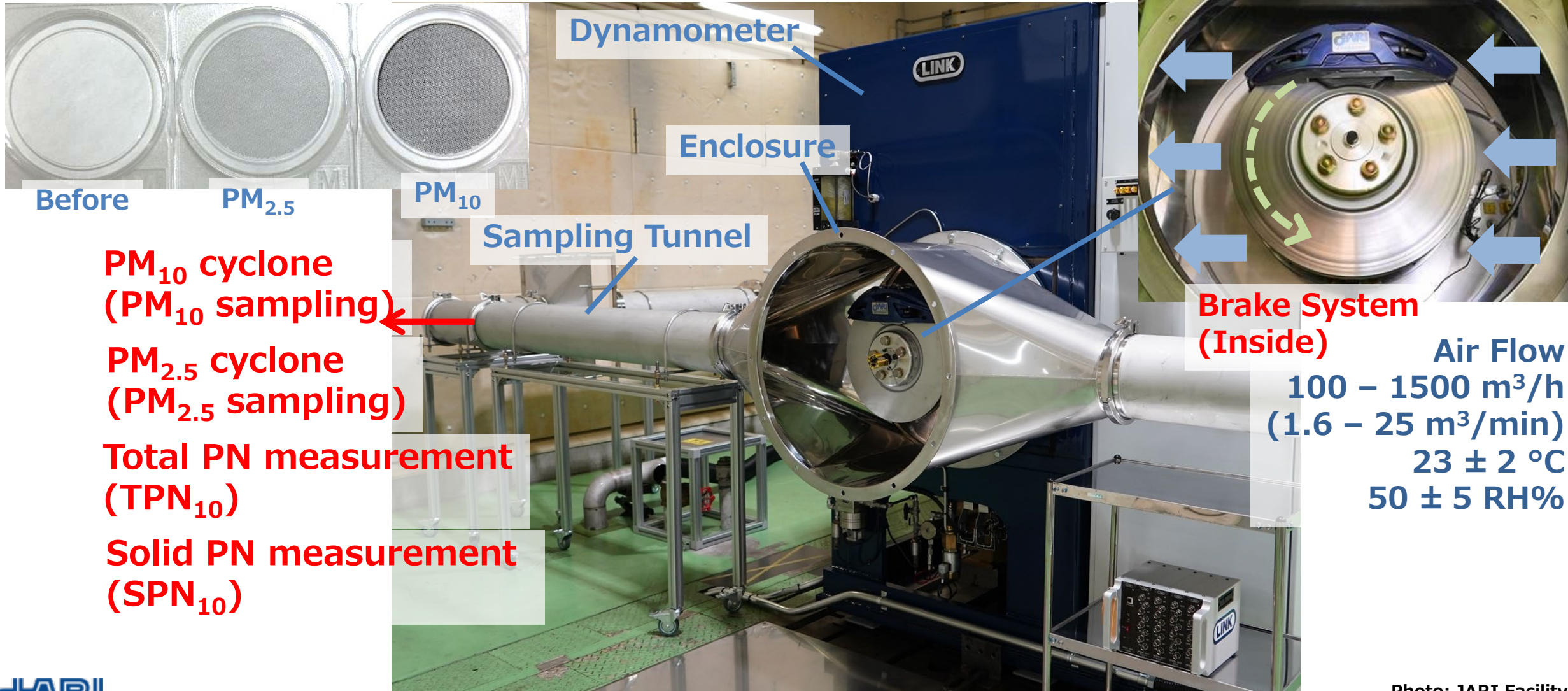
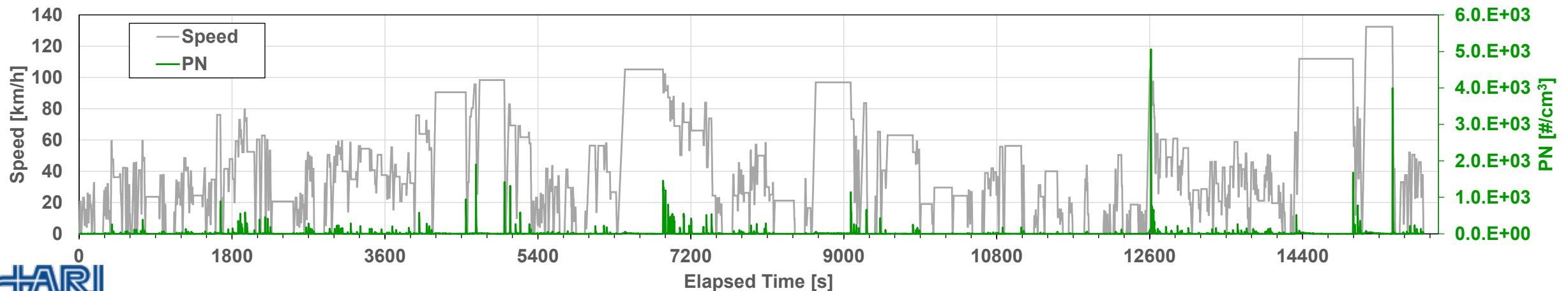
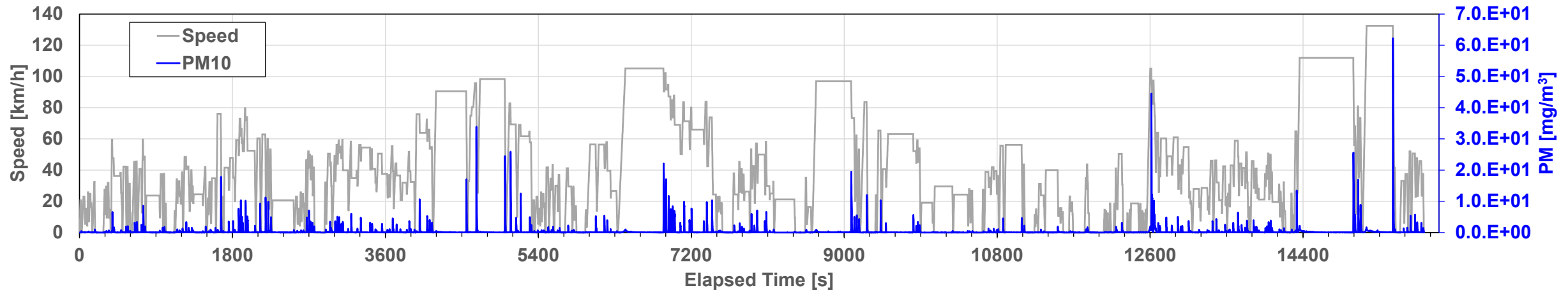


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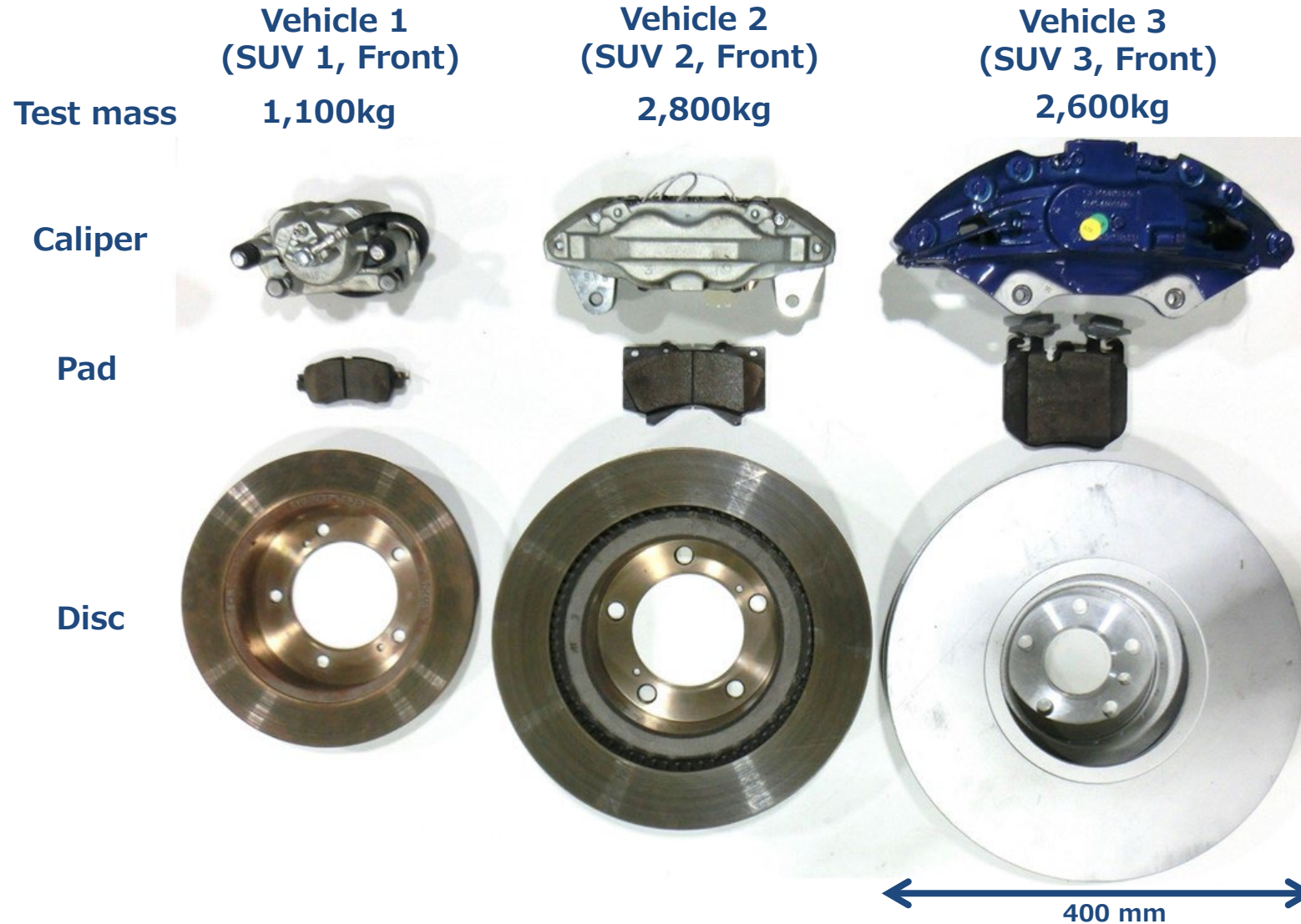
WLTP-Brake Test Cycles

- World Harmonized Test Procedure (WLTP) - Brake Cycle generated from average vehicle speed and braking patterns in the world; Test Time: 15826 s (4.4 h); 192 km of total distance driven; Average speed 43.7 km/h, Maximum speed 132.5 km/h.
- 303 brake deceleration events; 0.97 m/s^2 average brake deceleration ; 2.18 m/s^2 maximum brake deceleration; 5.7 s average brake deceleration duration; maximum brake deceleration duration of 15 s.
- Typical PM and PN emission behavior is ; further investigation will reveal differences depending on brake assembly.



Brakes

- Wide variety of brakes are available due to design brakes according to vehicles.
- Larger discs increase thermal capacity, reduce heat rise, and stabilize brake friction performance.



Brake Wear Parameters

- Categorized into three parameters
- Mechanical Factor: Depends on vehicle weight, **speed pattern**
- Environmental Factor: **Climatic factor**
- Material Factor: Thermal properties (Wear/Gas Emissions), Surface Roughness/Shape/Stiffness (Wear)

Mechanical Factor

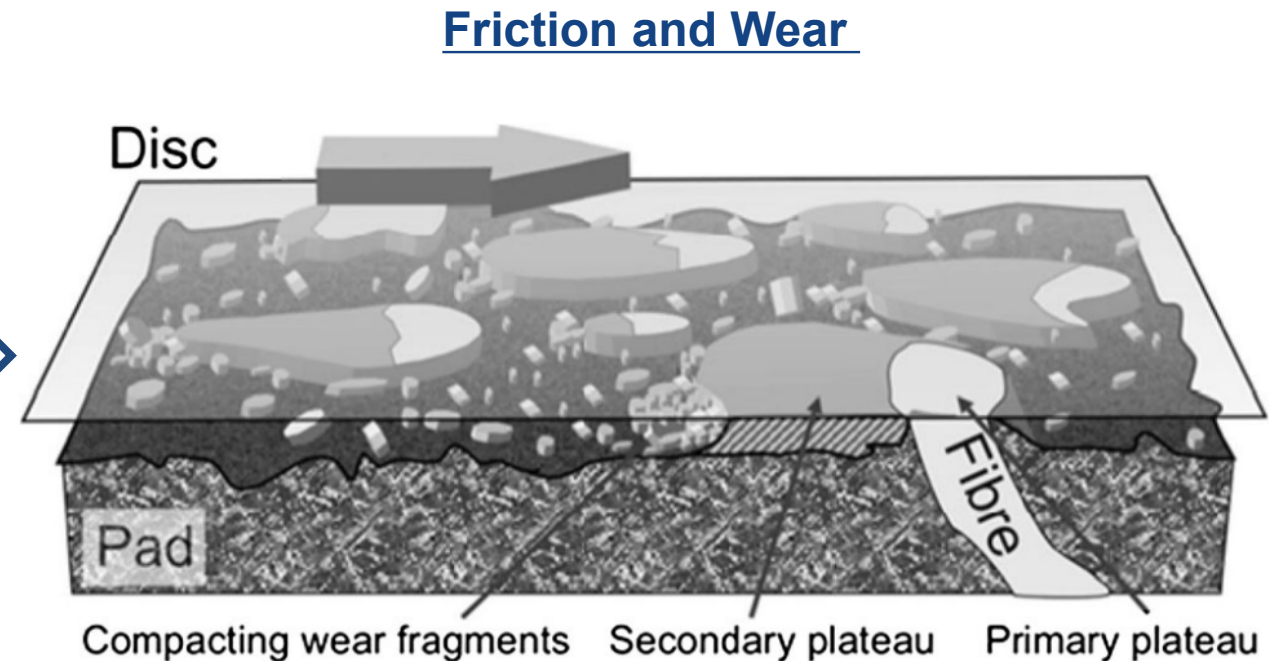
- **Load (Test Vehicle Mass)**
- **Speed (Deceleration)**
- **Contact Pressure (Deceleration/Slippage)**

Environmental Factor

- **Temperature**
- **Humidity**

Material Factor

- **Thermal properties**
- **Surface Roughness/Shape**
- **Stiffness**



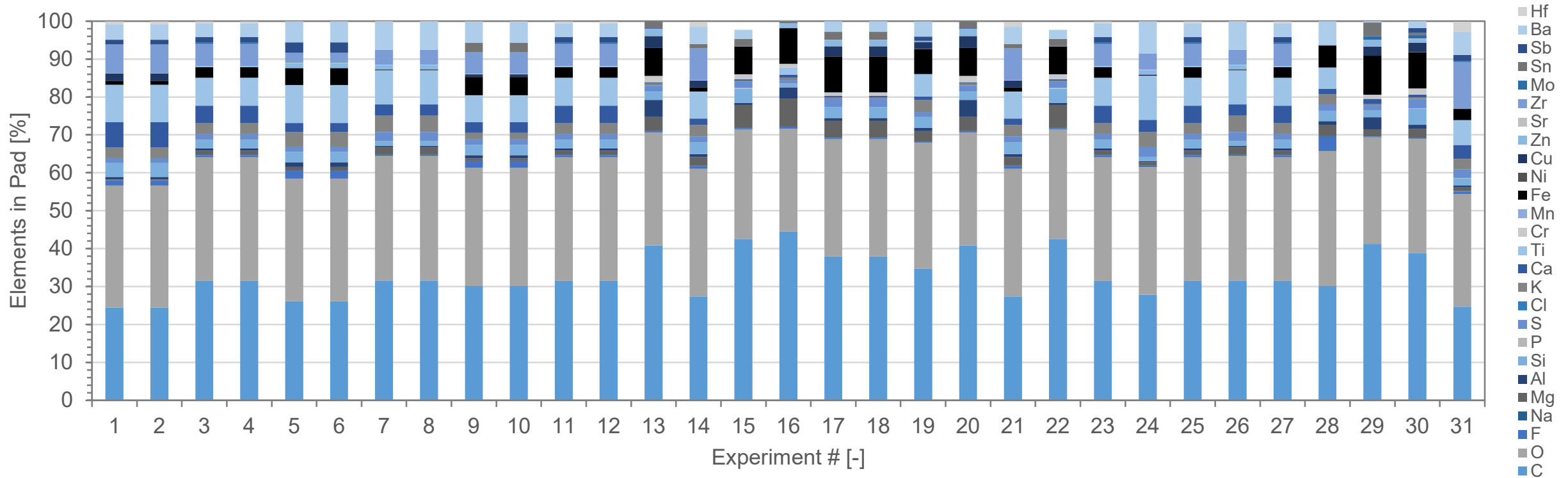
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Blue letters: Factors defined in the WLTP-Brake test procedure as common rule.

Red letters: Most important factor under common rule

Brake Pad Composite

- Brake pads are manufactured by compressing and heat molding 20 to 30 different materials and are designed to fit vehicle.
- There is a very wide range of brake pad composites.
- High amounts of carbon (e.g., resin in binders), oxygen (e.g., in compounds) and trace metal elements (e.g., abrasives, solid lubricants, fillers)
- Conventional brake discs are made of cast iron. Tungsten-coated discs are also available to reduce wear.



Brake Composite and Their Role

- 20 to 30 materials in a brake pad contribute significantly to braking and wear performance.
- Blending of materials is a matter of know-how.

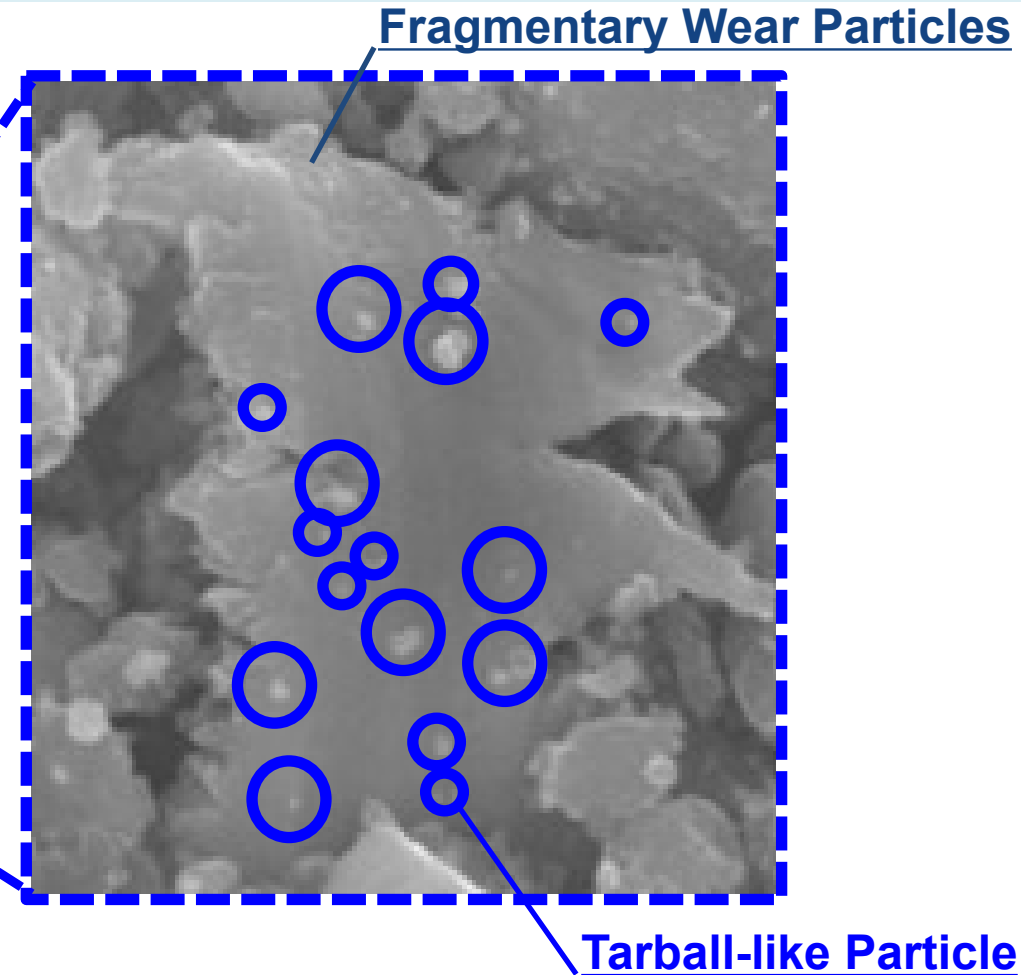
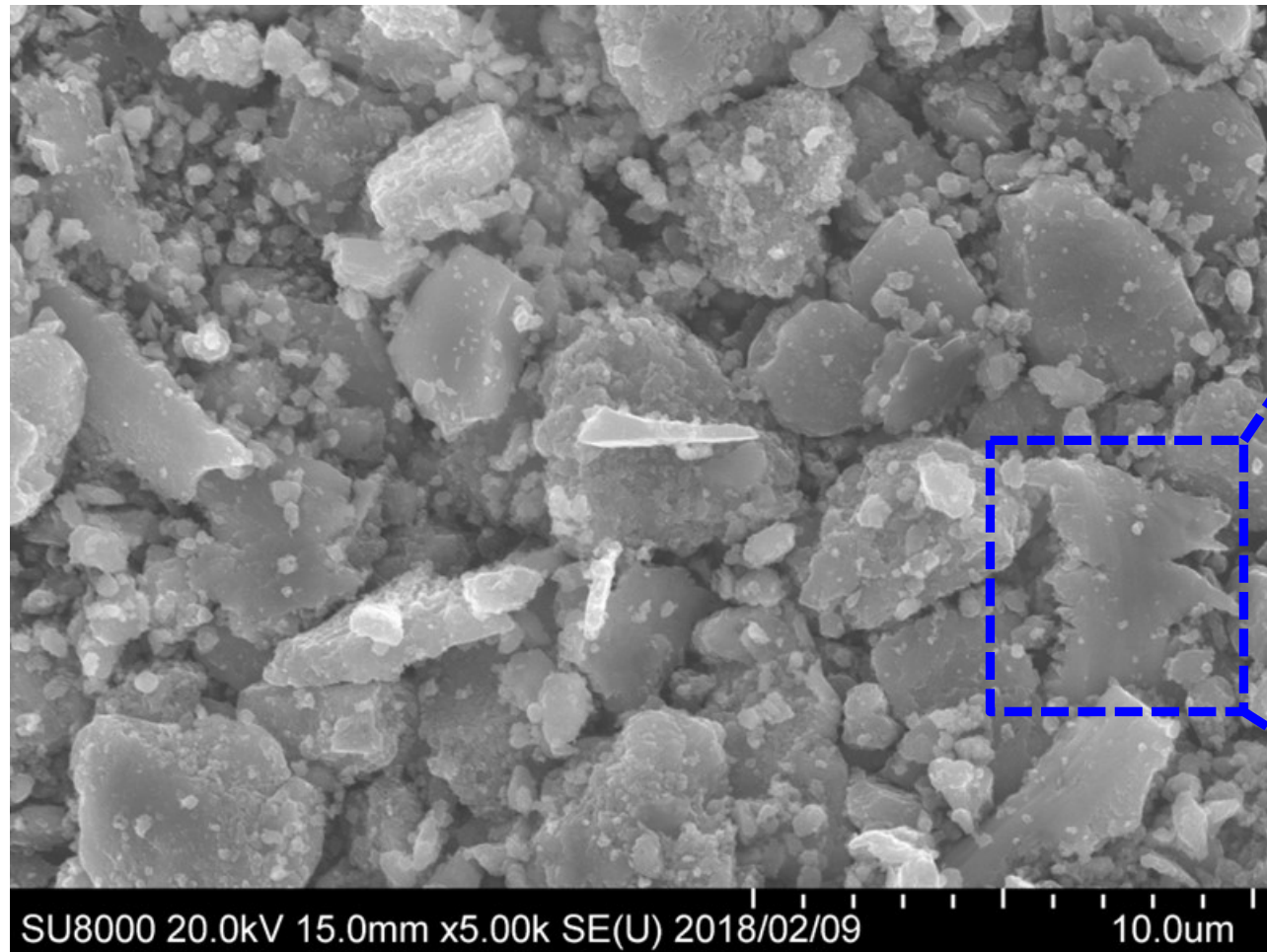
Typical brake pad formulations and general performance related to brake wear for automotive brake pads

Functions	Materials	Mass %		General Performances			
		Non-Steel NAO	Low Steel ECE	Effectiveness	Abrasion-resistant Pad	Disc	
Binder	Phenolic resin	8 – 15	8 – 15	↓	↑	↑	
Reinforcement	Heat-resistant organic fibers	3 – 15	0 – 5	↓	↑	↑	
	Aramid fibers						
	Inorganic fibers	1 – 15	1 – 10	↑	↑	↓	
	Glass fibers						
	Basalt fibers						
	Carbon fibers						
	Metal fibers	0 – 5	5 – 30	↑	↓	↓	
	Steel fiber						
		1 – 10	1 – 10	↑	↓	↓	
Friction Modifier	Lubricating agents	5 – 15	5 – 20	↓	↑	↑	
	Graphite						
	Metal sulfide (MoS ₂)						
					↑	↑	↓
	Metal sulfide (Sb ₂ S ₃)						
	Organic fillers	5 – 15	2 – 10	↑	↑	↑	
	Cashew particle						
		0 – 15	0 – 10	↑	↑	↑	
	Rubber (Tyre rubber)						
	Inorganic filler	5 – 35	5 – 35	—	↑	↑	
	BaSO ₄						
Abrasives	1 – 5	1 – 5	↑	↓	↓		
Hardness: Al ₂ O ₃ , SiC etc							
	Soft to medium: ZrO ₂ etc						
	Metal powder	0 – 5	0 – 5	—	↑	—	

NAO: Non-Asbestos Organics pad for North American and Asian markets
 ECE: European performance (ECE) pad for European market.

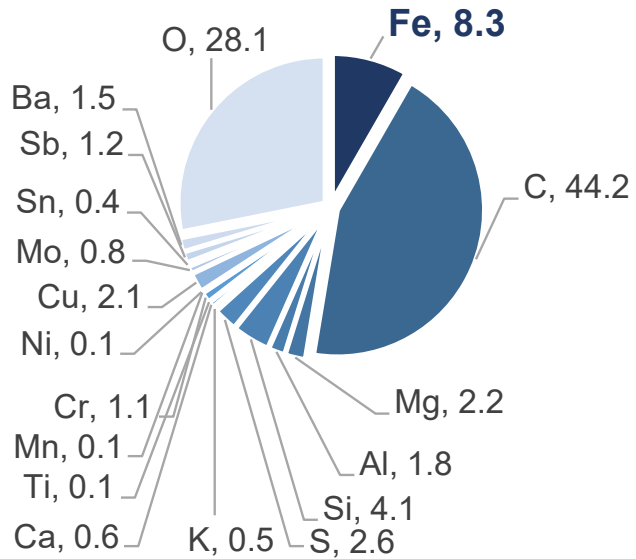
↑: Improved performance; ↓: Reduced performance.

- An example of the morphology of emitted brake wear particles; Cascade impactor (cut-off particle size 5-7 μ m).
- Fragmented (Debris), spherical wear particles are observed.
- Spherical wear particles have nanoparticle size and tarball-like particles are observed.
- This means that nanoparticles may be transported together with larger particles in the atmosphere.

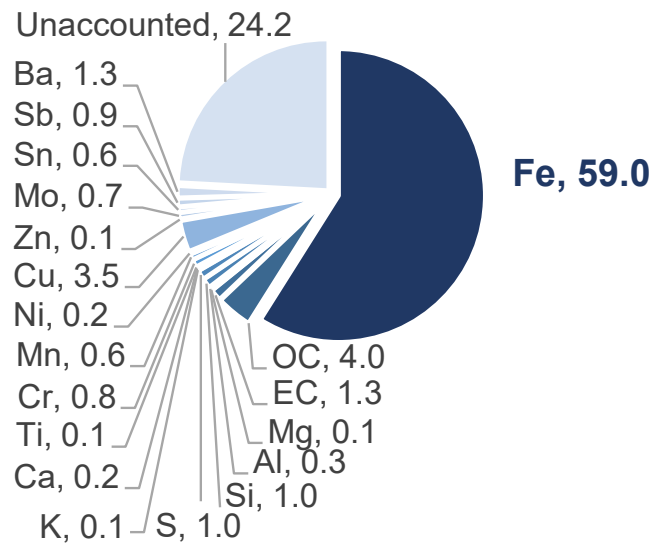


- Comparison of elements in European performance (ECE) brake pad, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emission particles.
- Elements in pad and PM emissions are very different, with PM containing more disc-derived iron.
- Carbon and sulfur in pad are related to differences in composition of pad and PM emissions.
- No significant difference in composition between PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}, however, iron chemical forms are very different.
- Nanoparticle composition is a subject for future research.

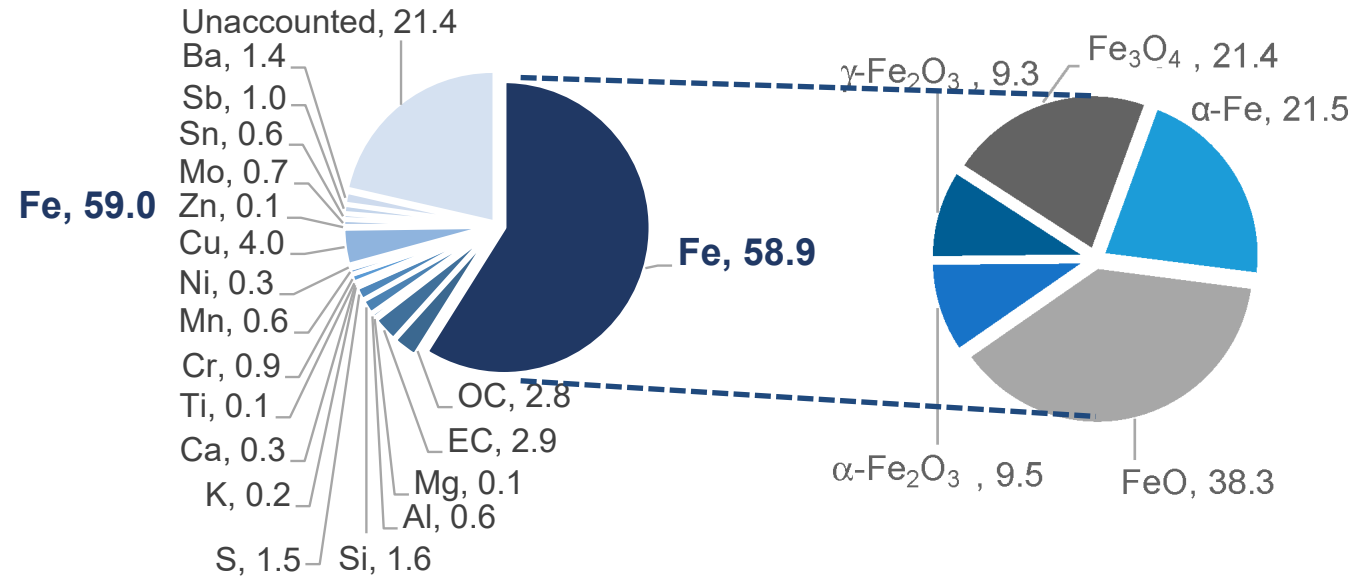
(d) ECE pad unit: mass%



(e) ECE PM₁₀ unit: mass%

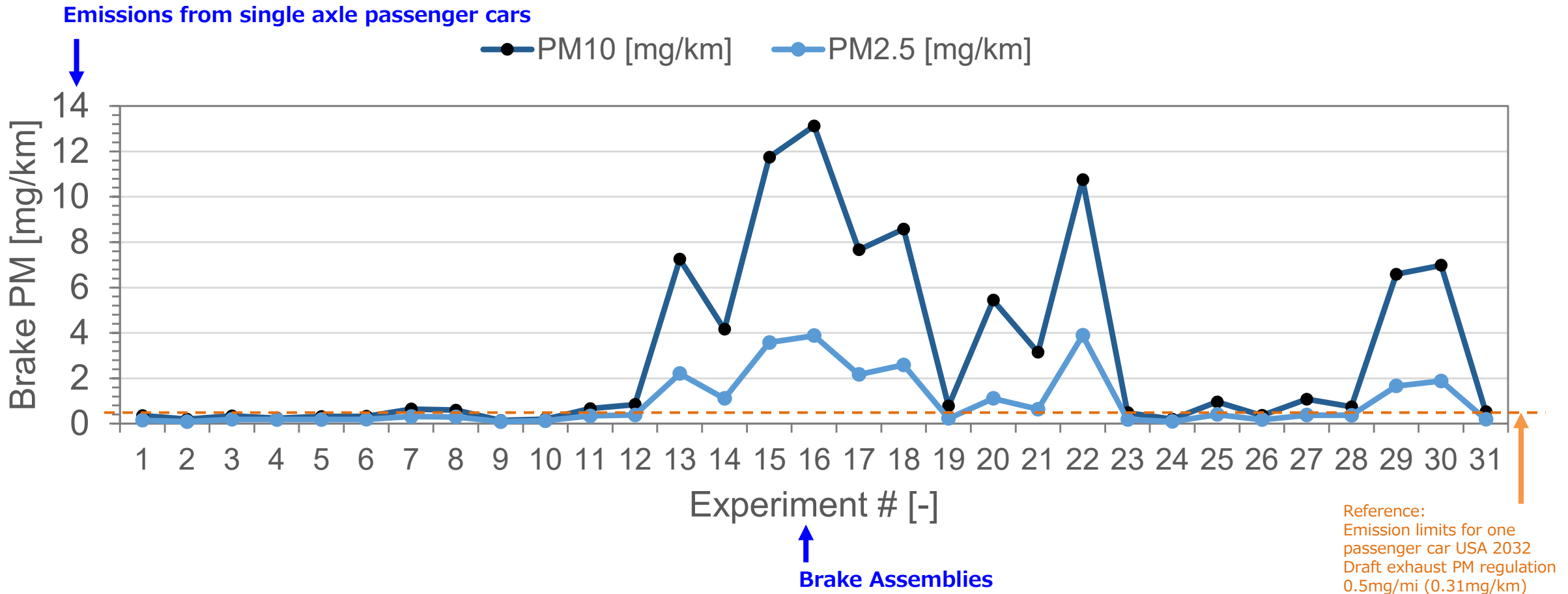


(f) ECE PM_{2.5} unit: mass%



Brake Wear Particle Mass

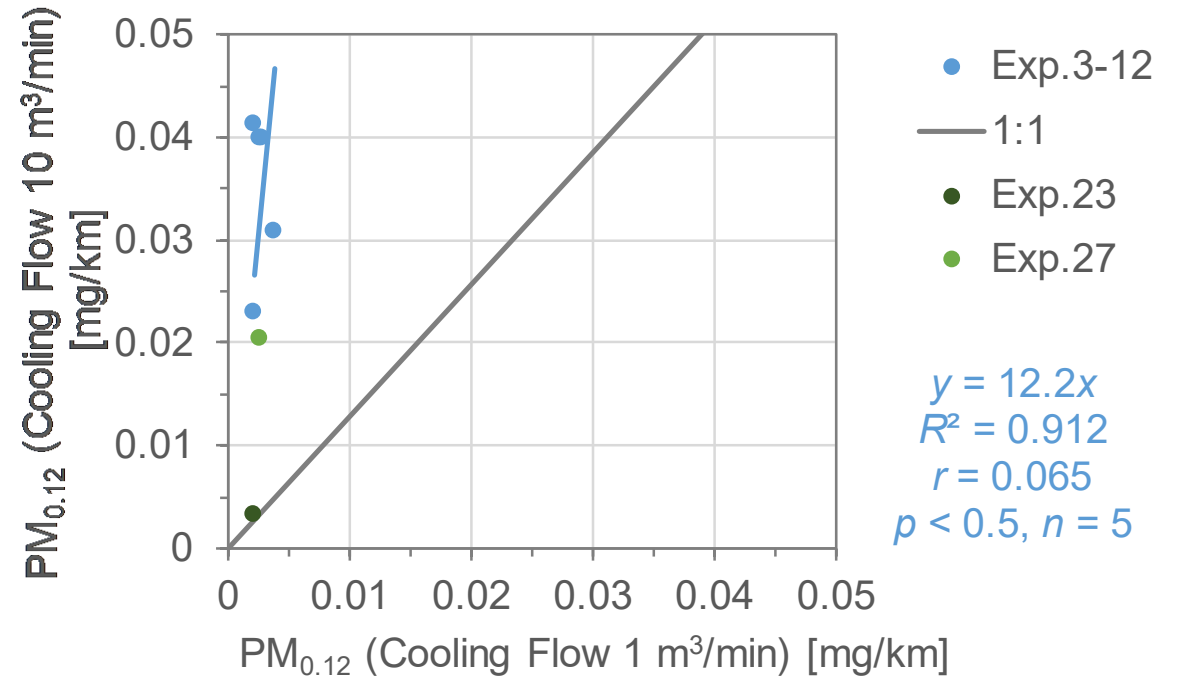
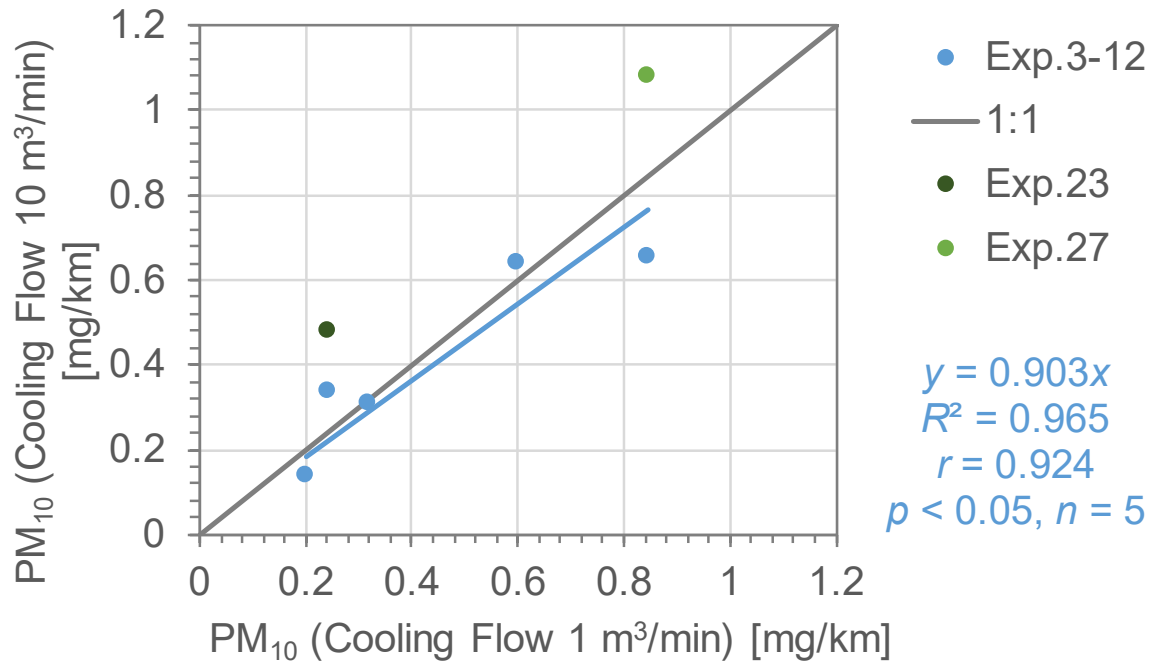
- The Euor7 regulation defines PM₁₀ (aerosol particles with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 μm or less, which is the 50% cutoff) as 0.2 to 13 mg/km per wheel (0.6 to 37 mg/km per car).
- Emission levels are very wide, depending on brake components.
- Brake PM exceeds the U.S. vehicle emission limit of 0.31 mg/km (0.5 mg/mi) after 2032.



Implication of Nanoparticle Emission

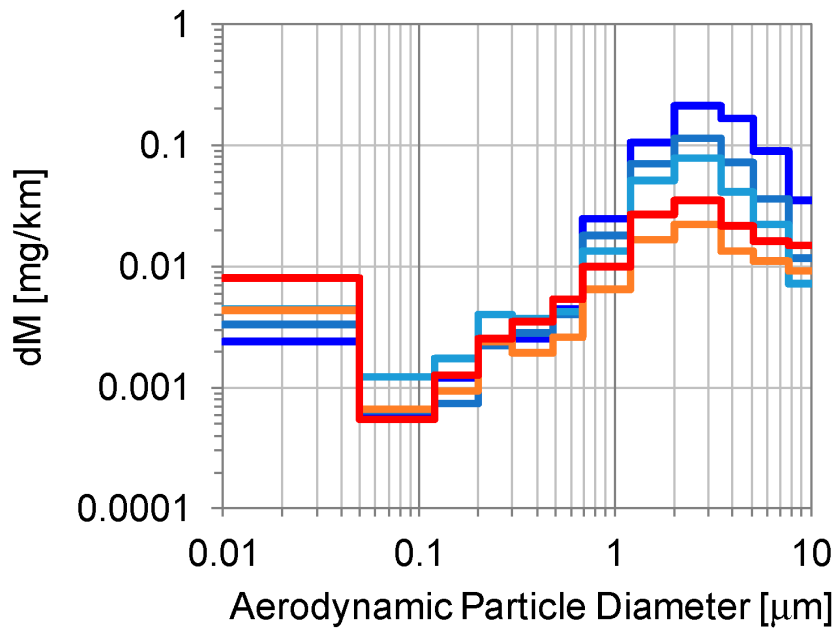
Brake Wear Nano Particle Mass

- Nanoparticle mass varies greatly depending on sampling method.
- PM₁₀ does not differ significantly according to sampling method.
- Compared to low sampling flow rates (1 m³/min) used in vehicle-based measurements or compact lab dyno, high flow rates in dyno experiments lead to be 12 times higher nanoparticle mass emissions.

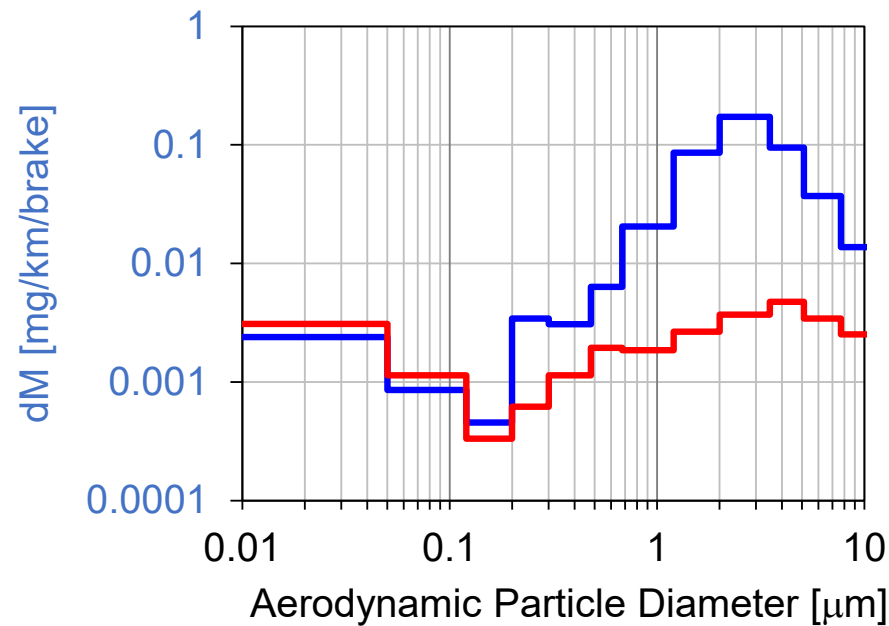


- Brake nanoparticle mass is small.
- Nanoparticle mass slightly increase with reduction of coarse particles for electrified vehicles (EVs).
- Relative increase in peeling of tribo-layers (mainly tarry) on pad surface results in more tarball-like nanoparticles being emitted.

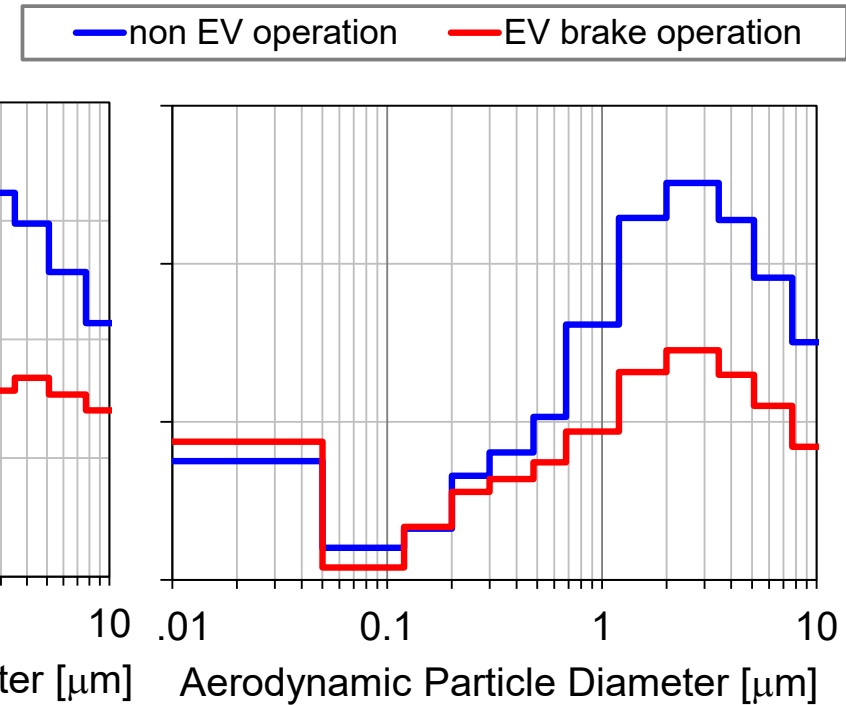
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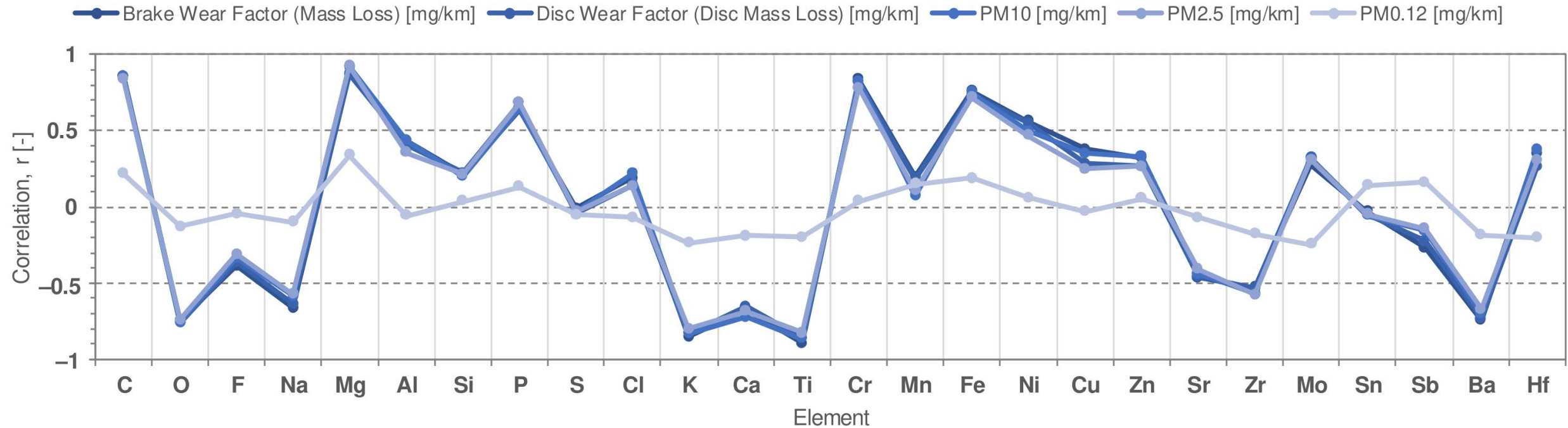
Vehicle B



Vehicle C

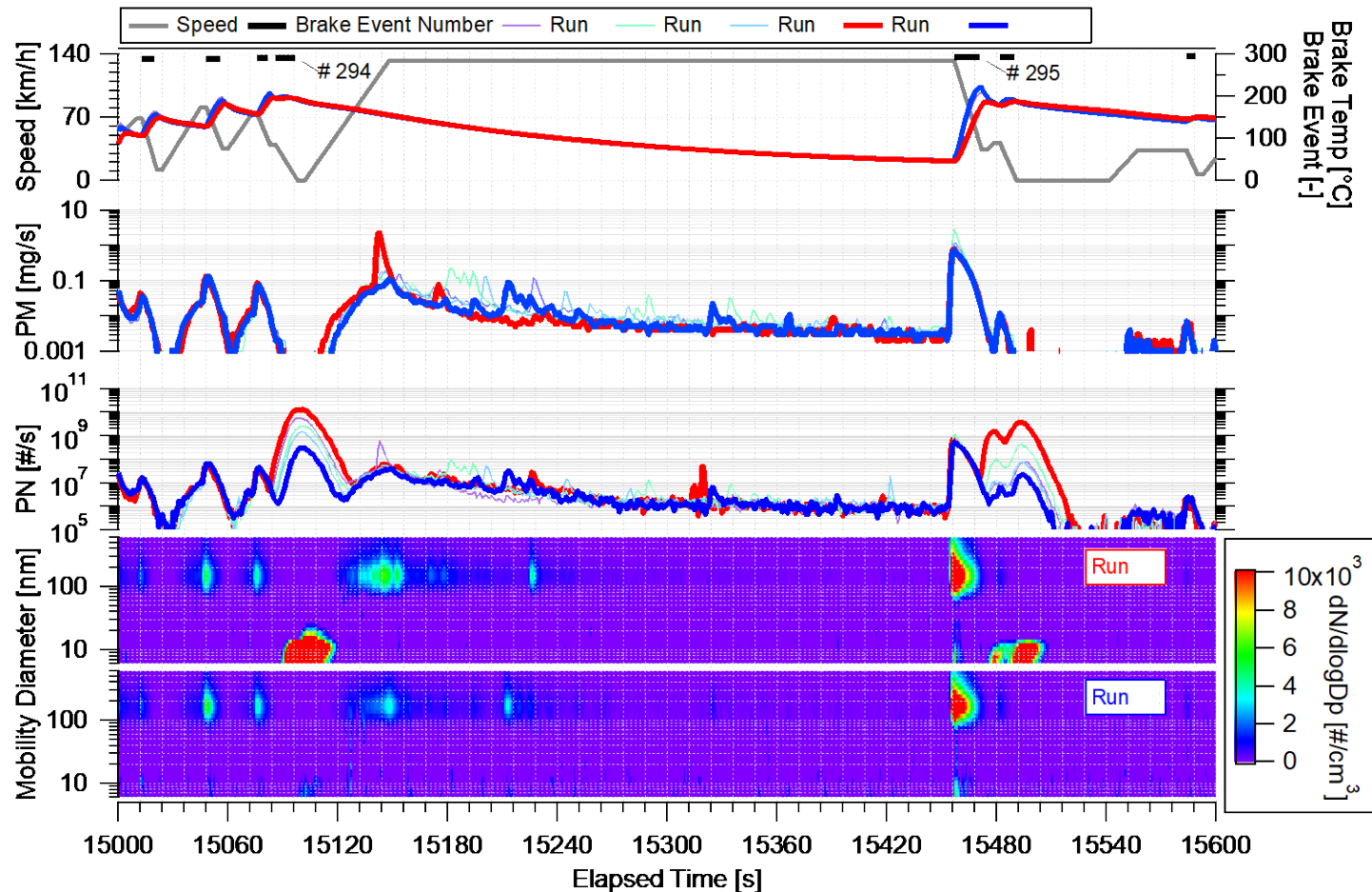


- Based on an investigation of 31 brake assemblies.
- Wear factors, PM_{10} , and $PM_{2.5}$ emissions show a positive correlation with C (derived from resin: filler), Mg (filler and abrasive), Cr and Fe (steel fiber) in the pad, and a negative correlation with O (resin and metal oxide), K and Ti (fade resistant), Ba (barium sulfate) in the pad.
- Nanoparticle mass ($PM_{0.12}$) emissions cannot be found to correlate with composition of pad.



Brake Wear Particle Nucleation

- Particle number and mass emission behavior are very different.
- Many literature report that nanoparticles increase at higher braking temperatures.
- In our opinion, even if the brake temperature is kept reproducibly low, the formation of nuclei particles (emission of particles smaller than 20 nm in size) occurs and is not reproducible.
- Nucleation ($D_p < 20$ nm particles) occurs due to burning (evaporating) of friction material.

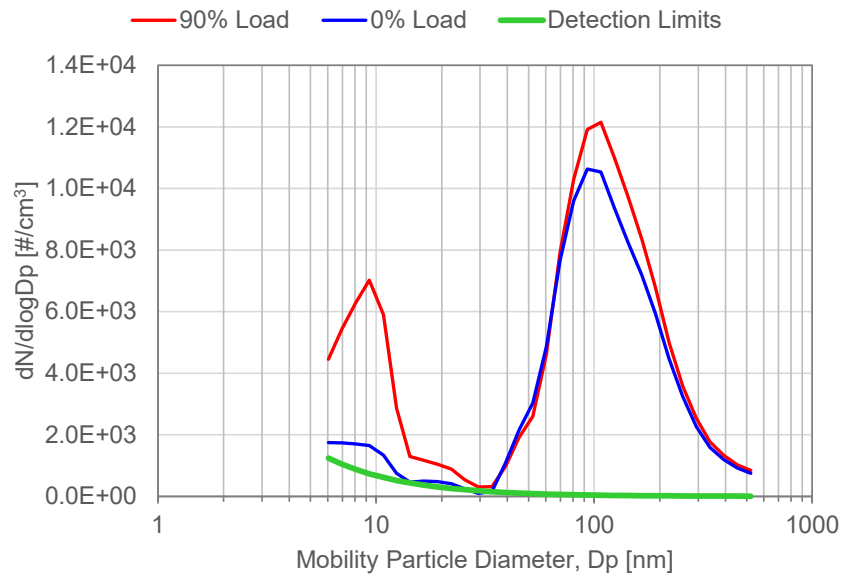


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 Particle Number (PN):
 TSI CPC3750
 Particle Mass:
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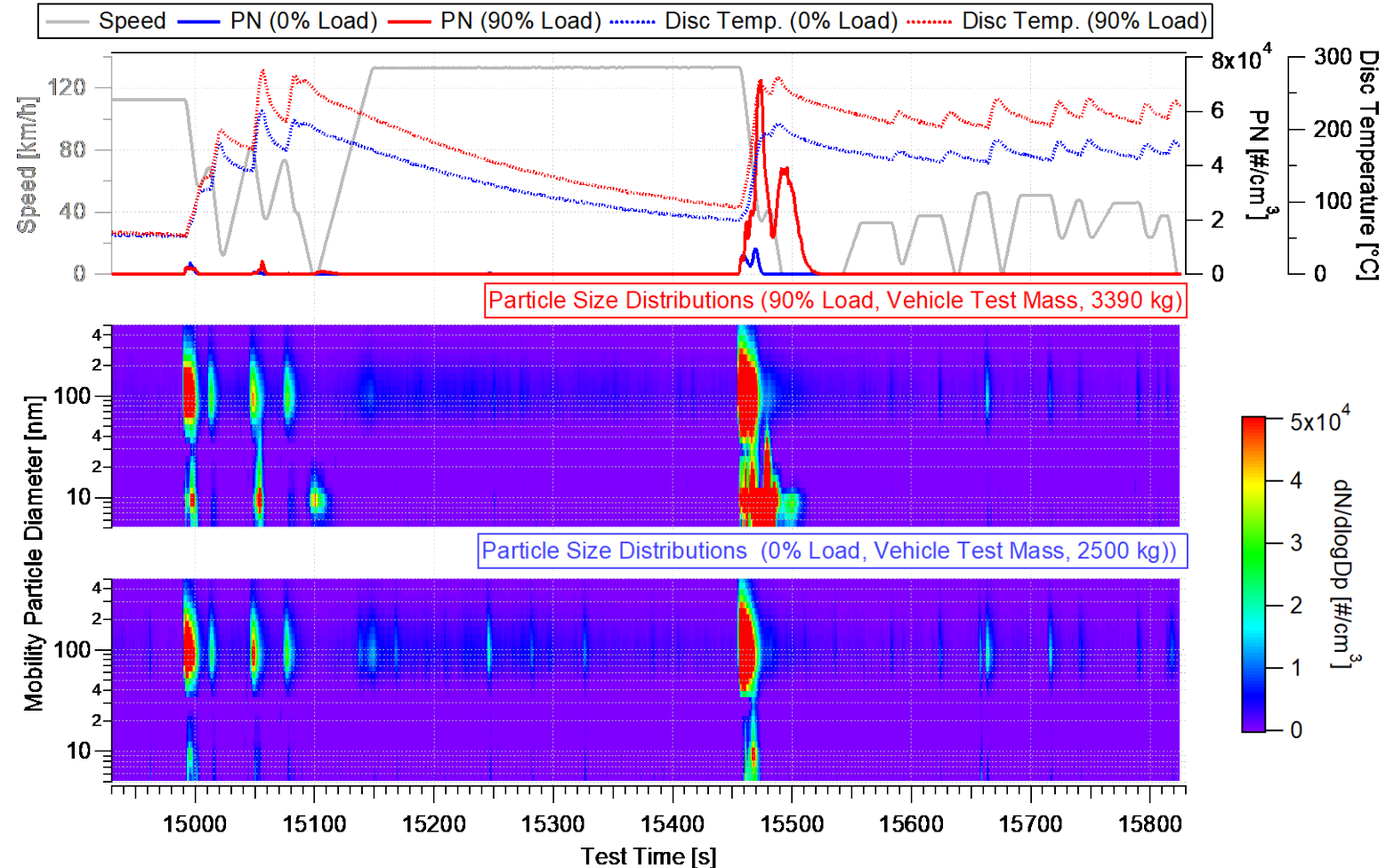


Brake Wear Particle Nucleation with High Loading

- Sub-20 nm particles increase with increasing test vehicle mass
- Brake energy for Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) greatly depends on loading of cargo.
- Example of particle number size distribution for nominal (0%) and 90% loading, high loading leads to increase in particle number and sub-20 nm particles emissions.



Particle Size Distributions: TSI FMPS3091
Particle Number (PN): TSI CPC3750

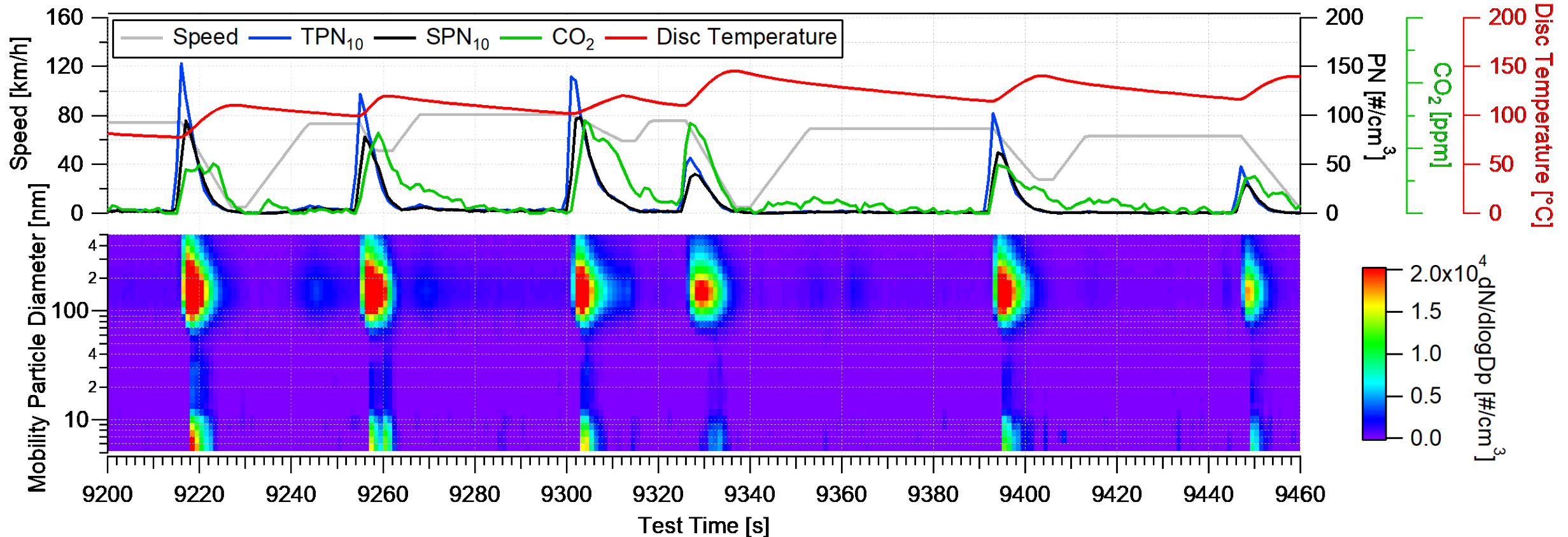


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Brake Wear Particle Nucleation with High Deacceleration

- Example measured with Los Angeles City Traffic (LACT) Cycle.
- Sub-20 nm particles have been observed in higher braking energy (deceleration) cycle than WLTP-Brake Cycle.
- CO₂ emissions have been observed from brake as well as particles, supporting that brake friction material is burning (including decompositions) at low brake temperatures (<150°C).



Particle Size Distributions: TSI FMPS3091, Total Particle Number (TPN₁₀): TSI CPC3750. Solid Particle Number (SPN₁₀): Catalytic Instrument CS015 + TSI CPC3750, CO₂: LI-COR LI-820

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Take-Home Message

[Brakes]

- Brake types are very wide due to their design in accordance with vehicles.
- Brake pads are composed of various chemical compositions that affect brake performance.

[Wear and PM emissions]

- Brake wear increases with mechanical, environmental and material factors, respectively.
- Vehicle mass and brake material factors are the most important for PM and PN emissions, as the test methods are defined as common factors by the WLTP-Brake Cycle.

[Nano Particle Emissions]

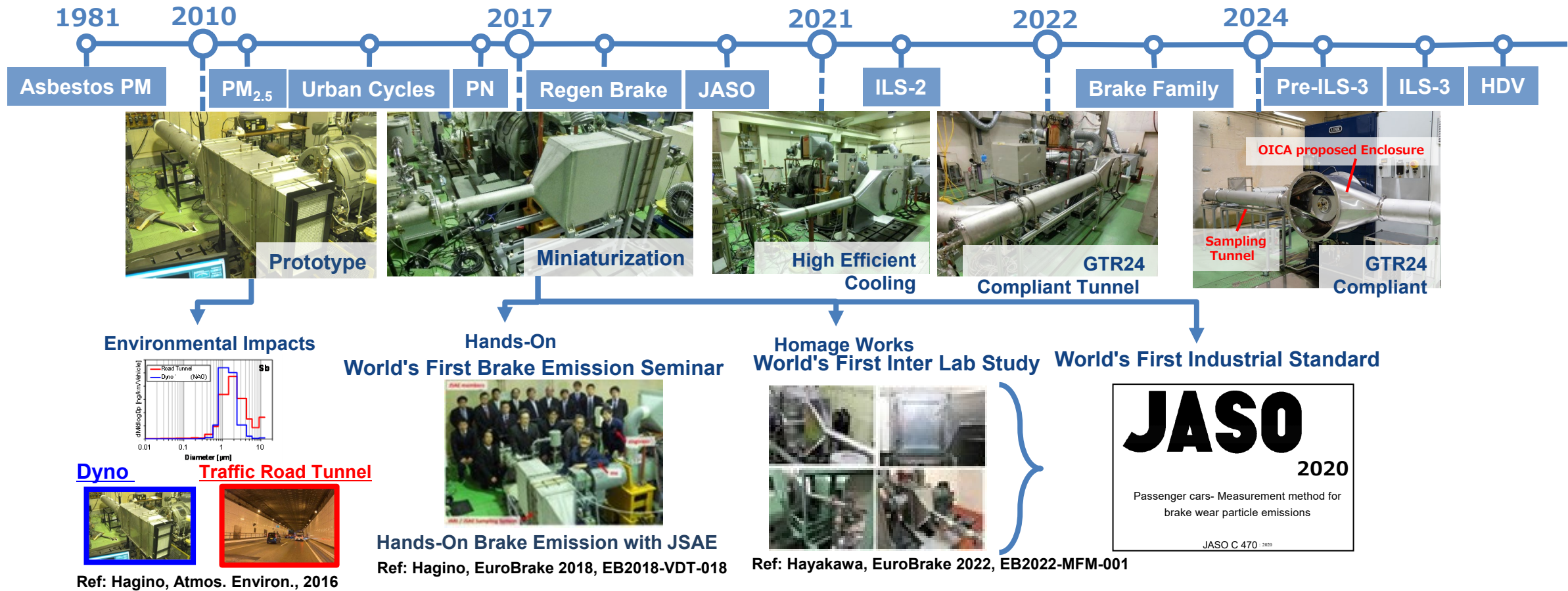
- Brake wear certainly emits nanoparticles.
- Sampling methods lead to very different measurement values.
- Particle number size distributions are generally shown with a mode diameter of 160 nm without nucleation events.
- Nucleation ($D_p < 20$ nm particles) may occur due to burning (decomposition) of friction material.

[Compositions]

- Chemical composition measurement of nanoparticles is a future challenge.

Appendix

- Start of research to create chemical composition profiles of brake wear particles.
- Highly reproducible experiments using dynamometer, and reproduce realistic driving conditions for automobiles.
- Japan's Ministry of the Environment has stated that it will actively contribute emission assessment data on brake wear particles to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29).^{*1}
- Update over time and brake emission studies for a wide range of vehicle types from LDV to HDV.



^{*1} Ref. :Kasai, *J. Jpn. Soc. Atmos. Environ.*, 2017, 52, A91–A96. (In Japanese); <https://doi.org/10.11298/taiki.52.A91>