

# ENHANCING THE TESTING METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING TYRE PARTICLE EMISSIONS

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# Agenda

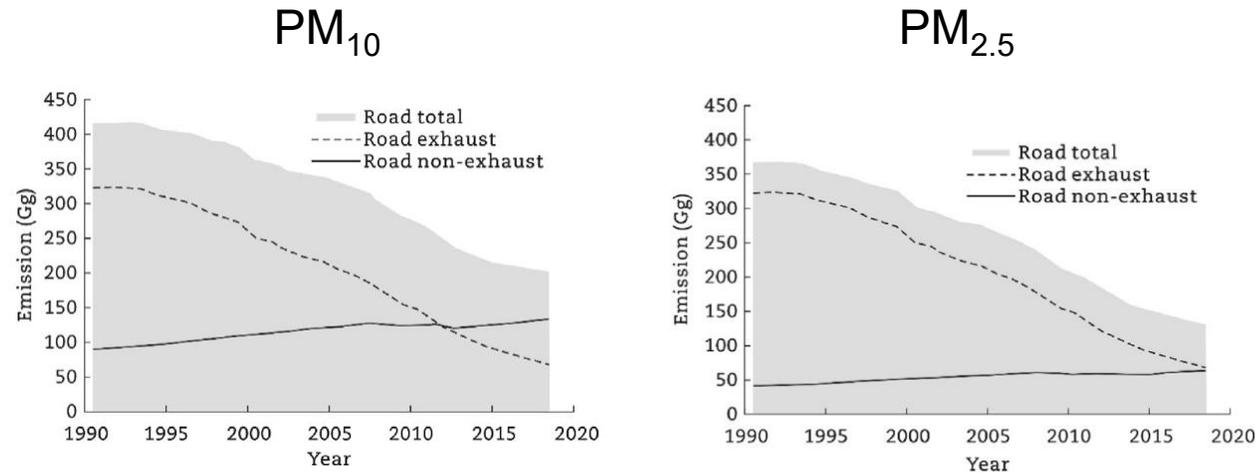


- Introduction Tyre and Road Wear Particles (TRWP)
- Non-exhaust emissions measurements at DLR
  - Project ZEDU-1
  - Methodology for tyre emissions in a dynamometer
- Selected results
- Next steps

Let's go!

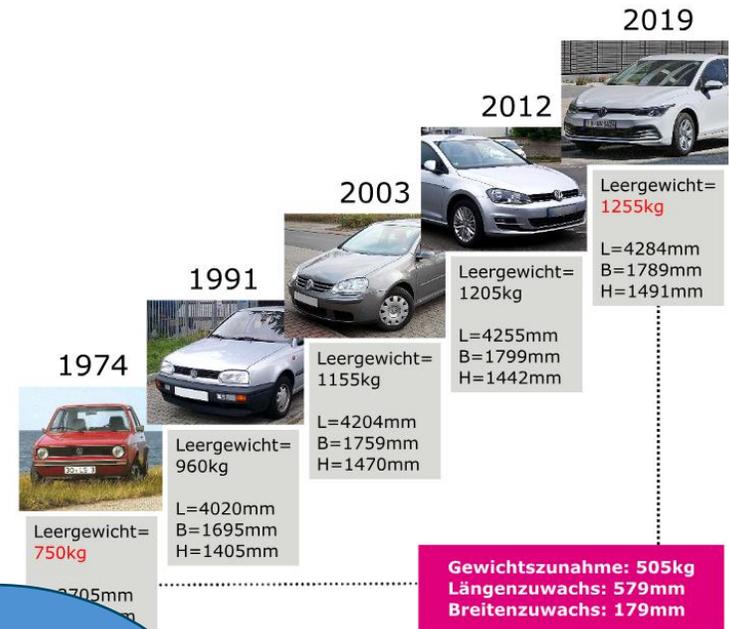


# Introduction

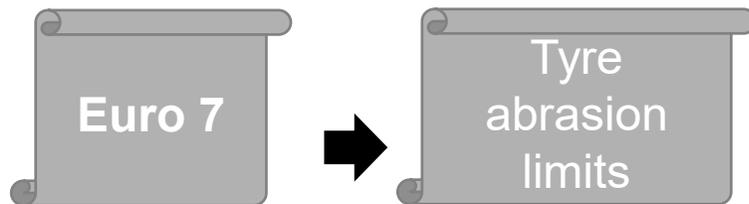


Source: He, C et al.: A review of non-exhaust emissions on pavement area: Sources, compositions, evaluation and mitigation, J. Traffic Transp. Eng., 11, 6, 1243-1258 / CC BY-NC-ND 4.0

- Tailpipe emissions have been significantly reduced, non-exhaust emissions are becoming increasingly important
- With the electrification of vehicles, the relative contribution of TRWP to total particulate matter is expected to rise



Do you understand what you would like to regulate?



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- Scarce studies
- Discrepancies in the literature
- A lot of factors influence the result
  - Dynamometer or field?
  - T? RH?
  - Tyre pressure?
  - Tyre composition?
  - Vehicle load?
  - Road composition?
  - Speed?
  - Tyre mileage?
  - Tyre age?
  - Collection efficiency?
  - Measurement techniques?

*“In summary, the identified primary studies reported **35 TWP PM<sub>10</sub> emission factors ranging from 0.00093 to 11.0 mg/vkm** (mean of 2.7 mg/vkm, median of 1.1 mg/vkm) including estimates for mixed fleets and resuspended TWP”*

Saladin et al., 2024 Airbone tyre wear particles: a critical reanalysis of the literature reveals emission factors lower than expected Environ. Sci. Technol. Lett., 11 (2024), pp. 1296-1307

**Standardization is urgently needed!**



A white sports car is driving on a multi-lane highway that curves to the right. The road is asphalt with white lane markings. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees under a clear blue sky with a few small white clouds. A tall pole with a satellite dish is visible on the right side of the road.

# NON-EXHAUST EMISSION MEASUREMENTS AT DLR

# Zero Emission Drive Unit Generation 1 (ZEDU-1)



**Objective:** Demonstration and evaluation of novel technologies for zero-emission driving

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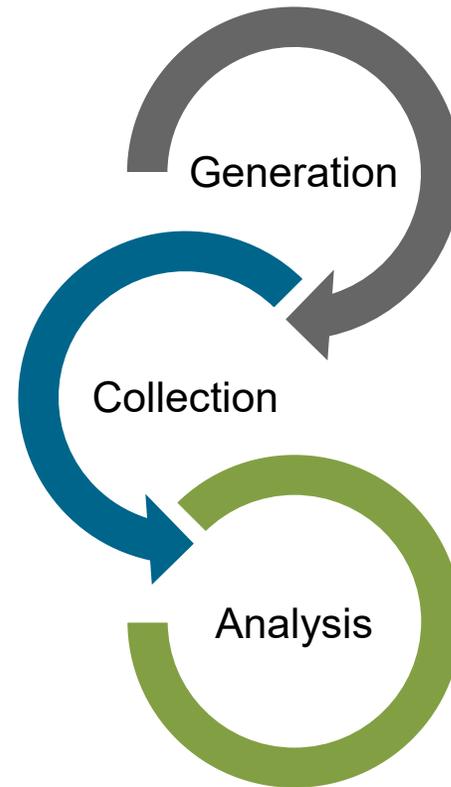
## Investigations of airborne tire and brake wear particles using a novel vehicle design

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## ZEDU-1 Demonstrator

- Reduction of airborne tyre emissions: Housing with particle extraction and filter system

# Development of tyre measurement methods: The 3 step approach



- Same vehicle / rear tyres
- Tyre temperature monitoring / Same start temperature
- 4 roller chassis dyno
- WLTC 3b, driving error limited
- Constant ambient temperature and RH
- Clean room conditions
- Monitoring of background concentration
- Identical instrumentation
- PM – gravimetric – cyclone (offline)
- PN – condensation – CPC (online)
- PSD – optical – OPS (online)

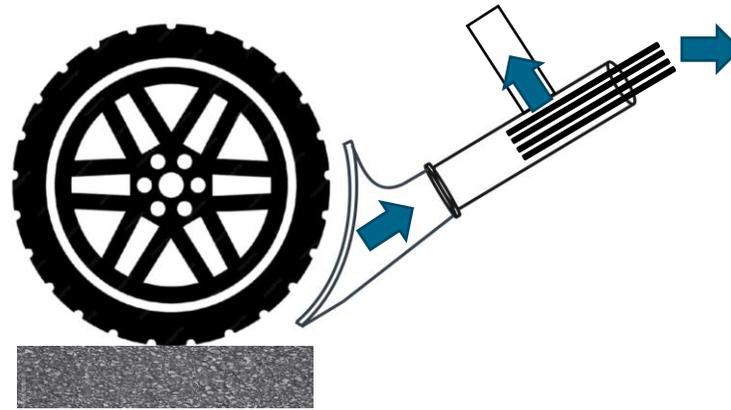
Adapted from Seren Celenlioglu et.al., *Influence of Collection System on the Tyre Wear Emission Measurements* in Tyre Emission Research Conference, Munich, 04 Dec 2024

# Methodology – Collection systems

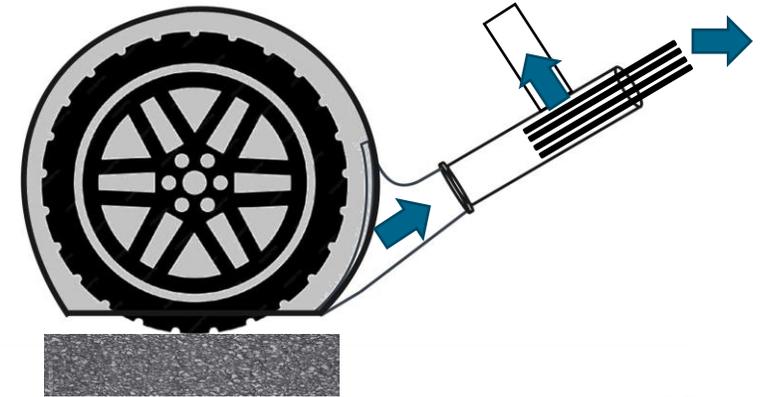


- Chassis dynamometer test bench
- Realistic driving resistance
- Electric vehicle BMW i3
- WLTC class 3b
- Brake encapsulation
- Tyre surface < 30 °C
- T: 23 °C, RH: 50 %
- Nozzle adaptation for isokinetic sampling
- Constant dilution rate
- Background particles control
- Characterization of particle losses

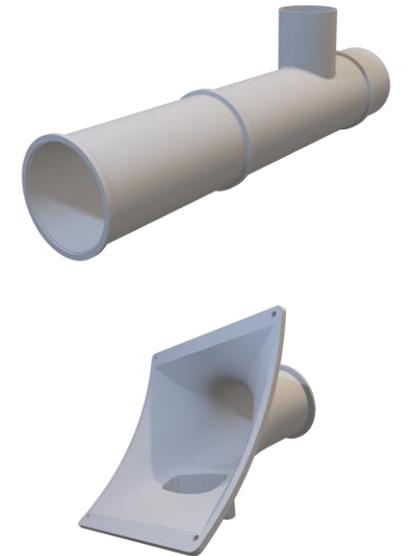
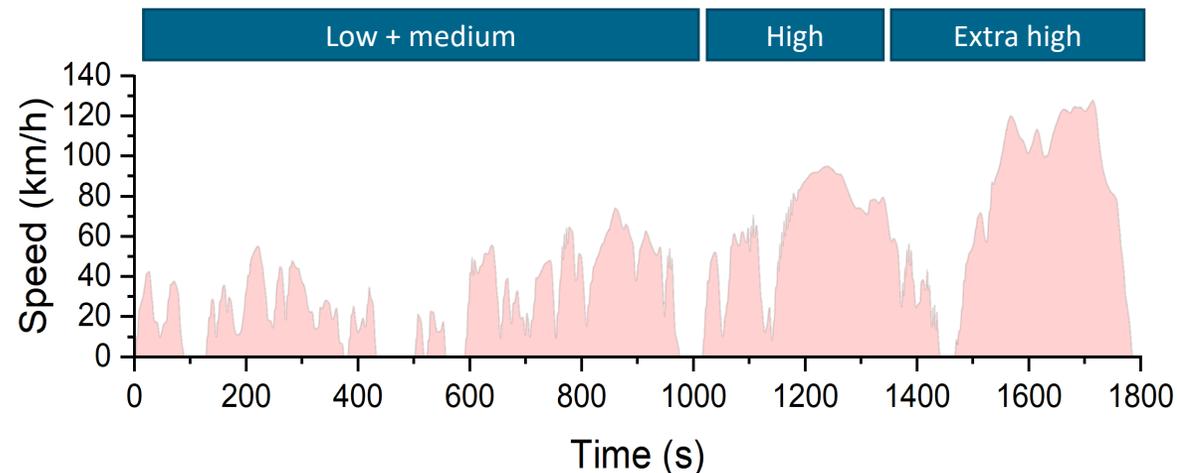
## Open Collection System (DLR™)



## Housing Collection System (DLR™)

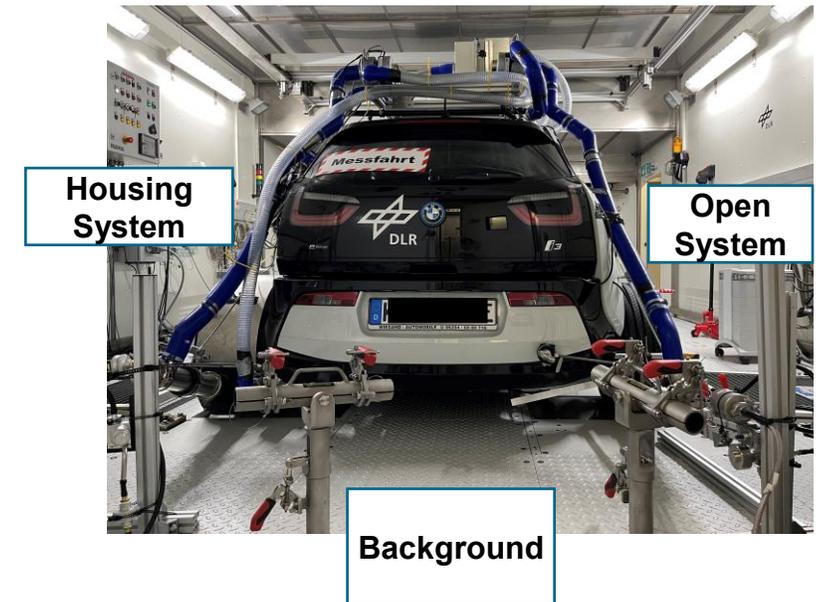
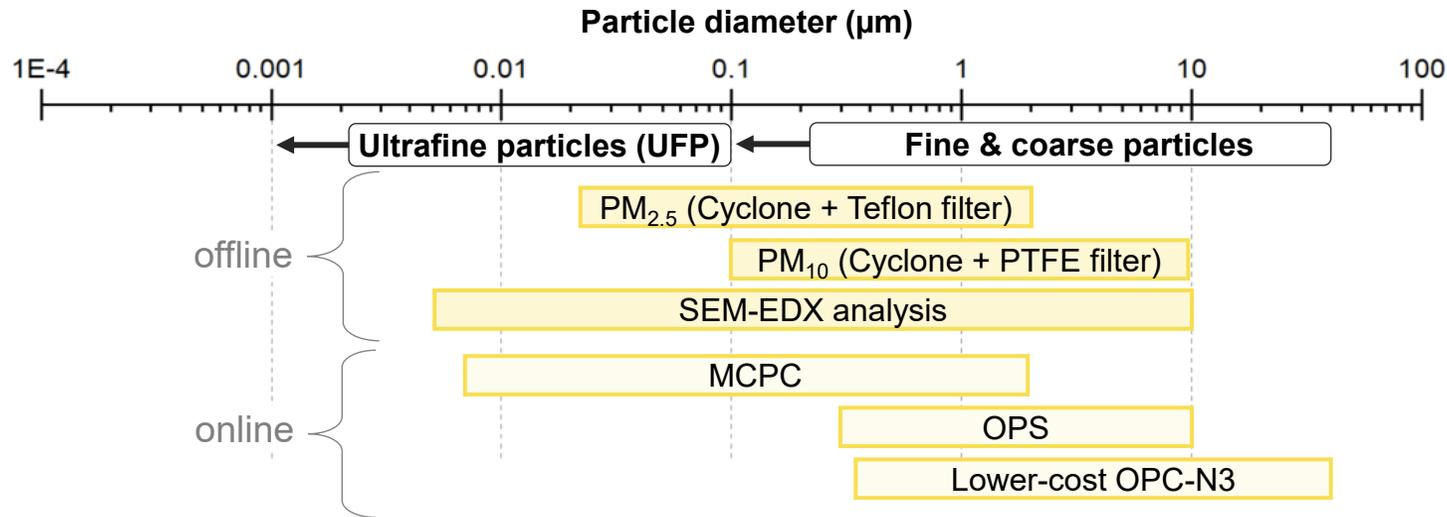


## WLTC class 3b



WLTC: Worldwide Harmonised Light vehicles Test Cycle

# Methodology – Particle measurement techniques



Models and Data for  
Future Mobility



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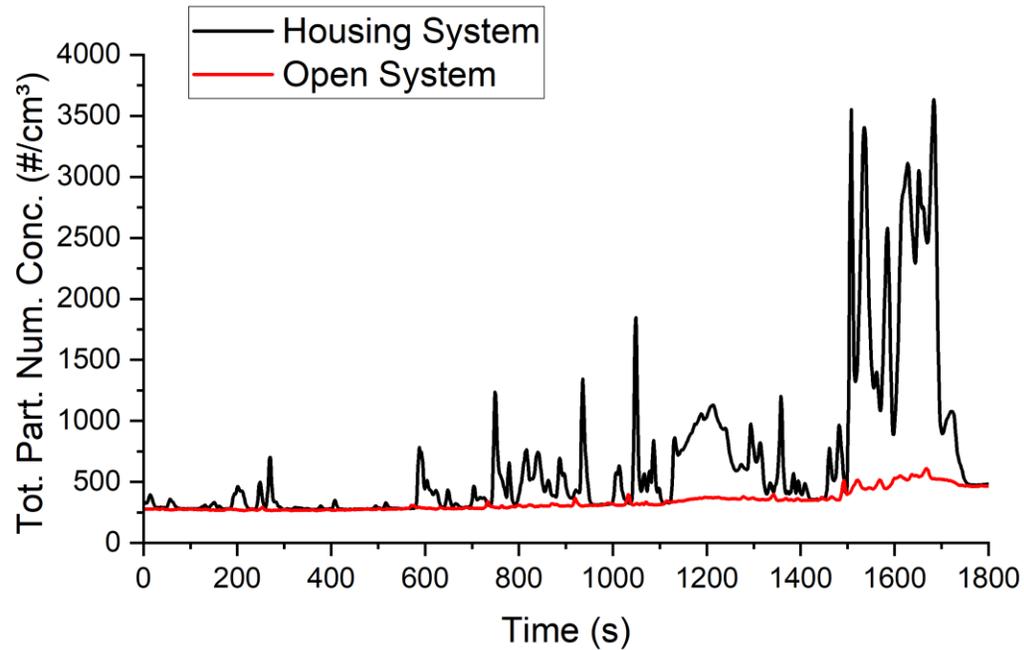
- Optical Sensors for Non-Exhaust Emissions in RDE tests
- Mobile sensor network
- Stationary sensor network (PM + Gases)

MCPC: Mixing condensation particle counter  
 OPS: Optical particle sizer  
 OPC: Optical particle counter  
 SEM-EDX: Scanning electron microscopy-energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy  
 RDE: real driving emission

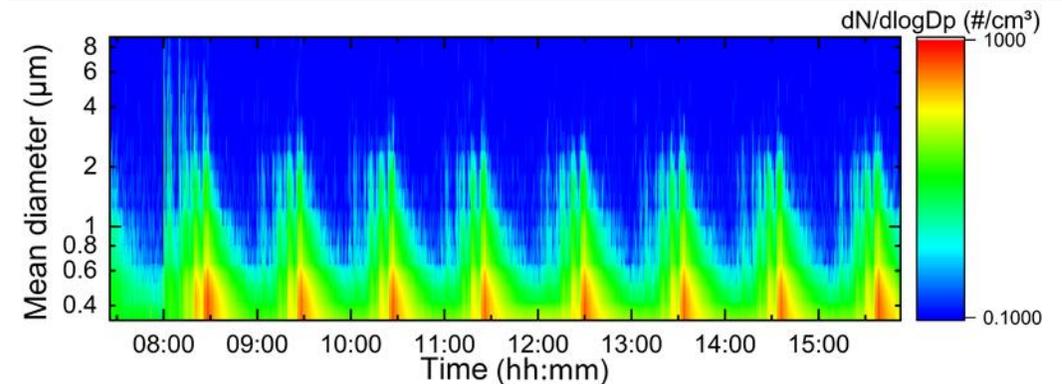
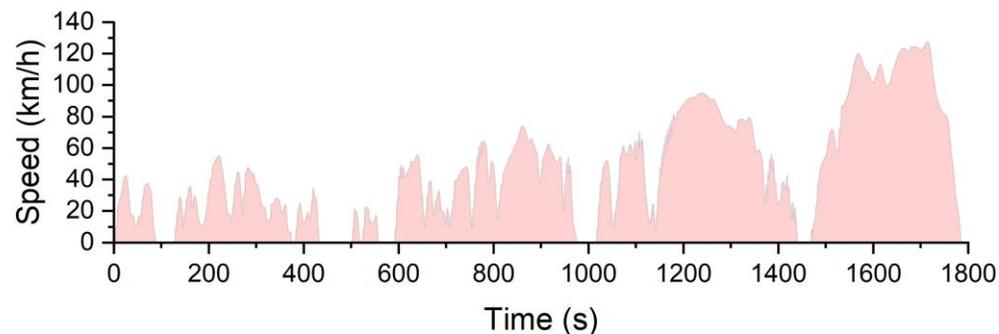
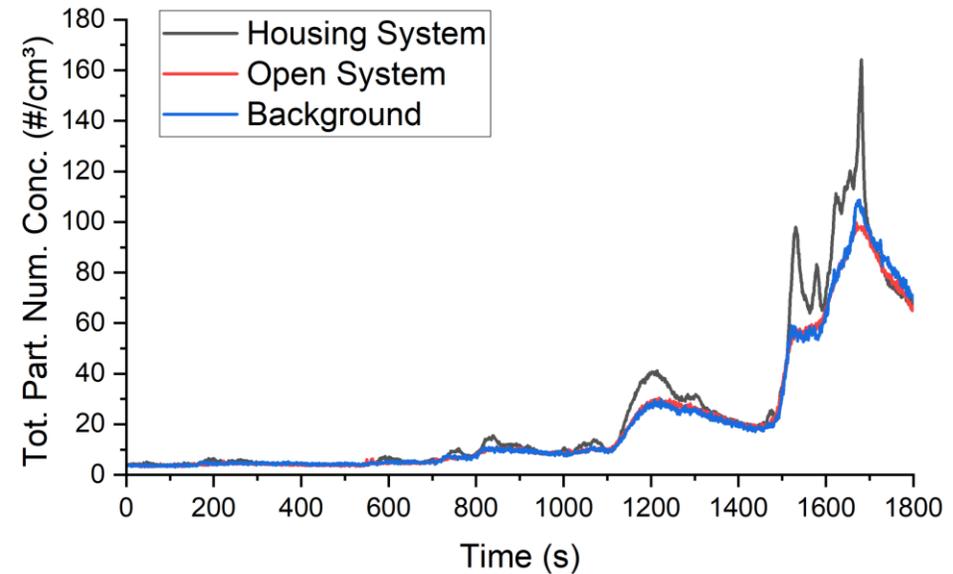
# Results – Housing vs open system (average 8 WLTCs)



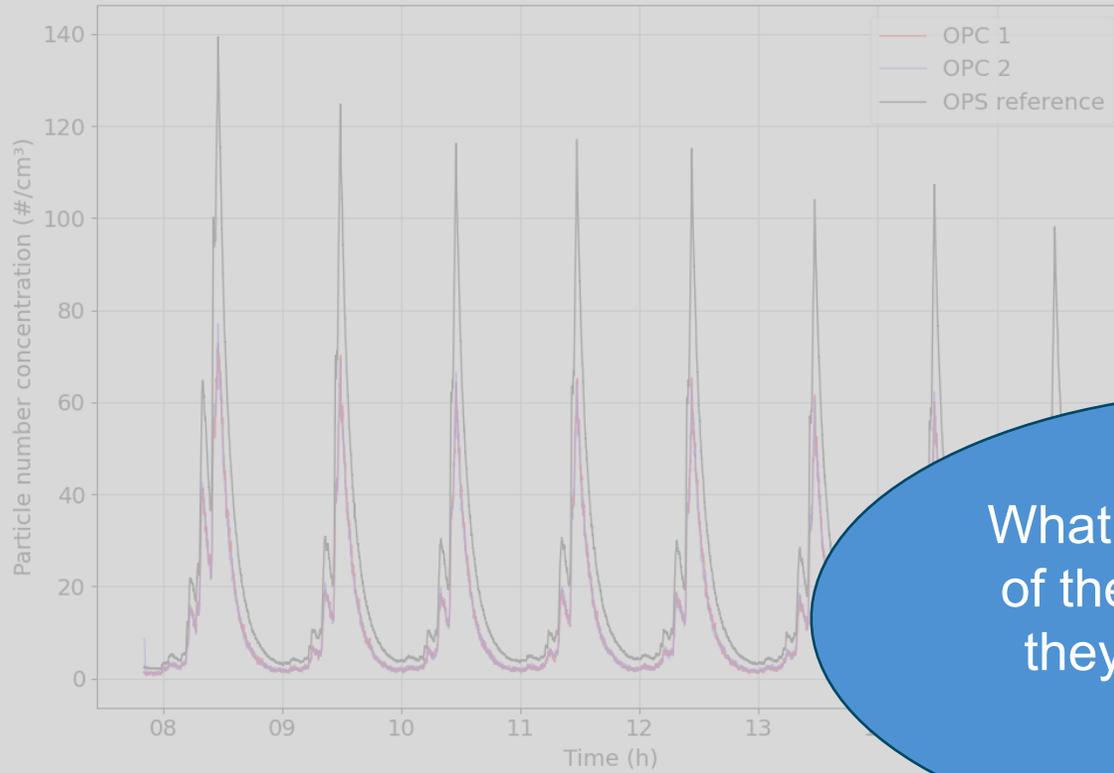
7 nm to 2  $\mu\text{m}$



0.3 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$



# Results – Background OPS and OPC-N3 sensors 8 WLTC



What is the added value of the optical sensors if they cannot measure UFP?

- Background measurements with real driving resistance at different speeds
- Very good results for a being 30 times cheaper

- Underestimation of the most of the channels
- Additional information

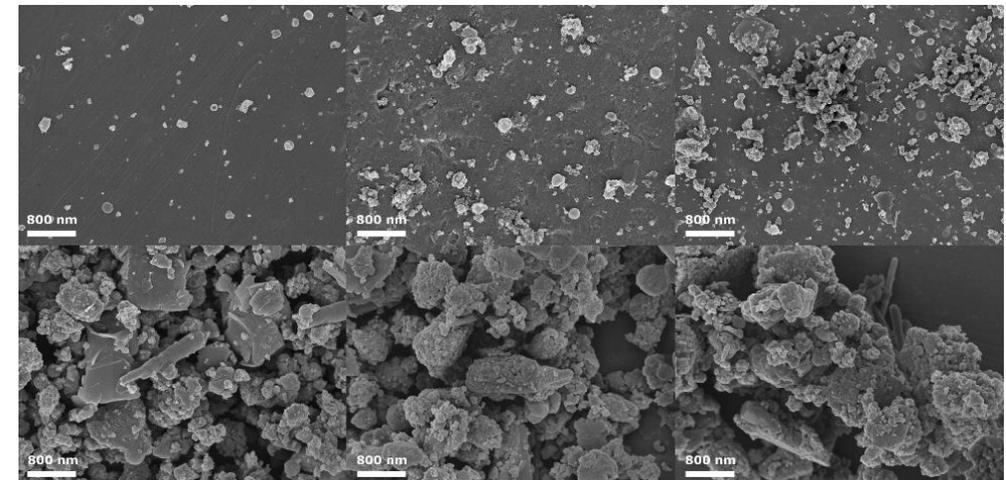
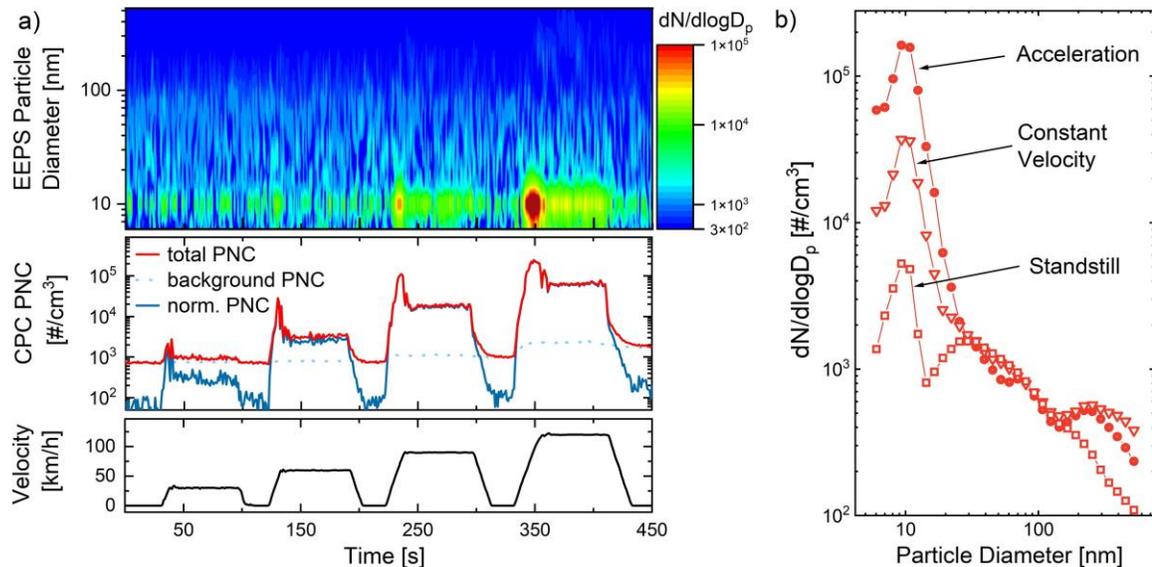
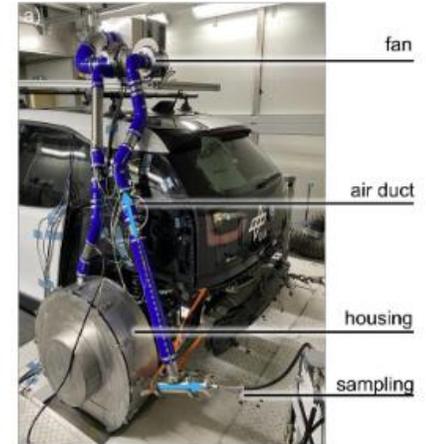


# Characterization of airborne tire particle emissions under realistic conditions on the chassis dynamometer, on the test track, and on the road

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- Normalization by subtraction of the background concentration (CPC)
- A dominating **ultrafine particle mode at 10 nm** and a second emission mode at **270 nm**

- SEM analysis: A variety of particle types, indicating different particle formation processes
- Chemical composition (EDX) is dominated by C, O and Fe, with the latter presumably originating from the drum surface



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## Driving cycles and Emission Factors (EF)

- Four different driving cycles investigated on the chassis dynamometer
- Emission factors (EF) calculated using background correction and the volume flow
- Large variance of the EF from  $1.15 \times 10^9$  #/km for the LA4 to  $2.75 \times 10^9$  #/km for the US06
- A representative driving cycle and real-world driving emissions measurements are crucial

Driving Cycle	Avg. Velocity (km/h)	Avg. Force (N)	UFP concentration at the left rear	EF/EF <sub>WLTC Class 3b</sub>
WLTC Class 3b	46.5	277.7		1.0
Großglockner	40	505.1		0
ZEDU RDE	47.2	316.6		
LA4	31.5	235.9		
US06	77.9	487.1		

Understood!  
No more aggressive driving!



\*particles between 4 nm and 3 μm

# Next steps

- Additional sensors will be added for better understanding on the tyre surface temperature (thermography) and its influence in the UFP emissions
- Optimize Housing Collection System for measurements on the roads
- Integrate low-cost sensors for RDE testing



*RDE: real driving emission*

## Thanks for your attention :)

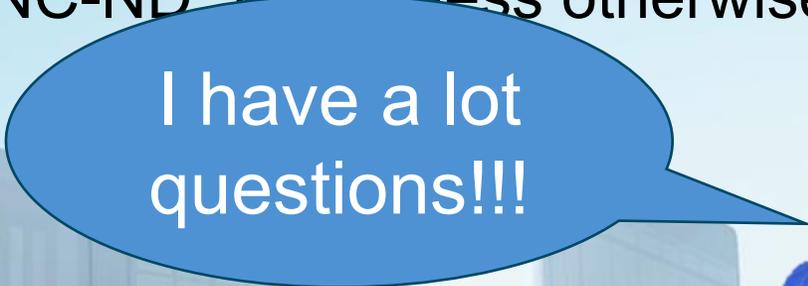
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I have a lot questions!!!

