

# Sources and magnitude of sub-23nm non-volatile exhaust particle number emissions from the H2020 DownToTen Programme

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- “DownToTen” (DTT) project was one of three EU H2020 funded projects developing robust portable exhaust particle sampling system (PEPS) methodologies to extend the regulatory approach for particle number (PN) emissions to the sub-23 nm region. DTT completed at the end of 2019
  - New regulation for “PN<sub>10</sub>” seems highly likely, in the next 2-3 years
- Initial direction of the H2020 projects, was to assess latest generations of direct injection gasoline and diesel engines under real world conditions
  - but the projects evolved to consider all technologies in the Euro 7 “technology neutrality” context
- DTT has developed a sub-23 nm PN sampling and measurement approach, and both lab-based and PEPS prototypes
- This presentation focuses on the assessment of the presence and magnitude of <23nm emissions from a large number of tests performed by various partners within DTT
  - with both lab-based and PEPS systems

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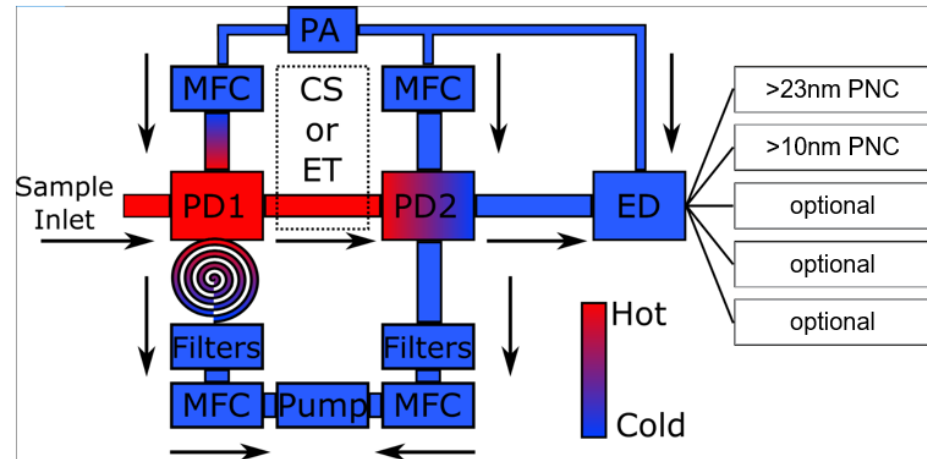
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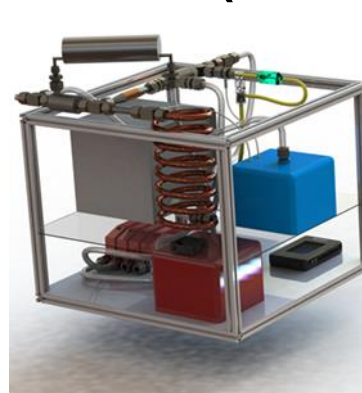
# DTT Measurement Systems

- The DTT lab measurement system consists of two porous tube diluters (PD1, PD2) and a third, optional dilution stage for sampling high particle number concentrations. This additional dilution is supplied by an ejector diluter (ED).
- Between the two PD either an evaporation tube (ET) or catalytic stripper (CS) can be placed. In this work only CS was used
- The DTT PEPS simplifies dilution and is reduced in size, weight and power consumption
- DTT system is optimised for the transmission and counting of <23nm PN, plus volatile removal

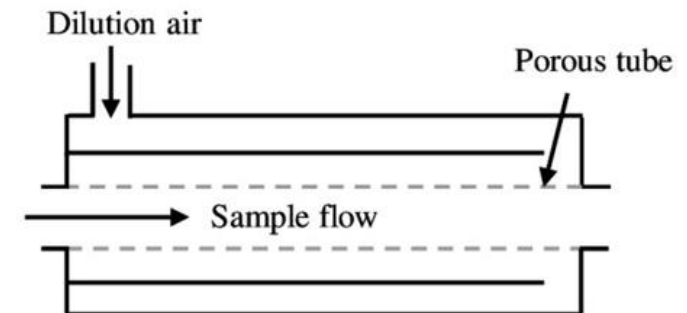
## Schematic



## Portable (PEPS)

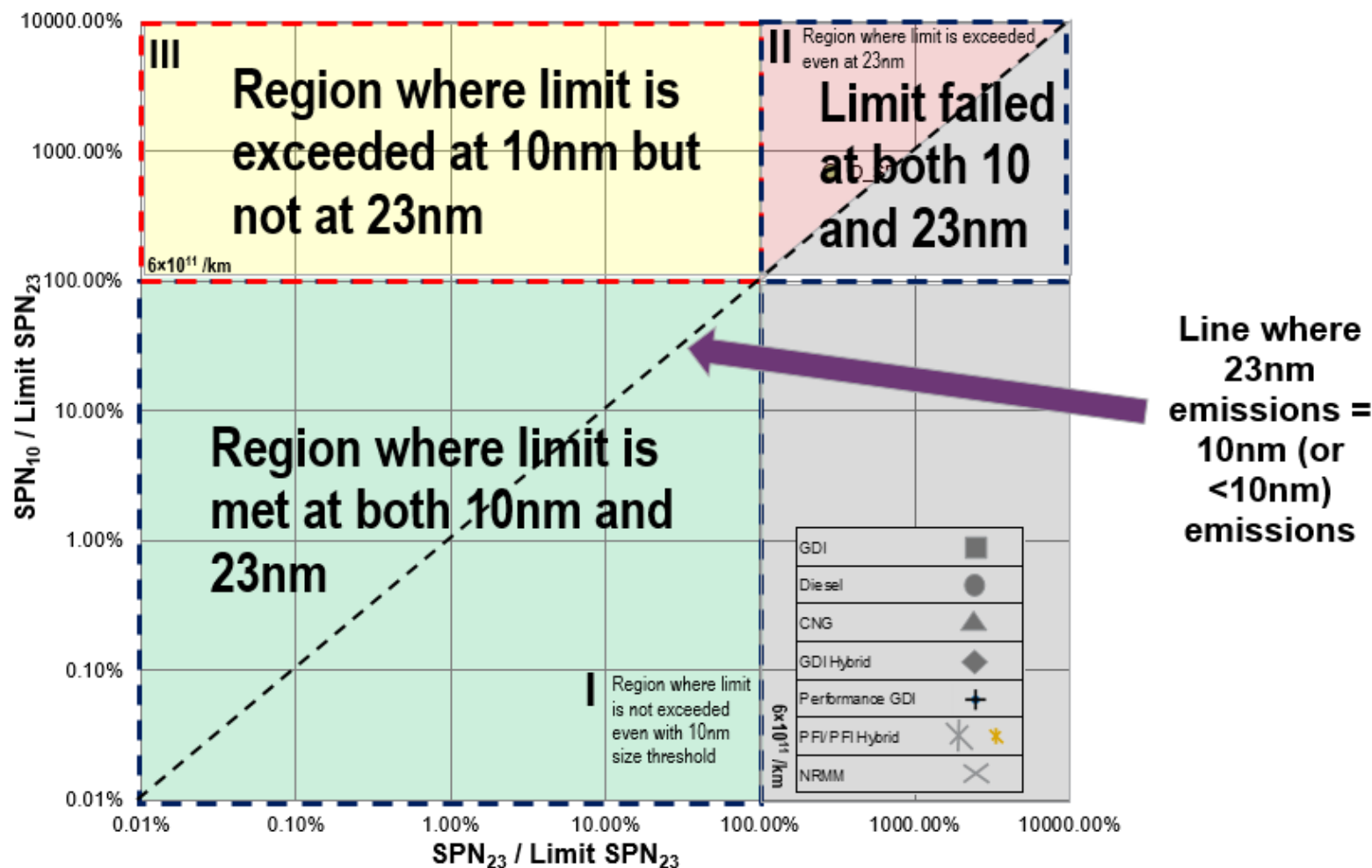


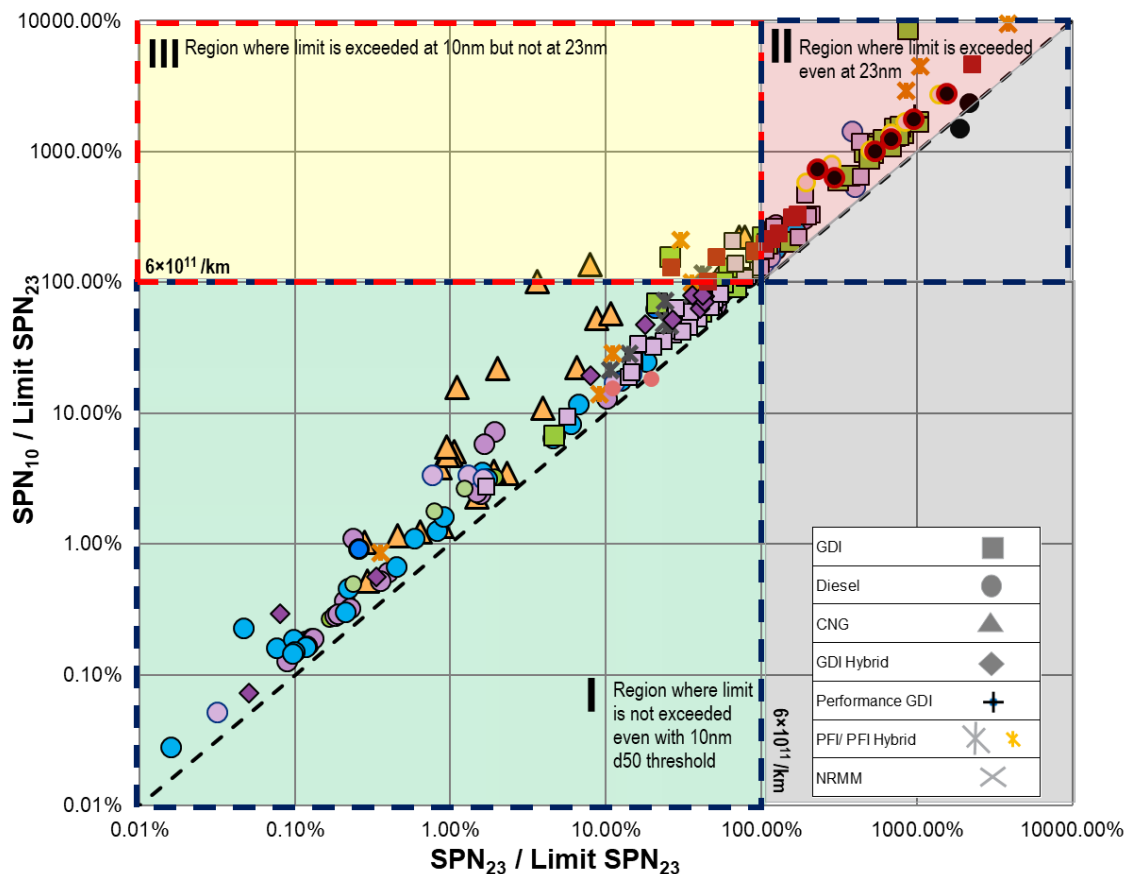
## Porous tube diluter



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- **262** separate results for SPN23 and SPN10 [covering 5+ orders of magnitude]
- Data from Ricardo, LAT, TUG, AVL and JRC
- Most data from lab-based prototype system
- **Results loss-corrected using dual-CPC method (Kittelson)**
- Fewer results in SPN<10 data, but still over **200**
  - 2.5nm, 4nm and 7nm d50 PNCs
- **Data presented as normalized to 6x10<sup>11</sup>#/km (= 100%)**
  - (or relevant HD/NRMM limit)



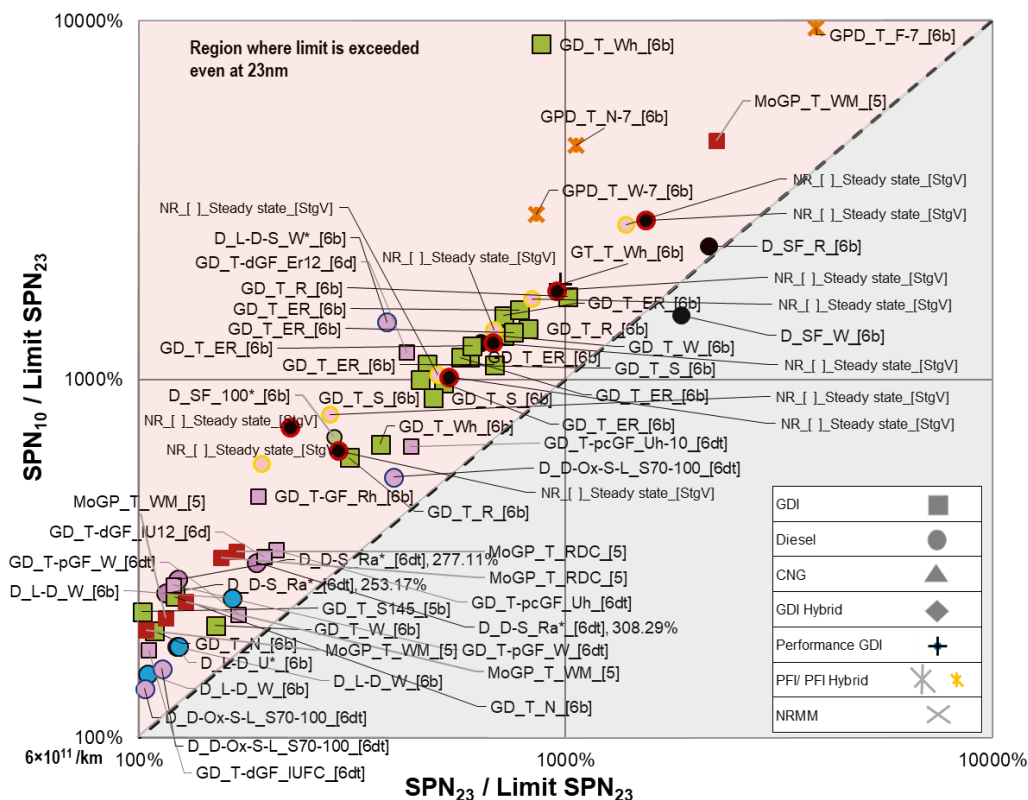
- A wide range of global regulatory cycles have been tested on multiple vehicle and emissions control technologies in DTT

| Key: Test site and technology type  | Key: Aftertreatment  | Key: Emissions drive cycle or test  | Key: Other Factors   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <p>R = Ricardo<br/>A = AVL<br/>L = LAT<br/>J = JRC<br/>T=TUG</p> <p>D = Diesel<br/>DN = Diesel NRMM<br/>HD = Heavy duty diesel<br/>GP = Gasoline port injection<br/>GD = Gasoline direct injection<br/>GDH = Gasoline direct injection hybrid<br/>GPH = Gasoline port injection hybrid<br/>GDP = GDI performance vehicle<br/>MoGP= Moped GP<br/>MGP = Motorcycle GP<br/>CG = CNG (CGV = CNG van)<br/>GT= gasoline twin: direct/port injection</p> | <p>[ ] = No aftertreatment<br/>D = DPF<br/>Ox = DOC<br/>L = LNT<br/>S = SCR<br/>SF = SCRF<br/>T = TWC<br/>dGF = development GPF<br/>GF or pGF = production GPF<br/>GFc = coated GPF<br/>GFu = uncoated GPF<br/>GFhp = high porosity GPF<br/>GFmp = medium porosity GPF<br/>GFfp= low porosity GPF<br/>CuC = clean-up catalyst (for NH<sub>3</sub>)</p> | <p>Drive Cycles:</p> <p>N = NEDC<br/>W = WLTC<br/>J = JC08<br/>U = US06<br/>R = RDE<br/>Ru = RDE urban<br/>WM = WMTC<br/>R47 = R47<br/>RDC = RDC_lang<br/>Acc145 = hard acceleration to 145kph<br/>C = City (non-regulatory)<br/>SY = steady state load (Y= L,M,H)<br/>SZ = steady state speed (Z= kph)<br/>Sλx = steady state lambda x<br/>Er = ERMES<br/>IU = IUFC<br/>TfL = TfL urban interpeak<br/>Ba130 = BAB130</p> | <p>Temperature variants (e.g.):</p> <p>W0 = WLTC @ 0°C<br/>Jh = hot start JC08<br/>Ra = ambient start RDE</p> <p>Emission control regeneration:</p> <p>W* = WLTC featuring active DPF regeneration<br/>100* = DPF regeneration in 100kph cruise<br/>den = DeNOx<br/>des = DeSOx</p> <p>Hybrid state of charge</p> <p>ChSxxx = charge sustaining xxx % SoC<br/>ChDxxx = charge depleting xxx % SoC<br/>ChS = charge sustaining<br/>ChD = charge depleting</p> |

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# Zooming in to the “Exceedance Zone” whole cycles PN23 & PN10 both exceed limits



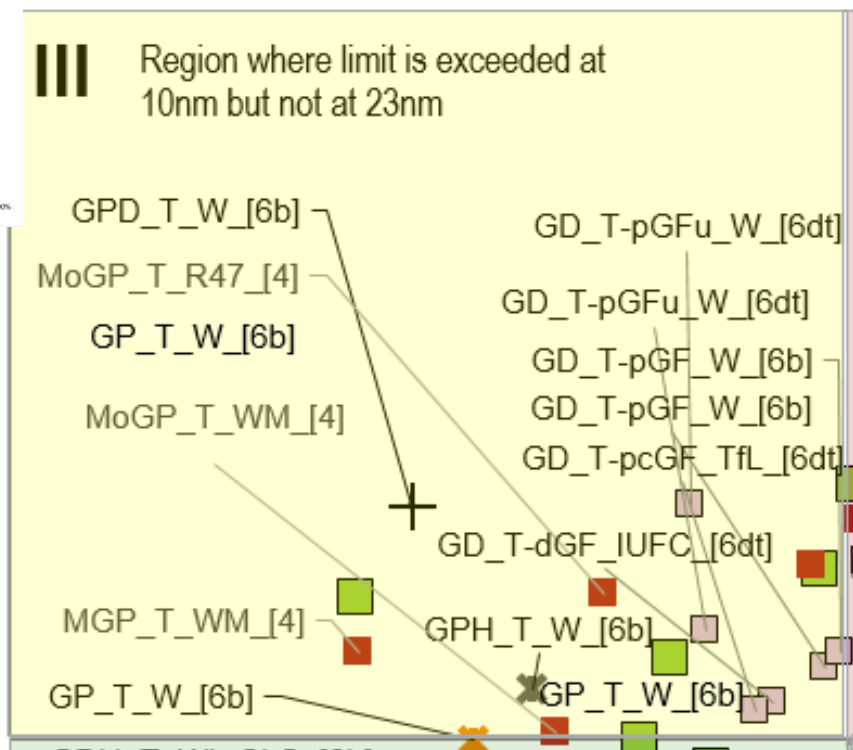
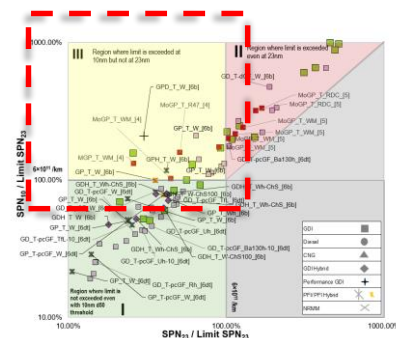
- Non-DPF diesels NRMM, LD etc(!!)
- Mopeds (oil, soot, poor combustion, no PN regulation)
- High performance PFIs (no PN regulation)
- Euro 6b GDI ( $6 \times 10^{12}$  target; high off-cycle emissions)
- Euro 5 PFI motorcycles (no PN regulation)
- Up to 6dt Diesels with DPFs (during regens or straight after)
- A few GDI vehicles of 6dT specification with development and production GPFs (non-regulatory “severe driving” tests)

**Reducing  
PN towards  
compliance**

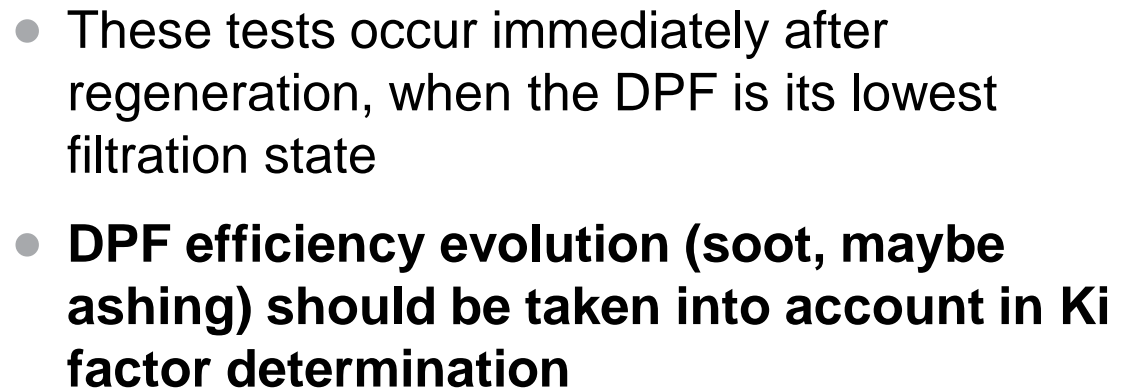
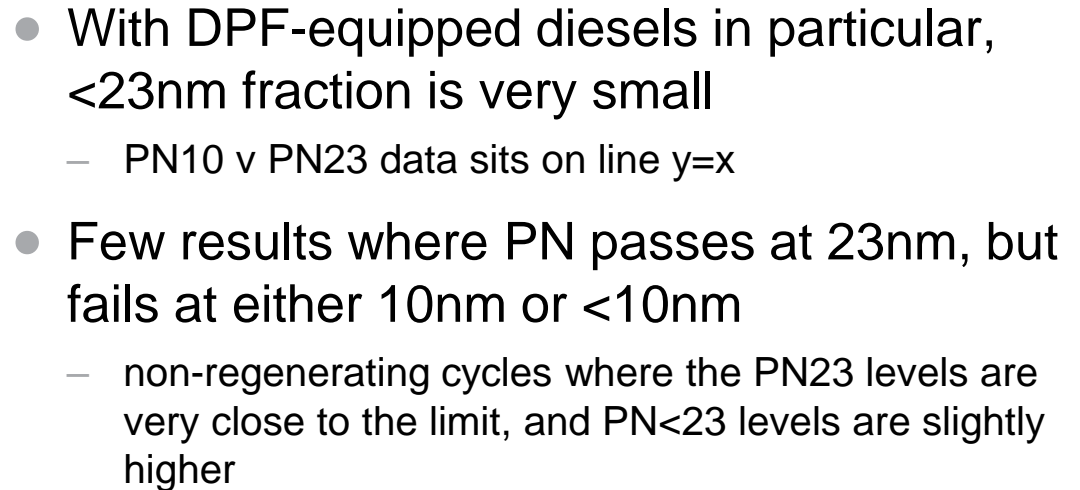
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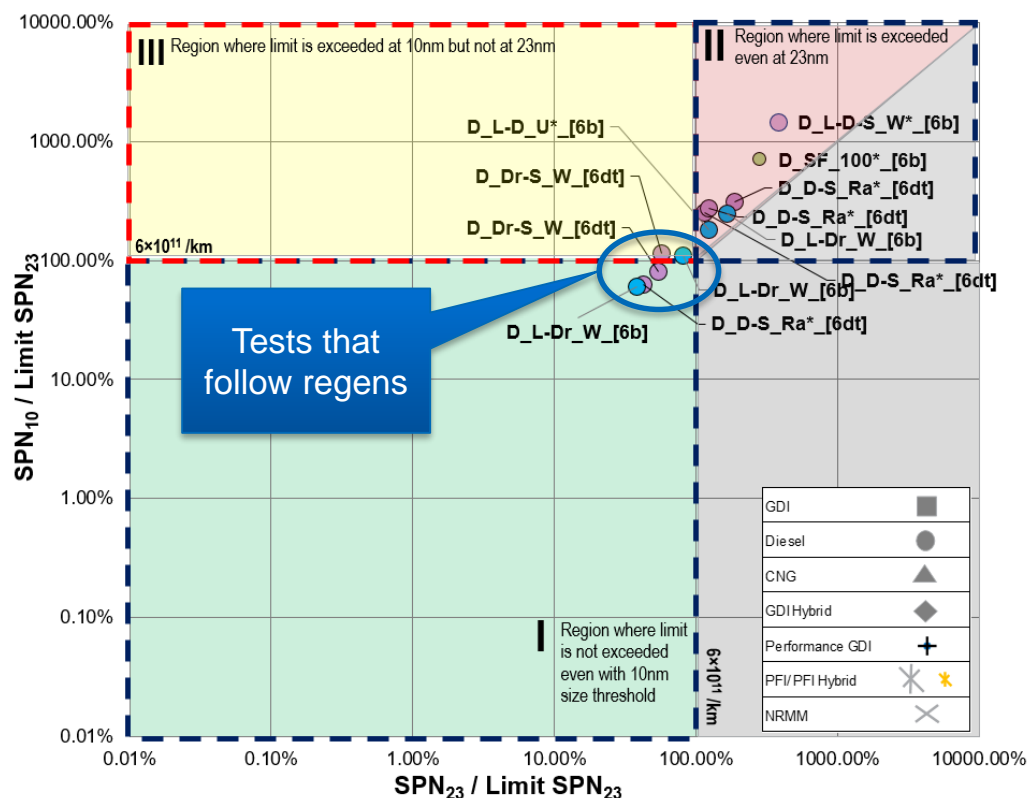
# All gasoline technologies, PN<sub>10</sub>



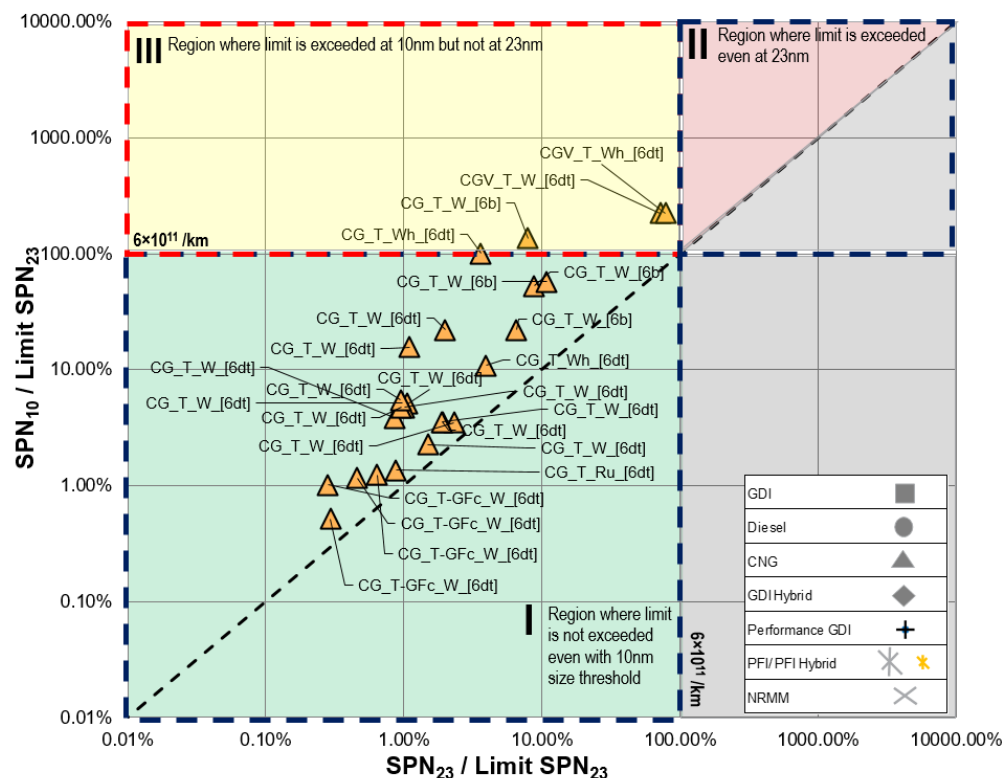
- PN<sub>23</sub> limit passed, but PN<sub>10</sub> failed
  - Mopeds and motorcycles (no PN regulation); some PFI
  - Some 6b GDI on standard cycles, even with GPF
  - Some 6dt GDI on non-standard cycles (TfL, IUFC etc)
- Most GPF-equipped vehicles have 'young' GPFs – ash accumulation minimal
- **Optimisation of GPF for higher efficiency, "future RDE", operation is required, even at 6dt**
- GDI hybrids **borderline** without GPF, or fail at PN<sub>23</sub> as well as PN<sub>10</sub>



# PN emissions from diesel tests including, and immediately following, a DPF regeneration

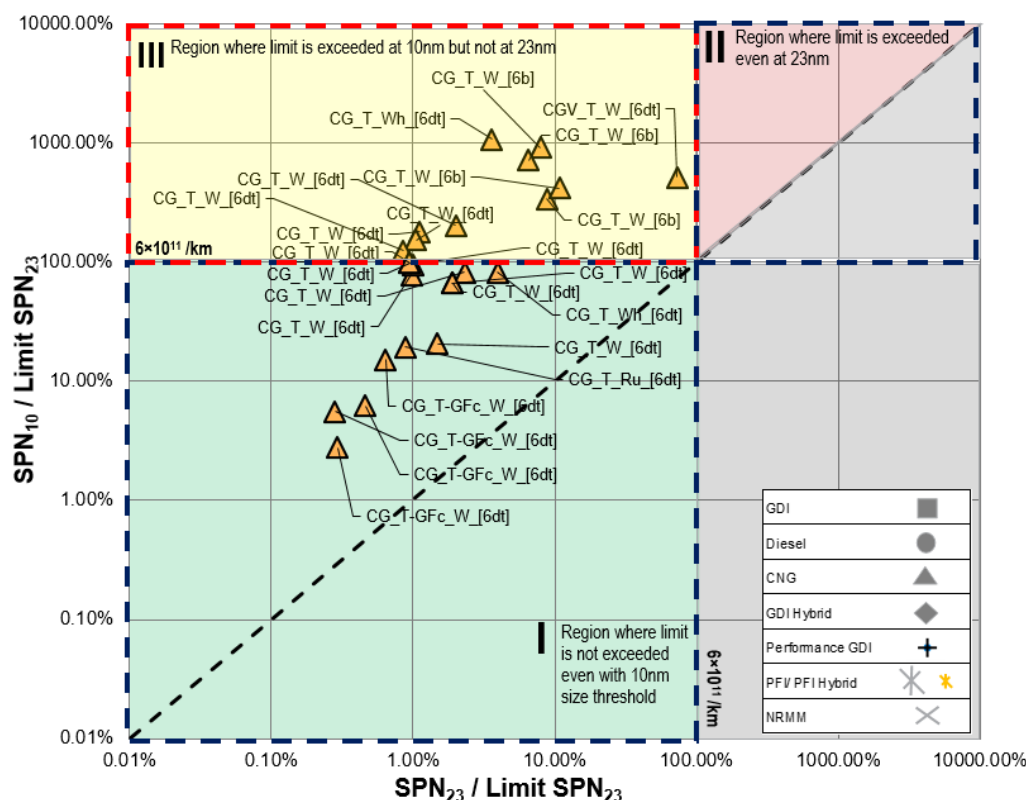


- Diesel tests that include, or immediately follow, active regenerations have elevated PN levels, and these may exceed 6x10<sup>11</sup> #/km
- There is no extra impact on <23nm PN than observed in the >23nm regime



- Only 2 vehicles tested: more required
- PN<sub>23</sub> limit passed, but PN<sub>10</sub> failed
  - A few WLTC tests, both van and passenger car close to the limit for both PN23 and PN10, and some close to the PN10 limit but 10x below with PN23
- Many tests compliant with PN10 without GPF, including Euro 6b.
  - If oil is the main source of <23nm PN then good oil control could make PN10 compliance possible without particle filter
- Fitting “GaPF” not essential to ensure compliance with 6x10<sup>11</sup>#/km at PN10?





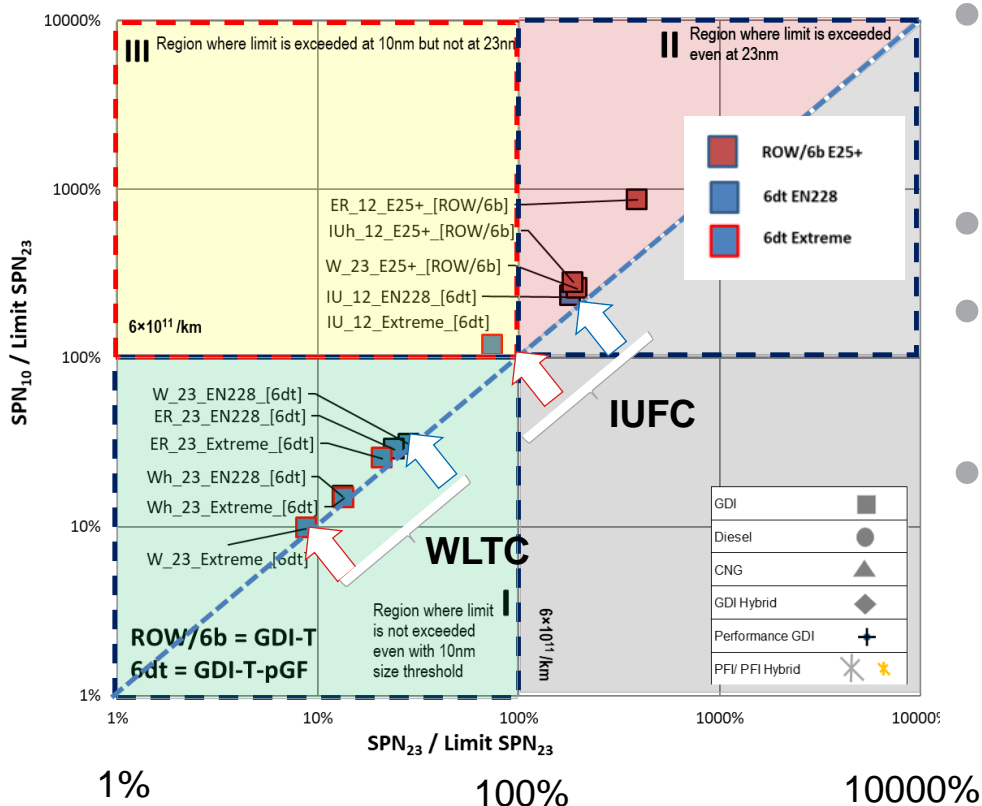
- **Key future research area**
- $PN_{23}$  limit passed, but  $PN_{<10}$  failed
  - Many more results that are compliant with limit at  $PN_{23}$  fail with  $<10nm$  boundary
- Less likely that ‘engine measures’ would enable  $PN$  to pass at  $<10nm$
- **Retrofitting “GaPF” essential to ensure compliance with  $6 \times 10^{11} \#/km$  at  $PN_{<10}$ ?**
  - Regulatory conundrum if  $PN$  method can’t go below  $10nm$  (calibration challenges etc)?
  - Ashing considerations, as with gasoline

# GDI vehicles E27, EN228, Extreme; PN10

**E27** = 27% Ethanol

**EN228** = Pump E10

**Extreme** = high density, low volatility, high and heavy aromatics

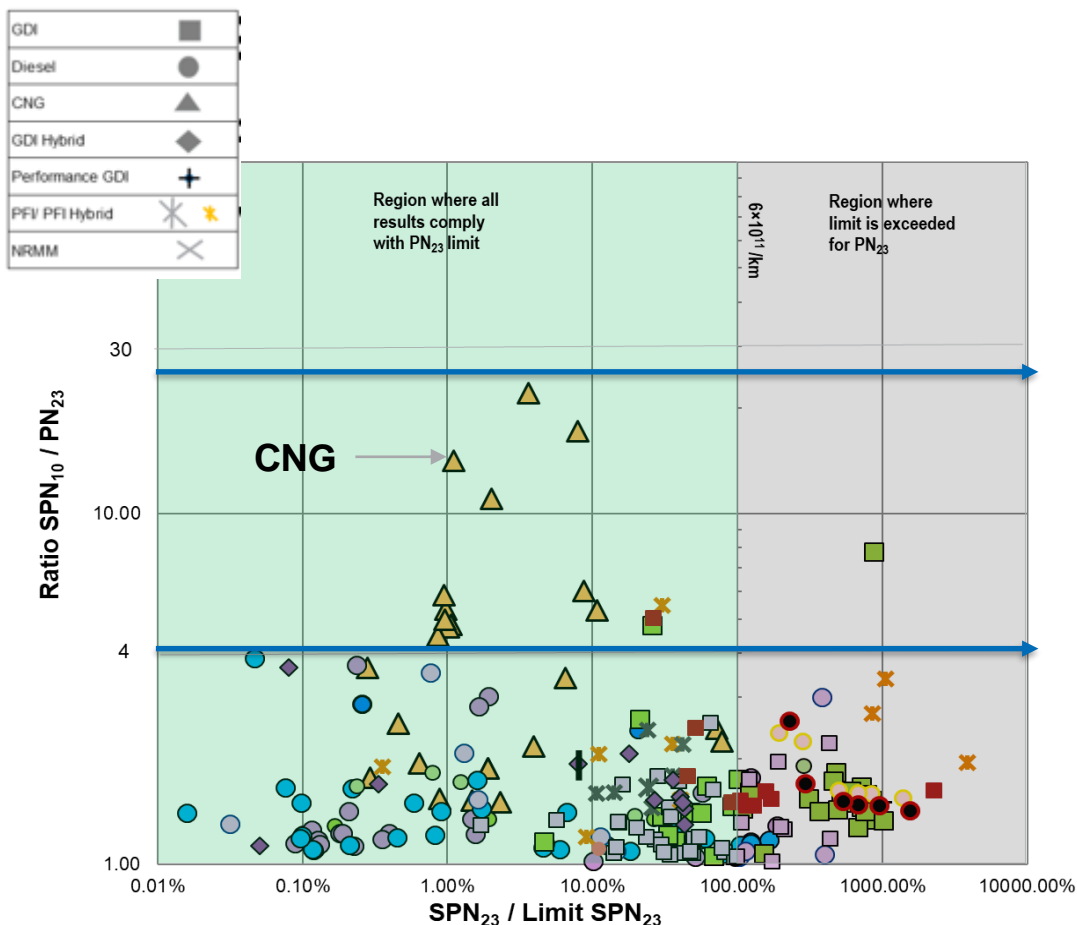


- Two near identical (hardware) test vehicles from the same family (GPF Euro 6dt & ROW/6b)
- WLTC (c/h); IUFC (urban), ERMES (highway)
- PN highest from E27 non-GPF ROW/6b
  - (high EtOH is not alternative to GPF)
- High sooting “extreme fuel” has lower post-GPF PN than EN228 on like-for-like basis
  - Higher soot production assists in GPF filtration efficiency?
  - Counter to current belief that these fuels lead to higher tailpipe PN, even with GPF

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# What proportion of the PN10 is between 10nm and 23nm?

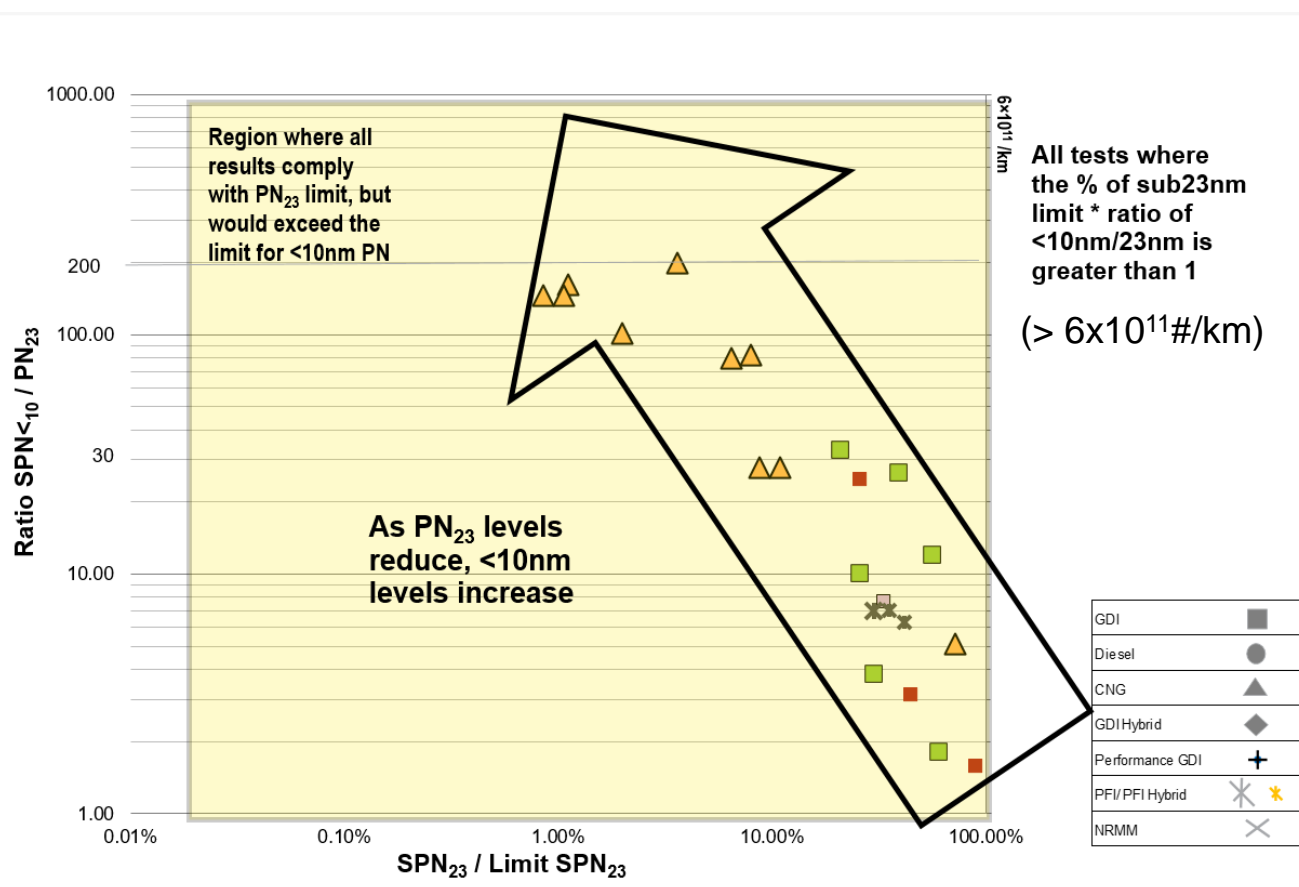


- With the exception of CNG, **PN10 levels are generally less than 4x PN23 levels (<80% of total between 10nm and 23nm)**
- CNG PN10 levels may be **close to 30x PN23 levels (<97%)**
- DPF-Diesels show very low levels of <23nm PN except for short periods during active regenerations

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# Soot suppresses the nanoparticle mode...



- With the exception of CNG, and across all technologies tested,  $PN_{<10}$  levels are generally less than 30 x  $PN_{23}$  levels ( $<97\%$  sub-23nm)
- CNG  $PN_{2.5}$  levels may be close to 200 x  $PN_{23}$  levels ( $\sim 99.5\%$  sub 23nm)
- The lower the soot ( $>23nm$  PN & applications without GPF) the higher the  $<23nm$  emissions
  - Data only from tests where  $<23nm$  emissions would exceed  $6 \times 10^{11} \# / km$

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## PN10 regulation necessary?

- **HIGHLY PROBABLE**, for gasoline; **POSSIBLY**, for diesel
  - 6dt GDI may exceed the limit, even at 23nm. **GPF development required for off-cycle**
  - EO GDI PN10 generally  $< 5 \times 10^{12} \#/\text{km}$ . 88% efficiency GPF is required to match the limit value, and 94% efficiency is required to give a 50% safety margin. **PN10 will mandate more efficient filters**
  - Diesel (with DPF) PN very low &  $< 23\text{nm}$  fractions small, except in regenerations. **PN10 regulation may require “partial” regeneration strategies for lower PN**

## PN<10 regulation necessary?

- **Potentially YES**, for CNG (and other gas?)
  - CNG vehicles emit up to  $6 \times 10^{12}$  particles/km  $> 2.5\text{nm}$  but **even non-optimised particle filters can be very effective**
  - How to mandate the use of these filters?
  - **PN<10 compliance for CNG would require  $10^{10}$  limit for the PN10 range!!**



# Any questions?



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