

Does the trimodal size distribution adequately describe aerosols from modern engines?

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Origin of using trimodal lognormal distribution to describe engine aerosols

Early submicron roadside measurements showed bimodal distribution

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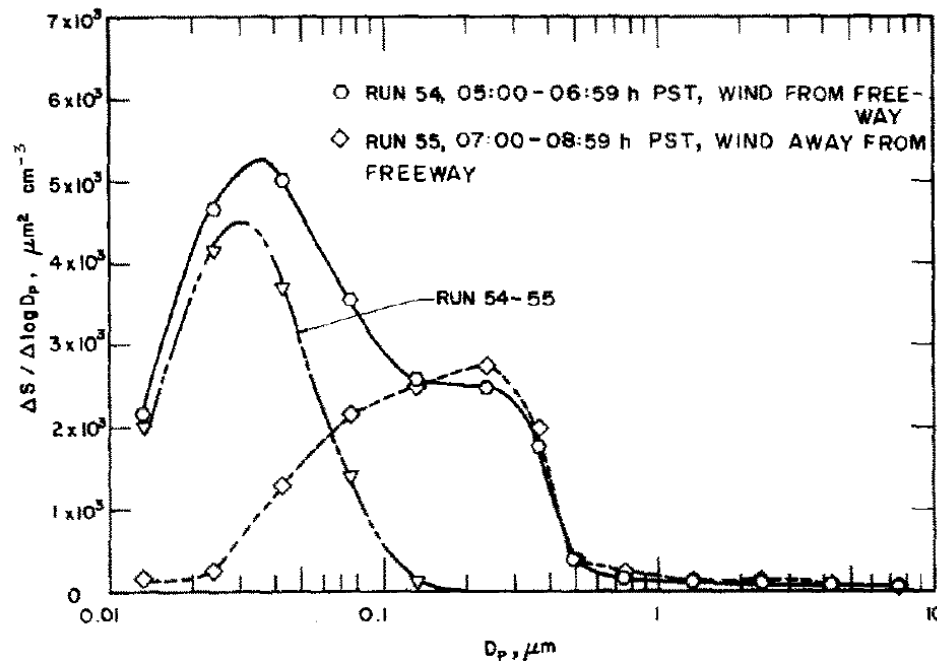
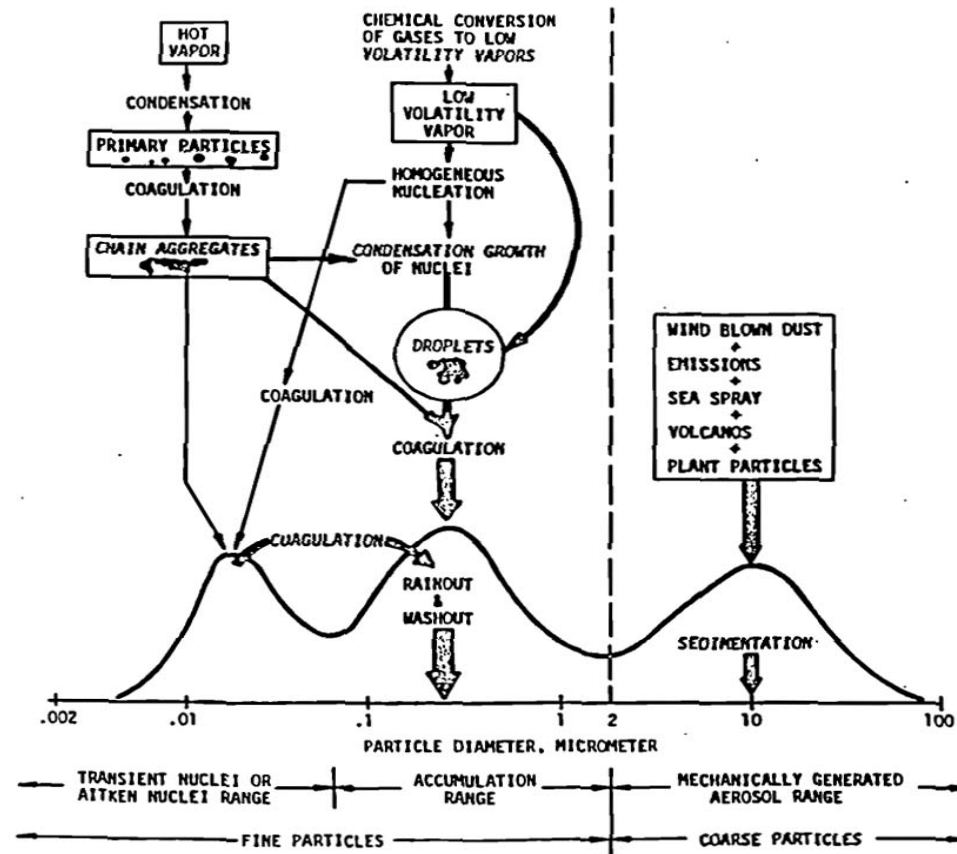


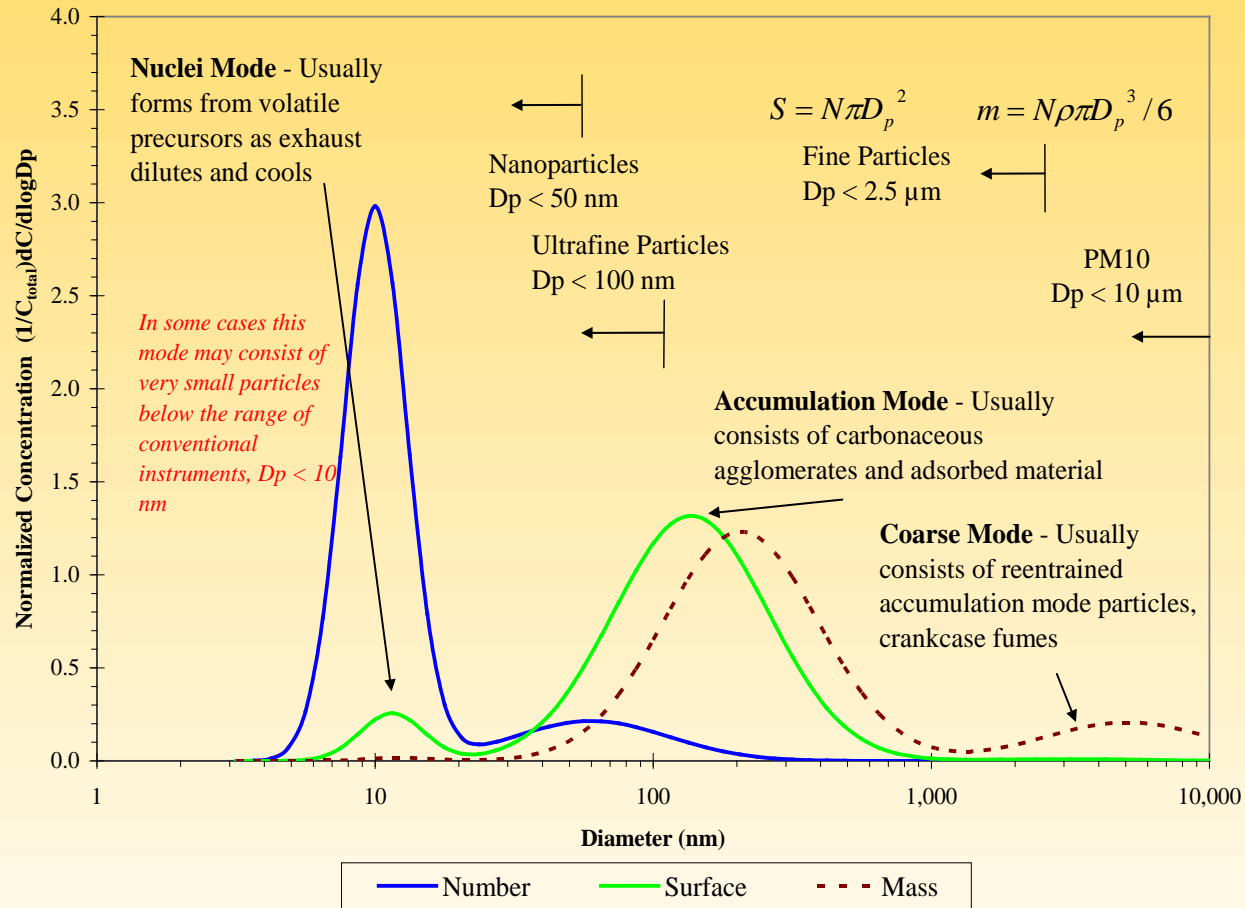
Fig. 7. Plot of the surface size distributions, $\Delta S / \Delta \log D_p$ for Run 54 when the wind was from the freeway, Run 55 when the wind was blowing toward the freeway, and the difference distribution, Run 54 minus Run 55 for D_p less than 0.15 μm .

Atmospheric aerosols exhibit trimodal size distribution *linked to formation processes*

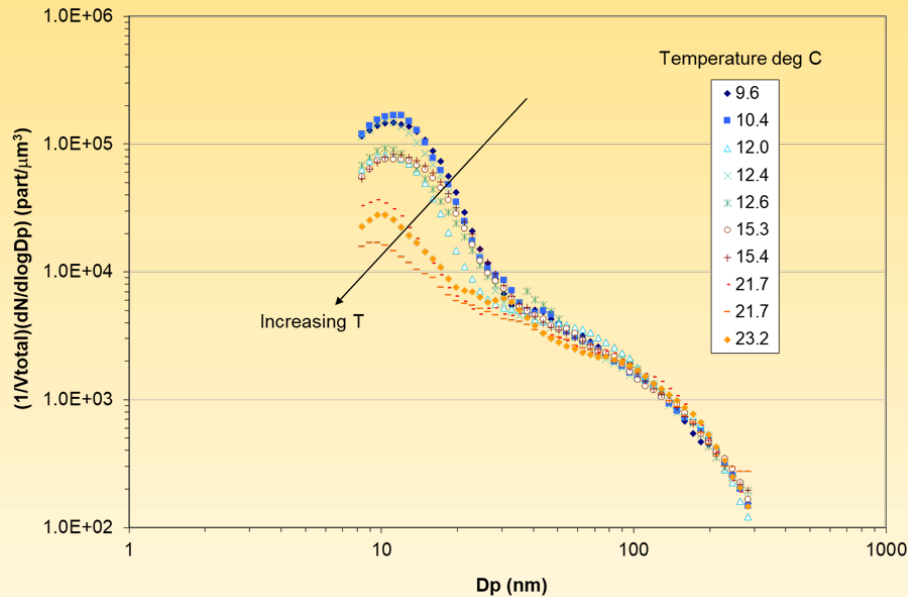
Sources, Buildup and Removal Processes of Atmospheric Aerosol
(Whitby and Cantrell, 1976)



Diesel exhaust size distributions also typically trimodal, *modes linked to formation processes*

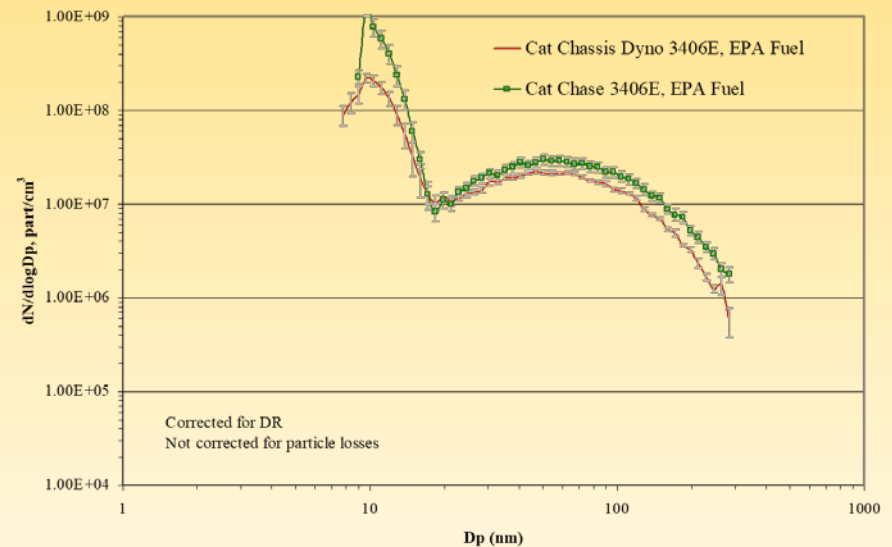


Many on-road measurements show clear modal structure



Kittelson, D. B., W. F. Watts, J. P. Johnson, M. L. Remerowki, E. E. Ische, G. Oberdörster, R. M. Gelein, A. C. Elder, and P. K. Hopke, 2004. "On-Road Exposure to Highway Aerosols: 1. Aerosol and Gas Measurements," *Inhalation Toxicology*, 16(suppl. 1):31–39

Composite Graphs: Cat CD, 3406E, EPA, BG1 Vs. Chase



Kittelson, D. B., W. F. Watts, and J. P. Johnson 2006. "On-road and Laboratory Evaluation of Combustion Aerosols Part 1: Summary of Diesel Engine Results," *Journal of Aerosol Science* 37 (2006) 913–930.

Interpreting modal structure

- Each mode suggests a distinct formation mechanism
 - Nucleation mode
 - Nucleation of semi-volatile during exhaust dilution and cooling
 - Ash nucleation during expansion stroke
 - Nascent soot
 - All of these are suppressed by existing particles in accumulation mode
 - Accumulation or soot mode
 - Formed on burning fuel jet early in engine cycle
 - Fractal like structure
 - May be masked by semi-volatile material (nucleation mode) in low soot engines/fuel
 - Coarse mode – not considered here

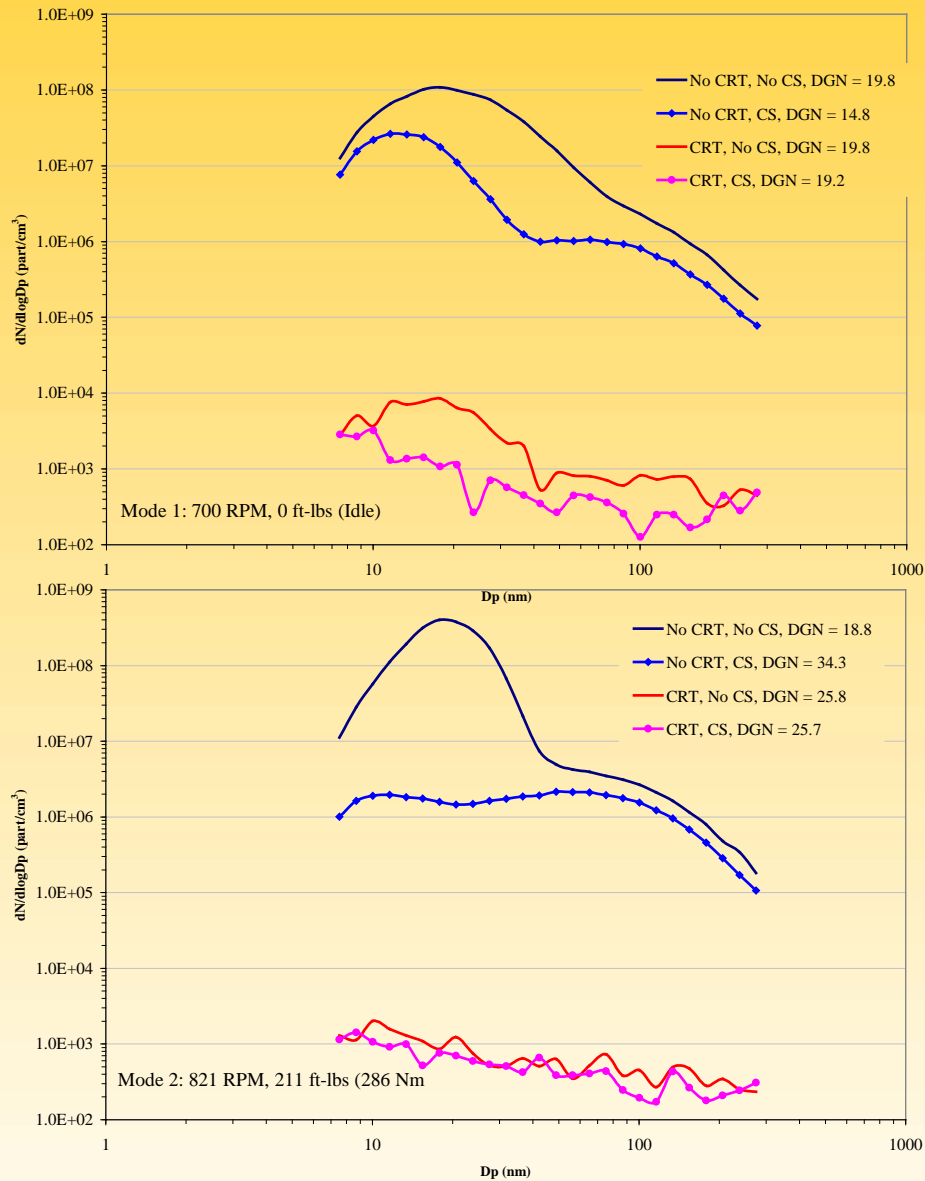
Masking modal structure

- Multi-source ambient aerosols may lead mixtures with many modes
- Average size distributions in transient cycle with modes moving around
- Removal or partial removal of semi-volatile material during sampling
- Low soot engines may produce mainly nucleation mode
- High soot engines may produce mainly accumulation mode

Example: Diesel exhaust size distributions with and without catalyzed exhaust filter

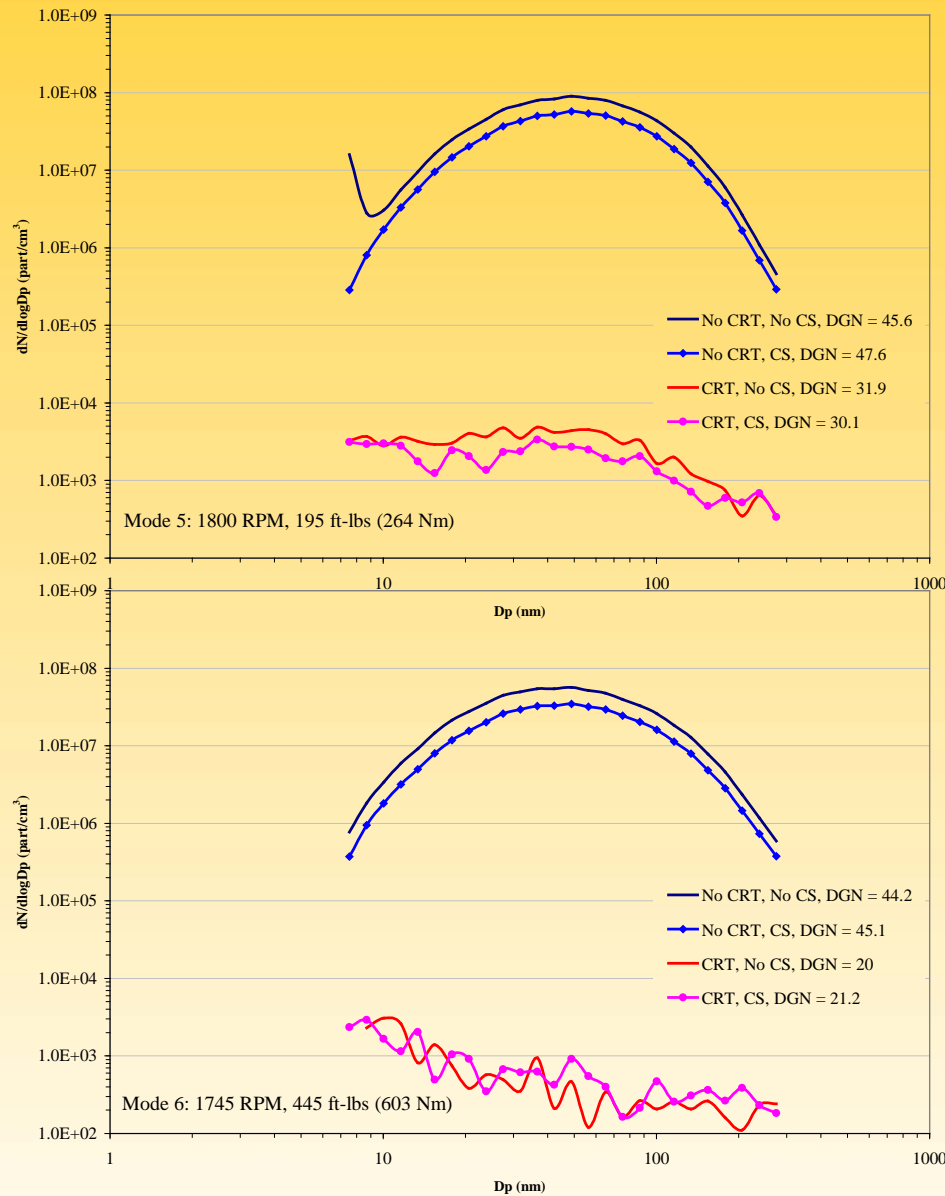
- Test were run using AVL steady state test modes designed to simulate the U.S. heavy-duty transient test – 6 of the 8 AVL modes were run – ***operating modes, not size modes***
 - Mode 1: 700 RPM, 0 ft-lbf (Idle)
 - Mode 2: 821 RPM, 211 ft-lbf (286 Nm)
 - Mode 5: 1800 RPM, 195 ft-lbf (264 Nm)
 - Mode 6: 1745 RPM, 445 ft-lbf (603 Nm)
 - Mode 7: 1745 RPM, 767 ft-lbf (1040 Nm)
 - Mode 8: 1800 RPM, 1024 ft-lbf (1388 Nm)
- SMPS measurements were made with a catalytic stripper that allows solid volatiles to be differentiated

Lab studies with and without filtration



- Mode 1 and 2 are cases that show a nucleation mode without filtration but none with
- Mode 1 shows a clear nucleation mode even after volatile materials are removed by the CS. This suggests that it consists of nonvolatile materials – lube oil ash, very heavy HCs??
- Mode 2 also shows a small nonvolatile nucleation mode

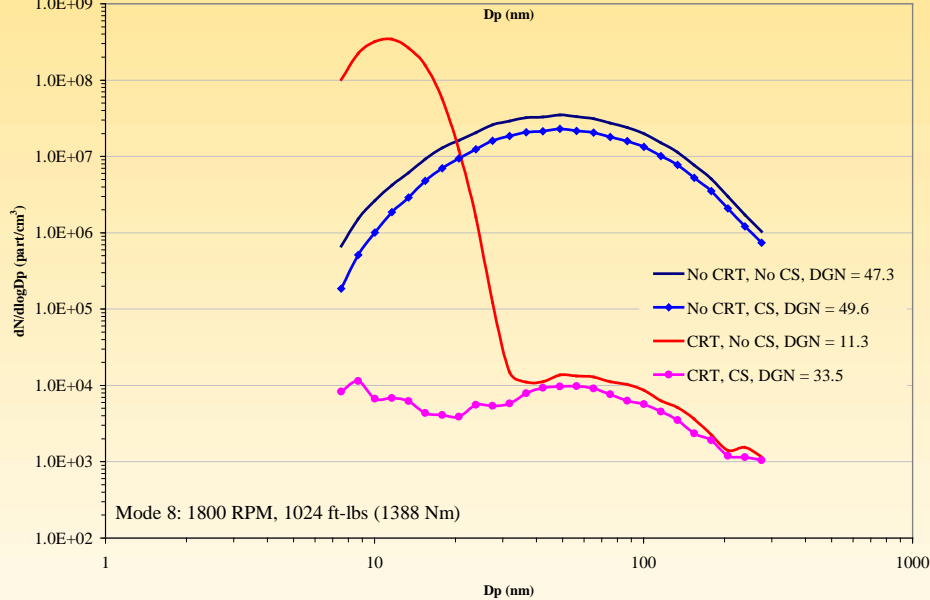
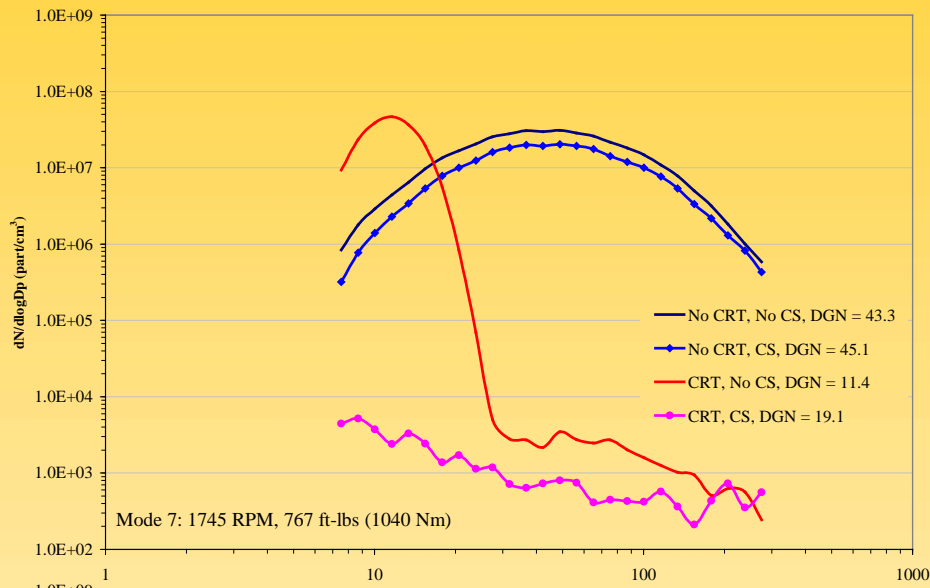
Lab studies with and without filtration



- Modes 5 and 6 give essentially unimodal distributions without filtration – large accumulation mode suppressed nucleation
- With filtration the concentrations are 3 to 5 orders of magnitude lower and near the noise floor of the measurement

Lab studies with and without filtration

- Modes 7 and 8 give unimodal distributions without filtration
- Both of these modes form a nucleation mode downstream of the catalyzed exhaust filtration system with concentrations 1 to 2 orders of magnitude higher than without
- In the accumulation mode range the exhaust filtration system reduces concentrations by 3 to 5 orders of magnitude
- It appears that most of the material in the nucleation mode is sulfate



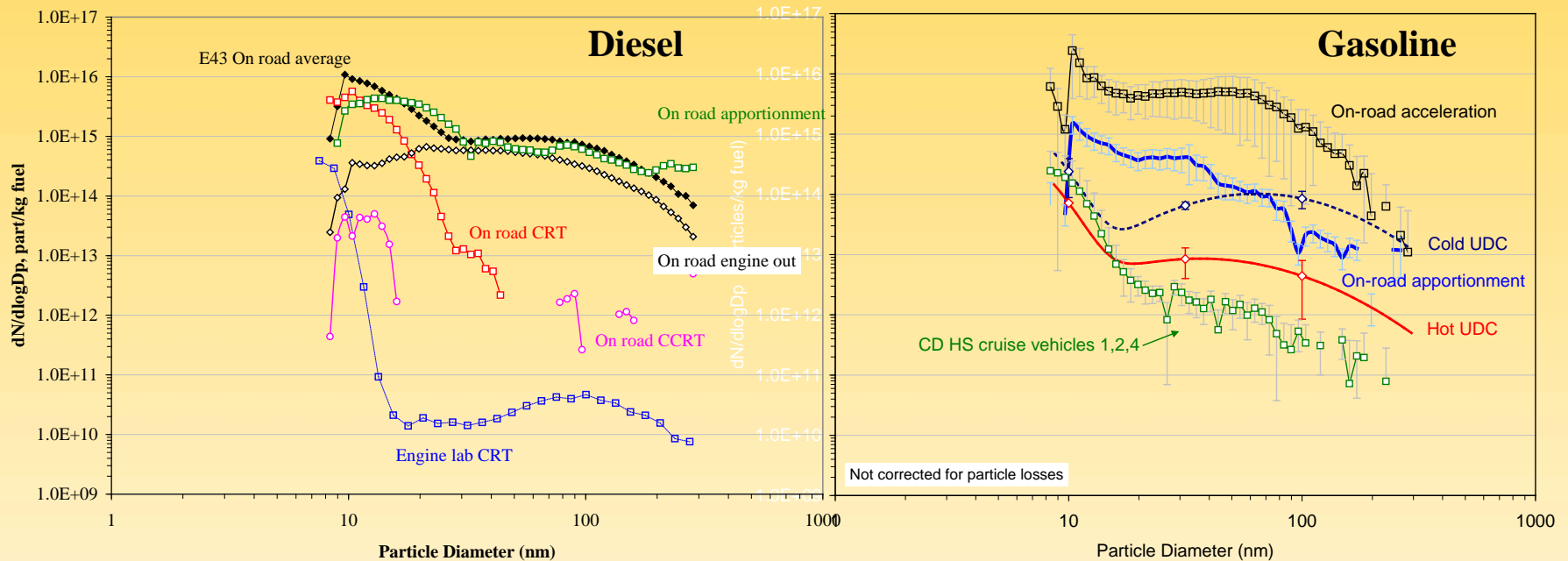
Are spark ignition engines different from diesel?

Port fuel injected SI engine - influence of additives – size modes?



Figure 3. Representative Baseline Size Distributions for the OX13391 and OX13003 Additives [2500 RPM, 90 kPa]

On-road and lab experiments – Diesel and PFI gasoline size distributions



- During highway cruise PFI emissions are significantly lower than Diesel
- PFI emissions are much more load dependent than Diesel
- Modal structure less obvious with PFI

Particles from PFI engines highest for cold start, hard acceleration, fuel rich

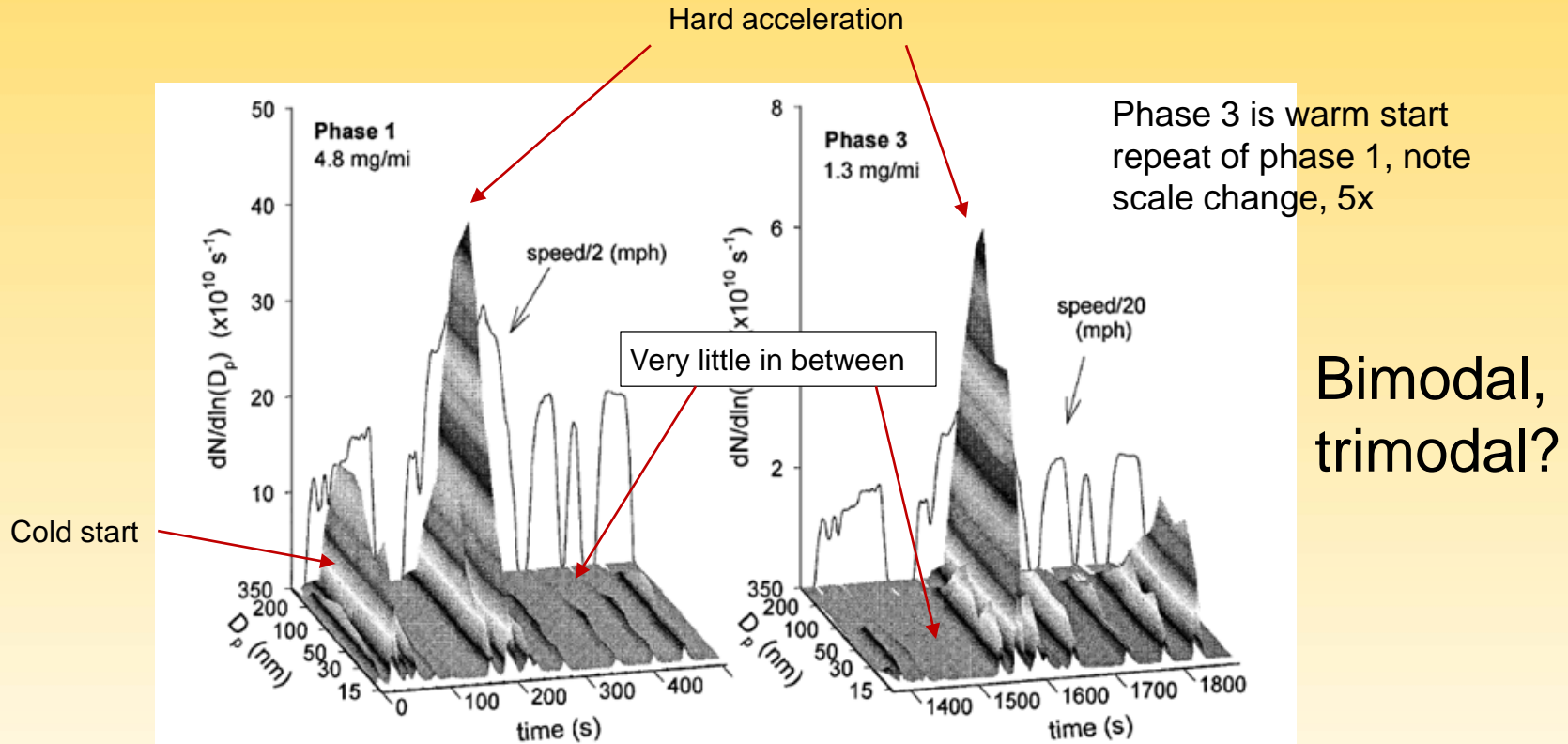


FIGURE 3. Comparison of size-resolved particle emissions from a gasoline light-duty truck (T5) during the cold start (phase 1) versus the hot start (phase 3) of the FTP. Note the change in vertical scale from phase 1 to phase 3. Vehicle speed is shown by the traces along the rear walls of the plots.

Bimodal,
trimodal?

GDI car, PN sensitive to fuel composition, diesel like size distributions, clear modes

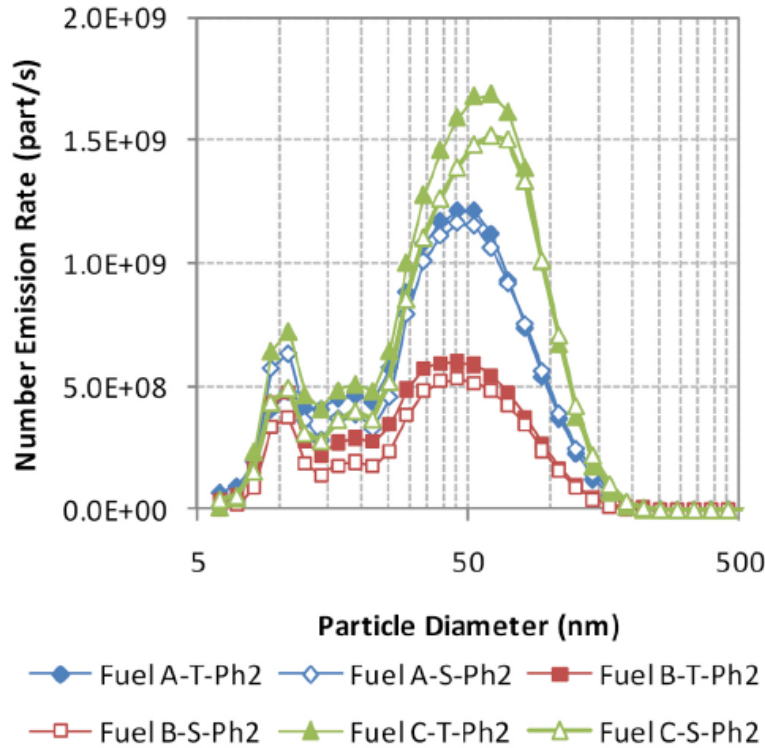


Figure 13. Phase 2 Total and Solid Particle Number-Weighted Size Distribution for Fuels A, B, and C

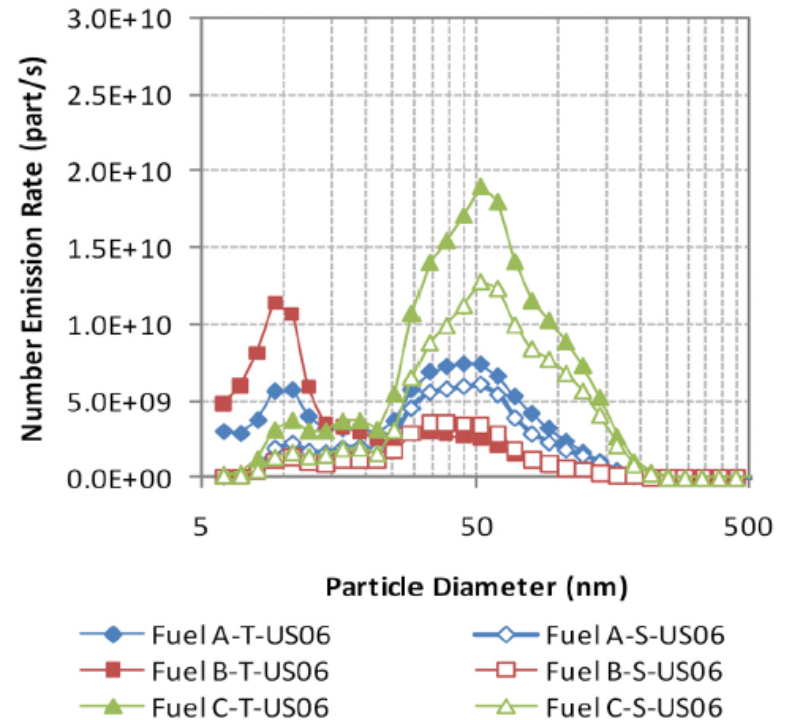


Figure 15. US06 Total and Solid Particle Number-Weighted Size Distribution for Fuels A, B, and C

Highest numbers from GDI also cold start, high load but doesn't drop off as much, *modes unclear*

Cold start and run

Warm start

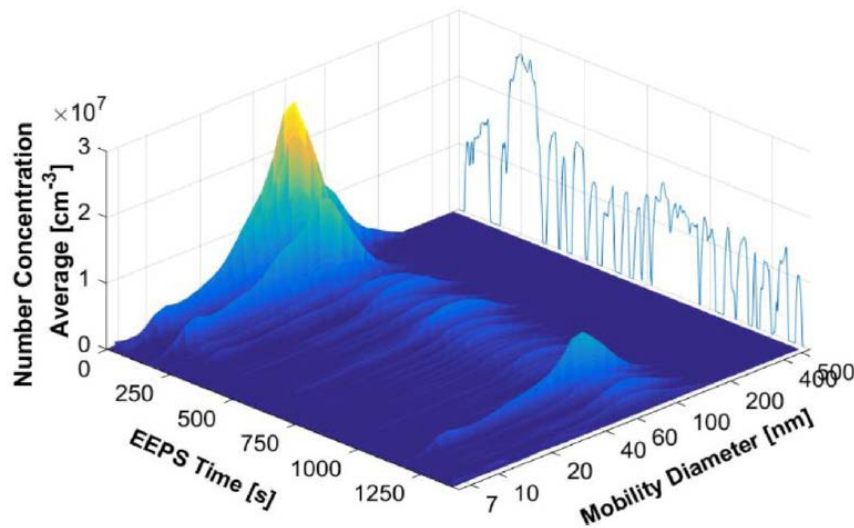


Figure 2. The PSD for phases 1 and 2 of the FTP cycle. The drive trace is included for visual reference.

Scale change 5x

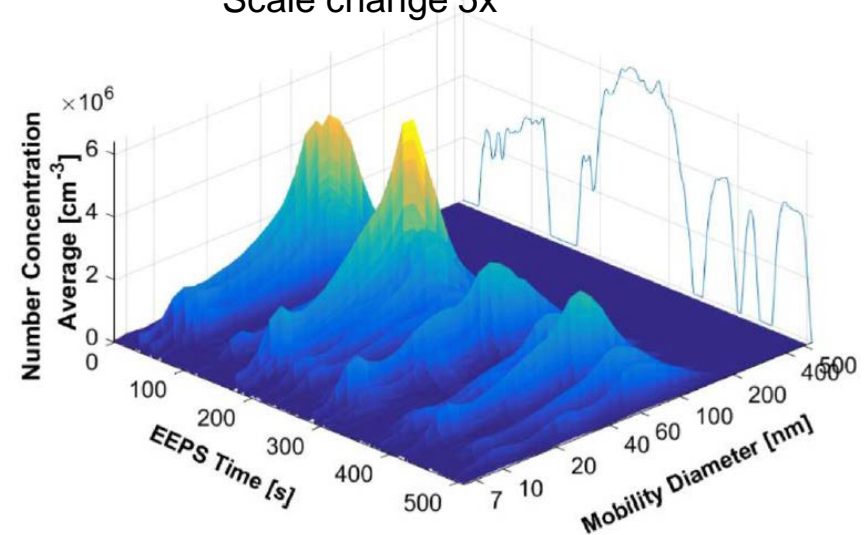


Figure 3. The PSD for phase 3 of the FTP cycle. The drive trace is included for visual reference.

Recent U of M work: Particle emissions from *lean* and stoichiometric burn GDI

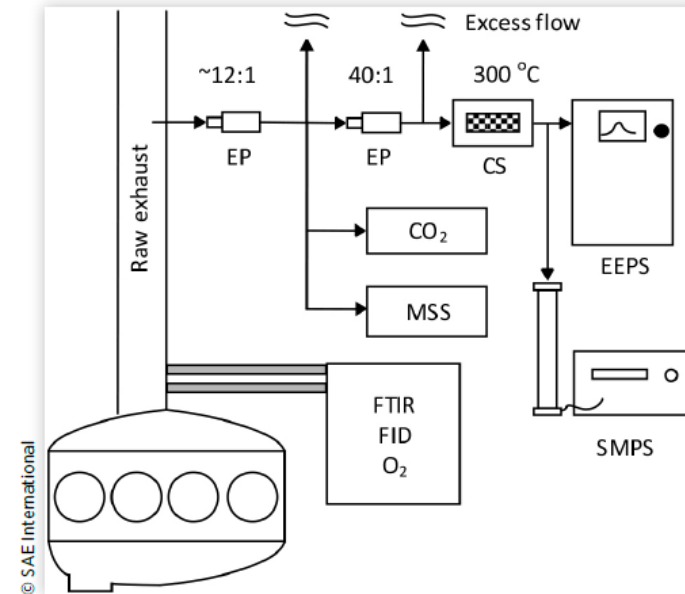
BMW N43B20, four-cylinder, 2.0 L, naturally aspirated engine

TABLE 1 Engine specifications

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Model Number | N43B20 |
| Displacement (cc) | 1995 |
| Bore x Stroke (mm) | 84 x 90 |
| Compression Ratio | 12:1 |
| Rated Power (kW) | 125 @ 6700 rpm |
| Rated Torque (Nm) | 210 @ 4250 |
| Induction | Naturally Aspirated |
| Injection | Central Spray Guided Piezo Injectors |
| Max Rail Pressure (bar) | 200 |

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FIGURE 1 Engine and instrumentation schematic showing dilution system and instruments used in the experimental study.



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All measurements made with catalytic stripper to eliminate semi-volatile modes

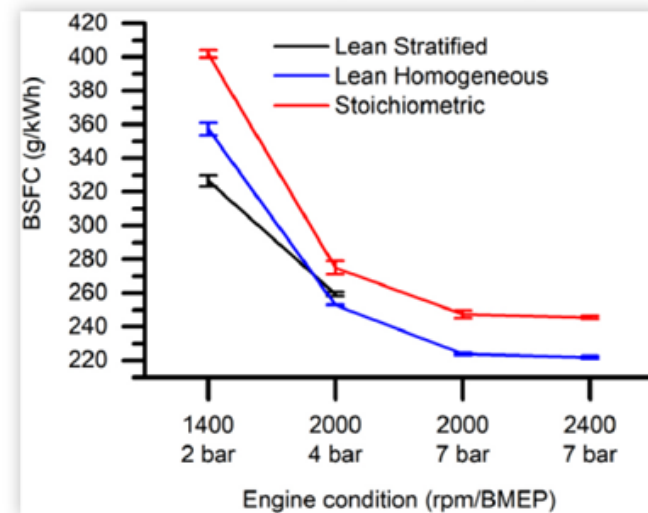
Significant fuel savings associated with lean operation

TABLE 2 Engine conditions including operating mode and equivalence ratio. S = stoichiometric, LH = lean homogeneous, and LS = lean stratified.

| Condition | Speed (rpm) | BMEP (bar) | Mode | ϕ |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------|-----------|
| SS 1 | 1400 | 2 | S | 1.0 |
| | 1400 | 2 | LH | 0.67 |
| | 1400 | 2 | LS | 0.5 |
| SS 2 | 2000 | 4 | S | 1.0 |
| | 2000 | 4 | LH | 0.65 |
| | 2000 | 4 | LS | 0.65 |
| SS 3 | 2000 | 7 | S | 1.0 |
| | 2000 | 7 | LH | 0.69 |
| SS 4 | 2400 | 7 | S | 1.0 |
| | 2400 | 7 | LH | 0.73 |
| Load steps | 2000 | 2-7 | S | 1.0 |
| | 2000 | 2-7 | LH | 0.73-0.67 |
| Engine start | 1000 | 0 | S | 1.0 |

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FIGURE 2 Average BSFC for the 10 steady state engine conditions. Error bars represent one standard deviation.



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Lean stratified shows much higher emissions than other modes

Lean stratified soot mass emissions approach US HD diesel standard

Shown here are PN>10nm, PN>23nm about half, but PN>23 still at or above 6×10^{11} EU HD diesel limit

FIGURE 4 Average brake specific soot emissions as measured by MSS for the 10 steady state engine conditions. Error bars represent one standard deviation.

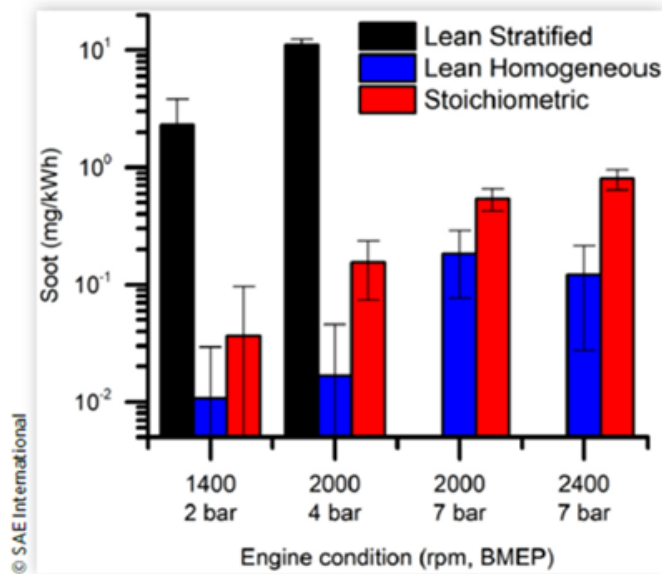
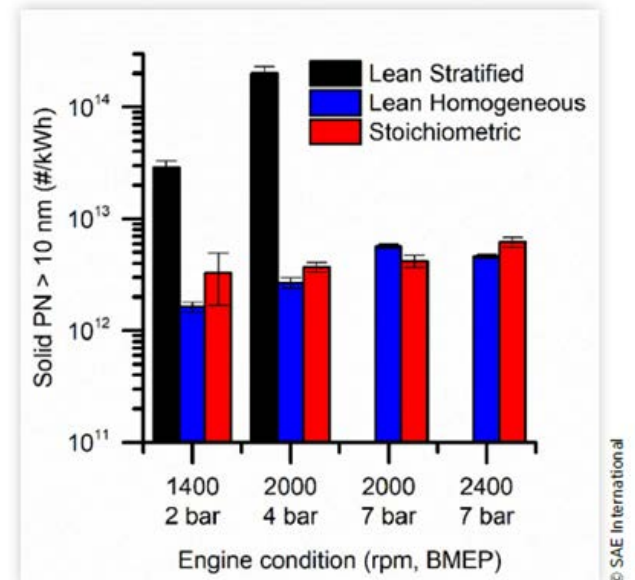


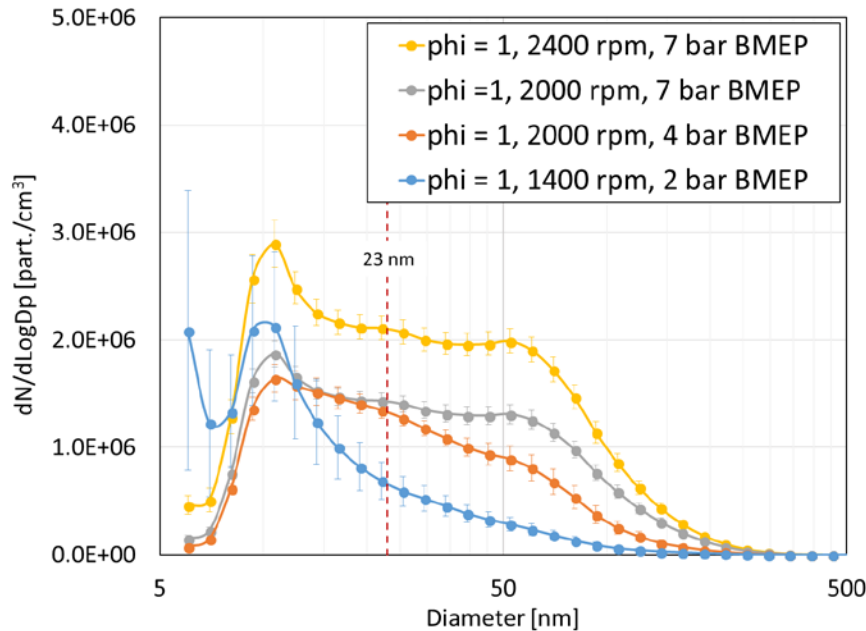
FIGURE 3 Average brake specific solid PN > 10 nm emissions as measured by EEPs for the 10 steady state engine conditions. Error bars represent one standard deviation.



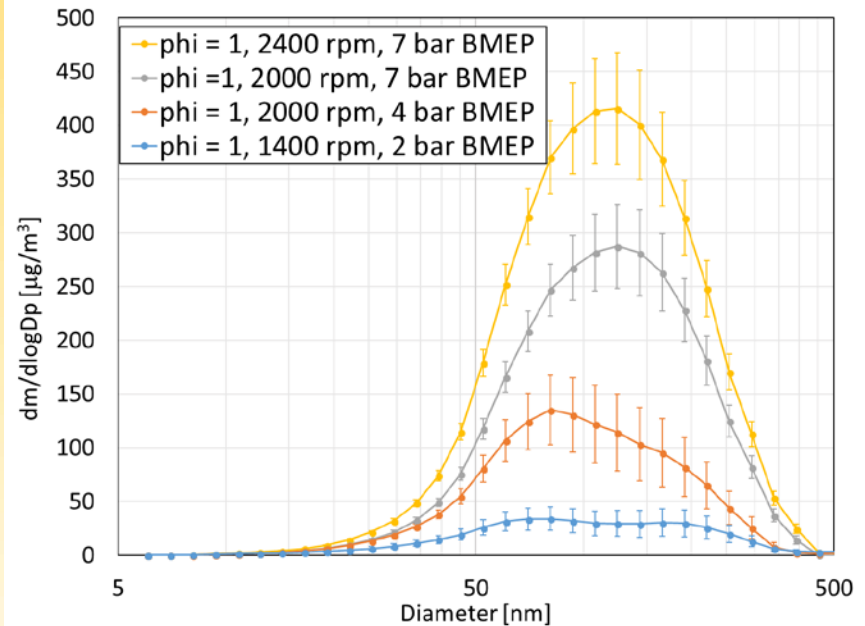
Stoichiometric operation:

Odd size distributions – unresolved modes, emissions, especially mass, very load dependent

Number



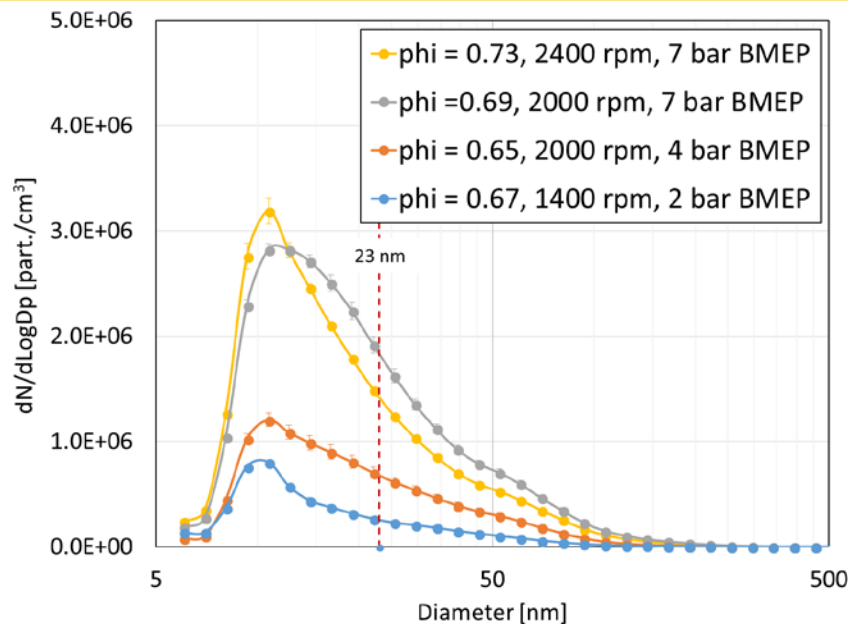
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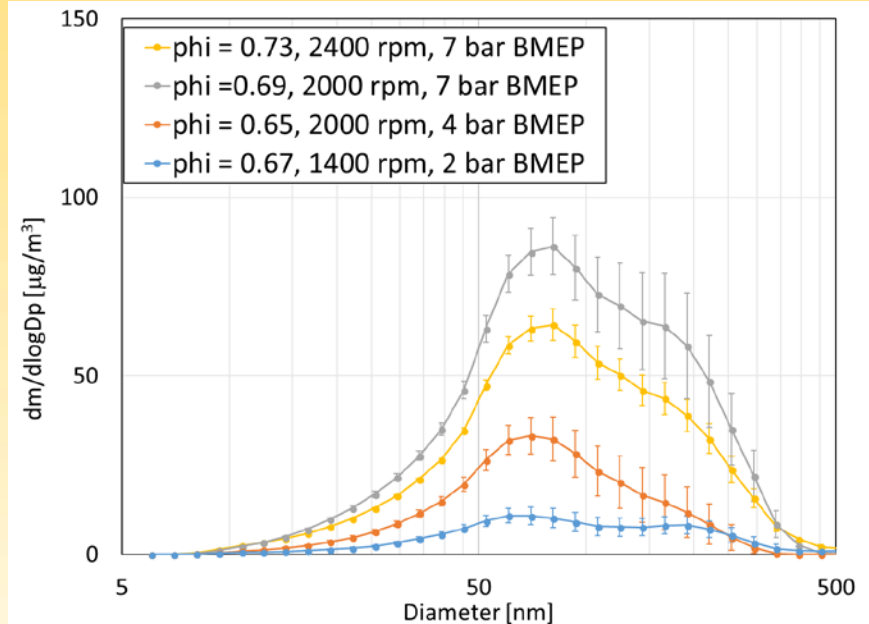
Lean homogeneous operation:

Smaller particles, unresolved modes, much lower mass emissions than stoichiometric

Number



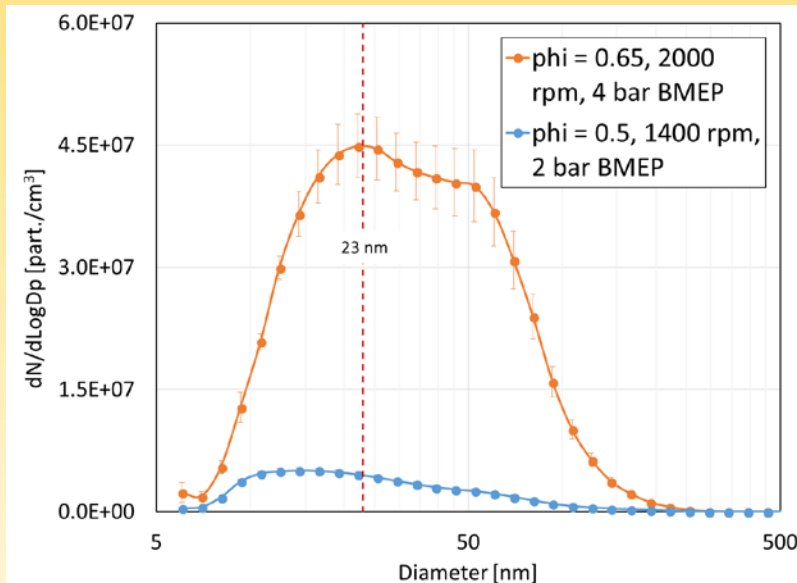
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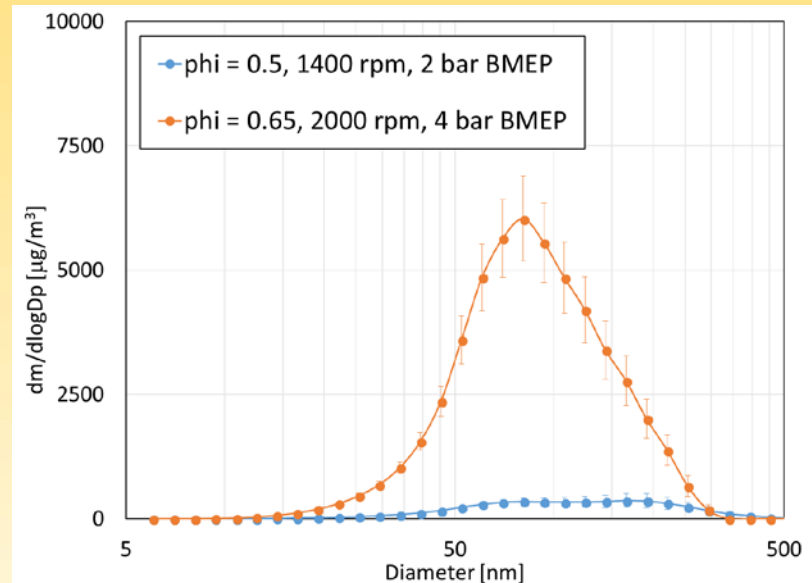
Lean stratified operation:

Odd flat size distributions, unresolved modes, much higher number and mass emissions

Number

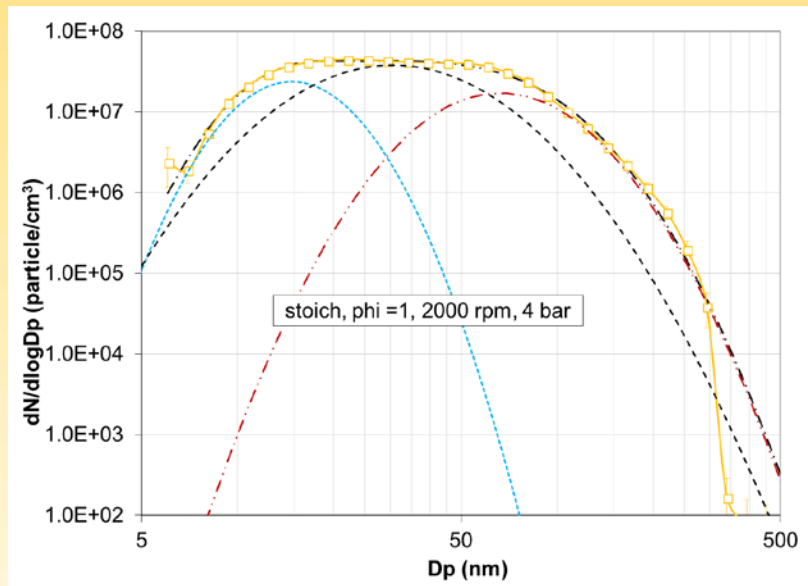
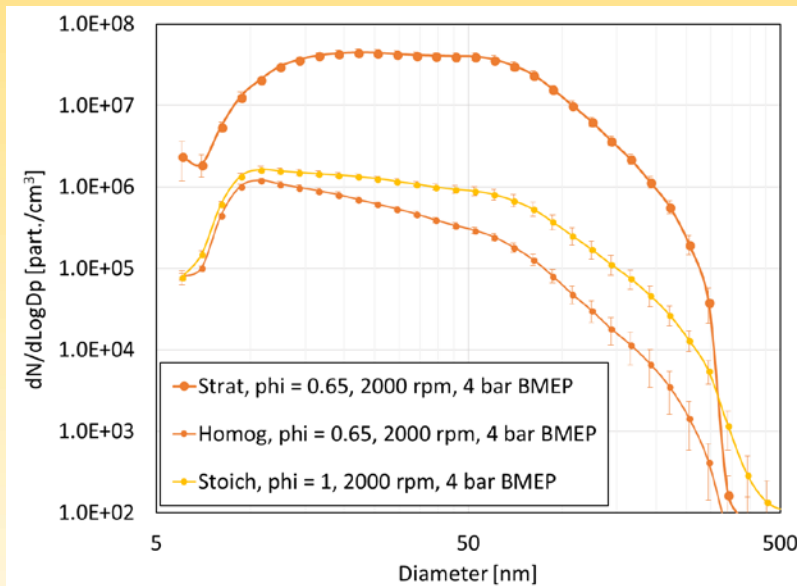


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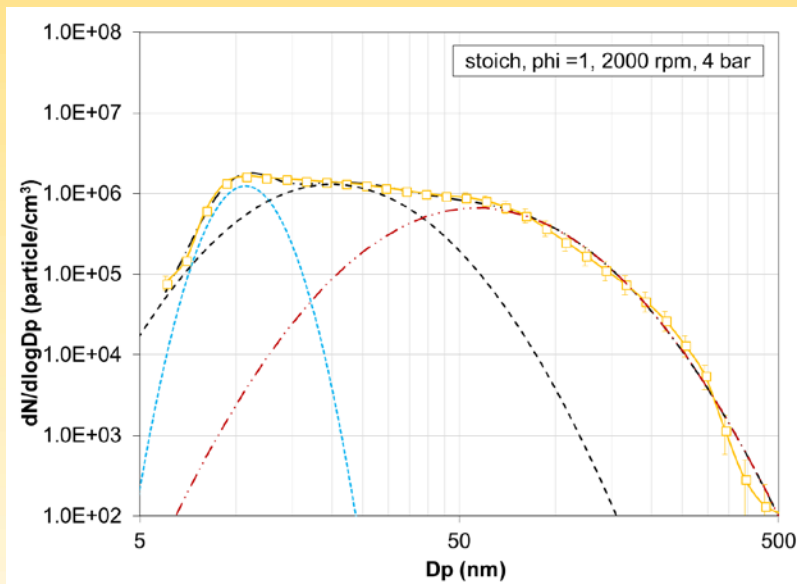
Examine modal structure, 2000 rpm, 4 bar bmep

3 distinct modes, apparently
solid, CS used

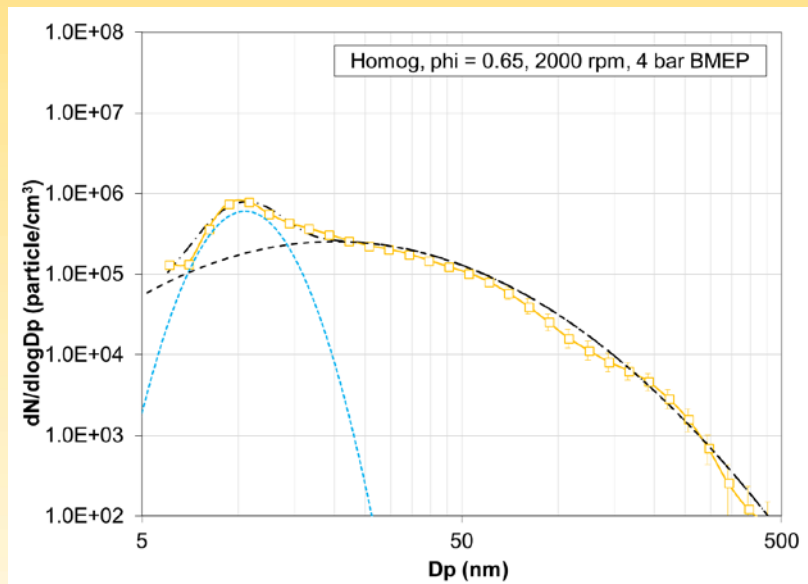


Examine modal structure, 2000 rpm, 4 bar bmep

3 distinct modes, apparently
solid, CS used



2 distinct modes, apparently
solid, CS used



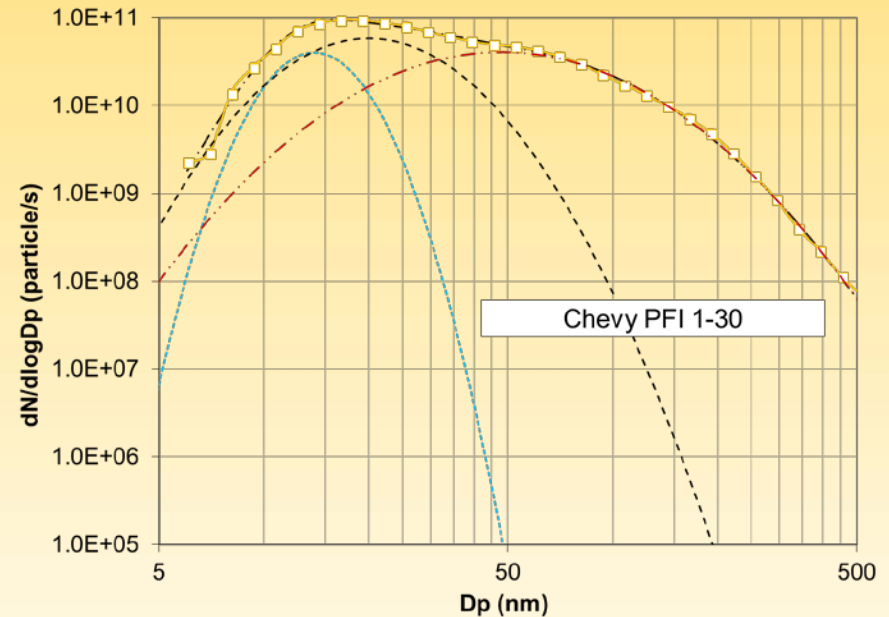
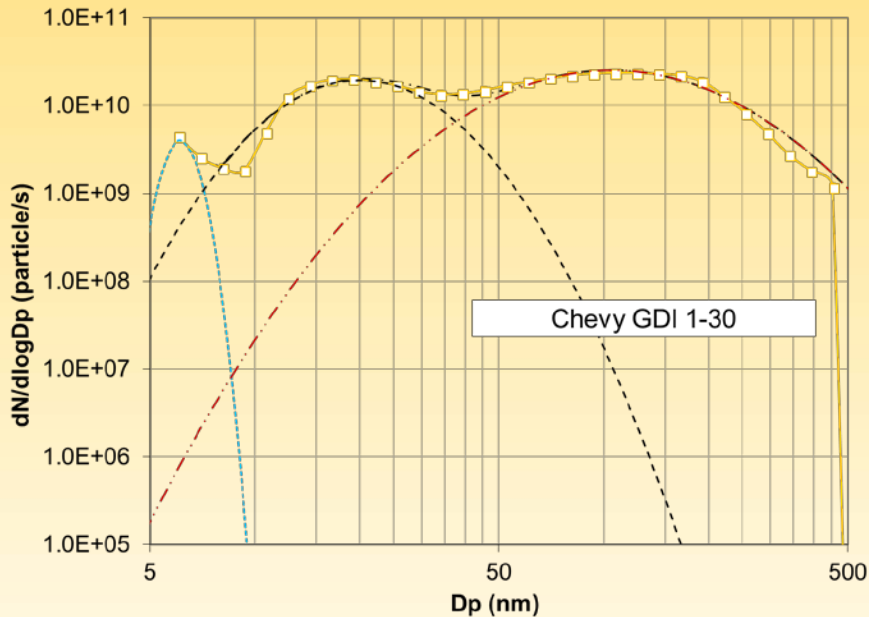
Modal structure of cold start emission rates of PFI and GDI engines - based on data from:

Particle Emissions from Light Duty Vehicles during Cold-Cold Start, Huzeifa I. Badshah, William F. Northrop, and David B. Kittelson, *SAE Int. J. Engines* 9(3):2016

Particle Emissions from Light Duty Vehicles during Cold-Cold Start and Identified from Ambient Measurements, Huzeifa Ismail Badshah, M.S. Thesis, University of Minnesota, 2015

Typical modal structures of cold start emission rates, average first 30 s (1-30)

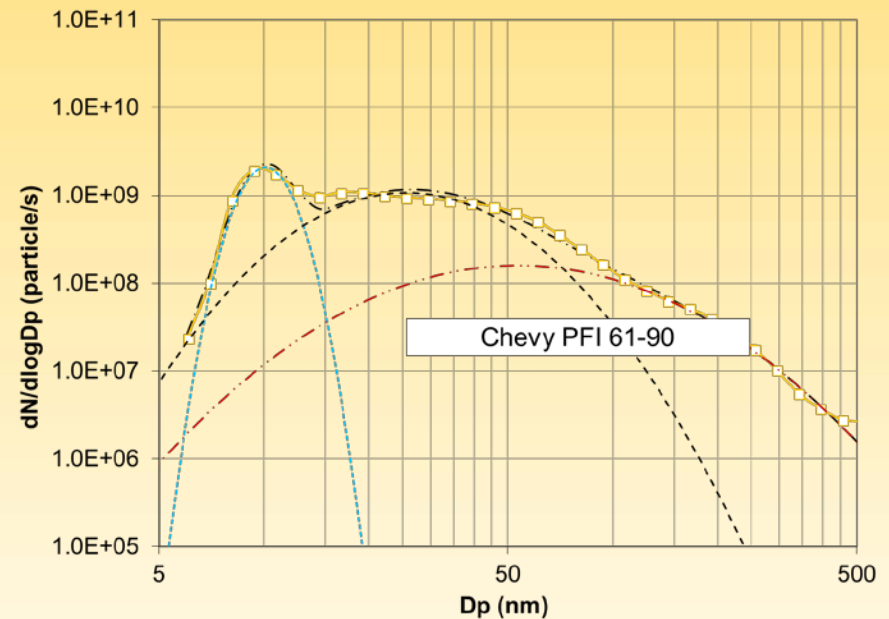
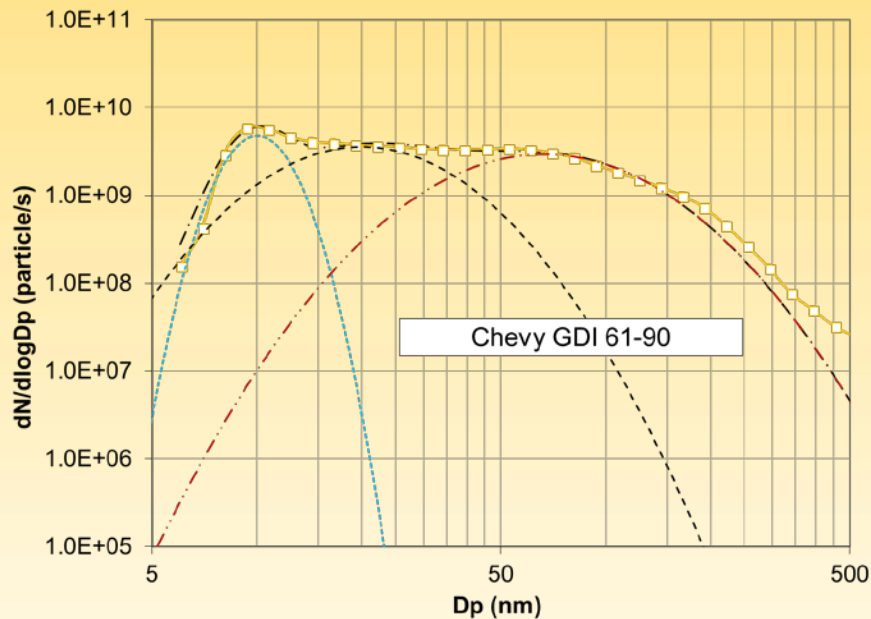
Often not much difference in emission rates between PFI and GDI during first 30 s



These are solid particle emission rates measured downstream of catalytic stripper

Typical modal structures of cold start emission rates, average 60-90 s

PFI emission rates fall much faster than GDI, especially in the 3rd (largest) mode where most of the mass is found



These are solid particle emission rates measured downstream of catalytic stripper

Observed submicron modal structures, solid modes measured with catalytic stripper

- Diesel – 1 or 2 solid modes
 - Nucleation mode
 - Ash
 - Nascent soot
 - Accumulation or soot mode
 - Formed at different times, different processes
- Gasoline spark ignition – multiple solid modes
 - Nucleation
 - Ash
 - Nascent soot
 - Multiple soot modes?
 - Formed at different times, different processes

Modes linked to formation processes

- Diesel
 - Accumulation mode formed by well defined burning fuel jet
 - Nucleation modes form later
 - Unscavenged ash or nascent soot
 - Unscavenged Semi-volatiles
- Gasoline
 - Accumulation modes formed by
 - Pool burning
 - Injector dribble (GDI)
 - Valve dribble (PFI)
 - Local rich pockets
 - Nucleation modes form later
 - Unscavenged ash or nascent soot
 - Unscavenged Semi-volatiles

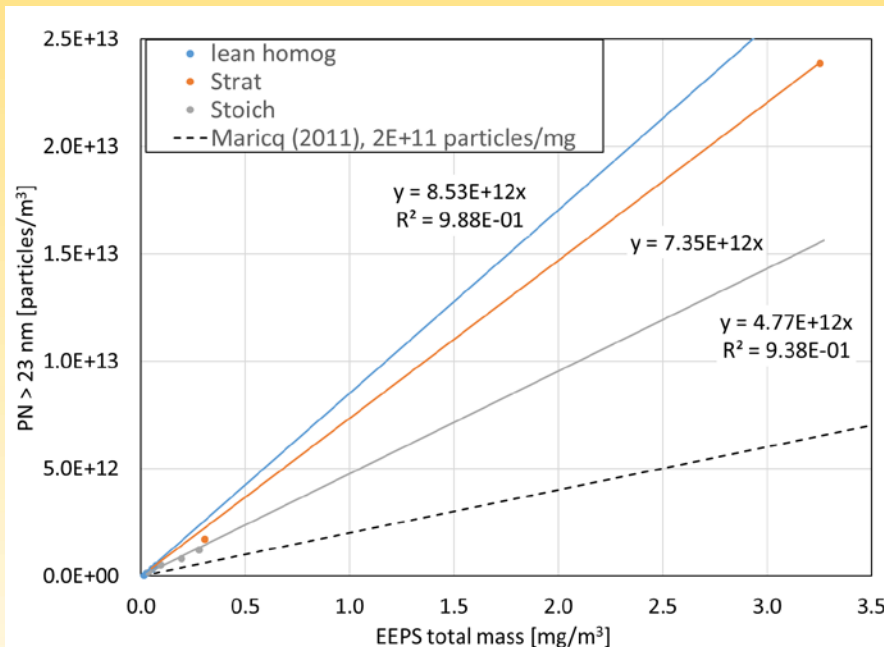
Conclusion

- Modal structure of size distribution linked to formation mechanisms
- Understand the modes, understand PM and PN formation

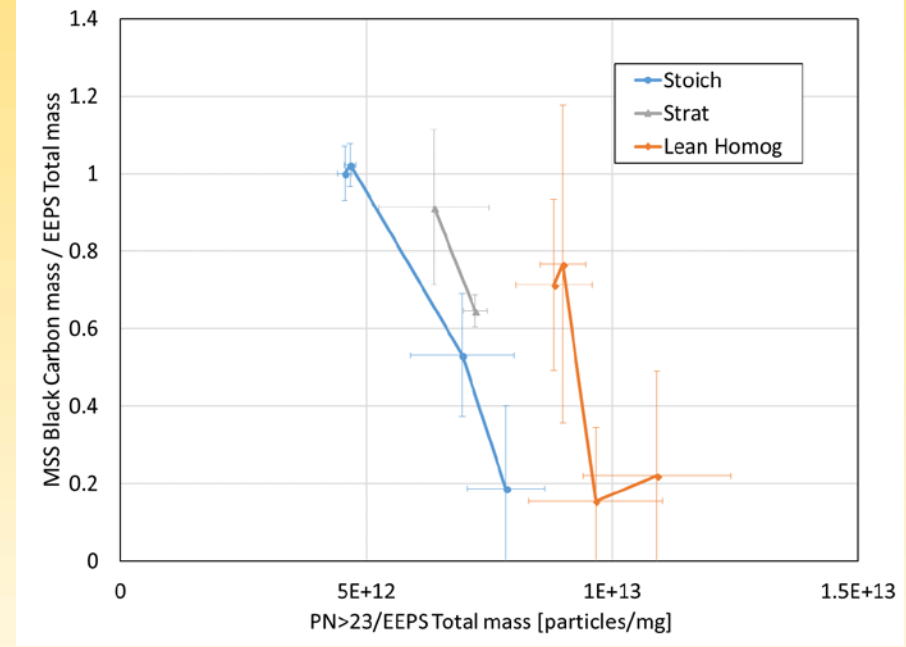
Thank you
Questions?

Size and composition trends

Higher particle number to mass ratio, smaller particles than reported elsewhere



Lower black carbon content in smaller particles - ash, tightly bound OC?



Maricq, M.M., Szente, J., Loos, M., and Vogt, R., "Motor Vehicle PM Emissions Measurement at LEV III Levels," SAE Int. J. Engines 4(1):597-609, 2011

Adapted from: Boek, R., Jeon, S., Kittelson, B., and Northrop, W.F., "Solid Particle Number and Mass Emissions from Lean and Stoichiometric Gasoline Direct Injection Engine Operation," SAE Technical Paper 2018-01-0359, 2018, doi:10.4271/2018-01-0359.

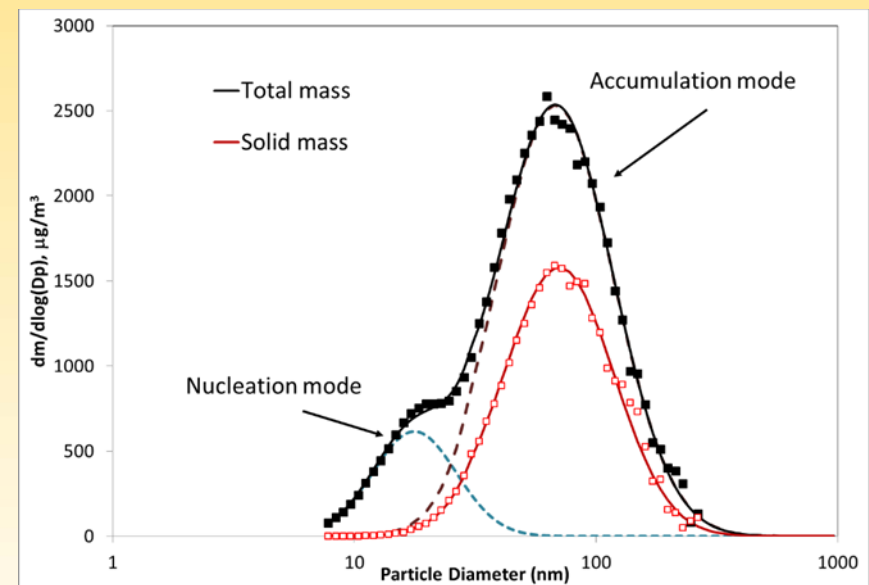
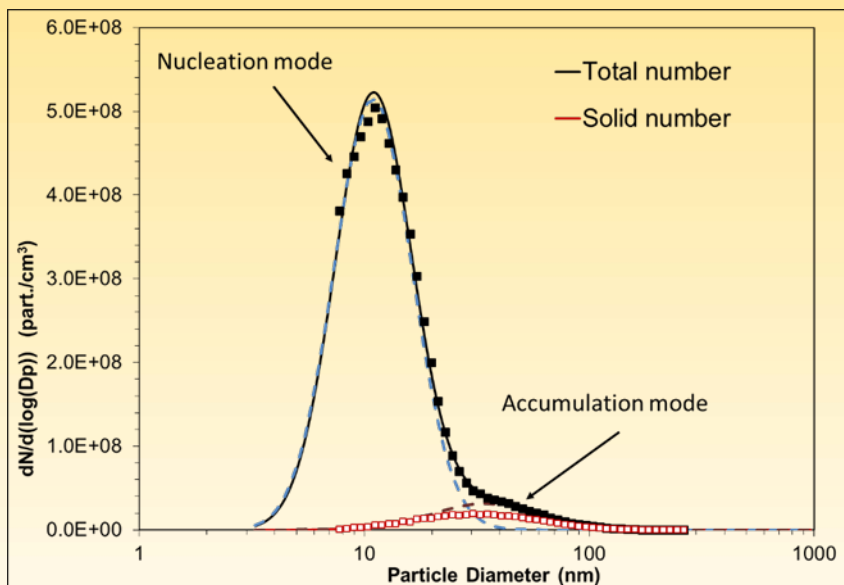


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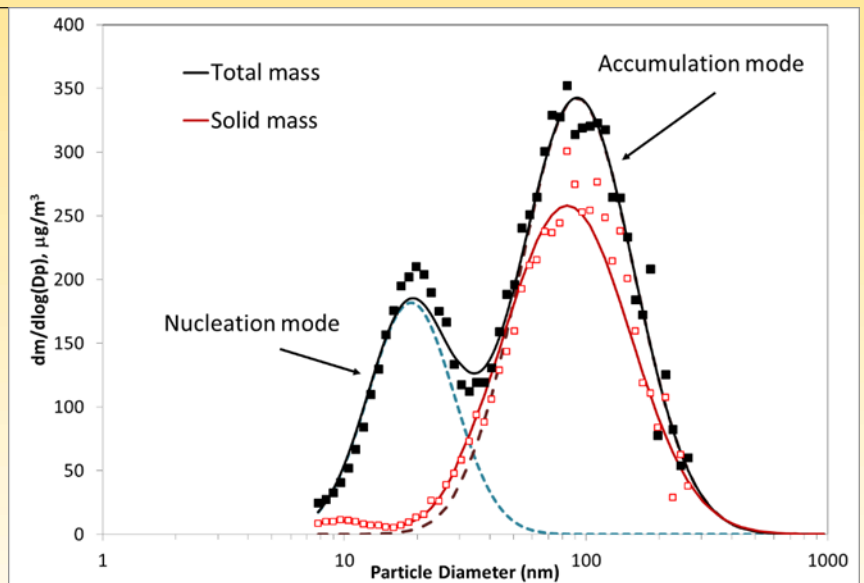
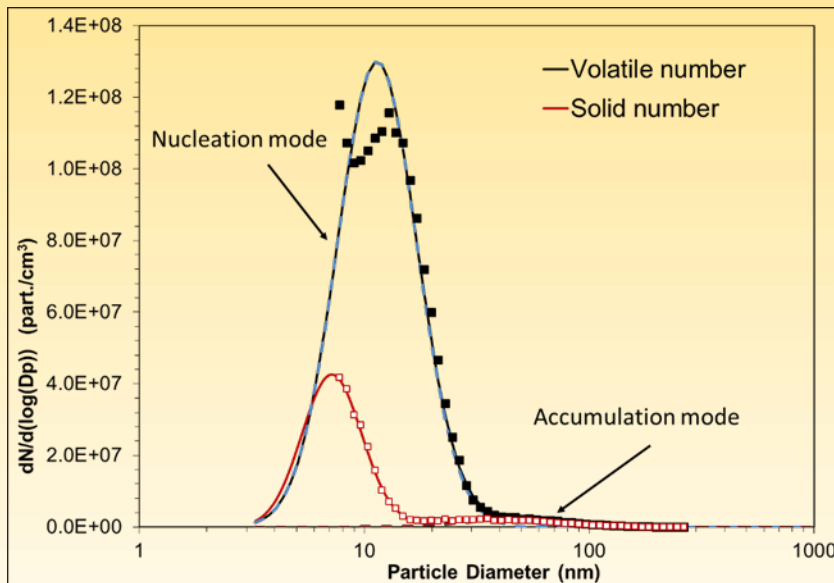
Total and solid (CS) particle number and mass distributions, Tier 4/Interim IIB engine, 2400 rpm, 175 N-m

- Number distribution on left, mass on right
- This condition forms large volatile nucleation mode, mainly < 23 nm, containing nearly all the number and significant mass
- On the other hand, nearly all the solid mass and much of the solid number is in the accumulation mode, mainly > 23 nm, consistent with the PMP approach

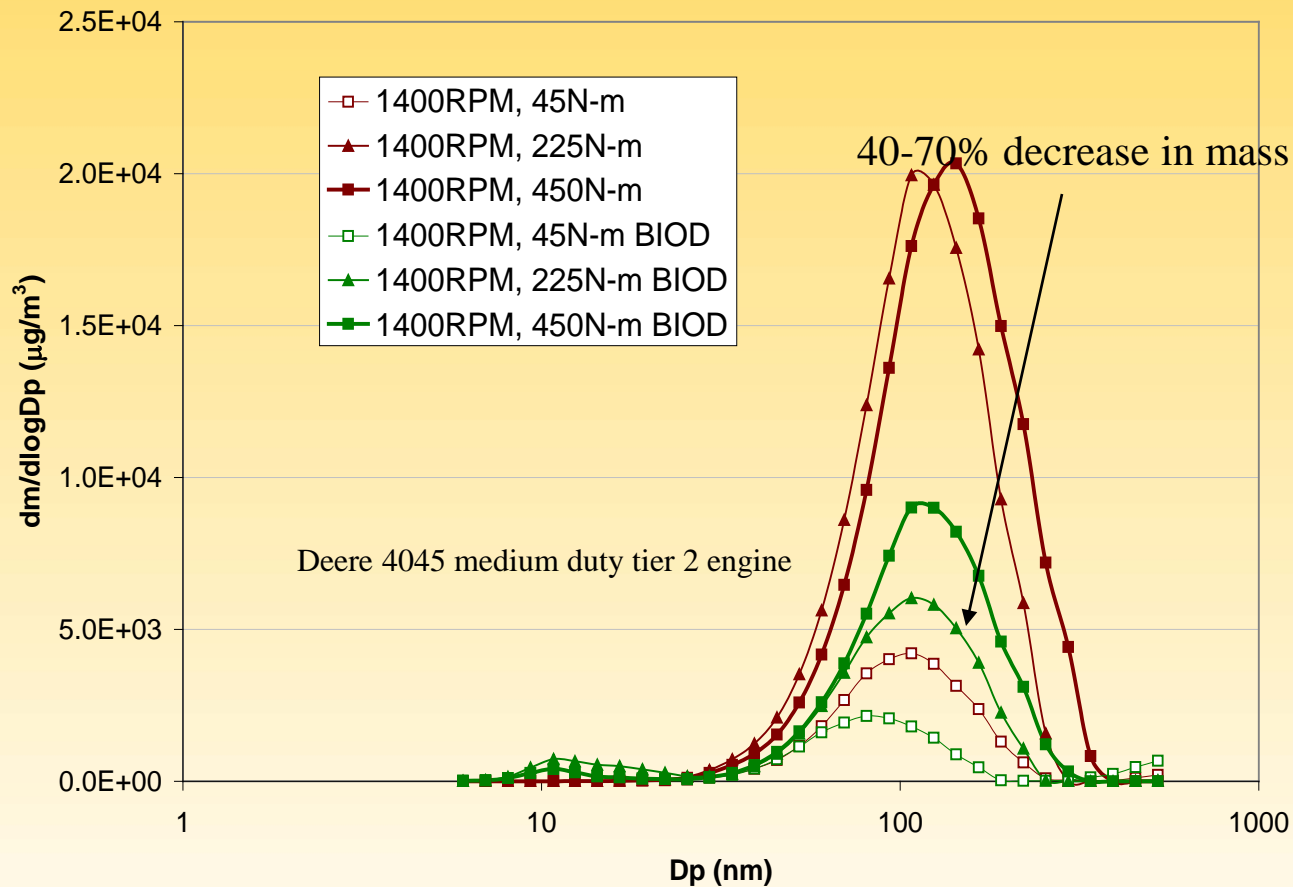


Total and solid (with CS) particle number and mass distributions, Tier 4/Interim IIB engine, 900 rpm, 25 N-m

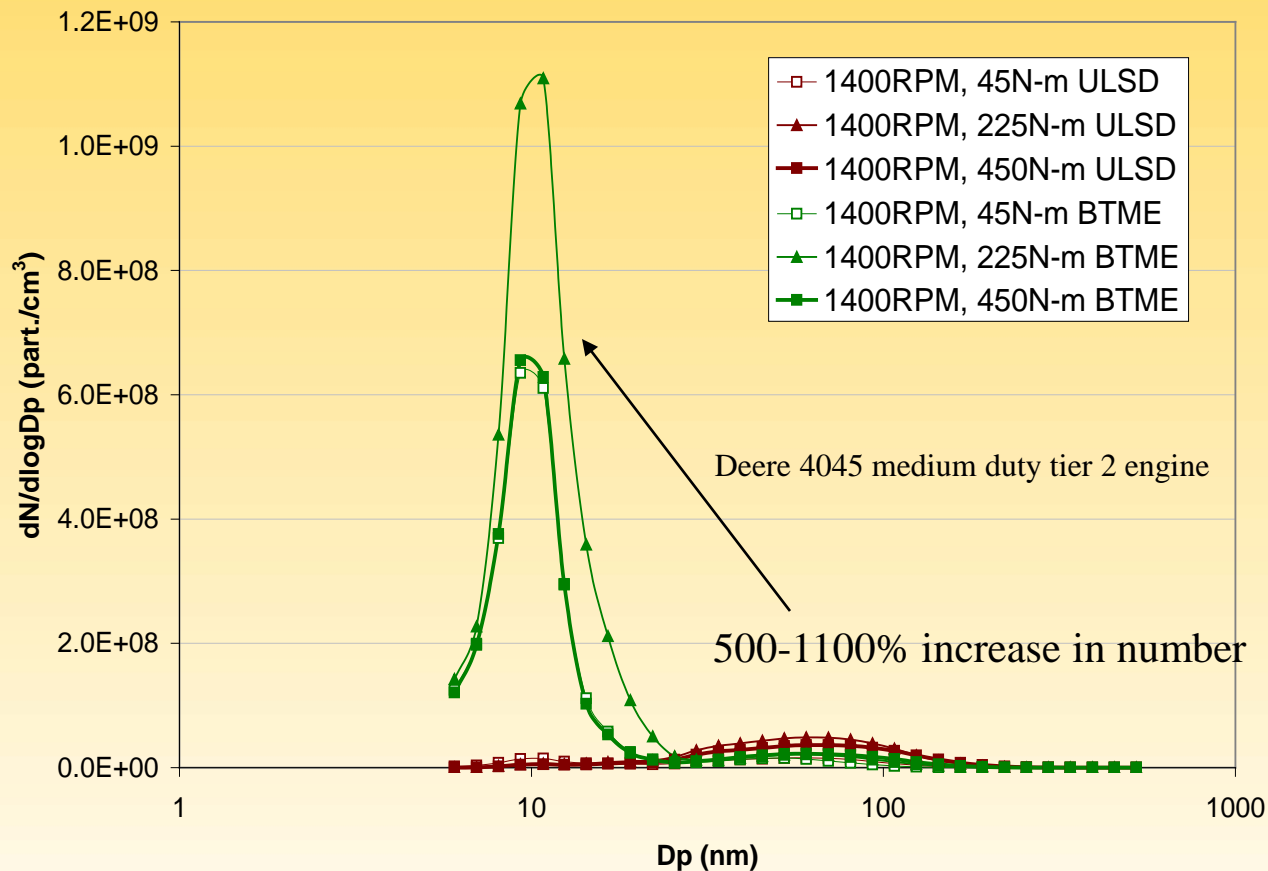
- Number distribution on left, mass on right
- This condition forms large volatile nucleation mode, mainly < 23 nm, with nearly all the number and nearly half the mass
- A large solid nucleation mode is present with nearly all the solid number < 23 nm, likely a solid ash mode, these would not be counted by the PMP method



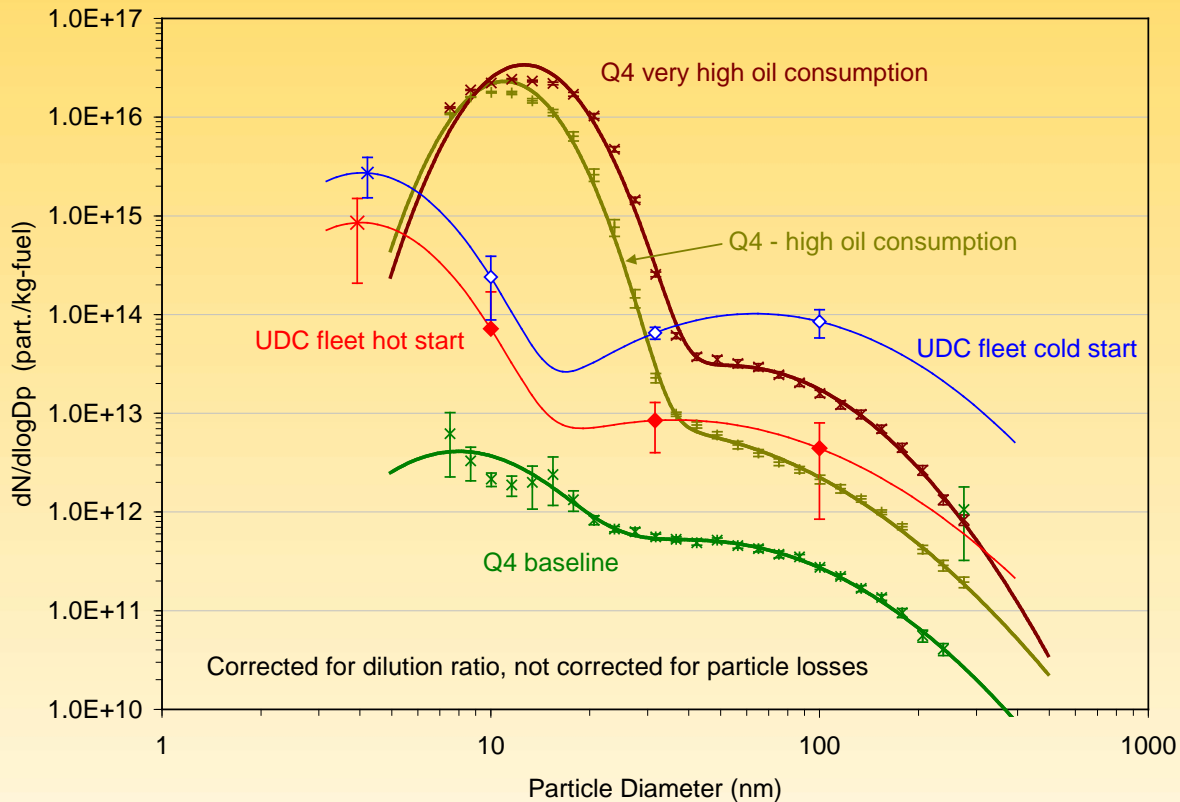
Mass distributions, medium-duty engine, ULSD and Beef Tallow Methyl Ester (BTME)



Number distributions, medium-duty engine, ULSD and Beef Tallow Methyl Ester (BTME)



PFI engine emissions strongly influenced by cold starts and oil consumption



Q4 - Quad 4 engine dyno tests with varied oil consumption, steady state cruise

UDC – Chassis dyno tests of small fleet on UDC cycle

These results are shown on fuel specific basis, particles added per unit fuel burned.

PFI engines emit mainly during cold phase, GDI continue even warmed up

Cold start, note scale 4x

Warm start, the two GDIs switch order

Figure 6(a). FTP Phase 1 Particle Size Distribution for PFI, SGDI and WGDI Vehicles

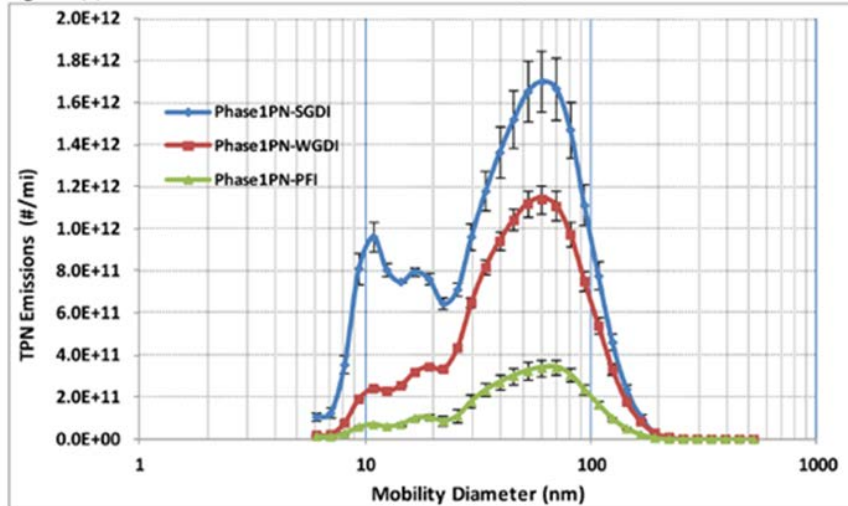


Figure 6(c). FTP Phase 3 Particle Size Distributions

