

# The role of VERT to introduce NPTI by PN at low idle for emission control of all combustion engines

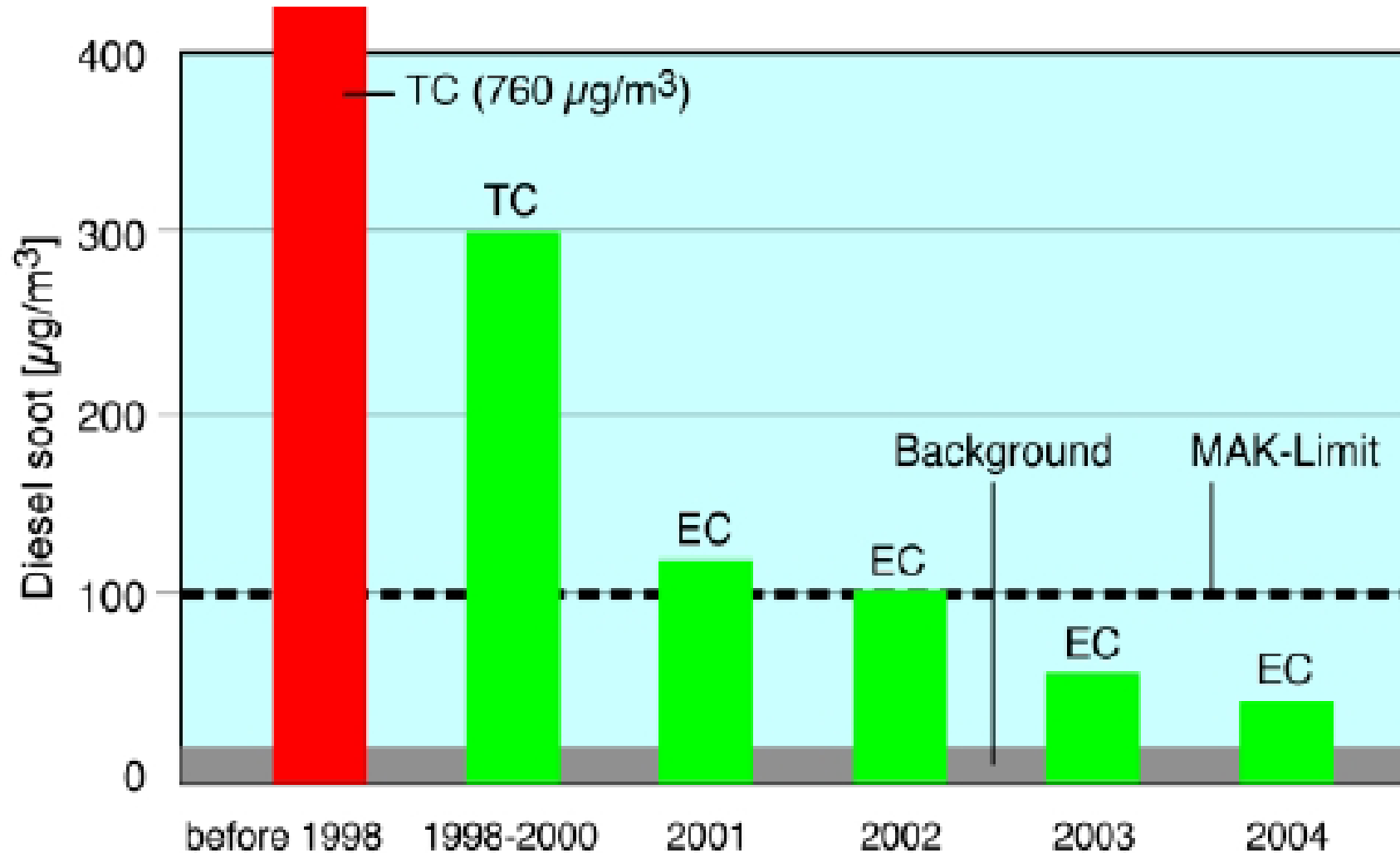
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# What is VERT<sup>®</sup> ?

- **VERT =**  
Verification of Emission Reduction Technologies
- **VERT**  
Testing, Certification- and **Quality-Control System**  
for DPF, GPF, SCR, DOC, OBD, PN-Instruments
- **VERT**  
Trade Mark for Best Available Technology  
for Emission Control
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Non-profit Association (based in CH)

**1994-2000** DPF for NEAT Tunneling with the compulsory requirement „No Diesel without Filter“

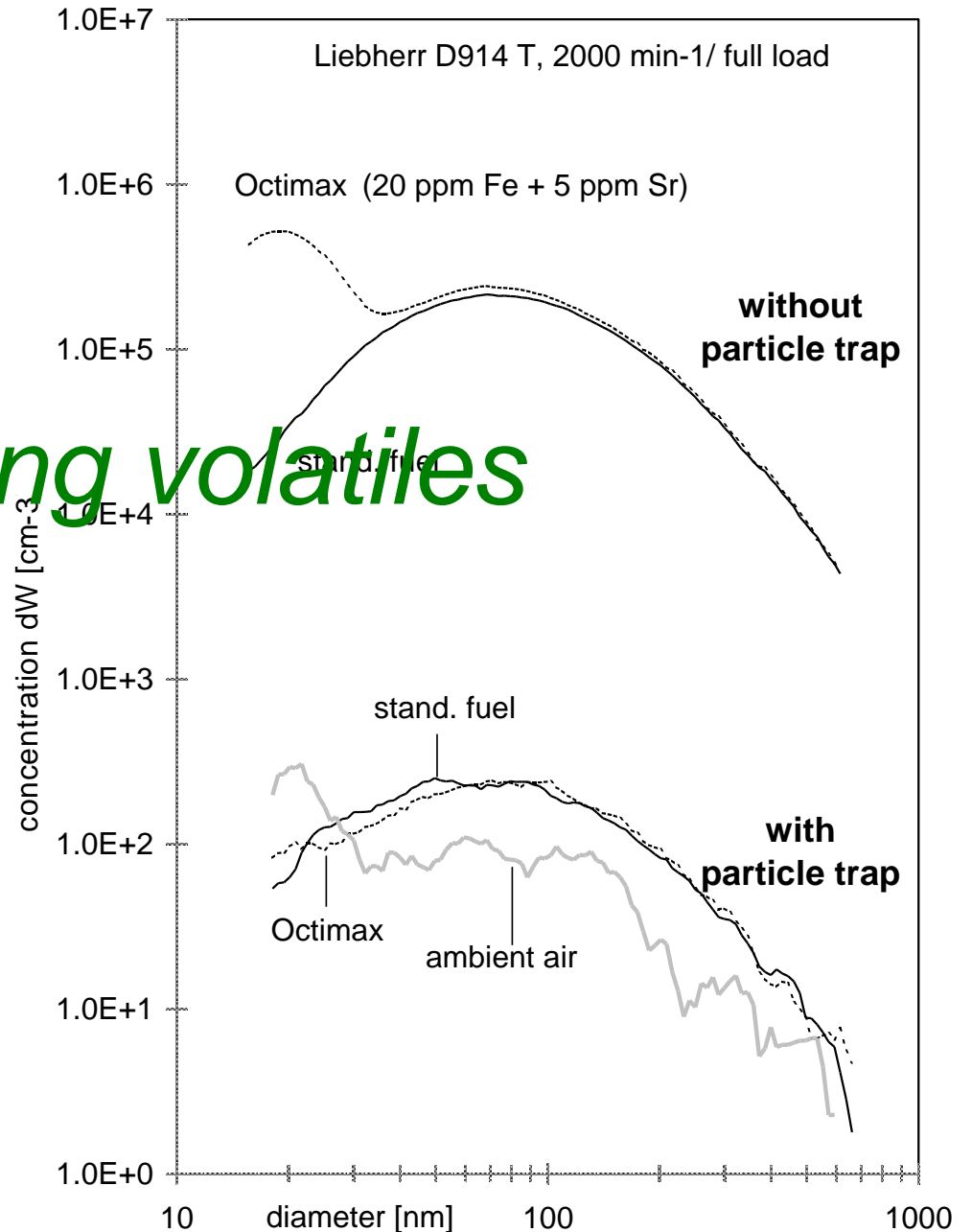




**2001** Improvement of Air Quality in Tunneling  
 Quality Control by PN Emission Measurement

# Measurement must be by Number and Size *excluding volatiles*

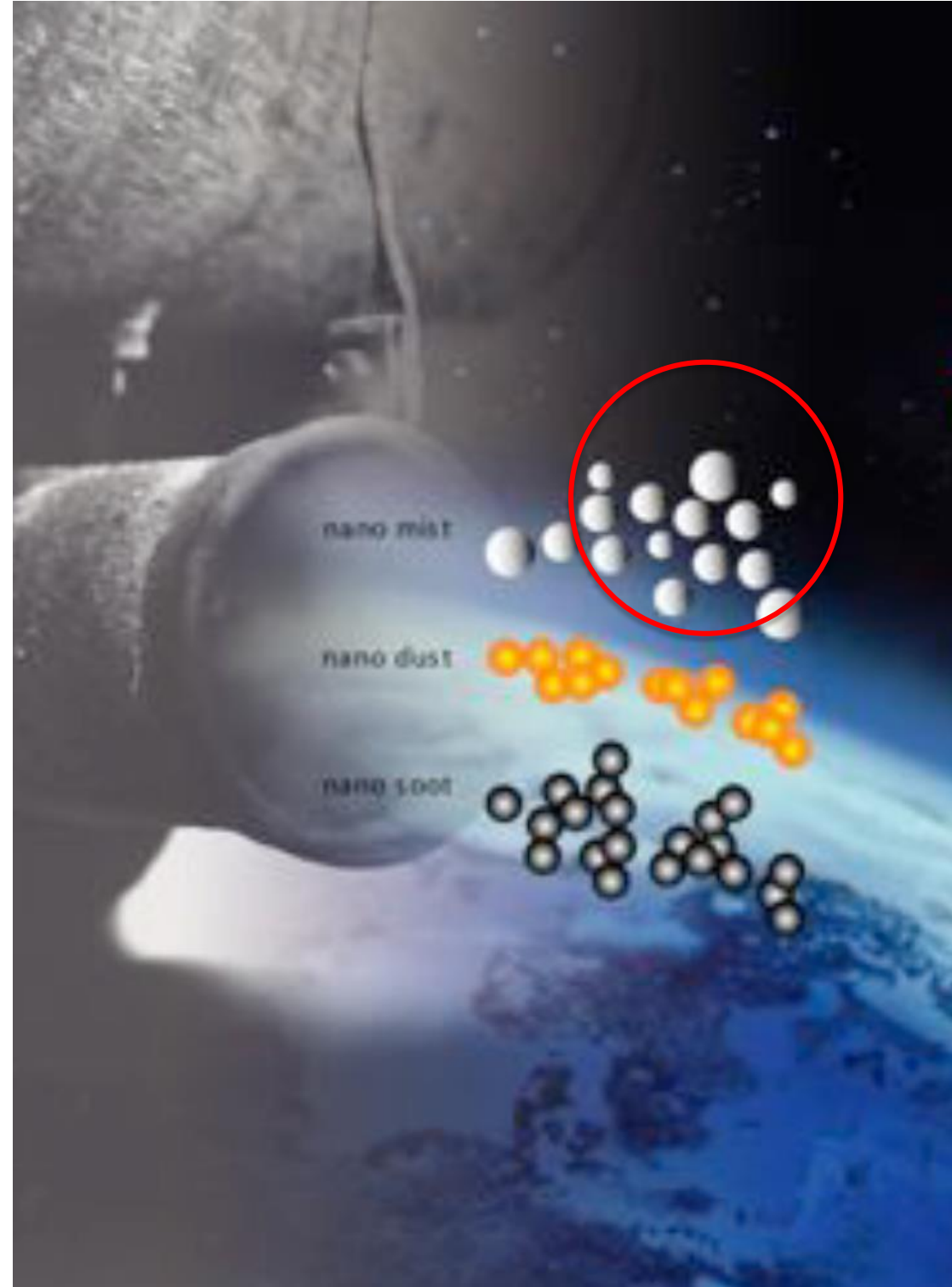
to show that  
**Filtration  
Effectiveness  
is > 99 %**  
DPF is cleaning  
Ambient Air



# For Health Reasons

- not all aerosols
- not EC only
- but solid insoluble particles in the alveoli penetrating size range
- 10-500 nm
- adsorbed gases

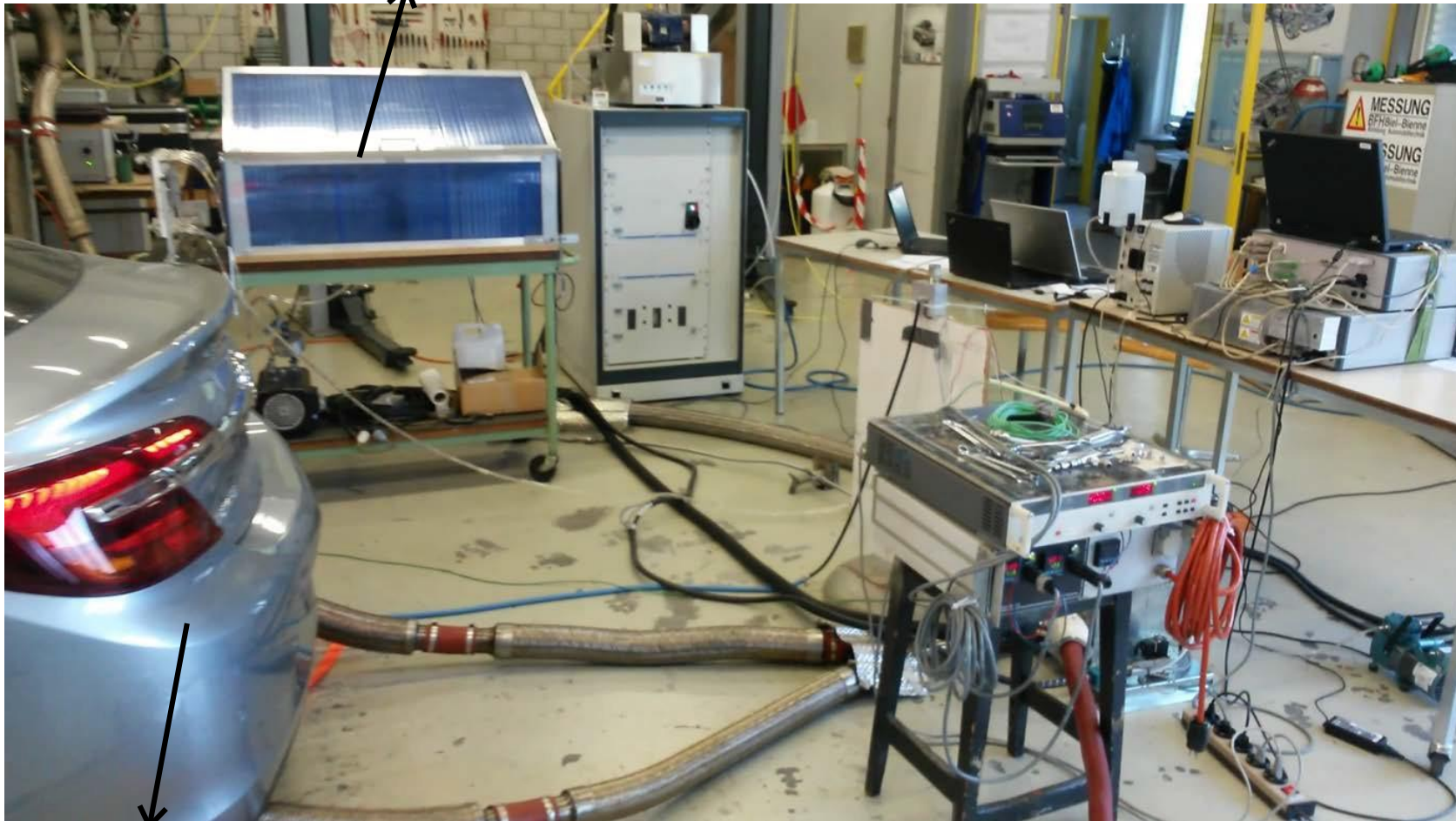
by far more important than PM, NO<sub>x</sub> CO and THC



# 2006 VERT extends emission testing to biologic toxicity evaluation

Biological test system  
Triple-cell model, killer cells

On-line exhaust  
characterization

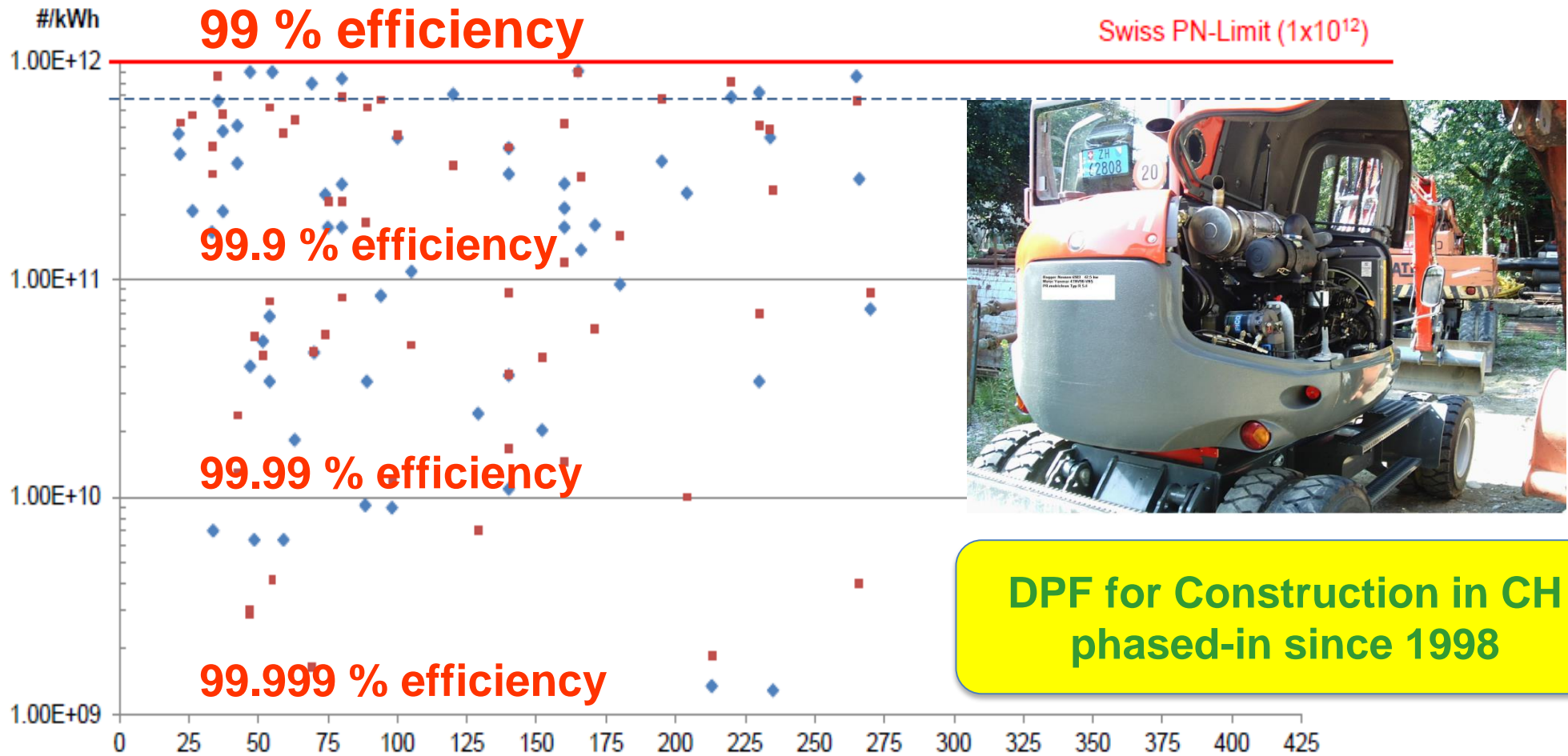


Test vehicle

Exhaust sampling



# PN-Test results



Type approval of imported construction machines in stationary and transient cycle  
 In function of engine power [kW]

**DPF Technology permits limit strengthening by one order of magnitude**



This has been adopted by **EU 2008**

## **EU CO-Decision (Art.12, Rec.15 - 2008)**

- In order to achieve these environmental objectives it is appropriate to indicate that **particle number limits** are likely to reflect the **highest level of performance** with particle filters using **best available technology**
- .. the commission shall introduce **particle number based limit values** at a level appropriate to the technologies actually being used.

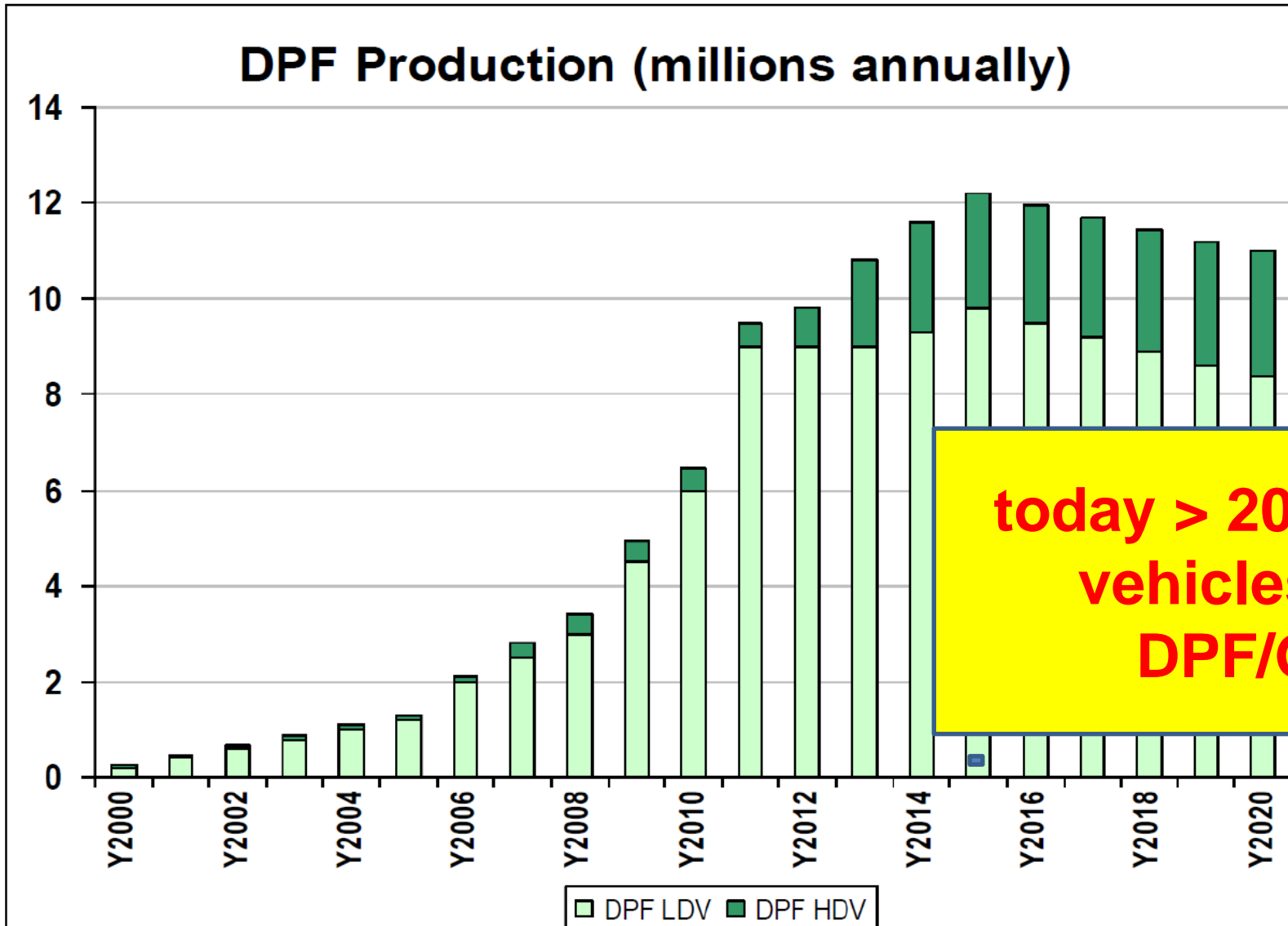
→ **2011/14 Euro VI/6**

**PN < 0.6x10<sup>12</sup> P/kWh in addition to 10 mg/kWh** (mass DL)

where 0.6x10<sup>12</sup> represents only a mass of 0.2 mg/kWh

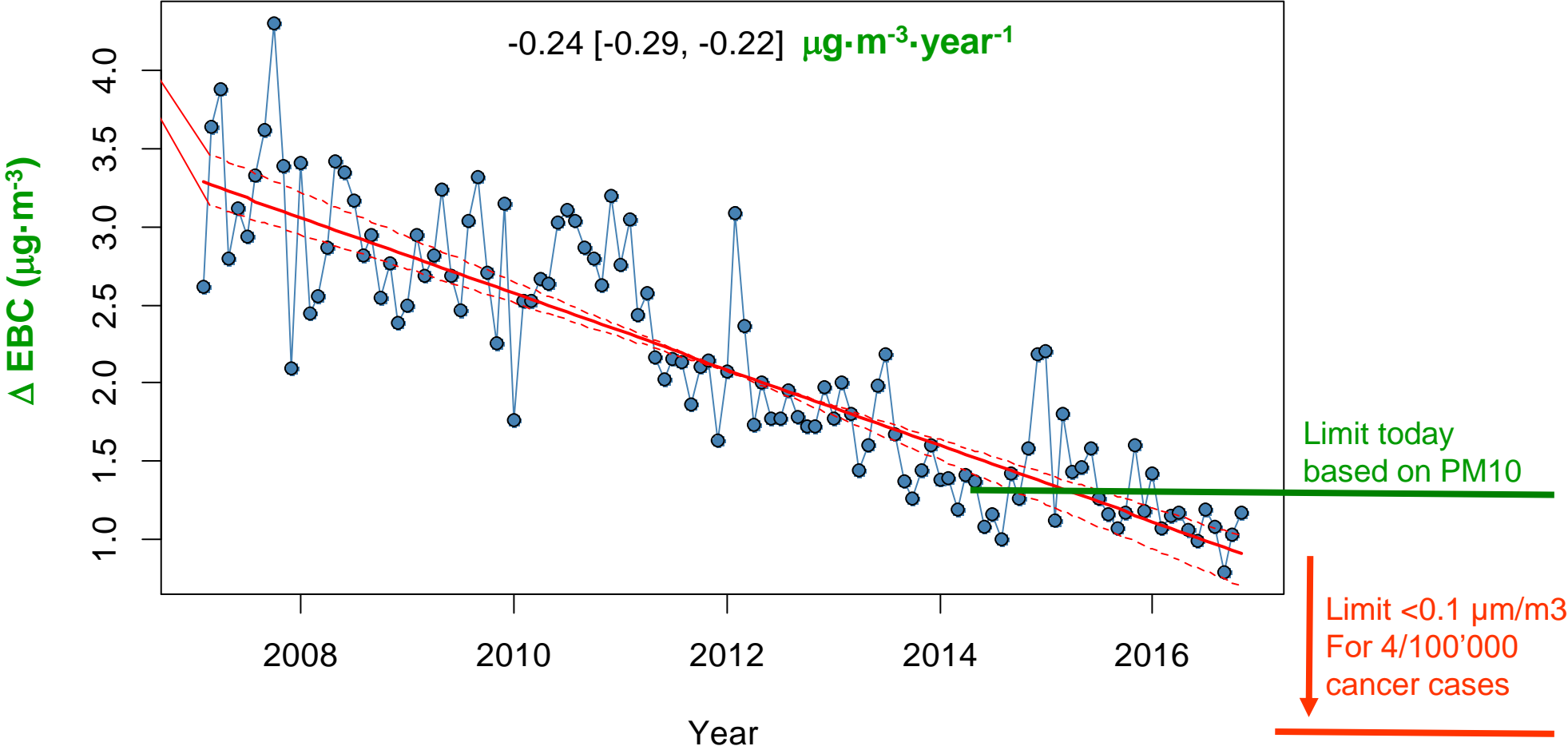
# DPF-Installations in Europe and GPF to come

China, India, Israel  
Iran and Latin America  
are following



# and the Result: Cleaning the Air by DPF in Switzerland

Monitoring BC at the motorway crossing Härkingen



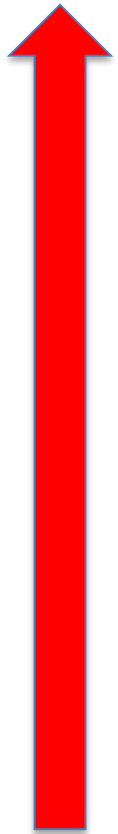
Emission Reduction by DPF



*With this we have reached*

**3 Orders of Magnitude  
of Emission Reduction  
to improve public health**

Increase by DPF Manipulation



***but at the same time we are facing  
a high risk for Emission Stability  
due to serious flaws in Legislation  
abandoning independent control***

# Biggest Mistake of EU-Policy 2012

## *Control delegated to OBD*

*„Control replaced by Selfcontrol „*

A. Homologation of New Vehicles

B. Manufacturing Conformity

C. In Use Compliance → never fully introduced

D. **Periodic Control PTI** → **abolished 2013**

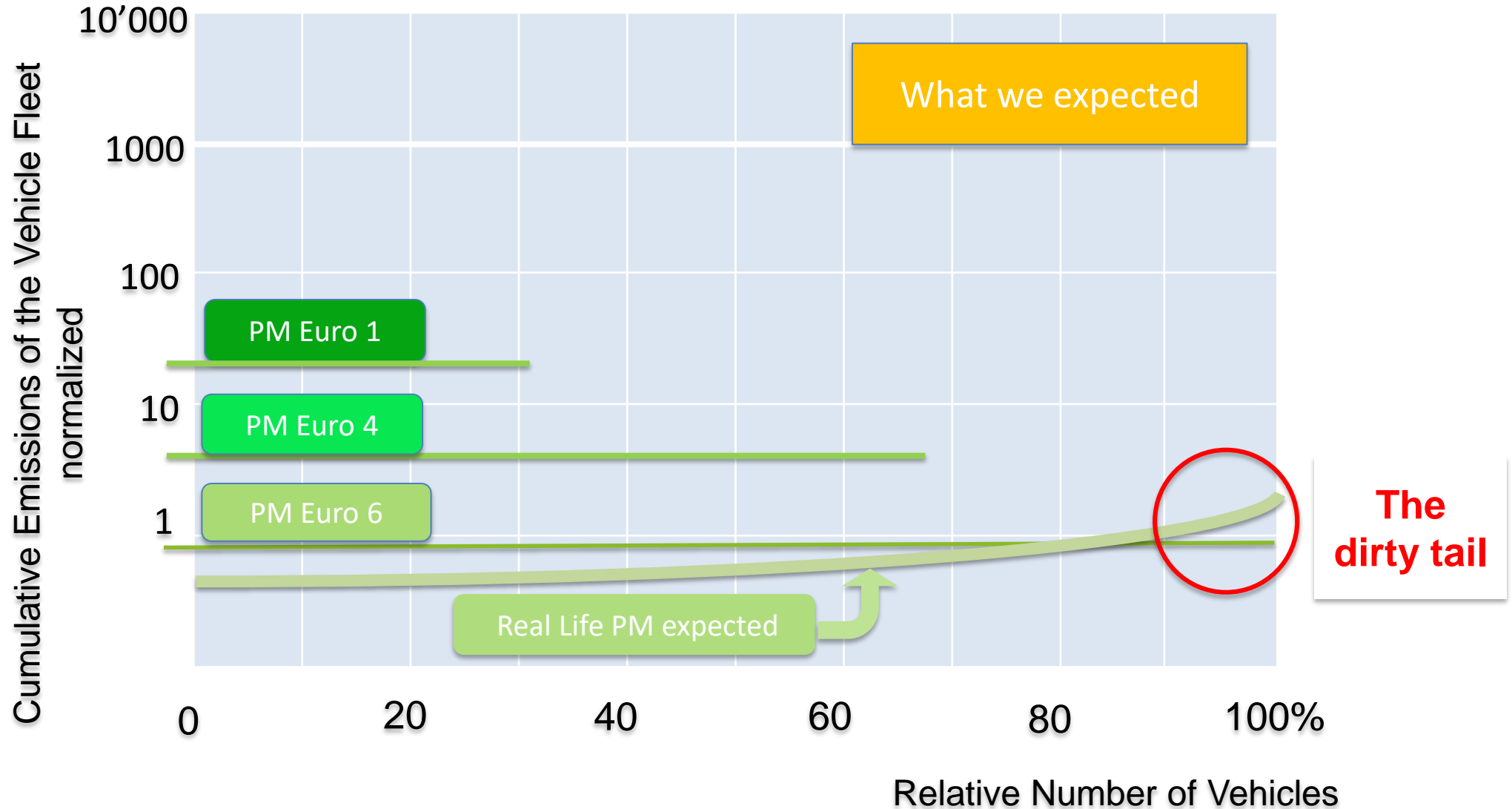
replaced by OBD

EU-Directive 2014/45

→ this invited car makers, workshops and users  
to fraudulent hard-and software manipulation

# Classic Approach: by Limit Values for Homologation

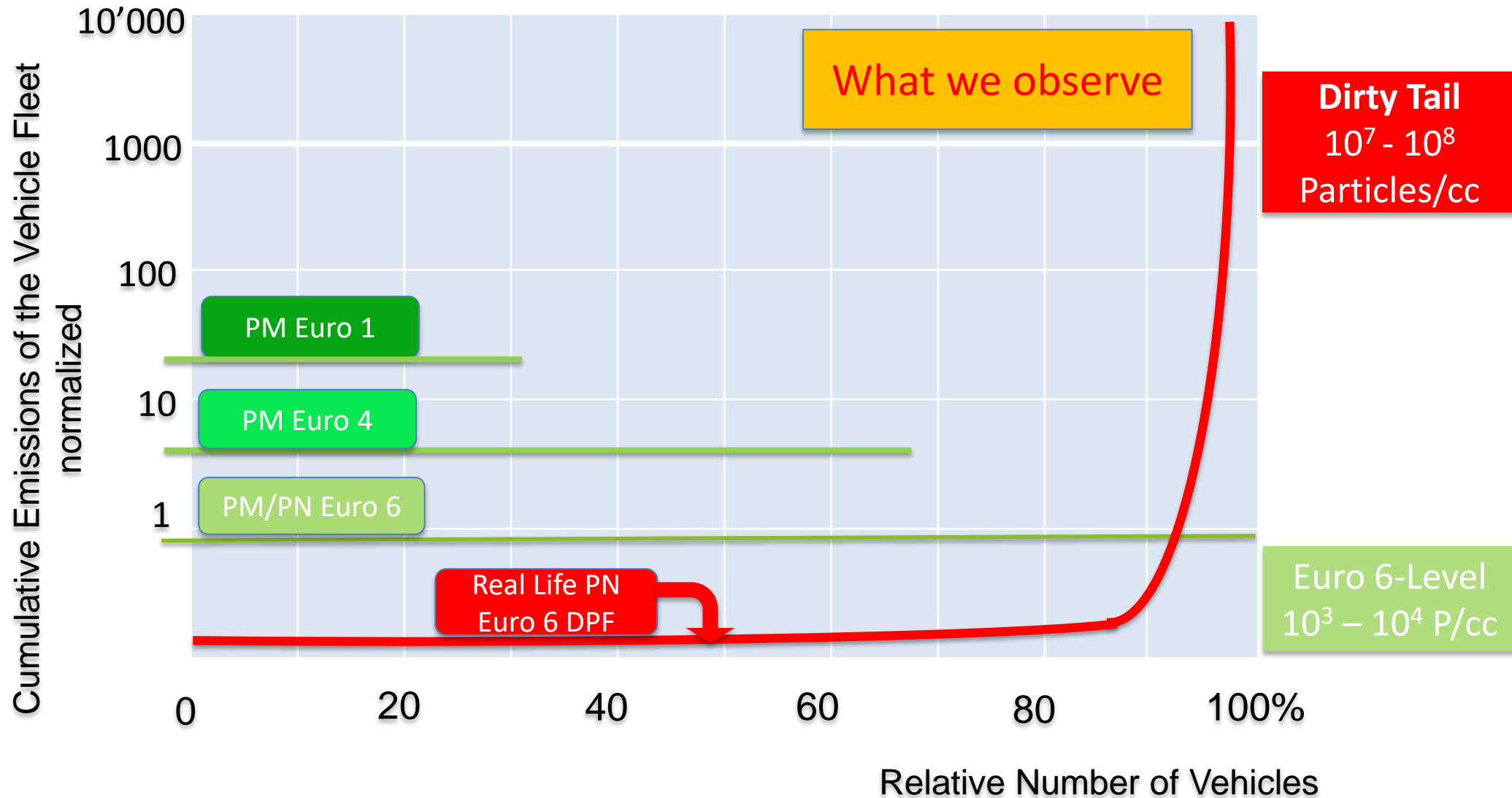
test cycle (incl RDE) emission expected to define overall pollution



But how many vehicles will comply over lifetime ?

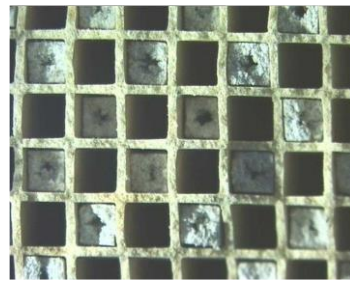
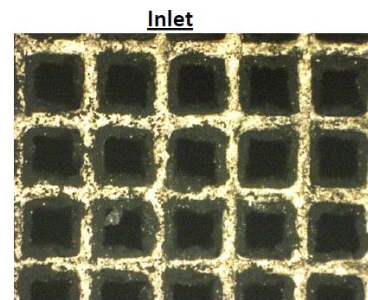
# DPF improves Emission by Factor 100-1000

but the Dirty Tail by Failures and Manipulation becomes larger



10% of DPF failures may increase the fleet impact on urban pollution by > factor 30

# and this is what we are finding – why?

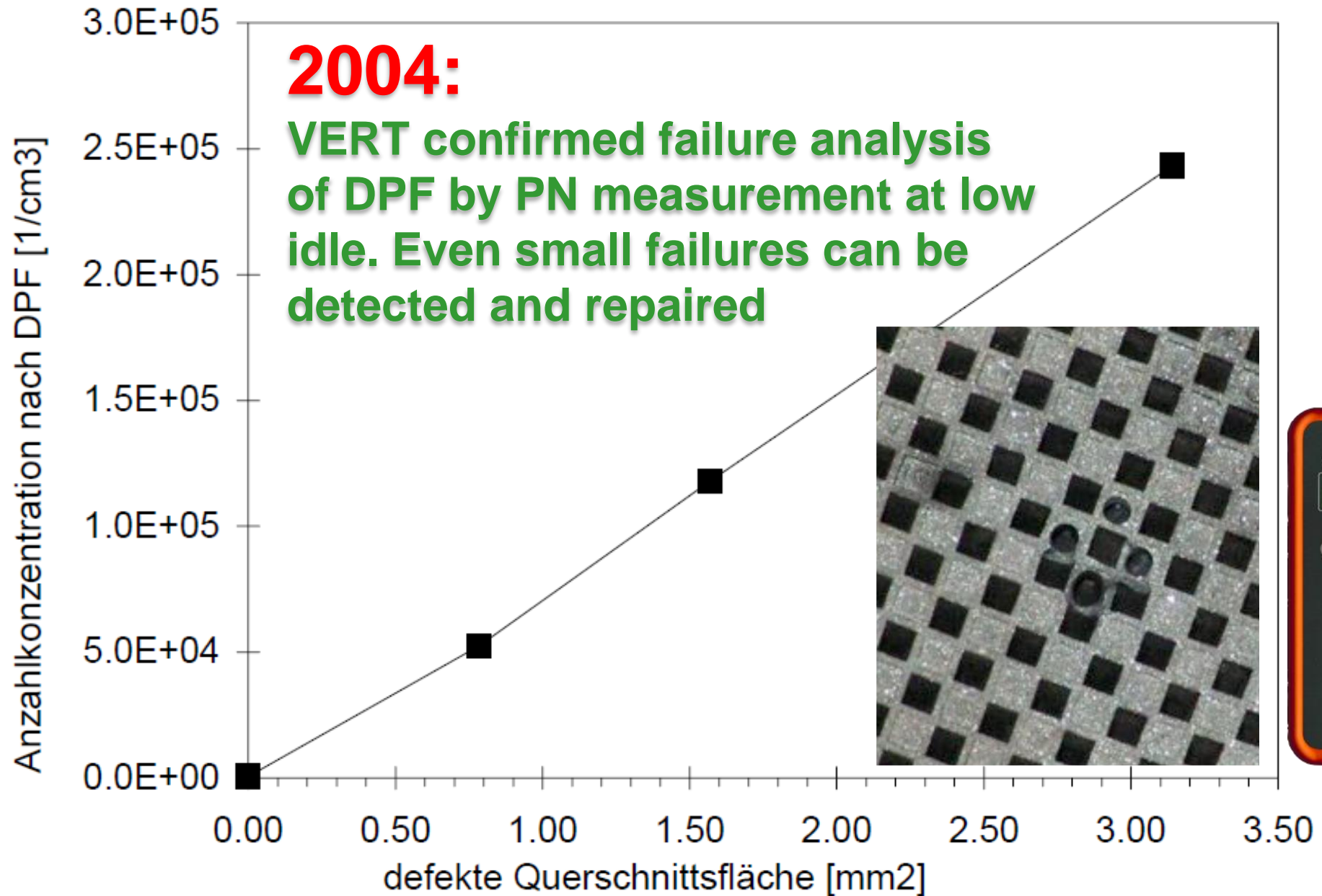


because they want to avoid cost  
for proper repair or cleaning





## DPF Penetrationen zu defekter Querschnittsfläche



# 2008-2012 Swiss Ordinance for PN-PTI for offroad machines with DPF 2012

## Ordinance of the FDJP on Exhaust Gas Analysers (VAMV)

Amendment of 22nd august 2012

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*The Federal Department of Justice and Police  
hereby decrees:*

### **B Measurement requirements**

#### **1 Measurement range**

- 1.1 The measurement range for the nanoparticle number concentration is at least between  $5 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $5 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .
- 1.2 In case of measured values outside the measurement range, the measuring instrument must indicate whether the measured value lies below or above the measurement range. If no categorisation is possible, then no value should be displayed.
- 1.3 The particle number concentration of each measurement must be indicated at the ambient conditions.



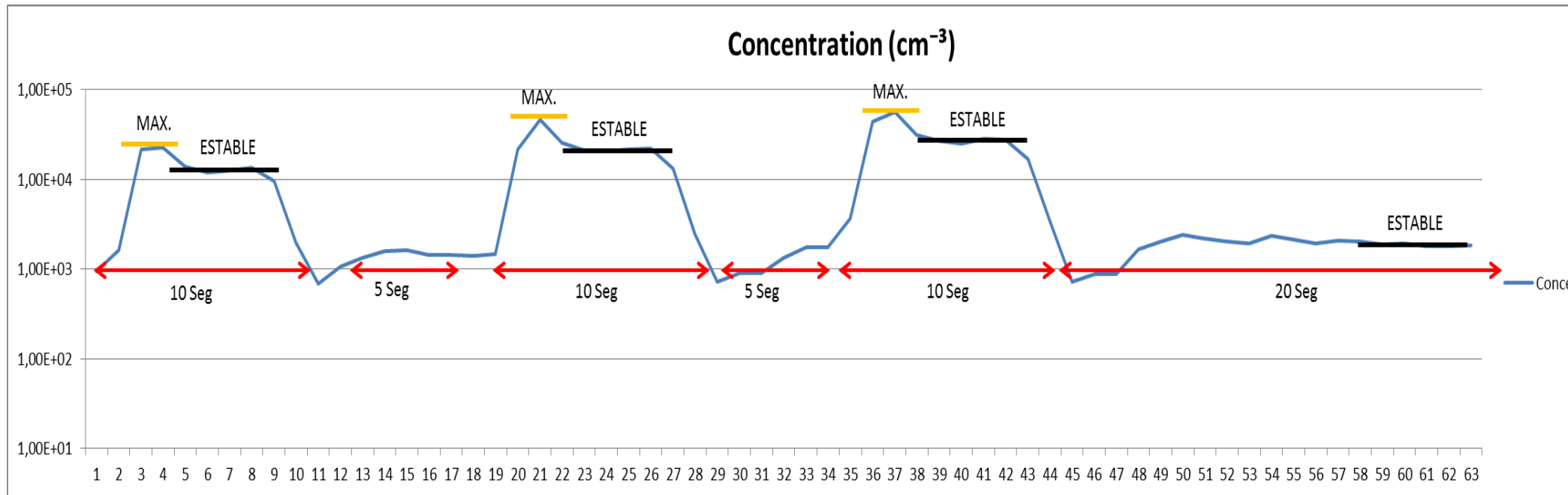
# 2015 first PTI test with buses at VERT- SANTIAGO

## Measurement Protocol Roadside

### Opacity and PN at exhaust exit

#### during free acceleration, high idle and low idle

#### 2015 - 400 vehicles



# 2016 DIESELGATE

## VERT at Expert Hearing Bundestag 5 PUA Berlin 22. Sept. 2016 on Dieselgate

### → VERT-Recommendation

#### Beitrag zur Sachverständigenanhörung des 5.PUA (18/8273, 8932)

zur Frage erhöhter Schadstoffemissionen und Verbräuche von Fahrzeugmotoren durch Manipulation der elektronischen Motorsteuerung durch Hersteller und Betreiber, ungeeigneter Emissionsmessung, unzureichender Gesetzgebung und mangelhaften Vollzugs am 22.9.2016 in Berlin, Paul-Löbe-Haus, Sitzungssaal E 700

Deutscher Bundestag  
5. Untersuchungsausschuss  
der 18. Wahlperiode  
Ausschussdrucksache  
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#### Emissionsstabilität von Fahrzeugmotoren

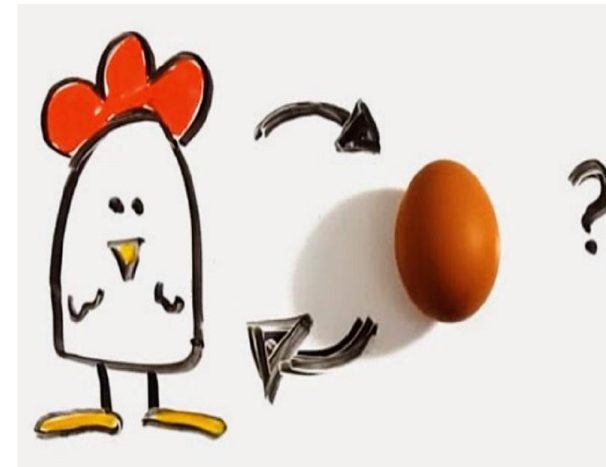
Der einzig sichere Weg zur Emissionsstabilität bestverfügbarer Abgastechnologie ist die flächendeckende unabhängige periodische Kontrolle nach einem neuen Testprotokoll

Germany Road Authority (Minister Dobrindt) reacted  
by re-activation of PTI January 2017 announcing PN introduction 1.1.2021

# 2016 NPTI – Task Force

Kicked off by VERT and TNO 23.11.2016

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Supported NPTI  
from beginning



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INTERNATIONAL

RECOMMENDATION

## Particulate Number Counter

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Instruments for measuring vehicle  
exhaust particulate number emissions

- **For engines running idle**

Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements  
Part 2: Metrological controls and performance tests

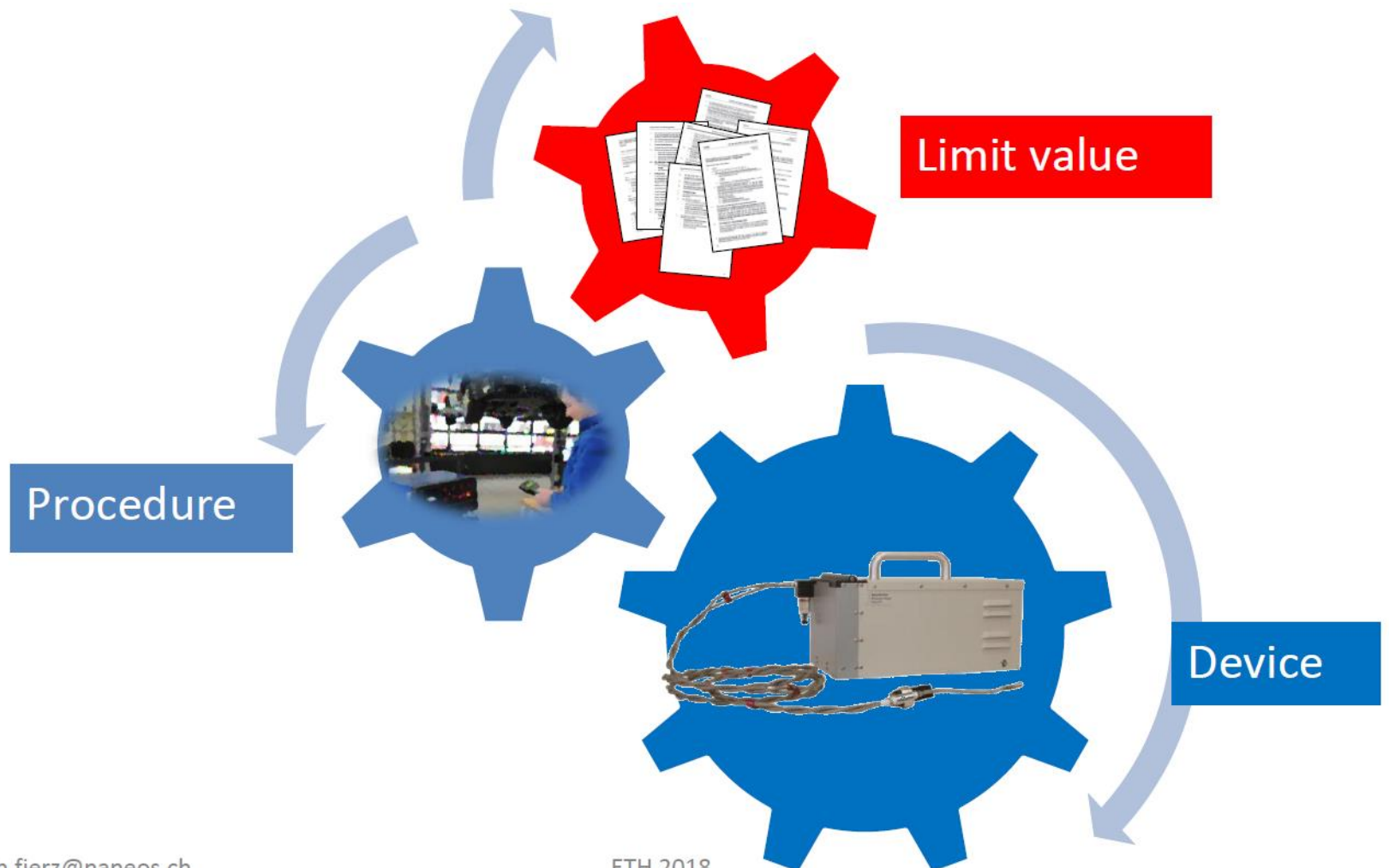


Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale

International Organization of Legal Metrology

*Based on the “mutual recognition” principle of the European Union  
this must be recognized and can be can be adopted by member states*

# NPTI is a package with 3 elements



# Concept (2016)

for a very efficient and cost effective 100% in-use periodic emission control for DPF equipped vehicles

- **PN-Test at low idle – no dyno required**
- **Pass/Fail Criterion: 100'000 1/cc → 250'000**
- **Robust design for workshops**
- **Sales price < 8'000 €**

**This Test is much more than just Pass/Fail**

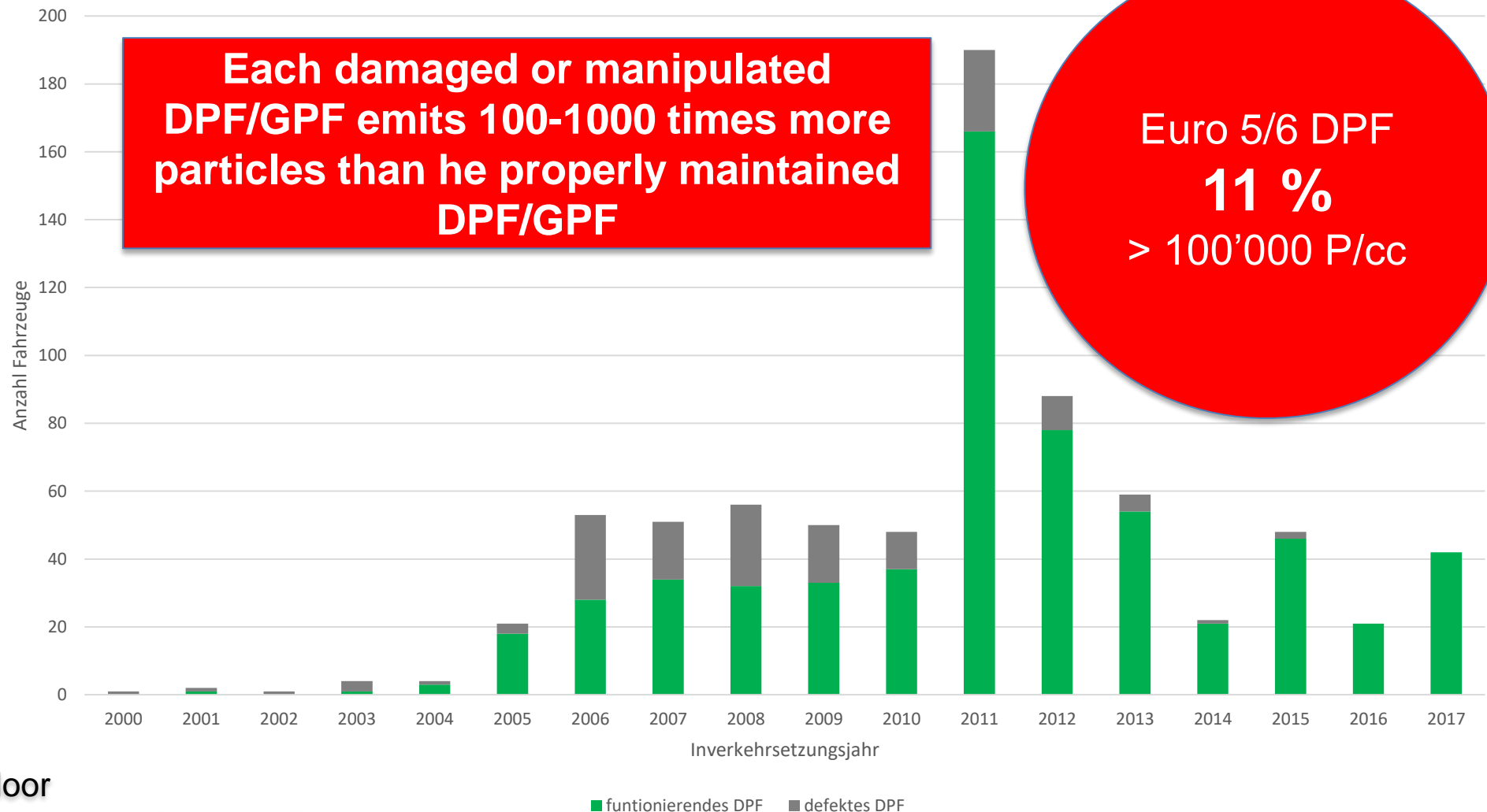
It supplies **quantitative diagnostic** information for the **functionality** of each emission control component and the engine as well and permits **preventive repair and maintenance**.

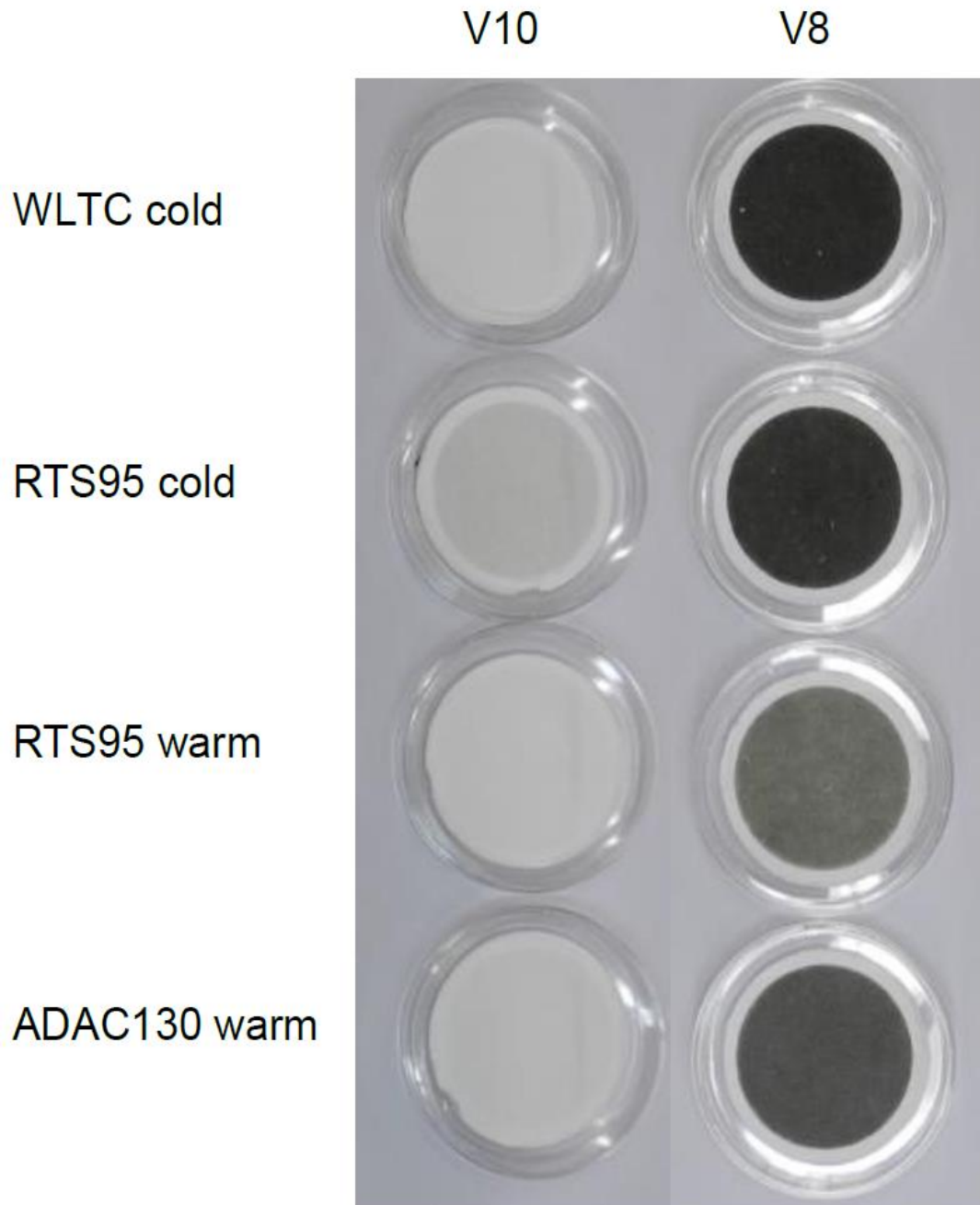


# DPF Failure Statistics (2017)

## Measurement of 1000 vehicles in Switzerland + Netherland + Belgium + Spain

alle Fahrzeuge mit DPF





**Not Diesels only  
these are 2 Petrol  
Vehicles  
DI and PFI**

some are extremely high  
PN polluters (Czerwinski)  
and Petrol Particles are  
highly toxic PAH carriers  
(Muñoz 2017 EMPA, CH)

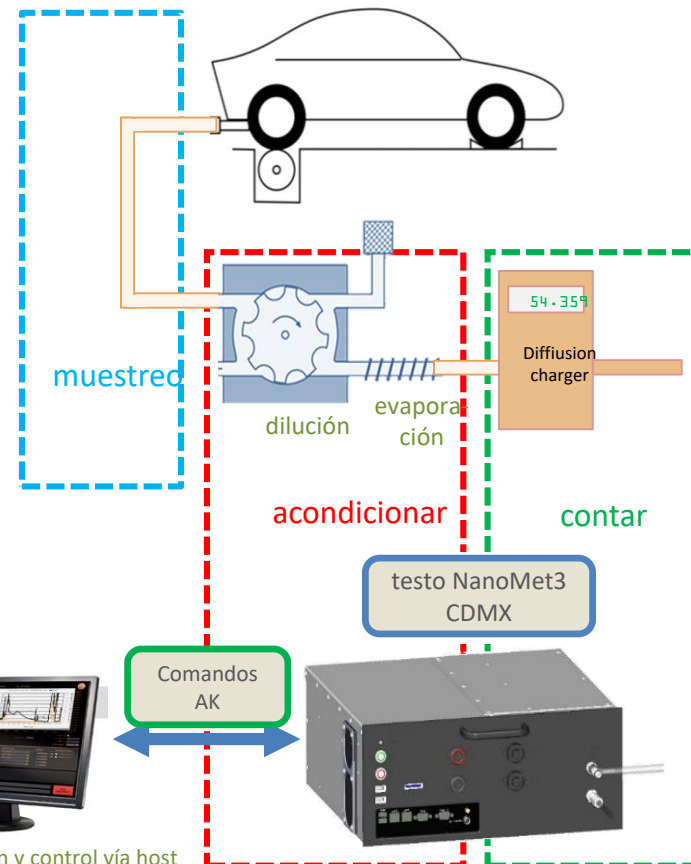
# MÉXICO Ciudad applies NanoMet 3

## 2017/18 Medición de números de partículas PN en todos los 60 verificentros en todos los 60 verificentros

Integración de la medición de las nanopartículas al procedimiento existente de la medición de los gases.



testo NanoMet3 instalado en un gabinete de 19" junto con el sistema de medición de gases



Comunicación y control vía host PC de la SEDEMA

PN-emissions up to 100 Million P/cc  
2% of the vehicles emit 60 % total PN  
A very serious high emitter problem

# **VERT NPTI Mission for Quality Control of DPF/GPF by PN at idle is successfully accomplished**

**This is what we celebrate today with you  
and all PN-polluted cities can adopt this  
elegant, accurate and low cost control measure and  
reduce PN emission of the ICE-fleet  
and their very large health impact  
within short time to levels  
which may be as low < 50% from now**

**It is not only about Failures  
of Diesel Particle Filters**

**but**

**the much larger problem are  
badly maintained High Emitters  
also Gasoline Vehicles**

which can be detected by the sensitive PN-method  
and maintaining them may clean the air fast at low cost

***The fastest way to clean Urban Air***

# VERT offers support to implement NPTI worldwide

VERT publishes a list of recommended instruments, supports local emission control and calibration, assists to implement regulations and to establish success control.



**TA** Technische Anleitung  
Technical Instruction  
Instruction technique

TA-024/21

Edition May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

## PTI by Particle Count PN at Low Idle VERT recommended procedures and instruments

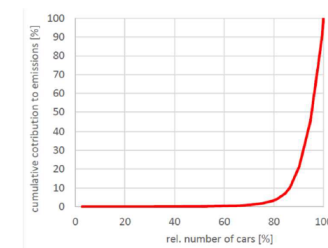
### 1. Why Periodic Technical Inspection (PTI) for On-road and Non-road Fleets Represents the Fastest Route to Clean Urban Air at Low Cost

To guarantee lifelong emission quality for the all-diesel powered vehicle/machine fleets a hierarchy of control steps are required:

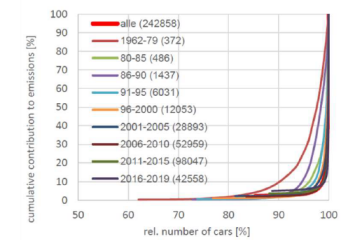
- Homologation guarantees that new vehicle generations comply with updated legislation;
- Conformity of production (COP) guarantees uniformity of the produced technology;
- In Service Conformity (ISC) supervises aging and systematic deteriorating effects;
- Surveillance Monitoring by EU-member states shall ensure impartial monitoring in future.

Today these four principles are respected for the on-road fleet, but they deal only with the systematic deterioration effects arising from the technology used and the established production quality. Further, COP and ISC are neglected worldwide for the non-road fleet, in spite of its high influence on urban air quality.

But what about random failures, maintenance negligence and intentional manipulation, which might have much stronger influence on urban air quality than well controlled systematic deteriorations? Recent vehicle emission history has clearly demonstrated [1] that these statistic and manipulative effects can increase emission levels by several orders of magnitude above limit values and are not necessarily detected by most modern on-board control since even OBD seems to be an easy target for software manipulation.



PN emission at low idle of 1000 diesel vehicles at Zürich 2018 with DPF [2]; 5% emit 80% of total PN



PN at light load of 500'000 petrol vehicles in Mexico City [3] 2018; in some classes 3 % emit 90% of total PN