

The IMO regulation results in a reduction of merely 1 % of the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions of main engines in the year 2010. The total reduction of 55 % in SO<sub>2</sub> emissions is due to both the IMO and EU regulations:

- a decrease of the sulphur content for heavy fuel oil;
- a decrease of the sulphur content for fuels used at berth, which also implies a switch from heavy fuel oil to diesel oil for vessels at berth built after 1984.

The switch from heavy fuel oil to diesel oil for vessels at berth results for the auxiliaries in a large emission reduction (33 %) for PM and small emission reductions for CO<sub>2</sub> (5 %), NO<sub>x</sub> (5 %), CO (4 %) and HC (4 %).

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

The transformation of the activity data for historical years into the activity based emission model for maritime shipping is a time consuming job. The activity based emission model however, makes it possible to forecast the emissions from sea-going vessels for the near future by taking into account various legislations.

The technological evolution of sea-going vessels is slower than that of other transport modes. An increase in activity between 2004 and 2010 offsets the technological improvements for most pollutants. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increase with 2 - 9 % between 2004 and 2010. The IMO and EU legislation have the largest effect on the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. A decrease of 50 -53 % between 2004 and 2010 was calculated in the current legislation scenario. The IMO regulation has only a small reducing effect on the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions of sea-going vessels in the year 2010.

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# Measurement method for emissions from inland navigation

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**ABSTRACT:** Transport over water is more efficient and cleaner than transport over land. But the standards for exhaust gas emissions from diesel engines from inland vessels lag 5 to 10 years behind the standards for emissions from road transport. With unchanged policy, this will result in more nitrogen oxides and particle matter to the transport performance (in kilometres) for inland vessels than for trucks.

However, the emissions from the inland navigation are based on only a few experiments with a few vessels whereas the emissions from road transport are much better known.

This measurement method is based on remote measurement of the exhaust plumes from vessels that pass by on a canal/river. In a two-day campaign, 20 km east of Rotterdam, emissions from about 150 ships were obtained. The gasses, which were measured are CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>. For particulate matter, total particle numbers and particle size distribution were determined. High time resolution made it possible to see the different ship passages. The observed plumes for NO<sub>x</sub> and particles were linked to those observed for CO<sub>2</sub>. The latter is linked to the amount of diesel used and to the engine power. In this way we obtained an average emission factor for NO<sub>x</sub> of 11±4 g NO<sub>x</sub>/kWh (n=132 vessels).

The same procedure was used for particle numbers. For particle mass the uncertainty is significantly larger but the measurements seem to indicate that ships are slightly cleaner than expected. The average emission factor was in the range of 0.1-0.3 g/kWh.

These experiments can give a better understanding of the ship emissions and may facilitate effective policy on reduction of emissions from inland shipping

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Cargo transport by inland navigation will be more important in Europe in the future. Navigation is considered to be a durable option for long and middle-long distances compared to cargo trucks (Schilperoord, 2004).

Because of the current policy in the Netherlands, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from mobile sources are decreasing, but this is mostly through cleaner techniques for road traffic. The use of these techniques in sea and inland navigation takes more time, also because ship engines can last for 25 years. The contribution of these sources is increasing both in absolute sense and relatively compared to road traffic emissions. NO<sub>x</sub>-data from the central bureau of statistics (CBS) in the Netherlands for the years 1990-2003 show decrease of NO<sub>x</sub> for total of mobile sources, but an increase for inland navigation and total navigation (Fig. 1). The emission factors are relatively uncertain, because these are based on scarce data from a limited number of experiments that were not specific for the Dutch fleet (Klein et al., 2004).

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At this moment, with the available emission data and with measurement techniques used so far, it is difficult to quantify the total emission of the total Dutch fleet. CBS calculates the emission from vessel kilometres. These are transformed with an assumed average speed into sailinghours to calculate kilowatt-hour (Klein, 2004). Emission ceilings for  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions from inland vessels vary between 9.3 and 13 g/kWh, depending on the engine rotations (Schilperoord, 2004). The emission factors which are registered in the Netherlands are between 8 and 16 g  $\text{NO}_x$ /kWh and 0.3 and 0.6 g PM/kWh (Oonk et al., 2003)

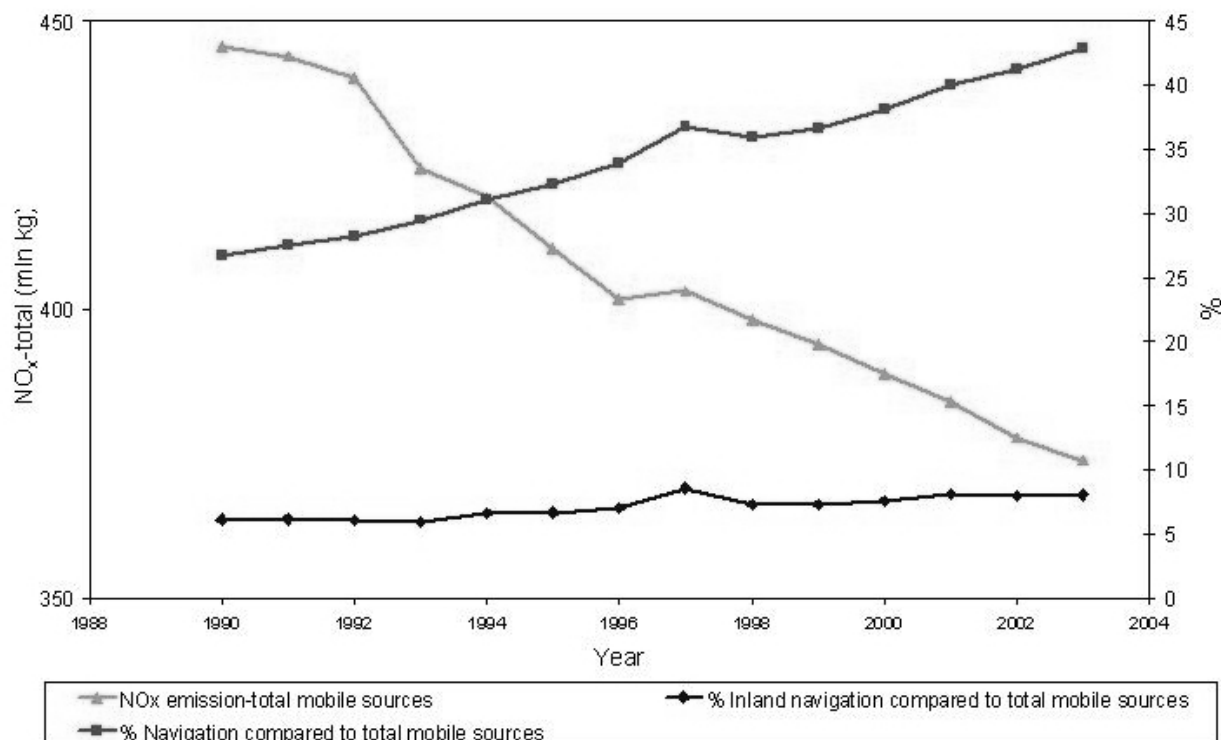


Figure 1.  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions for the total mobile sources in millions of kg (left axis) by CBS, the Netherlands for the years 1990–2003. The right axis shows the percentage of the total navigation (including sea navigation) and the inland navigation against the total mobile sources emissions.

## 2 MEASUREMENT METHOD

The exhaust gas of diesel engines in vessels is a mix of gasses and particles among which are carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ), nitrogen oxides ( $\text{NO}_x$ ), particulate matter (PM) and sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ). Once in the atmosphere the emitted gasses and particles are carried along with the wind in a (smoke) plume.

### 2.1 Plume measurements

Emission measurements for vessels are possible at the lee side of the wind using high time resolution instruments that analyse the gasses or particles in the air. In this experiment a mobile van was used to house all the instruments. (Fig. 2).

Ambient air was analysed using a chemiluminescence  $\text{NO}/\text{NO}_x$  analyzer (Eco-physics CLD 700 AL), a  $\text{CO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  analyzer (Licor Li-6262), and a pulsed Fluorescence  $\text{SO}_2$  analyzer (Thermo Electron Model 43A). These systems used a 2 m  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inlet hose that was flushed at 7 l/minute.  $\text{NO}_x$  calibration took place in the lab after the experiments. The  $\text{CO}_2$  monitor was calibrated each day before and after the experiments using  $\text{N}_2$  for zero calibration and 450 ppm  $\text{CO}_2$  in an  $\text{N}_2/\text{O}_2$  mixture.

A range of different instruments were used to measure particulate matter. A PM10-TEOM (model 1400) was used to obtain PM mass data. This instrument is too slow to enable measurements of individual plumes but the whole day timeseries was used to determine a proper conversion factor for the optical particle instruments into mass level. A Condensation Particle Counter (TSI-3022A)

was used for particle numbers. The CPC has a high resolution in time, but only provides particles numbers and can't be used to determine the particle size. Particle size distribution data was obtained using a LAS-x. This instrument also counts the number of particles and classifies each particle in one of the 16 different size channels (from 120 nm – 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ). These distributions are transferred into mass. This was done assuming all particles are spheres with a uniform density. The density is dependent on the aerosol composition. Diesel exhaust mainly contains elemental carbon (40 %), organic carbon (30%), sulphate and water (14%) and remaining elements (13%) (Burtcher, 2005). The LAS-x was not specifically calibrated for ship diesel exhaust during this experiment. Experiments in the lab were done that showed that for this instrument a density of 1.65 g cm<sup>-3</sup> provides an accurate mass number as compared to a filter collection system.

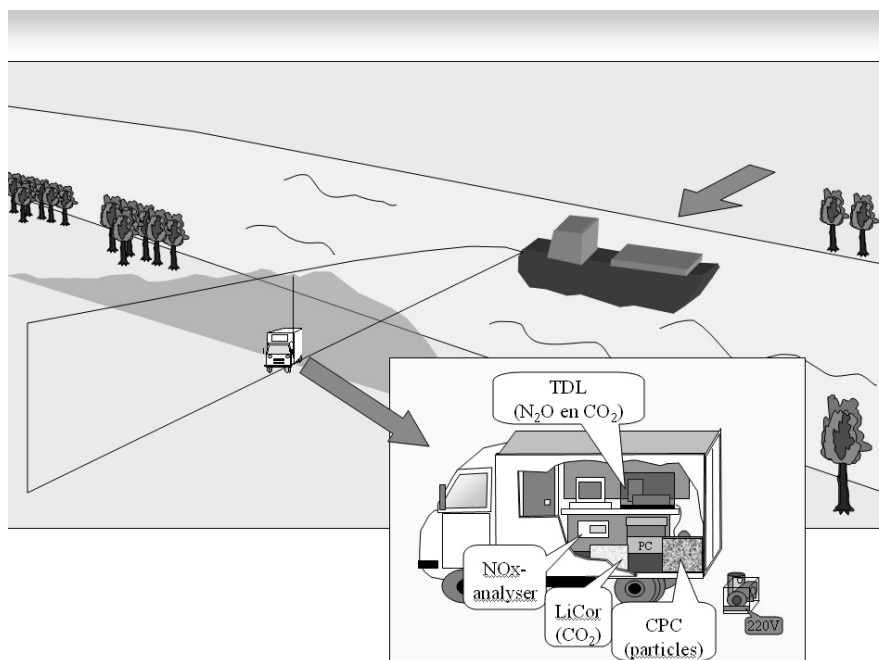


Figure 2. Schematic overview of the measurement set-up.

## 2.2 Tracer use

The measured concentration at a certain distance of the source is a function of both the released amount of gas/particles and the dilution or dispersion that occurs in the atmosphere. This dilution depends on many variables like wind speed, wind direction, stability of the atmosphere, the distance between source and measurement location and speed of the vessel. The dilution factor can be determined with a Gaussian plume model, but there are many uncertainties because of all the different input parameters. A way to determine the dilution factor is to release a tracer gas with a known source strength from a ship and determine the concentration of that constituent. (Fig. 3)

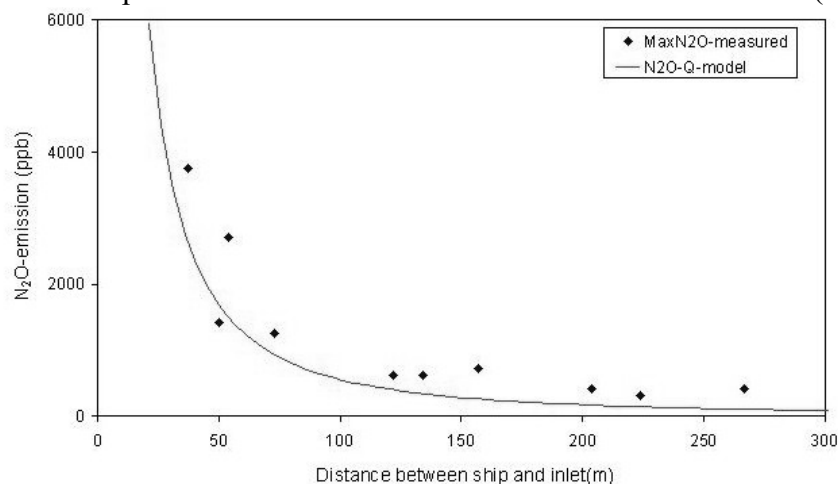


Figure 3. Experiment with release of tracer gas (N<sub>2</sub>O). The plume model and the measurements are in one line also with different distances from the source.

In this experiment the CO<sub>2</sub> released from the ship itself was used as tracer. Doing so the absolute quantity of the emitted gas is not obtained but the emission factor can be still be determined. The measured concentration equals the emission multiplied with an unknown dilution factor. Dividing

$$\frac{\text{ConcentrationNO}_x}{\text{ConcentrationCO}_2} = \frac{\text{EmissionNO}_x}{\text{EmissionCO}_2}$$

two equations for two components eliminated the dilution factor and provides:

The concentration measurements are used to obtain the concentration ratio in the plume. This is done by integration of the concentration above the background level. The integrated values for NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> are divided to obtain a gNO<sub>x</sub>/gCO<sub>2</sub> emission factor. Since the emission standards are defined used in gNO<sub>x</sub> per kWh. The CO<sub>2</sub> emission is transferred into the amount of fuel used. With the carbon fraction in diesel and the combustion value of diesel this provides a conversion factor of 73.3 g CO<sub>2</sub> MJ<sup>-1</sup>. Finally the emission factor is obtained assuming an engine efficiency of 38% (Schilperoord, 2004) for the ship engines.

### 3 RESULTS

Two projects were done on inland navigation. On 18 march 2005 at the Amsterdam-Rijn canal and on 6 and 7 February 2006 at the Dordtse Kil, a river east of Rotterdam. The distance between source and inlet to the instruments was between 25 and 200 m. On a single day about 100 ships pass by and 60 to 70 ships were analysed. At the measurement location a typical plume passage lasts for about 40 seconds per ship. A time series obtained with several passing vessels shows how the different components increase simultaneously when a ship is passing. (Fig. 4) The difference in concentration peaks height is caused either by difference in emissions or difference in dilution. The correlation between peak levels of CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> or particles counts is good.

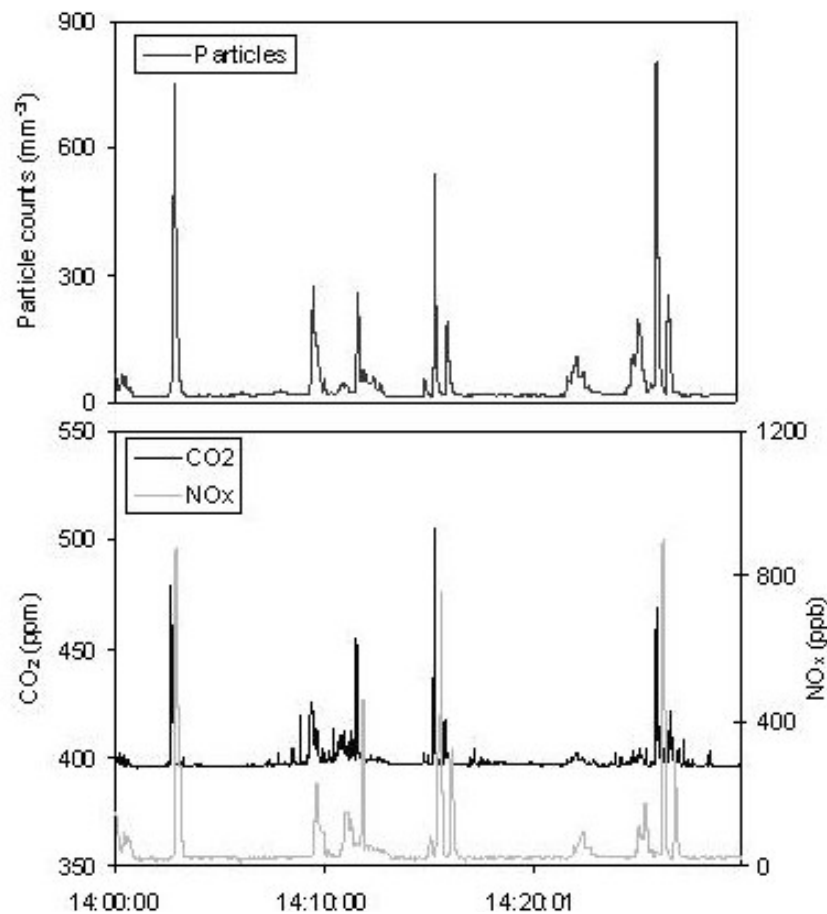


Figure 4. Time series with a set of passing vessels. Simultaneous concentration peaks occur for the different components. The concentrations of the gasses CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> are shown in the lower part of the graph and particle counts in the upper graph.

### 3.1 $NO_x$

The emission factors obtained with the method described here provided a consistent dataset. Table 1 gives the statistics for the measurements at the Dordtse Kil, the data is also shown Figure 5. The average emission factor for  $NO_x$  is in the expected range.

Table 1. Statistics of emission factors for  $NO_x$  in g/kWh

	g $NO_x$ /kWh
Average	10.7
Median	10.7
Standard deviation	3.6
Relative standard deviation	33%
Plume counts	132

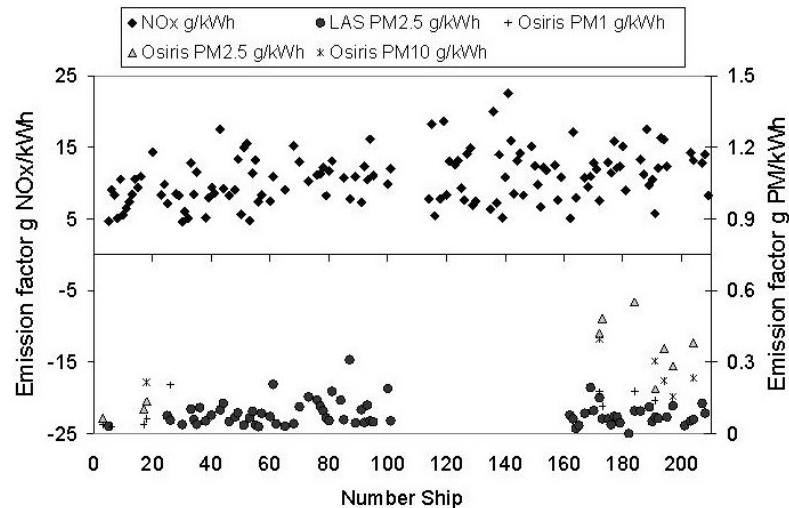


Figure 5. Emission factors of  $NO_x$  and PM (measured with LAS-x and Osiris)

### 3.2 PM

Figure 5 shows the emission factors of particulate matter that were obtained. These are all low emissions compared to what is used in the Netherlands until now. An example of the size distribution obtained on a single day is shown in Figure 6. The patterns show an average particle size distribution for 25 plumes both using the data in the plume and in the background data in between these plumes. The difference of these two distributions represents the PM added to the background level by the plume. About 80 % of this mass is below  $1 \mu m$  with the peak around  $0.5 \mu m$ .

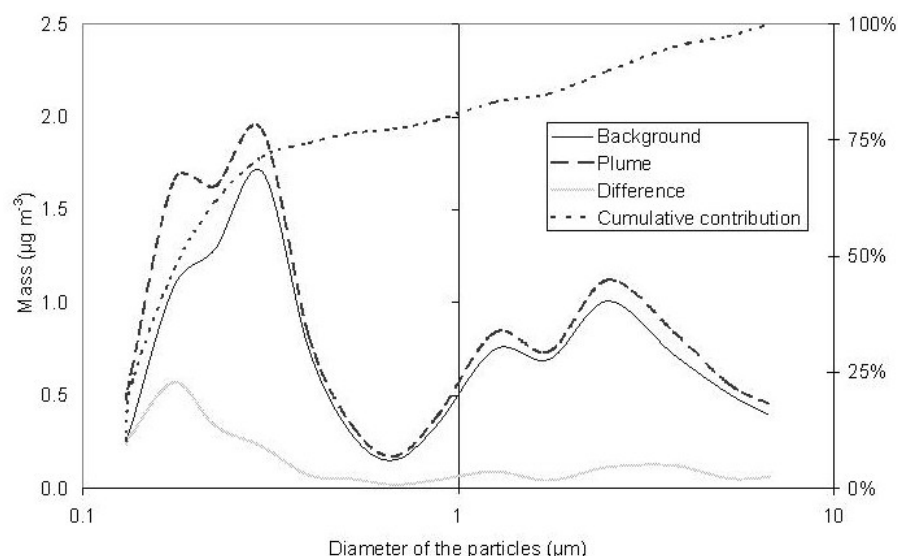


Figure 6. The particle size distribution downwind of the river in and outside a set of 25 plumes as measured with the LASx.

During part of the measurements we used an inlet to the LAS-x was relatively long (1 m steel tube), this might have caused an underestimation of the emission level. The average emission factor was in the range of 0.1-0.3 g PM/kWh.

#### 4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

This method provides emission factors for a large number of vessels per day especially as compared to tailpipe measurements. Another advantage of this method is that the emission factors of the fleet can be determined in a realistic situation instead of a laboratory setting. The flexibility of a moving laboratory enables experiments on various locations and eventually also the evaluation of actual exposure levels for people living close to the waterways.

The use of CO<sub>2</sub> as internal tracer works well. This means that the emission factor of the vessels can be determined directly instead of indirectly using an atmospheric transport model. The model is still needed when an absolute emission of NO<sub>x</sub> is required.

The emission factors of NO<sub>x</sub> obtained with this plume method had an average level of 11±4 g NO<sub>x</sub>/kWh was obtained (n= 136). The range in the emission factors obtained was relatively small which results in a 95% confidence level of 0.7 for the average emission factor. This factor is within the range of the emission factors used by the Dutch emission registration.

The particle size distribution for ship emissions peaks below 1 µm. An instrument that can detect smaller particles compared to the LAS-x used here (below 120 nm) would be an advantage for the next measurements to evaluate the mass in the plume below this size level. According to Burtcher (2005) the particle emissions of (car) diesels have an average diameter from 60-100 nm that is nearly independent from motor type or running circumstances. These small particles might add 10-20% to the mass. This cannot explain why the emission factors measured for PM during these experiments were about 5 times below the level used in the emission inventory. This difference was larger than expected even if we assume our data has an uncertainty of a factor of 2. For this reason experiments are still ongoing with a focus on additional experiments that can narrow down the uncertainty in the PM emission levels.

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# Particle Emissions from Ship Engines: Emission Properties and Transformation in the Marine Boundary Layer

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**ABSTRACT:** In the framework of a combined effort ship emission studies were conducted in 2004. Detailed aerosol microphysics and chemistry was measured in the raw exhaust gas of a single-cylinder test bed engine. The emission studies were complemented by airborne aerosol transformation studies in the marine boundary layer using the DLR aircraft Falcon 20 E-5. In this experiment a single plume of a large container ship was extensively investigated. Observations from emission studies and plume studies combined with a Gaussian plume dispersion model yield a consistent picture of particle transformation processes from emission from a ship engine to atmospheric processing in the marine boundary layer during plume expansion. The results are used for the determination of emission indices of particulate matter from ships and for the estimation of life times of ship exhaust particles in the marine boundary layer.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Currently, gaseous and particulate matter emissions from ship engines are gaining increasing attention because of possible environmental and climate impacts (Eyring et al., 2005a, b). Emitted species can considerably influence the atmospheric composition and in particular the ozone chemistry in the troposphere (Endresen et al., 2003). As for any combustion source, ship engine exhaust also contains particulate matter. Ship engine exhaust particles are composed of combustion aerosol particles consisting of elemental and organic carbon, sulphate and ash (Petzold et al., 2004), and of volatile particles forming outside the combustion process in the expanding plume.

Elemental or black carbon (BC) is the most efficient particulate absorber of atmospheric solar radiation and has therefore a strong impact on the atmospheric radiation balance. Additionally, combustion particles can act as nuclei for the formation of cloud droplets and affect by that means the life cycle and radiative properties of marine stratus clouds at the top of the marine boundary layer (Durkee et al., 2000).

In particular the emission of particles and their fate in the marine environment are however widely unknown. Until today, observations reported mainly bulk aerosol properties like mass concentrations (Cooper, 2003), while detailed chemical analyses and aerosol microphysical data are missing.

In the framework of a combined effort, ship emission studies were conducted in 2004 as part of the European Integrated Project HERCULES (**H**igh **E**fficiency **R**&**D** on **C**ombustion with **U**ltra

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**Low Emissions for Ships**). Detailed aerosol microphysics and chemistry were measured in the exhaust gas of a single-cylinder test bed engine, which was operated at various load conditions, running on fuel with a sulphur content of 3.45 wt.-%.

The emission studies were complemented by airborne aerosol transformation studies in the marine boundary layer as part of the ICARTT-ITOP (**I**ntercontinental **T**ransport of **O**zone and **P**recursors) experiment in 2004. Research flights using the DLR aircraft Falcon 20 E-5 were conducted in the English Channel and in a single plume of a large container ship.

## 2 METHODS AND RESULTS

On board of the DLR research aircraft Falcon, a comprehensive set of instruments was operated for measuring aerosol microphysical properties of both the secondary volatile aerosol, the primary combustion aerosol and trace gases  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , and  $\text{SO}_2$ . The excess  $\text{CO}_2$ , or  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  respectively, was calculated from the total  $\text{CO}_2$  time series by subtracting the average background value from the full  $\text{CO}_2$  signal. Since there is no additional source for  $\text{CO}_2$  in the vicinity of the investigated ship plume, the value of  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  is a very good indicator for combustion emissions. Using a calculated value of 40000 ppm  $\text{CO}_2$  in the raw exhaust gas of the investigated vessel, the plume dilution can be determined from  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$ .

Figure 1 shows the flight track of the aircraft during the plume study in the exhaust of the container ship. The colour of the symbols represents the black carbon mass concentration in the plume. Close to the source,  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  exceeded a value of 10 ppm, ranging up to  $> 100$  ppm. Simultaneously, the BC mass concentration reached values of close to  $10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , while the Condensation Particle Counters (TSI 3760A) were above their upper detection limit of  $20,000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

The plume encounters observed during the Single Plume Study are shown in Figure 2. The strength of the plume event was rated according to the  $\text{CO}_2$  measured above the background signal (excess  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$ ).

The analysis of the measured DMA size distributions in the fresh plume yielded a count median diameter of the combustion particles of 70 nm. Comparable data from emission studies yield a count median diameter of 52 nm. For aged plumes the count median diameter of the combustion particle mode was found at approx. 100 nm. These values reflect a considerable size shift in the particle size distribution by coagulation during the plume expansion from exhaust conditions to an aged plume embedded in the marine boundary layer.

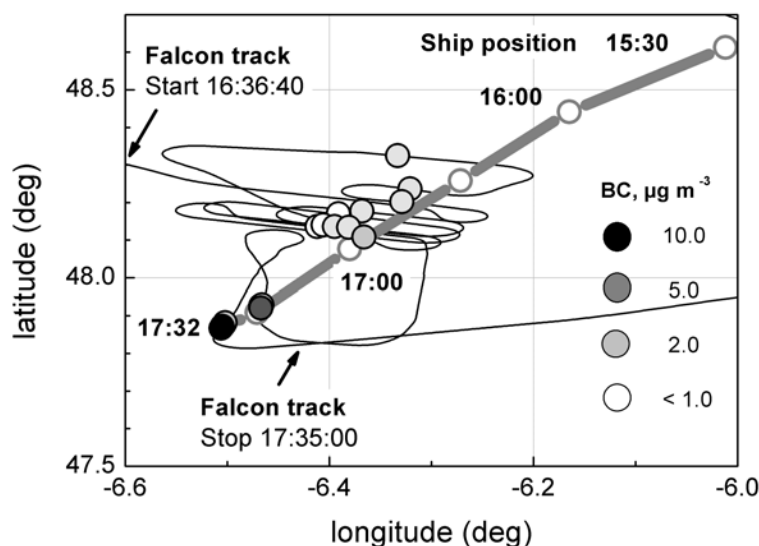


Figure 1. Tracks of the source ship and the research aircraft Falcon during the Single Plume Study; symbol colours represent Black Carbon mass concentrations in the plume.

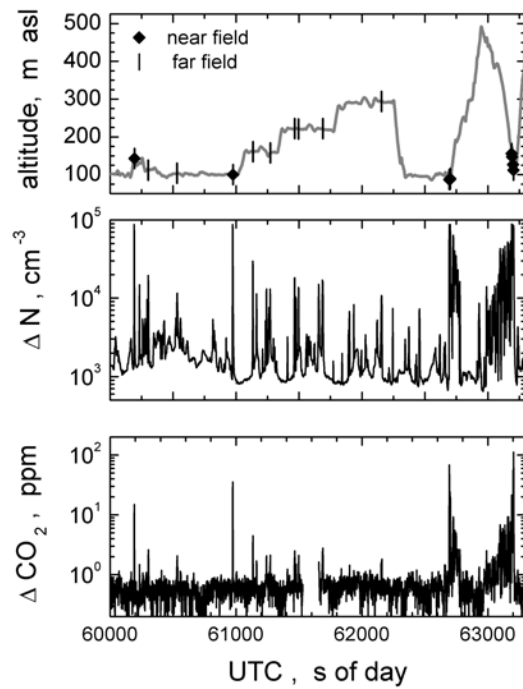


Figure 2. Time series of flight altitude in m above sea level (asl), excess  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\Delta \text{CO}_2$ ) and excess number concentration  $\Delta N$  during the Single Plume Study.

As is shown in Figure 3a, the exhaust particle mode inside the ship plume exceeds the background aerosol in the size range from 20 to 200 nm by max. two orders of magnitude. In the size ranges below and above this range of particle diameters, no deviation from the background aerosol was found. The ship exhaust particle mode was still detectable in polluted air masses outside the single plume. This observation is in agreement with data reported by Osborne et al. (2001). For comparison, Figure 3b shows the size distribution measured on the test bed in the exhaust of an engine which operated at 100% load.

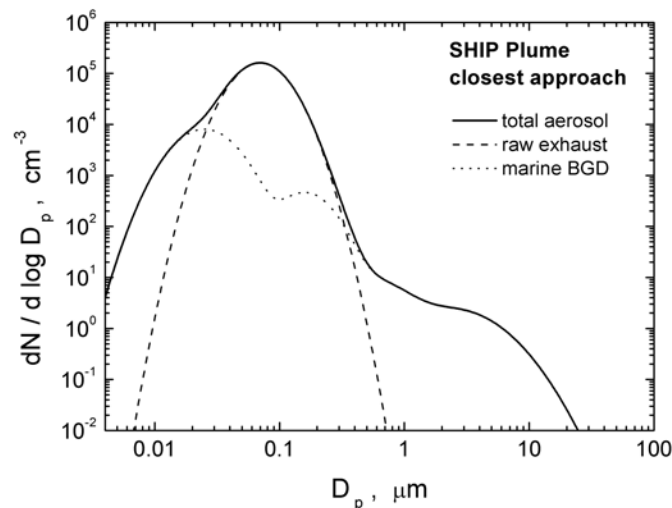


Figure 3a. Composite size distributions from data from DMA, PCASP 100X and FSSP 300 for a strong plume encounter and for a marine background case; the log-normal size distribution represents the exhaust particle mode.

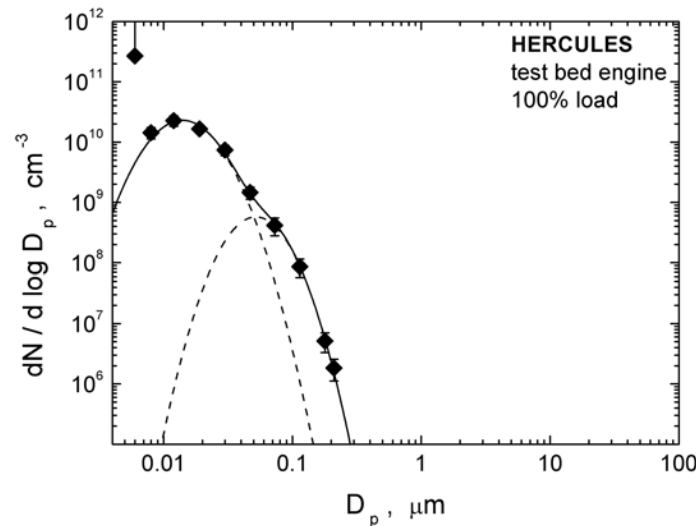


Figure 3b. Size distributions of raw particle emissions measured in the test bed studies.

The plume age during the Single Plume Study was calculated from trajectory analyses of the ship plume with respect to the aircraft flight track and from the geometrical distance from the probing aircraft to the source ship at the time of emission. The  $\text{CO}_2$  data measured during the Single Plume Study were then used for the determination of the plume diffusion coefficients according to the plume dispersion model of Glasow et al. (2003). Glasow et al. report best estimates for horizontal and vertical diffusion coefficients of 0.75 and 0.6, while a plume model fitted to the  $\text{CO}_2$  measurements yields values of 0.74 and 0.7. When using  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  as an indicator for the plume age, plume observations extended from very young plumes in the Single Plume Study ( $t \approx 60$  s) to well aged plumes in the English Channel ( $t \approx 10,000$  s).

Comparing Figures 3a and 3b, a strong mode of particles with diameters around 10 nm is visible in the raw exhaust data (Figure 3b) while only very few particles are observed in the young plume (Figure 3a). A detailed analysis yielded a ratio  $N(D > 4 \text{ nm}) / N(D > 10 \text{ nm})$  of 1.25 at plume ages of about 600 s while this ratio decreased to  $1.0 \pm 0.1$  after about 100 s. Hence nucleation mode particles are expected to live no longer than about 1 h.

Assuming an estimated precision of 0.2 ppm for the determination of  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$ , the  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  signature of a ship plume becomes indistinguishable from the  $\text{CO}_2$  background after about 10 h. This value can be used as an average ship plume life time when plume dispersion is the only active dilution process. As soon as turbulent mixing comes into play the life time can be much shorter.

### 3 CONCLUSIONS

The adapted Glasow plume dispersion model in combination with the observations from emission studies and plume studies yields a consistent picture of particle transformation processes from emission from a ship engine to atmospheric processing in the marine boundary layer during plume expansion:

- Black carbon mass and  $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  are well correlated for emission and young plume conditions.
- Extensive transformation of particle size distribution properties from exhaust to aged plume observed: count median diameter of the size distributions shifts from 52 nm (raw exhaust) to 70 nm (young plume) and to approx. 100 nm (aged plume).
- Strong nucleation particle mode in raw exhaust; nucleation mode is almost completely depleted in the single plume far field (plume age  $> 10^3$  s).
- High abundance of volatile Aitken mode particles in raw exhaust, increased fraction of volatile particles in ship plumes is still visible at plume ages  $> 10^4$  s.
- Ship plume reaches top of MBL after approx. 1000 s, earliest onset of ship track effects.
- $\Delta\text{CO}_2$  plume signature disappears latest after approx. 10 h.

A detailed analysis of the SHIP Plume Study is under way. Quantitative results on emission factors in terms of mass and number and particle life times will be reported soon in a publication in preparation for *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*.

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# Aircraft-based Trace Gas Measurements in a Primary European Ship Corridor

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**ABSTRACT:** Aircraft measurements of gaseous ship emissions were performed in the vicinity of the heavily travelled ship lanes through the English Channel and in the exhaust trail of a major sea-going container ship. In the single ship plume experiment the concentration and dilution of major emissions ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_y$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ) were measured up to a distance to the source ship and plume age of 25 km and 1650 s, respectively. Emission factors for  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  were determined from individual plume encounters. The inferred  $\text{NO}_x$  emission indices compare well with calculated emission indices from the engine emission model of the manufacturer. The deduced  $\text{SO}_2$  emission indices from the  $\text{SO}_2$  enhancements in the plume are smaller than calculated emission indices bases on the analysed sulphur content in the fuel sample. However, the difference is still within the estimated error limits for the  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions factor measurements. A survey flight in the ship corridor through the English Channel revealed the presence of a multitude of ship plumes aged between 0.5 and several hours. Many of the observed concentration enhancements in the ship corridor are due to the superposition of several plumes with different ages.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Shipping represents a major element of international transportation. Combustion from ships produces gaseous species and aerosols that contribute to anthropogenic pollution and climate change (e.g. Corbett and Fischbeck, 1997, Lawrence and Crutzen, 1999, Endresen et al., 2003). A number of model studies have been performed to investigate the local, regional and global impact of gaseous ship emissions on photochemistry (Capaldo et al. 1999, Lawrence and Crutzen 1999, Kasibhatla et al. 2000, Davis et al. 2001, Glasow et al. 2002, Endresen et al. 2003, Song et al. 2003). These studies revealed that photochemical and heterogeneous processes in the ship exhaust plumes and the ship corridors are important but not well parameterized in the chemistry transport models. Experimental data to investigate these processes, however, are very sparse. Chen et al. (2005) performed aircraft measurements in the exhaust trail of two ships off the coast of California in 2002 and found that models underestimate  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  losses and largely overestimate  $\text{HNO}_3$  abundances in the plumes. Recently, Williams et al. (2005) reported observations in exhaust plumes of several small marine ships off the coast of New England performed on board the research vessel Ron Brown in summer 2004. Here we report on first aircraft measurements in a major European ship traffic corridor including detailed observations in the exhaust trail of a large container ship. The objectives of these investigations are to provide data for analysis of plume dilution and mixing, determination of ship emission factors, and validation of plume box and chemistry transport models. This paper presents the measurements of chemical compounds, observations of particulate ship emissions are described in the proceedings contribution of Petzold et al. (this issue).

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## 2 EXPERIMENT

The measurements were performed on 23 and 30 July 2004 as part of the DLR research program Transport and Environment. The DLR research aircraft Falcon was used based from Creil in northern France. The objective of the flight on 23 July 2004 was to survey the English Channel at the western exit and search for corridor effects of ship emissions. The English Channel is one of the most travelled ship corridors in the world. About 500 ships per day use the east- and westbound shipping lanes in the English Channel. The objective of the flight on 30 July 2004 was to sample the exhaust trail of a designated source ship, a very large container ship. The sampling of the container ship plume was performed off the coast of north-western France near 48.2°N/ 6,5°W. Information on the operating conditions of the ship and the engine as well as a sample of the fuel burnt were provided by the ship operator.

Measurements presented here include CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>y</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>. A NDIR absorption spectrometer was used for fast CO<sub>2</sub> measurements (modified LI-COR 6262) with an accuracy of ±0.8 ppmv for a time resolution of 1 s. (Fischer et al., 2002). NO and NO<sub>y</sub> were detected using chemiluminescence technique (Schlager et al., 1997, Ziereis et al., 1999). Individual NO<sub>y</sub> compounds were catalytically reduced to NO on the surface of a heated gold converter with addition of CO. The inlet tube for air sampling was oriented rearward and heated to 30°C to avoid sampling of NO<sub>y</sub> in particles and adsorption of nitric acid on the wall of the sampling tube, respectively. The accuracy of the NO and NO measurements is 8 and 15 % for a time resolution of 1 s. Detection of O<sub>3</sub> was by UV absorption technique (Thermo Electron Corporation, Model 49) with an accuracy of 5 % for a time resolution of 5 s. SO<sub>2</sub> was measured using an ion trap mass spectrometer and chemical ionization technique (Speidel et al. 2006).

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Individual plume measurements

Figure 1 shows the route of the container ship and the Falcon flight track during the exhaust trail measurements on 30 July 2004. The detailed sampling of the plume was performed between 16.30 – 17.30 UTC at flight levels between 93 and 266 m asl. The wind direction was east/southeast with a mean wind velocity of 2.5 ms<sup>-1</sup>. Besides the exhaust plume of the container ship additional plumes were present of other ships cruising west (downwind) of the container ship on similar routes.

Table 1 summarises the observations during ten successful plume penetrations. Given are the measured enhancements of mixing ratios of CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, and NO<sub>y</sub> in the plume. Also included is time, altitude, and estimated plume age for each encounter. NO and NO<sub>y</sub> values are missing for the encounters at small plume ages due to concentrations in the plume outside the measurement range of the instruments. A device for dilution of the sample air prior to detection was not used during these first measurements of ship plumes.

Figure 2 (right panel) shows the measured peak mixing ratios of CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, and NO<sub>y</sub> for the plume encounters as a function of plume age. After a plume age of 1000 s the exhaust plume is diluted by a factor of  $3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  considering the initial CO<sub>2</sub> mixing ratio at the engine exit of 40.000 ppmv. Observed  $\Delta\text{NO}_y/\Delta\text{CO}_2$  ratios versus plume age are shown in the right panel of Figure 2. The NO<sub>y</sub>/ΔCO<sub>2</sub> ratios for the plume encounters #6 and #10 agree within error estimates with the initial NO<sub>x</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio at the engine exit indicating no NO<sub>y</sub> loss for plume ages up to 1300 s for the meteorological conditions in the boundary layer during the measurements. The NO<sub>y</sub>/ΔCO<sub>2</sub> ratio of plume encounter #3 is slightly smaller than the initial NO<sub>x</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio at the engine exit suggesting onset of reactive nitrogen loss.

### 3.2 Ship traffic corridor measurements

Figure 3 depicts the Falcon flight track on 23 July 2004. The flight section in the ship corridor was from Brest (48.5°N, 4.2°W) to the northwest (50°N, 7°W) at a constant altitude of 200 m asl. Figure 4 shows observed mixing ratios of NO<sub>y</sub>, NO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> along the Falcon flight track in the ship

corridor (right panel). Coincident enhancements in the mixing ratios of  $\text{NO}_y$ ,  $\text{NO}$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  were found caused by a multitude of ship exhaust plumes aged between about 0.5 and 5 hours. In many cases measured concentration peaks are due to superposition of several ship plumes. For some of the exhaust plumes enhancements of the  $\text{CO}_2$  mixing ratios were also detected. An example is shown in the right panel of Figure 3. Observations in this multiple plume were used to infer emission factors for  $\text{NO}_x$  (see below).

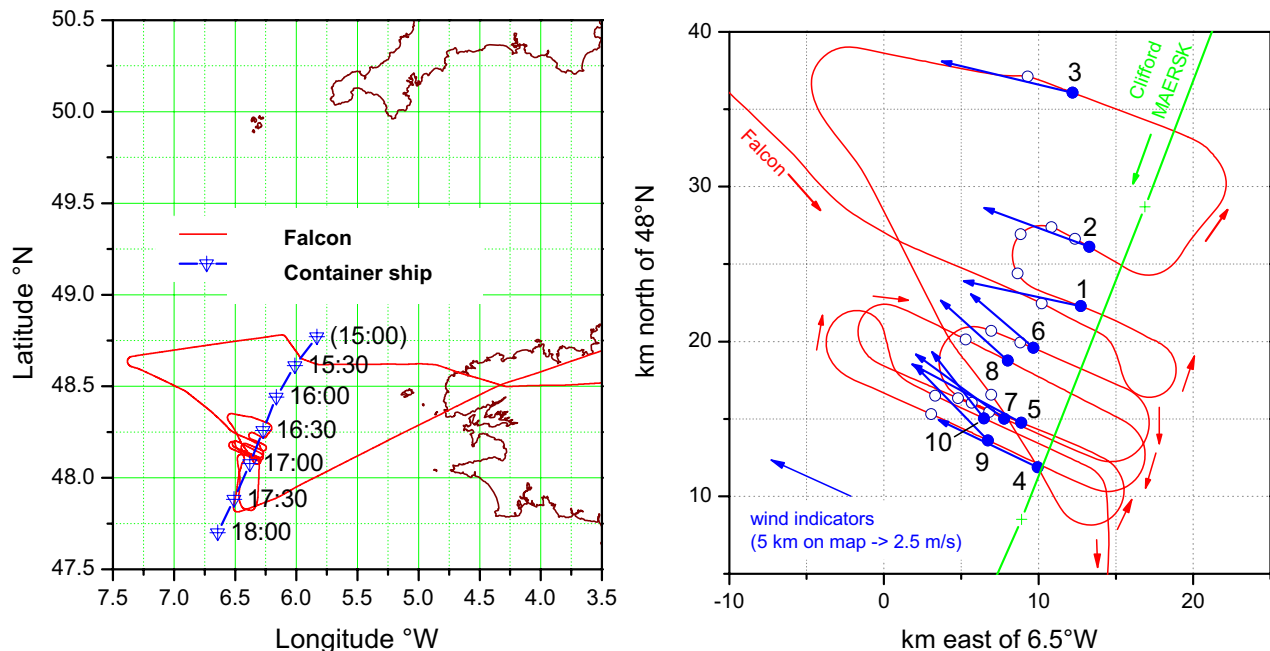


Figure 1. Sampling strategy of the exhaust plume of the large container ship. Routing of the Falcon and container ship (left panel). Falcon encounters (solid circles) of the container ship plume are labelled from 1-10 (right panel). The wind direction and velocity are also indicated. Plumes from other nearby ships were also penetrated (open circles).

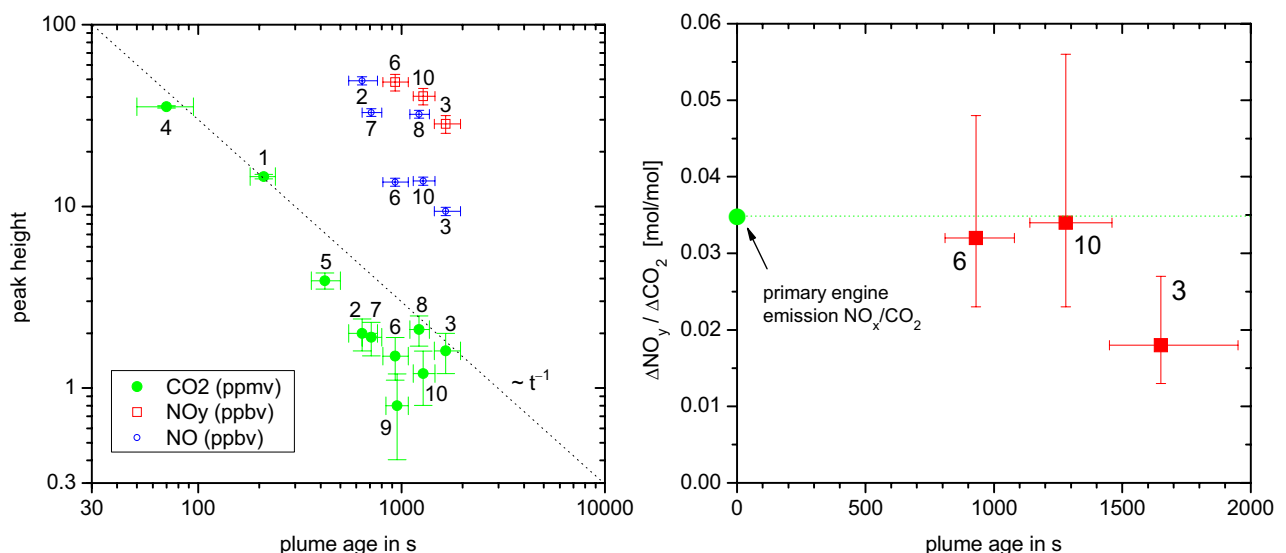


Figure 2. Observed peak concentrations of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_y$ , and  $\text{NO}$  for the container ship plume transects versus estimated plume age (left panel). Measured  $\text{NO}_y/\text{CO}_2$  ratios of the plume encounters #3, #6, and #10. Also included is the initial emission  $\text{NO}_x/\text{CO}_2$  ratio at the engine exit (right panel).

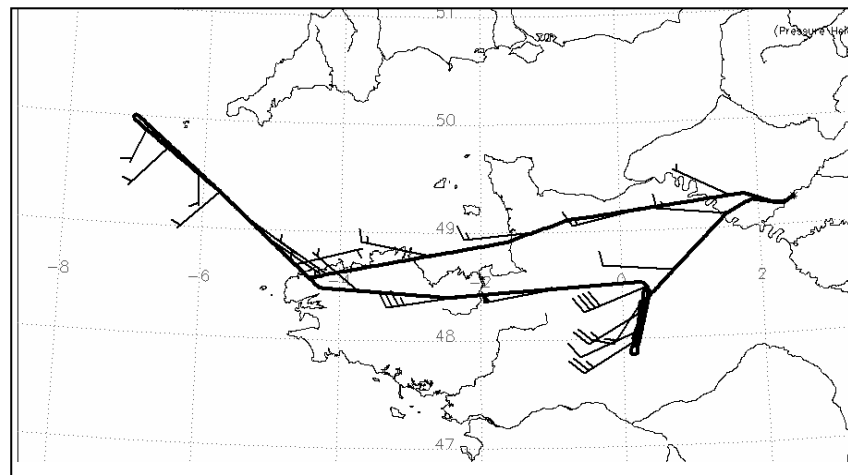


Figure 3. Falcon transect through the ship corridor at the exit of the English Channel at a constant altitude of 200 m asl on 23 July 2004.

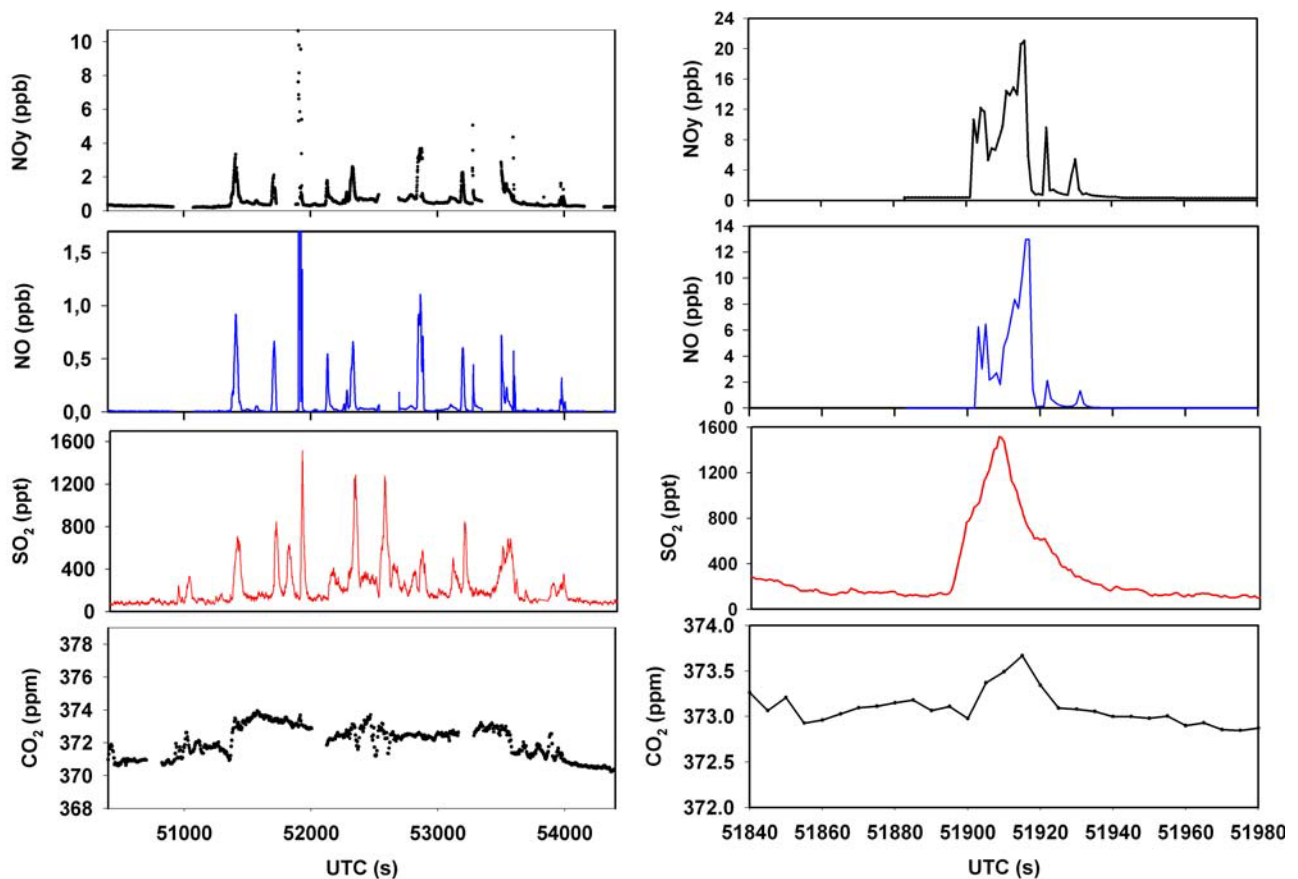


Figure 4. Time series of observed  $\text{NO}_y$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and  $\text{CO}_2$  for the ship corridor transect (left panels). Observed concentration enhancements in the multiple plume sampled at about 51910 s (UTC) in the ship corridor (right panels).



Table 1. Observed differences of trace gas mixing ratios for the individual plume encounters relative to ambient concentrations in the boundary layer. Plume ages are calculated using the wind measurements from the Falcon

#	UTC Sec	Alt m	plume age S	$\Delta\text{CO}_2$ $\mu\text{mol} / \text{mol}$	$\Delta\text{NO}$ $\text{nmol} / \text{mol}$	$\Delta\text{NO}_y$ $\text{nmol} / \text{mol}$	$\Delta\text{NO}_y / \Delta\text{CO}_2$ $\text{mmol} / \text{mol}$
1	60194	134	210 $\pm 30$	$14.6 \pm 0.4$	-	-	-
2	60307	105	640 -90/+120	$2.0 \pm 0.4$	$49.2 \pm 2.5$	-	-
3	60536	95	1650 -200/+300	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$9.4 \pm 0.5$	$28.4 \pm 3.2$	18(-5/+9)
4	60977	93	70 -20/+25	$35.3 \pm 0.5$	-	-	-
5	61136	150	420 -60/+80	$3.9 \pm 0.4$	-	-	-
6	61274	149	930 -120/+150	$1.5 \pm 0.4$	$13.6 \pm 0.7$	$48.3 \pm 5.1$	32(-9/+16)
7	61470	194	710 -70/+90	$1.9 \pm 0.4$	$32.9 \pm 1.6$	-	-
8	61689	195	1220 -120/+150	$2.1 \pm 0.4$	$32.2 \pm 1.6$	-	-
9	61903	263	950 -110/+130	$0.8 \pm 0.4$	-	-	-
10	62157	266	1280 -140/+180	$1.2 \pm 0.4$	$13.8 \pm 0.7$	$40.4 \pm 4.2$	34(-11/+22)

### 3.3 Determination of emission factors

Emission factors for  $\text{NO}_x$  were derived from the plume encounters #3, #6, and #10 during the flight on 30 July 2004 (see Table 1) and the multiple plume observed in the ship corridor during the flight on 23 July 2004 (Figure 3, right panel). Emission factors for  $\text{SO}_2$  were inferred from the plume encounters #3 and #10. Emission indices (emitted mass per kg fuel burnt) for  $\text{NO}_x$  (as  $\text{NO}_2$  mass) were calculated using (e.g. Schulte & Schlager, 1996)

$$\text{EI}(\text{NO}_x) = \text{EI}(\text{CO}_2) 46/44 \Delta[\text{NO}_x]/\Delta[\text{CO}_2] \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{EI}(\text{CO}_2)$  denotes the  $\text{CO}_2$  emission index, 46 and 44 the mole masses of  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ , respectively.  $\Delta[\text{NO}_x]$  and  $\Delta[\text{CO}_2]$  are the observed enhancements of the mixing ratios in the plumes relative to ambient background concentrations. For  $\Delta[\text{NO}_x]$  we used the measured  $\Delta[\text{NO}_y]$  and assumed no loss of reactive nitrogen in the plumes. The  $\text{CO}_2$  emission index is known with high accuracy ( $3070 \pm 20 \text{ g CO}_2 / \text{kg fuel}$ ) from the carbon mass fraction in ship fuel (85.1%) and the fraction of carbon that is converted to  $\text{CO}_2$  for cruise conditions (98.5%). The calculated  $\text{NO}_x$  emission indices are given in Table 2.

Emission factors for  $\text{SO}_2$  were derived from the ratios of the integrals of the corresponding plume enhancements

$$\text{EI}(\text{SO}_2) = \text{EI}(\text{CO}_2) 64/44 \int[\text{SO}_2]/\int[\text{CO}_2]. \quad (2)$$

Integral ratios needed to be used because of the different time responses of the  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  measurements. The calculated  $\text{SO}_2$  emission indices are also summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of emission indices derived from the plume observation. For comparison calculated values are also given.

Date, Plume encounter	$\text{EI}(\text{NO}_x)$ measured (g $\text{NO}_2$ / kg fuel)	$\text{EI}(\text{NO}_x)$ calculated (g $\text{NO}_2$ / kg fuel)	$\text{EI}(\text{SO}_2)$ observed (g $\text{SO}_2$ / kg fuel)	$\text{EI}(\text{SO}_2)$ calculated (g $\text{SO}_2$ / kg fuel)
30 July, #3	$96 \pm 14$	112 (a)	$46 \pm 12$	49 (c)
30 July, #6	$103 \pm 15$	112 (a)	-	49 (c)
30 July, #10	$109 \pm 16$	112 (a)	$40 \pm 10$	49 (c)
23 July, corridor	$98 \pm 15$	86 (b)	-	

(a) engine model of manufacturer for measurement conditions, (b) mean all cargo ships (Eyring et al. 2005), (c) from analysis of sulphur content in the fuel sample of the container ship (2.45% by mass), (d) from mean sulphur content of cargo ship fuel (Eyring et al., 2005).

The inferred  $\text{EI}(\text{NO}_x)$  values compare well with calculated emission indices for the container ship using the engine emission model of the manufacturer and the known engine operating conditions during the measurements. The  $\text{SO}_2$  emission factors derived from the integrals of the  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_2$  enhancements observed in the plume are lower by 6% and 19% compared to the values calculated

from the known sulphur content in the fuel burnt by the container ship. Considering the estimated errors, however, the emissions factors are still consistent with the values derived from the analysis of the sulphur in the fuel.

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS

The measurements in the exhaust trail of a designated source ship and in the ship corridor revealed that aircraft-based observations in ship plumes are possible for plume ages up to about 5 hours. The inferred emission factors for  $\text{NO}_x$  are consistent with reported mean values for the fleet of large container ships. Observed  $\text{SO}_2$  enhancements in the plumes relative to the  $\text{CO}_2$  enhancements as a dilution tracer are smaller than calculated values from the known sulphur content in the fuel but still agree within error limits. In order to study  $\text{SO}_2$  losses in the exhaust plumes further measurements with higher accuracy and for larger plume ages are needed. During the flight transects in the ship corridor very inhomogeneous concentration field were found for trace gasses related to ship emissions due to multiple aged plumes. Next year a large aircraft campaign on ship emission will be performed in the frame of the EC project QUANTIFY with an extended set of instruments.

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# Airport Emission Studies of Gaseous and Particulate Emissions

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**ABSTRACT:** Dedicated tests to measure the emissions from aircraft engines are costly due to high fuel and equipment costs, require specialized probes and support structures, and are generally logistically complex. On the other hand, in-service aircraft are routinely being operated using normal procedures at any active airport. Several recent studies have used the transport of prevailing winds to carry the airplane emissions to a suite of sensitive, fast time response measurement instruments. By identifying individual aircraft tail numbers, the measured emissions can be tied to the specific engines being operated, without interfering with airport operations. A description of such airport tests and the type of results obtained from advected plume studies using a suite of measurement instruments are presented. Distinct differences in emission quantities can be discerned for differing aircraft types, especially notable in particle property signatures of older versus newer airplanes.

## 1 MEASURING IN-SERVICE AIRCRAFT EMISSIONS AT AIRPORTS

While dedicated engine tests are very useful for obtaining detailed emissions measurements at precisely defined engine operation conditions, making measurements of in-service airplanes as they carry out their routine operations has several significant advantages. The measurement of aircraft engine plumes advected by the wind to strategically placed instruments allows data during actual operation to be obtained with no cost or burden on the normal operations of the airplanes or airport. Not only are the planes being operated as they are normally but the emissions are also captured at downwind locations in ways that account for the mixing, dilution, and emission evolution that occur as the emissions are processed in the atmosphere.

In order to make such advected plume emission measurements, the instrumentation must be sensitive enough to measure the diluted species concentrations and must have sufficient time resolution to capture a reliable signal during the time while the plume concentrations are elevated. Positioning the instrumentation must be planned based on the prevailing wind direction and an understanding of where the emissions are released from the airplane during the various aircraft operational modes. In tests to date, measurements during idle, taxi, take-off, and landing have all been obtained.

Several advected plume airport emission measurements have been made in the past several years (Herndon et al., 2004, 2005, 2006, ARB 2006). Most recently in August 2005, the JETS/APEX2 series of tests were performed at Oakland International Airport by a consortium of measurement teams, with significant support and interaction with the Port of Oakland and Southwest Airlines, supported by the California Air Resources Board, NASA, FAA, EPA, and DoD. Both dedicated engine tests (not discussed here) and advected plume studies were performed. The latter were carried out by The University of Missouri, Rolla's Center of Excellence on PM Reduction Research, and included personnel from UMR, Aerodyne, and NASA. Figure 1 indicates the general arrangement used for advected plume studies in that series of measurements. The prevailing winds were at a shallow angle to the axis of the primary runway, which allowed a measurement site to be identified

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that would allow plumes to be captured for airplanes taxiing to the runway, for idling prior to take-off, during take-off itself, and for airplanes landing on that same runway.

#### Oakland International Airport 8/2005 Measurements JETS/APEX-2

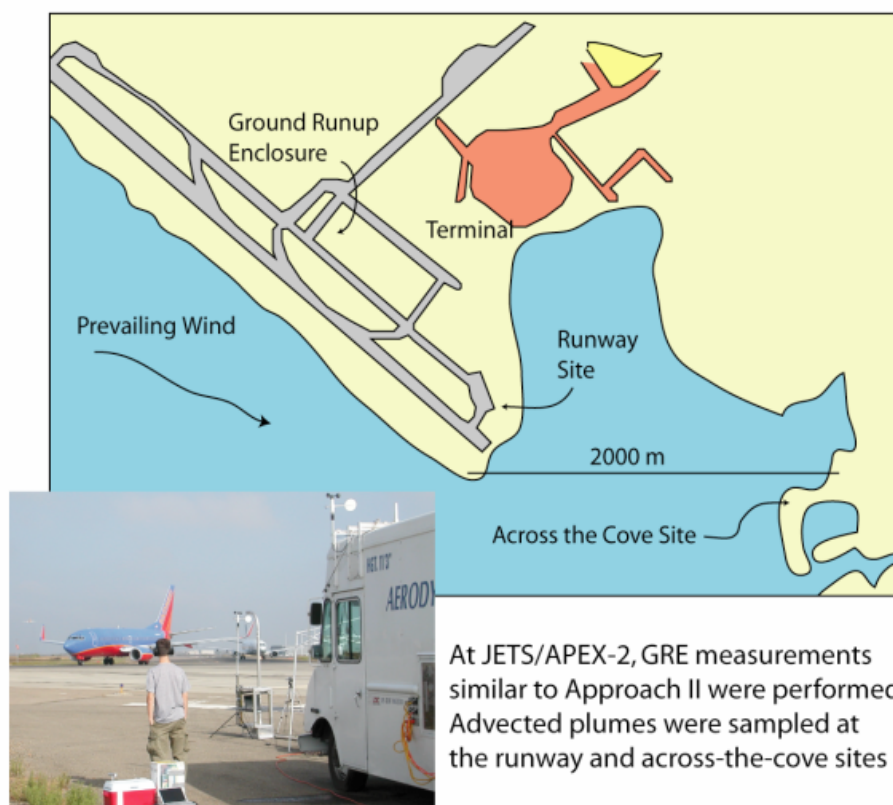


Figure 1. Measurements were made at the Oakland International Airport in JETS/APEX2. Dedicated engine tests (not presented here) were performed in the Ground Run-up Enclosure (GRE) with support of Southwest Airlines and the Port of Oakland. Runway tests on advected plumes as reported here were performed at the southeast end of the primary runway.

By recording the aircraft identifying tail number, specific airframe and engine information for the emitting aircraft could be obtained. The wind direction and speed, in concert with video recordings of the upwind field of view, were used to unambiguously identify the timing and source of any individual plume. Each arriving plume was measured by fast time response instruments to record both gaseous and particle emissions from the subject aircraft. The measured emissions include  $\text{NO}_x$ , CO, several hydrocarbon species, and a variety of particle parameters. Particle measurements by AeroDyne include black carbon (using Multi-Angle Absorption Photometry, MAAP), particle number (using a Condensation Particle Counter, CPC), and non-refractory aerosol composition and size (using an Aerosol Mass Spectrometer, AMS).

## 2 EI ANALYSIS BASED ON TIME RESOLVED CONCENTRATION MEASUREMENTS

Advected aircraft engine plumes are swept by the measurement station, lasting seconds to minutes with varying concentration histories that depend on the plume dilution and how the plume is transported past the sampling probe. In order to determine the relationship between the measured species and the emissions performance of the engine, Emission Indices (EIs) are determined. These are calculated using the correlation between any individual measurement and the  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration measured for the sample exhaust sample.  $\text{CO}_2$  provides a direct indication of the amount of fuel consumed in generating those emissions, where ideal combustion can be assumed or correction can be applied to account for combustion inefficiencies, usually very small for aircraft gas turbine engines. Thus by plotting the species of interest versus  $\text{CO}_2$ , EIs can be obtained from the slope of their correlation, independent of the dilution history or plume structure.

Figure 2 demonstrates the basis of determining EIs for gaseous species in a plume. The top panel includes time series for  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and  $\text{NO}$ , which are all put on the same time basis to generate the correlations in the bottom panel. Linear fits to each of the concentration histories provide EIs for the pronounced peak in the emissions curves. Some of the scatter in the correlation plots at lower  $\text{CO}_2$  values can be attributed to overlap of an idle plume (at 11:55:300) overlapping with the more pronounced take-off plume. This type of analysis allows such interference to be identified and removed during data processing. In addition, such correlative analysis also automatically accounts for varying background levels in all species of interest as long as that variation is slow compared to the plume passage times.

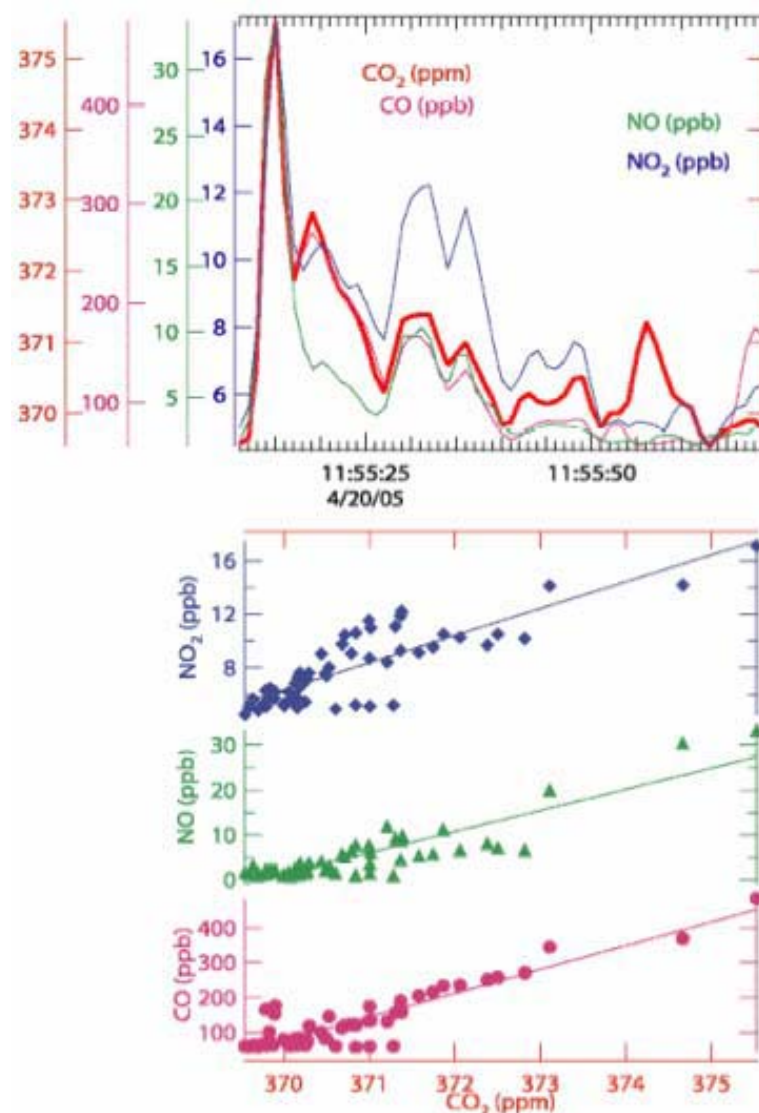


Figure 2. EIs are determined by plotting the species of interest against  $\text{CO}_2$ , and using the slope of the linear fit to calculate an EI. The species and  $\text{CO}_2$  must both be analyzed on the same time basis, accounting for different instrument response times and any time shifts due to instrument or line delays.

Similar analysis is performed on the particle data. Figure 3 shows correlations for both MAAP (black carbon mass) and CPC data (particle number), for two overlapping plumes. While the distinct nature of the two events (full versus open symbols) is more apparent in the CPC data, the MAAP fit would also be affected if that bimodal nature of the combination of two plumes were not properly taken into account. Such overlapping plumes were not very frequent during JETS/APEX2, since Oakland is a smaller hub that primarily uses a single runway. However, examination of the data in this manner is important to exclude such interferences when they occur and also to be sure that a linear correlation is obtained, indicating that time shifts and instrument effects are properly included and a reliable EI has been obtained.

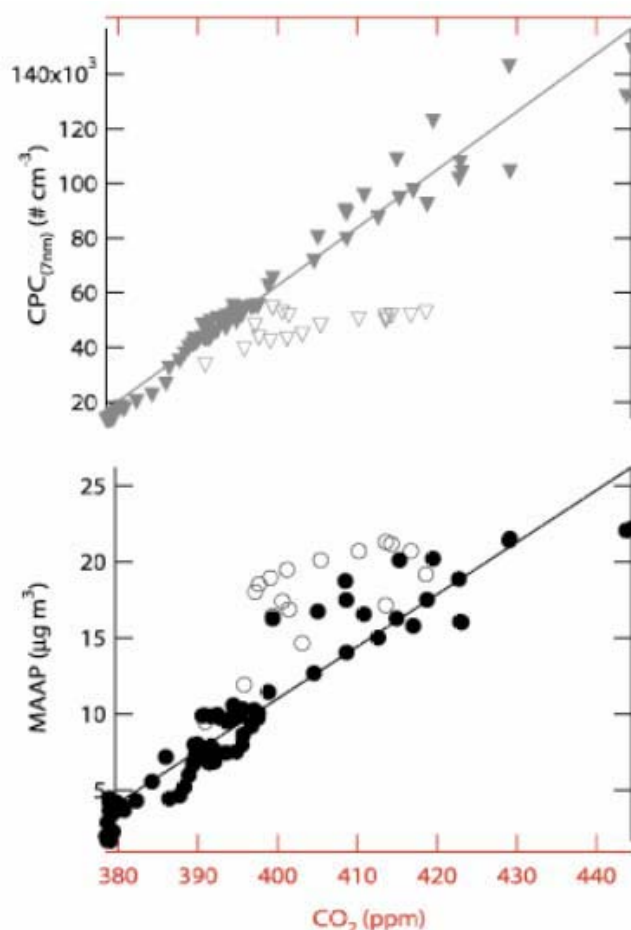


Figure 3. Particle parameter EIs are obtained from plots versus  $\text{CO}_2$ , here showing a two-plume event. The bimodal nature is most obvious in the CPC data (open versus closed symbols), but even the MAAP data would be affected if the entire data set were fit as a single plume event.

### 3 RESULTS

Figure 4 shows a time series that includes both an idle plume and a take-off plume. The idle plume (left event) is enhanced in  $\text{CO}$ , formaldehyde, and ethylene relative to the take-off plume (right event), in both cases accounting for  $\text{CO}_2$  levels. Also of interest is that most of the  $\text{NO}_x$  is present as  $\text{NO}_2$  in the idle plume, while more  $\text{NO}_x$  is present as  $\text{NO}$  in the take-off plume.



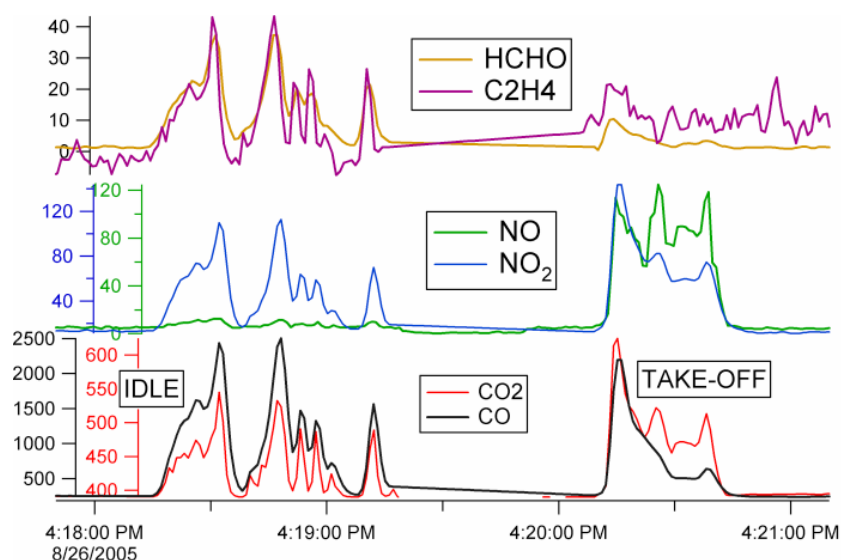


Figure 4. Time traces for gaseous species are presented for both an idle plume event (4:18:00 to 4:19:30) and a take-off plume event (4:20:00 to 4:21:00). The composition is enhanced in HCs for idle and the  $\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}$  ratio is significantly higher (shifted to  $\text{NO}_2$ ) for idle conditions.

Figure 5 presents two take-off plumes that occurred close together. The earlier (left event) plume shows higher MAAP signals relative to the later (right event) plume, while the earlier plume has lower CPC signals than the later event. So on a relative basis, the first plume has fewer, more massive particles being emitted, while the later plume has more numerous less massive particles. This isolated comparison has been borne out in other cases analyzed, and the earlier plume is more characteristic of some older technology engines, while newer technology engines tend to have emissions more consistent with the later plume in this figure.

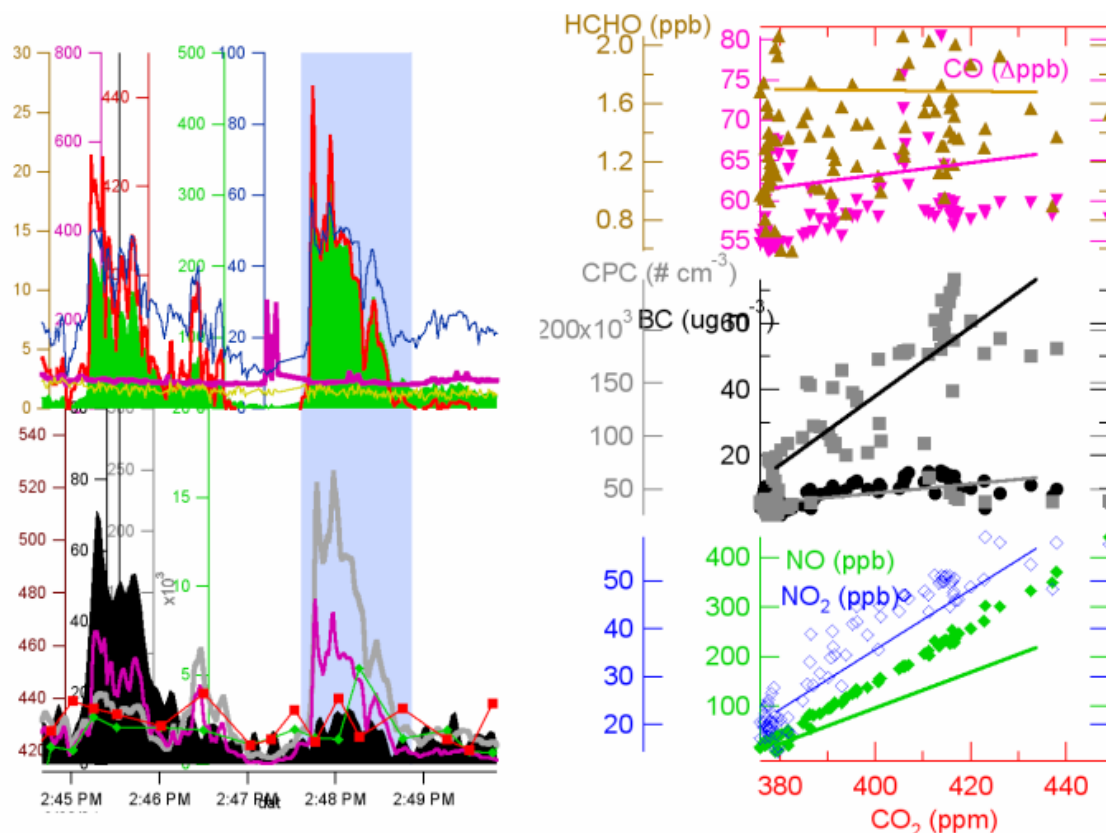


Figure 5. Two take-off plumes are presented, with the concentrations time series on the left panels and the EI analysis for the later (rightmost) plume presented in the right panels. The MAAP data is the filled-in curve in the lower left panel, while the CPC data is the thick (grey) shaded line in the same panel. The EIs for HCs

are very small for these take-off plumes, while NO<sub>x</sub> and particle EIs are significant and different for each plume. The top curves in the left panel show several gaseous species.

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

A comprehensive emissions suite has been effectively employed in non-interfering runway studies and individual engine/airframe combinations have been identified for the specific emissions events that were captured. Multiple analyses are possible using the EIs that have been obtained using correlation between the species of interest and the measured CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the sampled exhaust. Because the airframe/engine combination was determined, through the subject aircraft's tail number, the emissions values can be compared to the ICAO databank. Further, individual signatures for particular engine types may be determined, and statistical information on the emissions performance for specific engine/airframes and on averages, variation, and correlation of emissions with maintenance history may all be possible with sufficient airport emissions data.

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# PM Emissions from Advected Aircraft Plumes at the Oakland International Airport

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**ABSTRACT:** At an airport study conducted at the Oakland International Airport (OAK) in August 2005, aircraft PM emissions data was gathered during a twelve hour period of normal daylight taxi and run- way operations. The prevailing wind was from the W/NW and the sampling location was situated downwind of the eastern end of the runway at OAK. The location selected for sampling the advected plumes was unique in the sense that it provided an opportunity to measure emissions as aircraft taxied to departure, departed, and landed on the single runway. Real-time PM and emission gas measurements, provided emission factors, size distributions and chemistry for over 300 aircraft under normal operating conditions. Aircraft tail numbers were also recorded for identification of the airframe and engine. This paper discusses the physical characteristics of the PM detected for the most common aircraft type operating at OAK, the B737.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Project JETS APEX2 was a multi-agency funded study to measure PM emissions from in-service commercial aircraft at the Oakland International Airport (OAK) in August 2005. There were two components of this project –dedicated engine emissions testing performed at the Ground Runup Enclosure (GRE) and an airport runway study. A detailed account of the dedicated engine emissions results is provided in Hagen et al. (2006). This paper focuses on the airport runway study results associated with measurements of B737 type aircraft emissions during normal Landing and Take-Off (LTO) operations. It demonstrates the potential of downwind emissions monitoring adjacent to active taxi- and run- ways as a means to rapidly acquire evolving aircraft PM characteristics from in-service commercial aircraft. Emissions were monitored during a twelve hour period of daylight aircraft operations along a single runway where the advected exhaust plumes for over 300 aircraft were sampled. An aerial view of the test venue is shown in Figure 1. Mobile laboratories from UMR and Aerodyne Research Inc. (ARI) were co-located downwind on the eastern end of the runway with the prevailing wind direction coming from the W/NW. The UMR laboratory focused on the physical characterization of the advected PM and the measurement of CO<sub>2</sub>. The ARI laboratory focused on PM speciation, CO<sub>2</sub>, and additional combustion gases (Miake-Lye et al., 2006)



Figure 1.  
Aerial view of the OAK test venue for advected plume monitoring

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## 2 INSTRUMENTATION SUITE

UMR has developed a state-of-the-art mobile diagnostic facility and a sophisticated sampling methodology for nanometre scale PM optimized for jet engine exhaust characterization (Schmid et al., 2004; Lobo et al. 2006). The instrumentation consists of a state-of-the-art fast particulate spectrometer (Cambustion DMS500) to gather real-time size distribution information and total concentration of engine exhaust PM; a differential mobility analyzer (DMA) (TSI model 3071), a more traditional tool for particle size measurement, sacrificing speed for greater sensitivity when compared to the DMS500; Condensation Particle Counters (CPCs) (TSI models 3022 and 3025 ) to measure total number concentration; a fast response carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) detector (Sable Systems model CA-2A) to monitor sample dilution and establish emission factors; and a weather station to monitor the ambient conditions of temperature, relative humidity, pressure, and wind speed and direction.

## 3 RUNWAY STUDY RESULTS

A total of 300 aircraft landings and departures were detected and monitored during the period from 7am – 7pm on Friday, August 26, 2005. The distribution of landings and departures as a function of time is presented in Figure 2a. Aircraft tail numbers and operational status (i.e. taxi, takeoff, and landing) were acquired through visual observation including video recordings. Aircraft specific airframe and engine data were obtained by correlating these tail numbers with a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) database. Figure 2b. illustrates the distribution of aircraft types operating at OAK on that day. 15 different airframe types were operating, of which approximately 63% of the aircraft were B737 type. The analysis in this paper will be limited to B737 airframes only.

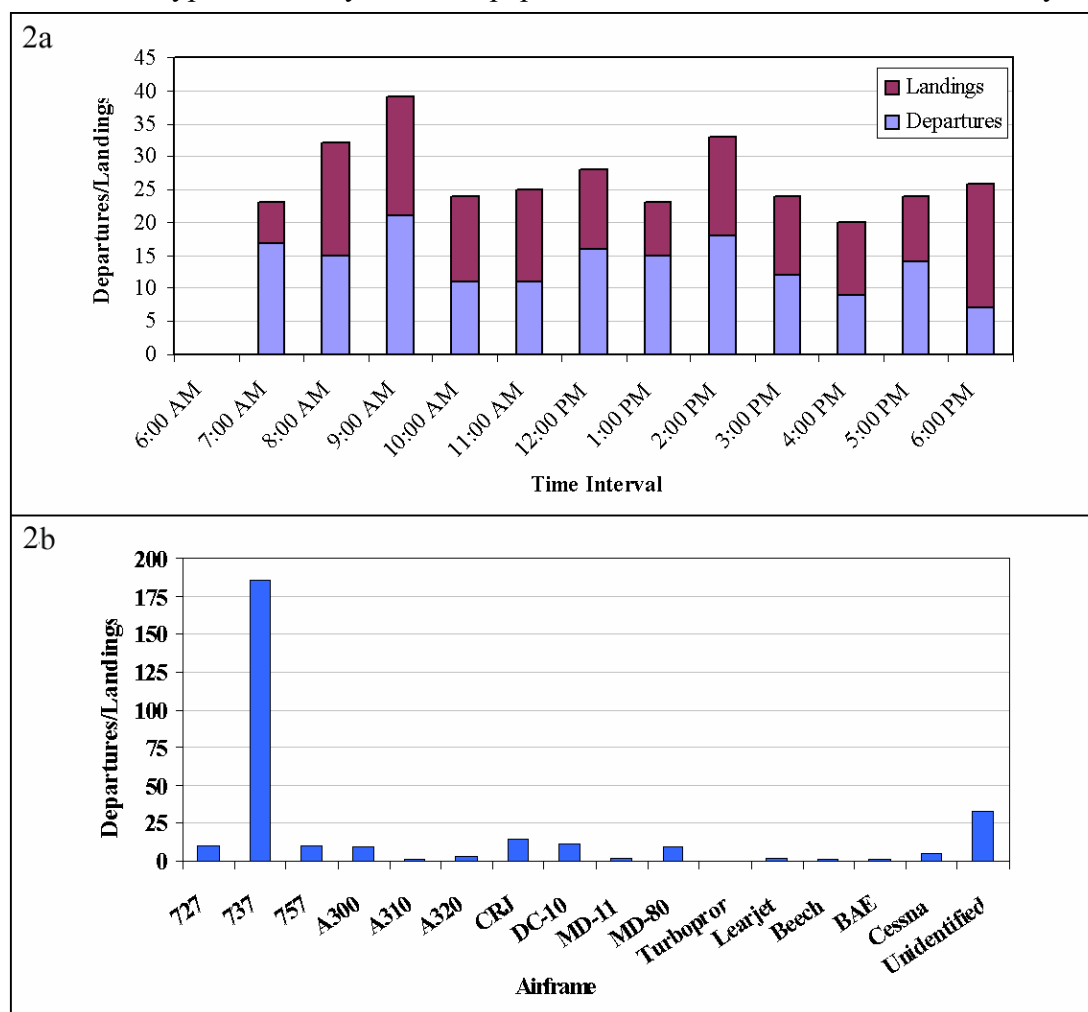


Figure 2a and 2b. Distributions of aircraft activity as a function of time (2a) and airframe (2b)

Distinguishing aircraft emissions from ambient PM is a significant component of the analysis task for sampling downwind of a runway. The ratio of plume PM concentrations to ambient levels was found to always exceed 50:1 and was found to vary significantly from plume to plume. The OAK runway is located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay, downwind of the conurbation of the western Bay Area, and upwind of the OAK terminal. Figure 3. illustrates the time-dependent ambient PM levels recorded during the study. Each data point represents a 60 sec. average of the integrated size distributions, centred on periods where no aircraft activity occurred. Peaks at ~9am and ~4pm in the ambient PM levels can be attributed to rush hour activity in the Bay Area. These time-dependent ambient PM levels have been subtracted from the operational plume data presented below. The ambient CO<sub>2</sub> values were also measured and subtracted from the respective plume values.

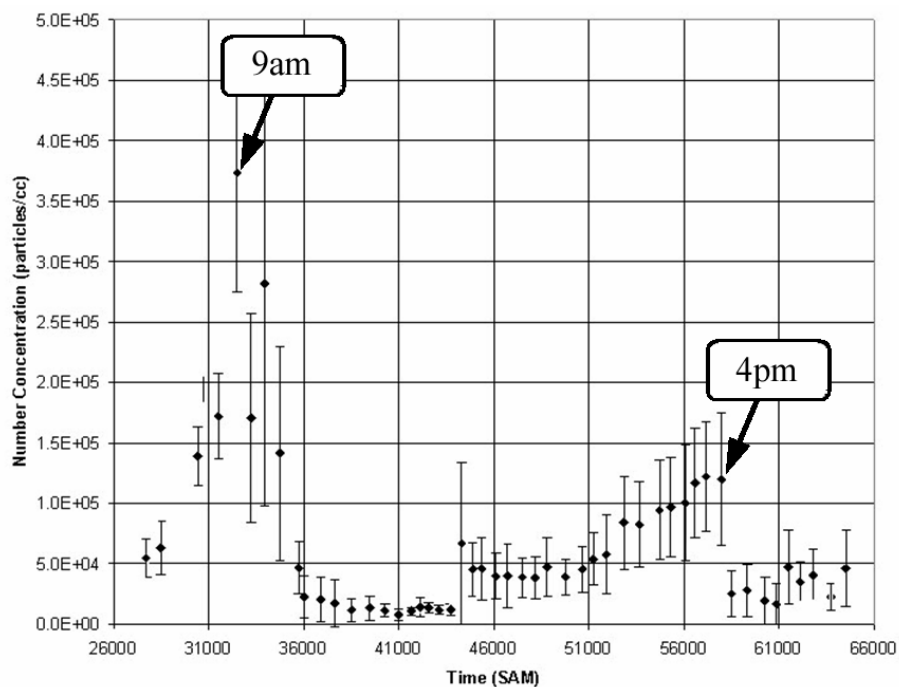


Figure 3. Time dependent ambient PM concentration during the test period (August 26, 2005)

Figure 4a shows emission profiles for CO<sub>2</sub>, PM number and volume concentrations for a typical isolated aircraft taxi followed by take-off event involving a B737-300 aircraft with CFM56-3B1 engines. By comparison, Figure 4b. demonstrates a non-isolated series of events involving 3 aircraft, 2 landings in close succession followed by a taxi event. In this case, the PM emissions profiles are more complex and require combining PM data with concomitant speciation data to associate the emissions with specific aircraft. The latter example is more representative of the sampling environment in this one-day campaign. In this paper, where the intent is to demonstrate the practicality of downwind sampling, the analysis will focus on isolated events such as those observed in Figure 4a. Time-dependent number-based and volume-based size distributions corresponding to these events are presented in Figures 5a and 6a for the taxi, and Figures 5b and 6b for the take-off event, respectively. Table 1 lists the physical PM characteristics derived for these events where Dgeom is the number-based geometric mean diameter, Sigma is the geometric standard deviation, DgeomM is the mass-based geometric mean diameter, and EIn and EIm are the number and mass-based emission indices, respectively. EIn and EIm are derived from the ratio of the ambient subtracted PM parameter to its CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

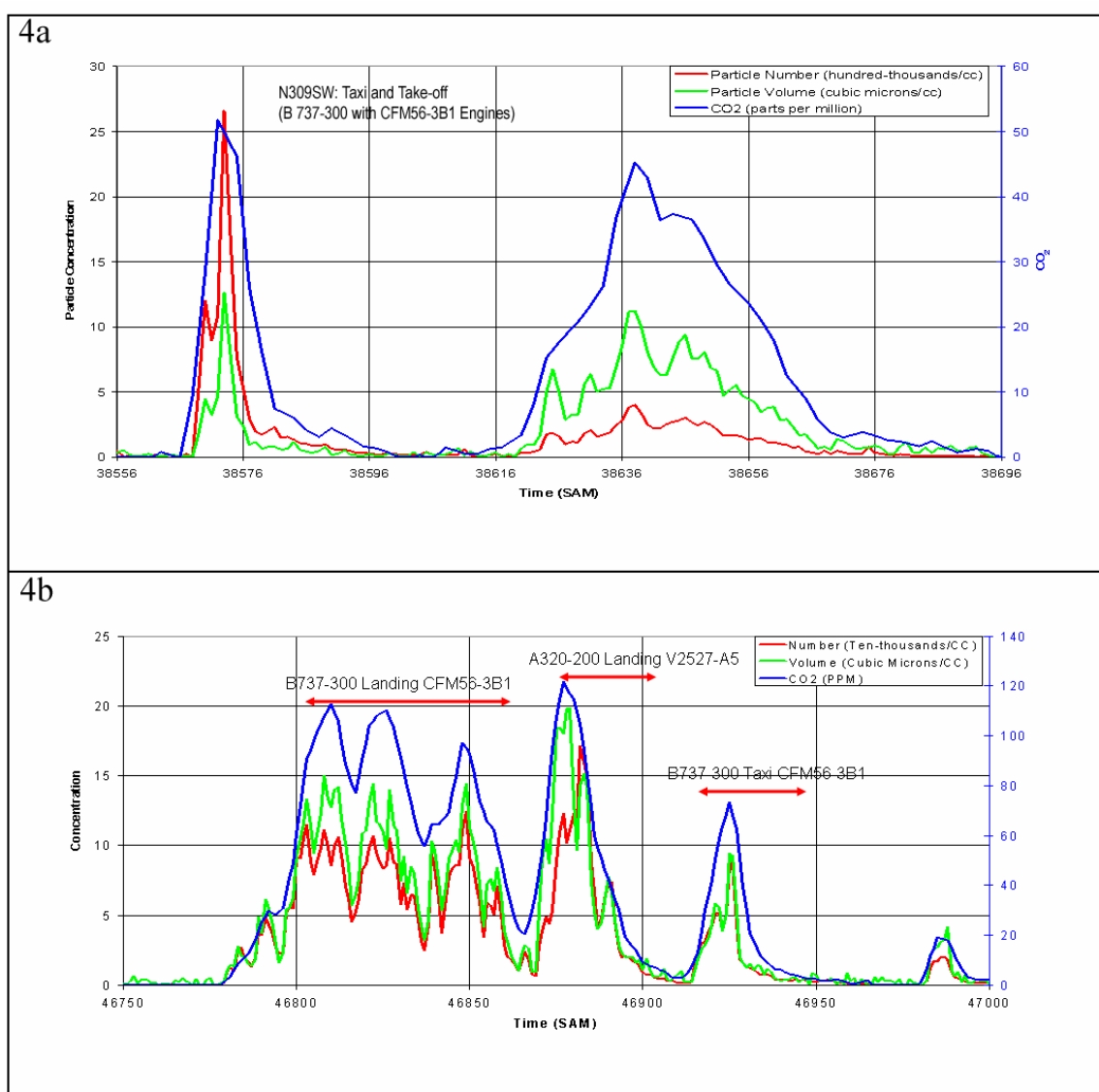


Figure 4a and 4b. Emissions profiles (CO<sub>2</sub>, PM-number, PM-volume) for the taxi and take-off of plumes for one aircraft (4a), and for two landings and one taxi event occurring in rapid succession (4b)

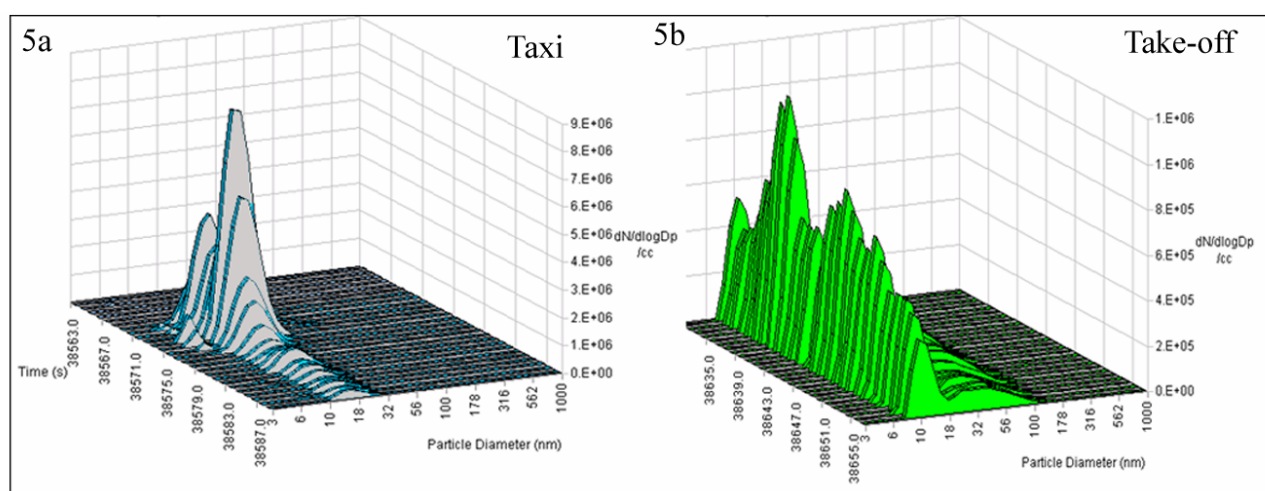


Figure 5a and 5b. Time dependent number-based size distributions for the events shown in Figure 4a

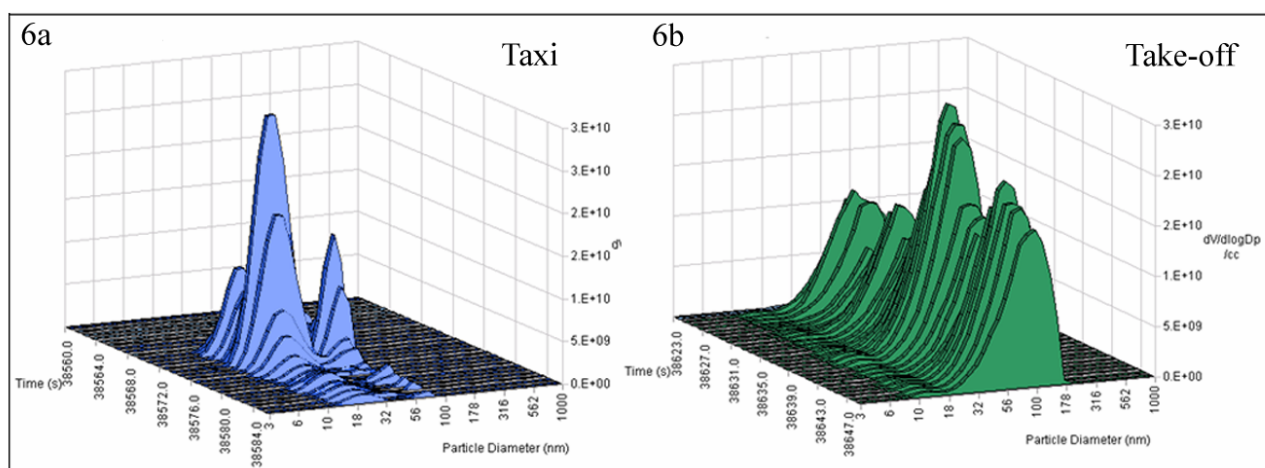


Figure 6a and 6b. Time dependent volume-based size distributions for the events shown in Figure 4a

Table 3. Physical PM Characteristics for an isolated taxi and take-off event

Event	Parameters				
	Dgeom (nm)	Sigma	DgeomM (nm)	EIn (1e15/kg fuel)	Elm (g/kg fuel)
Taxi	$15.90 \pm 0.82$	$1.38 \pm 0.09$	$34.65 \pm 15.29$	$38.37 \pm 16.55$	$0.18 \pm 0.09$
Take-off	$16.69 \pm 1.57$	$1.99 \pm 0.09$	$73.93 \pm 6.16$	$12.42 \pm 3.36$	$0.36 \pm 0.10$

#### 4 DISCUSSION

Plume processing in the exhaust plume results in the production of a large number of small particles not present at the engine exit plane. The production of these small particles serves to shift Dgeom to smaller values and results in at least an order of magnitude increase in EIn when the plume data are compared to those acquired at the engine exit plane (Hagen et al. 2006). These new particles do not significantly contribute to the mass dependent parameter values and no significant changes are observed in DgeomM and Elm.

In this paper, the intent is to demonstrate the practicality of downwind sampling, and the analysis has focused on isolated events where detailed characterizations of the taxi and take-off plumes for the same aircraft have been achieved. In some cases, because of the unique aircraft traffic patterns, sampling location, and prevailing wind direction at OAK, take-off and taxi plumes for different aircraft are found to mix prior to sample extraction, greatly complicating data interpretation. The PM data from these mixed plumes can be deconvolved to yield single aircraft specific information and such analysis is currently underway.

For the subset of plumes that have been assigned to specific airframes and engines, another demonstration of the power of this measurement and analysis approach is presented in Figures 7a and 7b. Here the average taxi and take-off EIn and Elm are compared for the B737-300 and B737-700 series of aircraft, having CFM56-3B and CFM56-7B series engines, respectively. To the limit of the number of plumes analyzed at this time (-300 taxi: 14, take-off: 4; -700 taxi: 9, take-off: 4), the following observations can be drawn. For EIn, no statistically significant differences were found between taxi and take-off and engine type. However for Elm, the -300 series take-off emissions were significantly greater than those for its taxi emissions and for both take-off and taxi emissions for the -700 series. On average for the -700 series, a newer technology engine, Elm is less than half that for the older technology -300 series.

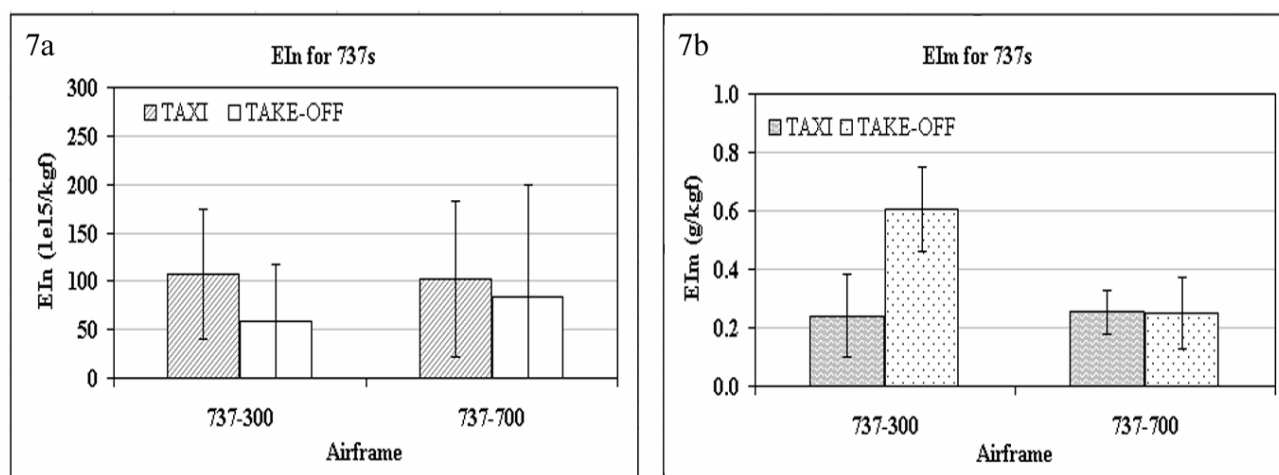


Figure 7a and 7b. Averaged taxi and take-off EIns (7a) and EIms (7b) for B737-300 and B737-700 aircraft monitored

## 5 CONCLUSION

The work described in this paper clearly demonstrates the potential of downwind emissions monitoring adjacent to active taxi- and run- ways as a means to rapidly acquire detailed and aircraft specific information related to the evolving plumes advected from in-service commercial aircraft under normal operational conditions.

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# Water- H<sub>2</sub> SO<sub>4</sub>- soot interaction in aircraft plume

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**ABSTRACT:** This report presents the review of results obtained from 1) laboratory studies of water uptake by original aircraft –generated soot at the conditions of cooling and saturated plume, 2) modeling studies of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> accumulation on the surface of exhaust soot particles due to coagulation with sulfate aerosols and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O heterogeneous nucleation, and 3) laboratory studies of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> chemical processing of soot particles toward their hygroscopicity.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

A major source of uncertainties in assessing of aircraft impact on climate change is the emission of aerosols which may induce significant perturbations in cloudiness and the Earth's radiation balance. Aviation-produced soot aerosols are suspected to enhance the contrail and cirrus cloud formation (Schumann et al., 2002; Hendricks et al., 2005). Analysis of ice residuals in contrails (Petzold et al., 1998) and the properties of ice-nucleating aerosols from aircraft plume (Chen et al., 1998) exhibits that soot particles facilitate the contrail formation. Optical observations of an internal mixture of ice-BC aerosols in the plume (Kuhn et al., 1998) directly confirm theoretical model predictions showing (Kärcher et al., 1996) that the exhaust soot particles can serve as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN). The quantification of this impact has been advanced but the state of scientific understanding is still poor, mainly because of the lack of explanations for a number of observations such as 1) why the supersaturation with respect to water is needed for visible contrail formation (Kärcher et al. (1998), 2) is it true that ~ 1/3 proportion of exhaust soot particles (but not all) acts as ice nuclei in contrails (Schroder et al., 1998), and 3) why the changes in the value of Fuel Sulfur Content (FSC) have a small impact on the contrail formation threshold (Schumann et al., 2002).

The main reason for this disadvantage is insufficient studies of the water uptake and ice nucleating ability of exhaust soot aerosols. The lack of experimental data on hygroscopic properties of soot particles produced by aircraft engines led some investigators (Kärcher et al., 1996; Gleitsmann and Zellner, 1998) to assumption about hydrophobic nature of the surface of engine-generated soot particles. Various activation pathways were proposed to facilitate the ice particle formation on a hydrophobic soot particle surface (Kärcher et al., 1996, 1998). Numerical modeling demonstrated that coagulation of homogeneously nucleated sulfate aerosols with soot particles, binary H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O heterogeneous nucleation, and direct deposition of sulfuric acid molecules may have a pronounced effect on the activation of soot particles by creating a liquid solution coating on their surface. However, no visible difference in the appearance of contrail was found at low and normal FSC (Schumann et al., 1996). Moreover, there is no any explanation of the existence of the fraction of exhaust soot particles acting as ice nuclei in contrails (Schroder et al., 1998). This is why it is more reasonable to assume the initial heterogeneities of emitted soot particles in respect to their ability to uptake water molecules and to consider the ways for natural water condensation on the hydrophilic fraction of soot particles.

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To prove such a suggestion the sampling campaigns was conducted to collect original soot behind the combustion chamber of a Russian gas turbine engine D30KU (Popovicheva et al., 2003; 2004). To simulate the cruise conditions the engine was operated with an average air/fuel equivalence ratio of  $\sim 4$  and a pressure up to 7 atm. Aviation kerosene TC1 containing 0.11 wt% sulphur was used as a fuel. Aircraft Engine Combustor soot (AEC) was collected on a specially made copper probe being placed as close as possible to the combustor exit (at 12 cm distance behind it) to minimize the contact time for soot particles with hot exhaust gases.

## 2 TWO FRACTIONS OF EXHAUST SOOT

AEC soot was characterized in respect to a number of physico-chemical properties such as the particle size, microstructure, surface area, and chemical composition (Popovicheva et al., 2004). Two fractions in engine-generated soot were clearly observed: a main fraction containing essentially amorphous carbon and a fraction of impurities which is characterized by a complex structure and by a large amount of impurities such as oxygen, sulfur, iron, and potassium. Comprehensive chemical analysis exhibited a high amount of water soluble compounds (near 13.5 wt%) including sulfates, organics, and inorganic species which were deposited on soot particles within an engine. Moreover, a strong heterogeneity in the distribution of soluble impurities over the soot surface was found, this is why we assume to address all water soluble compounds to the fraction of impurities. Such an approach allows us to perform the water uptake measurements on AEC soot which itself may represent the fraction of impurities and on laboratory-made kerosene TC1 flame soot, which due to high similarity in microstructure and composition (Popovicheva et al., 2004) can represent the main fraction of exhaust soot.

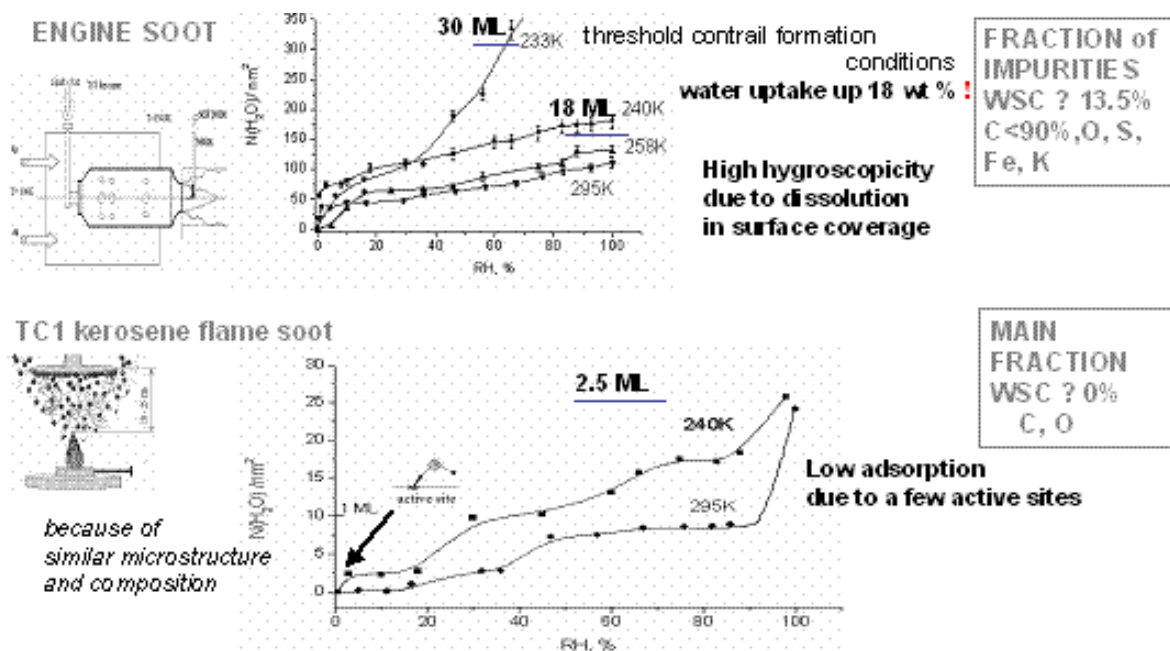


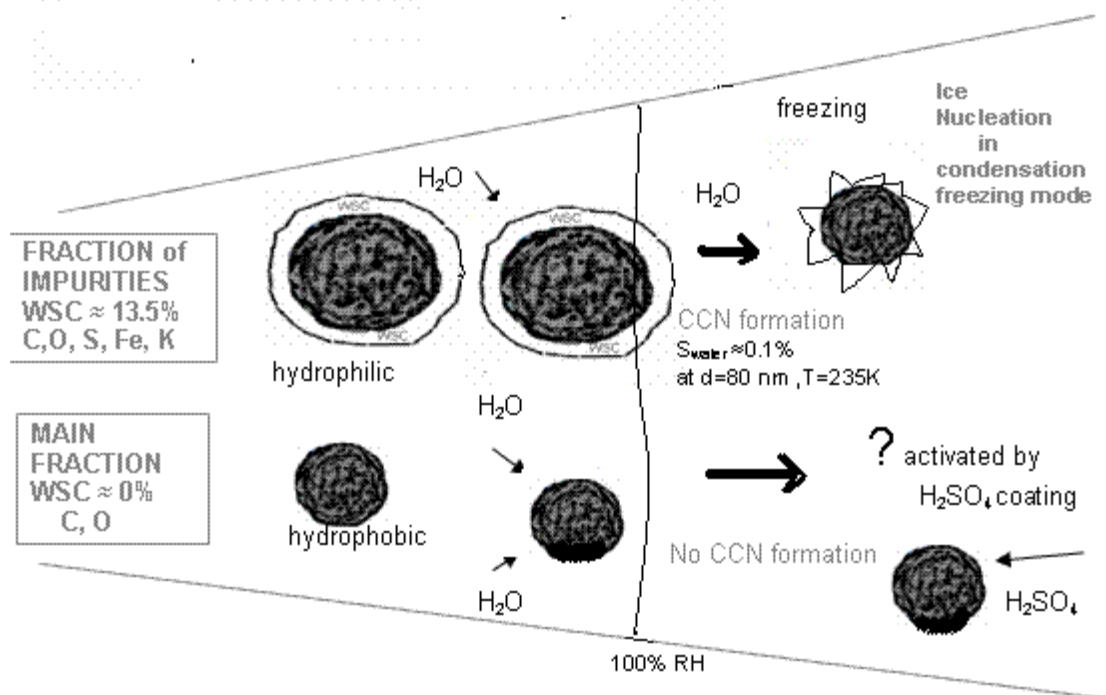
Figure 1. Water uptake of fraction of impurities and of main fraction of AEC soot

A series of water uptake measurements were performed by conventional gravimetric method in the wide range of RH and temperatures down to threshold contrail formation conditions. Figure 1 presents the findings for AEC and TC1 soot samples. As much as 30 statistic monolayer of water molecules (ML) may be absorbed by the soot belonging to the fraction of impurities at 233K that corresponds to  $\sim 18\%$  of a total soot mass. Such high hygroscopicity relates with the bulk dissolution of water into the water soluble surface coverage. Low temperature facilitate the water uptake by AEC soot. In opposite, the main fraction of AEC soot is found to be hydrophobic due to low adsorption on active sites of TC1 soot surface (see Figure 1). Even at low temperature of  $\sim 240K$  it adsorbs only 2.5 ML of water molecules.



### 3 UPDATE MODEL OF WATER-SOOT INTERACTION

The concept of separation of emitted soot particles into two fractions: fraction of impurities with high hygroscopicity and main fraction with low water uptake ability allow us to build the update model for interaction of water molecules with soot particles in aircraft plume presented in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1. Update model of water –soot interaction in aircraft plume.

Water molecule uptake by the fraction of impurities leads to formation of the liquid solution on the soot surface that is a prerequisite for the CCN formation at the reaching the conditions of water vapor supersaturation in the cooling plume. The following freezing of solution coverage facilitates the ice nucleation on this fraction of exhaust soot particles in the condensation - freezing mode. However, the soot particles of the main fraction are likely to be remained inactivated due to low water molecule uptake and can not act as CCN if they do not contain some hygroscopic gaseous compounds (like a sulfuric acid), which may be accumulated on the soot surface due to gas- to -surface interaction. To address the question arising how  $H_2SO_4$  activation for hydrophobic soot particles may be effective due to plume proceeding, the additional theoretical and experimental studies have been carried out.

### 4 MODEL OF $H_2SO_4$ – SOOT INTERACTION

A quasi-one dimensional model (Starik et al., 2004) for a B-747 aircraft plume at cruise was used with emission parameters described in Savel'ev et al., 1999. At  $RH > 50\%$  in the ambient atmosphere the threshold contrail formation conditions are reached at 100-200 m distance from the nozzle exit when the aircraft plume is cooled down to temperatures of  $\sim 240$ -233K. Chemical transformation of 70 gaseous species, binary  $H_2O/H_2SO_4$  homogeneous nucleation, condensation growth of sulfate aerosols, their coagulation with soot particles, and heterogeneous nucleation of  $H_2O$  and  $H_2SO_4$  on the soot particle surface were addressed. Measurements of the contact angle,  $\theta$ , of a sulfuric acid droplet on TC1 soot surface were accompanied the theoretical studies to provide the parameters needed for the classical theory of heterogeneous nucleation. The variation of  $\theta$  for sulfuric acid with weight percent, wt%, can be approximated by the expression

$$\theta = \theta_0 - B \cdot wt\% + C \cdot wt\%^2 - D \cdot wt\%^3,$$

where  $\theta_0$  is the water droplet contact angle,  $\theta_0=67.67^\circ$ . B, C, D are coefficients:  $B=0.068$ ,  $C=0.018$ ,  $D=3.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$ . We did not take into account the direct deposition of gaseous  $H_2SO_4$  on soot particle surface in our model because our additional experiments have shown the negligible amount of sulfuric acid molecules adsorbed on TC1 soot at the  $H_2SO_4$  concentration of  $\sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in the young plume.

It was found that the amount of sulfuric acid accumulated on the unit area of the soot particle surface due to both heterogeneous binary  $H_2O/H_2SO_4$  nucleation and coagulation of soot particles with sulfate aerosols strongly depends on the particle radius. The evolution of the total amount of sulfuric acid accumulated on the surface of the whole ensemble of exhaust soot particles,  $\varepsilon'_{H_2SO_4}$ , along the plume for medium and high FSC is shown in Figure 2. The size distribution of soot particles was assumed to be lognormal with median radius of 25 nm and geometric standard deviation of 1.56. The total concentration of soot particles at the engine exit was assumed to be equal  $4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The maximum value of  $\varepsilon'_{H_2SO_4}$  at high FSC at the contrail formation threshold corresponds to  $\sim 0.2 \text{ wt\%}$  of the soot mass if we take into account the surface area of  $\sim 30 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  for the whole ensemble of exhaust soot particles (Popovicheva et al., 2004). A simple close-packed sphere model for  $H_2SO_4$  molecules, assuming its effective molecular cross-section of  $0.246 \text{ nm}^2$ , gives one static monolayer  $\approx 4 \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4$  molecules per  $\text{nm}^2$ . With this assumption, we estimate a maximum  $H_2SO_4$  coverage of 0.1 ML for soot particles due to sulfur-induced processing in the young plume.

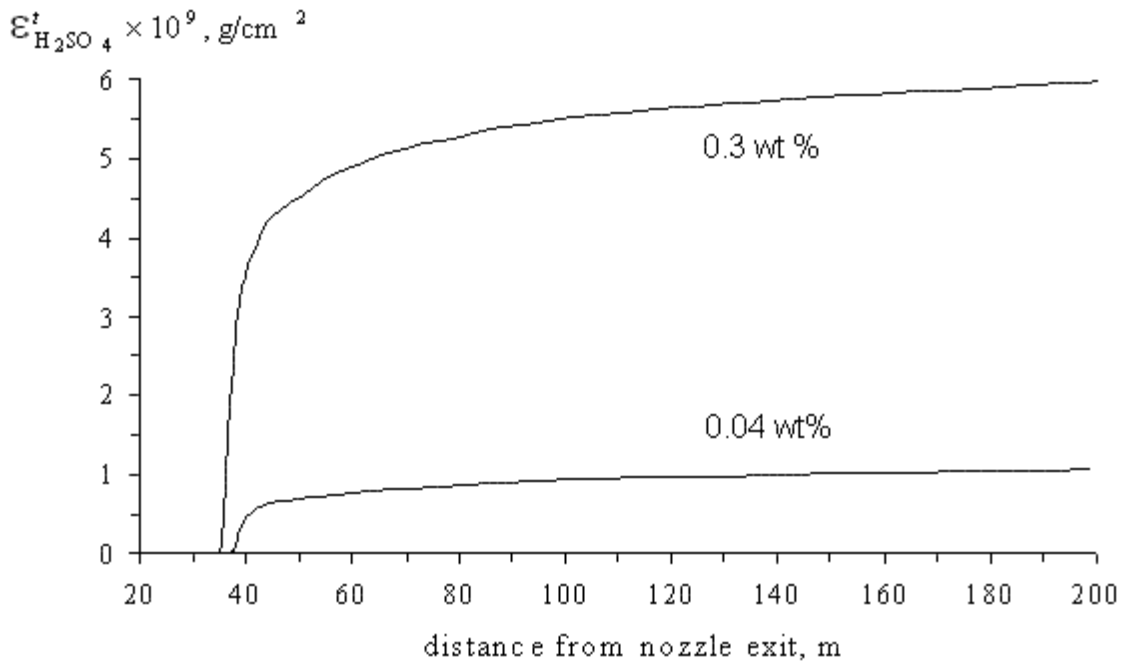


Figure 2. Evolution of the total amount of  $H_2SO_4$  accumulated on the surface of exhaust soot particles along the plume for medium and high FSC.  $N_s=4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

## 5 EXPERIMENTAL SIMULATIONS

The TC1 soot treatment conditions were chosen to provide an amount of  $H_2SO_4$  on the surface close to  $\varepsilon'_{H_2SO_4} \approx 0.2 \text{ wt\%}$ . It was accomplished by the gaseous  $H_2SO_4$  deposition at  $T=413 \text{ K}$  for 3 h. The isotherms of the water adsorption on TC1 soot modified by  $H_2SO_4$  at  $T=295 \text{ K}$  and  $240 \text{ K}$  are shown in Figure 3. At 80% RH treated soot adsorbs water by a factor of 3 larger than untreated soot increasing its mass up to 3.2%. One sees that treated soot with 0.2 wt% of  $H_2SO_4$  can uptake 8 ML of water molecules at the threshold conditions of the contrail formation.

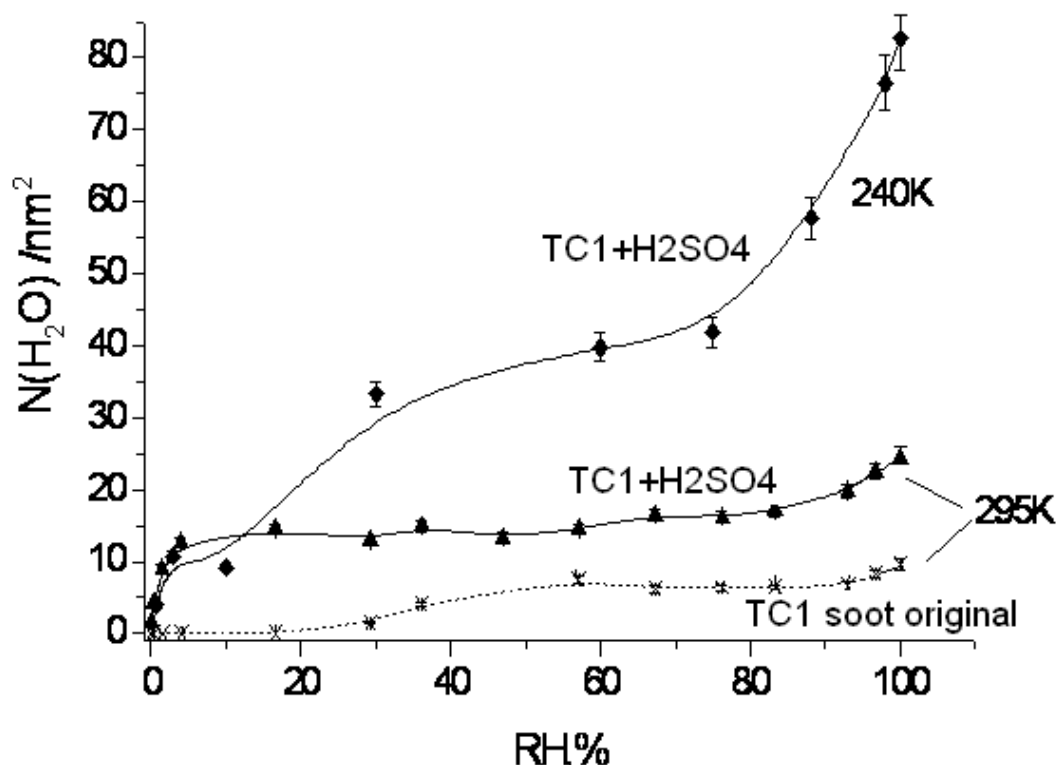


Figure 3. Amount of adsorbed water molecules per surface unit of original TC1 soot (crosses) for  $T=295K$ ; TC1 soot with maximum value of  $H_2SO_4$  coverage ( $\sim 0.2$  wt%) for  $T=295K$  (triangles) and for  $T=240K$  (diamonds).

## 6 DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

Treatment of TC1 soot by sulfuric acid (0.2 wt% of  $H_2SO_4$ ) increases the original amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  by three orders of magnitude. However, it is still much smaller than original one on AEC soot ( $\sim 3.5$  wt%). AEC soot exhibits a much higher hygroscopicity than TC1 soot modified by  $H_2SO_4$  in the whole RH range (see Fig.1). Therefore, we conclude that the hydrophilic fraction of engine-generated soot does not require any water activation; its own original amount of sulfates is much larger than the maximal amount of  $H_2SO_4$  which may be accumulated from the gaseous and particulate aircraft exhaust. In opposite, the hydrophobic fraction of engine soot is sensitive to surface-adsorbed acid and may be activated by the sulfur- induced processing.

Our results make it possible to clarify the key question, which had raised in observations: how soot particles could acquire a liquid soluble coating under plume conditions to act as CCN. When the plume reaches water vapor supersaturation, the most hydrophilic fraction of engine – generated soot particles will be activated firstly. If assigning all water soluble ( $\sim 13.5$  wt%) measured in AEC soot to the fraction of impurities we should report that this fraction will uptake water constituting of 18% of its mass. It is a fine prerequisite for the CCN formation on such soot particles at water supersaturations. Therefore, we may apply the classical Koehler theory to estimate the critical supersaturation,  $S_w$ , needed for CCN activation on the fraction of impurities for engine – generated soot particles. We calculated  $S_w \approx 0.08\%$  for soot particles of 80 nm diameter. Such a small value of  $S_w$  is definitely reached in the plume. Therefore, we may reasonably conclude about the CCN formation on the hydrophilic fraction of engine soot particles. Since strong evidence is found by in-situ observations (Schröder et al., 1998), which showed that  $\sim 1/3$  of exhaust soot particles must be involved in the contrail formation, we believe that this results from the hydrophilic fraction of impurities. After initial liquid stage in the cooled plume, ice nucleation should occur in a condensation-freezing mode.

The same process would require much higher  $S_w$  for the activation of the hydrophobic main fraction of engine-generated soot particles, which originally is assumed being not containing water soluble coverage. It may acquire near 0.2 wt% of  $H_2SO_4$  at high FSC in the exhaust plume.

However, such a small value of  $H_2SO_4$  is not enough for CCN activation following the Koehler theory. It is unclear whether this is enough to allow the growth of water droplets in order to overcome the Kelvin barrier. With the assumption that the main fraction of engine soot particles becomes wettable due to  $H_2SO_4$  processing the Kelvin theory makes it possible to estimate the water supersaturations needed for the CCN formation on such particles. At 235K we find  $S_w \approx 8\%$  and  $3\%$  for particles of 40 and 100 nm diameters, respectively. Hence, whether such particles participate in contrail formation depends on water supersaturations attained in the plume at given ambient conditions. Therefore, the principal role in the contrail formation belongs to the fraction of impurities which may induce the CCN formation due to original presence of water soluble organic and inorganic compounds on the soot surface.

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# Numerical simulation of aircraft plumes using a mesoscale code

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**ABSTRACT:** This study describes high-resolution three-dimensional simulations of an aircraft exhaust plume and represents a first step towards the simulation of a complete contrail evolution in an aircraft wake. The baseline configuration used for the simulations is an aircraft vortex pair descending in a stratified atmosphere. The numerical tool is the Météo-France meteorological code MesoNH used in its LES version. Focus is laid on the three-dimensional vortex dynamics and the effects of stratification on the development of vortex instabilities as well as on the dispersion of (passive) exhaust species in the atmosphere. Comparisons with previous works on the subject are provided. A first study of the coupling process between vortex dynamics and ice microphysics is also presented for a simple two-dimensional contrail simulation. The extension to full three-dimensional dynamics/ice microphysics coupling and its application to mesoscale simulations of contrails are finally discussed.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Condensation trails (“contrails”) are the thin clouds which are commonly visible as white streaks behind aircrafts in otherwise clear sky. Due to the rapid growth of the commercial aircraft traffic, aircraft emissions became an important subject of academic research and practical interest because of their potential environmental impact as indicated in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Penner et al. (1999). It is known for example that for suitable atmospheric conditions, contrails trigger the formation of cirrus clouds, thus altering the radiative balance of the atmosphere. Furthermore, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions perturb the Earth chemical cycle, resulting in the production or destruction of ozone according to the local thermodynamic conditions, while emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O contribute to greenhouse effect.

This work is part of a research effort made in the Aviation & Environment Team at Cerfacs in the framework of the European project QUANTIFY (<http://www.pa.op.dlr.de/quantify>). The main objective is to develop a modelling and computational strategy that allows one to simulate the aircraft plume evolution up to some hours after the release of exhausts, and to provide parameterisations to Global Circulation Models (GCM).

Simulations of aircraft plumes have been mostly carried out in the literature using LES formulations, see e.g. Gerz et al. (1999), and Lewellen et al. (2001), and focused on one specific stage (vortex regime) of the plume evolution. The originality of our research is to simulate a complete contrail evolution since the beginning of the vortex regime to the scales of GCM (i.e. a few hours from emission time). The dynamical, microphysical and chemical processes are then solved by coupling a LES model (MesoNH-LES) for the early plume stages, with an atmospheric mesoscale model (MesoNH) for late dispersion and diffusion regimes, see Lafore et al. (1998).

A brief description of contrail physics is presented in section 2, an overview of the computational strategy is given in section 3. The MesoNH code is described in section 4. Section 5 reports the first results of the wake dynamics vortex simulations. Section 6 shows the first implementation of a dedicated microphysical scheme for aircraft plume. Conclusions are given in Section 7.

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## 2 THE EVOLUTION OF AN AIRCRAFT PLUME

The evolution of an aircraft plume in the atmosphere includes several physical phenomena such as jet, vortex dynamics, and atmospheric turbulence which have different characteristic scales. This makes its modelling and simulation a challenging task in atmospheric science. According to Gerz *et al.* (1998), Lewellen *et al.* (2001), and Sussmann *et al.* (1999), the evolution of a plume can be qualitatively described in four successive regimes.

In the jet regime, the two counter rotating vortices are formed around the wing tips, while hot exhaust released from the engines are trapped around vortex cores. (Typically for a B747, the vortices are initially separated by 50 m, and the cores are about 5 m wide). This regime ends after 20 seconds when the peak absolute temperature  $T_{\max}$  gets to a minimum and the peak concentration  $c_{\max}$  of an inert gas (e.g.  $\text{CO}_2$ ) attains some asymptotic steady value. During the next minute (vortex regime), the vortices move downward by mutual induction. The exhaust is then entrained by the vortices and propagates down from flight level to 150 to 250 m. As the primary wake falls down in a stratified environment, it leaves back a vertical curtain which forms a secondary wake at the flight level, Spalart(1996). A significant part of exhaust (around 30 per cent according to Gerz *et al.* (1998)) is then detrained from the primary wake, and experiences different microphysical and chemical processes. The vortex regime ends after the collapse of the two vortex, typically by a long-wave sinusoidal instability Crow(1970). The time scale of instability is mainly controlled by the atmospheric turbulence, and the vortex regime persists until 80 s. (120 s.) for calm (weak turbulent) atmosphere conditions. During this regime temperature  $T_{\max}$  increases by adiabatic heating of the exhaust in the sinking vortex, and the concentration  $c_{\max}$  remains almost constant. Actually a maximum of exhaust is still caught in the vortex cores. Note that during this phase, the formation of a visible secondary wake (ice particle formation) is controlled by the relative humidity with respect to ice RH<sub>i</sub> of the surrounding atmosphere, see Sussmann *et al.* (1999). If  $\text{RH}_i < 100\%$ , no visible secondary wake appears, if  $\text{RH}_i \geq 100\%$ , a gap forms between the two wakes, and finally if  $\text{RH}_i \gg 100\%$ , a plume of ice particles persists. In the following dispersion regime the vortices break up and generate turbulence, which is later dissipated to background level where the dynamics is controlled by positive buoyancy acquired from hot exhaust and ambient stratification. The temperature  $T_{\max}$  and the concentration  $c_{\max}$  decrease due to mixing with the atmosphere, whereas the entrainment rate  $\omega = -d/dt \ln(c_{\max})$  increases (this parameter is a measure of the plume expansion rate which is valid for both the primary and the secondary wake). Then the plume expands and mixes in the atmosphere within one or two Brunt Väsälä frequency, typically until a contrail age of 600 or 1200 s. Then the diffusion regime starts where no aircraft induced motion exists anymore, and the plume is only controlled by interaction with the atmosphere. Shear and stratification act on the plume up to a complete mixing, basically within 2 to 12 hours. For suitable conditions, the plume can reach a cross stream extension of 1 x 4 km respectively in the vertical and horizontal direction, see Dürbeck *et al.* (1996).

Hence, the evolution of a contrail is characterized by different lengths scale, from centimeter -to- meters in the jet and vortex regimes, to tens of meters in the diffusion regime. The dispersion regime is a transition phase between these two main regimes of the contrail lifetime, where dynamical scales change from wake-controlled scales to the atmospheric scales.

## 3 DESCRIPTION OF THE NUMERICAL CODE

The MesoNH Atmospheric Simulation System is a joint effort of Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques (Météo-France) and Laboratoire d'Aérodynamique (CNRS). The detailed scientific documentation of the code is available at <http://www.aero.obs-mip.fr/mesonh/index2.html>, see also Lafore *et al.* (1998). It is a non-hydrostatic mesoscale atmospheric model with a horizontal resolution ranging from 1 m to 1 km, allowing simultaneously up to 8 nested models to run. The basic prognostic variables are the velocity field ( $u, v, w$ ) and the potential temperature  $\theta$ . According to the required resolution, the code can run in real mesoscale mode where all scales of turbulence are parameterized; or in a LES mode typical of small-scale simulations meaning that the transported turbulent kinetic energy (TKE) is used to model the sub-grid scale fluxes (to that end a homogeneous resolution of less than ten meters is needed), see Cuxart *et al.* (2000).

Scalar transport is obtained via a second order centred finite difference scheme for both advection and diffusion operators, and is coupled to a chemical kinetics module to treat species chemical reactions.

A complex cloud microphysics module is also available for both warm and cold cloud, carrying up to seven water mixing ratios, according to the different physical transformations: vapor, cloud liquid water, rain water, cloud ice, snow, graupel, and hail. For example, warm liquid clouds are mainly involved in marine stratocumulus (see Sandu *et al.* (2005)) and ship track simulations. To that end, the code has its own radiative scheme although it could in principle use other external scheme as well. Furthermore, a dry aerosol module, based on a lognormal representation of size distribution, has been recently implemented in the code, Tulet *et al.* (2005).

The code MesoNH has been installed at CERFACS and validated on the Cray supercomputer for tri-dimensional test cases such as contrails and marine boundary layer simulations.

#### 4 OVERVIEW OF A COMPLETE SIMULATION

As explained in Sec. 2, the vortex regime is of primary importance for the simulation of an aircraft plume because of the strong impact that it has on the evolution of the wake. The main dynamical processes of interest in this regime are the Crow instability and the induced secondary wake (see section 2). To the authors' knowledge, no simulations of the late dispersion and the diffusion regime have been investigated with realistic initial conditions from the vortex regime. The originality of our work is the simulation of the complete plume evolution where chemical and microphysical processes from both primary and secondary wake are solved up to the diffusion regime. To that end, an integrated simulation strategy has been developed (see the sketch in Fig. 1) to resolve all relevant dynamical and chemical scales of the aircraft plume, from the near-field wake to the mesoscales representative of grid boxes of global models (i.e. a few hundred kilometers).

Small-scale simulations using accurate high order LES code see Paoli *et al.* (2004), provide the initial wind field, the particles distributions and the aircraft-generated turbulence from the earlier jet regime. Then these fields are filtered and interpolated on a coarser mesh to start the simulations of the vortex regime. Then simulations start with MesoNH in its LES version with a resolution of 1 meter over the cross sectional plan. The resolution is then reduced and the domain enlarged accordingly. Interpolation and filtering are applied at each swap from one domain to the larger one.

The switch from the LES version of MesoNH to its "standard" mesoscale version is imposed when the resolution is coarser than tens of meters, implying that the horizontal turbulent fluxes are assumed to be homogeneous. When starting the mesoscale simulation, a stretched mesh is used in the vertical direction from the ground to the tropopause, with maximum resolution at the aircraft altitude. Such a grid should then allow one to account for radiation in a dedicated following study.

## Coupling processes based on the LES version of MesoNH :

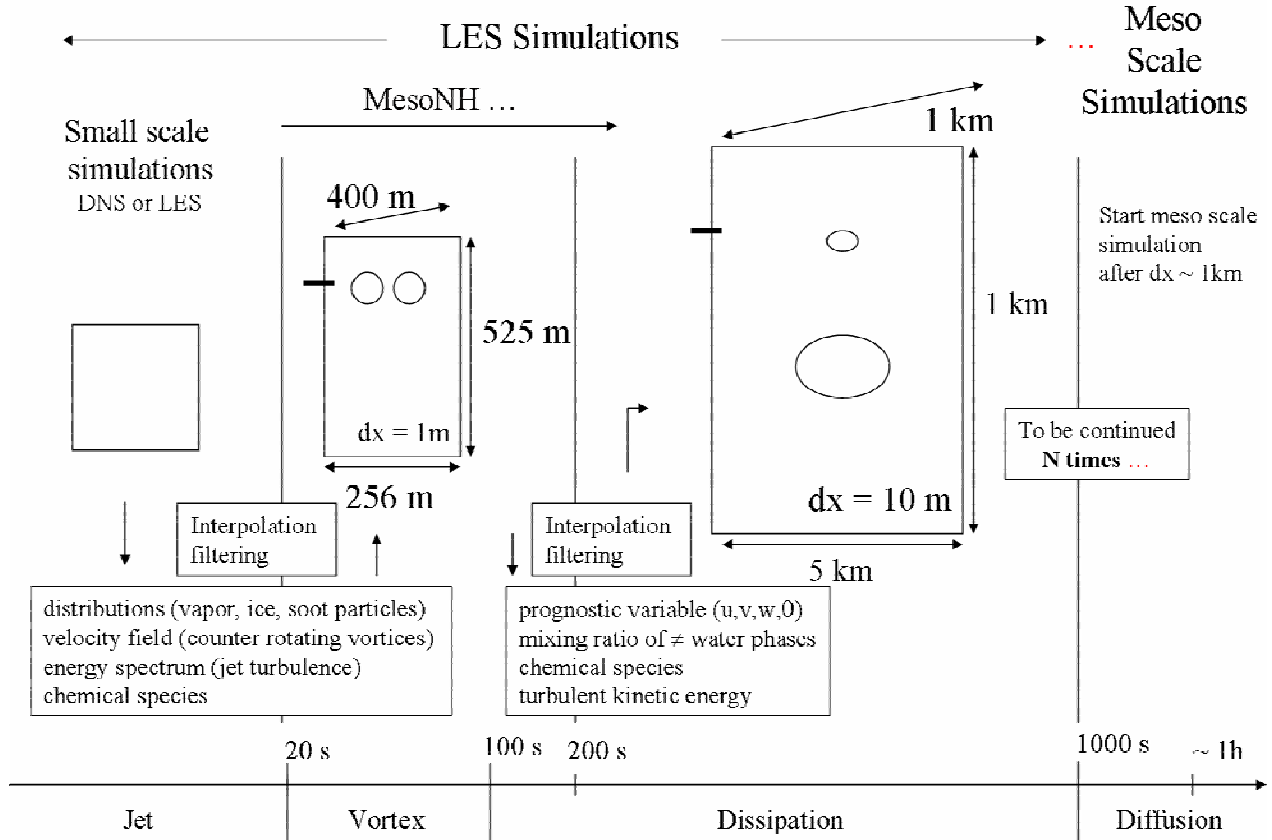


Figure 1: Sketch of the computational strategy adopted to swap from small-scale to mesoscale simulations. Note that the numerical box is advected by the aircraft velocity so that cyclic boundary conditions are applied in the axial direction.

## 5 THE FIRST RESULTS OF WAKE VORTEX SIMULATIONS

This section details the first step of the integrated approach presented above, i.e. the simulation of the vortex regime which corresponds to a wake lifetime of 20 s. up to 100 s. Note that in the following, the starting time of our simulations ( $t=0$ ) corresponds to a plume age of 20 seconds. The main physical processes occurring during the vortex regime are the break up of the vortices by the Crow instability and the formation of the so called secondary wake (see section 2). In order to well resolve the break up of the vortices, the simulation is integrated over 125 s.

To validate the MesoNH code in simulation of vortex, we first used analytical initial conditions of the beginning of the vortex regime based on the work by Gerz et al. (1999). They consist of two counter rotating vortices corresponding to a B747 flying at cruise altitude (11,000 m.) in an ambient stratified atmosphere. The vortices are initially separated by  $b_0 = 47$  m., the cores are 5.8 m. wide, and an initial circulation of  $\Gamma_0 = 600 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The computational domain of the simulation is  $400 \times 256 \times 525$  m., in flight (x), cross (y), and vertical (z) directions, respectively (with  $1 \times 1 \times 8$  m. resolution). For numerical stability of MesoNH, a time step of 25 msec. is required. A preliminary grid-independence analysis in 2D simulations shows that after a time of 50 seconds the vortices reach the same altitude for 1 m. or 2 m. resolution, and that the formation of the secondary wake is almost of the same amplitude (see left panel of Fig. 2). Tough peak value of the vertical velocity exhibits a weak grid dependence (see right panel of Fig. 2), the 1 m. resolution in the cross-section has been chosen for compromise between accuracy and CPU time.



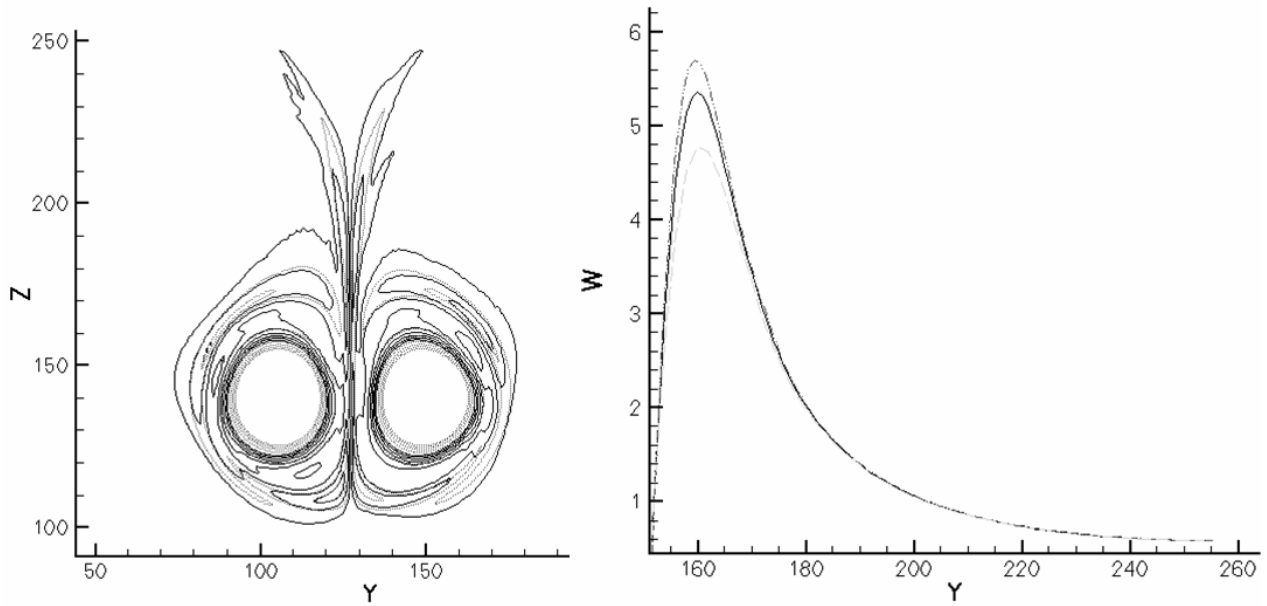


Figure 2: Left panel: Iso-contours of vorticity at time  $t = 50$  s. for  $dy = dz = 0.5$  (dot), and  $1.0$  m. (solid). Right panel: Profile of the vertical velocity at vortex location at  $t = 50$  s (for simplicity, only the right vortex is shown,  $y > 150$  m), for different cross-sectional resolutions:  $dy = dz = 0.5$  (dot and dash),  $1.0$  (solid), and  $2.0$  m. (dash).

Three dimensional simulations were performed using a temporal approach and Taylor approximation, i.e. the computational box is supposed to be convected by the aircraft velocity ( $\sim 250 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ); periodic boundary conditions are used in the axial direction. The length of the flight direction is chosen to contain one Crow length. Cyclic boundaries are used over the cross directions and the vortices are supposed to be at sufficient distance from the boundaries to neglect the effect of their images. Furthermore they are located far enough from the bottom of the domain to break up before touching it. Top and bottom boundary conditions are free slip and rigid lid, respectively. The initial vortices are solution of the Navier-Stokes equations (see Garten et al. (1998) for the analytical expression), and the initial atmospheric conditions are typical of the upper troposphere with ambient stratification of  $N=0.0108$ . We assume that the atmosphere is steady, and an initial perturbation on the potential temperature field is added to force the Crow instability (see Robins et al. (1998)).

Results of the simulations are shown in Figure 3 in terms of the  $\lambda_2$  criterion. The minimum of  $\lambda_2$  shows the minima of the pressure field that gives an information on the structure of the flow (see Jeong et al. (1995)). The induced secondary wake and the break up of the primary vortices structure can be easily observed during the 125 seconds of the simulation. For the sake of validation of MesoNH for vortex simulation, we also compare the descent rate of the primary vortices to that obtained by Holzäpfel et al. (2001) for approximately the same stratification,  $N=0.01$ . Figure 4 shows the descent of the vortex for 2D and 3D simulations respectively. In the 3D simulation the descent is tracked in the cross plan where the spacing between the two counter-rotating vortices is maximum. As in Holzäpfel et al. (2001), a late acceleration is observed in the 2D simulation, although a deceleration occurs in the 3D simulation.

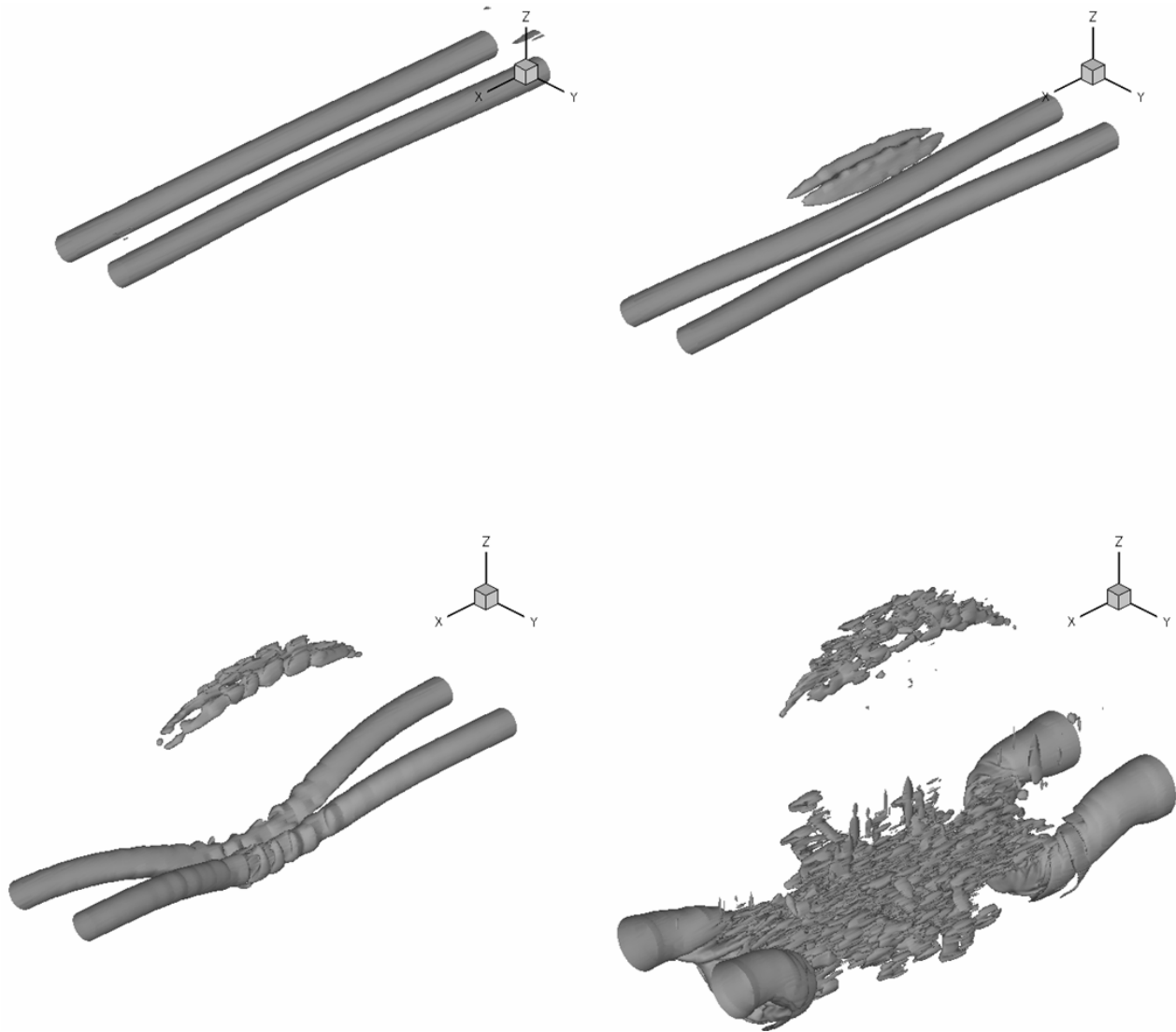


Figure 3: Perspective view of the iso-surface  $\lambda_2 = -0.003$  identifying the vortex structure at  $t = 0, 30, 60, 90$ , and  $125$  s

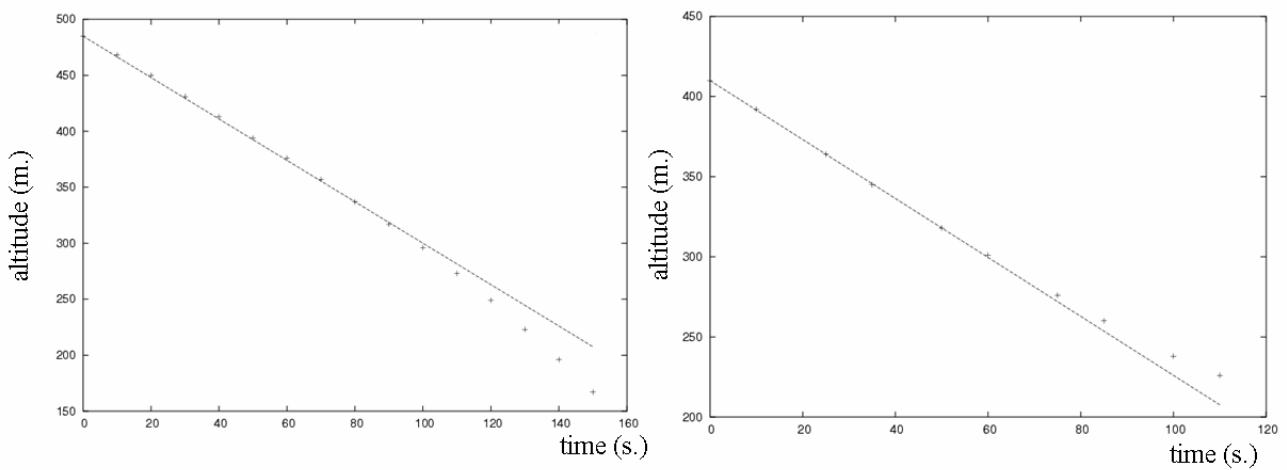


Figure 4: Plot of the vertical position of the vortices in 2D (left) and 3D (right) simulations. The points correspond to the numerical simulations, while dashed lines indicate the uniform vortex descent in a non stratified environment, i.e. with constant velocity  $v = v_0 = \Gamma_0 / 2\pi b_0$ .

## 6 A SIMPLE MICROPHYSICAL SCHEME

So far we have described the dynamics of the vortex evolution. This section presents the first 2D simulation of the microphysical processes obtained by integrating the simplified ice growth model by Kärcher(1996) in MesoNH. Ice crystal is the only class of particles present, and microphysics reduces to condensation / evaporation. Neither coagulation nor sedimentation is presently accounted. The condensation growth law is given by Kärcher(1996),

$$\frac{d}{dt}r = D G_{\alpha}(r) \frac{S_I}{r} \quad (1)$$

where  $r$  is the mean radius,  $S_I$  is the ice supersaturation,  $D$  stands for the molecular vapour diffusivity and  $G_{\alpha}(r)$  is a model function. A bulk approach was first investigated as in Lewellen et al. (2001), where the number of particles, the ice mixing ratio and the vapor mixing ratio are transported. This yields to the following set of equations,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}r_I = \left[ \frac{4\pi N_{particles}}{\rho_{air}} \right]^{2/3} D G(r) (r_w - r_{wSi}) \left[ \frac{3 r_I}{\rho_{ice}} \right]^{1/3} \\ \frac{d}{dt}r_w = -\frac{d}{dt}r_I \\ \frac{d}{dt}N_{particles} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $r_I$  is the ice mixing ratio,  $r_w$  the vapor mixing ratio,  $r_{wSi}$  the vapor mixing ratio at ice saturation,  $N_{particles}$  the number density of particles,  $\rho_{ice}$  the density of ice, and  $\rho_{air}$  the density of the dry air. The mean radius  $r$  is obtained by the definition of the ice mixing ratio,

$$r_I = \frac{4/3 \pi r^3 N_{particles} \rho_{ice}}{\rho_{air}} \quad (3)$$

The results of a 2D simulation using this microphysical scheme are shown in Figure 5 for the supersaturation field. The initial background conditions for  $S_I$  are deduced from the scenario 2 of Sussmann et al. (1999). This corresponds to a weak supersaturation at the flight level and a subsaturated air 200 meters below. Note that initially, the supersaturation is not balanced with the temperature perturbation induced by the vortices. For simplicity, tangent hyperbolic distribution of particles are inserted inside the core vortices with a maximum of number density  $N_{particles}^{\max} = 2.8 \text{ e}+9$  and a corresponding mean radius  $r_{\max} = 1.\text{e}-6 \text{ m}$ . These values are extrapolated from exhaust values using a dilution factor to account for the expansion of the plume in the jet and vortex regime. Not that we assume that all the ice particles are formed during the jet regime.

From Figure 5, we observe at a  $t=12 \text{ s}$ . the formation of subsaturated air at the bottom of the vortices, and their final wrapping around them at  $t=70 \text{ s}$ . This is due to the adiabatic compression of the primary wake during its descent in the stratified fluid. Mean radius contour plots are shown in Figure 6. As initially the particles are trapped inside the vortices, and since the simulations are two-dimensional so that vortex instabilities cannot develop, there is no break up of the vortices and particles stay trapped inside the cores. Then the system gets to an equilibrium state where vapor reaches saturation conditions.

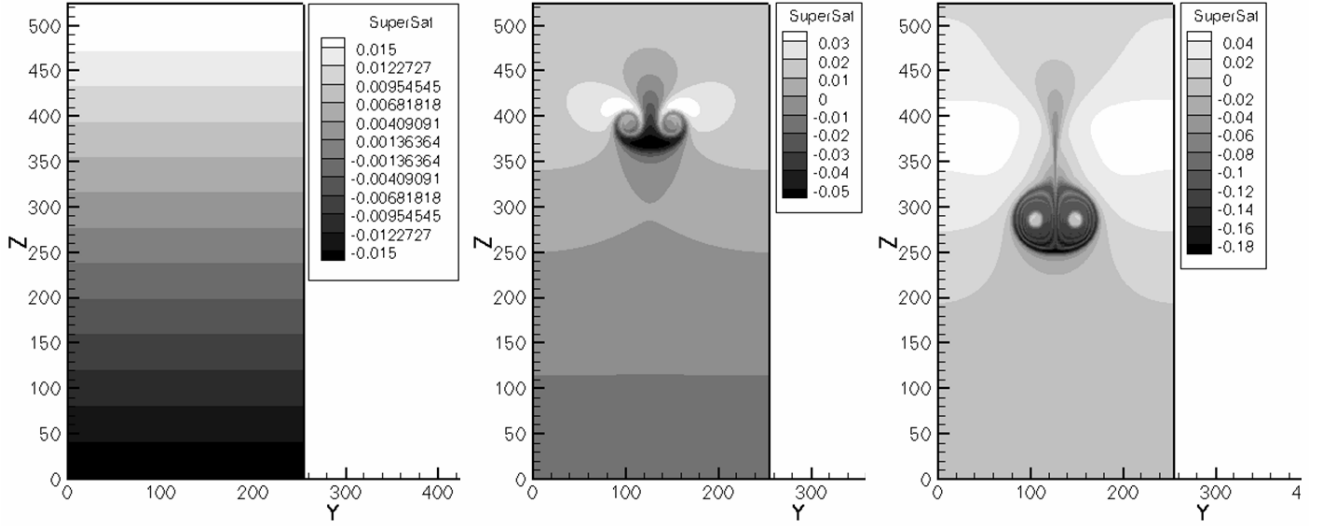


Figure 5: Plots of the supersaturation field at time  $t = 0, 10, 70$  s. Note that at the first time step the vapor mixing ratio is not in equilibrium with temperature.

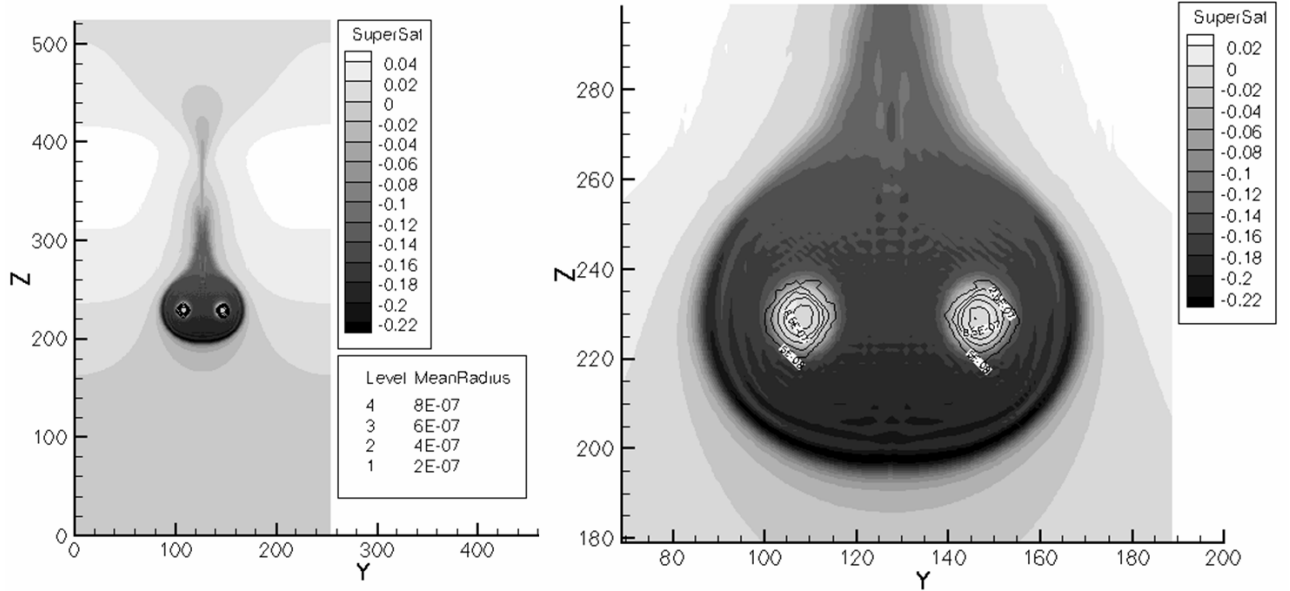


Figure 6: Plots of supersaturation field (flood contour) and mean radius (iso-contour) at  $t = 100$  s. The right panel is a zoom around the two vortex cores.

## 7 CONCLUSION

High-resolution three-dimensional simulations of an aircraft wake were carried out using the Météo-France meteorological code MesoNH for applications to the evolution of a contrail in the far-field wake. The code was run in its LES version with a resolution of 1 meter. The dynamics of the wake vortex and the dispersion of aircraft plume were in agreement with previous studies from the literature. A microphysics model for the growth of ice crystals has been integrated in the MesoNH and validated in 2D simulations. Ongoing actions include the extension of the dynamics-microphysics coupling to three-dimensional wakes, and the simulations of the dispersion and diffusion regimes on larger computational domains.

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# Gas Turbine (Turbo Fan Engine) and IC Engine Emissions

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**ABSTRACT:** Turbofan engines dominate civil aviation. The need for high efficiency and low weight has led to a continuous increase in their overall pressure ratio and turbine inlet temperature. Combustion at high pressures and near stoichiometric conditions promotes the formation of nitrogen oxide. Several principles for NO<sub>x</sub> abatement have been developed and gone into service like RQL and DAC combustors or are under investigation such as LDI or LPP technology. The major challenge is to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions without jeopardizing safe operability of the propulsion system or increasing other pollutants like CO, UHC or smoke. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from IC engines have a major impact on local airport air quality. Primary measures influencing the combustion process as well as exhaust gas treatment has led to a substantial reduction of pollutant emissions of Diesel and SI engines. Recent developments like direct injection engines and upcoming technologies such as HCCI engines aiming at improved fuel efficiency offer both challenges as well as opportunities to further tackle engine emissions.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Whereas the majority of the presentations given at the TAC conference concentrated on the properties of pollutant emissions and their effects on the environment this paper intends to summarise the mechanisms that are related to pollutant formation in aircraft propulsion systems and, briefly, in internal combustion (IC) engines.

## 2 TURBOFAN ENGINES

Based on gas turbine technology (Saravanamuttoo, 2001) turbofan and, to a lesser degree, turbo-prop engines have become the single propulsion systems for civil aviation. This is due to their high economy combined with exceptional reliability and comfort and the capability to transport people and cargo at high speeds close to the speed of sound across long distances. However, they also affect the environment by emitting noise and pollutant emissions such as nitric oxides (mainly NO and NO<sub>2</sub> referred to as NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), unburnt hydrocarbons (UHC) or soot. Huge efforts have been undertaken at industry and academia to reduce the environmental impact of jet engines. These efforts will have to be even intensified in the future in order to achieve the ambitious targets as set e.g. by ACARE in its vision 2020 (N.N., 2001). Particularly NO<sub>x</sub> has turned out to be extremely difficult to be addressed appropriately due to its interdependence with the measures to improve overall engine efficiency as will be discussed in the following.

### 2.1 Combustor Requirements

Turbofan engine combustors need to comply with many requirements besides the demand for low emissions and within emissions NO<sub>x</sub> is not the only species which needs to be considered. But in order to assess potential technologies to achieve the envisaged NO<sub>x</sub> reduction targets, all the other requirements need to be taken into account in an appropriate manner as well. Amongst others these

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requirements comprise safe operability (Ground and altitude ignition and pull away capability, weak extinction capability - particularly during slam deceleration of the engine at inclement weather conditions - as well as the suppression of any significant thermo-acoustic pressure oscillation), compatibility (with the engine cycle in terms of pressure, temperature, overall air-fuel ratio and capacity, with the mechanical and aerothermal compressor and turbine interfaces, with the employed fuel and with the weight and size requirement of the engine), economy (development and unit costs, fuel consumption in terms of pressure loss and combustion efficiency, maintainability and reparability and life) and emissions (besides  $\text{NO}_x$ : CO, UHC, Smoke and even  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ ). From all requirements safe operability has the highest priority!

## 2.2 Gas Turbine Combustion – Joule-Brayton Cycle

Turbofan Engines work according to the thermodynamic Joule-Brayton cycle (Saravanamuttoo, 2001), i.e. air is compressed in a compressor. Heat is added to the compressed air by means of continuously burning fuel at constant pressure. The hot gases are then expanded in a turbine, which drives the compressor. Due to the divergence of the isobars in the enthalpy entropy diagram more work can be gained in the expansion process of the hot gases than is needed for the compression of the air. Hence a stationary gas turbine expands the hot gases in the turbine to ambient pressure and uses the excess work to drive an electric generator.

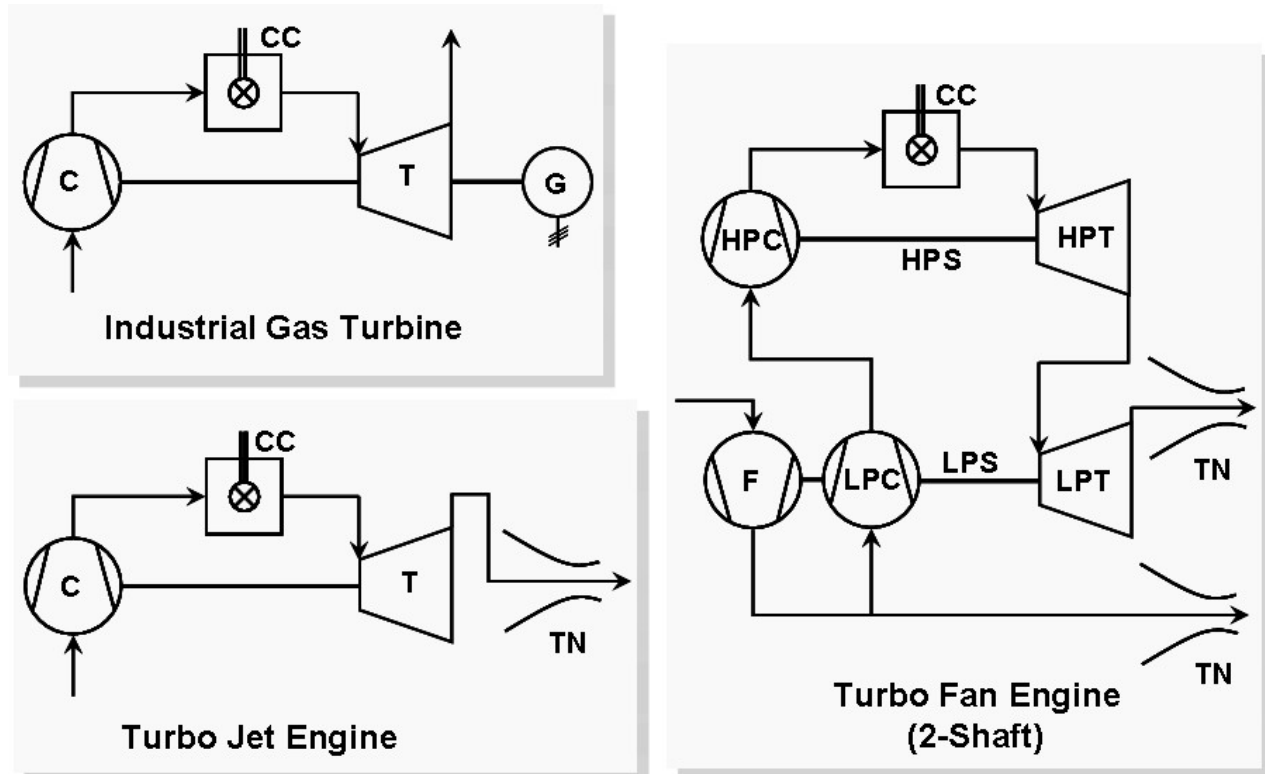


Figure 1: Gas Turbine and jet Engine Set-Up

The Turbo Jet Engine, which was the first jet engine used for aircraft propulsion expands the hot gases in the turbine to drive the compressor only. The remnant enthalpy is then used to expand and accelerate the hot gases in a nozzle and generate a thrust force according to the momentum principle. As will be shown later this is not the most efficient way to generate thrust. Therefore, modern Turbofan Engines as depicted in Figure 2 use the energy gained in the expansion process to drive a so-called fan and split the air afterwards into a bypass flow, which amounts to up to 80 % of the overall air mass flow and beyond and a core mass flow (Rolls-Royce, 2005). The fan is driven by a low pressure turbine through a separate shaft, which also drives an optional low pressure compressor. Bypass air and the hot gases are expanded either in separate thrust nozzles as indicated in Figure 1 or are mixed in a forced mixer as shown in Figure 2 and then jointly enter a common thrust nozzle.

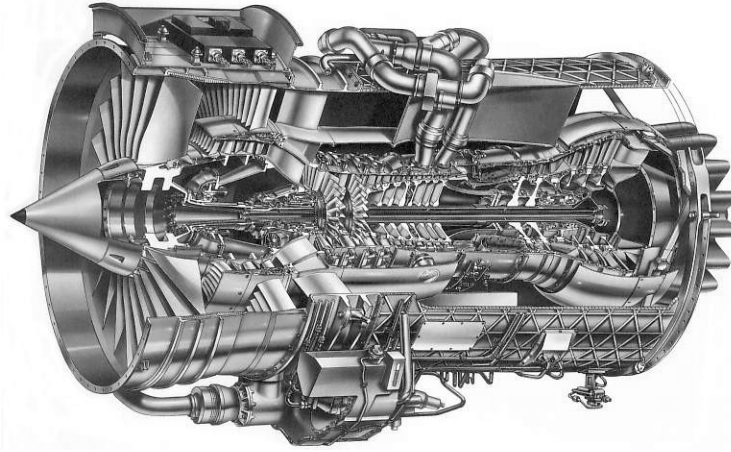


Figure 2: Modern Turbofan Engine (Rolls-Royce BR715)

In contrast to IC engines the processes of air intake, compression, combustion and expansion are continuous and non-intermittent. This is of particular importance for the combustion process, which is conducted at constant pressure, whereas IC engines, especially SI engines, feature to a certain degree constant volume combustion, which leads to an additional internal compression. Modern Turbofan Engines typically have annular combustors as depicted in Figure 3. Air from the last compressor stages is first decelerated in a diffuser in order to minimise aerodynamic losses. The air enters the annular combustor liner where the combustion process takes place through several orifices. Liquid fuel is injected by means of a number of fuel injectors. In modern combustors a part of the combustion air is used to atomise the fuel into a spray with very fine droplets and simultaneously generate a combustible mixture of fuel and air. Additionally the air which is used for atomisation has a high swirl in order to generate a flow recirculation, which is needed to permanently stabilise combustion. The igniter is only needed to start up the combustion process once. The purpose of the primary zone is to stabilise the combustion process over the entire range of operation from idle to take-off. Similar to a Diesel Engine the power of a Turbofan Engine is controlled by the amount of fuel injected into the combustor. Hence the leanest overall fuel air ratio determines the fraction of air which is allowed to enter the primary zone, through the air assisted fuel injector and the primary air injection ports at the outer and inner barrel of the combustor liner. The majority of the remaining air is then added through subsequent rows of holes in the liner into the secondary/mixing zone. This part of the combustor is needed in order to achieve a complete conversion of the combustion products exiting the primary zone and to tailor a radial temperature profile suited for the first turbine stage. It is obvious that the temperature in the primary zone is much hotter than the required turbine inlet temperature. This is of particular importance for the formation of NO<sub>x</sub> as will be discussed later on. A considerable amount of the air is needed to cool the liner material.

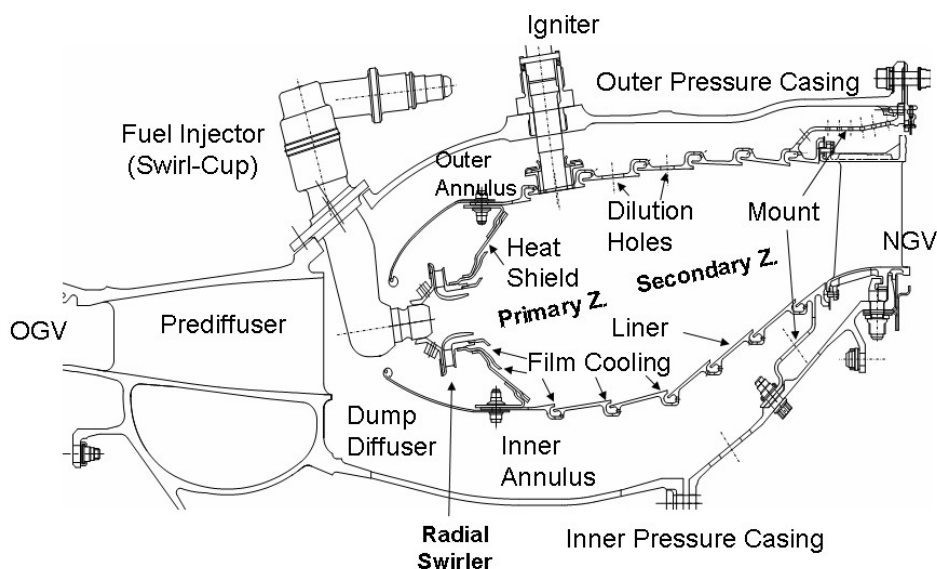


Figure 3: Annular Combustor (General Electric CF6-80)



In the ideal Joule-Brayton Cycle, compression and expansion are isentropic processes. In real engines polytropic compression and expansion is encountered and additional losses, e.g. a loss in total pressure during combustion, have to be accounted for as well. For the ideal process the thermal efficiency, i.e. the net power output related to the added heat, is solely depending on the overall pressure ratio (OPR) according to

$$\eta_i = 1 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa}}} \quad (1)$$

where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the pressures prior to and after compression, respectively, and  $\kappa$  is the isentropic coefficient. In real engines thermal efficiency increases for a given pressure ratio with increasing turbine inlet temperature  $T_3$  and there is an optimal pressure ratio for a given turbine entry temperature, as indicated in Figure 4. The strong impact of the pressure ratio on thermal efficiency has led to a continuous rise in overall pressure ratio over the last decades, see Figure 5.

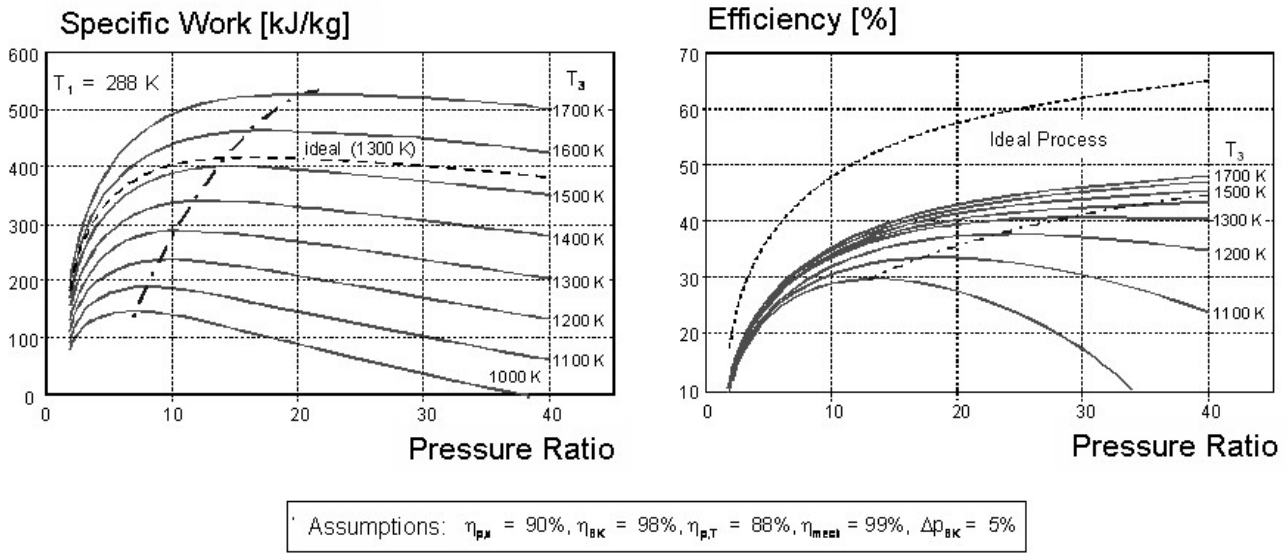


Figure 4: Specific Work and Thermal Efficiency of the Joule-Brayton Cycle

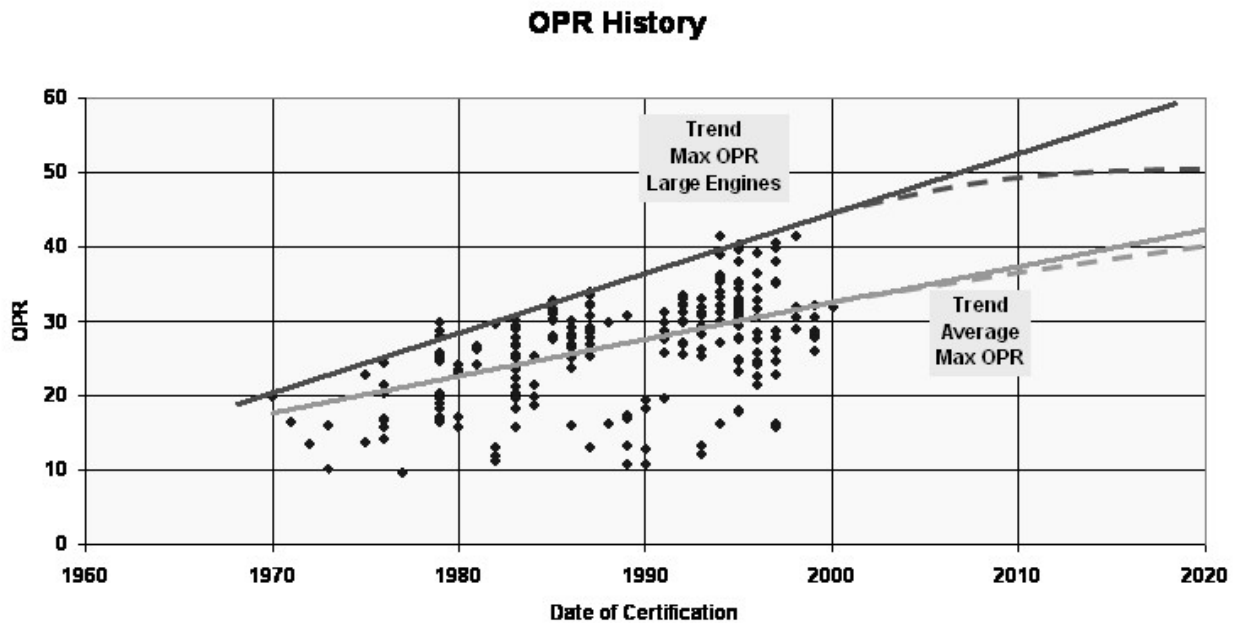


Figure 5: Past, Current and Future OPRs

It is obvious that the thrust to weight ratio is another important property of a propulsion system. This ratio is directly linked with the specific work, i.e. net power output divided by the air mass flow through the core engine. As depicted in Figure 4 the specific work strongly increases with the turbine inlet temperature. Another driver for increasing turbine inlet temperature, at least for certain flight conditions, is the so called propulsive efficiency, which determines how much of the power generated by the gas turbine process is actually used to propel the aircraft. If we consider the thrust of an engine  $F_t$ , which can be derived from a momentum balance under the assumption that the fuel mass flow is much smaller than the air mass flow  $\dot{m}_a$

$$F_t \approx \dot{m}_a \cdot (w_a - w_f) \quad (2)$$

with  $w_a$  and  $w_f$  being the velocity of the hot gases leaving the thrust nozzle and the flight velocity, respectively, it is evident that the thrust can either be generated by slightly accelerating a huge amount of air passing through the engine or by strongly accelerating a smaller air mass flow rate. However, the propulsive efficiency plotted in Figure 6 suggests that the jet velocity should not exceed the flight velocity too much in order to avoid an efficiency penalty. The reduction of the jet velocity has been accomplished by introducing the Turbofan Engine, compare Figure 1 and Figure 2, featuring a core and a bypass air mass flow.

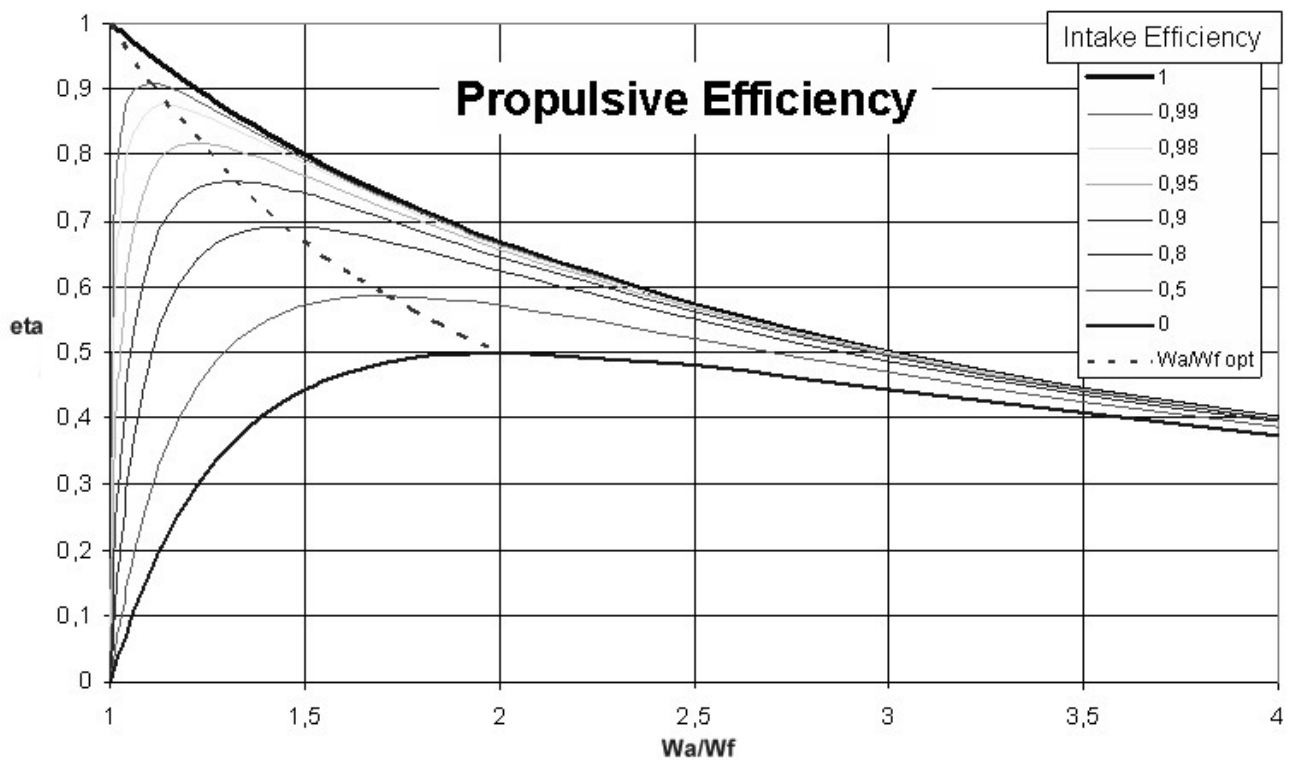


Figure 6: Propulsive Efficiency of a Jet Engine

### 2.3 Pollutant Formation

Besides  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and heat, which are the main products resulting from the combustion of fossil fuel pollutants are generated. Unburned hydrocarbons and CO are emitted during low power operation at low combustor inlet temperatures and pressures. They are directly linked with the combustion efficiency. Lefebvre (Greenhough and Lefebvre, 1957) introduced a loading parameter that characterises combustion in-efficiency and therefore CO and UHC emissions, Figure 7. The loading parameter is proportional to a global Damkoehler number, which relates the residence time in the combustor to the time required for complete chemical reaction. High Loading parameters can be achieved by high pressures and inlet temperatures and/or high combustor volumes.

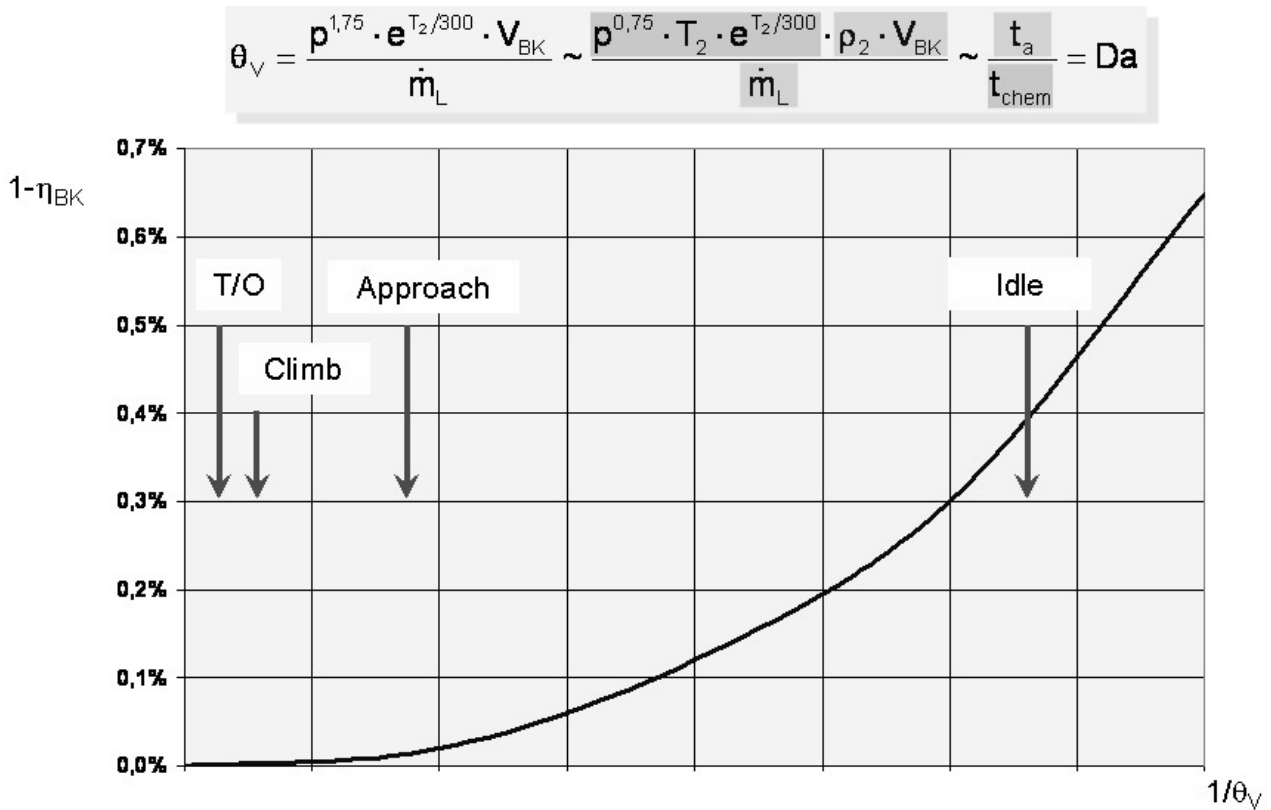


Figure 7: Combustion Efficiency (CO, UHC)

For modern Turbofan Engine combustors CO and UHC emissions are no concern as they have significantly decreased as compared to former engine generations. This is partly due to the effect that the overall pressure ratio has continuously increased in order to achieve higher thermal efficiencies, compare Figure 5. This led to an increase of combustor pressure and inlet temperature also for low power conditions. However, a substantial contribution is owed to an improvement of the fuel preparation process by the replacement of pressure atomisers with air blast atomisers. This is an additional effect that cannot be correlated with the loading parameter, which considers only chemical kinetics.

Soot and  $NO_x$  are pollutants which are mainly emitted at high power conditions. Soot is formed at elevated temperatures and very rich stoichiometry (Kellerer et al., 1995) existing in the primary zone close to the fuel injector. The majority of the soot is oxidised in the secondary zone of the combustor at lean conditions and high temperatures. However, a part of the soot generated leaves the combustor having been not fully oxidised particularly in very lean areas where the oxidation reactions have been quenched due to low temperatures. The introduction of airblast atomisers also had a tremendous effect on the reduction of soot emissions.

However,  $NO_x$  is the species which has not been significantly reduced until the last one and a half decades, where significant efforts have started to tackle this issue. The challenges of  $NO_x$  reductions will mark the focus of this publication.

Turbofan engine emissions are characterised according to the ICAO Landing and Take-Off Cycle (LTO) which directly accounts mainly for the local effect in the airport environment. Four typical thrust settings are considered corresponding to approach (30%), taxi (7%), take-off (100%) and climb (85%). Engine emissions are measured for these load conditions on static test beds, weighted with the respective times and normalised with their take-off thrust  $F_\infty$  in order to be able to compare engines of different size. The resulting engine emissions in terms of  $Dp/F_\infty$  have to comply with legislative limits as defined by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) (N.N. 1993). In some engine  $NO_x$  emission data are plotted versus their overall pressure ratio at take-off and compared with the respective ICAO CAEP (Civil Aviation Environmental Protection) limits.

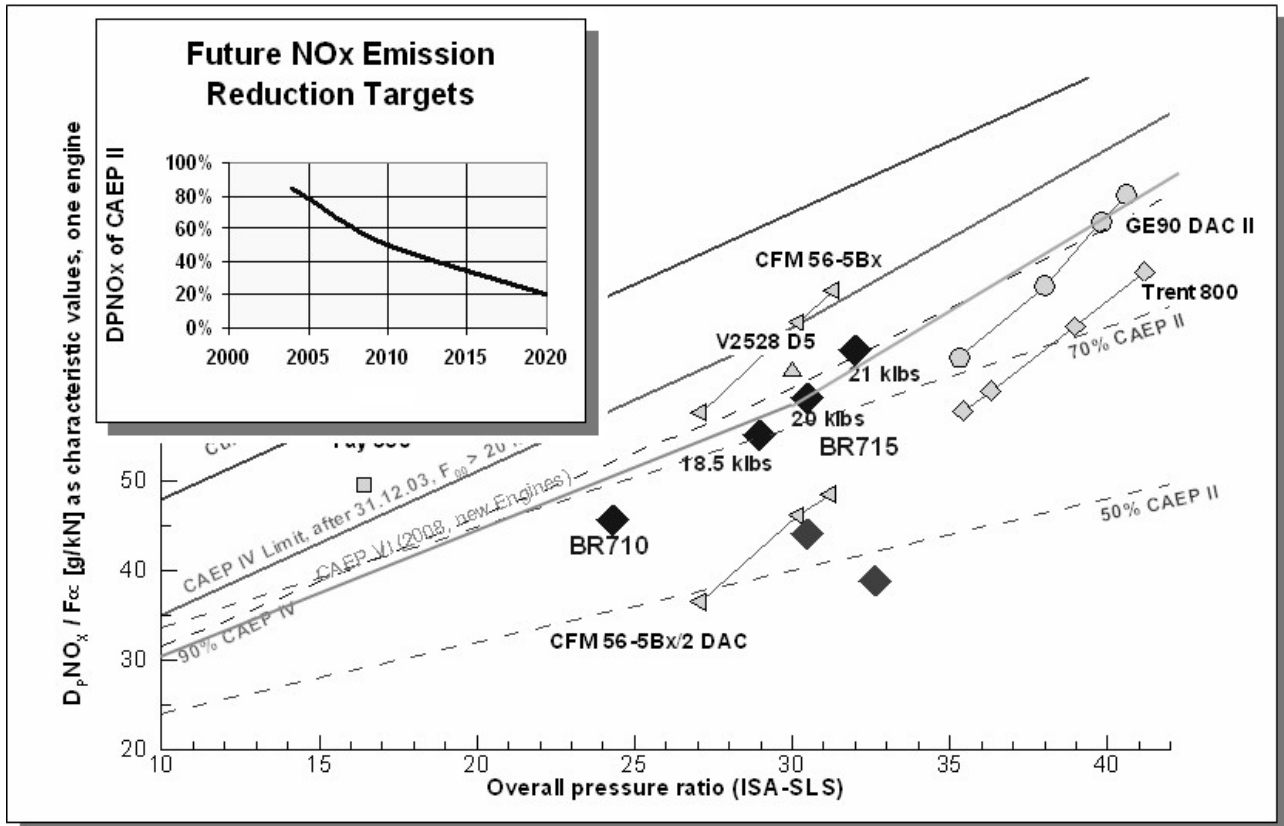


Figure 8: Current and Future NOx Emissions Requirements

NO<sub>x</sub> is the only regulated species for which the limits account for the dependence of its formation rates on the overall pressure ratio (OPR) of the engine cycle. In Jet Engine combustors NO is mainly formed by the thermal mechanism as found by Zeldovich (1946) and extended by Baulch et al. (1991):



and then partly further oxidized to NO<sub>2</sub>. The mechanism is called “thermal” because of the high activation energy required to break the triple bond of the Nitrogen molecule.

With first order accuracy the processes leading to NO formation in jet engine combustors as well as possible remedies can be investigated by means of a perfectly stirred reactor (PSR) calculation using a complex chemical mechanism for Iso-Octane (Behrendt, 1989) which also includes the NO formation reactions (3) as depicted in Figure 9. In this calculation the stoichiometry and pressure are varied at a fixed air inlet temperature and residence time.

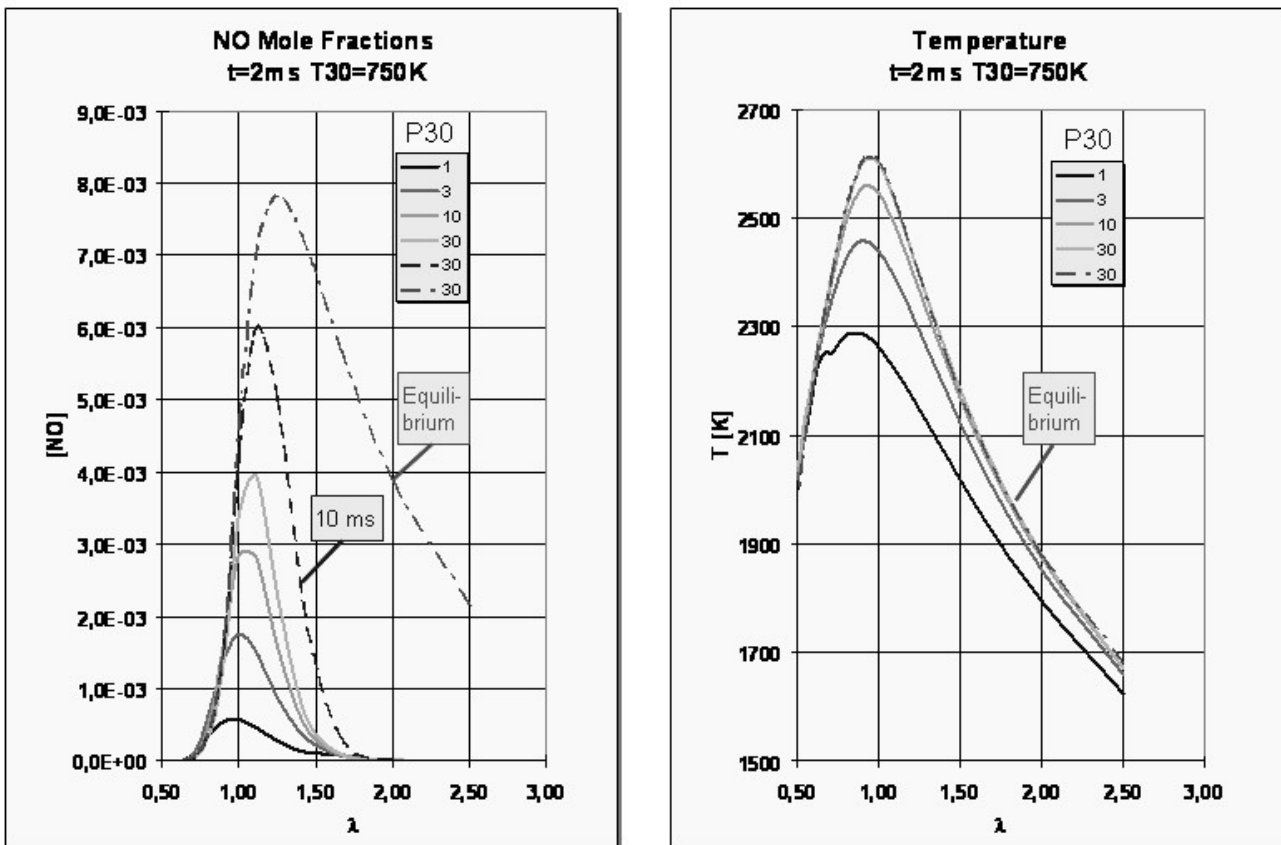


Figure 9: PSR Calculation: NO Formation and Possible Remedies

As expected the highest temperatures are encountered at conditions close to stoichiometric values, i.e.  $\lambda=1$ , with  $\lambda$  being the normalised air fuel ratio (AFR) or the inverse equivalence ratio  $\phi$ . With an increase in pressure the maximum temperature increases as well due to the suppression of endothermic dissociation reactions. For a pressure of 30 bars the primary combustion reactions determining the flame temperatures, being almost identical with the equilibrium values, are very fast. Due to the exponential dependence of the NO formation rate on temperature the pressure dependence of the amount of NO formed in the PSR is even more pronounced. It needs to be considered, that in gas turbines the combustor inlet temperature is linked with the overall pressure ratio through the polytropic nature of the compression process. Hence an increase in combustor pressure will additionally increase the combustor inlet temperature and lead to an even stronger increase in NO formation than obvious in this consideration.

Projecting the development of the past into the future it is very likely that the pressure ratios will continue to rise, maybe with reduced rates than so far. Hence any future reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emission by x % relative to the CAEP II limit will result in a lower reduction in absolute numbers due to the slope of the limit and the tendency towards higher OPRs.

On the positive side it can be observed that NO formation is a significantly slower process than the mere combustion reactions. Even for an increased residence time of 10 ms the NO values are significantly lower than equilibrium at high pressures. Additionally NO formation is low at very rich and very lean conditions. Possible remedies are therefore to i) reduce the residence time in the combustor ii) stabilise combustion at very rich conditions and then switch to lean conditions by quickly adding a substantial amount of mixing air (RQL = Rich burn – Quick quench – Lean burn) or iii) burn the fuel at lean conditions. These possibilities will be briefly discussed in the following.

## 2.4 Low NO<sub>x</sub> Concepts

### 2.4.1 Rich Concepts

Present aeroengine single annular combustors have achieved NO<sub>x</sub> reductions relative to earlier designs operating at the same thermodynamic parameters (P, T, AFR) using the RQL principle. Besides their characteristic to produce lower amounts of Nitrogen oxides than former combustor generations, their generally rich primary zone has the advantage that combustion is very stable, even at

low power conditions when the overall stoichiometry of the combustor is much leaner. Theoretical and experimental investigations have revealed that a primary zone equivalence ratio of 1.4 results in the lowest NO emissions (Meisl et al., 1995). The highest temperatures and NO formation rates, respectively, appear in the quench zone during the transition from rich to lean mixtures. High temperatures can also be observed in the primary zone in the vicinity of the liner film cooling.

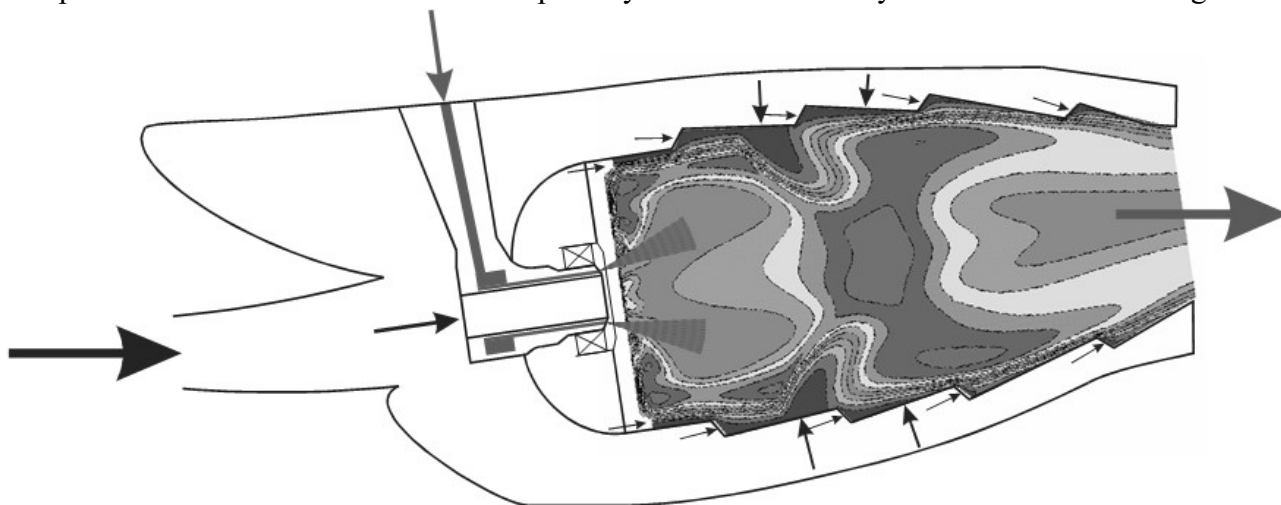


Figure 10: RQL combustor

What is mostly limiting the NO reduction potential of RQL combustors is the  $\text{NO}_x$ -smoke trade-off, which has to be encountered. Although the airblast atomisers employed in modern combustors generate a much more homogeneous fuel air mixture than the former pressure swirl atomisers there are still comparatively rich zones in the vicinity of the injector. Rich equivalence ratios in conjunction with elevated pressures and fairly high temperatures support the formation of soot, (Kellerer et al., 1995). This mechanism limits the primary zone stoichiometry to the rich side. On the other hand the rapid quenching of the NO formation by a quick transition from the rich to lean condition simultaneously tends to quench the soot oxidation reactions. Therefore, the optimisation of an RQL combustor needs careful consideration of both NO and smoke and the thermodynamic cycle of the engine and the OAFR at T/O have to be taken into account as well.

In summary the RQL concept has proven very successful for Turbofan Engine combustor applications so far. For the highest thrust range thoroughly optimised RQL combustors could even achieve lower NO emission levels in the ICAO LTO cycle than fuel staged combustor concepts, which will be discussed below. By optimisation of the primary zone and quench zone further  $\text{NO}_x$  reduction should be feasible. No detrimental effect on the emissions of other species, weight and operability are expected nor for smoke, provided that enough homogenisation can be achieved. However, the potential of RQL combustors to further decrease NO emissions to the ACARE targets set for 2020 seems to be rather limited.

Whereas RQL combustors are often called air staged combustors fuel staging aims at a different principle. This approach satisfies the demand for low emissions and appropriate operability by means of the introduction of two separate burning zones. The so called “Pilot stage” is designed for operability, i.e. light-up, altitude relight and pull-away, weak extinction stability, good combustion efficiency at low power settings and hence low emissions of carbon monoxide and unburned hydrocarbons. The “Main Stage” is purely optimised for low  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions. Low NO formation is achieved by reduced residence times and frequently by an overall lean stoichiometry of this zone.

All major aeroengine manufacturers have been investigating staged combustor concepts or are still doing so with two engine families in service using staged combustor architecture. The concepts comprise radially staged architectures, dubbed double annular combustors (DAC) (Bahr and Gleason, 1975), axially staged concepts (Sturgess et al., 1993) or mixtures thereof. Staged combustion has clearly demonstrated a significant reduction in NO emissions whilst maintaining the level of CO and HC emissions of RQL combustors (Brehm et al., 1999). However, it needs to be mentioned that the distinct but limited  $\text{NO}_x$  reduction achieved has to be traded with higher costs, higher weight and increased complexity of the combustor and of the fuel and control system. Additionally the liner wall surface area, which needs to be cooled is much larger than for a conventional single

annular combustor and requires more cooling effort and/or the use of more expensive materials. It is therefore unlikely that this concept will be further pursued.

#### 2.4.2 Lean Concepts

Reducing the combustion temperature can also be achieved by burning the fuel at overall lean conditions. Lean Direct Injection (LDI) is working according to this principle. Depending on the engine cycle at least 60% of the air needs to be directed through the injection system, see Figure 11. In order to avoid autoignition and flashback no/minor fuel/air mixing or fuel prevaporisation external to the combustor takes place. The challenge to achieve low combustion temperatures and hence low NO formation lies in the generation of a homogeneous lean mixture within the combustor but prior to combustion. Experimental investigations in model combustors working under engine like conditions have shown that low NO<sub>x</sub> values can be achieved, Figure 12 (Bauer, 2004). However, the leaner conditions for part load, idle and particularly transient engine operation require measures to establish stable combustion and limit the emissions of CO and UHC. Pilot diffusion flames and staging of the LDI injection systems are suited remedies.

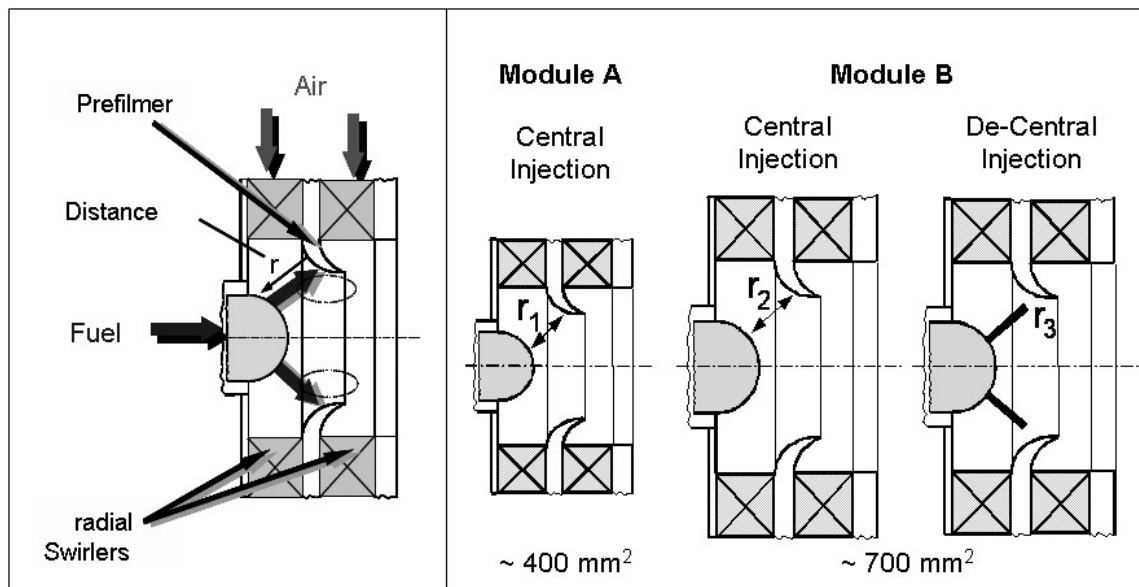


Figure 11: LDI Injectors Featuring Radial Air Swirlers

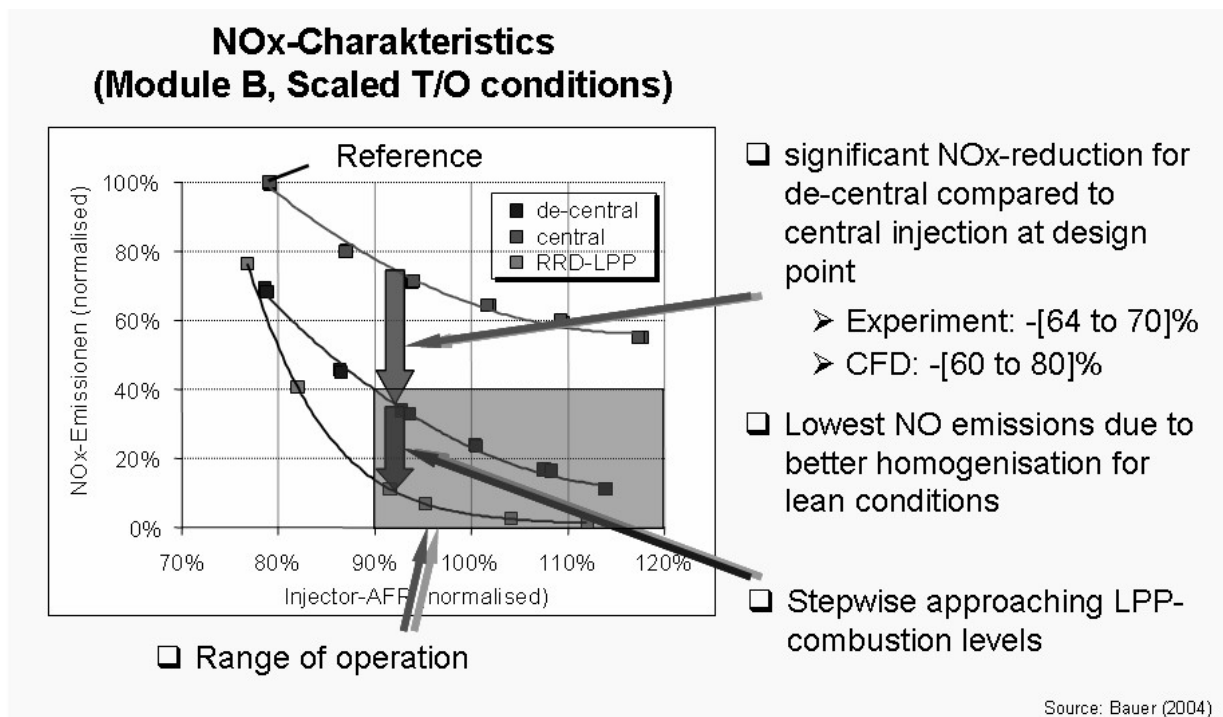


Figure 12: NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Performance of LDI Systems

However, pilot flames partially compromise the  $\text{NO}_x$  reduction capabilities of LDI modules (Hassa et al., 2005). Close to the staging points CO emissions still can reach very high levels. Thermal management is required to avoid coking of residual fuel in those injectors which are switched off during staging. The injection systems are bulkier due to their higher air flow areas, therefore their stems tend to be thicker and heavier compared to present designs. Additional fuel lines and valves for staging purposes further add to weight and complexity.

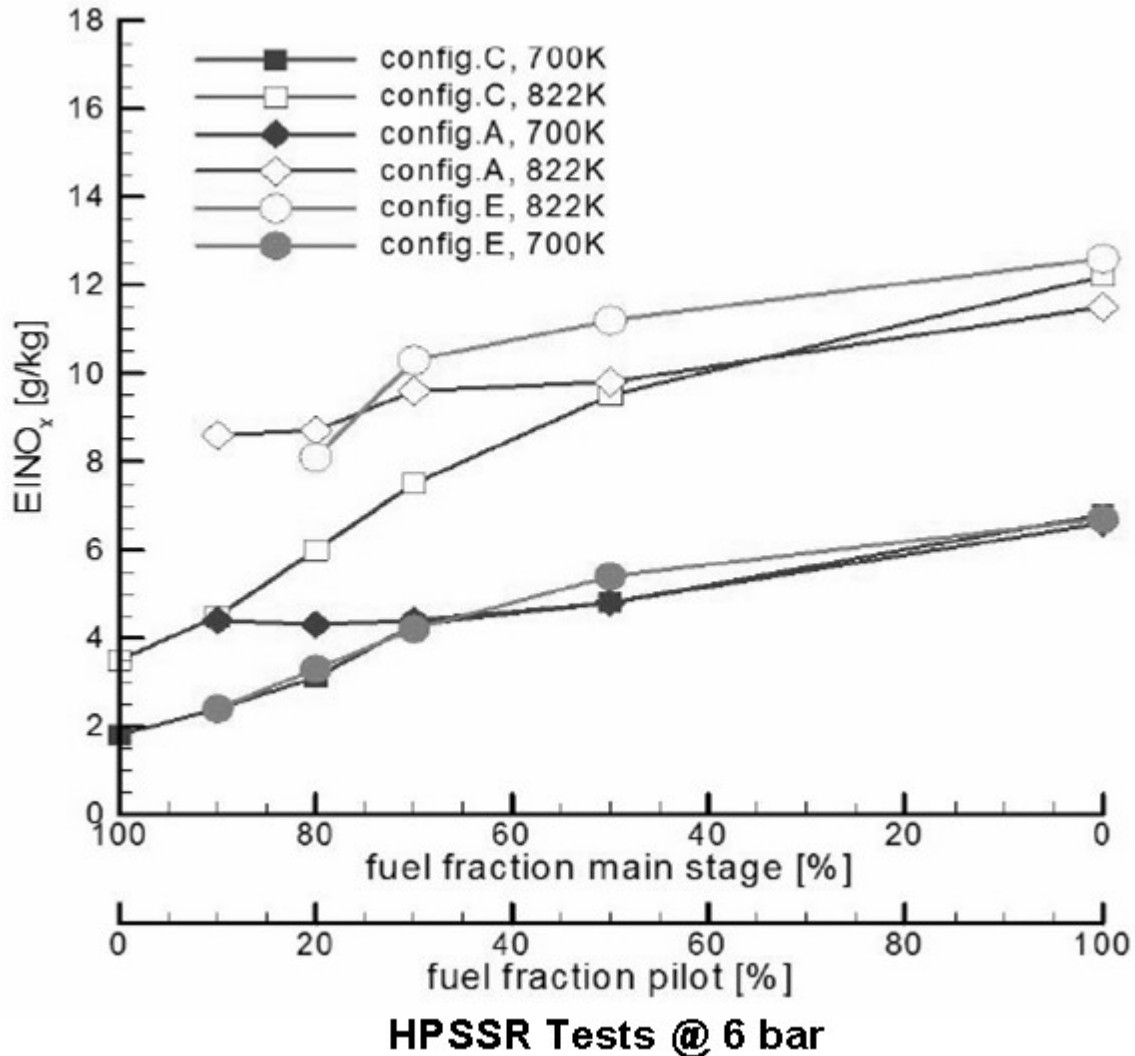


Figure 13: Pilot Effect on NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions

Experience from the stationary gas turbine engines imply that thermoacoustic combustion oscillations are likely to appear (Lieuwen and Yang, 2005). The related pressure oscillations impose a risk on combustor and engine integrity. If the inherent damping capability of the combustor (e.g. the liner cooling) is not sufficient to suppress the oscillations additional damping devices have to be employed (Macquisten et al. 2006), further adding to weight and complexity.

Partial or complete premixing and prevaporisation of fuel and air in the lean combustion regime (LPP, Lean Premixed Prevaporised Combustion) can lead to very low NO<sub>x</sub> levels, which has been successfully demonstrated on a laboratory scale for operational conditions corresponding to present mid size / large turbofan engines (Von der Bank, 2005). However, similar to the LDI concept staging and piloting is required to achieve stability and low levels of CO / HC emissions considerably compromising the NO<sub>x</sub> reduction potential. The remarks concerning thermoacoustic oscillations, fuel coking, weight and complexity made for the LDI concept apply even more for LPP. Operability can be even more compromised by very short autoignition delay times for engines with an OPR > 40 (Cano-Wolff et al., 2001). For these applications the level of premixing and prevaporisation in a separate mixing device will have to be reduced in order to provide sufficient margin against autoignition. The potential remedy to externally prevaporise Kerosene (supercritical pressure) before in-



jecting it into the mixing chamber needs to be investigated in order to better assess its applicability. Flashback into the premixing device either through the boundary layer (Schaefer et al., 2003) or by combustion induced vortex breakdown (Fritz et al., 2004) is another concern.

The  $\text{NO}_x$  emission reduction potential of LPP systems is very high, while CO and HC emissions are likely to be higher than present values. PM emissions from the pilot injector are expected. The challenge will be to simultaneously achieve low  $\text{NO}_x$  levels and ensure safe operability.

There are other concepts in discussion with either a very long term perspective like catalytic combustion (Griffin et al., 2004), FLOX® technology (Schuetz et al., 2005), alternative fuels e.g. hydrogen (Contreras et al., 1997) or liquified natural gas (LNG) or which address only local airport quality like water injection (Dagett, 2005). Another approach to reduce  $\text{NO}_x$  by avoiding the OPR –  $\text{NO}_x$  trade-off is the consideration of intercooled recuperative engine cycles (Broichhausen et al., 2000).

### 3 IC ENGINES

While IC engines only play a minor role in commercial aviation they have a major impact on local airport air quality due to their dominance in ground transportation. According to their different combustion principle spark ignition (SI) Engines and Diesel Engines have different levels of pollutants as indicated in Figure 14 for high load conditions. It is obvious that besides  $\text{NO}_x$  SI engines emit considerable amounts of CO and moderate amounts of UHC whereas Diesel engines have high  $\text{NO}_x$  and Soot emissions. It should also be mentioned that for part load conditions the raw  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions of Diesel engines are considerably lower than for SI engines. As in jet engine combustors, formation of  $\text{NO}_x$  primarily occurs via the Zeldovich mechanism in both SI and Diesel engines. The introduction of effective exhaust gas treatment as well as primary measures to control the combustion process has led to a significant reduction of all relevant species. New combustion technology is expected to further decrease the pollutant emissions from ground transportation in relative as well as in absolute numbers.

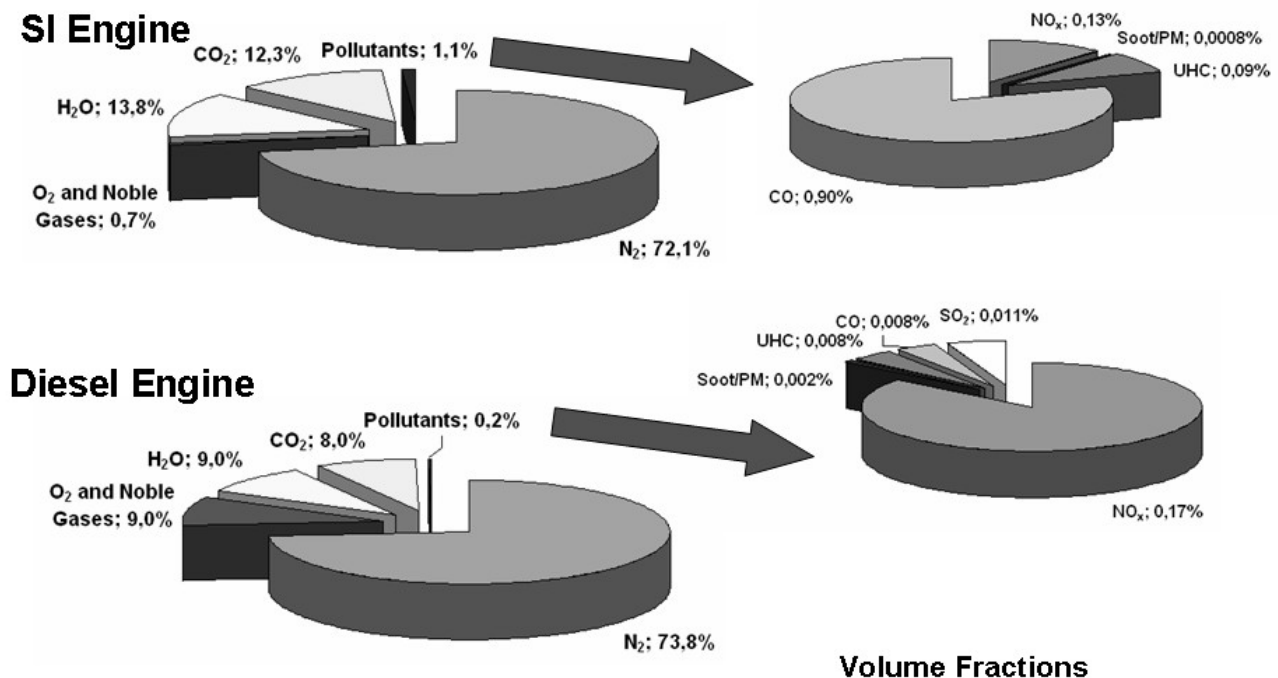


Figure 14: Raw emissions of SI and Diesel Engines

#### 3.1 SI Engines

For port injection engines working at stoichiometric conditions over the entire range of operation a three way catalyst can be used to effectively reduce NO to  $\text{N}_2$  and simultaneously oxidise CO and UHC to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . In order to accomplish a high rate of NO conversion  $\lambda$  needs to be tightly controlled within a range of  $0.99 < \lambda < 1.002$  (Heywood, 1988), see Figure 15. This control is es-

tablished by a probe measuring the oxygen content in the exhaust gases and a feedback loop to the engine management system controlling the amount of fuel injected.

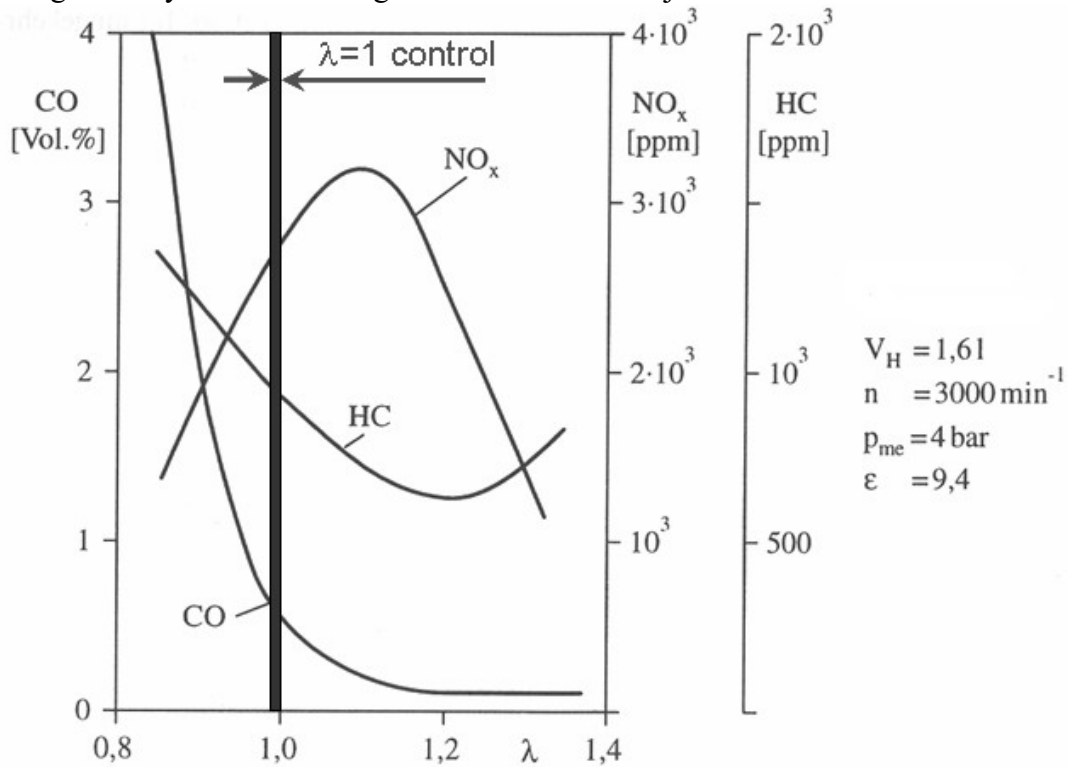


Figure 15: Pollutant Formation in SI Engines (Port Injection) according to Merker et al. (2005)

The need to increase efficiency of SI engines has led to the development of gasoline direct injection engines (GDI) (Spicher et al., 2001). The homogeneous charge GDI engine still runs at  $\lambda = 1$  like the port injection engines and uses a throttle valve to achieve the required power output. Fuel is injected during the intake stroke which allows a homogeneous mixing of fuel and air prior to combustion. The advantage of this system is thanks to the fuel evaporation within the cylinder, which reduces the temperature and subsequently the susceptibility to knocking combustion. Hence, a higher compression ratio is possible yielding better efficiency and performance. For this type of engines the same exhaust gas treatment as for port injection engines is possible.

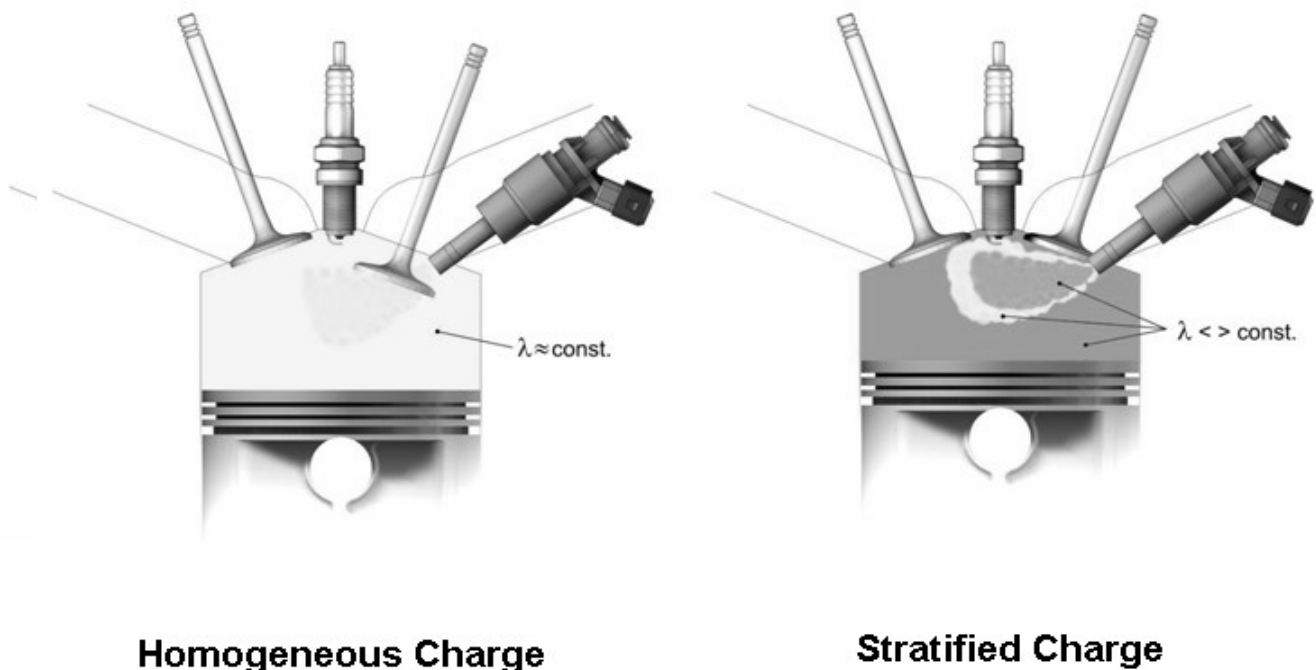
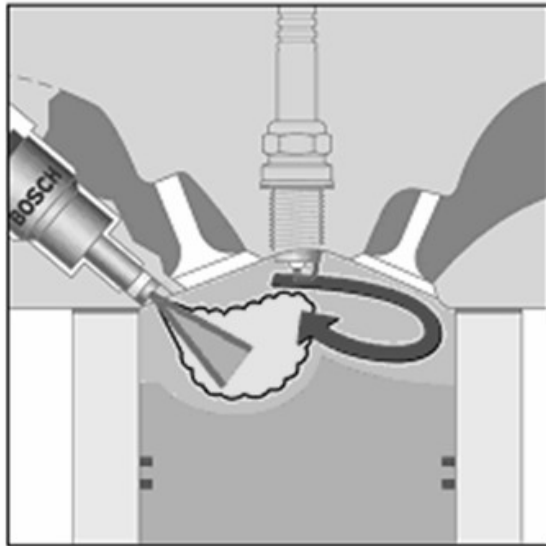
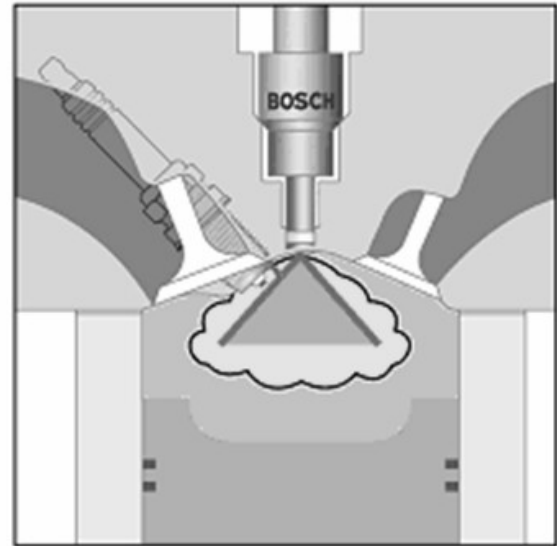


Figure 16: GDI Engines

The more advanced GDI engine controls the power output by a variation of the combustion stoichiometry. This concept avoids throttling losses at part load and yields a considerable efficiency benefit. At part load the fuel air ratio becomes too lean for stable combustion if fuel and air are homogeneously mixed. For these conditions fuel stratification is required to stabilise combustion as indicated in Figure 17. Amongst the different possibilities of stratification, wall guided stratification has found the widest distribution so far. Its major drawbacks are comparatively high emissions of unburned hydrocarbons and particles.



**Wall-Guided Stratification**



**Spray-Guided Stratification**

Figure 17: Fuel Stratification

Spray guided stratification, which concentrates the fuel close to the igniter plug is the most promising GDI concept and has recently gone into production in first passenger cars. Through improved fuel atomisation fuel savings in the order of 25% relative to port injection engines can be accomplished. Finer sprays generated by increased fuel injection pressures also significantly reduce the amount of soot emitted.

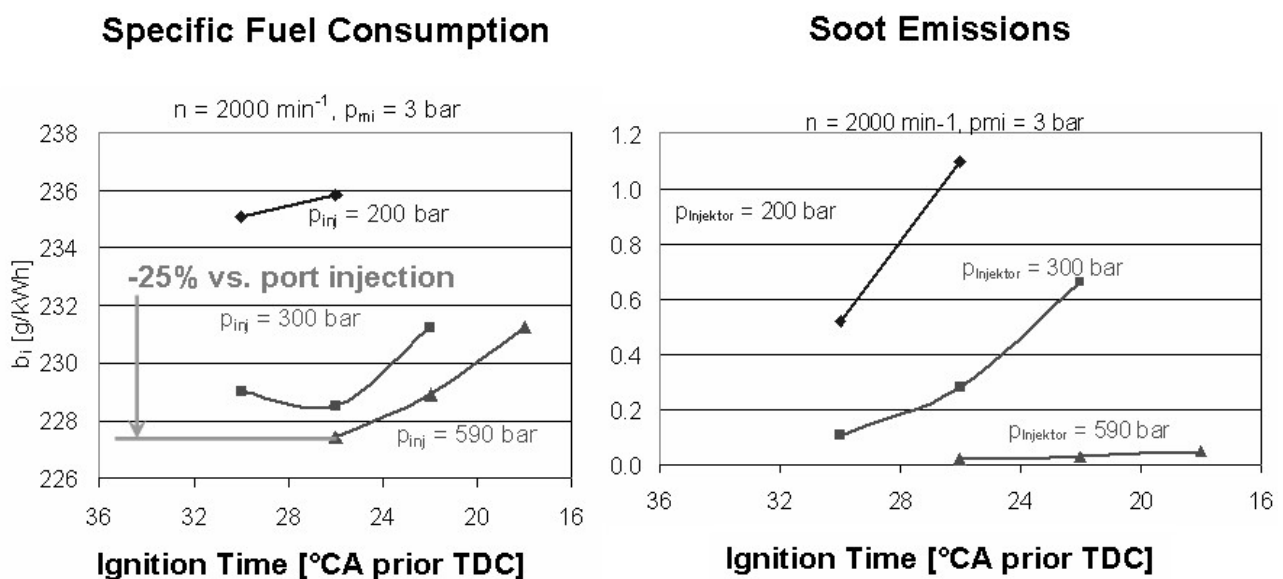


Figure 18: Impact of Spray Quality on SFC and Soot Emissions

NO emissions can either be addressed by means of storage catalysts, which need to be regenerated from time to time. Another principle is exhaust gas recirculation (EGR). Introduction of stratified EGR promises a reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> raw emissions by up to 99%.

### 3.2 Diesel Engines

For Diesel Engines direct fuel injection has become state of the art. Power output is controlled by varying the combustion stoichiometry, with  $\lambda > 1.8$ . There are no throttling losses at part load, which partly accounts for their efficiency advantage over current SI engines. From an emissions point of view NO<sub>x</sub> and soot emissions at high power conditions are of major concern.

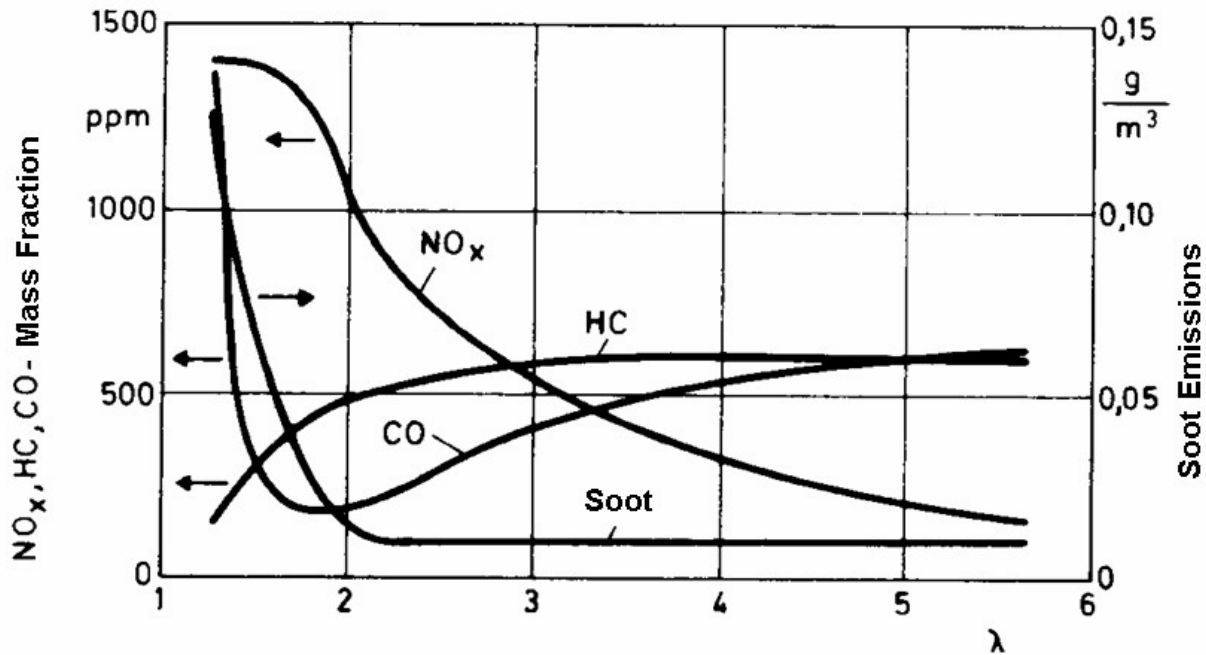


Figure 19: Pollutant Formation in Diesel Engines

There are many remedies to tackle these pollutants either by internal measures controlling the combustion process like improved fuel atomisation and injection timing and exhaust gas recirculation or by external exhaust gas cleaning. However, it is extremely challenging to accomplish low NO<sub>x</sub> and soot emissions and low fuel consumption at the same time.

Filters which retain soot particles are presently introduced for new passenger cars and trucks. The filters have to be regenerated in time in order to avoid excessive pressure losses in the exhaust systems. Regeneration is achieved, e.g. by periodically increasing the exhaust gas temperature to a level where soot can be completely converted into CO<sub>2</sub>.

Selective catalytic reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> is presently developed in order to comply with future emissions regulations. Trucks equipped with SCR systems are on the market since 2005. One approach is to inject urea into the hot exhaust gases which is thermally converted into ammonia in a first step. Subsequently the ammonia generated is used to reduce NO and NO<sub>2</sub> into Nitrogen inside a catalyst (Mueller et al., 2003).

### 3.3 HCCI

The Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition concept is presently investigated. It is intended to combine the advantages of Diesel and SI engines. It offers both high thermal efficiency and low emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> and soot particles (Assanis et al., 2003).

A HCCI engine uses a homogeneous lean mixture of fuel and air which is compressed until autoignition appears. Combustion is initiated at moderate temperatures of 800 to 1100 K. Due to the low temperature of the combustion process and the lean stoichiometry NO and particle formation is extremely low.

However, there are severe challenges to be faced such as control of the combustion process over a wide load range as well as the level of CO and HC emissions.

#### 4 CONCLUSIONS

Whereas CO and UHC emissions of Turbofan Engines have been substantially reduced in the past advances in reductions of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have been partially compensated by the interdependence of NO formation and the engine pressure ratio. The latter has been increased in order to improve fuel efficiency. Amongst the different approaches the RQL concept has found the widest application and still holds some potential to further limit NO formation. However, the soot NO<sub>x</sub> trade-off has to be considered thoroughly. In order to achieve the ambitious ACARE NO<sub>x</sub> reduction targets set for the year 2020 a step change in combustion technology needs to be made. Lean concepts such as lean direct injection and lean premixed prevaporised combustion are the most promising concepts albeit their introduction has been prevented so far due to operability concerns. While LDI features the lower risk even for this concept fuel staging and piloting will be required to ensure safe operability. Rich pilot flames are expected to emit soot particles.

NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from IC engines have a major impact on local airport air quality. For Diesel engines also soot emissions are of concern. In contrast to jet engines not only internal measures but also exhaust gas treatment can be applied in order to reduce the environmental impact of IC engines. The superior fuel economy of gasoline direct injection engines needs yet to be fully explored. Improvement of fuel preparation additionally offers reductions in raw emissions for this concept. The HCCI technology simultaneously promises low NO<sub>x</sub> and soot emissions and outstanding efficiency provided that operability issues and CO and HC emissions will be adequately addressed.

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# Aerosol Evolution from a busy Road in North-West England

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**ABSTRACT:** Motor vehicle emissions are the most significant source of particulate matter (PM) in urban environments (Morawska et al., 1999). This study was undertaken to observe the evolution of aerosols from a busy road, concentrating specifically of the aerosol total number maximum and number size distribution. A Grimm Aerosol Technik (5.400) CPC and DMA 5.5-900 classifier was used to measure ultra-fine particles from 9.8 nm to 1.1  $\mu\text{m}$  at varying distances up to 100 m from the kerbside. Particles number concentration was observed to rise with increasing horizontal distance from the road up to about 100 m. As this occurred the number of fine particle was seen to increase as numbers of larger particles declined. Under stable atmospheric conditions the highest particles number density was found to occur at 40 m from the road (see Figure 1). These findings are discussed and suggested mechanisms considered.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Air pollution is responsible for hundreds of thousands of premature deaths around the world each year. The control of atmospheric particulate matter (PM) through the National Air Quality Strategy (NAQS) only legislates for a small fraction of particulate matter, which leaves the majority of particles within the atmosphere unregulated. Epidemiological data from air pollution studies has shown that particulate matter represents a significant risk to human health with prolonged exposure to atmospheric PM particularly the unregulated fine and ultra fine particles (within the ranges of  $<1$  and  $<0.1$   $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively) having a detrimental effects on human health (Dockery et al., 1993; Laden et al., 2000).

In urban environments, motor vehicle emissions are the most significant source of PM. Schwartz et al. (1996) suggested fine and ultra fine particles emitted from combustion sources may pose a major health risk for humans as they are more readily transported deeper into the respiratory system.

This study was undertaken to observe the evolution of PM from a busy road, concentrating specifically on the total number maximums and number size distributions.

## 2 OBSERVATIONS

Using a busy main road in north-west England with a prevailing wind direction originating from the nearby Irish Sea measurements were collected downwind at varying distance from the road side during crosswinds. Temperature, wind speed and traffic flow were also monitored during sampling. The sampling stations were not screened by vegetation or hedges from the section of road used. Such vegetation barriers are commonly used alongside roads in the UK to screen the road from

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nearby dwellings and help cut down noise. This also has the effect of filtering gases and aerosols emitted from the vehicles. The road ran perpendicular to the prevailing wind which originated from a clean maritime sector. This site offers an ideal opportunity to study the emissions of road vehicles and their transformations with distance from the road source.

Sampling was conducted under westerly winds to avoid possible contamination from other sources. Sampling was undertaken from mid morning until mid afternoon (approximately 10am to 4pm local time) to maintain a constant traffic flow and avoid possible increases in flow due to rush hour. In general about 1200 vehicles an hour past the site with around 20% being diesel powered vehicles.

At each sampling site five sample spectra were collected using the aerosol equipment and these were averaged. Sampling took approximately 30 minutes per site. Downwind sites were located at 3, 6, 10, 15, 25, 40, 60 and 100 m from the road side. Measurements were also taken at a back-ground site 20 m upwind of the road. Results from this site were lower than those from the downwind sites.

### 3 RESULTS

At each site total particle numbers were summed across the size range of the instrument. Figure 1 shows the total particle maximum occurred at a distance of approximately 40 m from the road side.

Particles numbers were summed over selected size bands. This and the aerosol size distribution data showed an increase in the number of ultra fine particle (<100nm) some distance from the road side as shown in Figure 2.

These findings are not easily explained by conventional aerosol dynamic and dispersion models and could not be reproduced using the ADMS road dispersion model. Such models tend to consider aerosols to behave in a simplified standard manner at ambient temperatures with a reduction in particle number with distance travelled from the source due to dilution and deposition (Carruthers *et al.*, 2003). Particle growth is assumed to occur due to condensation and coagulation processes.

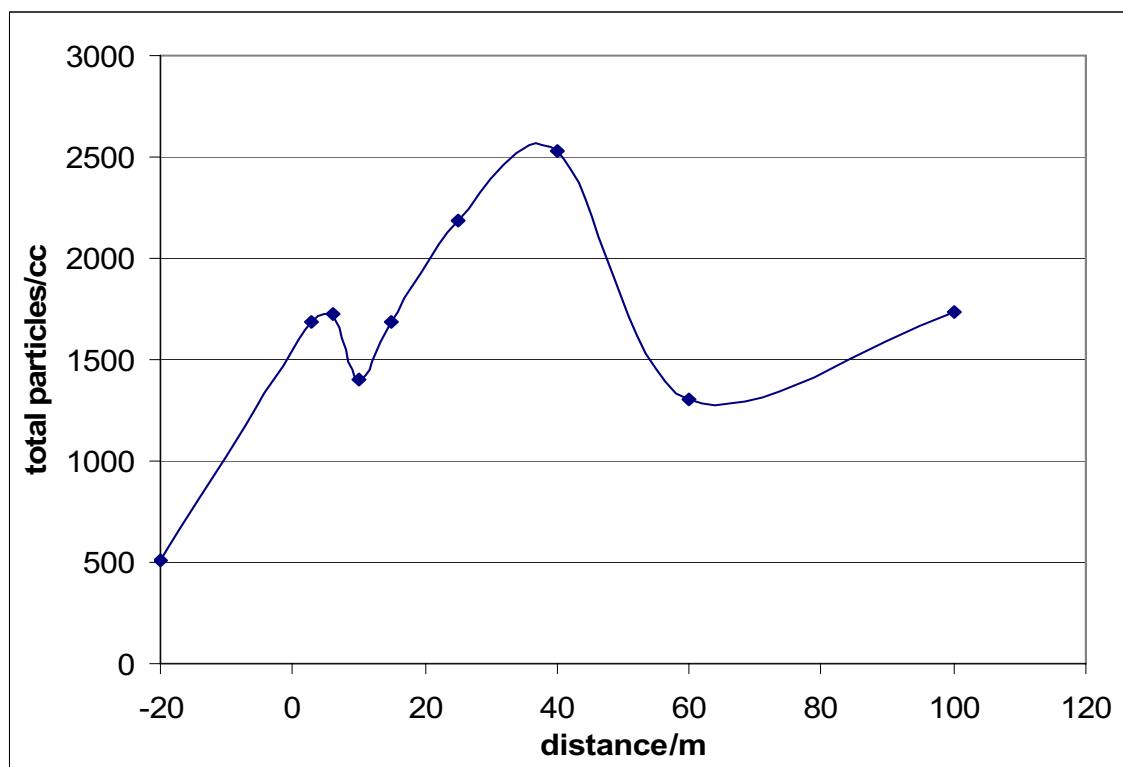


Figure 1. Change in total particle number density with distance from the road showing the maximum in particle numbers occurring at 40m.



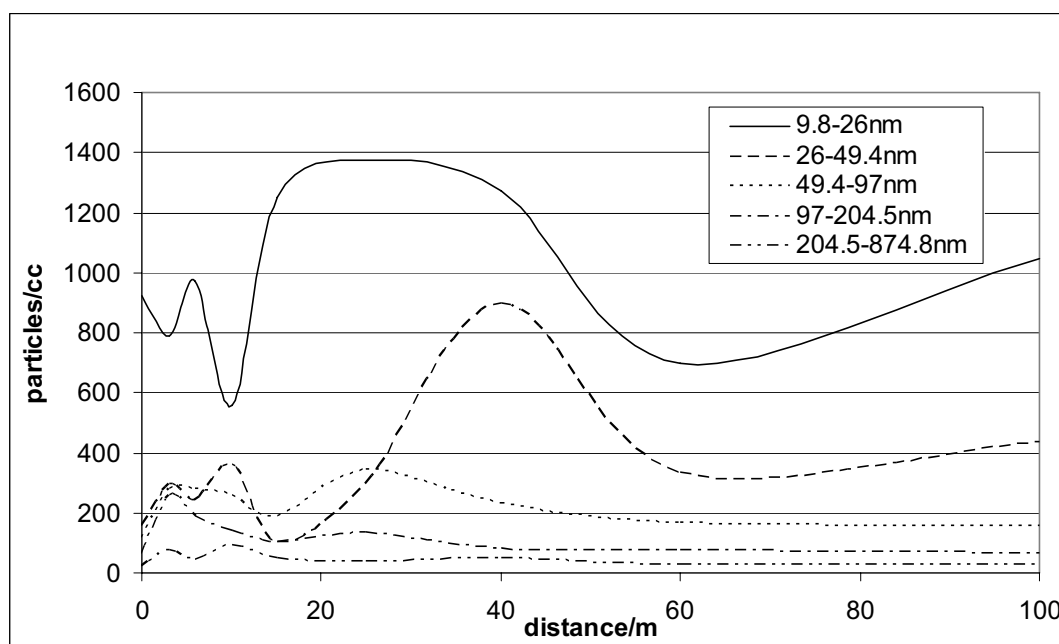


Figure 2. Particles number summed over selected sizes showing an increase in ultra fine (<100nm) particles at 20 to 40m from the road side.

#### 4 MECHANISM

The observations from this study are in agreement with those presented by Gramotnev and Ristovski (2004). In Gramotnev and Gramotnev (2005) a mechanism of thermal fragmentation is proposed to explain the observed particle number increase with distance from the road.

The releases from vehicle exhausts are composed primarily of small carbon/graphite particles (Wentzel *et al.*, 2003). This non-spherical shaped soot particles released at elevated temperatures will be surrounded with a layer of volatile vapour on leaving the fuel rich atmosphere of the vehicle exhaust pipe. The exhaust plume will be cooled as it is transported away from the vapour rich environment vehicles exhaust pipe. As the plume disperses the ambient concentration of hydrocarbons will decline and the volatile vapours surrounding the particle begin to evaporate so causing a decrease in the particle size. Gramotnev and Gramotnev (2005) suggested that this evaporation weakens the bonds within the particle so leading to thermal fragmentation of the particle and an increase in particle number.

It is known however that aspherical soot agglomerates do undergo collapse due to a capillarity effect as they increase in size and this may be an alternative mechanism to explain the particle fragmentation and an increase in particle number.

#### 5 DISCUSSION

Particle size spectra have been measured at increasing distances from a busy road in North-West England. Unexpectedly the maximum of total particle was found some distance (40 m) from the road side rather than close to the source of particles. An increase in nano-particles (<50 nm) was also observed to occur around this distance from the road so causing the observed maximum in total particle numbers. Such observations cannot be accounted for by the current generation of aerosol dispersion models and the exact mechanism causing this phenomenon is under investigation.

Further study of this is necessary in order to evaluate the extent and significance of these increases in particle numbers and their potential effect on human health. Only then can the scale and significance of these particle increases be assessed and a decision on their inclusion into regulative aerosol dispersion models be made.

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# Investigation of road traffic and wood burning emissions in Switzerland using a mobile laboratory

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**ABSTRACT:** On occasion of the project Aerowood (Aerosols from wood burning versus other sources) the spatial and temporal variation of selected aerosol parameters were assessed for two valleys in Southern Switzerland using a mobile laboratory. Results showed that the number concentration for smaller particle diameter ( $< 30$  nm) increased with the proximity to the highway whereas larger particles played the dominant role in villages.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

For the assessment and understanding of the atmospheric processes that involve aerosols, it is necessary to study more aerosol properties than just the particulate mass.

On the one hand number concentration measurements for example from traffic emissions are in addition to mass measurements very important since the small particles ( $< 30$  nm) have an potential high health effect as well as larger particles but do not contribute a lot to mass emissions. Since the last years engine technology is being improved to remove larger particles ( $> 30$  nm) more efficiently (Kittelson 1998). However, smaller particles are still being detected depending on various parameters such as dilution, weather conditions etc.

On the other hand sources as wood burning seem to play a role concerning mass emissions since wood burning is still commonly used for domestic heating during winter time in some alpine valleys in Southern Switzerland. The goal of this study was to investigate the contribution of road traffic to wood burning emissions in two alpine valleys.

## 2 METHOD

### 2.1 The mobile laboratory

An IVECO Turbo Daily Transporter was selected as a rolling platform for the measuring equipment. More information concerning the vehicle can be found in Bukowiecki et al. (2002). The instruments inside the mobile laboratory included a Condensation Particle Counter (CPC), a Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer (SMPS), a Diffusion Charger (DC), a Fast Mobility Particle Sizer (FMPS) as well as a CO<sub>2</sub> gas analyzer (Table 1).

### 2.2 Measurement site

In winter 2005/06 mobile measurements were performed in Roveredo in the Mesolcina Valley alongside the San Bernadino route and in the Riviera Valley alongside the San Gotthardo route. Both highways are the main transit route of the Swiss Alps. From November 30<sup>th</sup> 2005 until December 14<sup>th</sup> 2005 specific routes were selected including highways, rural roads and residential areas in villages. Every trip was done at least three times. At defined points the engine of the mobile plat-

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form was turned off and stationary measurements were performed. Using the geographical information (GPS, Garmin IIplus) the data could be assigned to the specific area. Since the measurements were performed in winter time the average ambient temperature was around  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Table 1: Instrumentation of the PSI mobile measurement laboratory

Parameter	Instrument	Time resolution	Detection limit
number conc. $> 10\text{ nm}$	CPC 3010 TSI	1 s	$0.0001\text{ cm}^3$
size distribution 7 – 310 nm	SMPS; DMA, CPC 3010 TSI	2 min	Not defined
active surface area	DC / Matter engineering LQ1-DC	1 s	$10\text{ }\mu\text{m}^2\text{ cm}^{-3}$
size distribution 5.6 – 560 nm	FMPS / TSI	1 s	Not defined
$\text{CO}_2$	$\text{CO}_2$ -Monitor (IR absorption), LI-COR	1 s	0.1 ppm

### 3 ROAD TRAFFIC VERSUS WOOD BURNING EMISSIONS IN AN ALPINE VALLEY

Compared to road traffic emissions which contribute to particulate matter on highways, roads and play an important role in villages as well, wood burning emissions contribute mainly in villages. For Roveredo, for example around 70 – 80 % of the households use wood for their heating system. In addition to these emissions atmospheric temperature inversions contribute to enhanced levels of particle concentrations throughout winter time in the Mesolcina valley. Almost no dilution takes place.

Average values for number and volume concentrations were calculated by assigning parts of the driven routes to “rural”, “highway” and “village”. Figure 1 shows two bar plots for the Mesolcina Valley. On the left hand side number concentration versus “Rural”, “Highw.” and “village” is presented. The total concentration from FMPS measurements is indicated in black, total concentration for particle diameter larger than 10 nm is shown in white. Highest number concentrations are detected for highways whereas the lowest concentrations are measured for the village. Comparing total concentration of FMPS and FMPS ( $> 10\text{nm}$ ) demonstrates that the number concentration is dominated by small particle diameters mainly on the highway. On the right hand side one can observe that the concentration for the volume is higher for the village compared to rural road and highway. It seems that mass emissions are higher in villages.

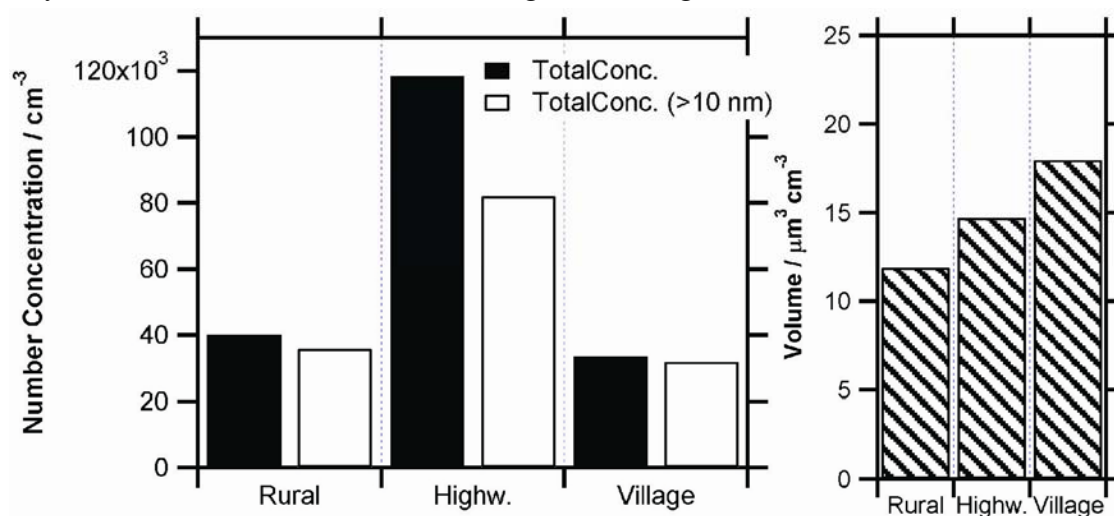


Figure 1. Bar plot for number concentration and volume concentration for rural road, highway and village in the Mesolcina Valley

Size distributions for number and volume concentrations in the Riviera Valley are shown in Figure 2 and 3, respectively. A distinctive mode is found at a particle diameter around 10 nm for the highway. An additional mode is found at around 80 nm particle diameter and is seen for both the villages and the highways. However, the volume size distribution in Figure 3 indicates a mode at around 150 nm particle diameter. The “village” volume size distribution exceeds the volume distribution for the highway.

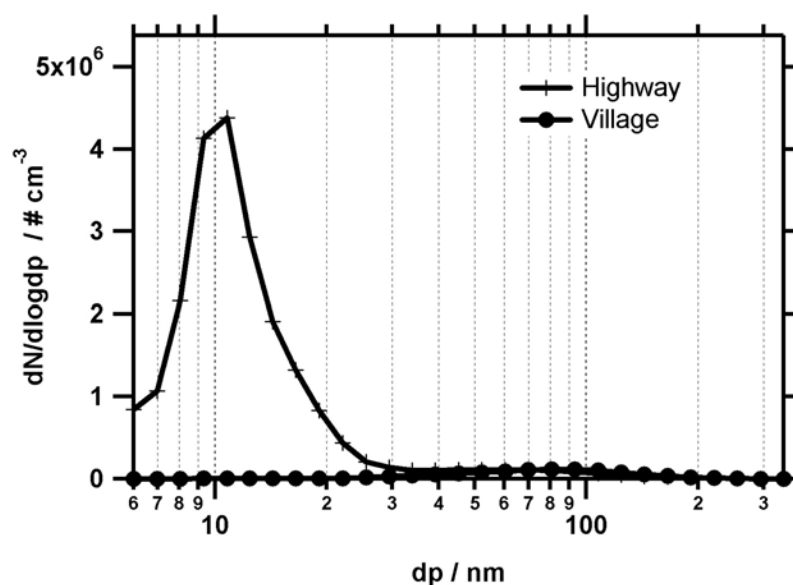


Figure 2. Number size distribution for the Riviera Valley.

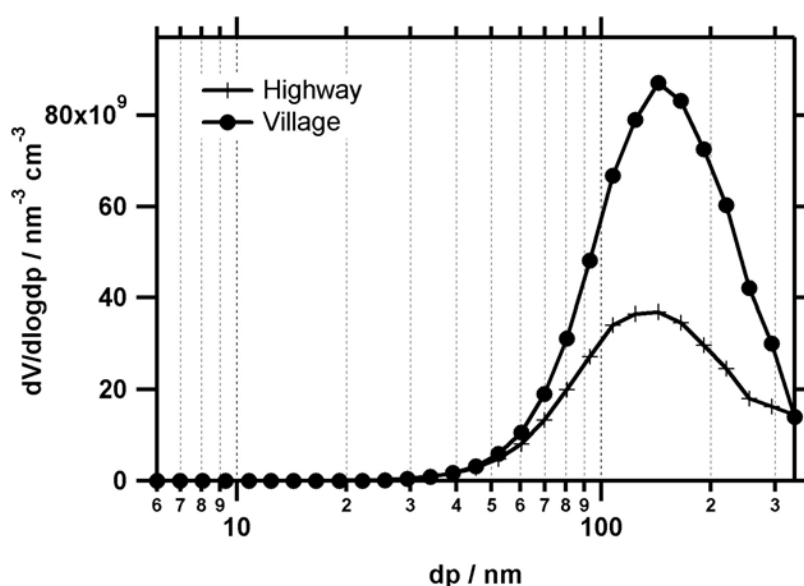


Figure 3. Volume size distribution for the Riviera Valley.

As stated above the aerosol number concentration is very high on the highway. This is due to heavy traffic emissions which favour nucleation if there is little surface area to absorb on for cold temperatures (Bukowiecki *et al.* 2003, Kreyling *et al.* 2003). With distance from the highway this nucleation mode disappears in the number size distribution and an accumulation mode dominates the volume size distribution while approaching villages.

#### 4 CONCLUSION

Mobile measurements were performed during the Aerowood campaign in Southern Switzerland in winter 2005/06. The investigations demonstrated that wood burning in villages are more important for the aerosol mass emissions in these valleys than the road traffic emissions.

But the road traffic emissions play the dominant role for the number concentration, especially for smaller particles around 10 nm.

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