

Conception and evaluation of performance of a dilution chamber to collect solid and condensable fractions of PM emitted by wood logs and pellets stoves

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IMPRESS II - WP2: Objective to satisfy

- ✓ To develop validated reference measurements methods for SVOCs, OGC, PAHs (including benzo[a]pyrene) and PM from small scale combustion sources.
- ✓ To provide input to the development and/or revision of standards related to the emissions of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), particulate matter (PM), polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and organic gaseous carbon (OGC)



IMPRESS II – WP2: Background

EN 16510-1:2018 Residential solid fuel burning appliances - Part 1: General requirements and test methods

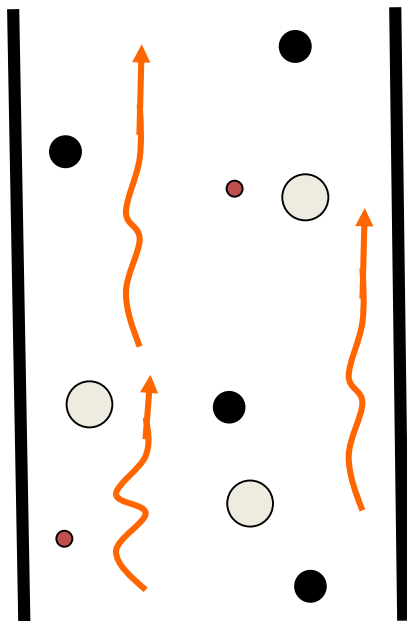
- ✓ It also covers the CO, NO_x, OGC/total hydrocarbons and PM emission test methods
- ✓ OGC: with FID (VOC)
- ✓ PM: 3 different methods
 1. Gases extraction after combustion chamber; T filter 70°-160°C; constant sampling volume (HF)
 2. Gases extraction at a dilution tunnel (DR: 10-20); T filter 30-40°C; isokinetic (DT)
 3. Electrostatic precipitator



Eco-Design dir.
≠ thresholds for PM



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VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds

SVOC (PAH), VVOC

Inorganic Gas Emissions

NO_x, SO₂, CO, CO₂, H₂O

COC: Condensable Organic Compounds (C/H < 2) ●

Soot: Elemental C (C/H > 8) ●

Primary Inorganic Particles (PIA)

Salts ○

[1] Nussbaumer, NYSERDA final Report, 2008

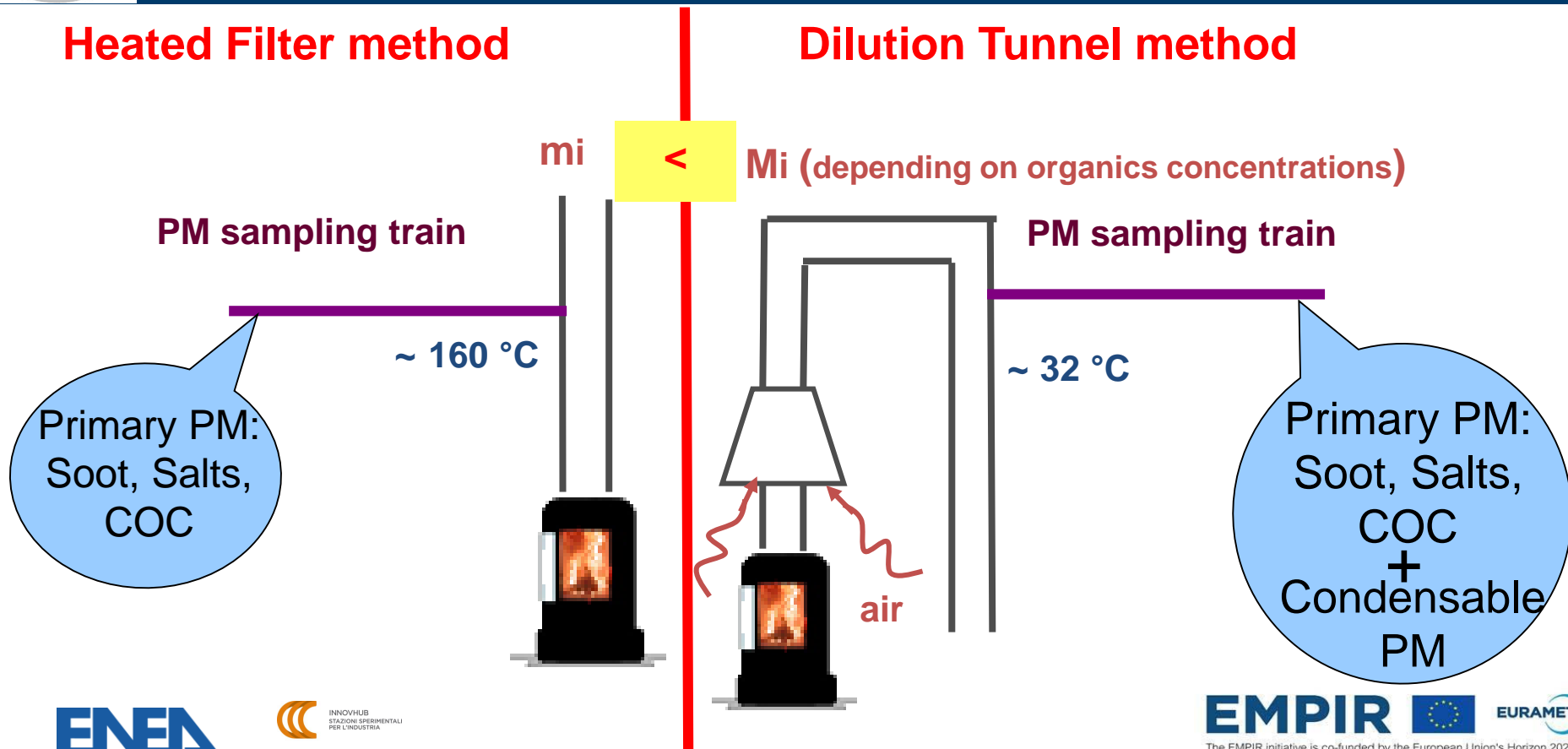
Lowering of the temperature and changing of their surface pressure, they can form solid particles due to nucleation and condensation processes [1]. leading to the formation of **condensable particles.**

Organics are the main contributor to the total mass of particles (93%; wood boiler) [2]

IMPRESS II – WP2: Comparison of Std methods

Heated Filter method

Dilution Tunnel method





IMPRESS II - WP2

Advanced set-up, candidate to be the harmonized EU method (Standard, Eco-Design)

A2.1.2	<p>INERIS, RISE and DTI will each perform on the INERIS Stack Simulator Facility solid PM and OGC measurements in accordance with EN_PME_TEST.</p> <p>The partners will then carry out an intercomparison and the results will be summarised by INERIS in a paper.</p>	INERIS, RISE, DTI
A2.1.3	<p>DTU with support from INERIS will perform at least three PM/OGC (including PAH and SVOC) in-situ/on-line UV measurements at the Stack Simulator facilities of INERIS. These results will be compared with EN_PME_TEST method and summarised in a presentation.</p>	DTU, INERIS
A2.1.7	<p>ENEA, INERIS, RISE, ISSI, DTI and DTU will perform at their sampling facilities a total of 80 parallel tests of condensable and solid PM measurements using the dilution chamber developed in A2.1.5 against heated filter, dilution tunnel methods on a wood stove (10 tests) and a pellet stove (10 tests).</p>	ENEA, INERIS, RISE, ISSI, DTI, DTU
A2.1.8	<p>INERIS, RISE, ENEA, ISSI and DTI will perform at their sampling facilities a total of 80 parallel tests of SVOCs (including PAHs) measurements will be performed using the dilution chamber developed in A2.1.5 and other SVOCs methods identified in A2.1.4 against traditional method on a wood stove (10 tests) and a pellet stove (10 tests).</p>	INERIS, RISE, ENEA, ISSI, DTI

Development of a new test method for condensable PM measurement



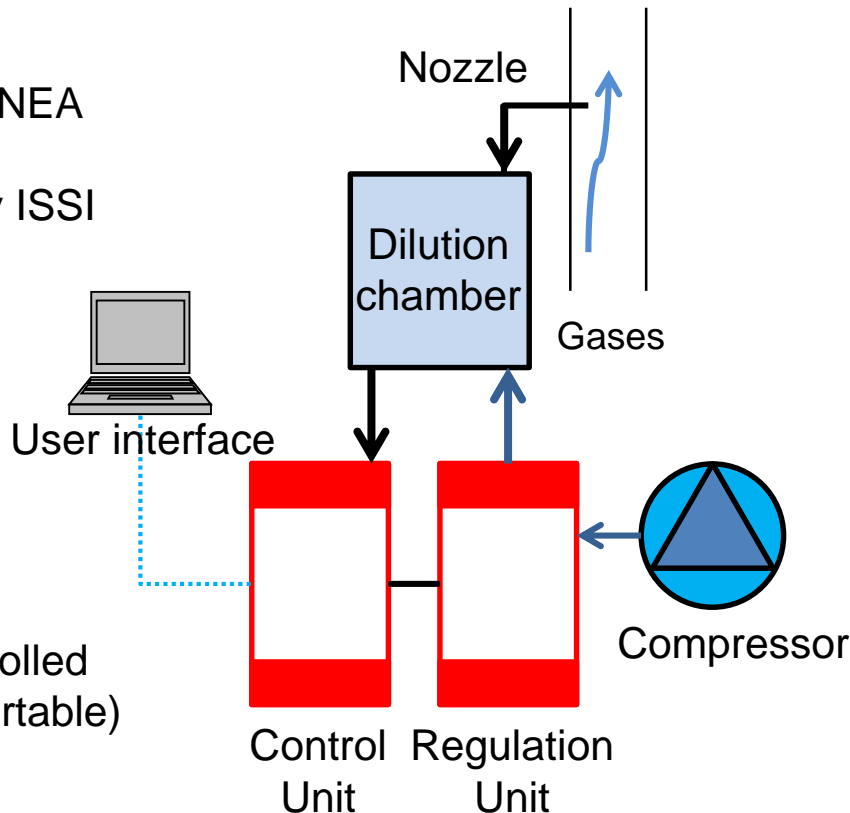
ISSI/ENEA dilution chamber method

New dilution chamber designed by ISSI and ENEA

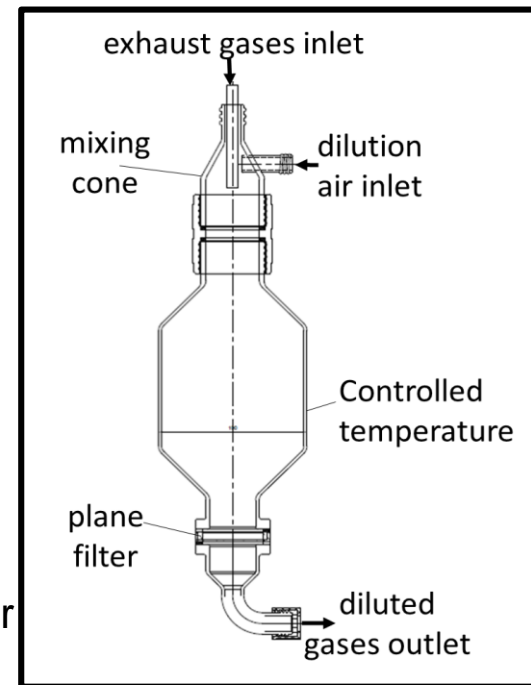
One prototype owned by ISSI

Characteristics:

- ✓ Based on Dilution
- ✓ Overcome DT disadvantages (controlled air, controlled DR, portable)



Dilution chamber





ISSI/ENEA dilution chamber method

- ✓ Automatic regulation and control
- ✓ Constant Volume sampling (no isokinetic)
- ✓ Heated nozzle (Tgases)
- ✓ Integrated plane filter (47mm)
- ✓ Air dilution pre-treated
- ✓ Pre-mixing cone
- ✓ Residence time: 0,5-3s

Dadolab Dilution Control

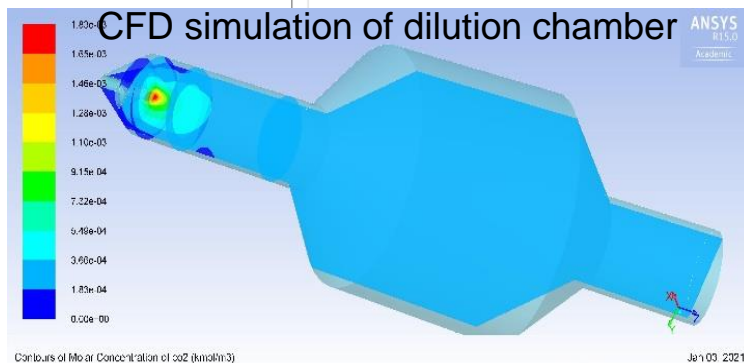
START STOP

Impostazioni

Portata Campionamento qvn set	2,000	NI/min	Portata Derivata qdn set	--	NI/min
R Diluizione r set	7,000		Durata time set	1800	sec

SM_STANDBY

Portata Campionamento qvn ist= qtot - FMFC	--	NI/min	R Diluizione r ist= FMFC / qvn ist	--	
Portata Diluizione FMFC	--	NI/min	Volume	--	NI
Portata Totale sul Filtro qtot= f+515 + qdn	--	NI/min	Tempo	--	sec
t camino TC1	19,15	°C	TC3	disconnessa	°C
t camera diluizione TC2	17,53	°C	t dgm	14,37	°C





ISSI/ENEA dilution chamber method





IMPRESS II - WP2: experimental campaign

Lab	HF/EN-PME-TEST	Heated filter + washing bottles	Dilution Tunnel	Dilution chamber method	OGC /FID
DTI	X		X	X	X
RISE	X		X	X	X
ISSI/ENEA	X		X	X	X
INERIS	X	X	X	X	X

SVOCs analysis	
DTI	FID; FTIR TD/GC/MS analysis of filters collected using the dilution chamber (PAHs)
RISE	FID; FTIR TD/GC/MS analysis of adsorption tubes (BTEX and PAHs)
ISSI/ENEA	GC/MS analysis of filters collected using the dilution chamber, dilution tunnel and heated filter (PAHs)
INERIS	FID GC/MS analysis of filters and IPA solutions collected using the heated filter+wahshing bottle method (PAHs and SVOCs by volatility class)

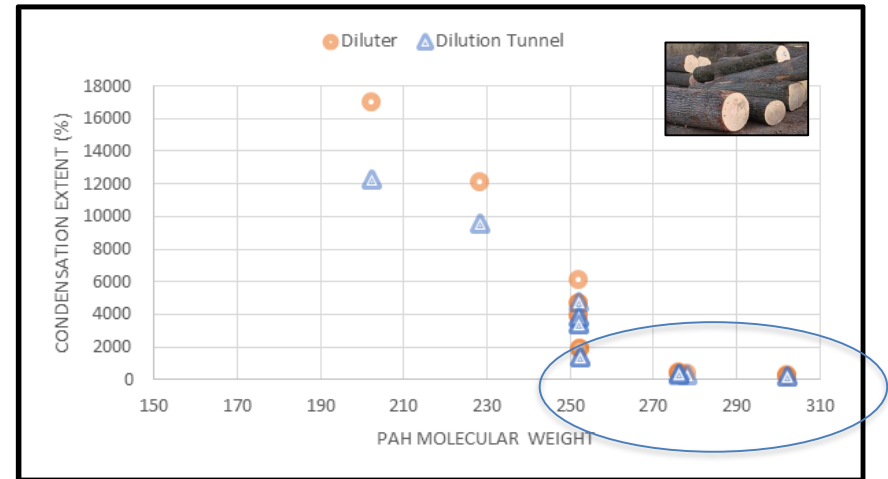
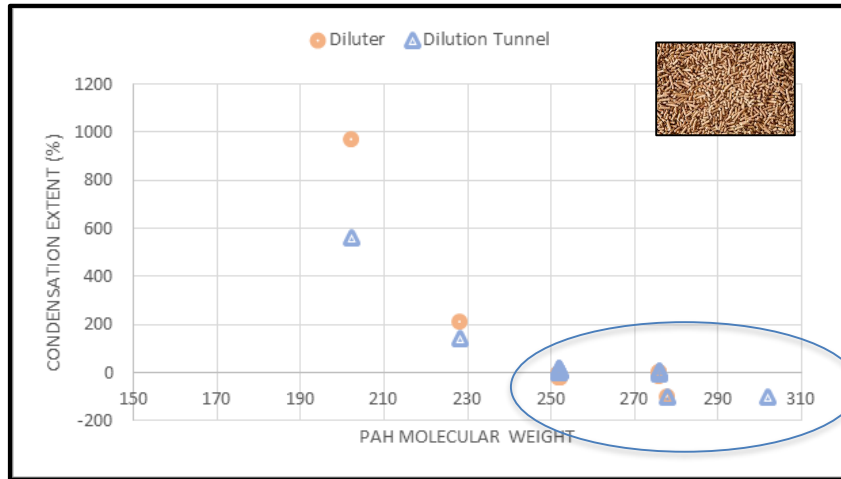
WP2: PAH analys (IT) for DC verification

Calculation

- ✓ PAH/PM [%]
- ✓ PAH% in Dil/DT respect to HF
- ✓ PAH species categorize by their molecular weight

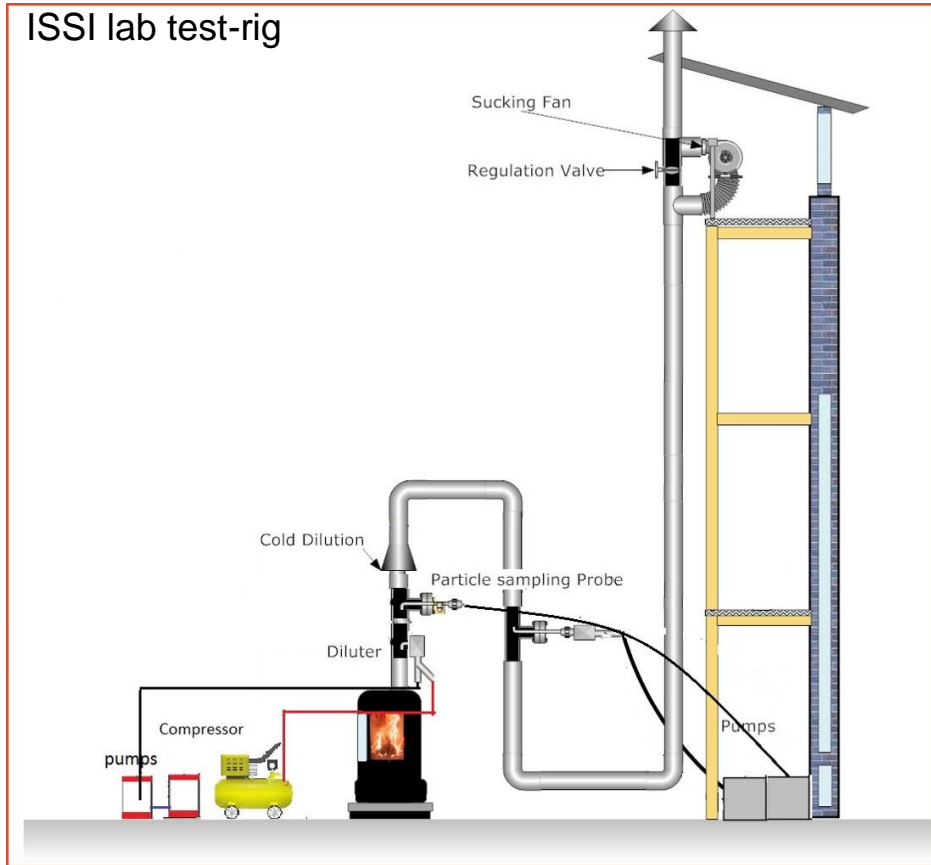
Comments

- ✓ PAH increasing wood logs: 10 times pellet
- ✓ Species > 250 amu: solid @ T(HF)
- ✓ Species < 250 amu: effect of condensation



WP2: experimental campaign

ISSI lab test-rig



Pellet and wood logs stoves 6-10 kW

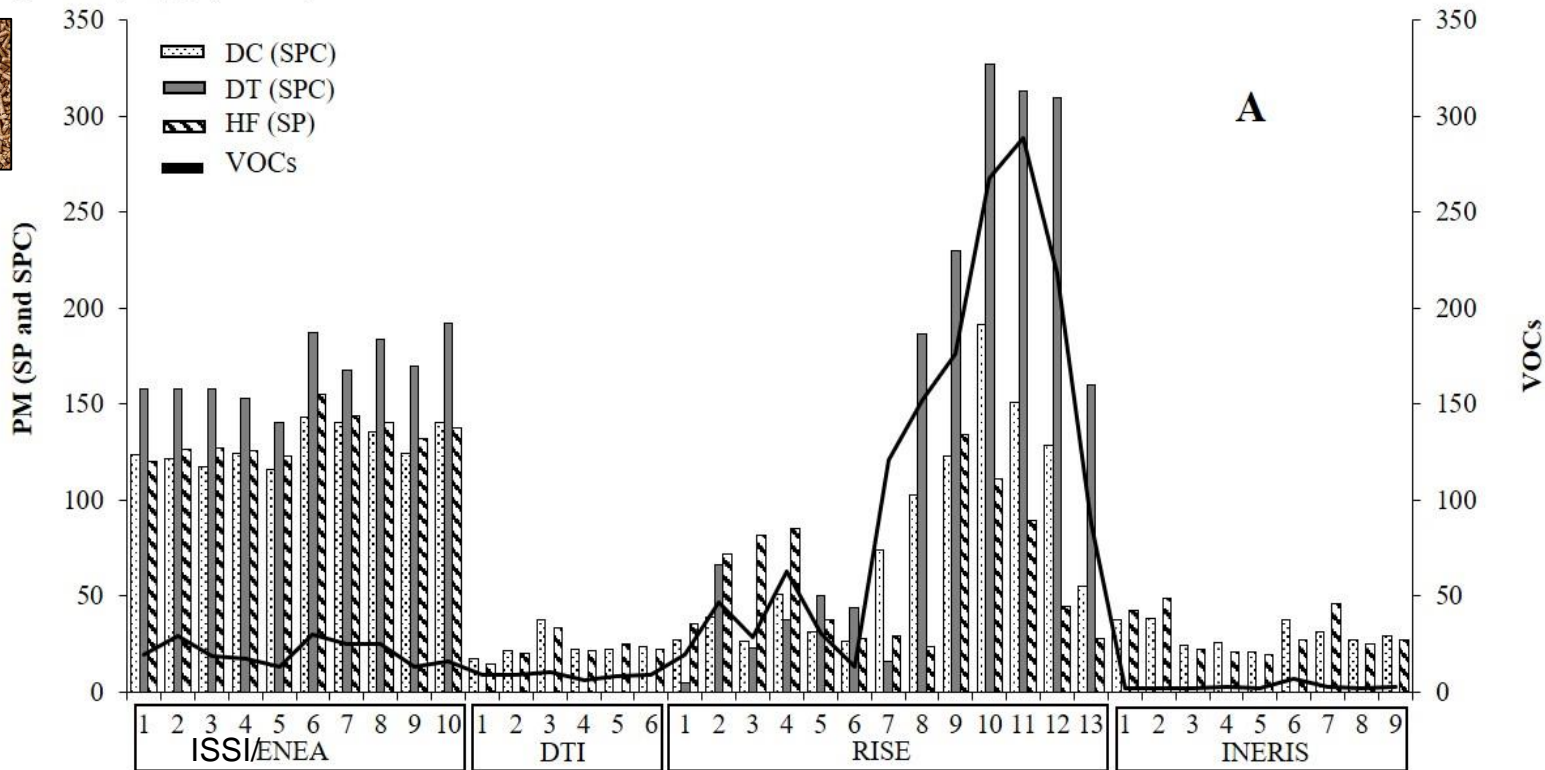
Sampling conditions	DC	HF/EN-PME	DT
Gas flow extraction [NL/min]	2	8-9	6-9
Dilution Ratio	8-9	0	8-25
T sampling [°C]	30-40°C (230-500°C)	80-120- 180°C	30-60
Sampling duration [min]	20/30	20/30	20/30

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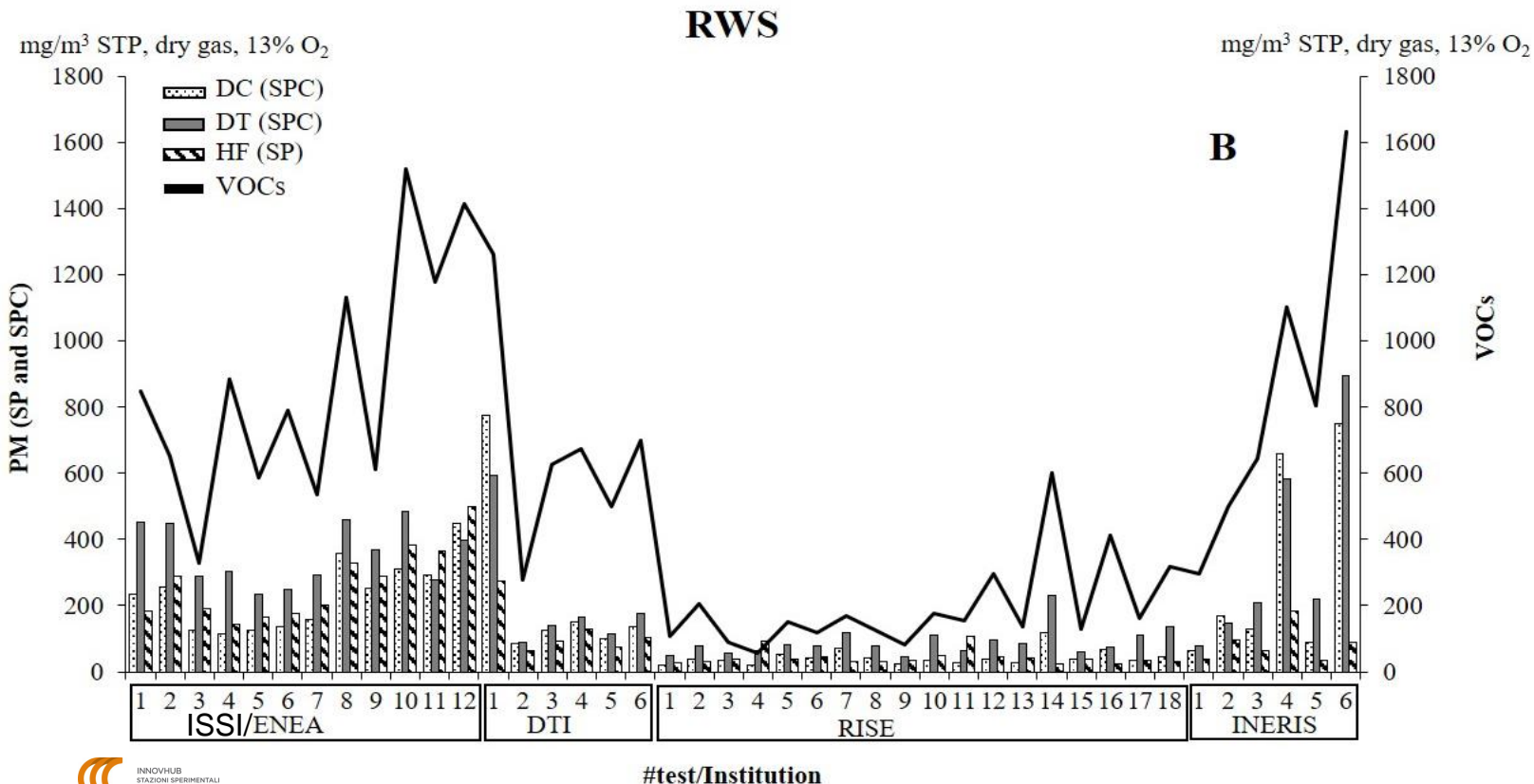
mg/m³ STP, dry gas, 13% O₂

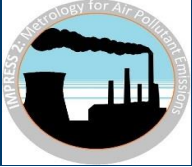
RPS

mg/m³ STP, dry gas, 13% O₂



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Conclusions

- ✓ To reduce the impact on air quality of the solid biomass heating generators all over Europe, it's important to find a unique harmonized method to measure PM (CE Mandate)
- ✓ The new method should take into account SVOCs (toxic and carcinogenic), therefore it should be based on dilution to measure also condensable PM
- ✓ The new method based on Dilution Chamber, set up by IMPRESS II, could be feasible to these purposes. System engineering and further testing is required!!

Thank you!
Any questions?



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