

# Measurement of particle emissions from small engines during real-world operation using simple on-board (or off-board) monitoring systems



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# Is diesel PM becoming more of a question of public policy rather than technology?



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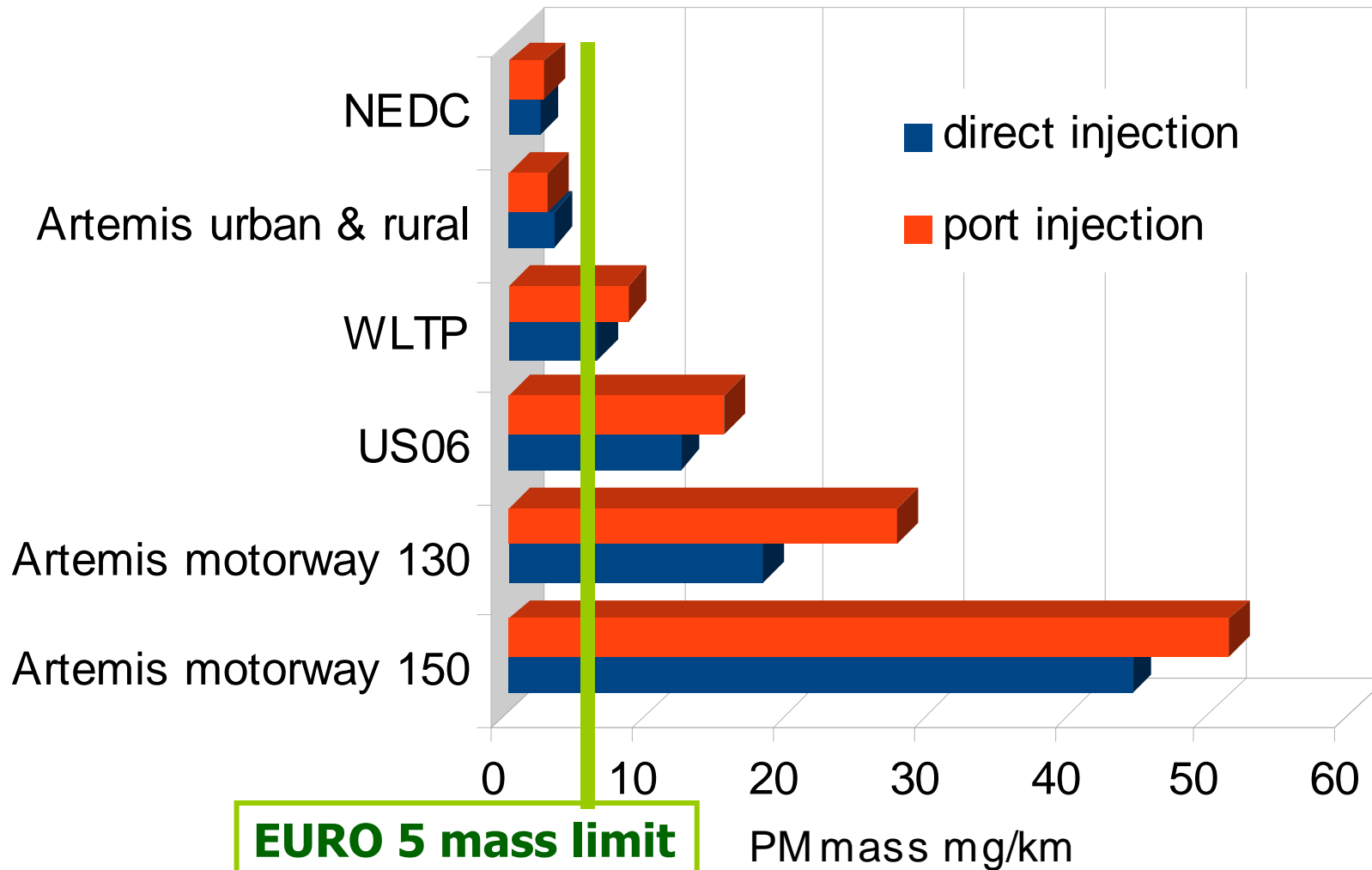
**Euro 5 with no DPF (Prague, CZ)**

# Gasoline engine PM emissions – DISI vs. MPI

Chassis dynamometer tests by authors (warm - no cold start)

Direct injection (DISI): Škoda Octavia 1.4 TSI (Euro 5)

Port injection (MPI): Škoda Fabia 1.4 MPI (Euro 4)



**EURO 5 mass limit**

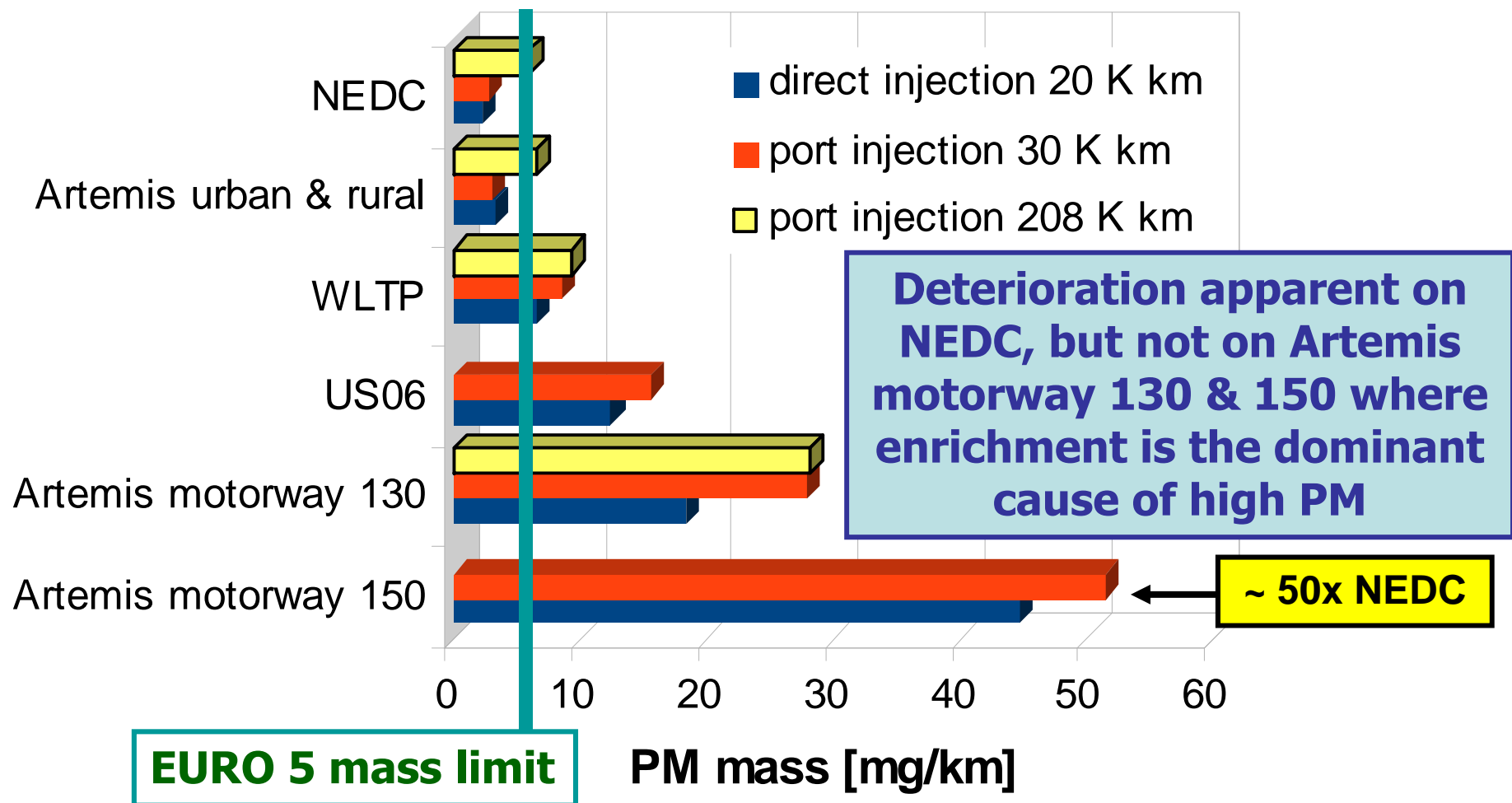
PM mass mg/km

# Gasoline PM: deterioration vs. enrichment effects

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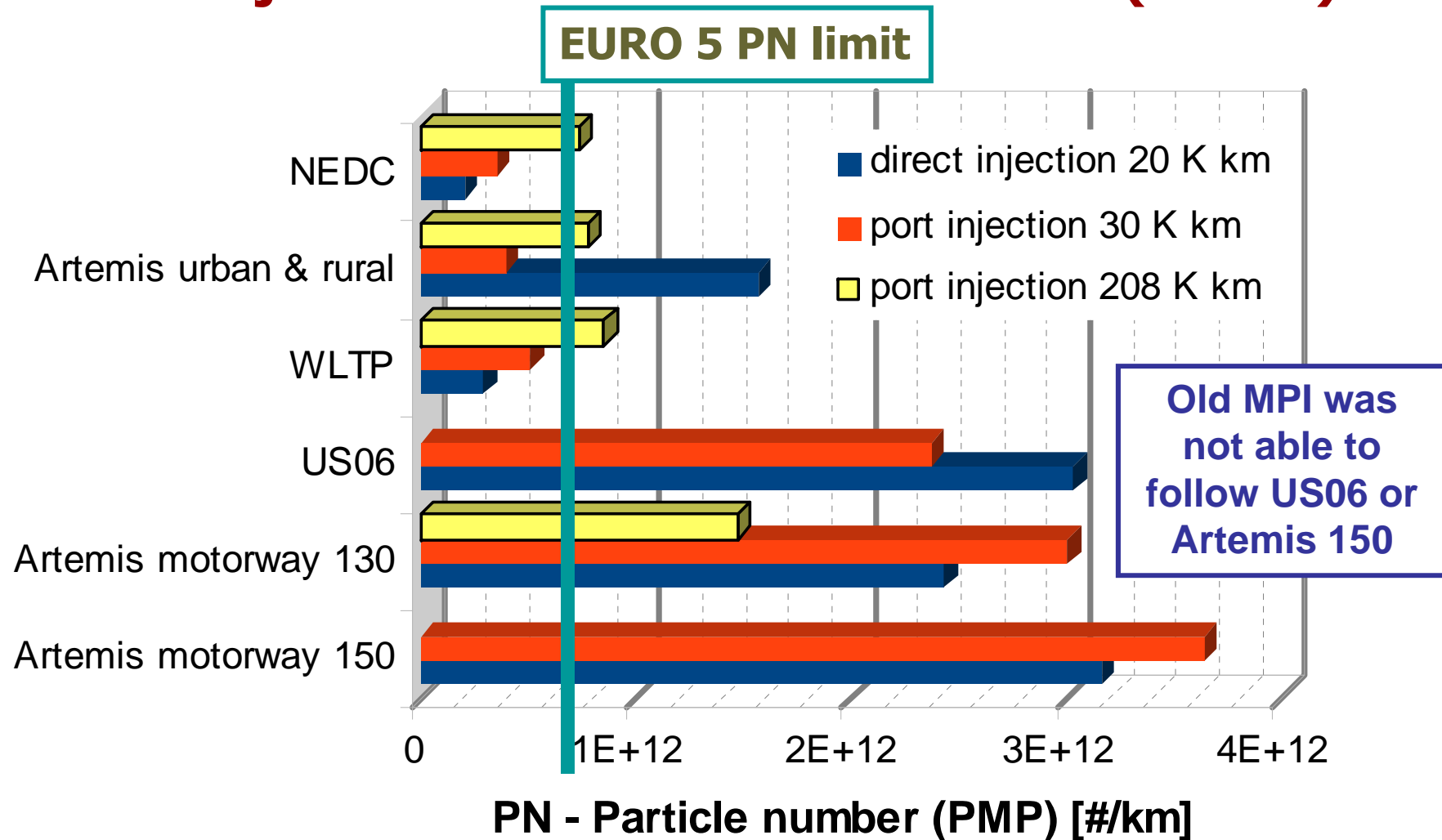


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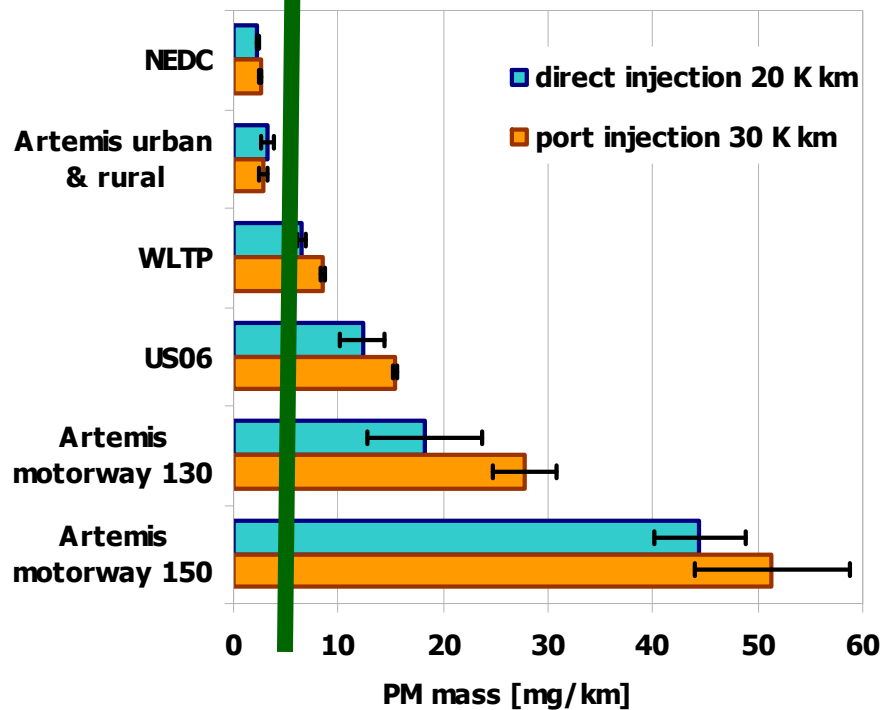
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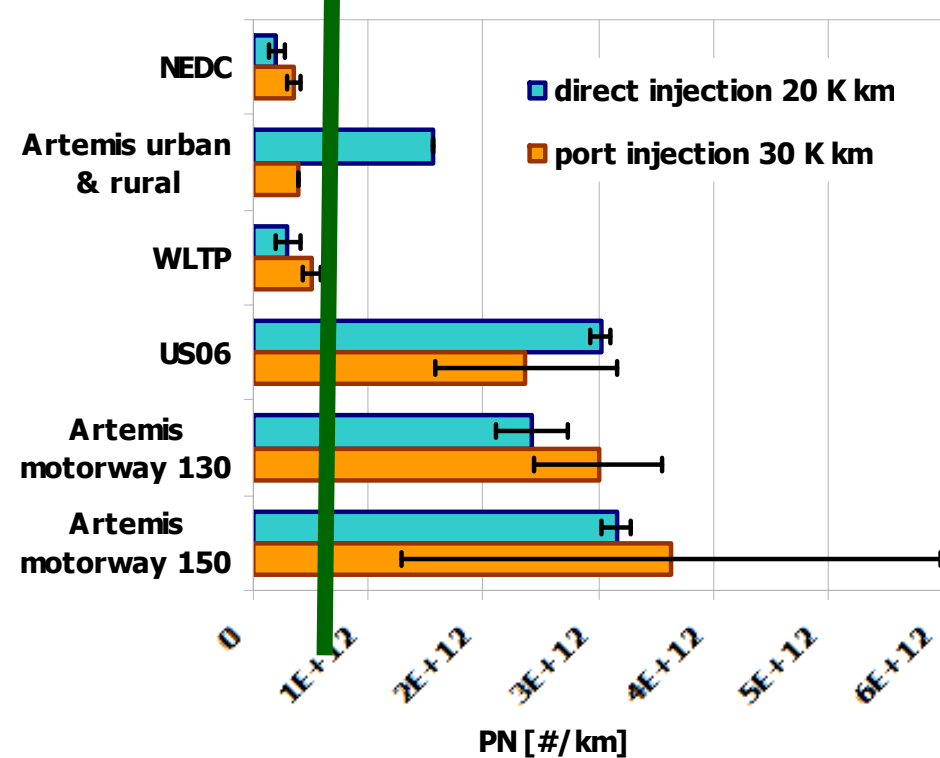
# Gasoline engine PM: Choice of cycles

**WLTP is "not as lame as NEDC", but does it cover the problem – enrichment at high load (prohibited by EPA)?**  
**US06 and Artemis motorway cycles as a supplement?**

**EURO 5 PM mass limit**



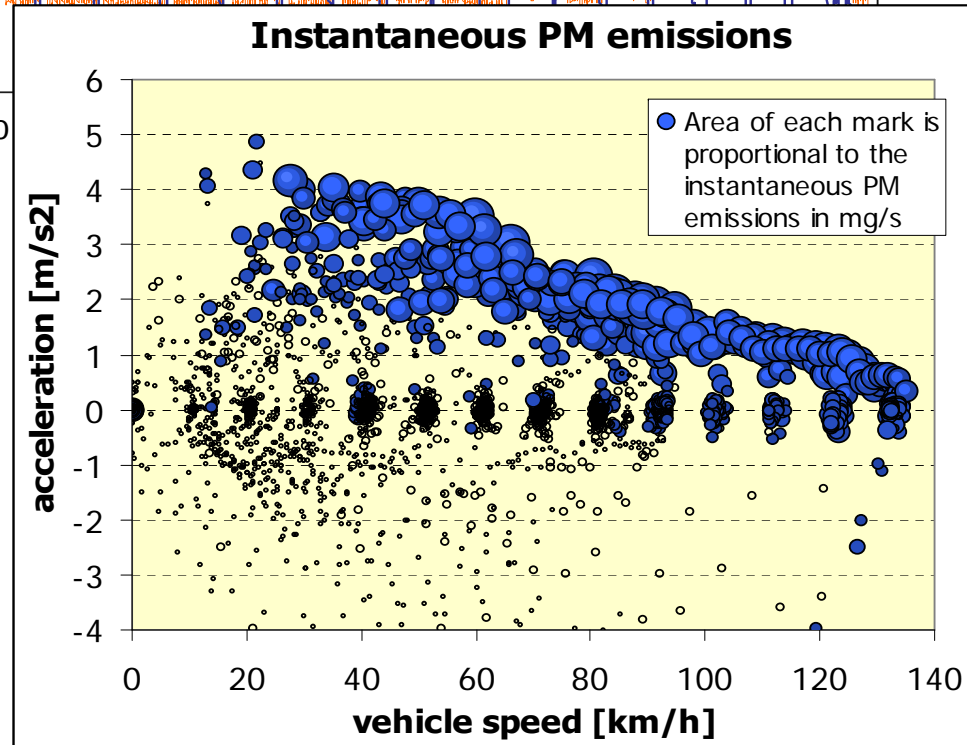
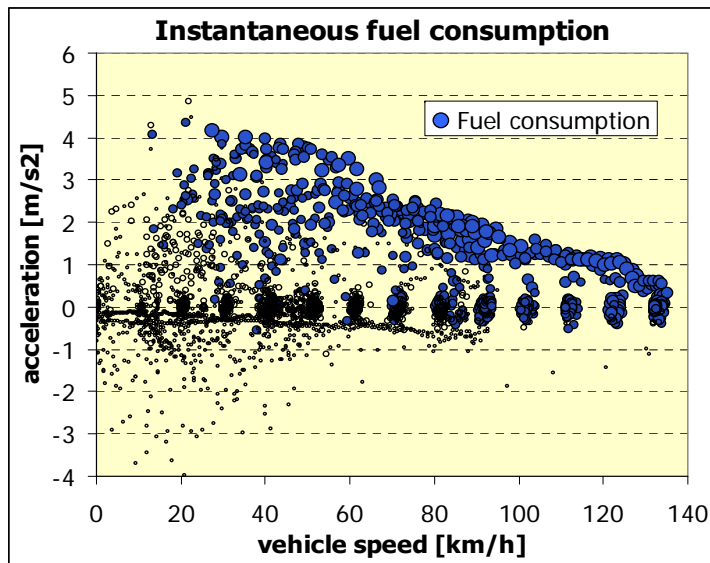
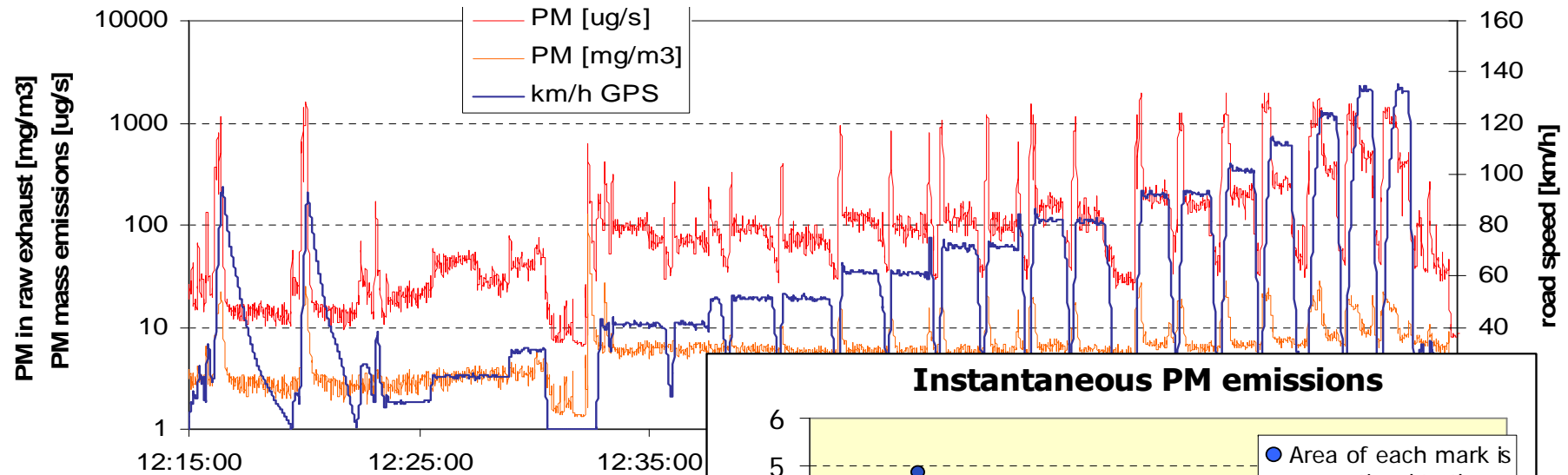
**EURO 5 PN limit**



# Gasoline engine real-driving PM emissions



# Gasoline engine on-road PM emissions – steady speed vs. full-power acceleration





# This work: Particle emissions from small engines under real “driving” conditions

- Cheap simple engines
- No electronic controls
- No aftertreatment
- Immediate proximity of the operator from the tailpipe

## Approaches:

- On-board system
- Off-board system on accompanying vehicle
- PM sampling



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**Only direct exhaust emissions considered here. Non-engine & secondary emissions not considered.**

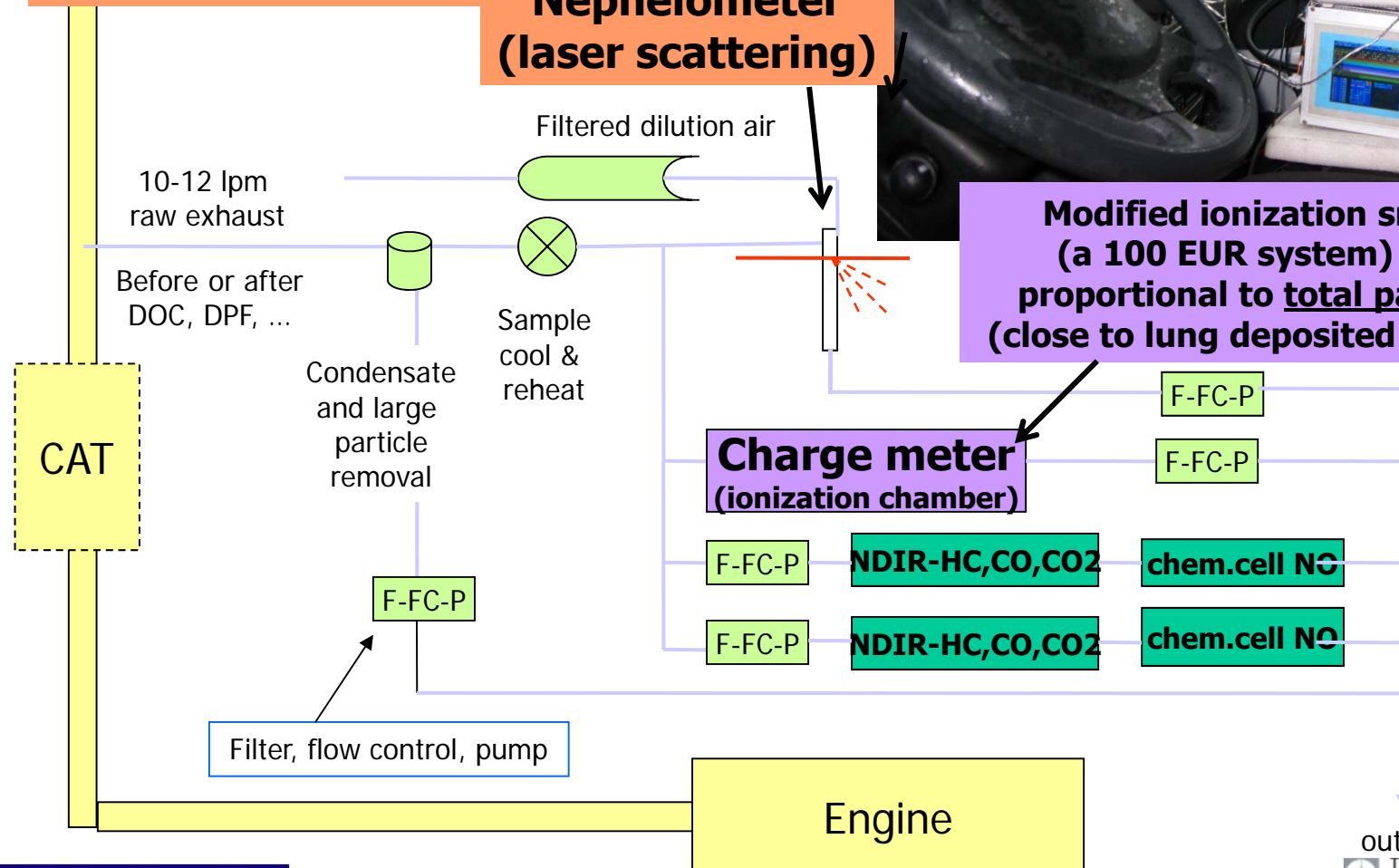
# Low-cost on-board monitoring system designed & used by the author: Analytical hardware

Response approximately proportional to PM mass concentrations for a given engine

**Nephelometer (laser scattering)**



**Modified ionization smoke alarm (a 100 EUR system) - response proportional to total particle length (close to lung deposited surface area?)**

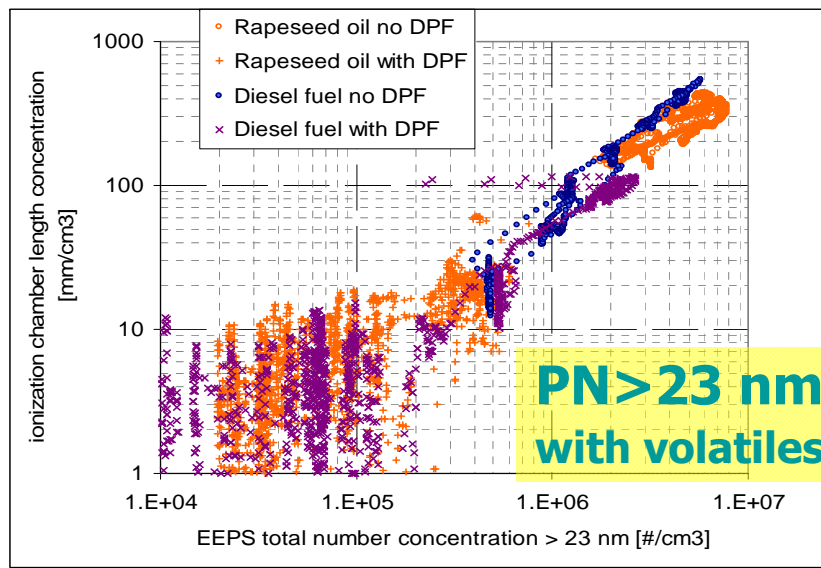
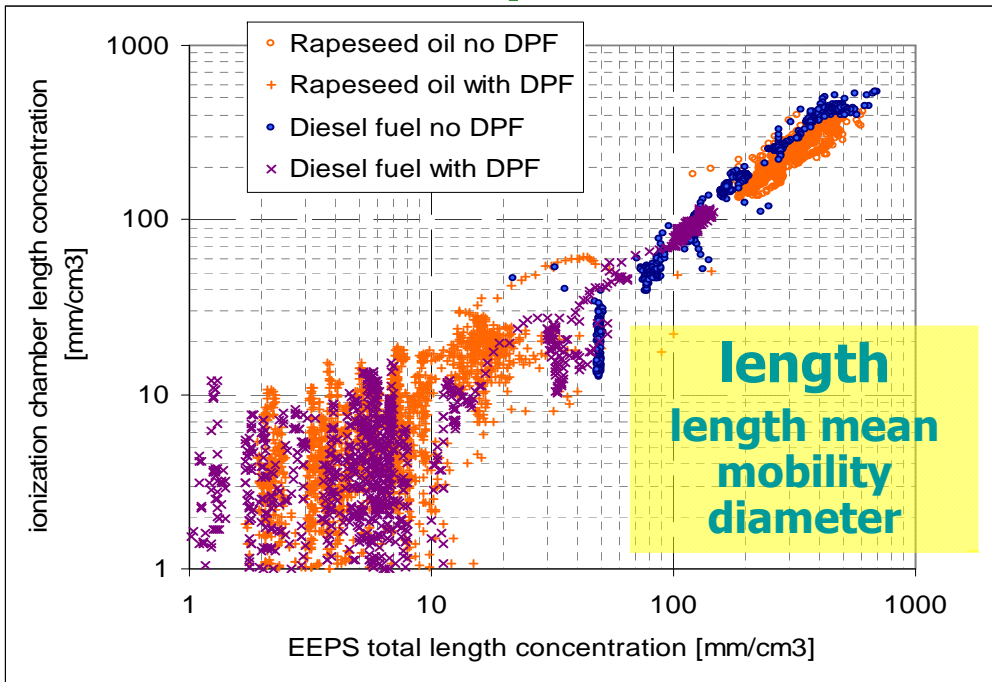
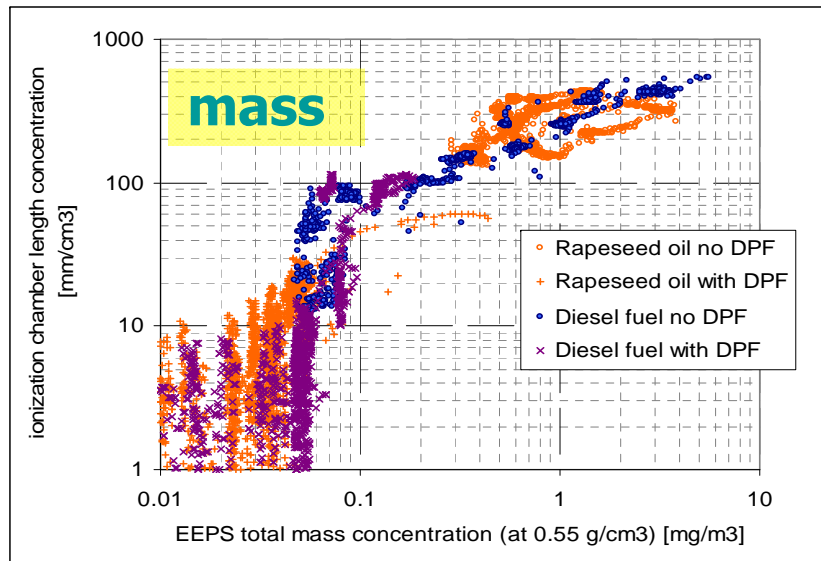




# PM length measurement – comparison

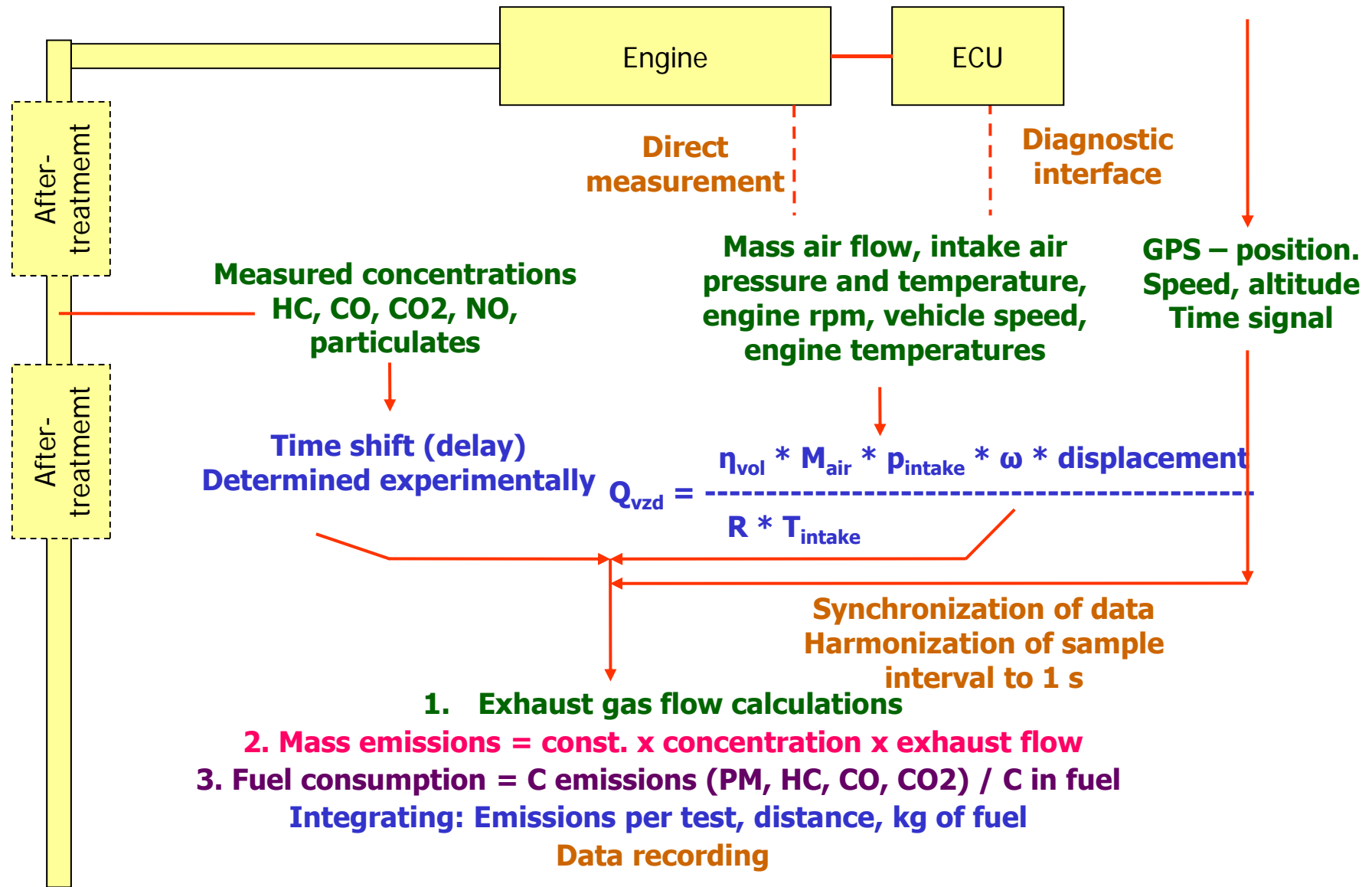
0.1 g/kWh PM engine, various fuels and modes, EC 1%-79%  
reference: EEPS sampling from dilution tunnel

heated ionization  
"smoke detector"  
undiluted raw exhaust  
(multiplied by intake air flow for  
comparison measurements)  
~ 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
sensitivity  
cheap (100 EUR)  
"poor man's PEMS"

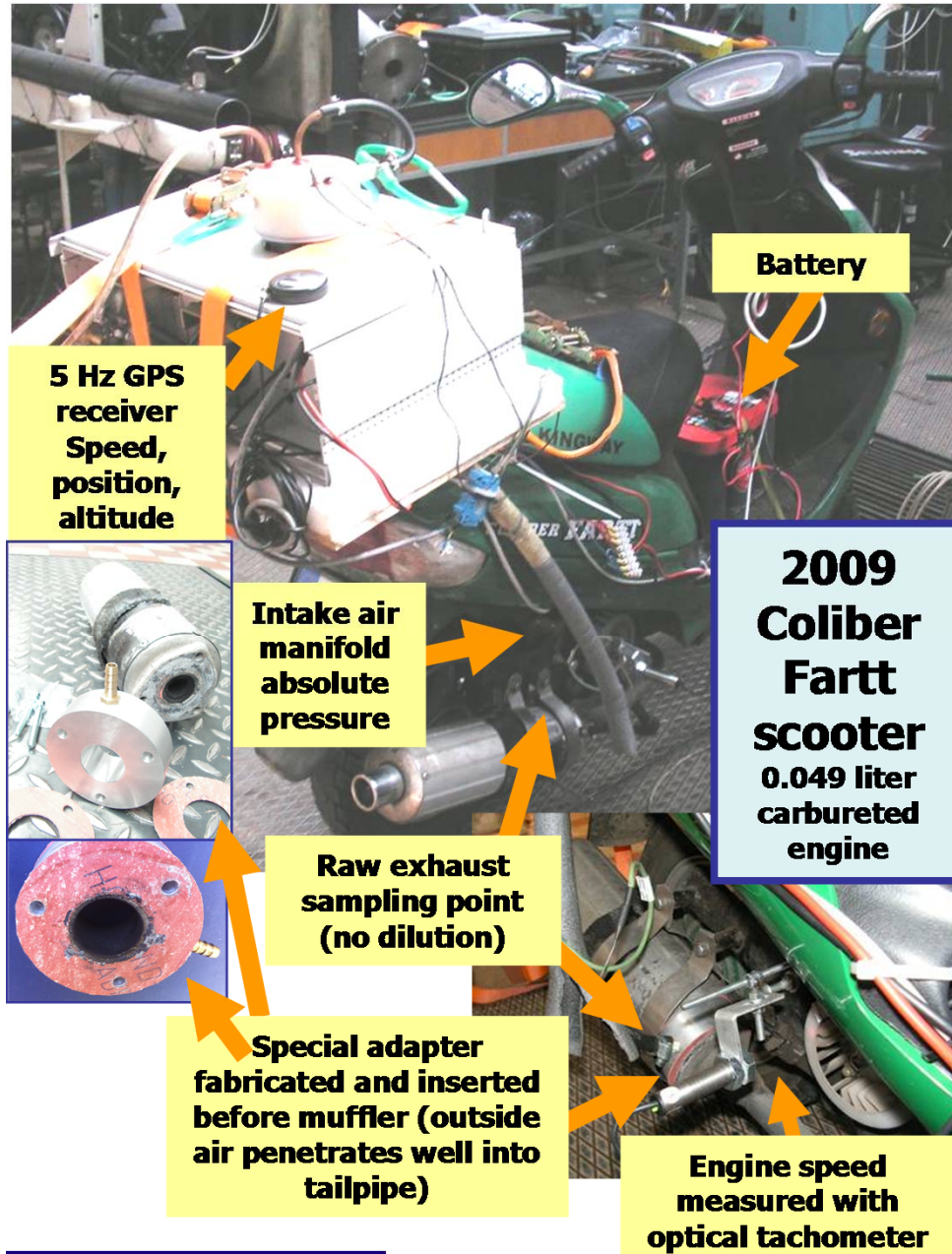


# Low-cost on-board system overview

(Vojtisek-Lom and Cobb, CRC On-road vehicle emissions workshop, 1998)



# On-board system versatility: Motorcycle to locomotive



**2009 Coliber Fartt scooter**  
0.049 liter carbureted engine



# Portable proportional sampling

Diluted sample flow through filter is constant (20-50 dm<sup>3</sup>/min).

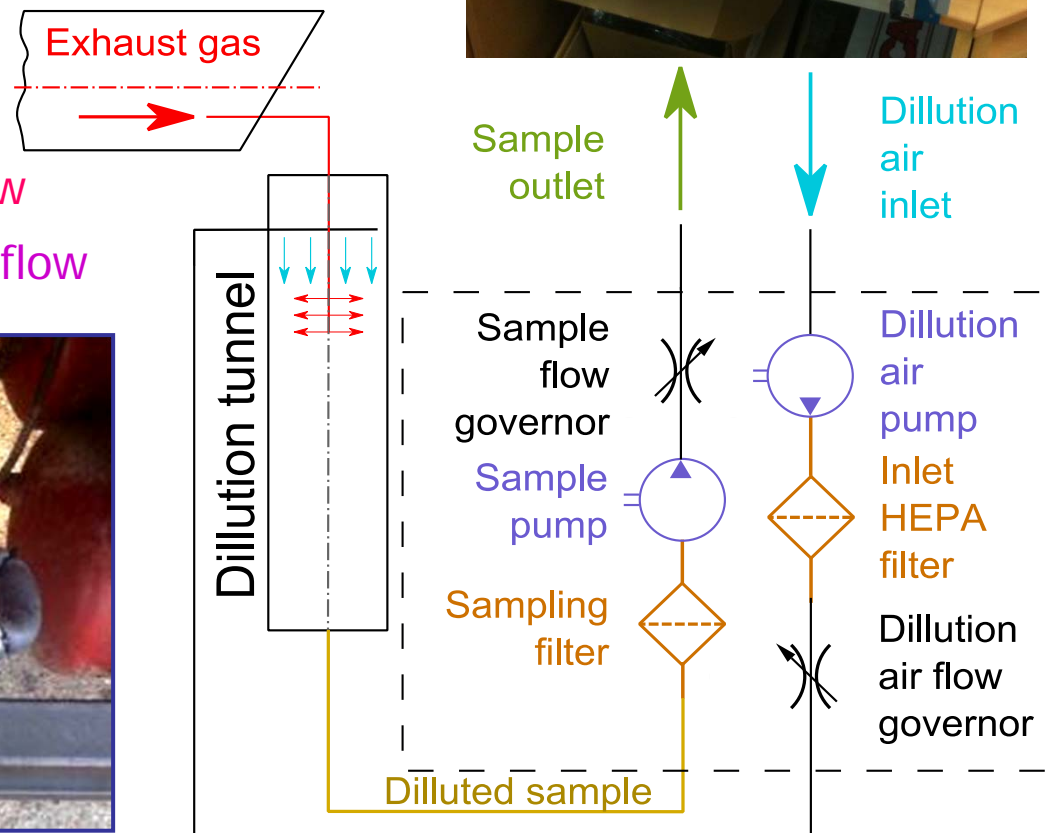
Dilution air flow is regulated so that raw exhaust flow into microdilution tunnel is proportional to the total exhaust flow.

HEPA filtered air is metered into microdilution tunnel near sampling point.

Raw exhaust flow =

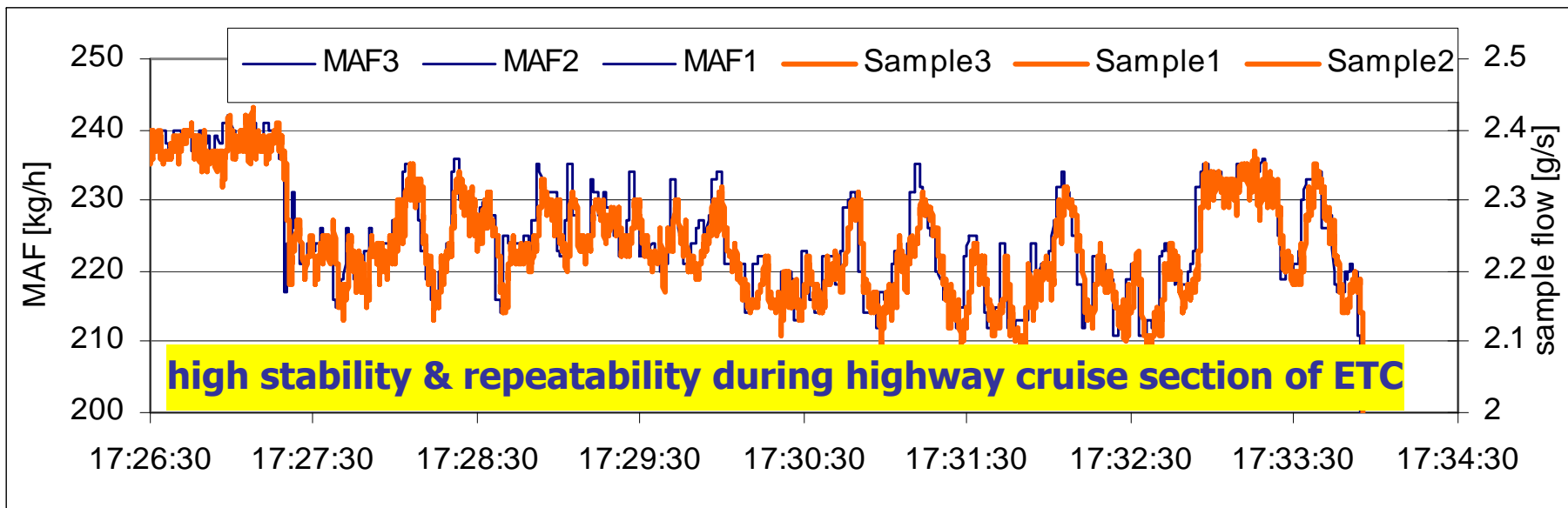
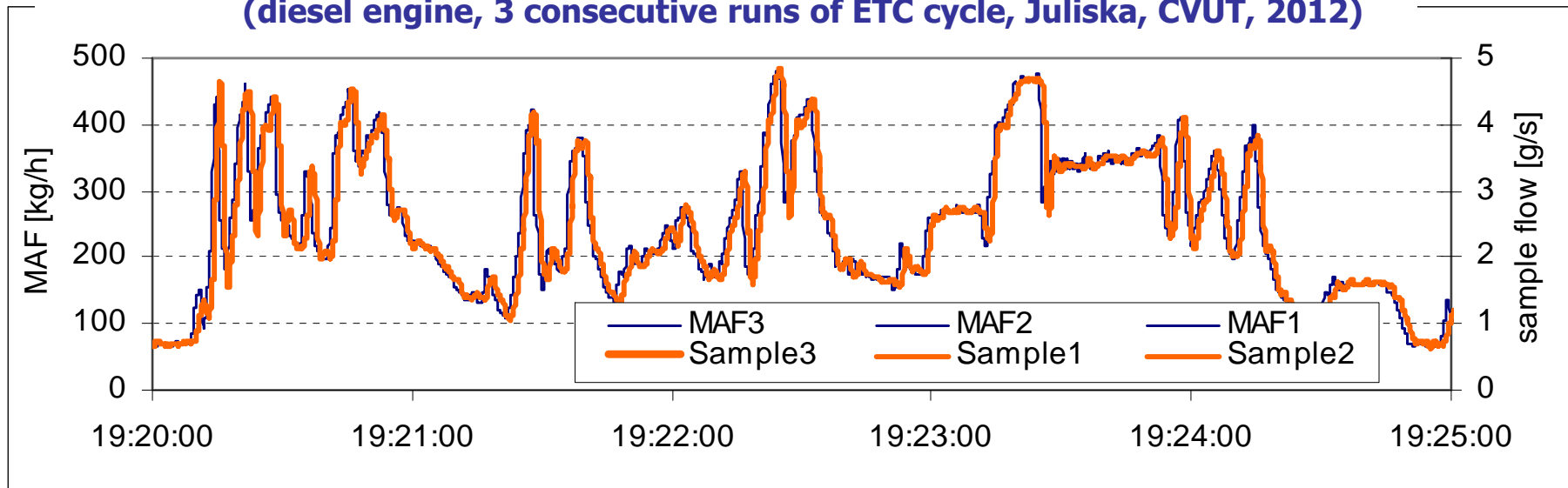
= total sample flow – dilution air flow

Exhaust flow ~ measured intake air flow



# Enhanced gain algorithm: Fast response vs. stability and repeatability

(diesel engine, 3 consecutive runs of ETC cycle, Juliska, CVUT, 2012)





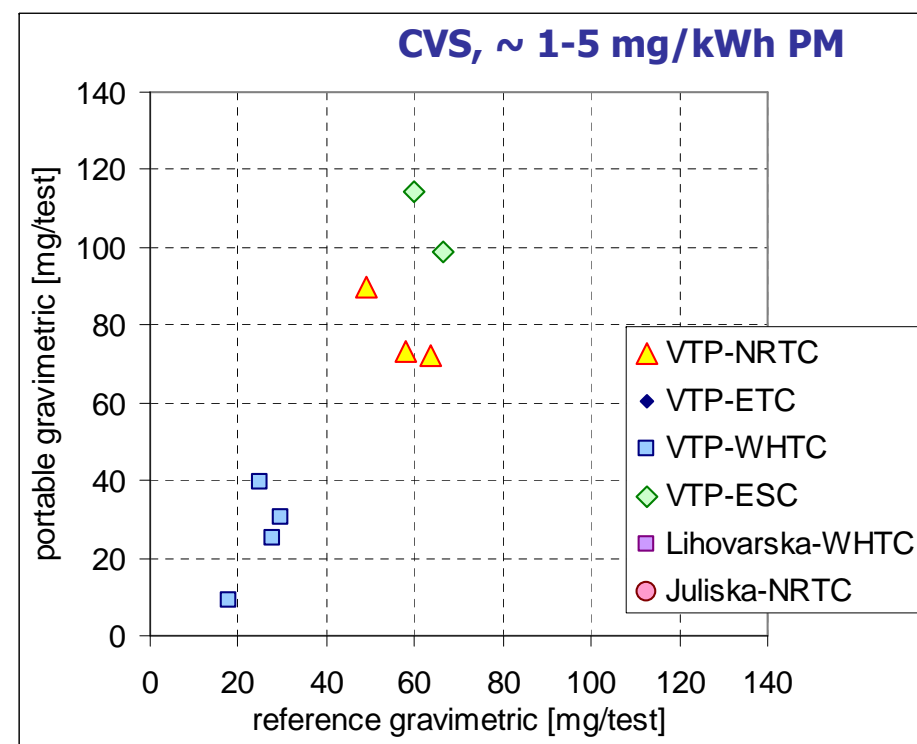
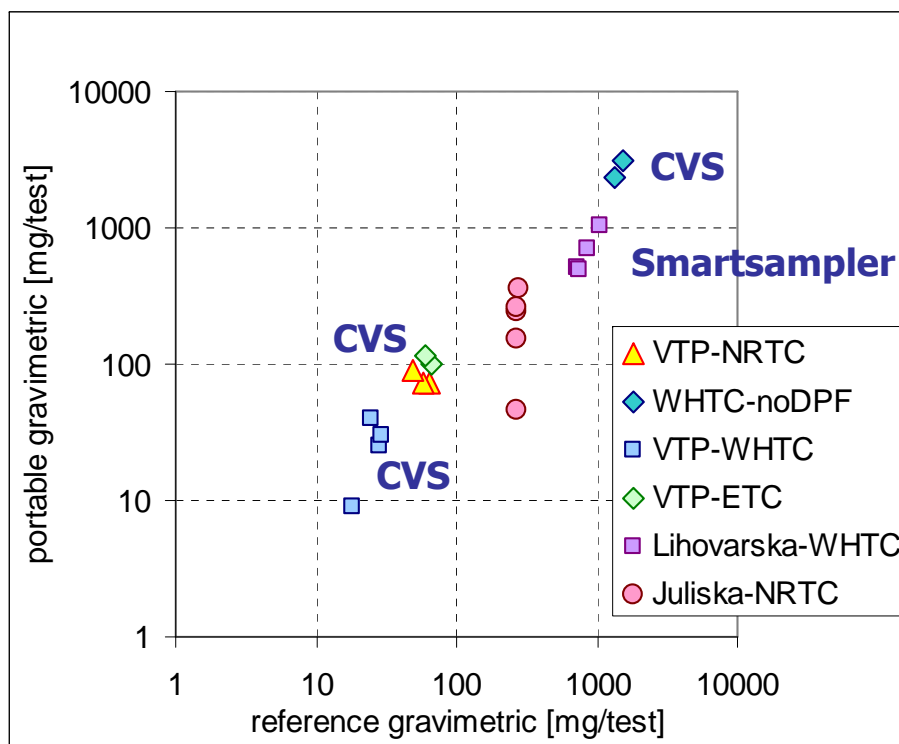
# Portable proportional sampling vs. traditional system: PM mass per transient test cycle

**In-use diesel engines, various manufacturers, ~ 1-50 mg/kWh PM  
Transient operation on engine dynamometer (NRTC, WHTC, ETC)**

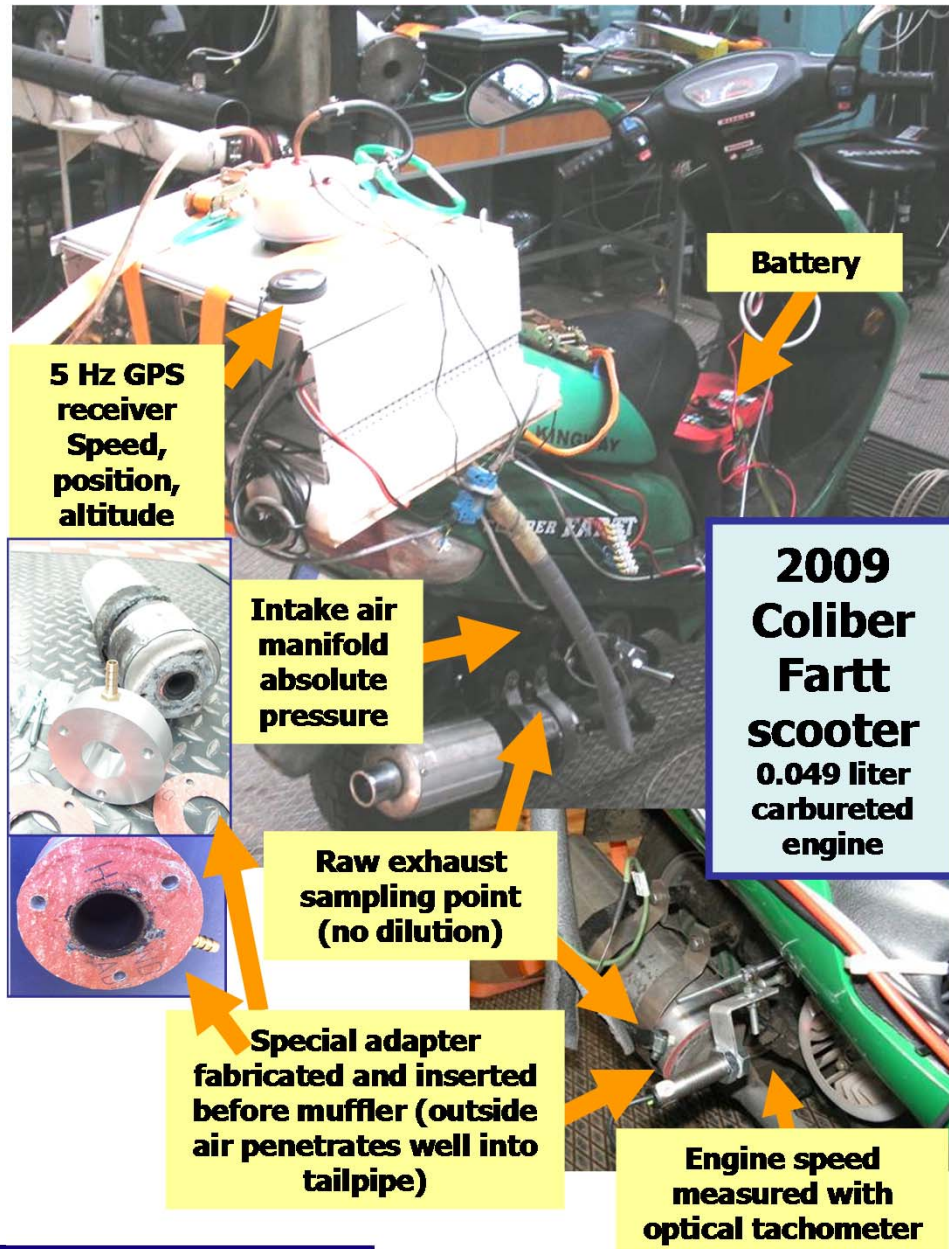
CVUT - Juliska: DC dynamometer, reference AVL SmartSampler

TUV - Lihovarska: AC dynamometer, reference AVL SmartSampler

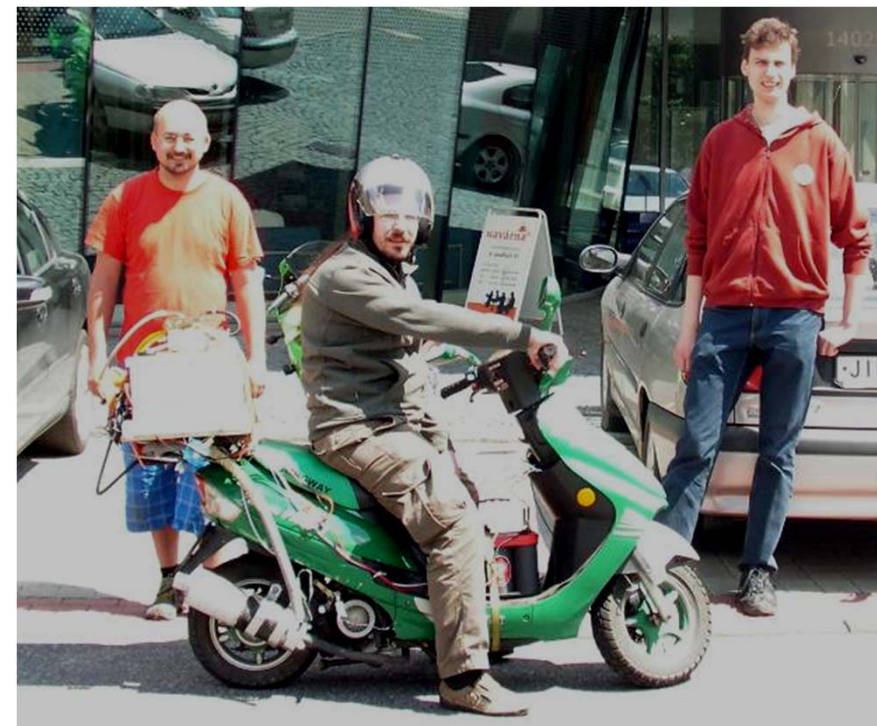
CVUT - VTP: AC dynamometer, reference full-flow dilution tunnel



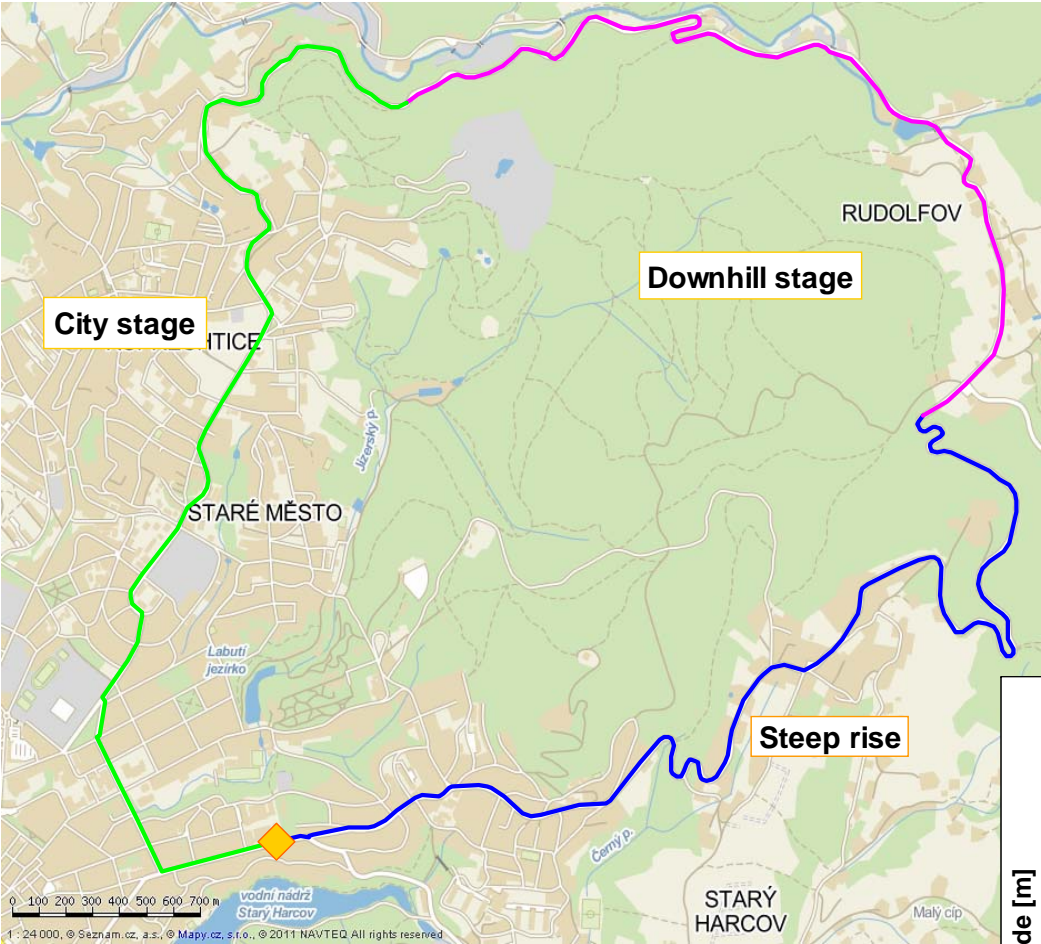
# Experimental – Motorcycle (scooter)



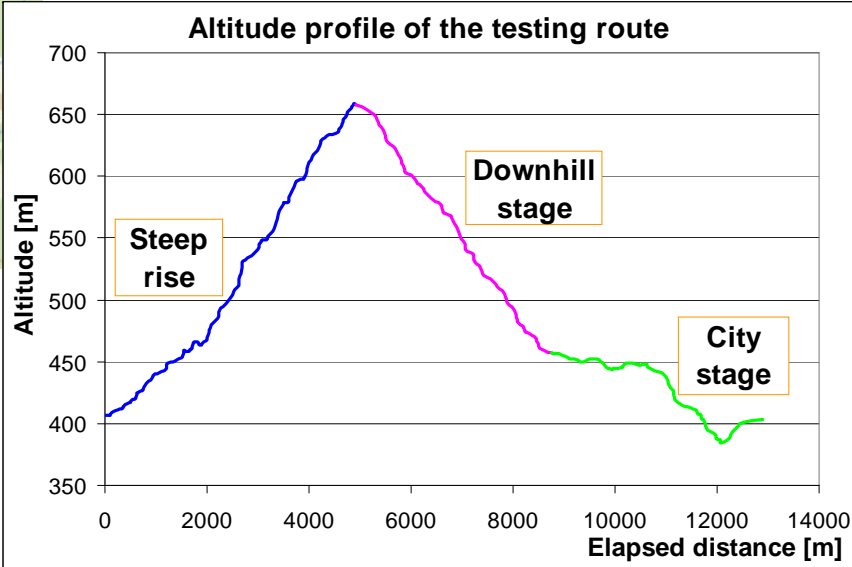
- 4-cycle 50-cc SI engine
- 13 kg PEMS on luggage rack
- Battery-powered system
- SAE J-2711: Pre-run & at least 3 runs along the route



# Experimental – Test route

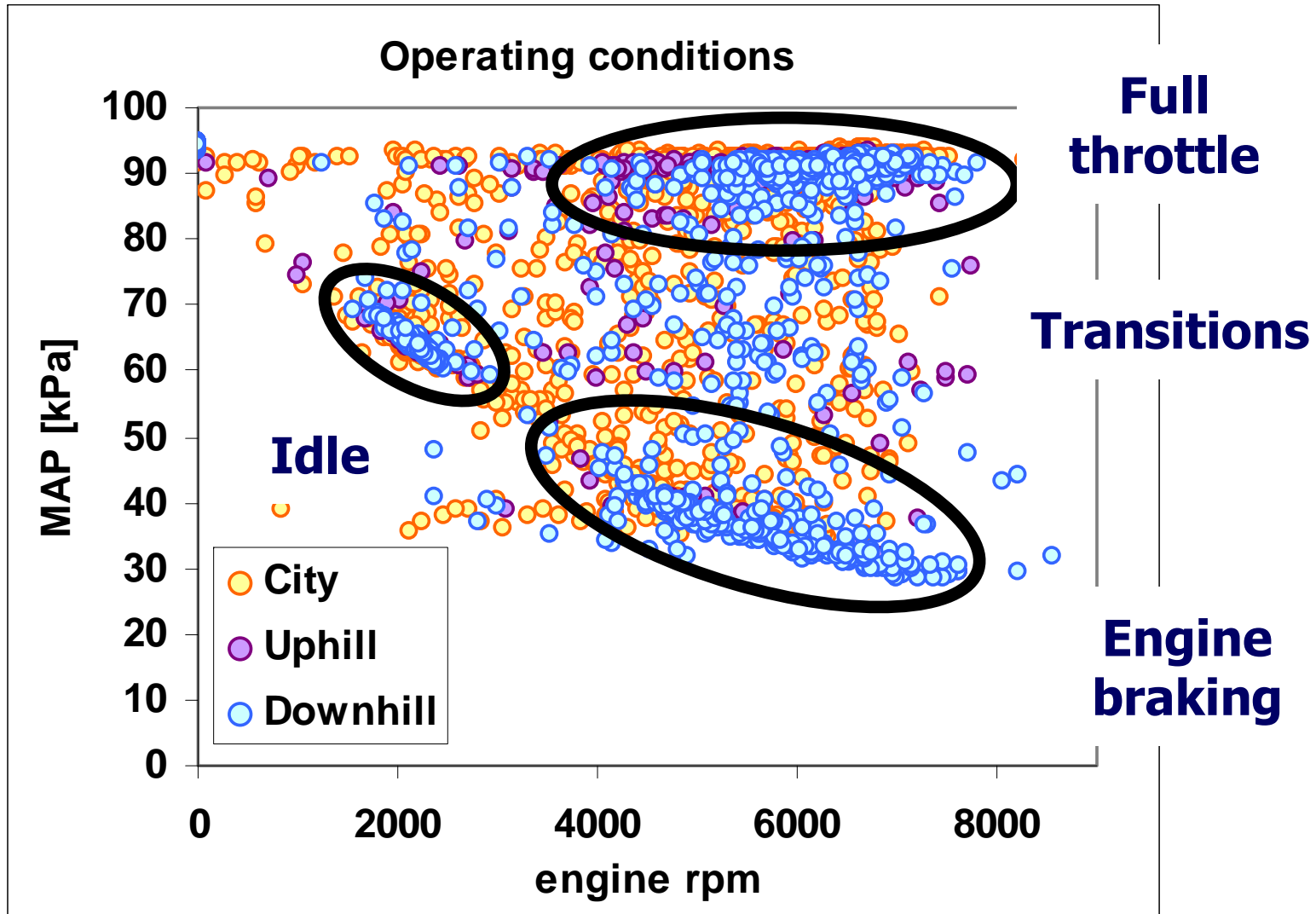


- Route length: approx. 13 km
- Start point altitude: 410 m
- Peak altitude: 660 m
- Lowest point altitude: 380 m



# How a scooter is driven

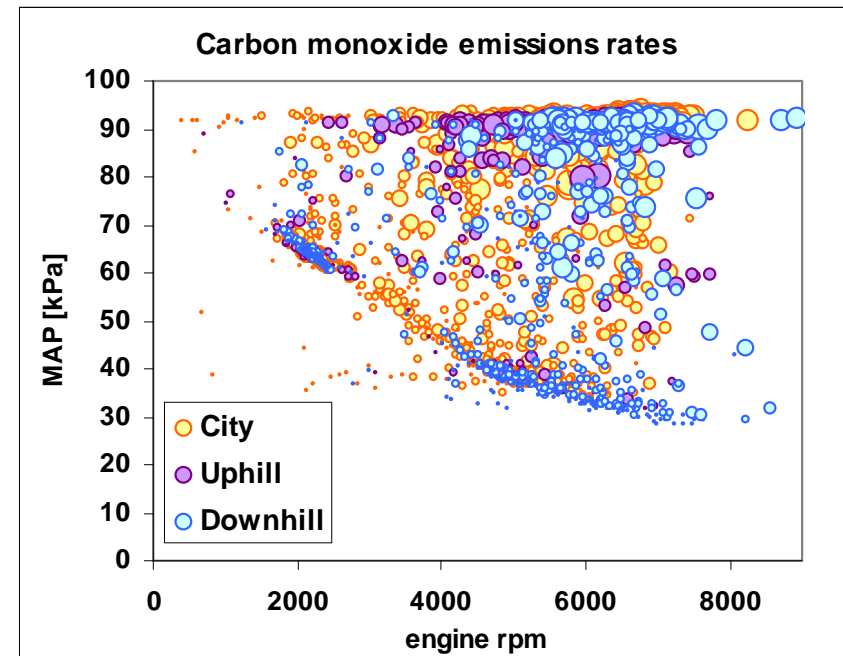
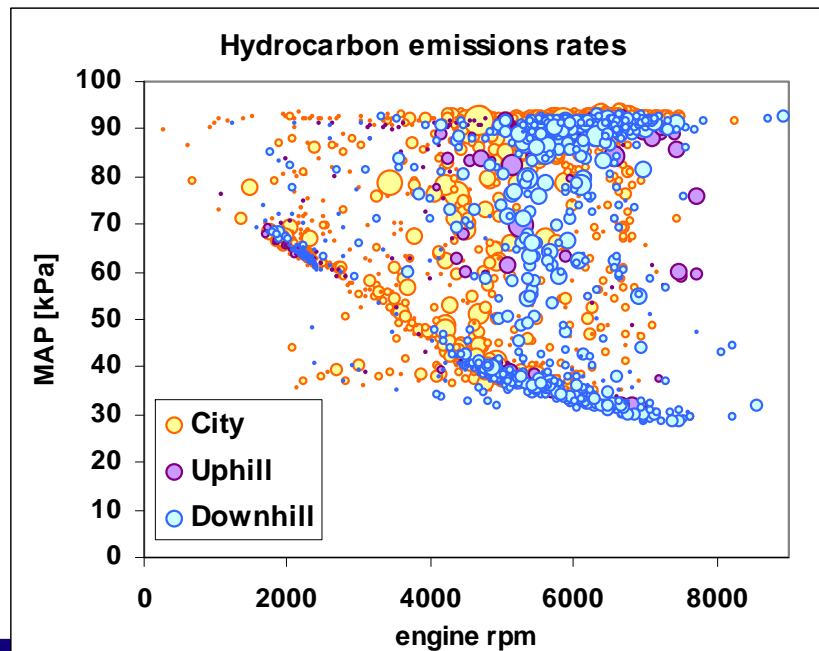
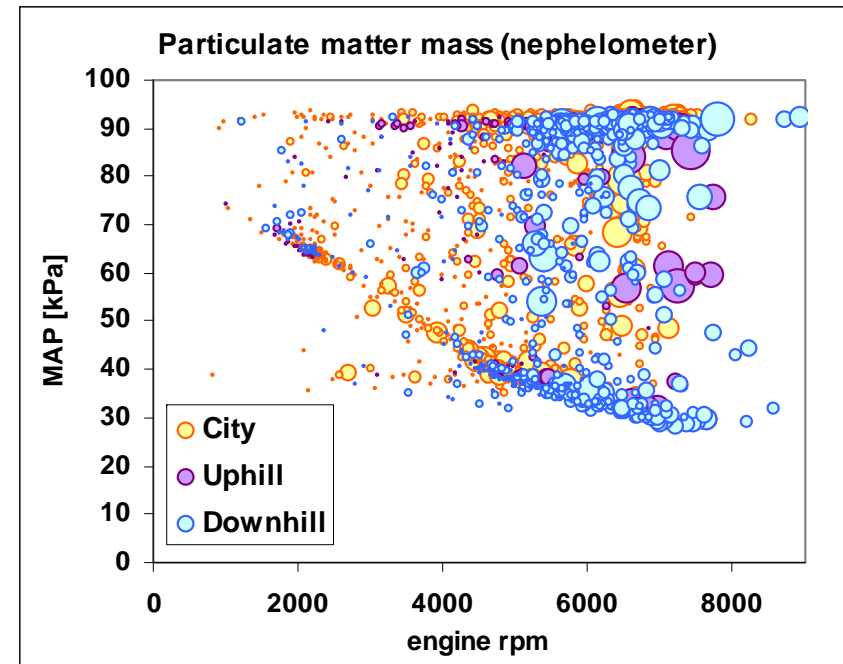
Mostly “full power or nothing”, pulse-width modulation  
Example: Liberec region, each point = 1 second of operation  
Distinct regions: idle, full-power, engine braking, transitions



# Emissions patterns

Larger particles (detected by light scattering) and hydrocarbons dominated by transitions

CO high during transitions and at full power

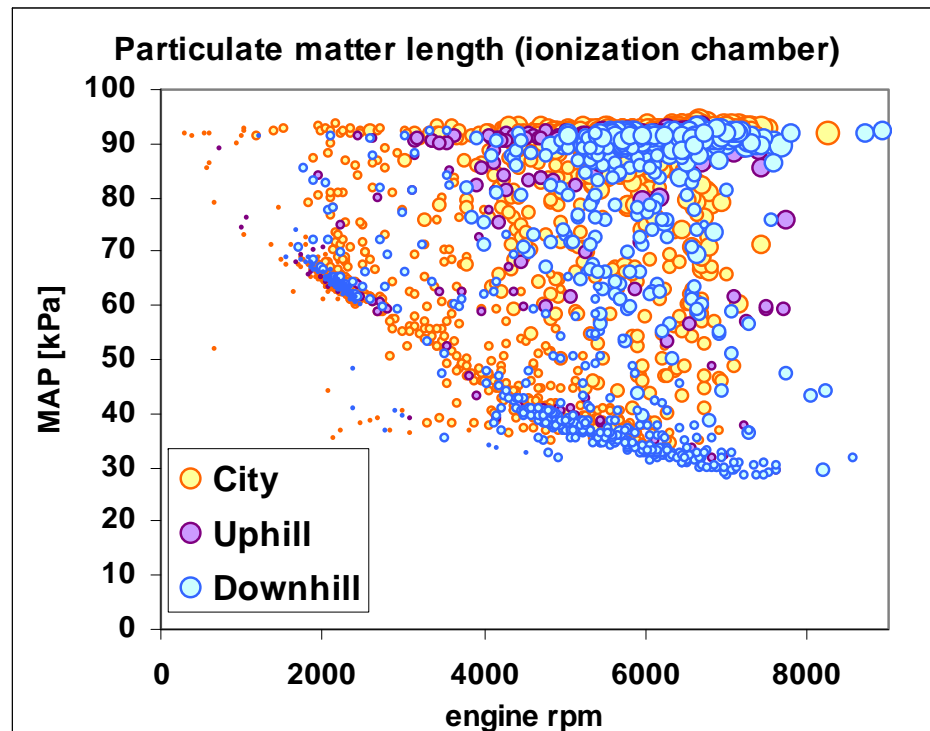
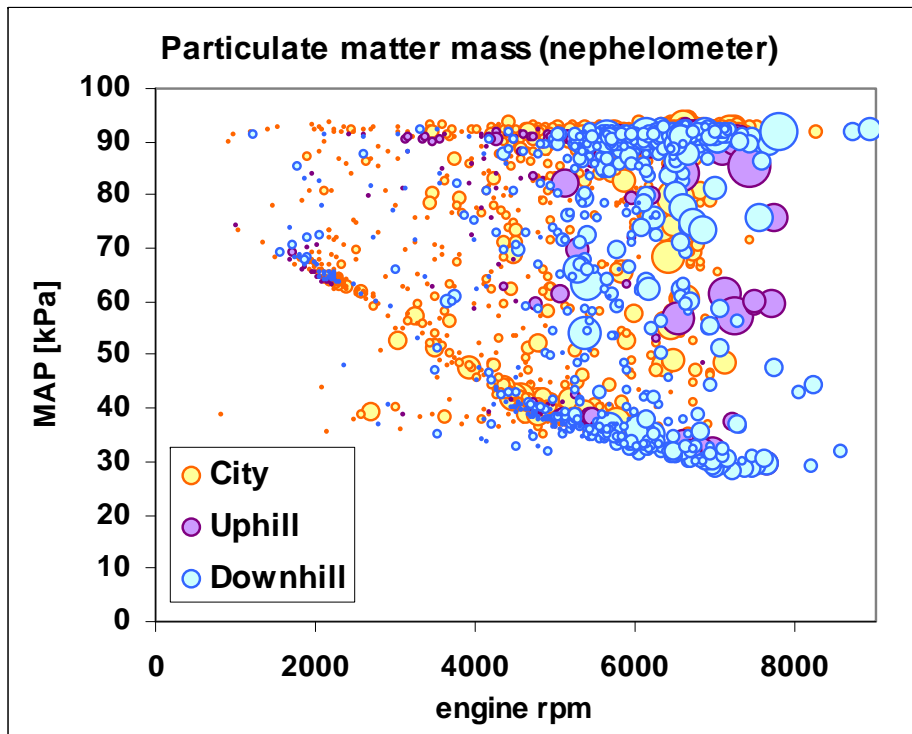
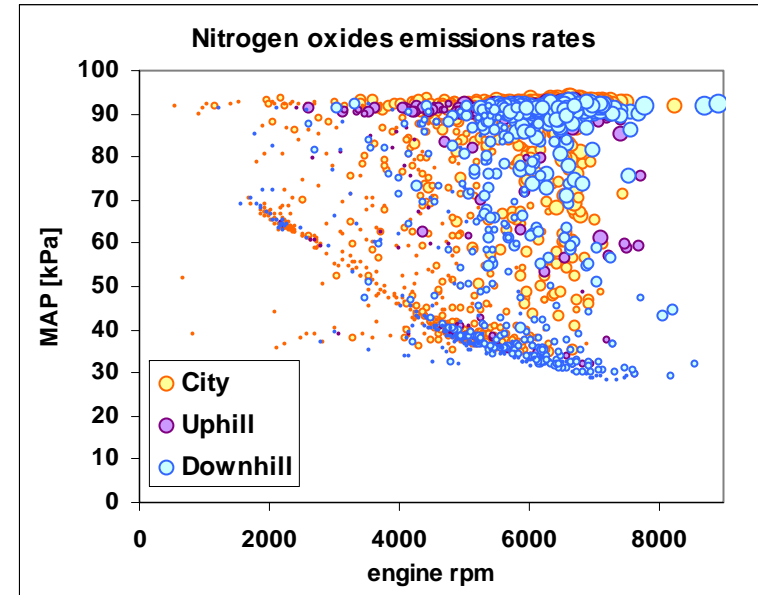


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Small particles (detected by ionization chamber) emitted throughout the operating range

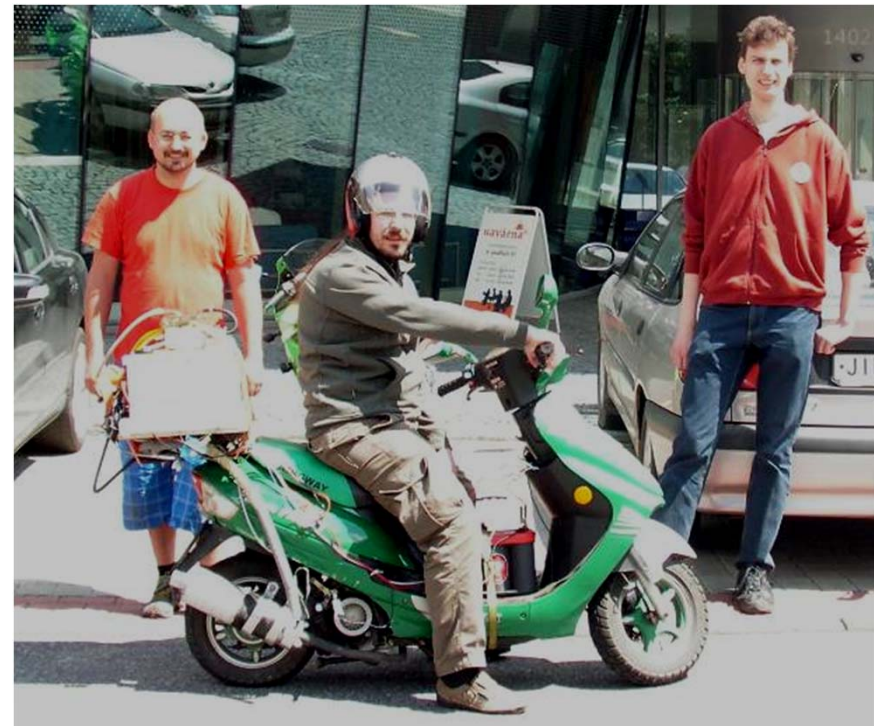
NO<sub>x</sub> highest at full power



# Motorcycle (scooter) – test summary per km

Emissions per km	HC [g]	CO [g]	NO <sub>x</sub> [g]	PM laser [mg]	PM ion1 [km]	PM ion2 [km]	CO <sub>2</sub> [g]
Urban	2.72	11.2	0.50	3.3	406	386	53
Rural	1.30	8.4	0.41	2.7	320	255	39

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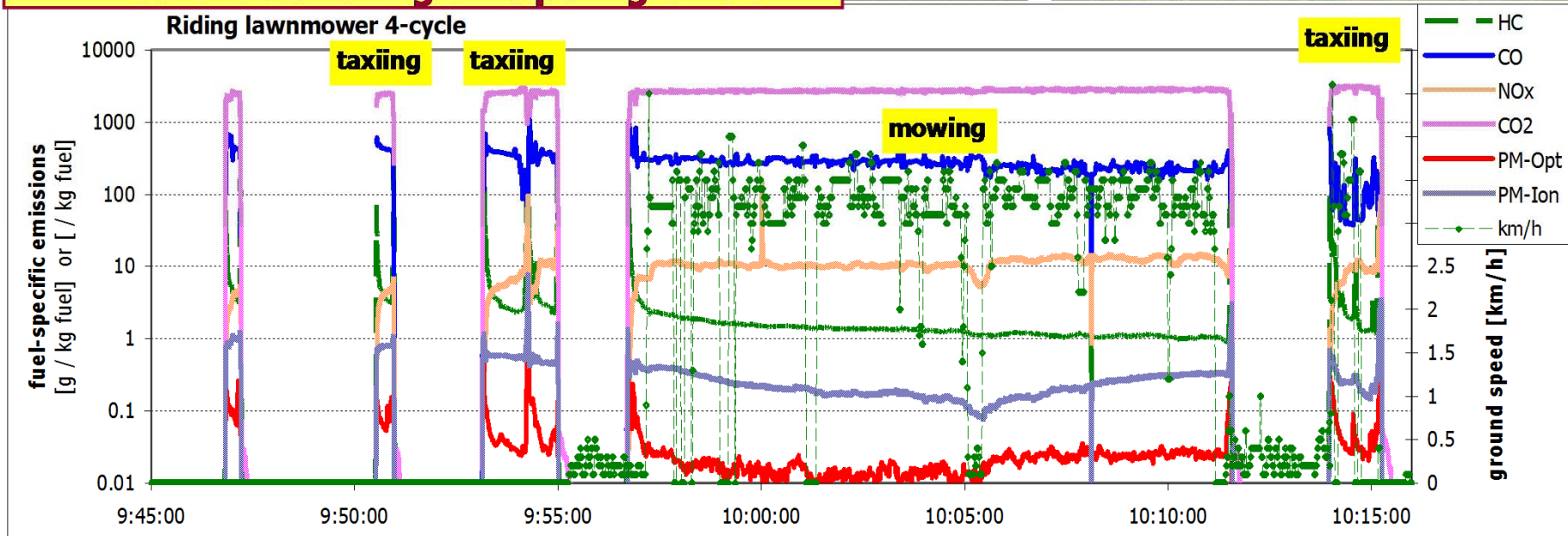
# On-board measurement – riding mower

**Riding lawnmower  
TCP 102, Castelgarden,  
Italy, mfg. in 2001,  
4-cycle gasoline**

**Mowing family house lawn**



**PM length is relative units per kg of fuel  
All other data is in grams per kg of fuel**

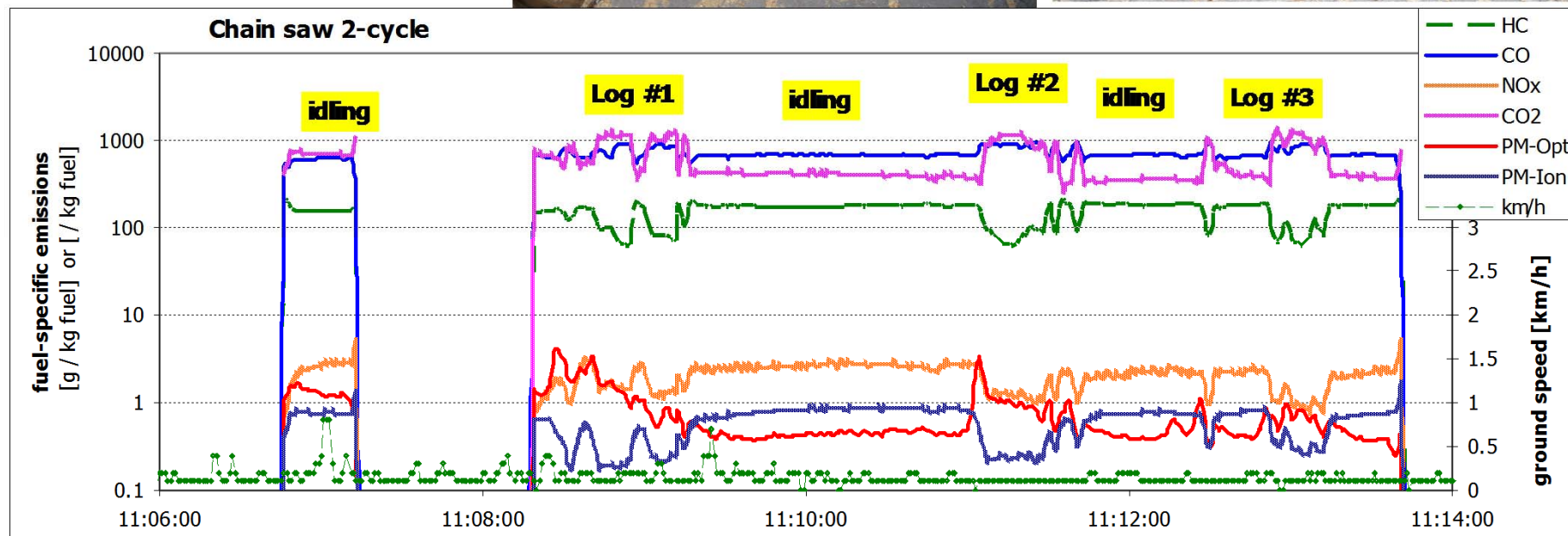




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**Stihl 029 (top)**  
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**2-cycle gasoline**

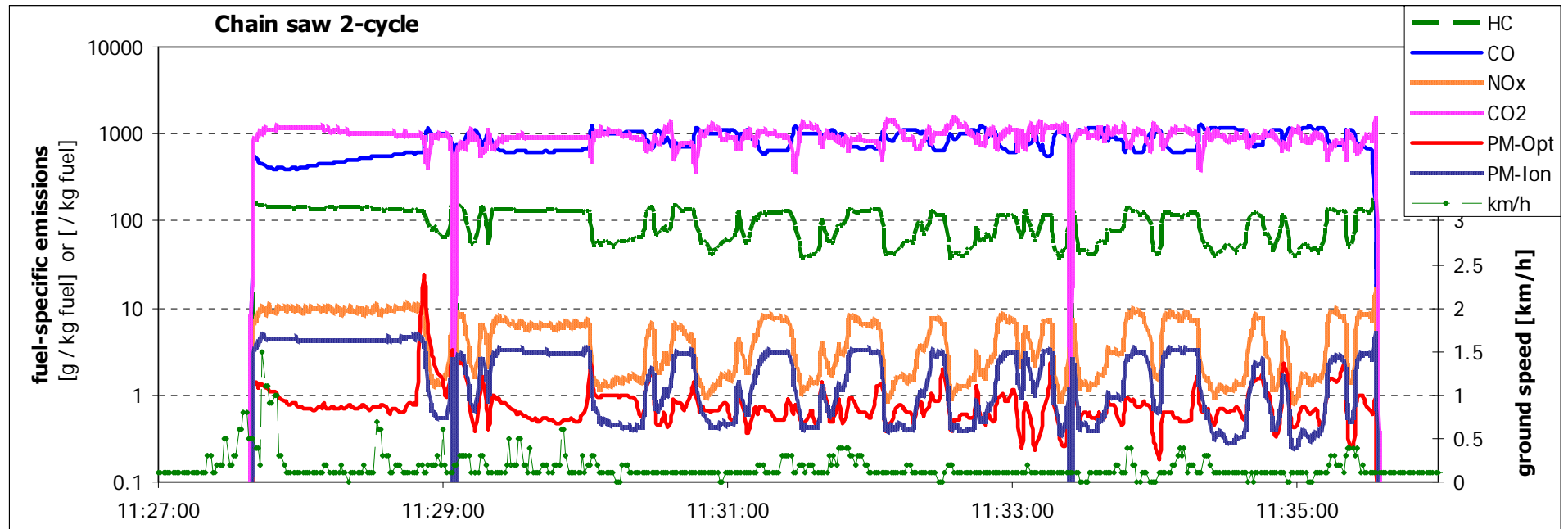
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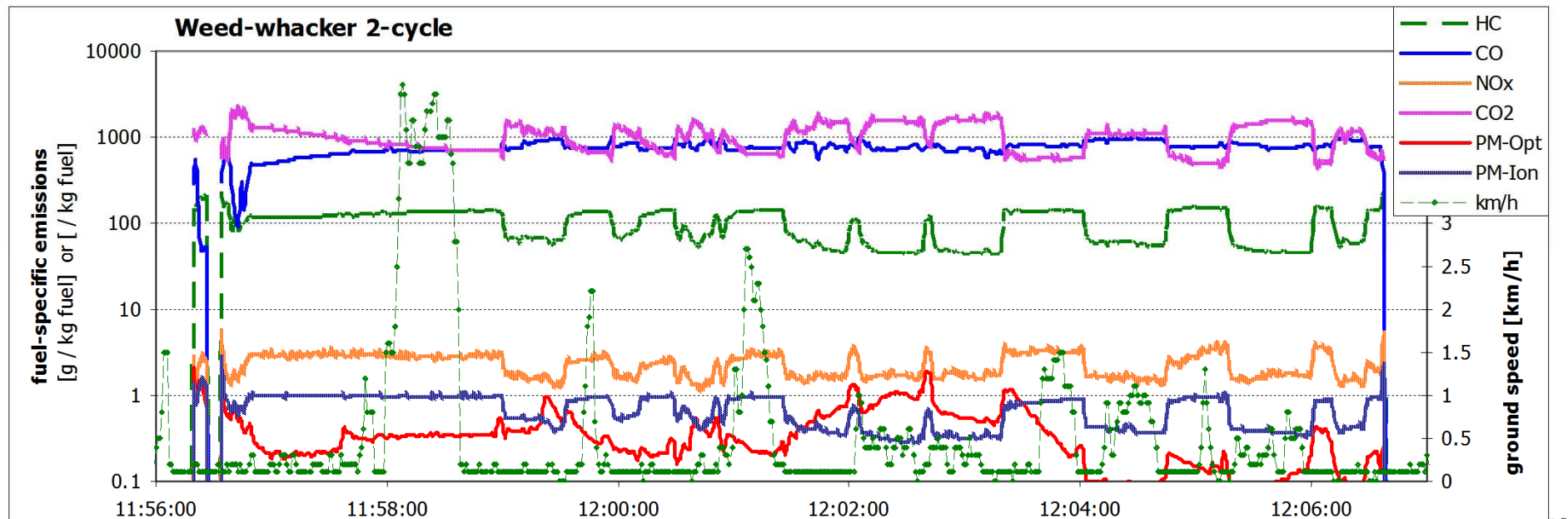
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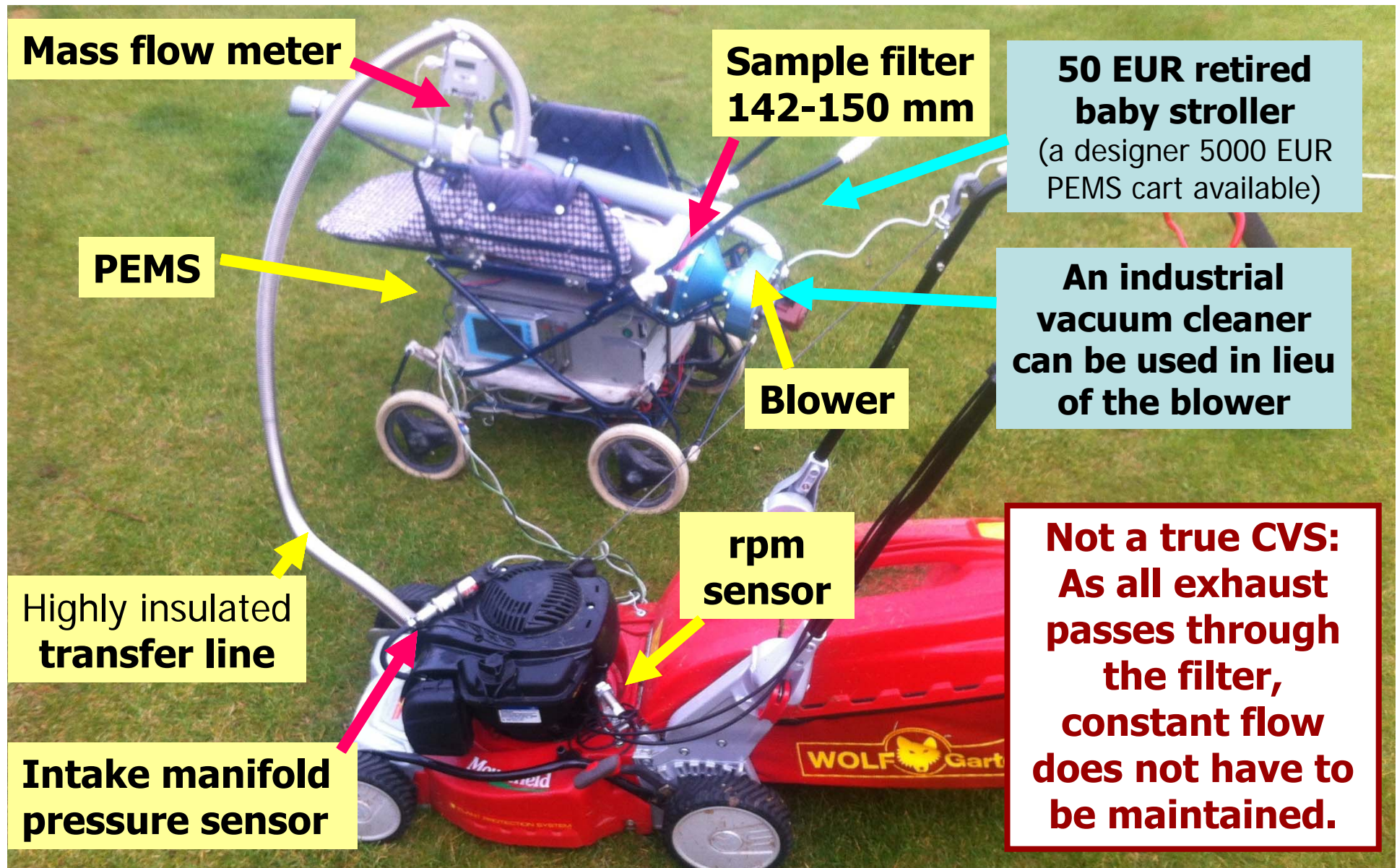
# Off-board measurement – weed-eater PEMS mounted on accompanying tractor

**Weed-whacker  
Oleo-Mac 746T  
2-cycle gasoline**

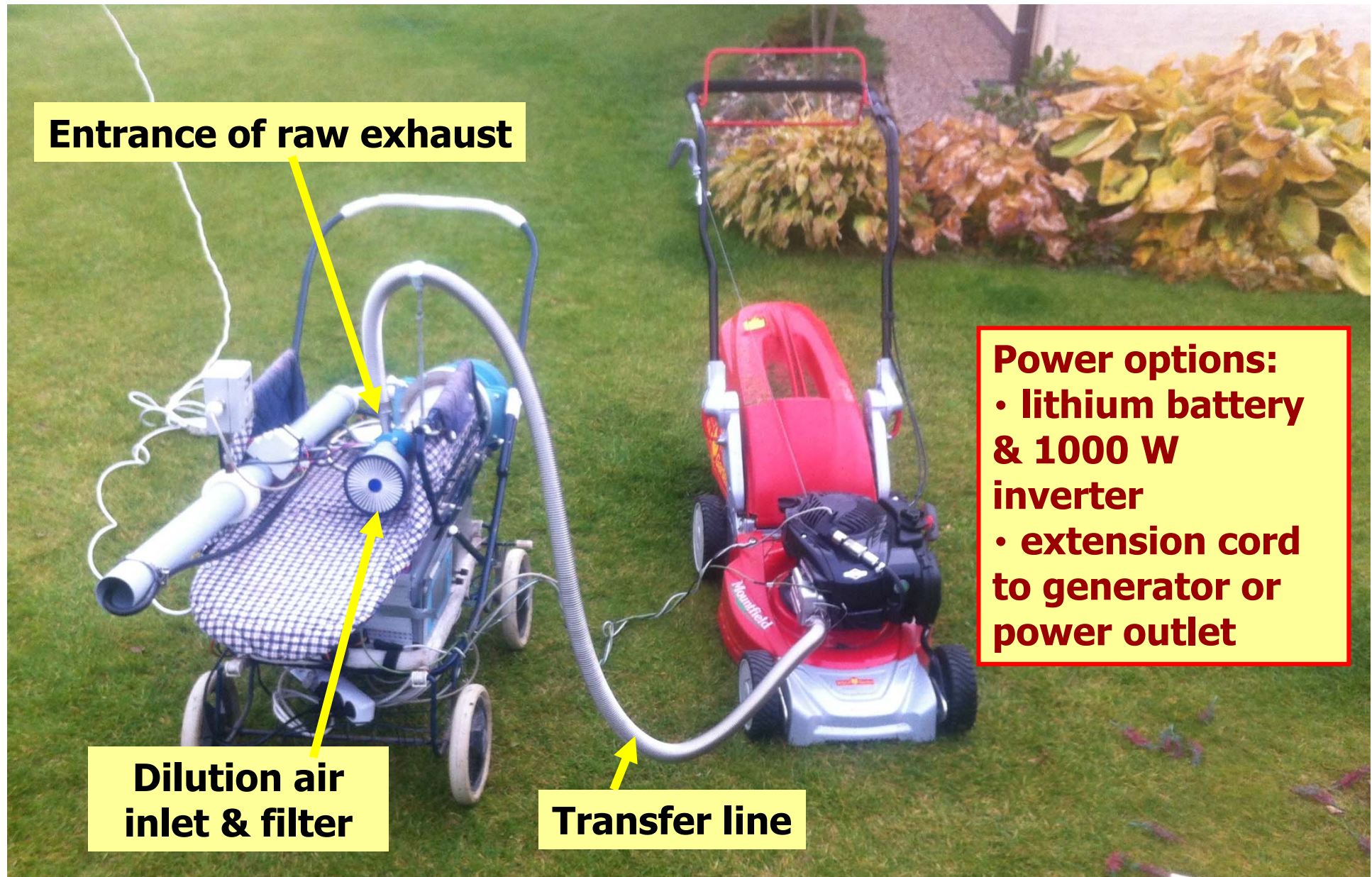
**Cutting / clearing  
an overgrown ditch  
On-board system  
mounted on  
accompanying  
tractor**



# Off-board full-flow dilution tunnel



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## Choice of raw / diluted measurement



**Sampling ("CVS") mode:**

- **PEMS measuring diluted exhaust**
- **Diluted mass exhaust flow measured directly**
- **All diluted exhaust sampled through the filter (no need for absolutely constant flow)**

**Raw & PEMS only mode:**

- **Intake air flow computed from engine rpm, manifold pressure and temperature**
- **PEMS measuring raw exhaust**
- **CVS not needed**
- **air/fuel ratio monitoring**

# High-volume sampling for advanced analysis



**30-60 m<sup>3</sup>/min  
sampling on  
142/150 mm filters  
for analyses (i.e.  
PAH) and  
toxicological assays**

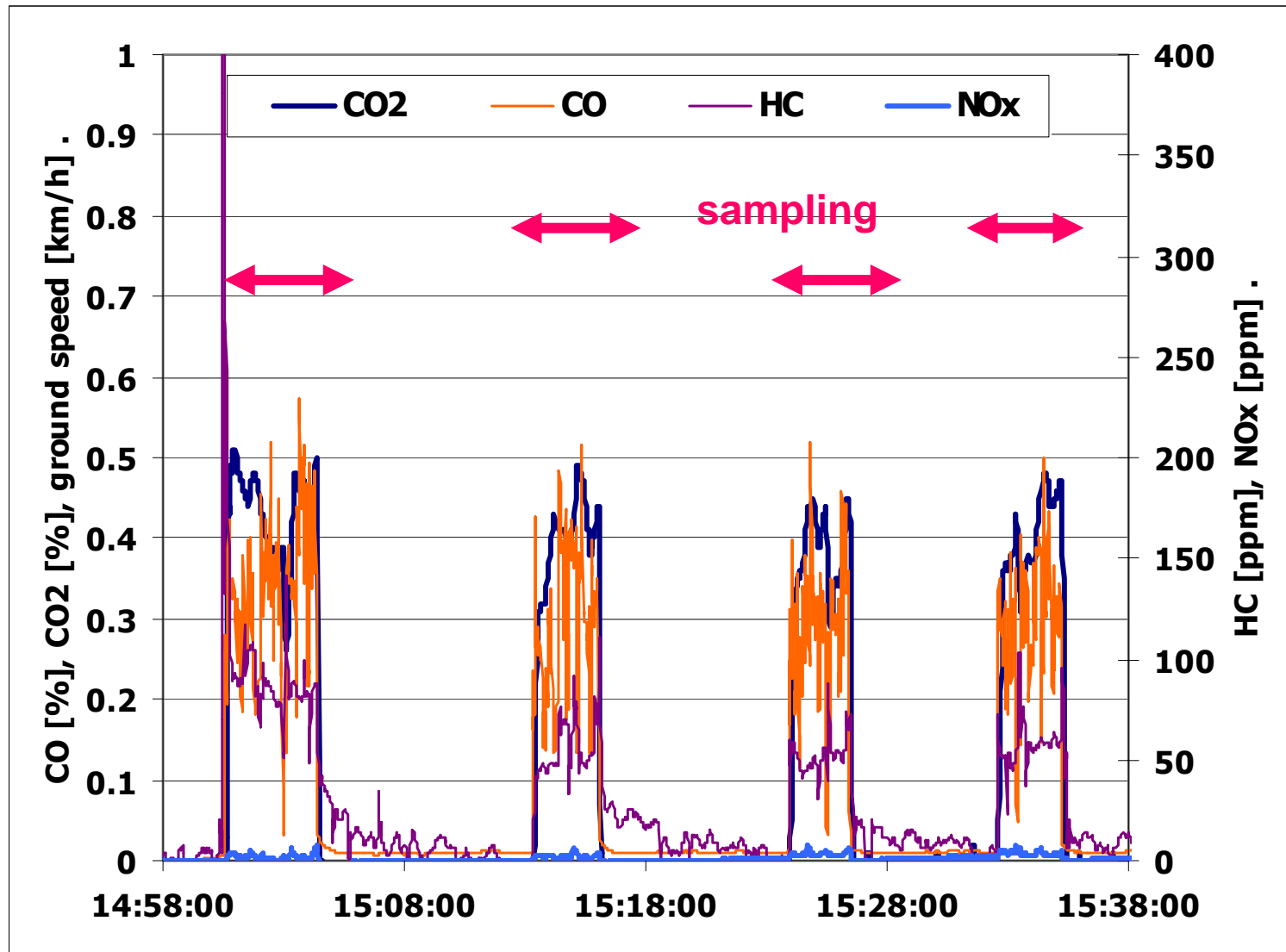


**Isokinetic or  
constant flow  
sampling is not  
necessary as  
100% of  
exhaust is  
sampled**

# Base mower test sequence: CVS on, Engine start, mowing until clipping bag is full, engine off, CVS off

Variations due to uneven lawn density & qualities

Large HC spike at (ignition) shutdown

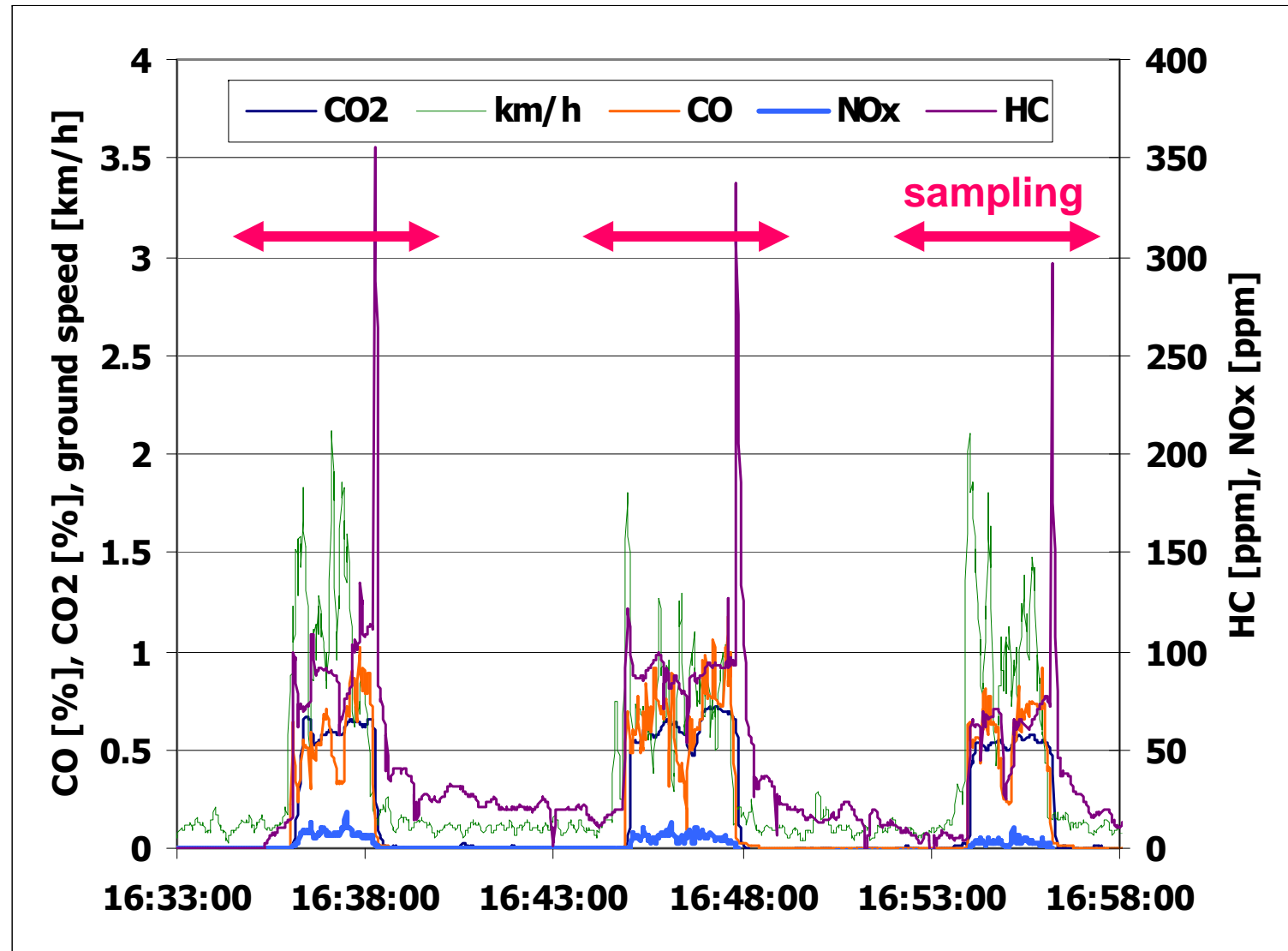




# Base weedeater sequence: CVS on, Engine start, mowing until CVS filter is full, engine off, CVS off

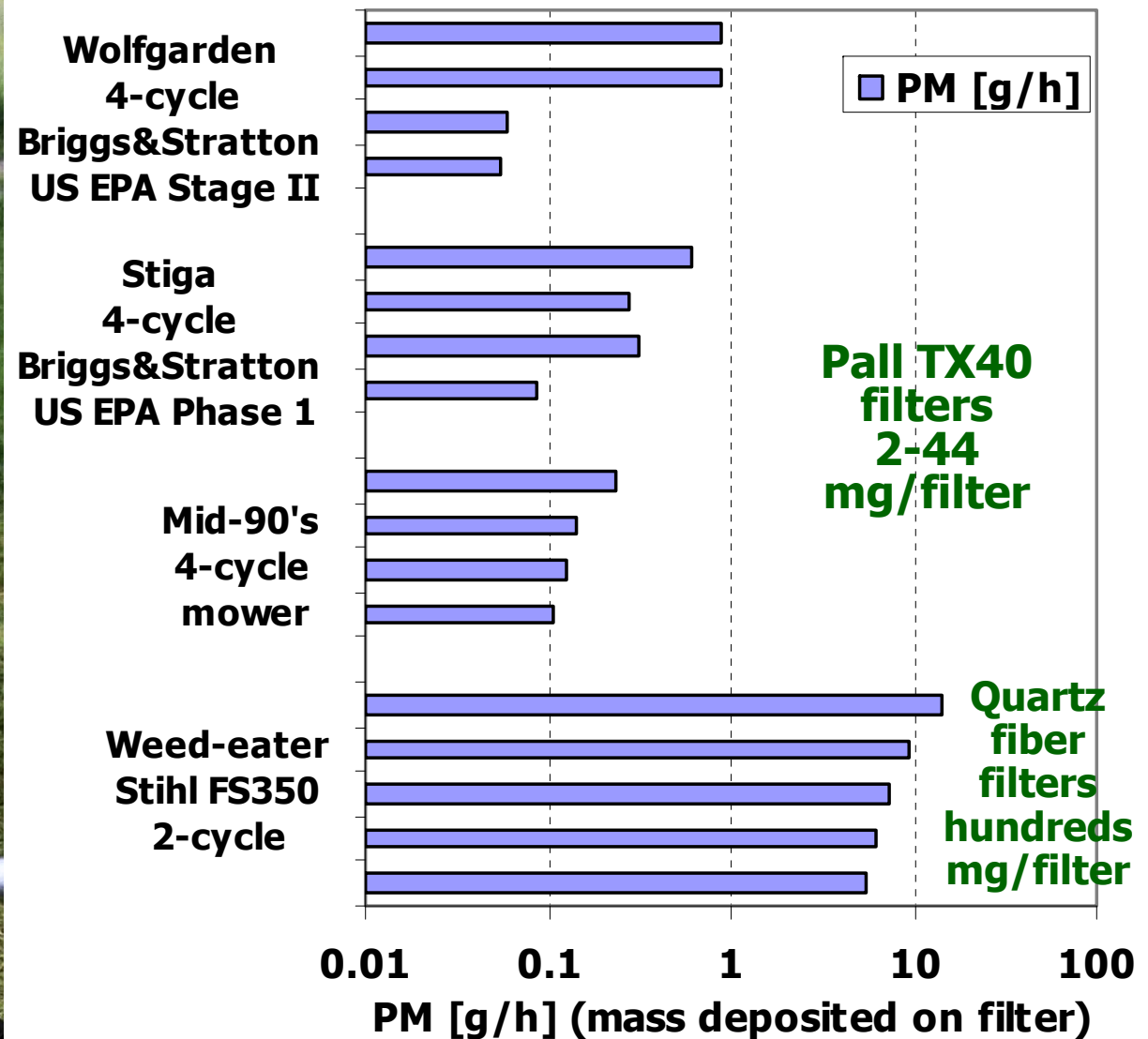
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# Lawnmower and weed-eater – test summary

(PAH analysis and toxicology assays to follow)



# CARB Stage II Lawnmower – effect of alcohol fuels

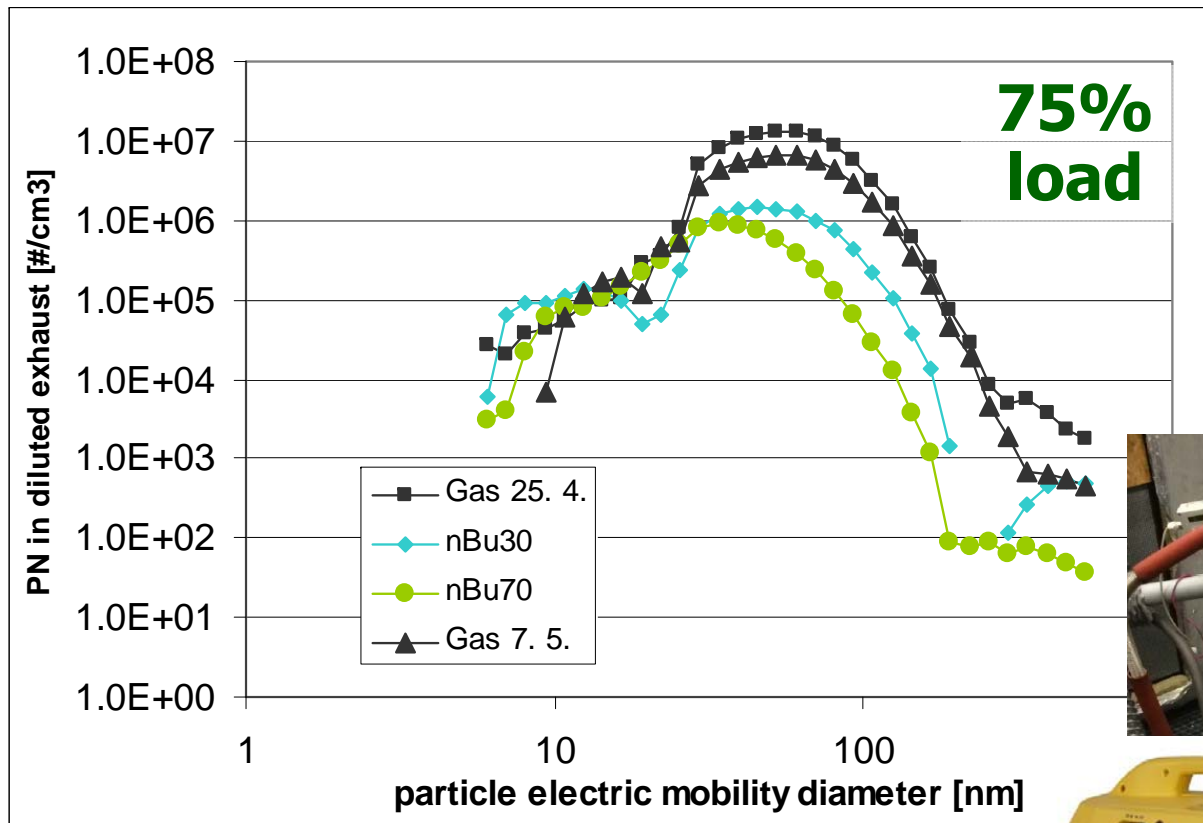
## 30% iso-butanol, 30% n-butanol in gasoline

(SAE 2014, submitted)

	HC [g/kg]	CO [g/kg]	NOx [g/kg]	Fuel [g/h]
Gasoline cold	19	256	3,1	433
Gasoline	19±5	293±46	6,1±1,6	387±82
30% Isobutanol	13±4	279±52	7,7±1,9	368±28
30% n-butanol	12±1	233±20	8,3±0,3	387±72

	PAH [ug/kg]	cPAH [ug/kg]	BaP [ug/kg]
Gasoline cold	763	80.2	16.8
Gasoline warm	24	4.6	0.3
30% Isobutanol	83	8.8	1.5
30% n-butanol	21	2.3	0.2

# CARB Stage II 2 kW genset – alcohol fuels 10%, 30%, 50%, 70%, 100% n-butanol (Diploma thesis Jan Vodrazka, TU Liberec, 2014)



## Conclusions

### – real-world driving emissions of small engines

#### They are of a concern

- gasoline engines produce nanoparticles
- primitive technology
- proximity of the operator

#### They can be measured

- low-cost dilution tunnel
- full-flow sampling
- on-board & off-board systems



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