

# **CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS FROM A CATALYZED TRAP EQUIPPED NATURAL GAS FUELED TRANSIT BUS**

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# Project Objectives

- **Reduction of exhaust emissions from current (2001 ULEV compliant) natural gas fueled vehicles**
  - **Recognize the problem (PM/gaseous; regulated/unregulated)**
    - Natural gas engine designs need to focus more on cylinder materials, design of ring packs, valve stem seals, etc., to **minimize oil consumption.**
  - **Identify the nature of the problem by conducting a detailed speciation of the exhaust (Round 1)**
  - **Design an exhaust aftertreatment system to tackle specific pollutants**
  - **Install exhaust aftertreatment system on the vehicle and conduct another speciation study (Round 2)**
  - **Operate the vehicle in the field for 6 months and monitor performance.**
  - **Conduct speciation study after 6 months (Round 3)**

# Project Objectives

- **Engine**
  - Cummins C8.3G+ (6-cylinder, 8.3 liter, 280 hp@2400 rpm)
  - Certified with a catalyst for California ULEV levels
    - NO<sub>x</sub>: 1.53 g/bhp-hr
    - NMHC: 0.21 g/bhp-hr
    - Total PM: 0.008 g/bhp-hr
    - CO: 0.8 g/bhp-hr
- **Vehicle**
  - Orion, standard 40-foot, high-floor design
- **Laboratory**
  - WVU Transportable Laboratory with a dedicated “Clean Tunnel” with on-site GC

# Chemical Characterization

- **Particulate Matter**
  - TPM, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>1</sub>
- **Volatile Organic Compounds**
  - Low molecular weight alkanes and olefins (C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>5</sub>)
  - Low molecular weight aromatics (BTX)
- **Elemental & Organic Carbon**
- **PAHs and n-PAHs**
- **Hopanes and Steranes**
- **Elemental Compounds**
- **Ionic Species**
- **Carbonyls**
- **PM Size Concentration and Distributions**

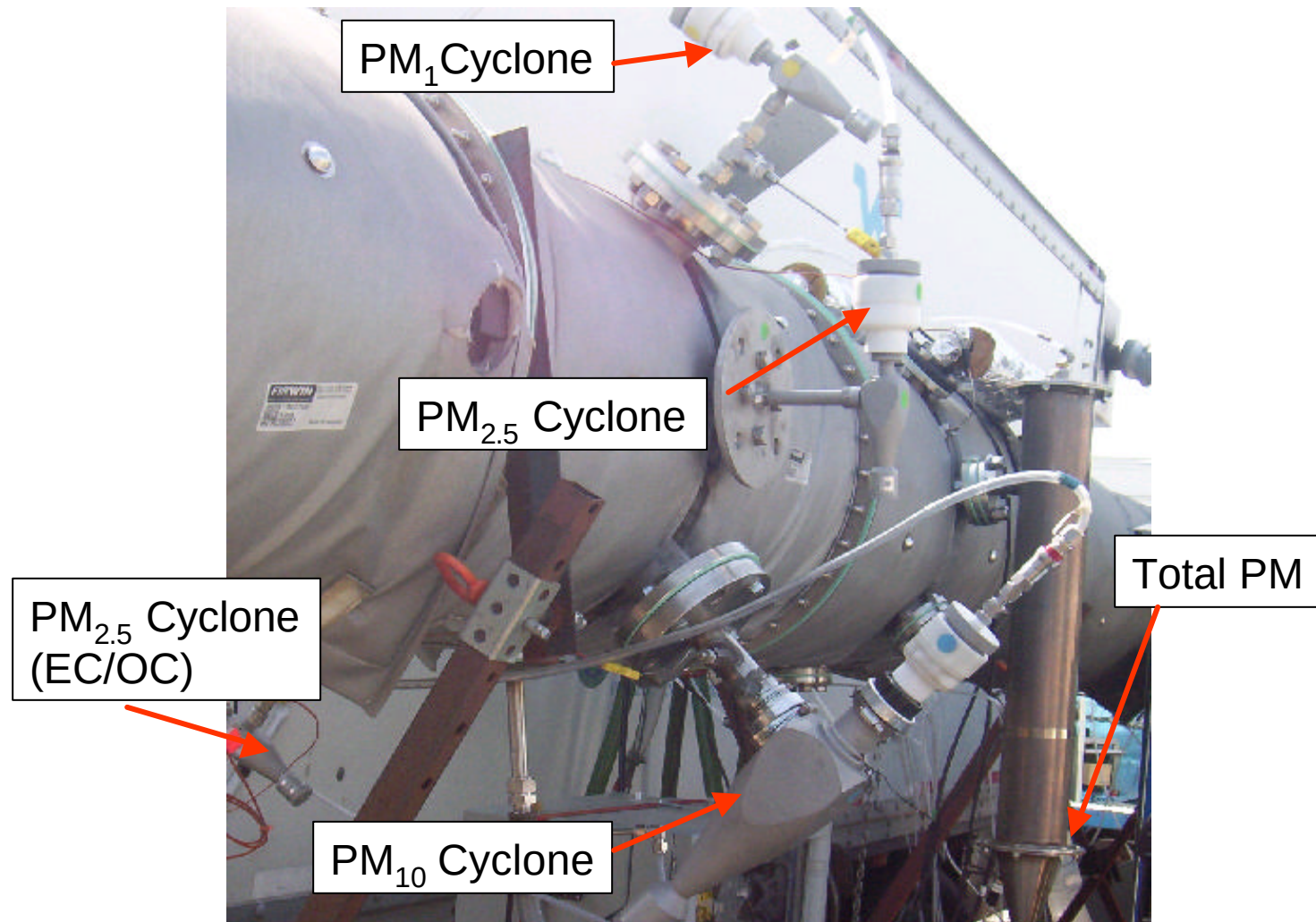
# Test Vehicle Installed On The Chassis Dynamometer



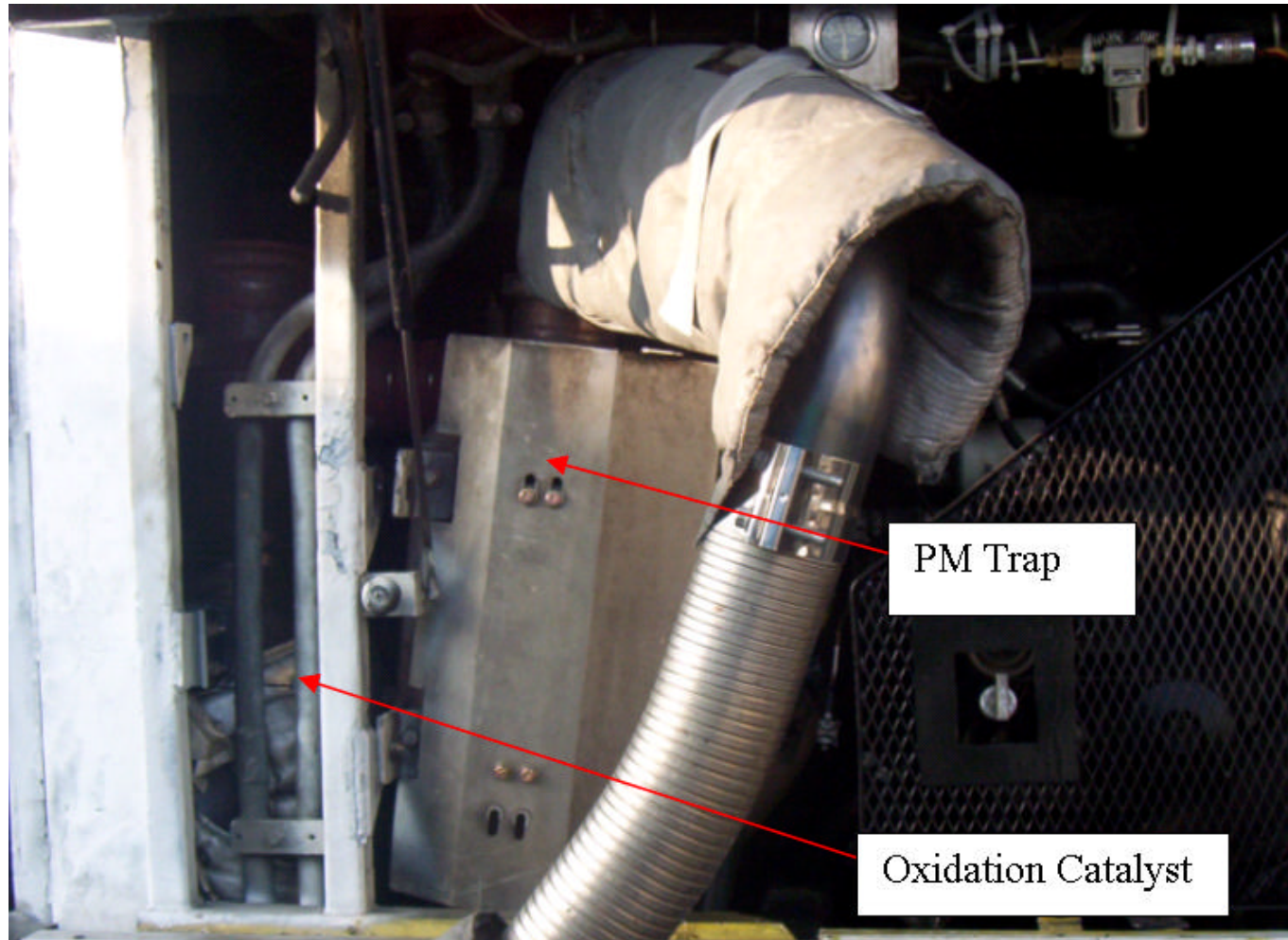
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# “Clean Tunnel” With Sampling Ports/Trains



# PM Filter followed by an Oxidation Catalyst in the Transit Bus Exhaust System



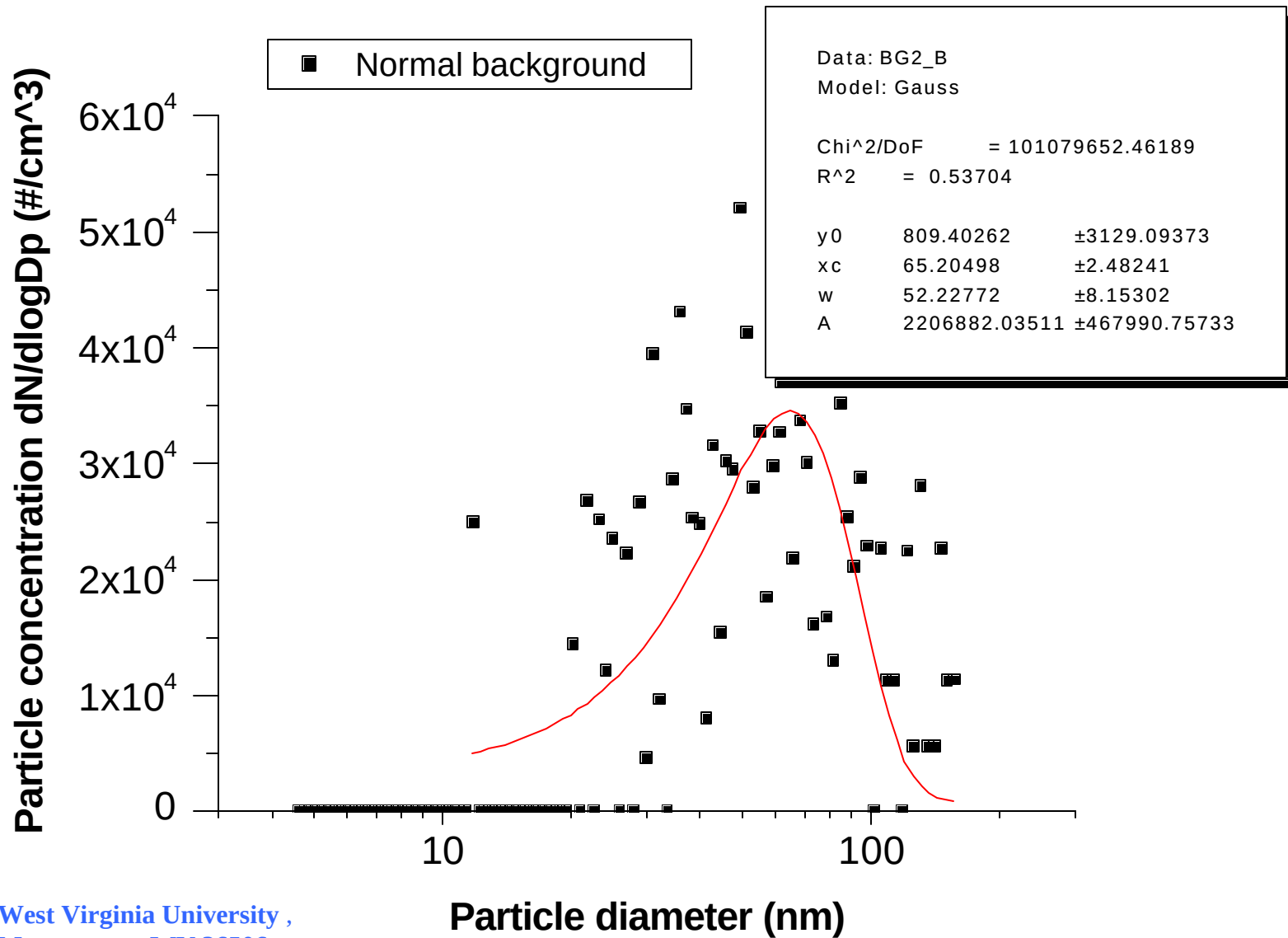
# **WVU/Lubrizol-ECS**

## **Catalyzed Filter and Oxidation Catalyst**

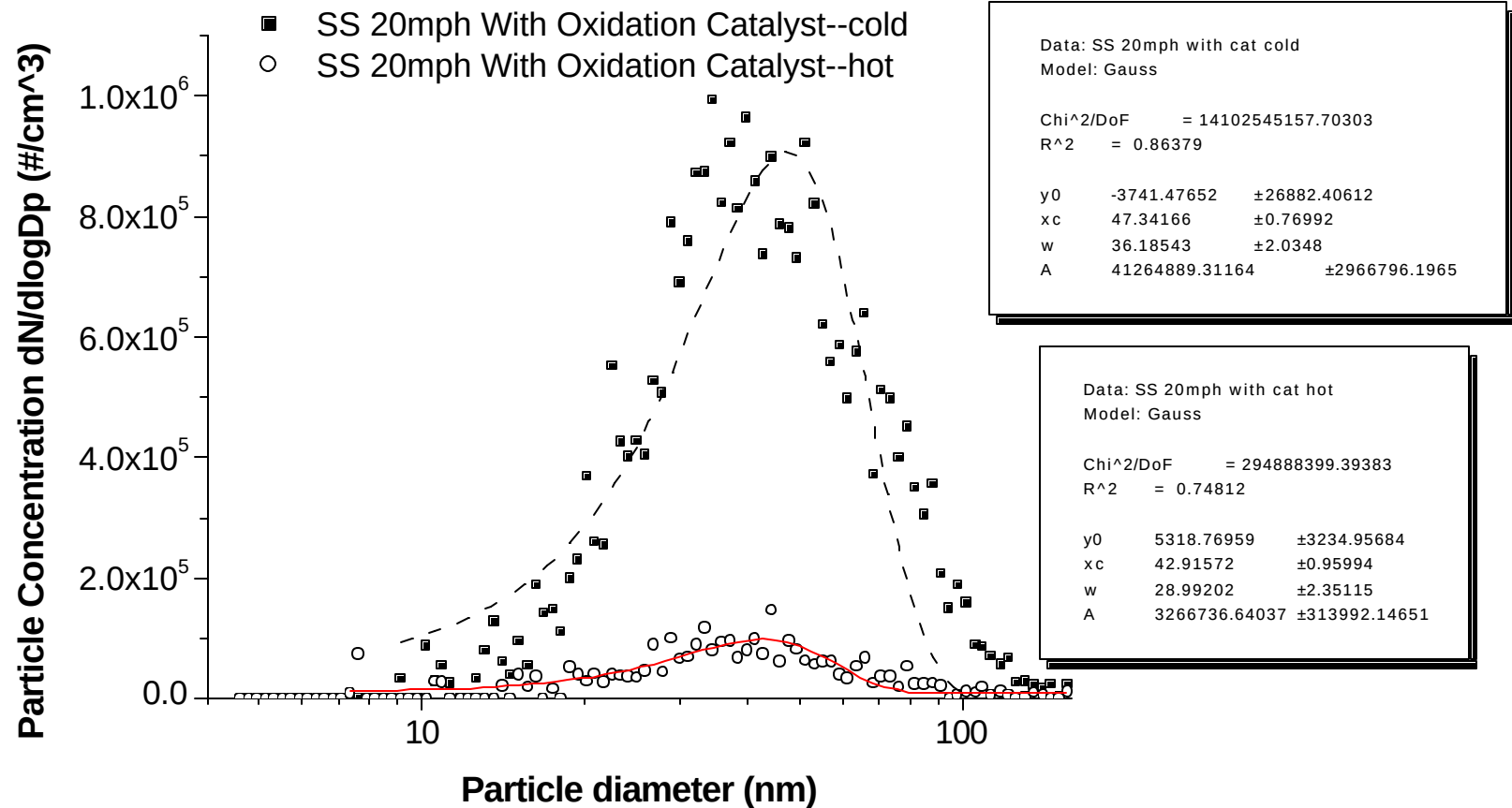
- **Diesel Particulate Filter**
  - Silicon Carbide segmented honeycomb (11.25 in x 12 in)
  - 200 square CPI cell density
  - Pt coated on proprietary wash-coat for passive regeneration over duty cycles producing exhaust temperature 280°C - 320°C for >25% of the time
- **Oxidation Catalyst**
  - Cordierite monolith (10.5 in x 6 in)
  - 400 square CPI cell density
  - Pd coated on proprietary wash-coat



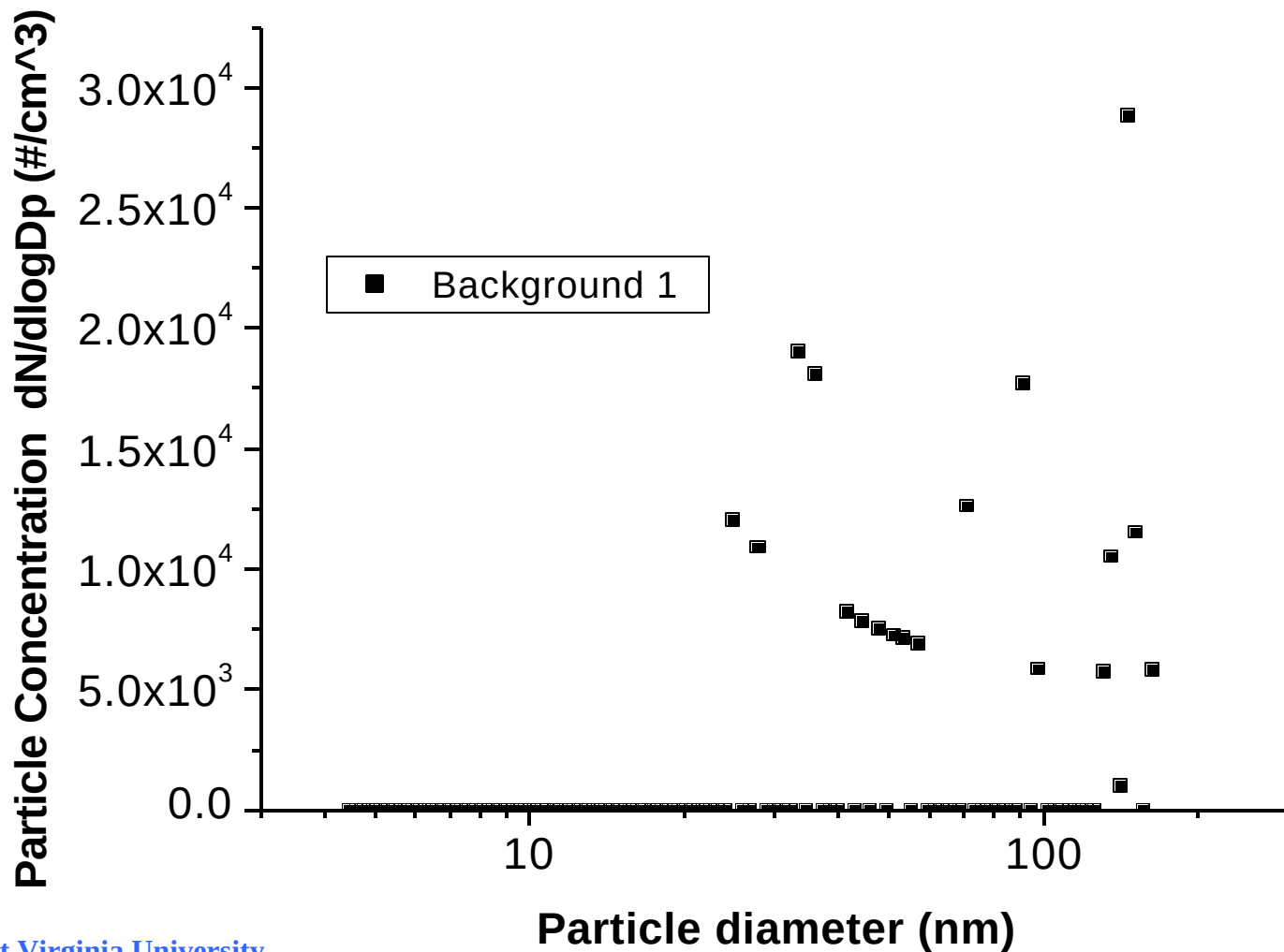
# Tunnel Background (Round 1)



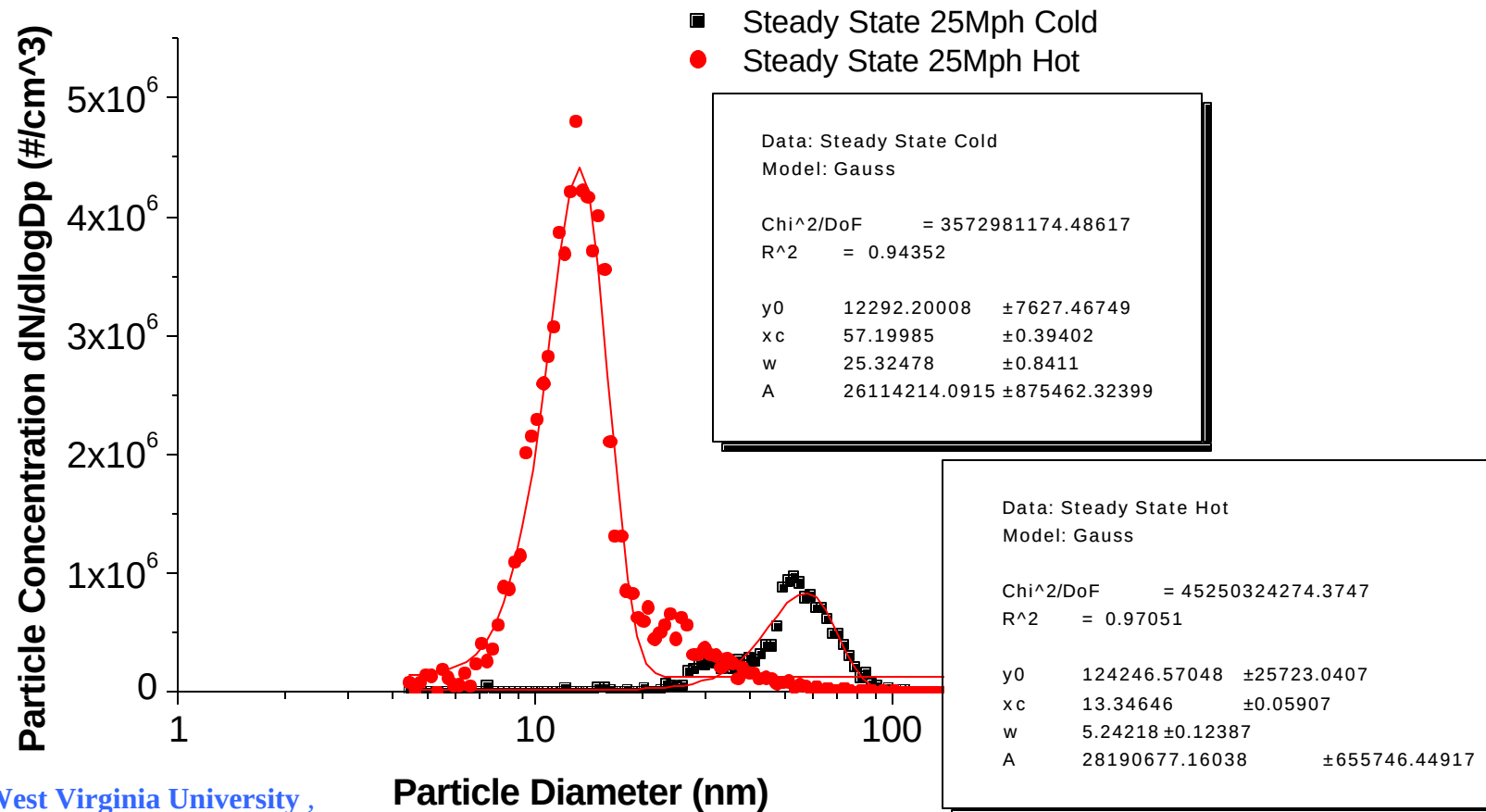
# Sunline Transit Bus Steady State Operation 20 Mph With Oxidation Catalyst (Round 1)



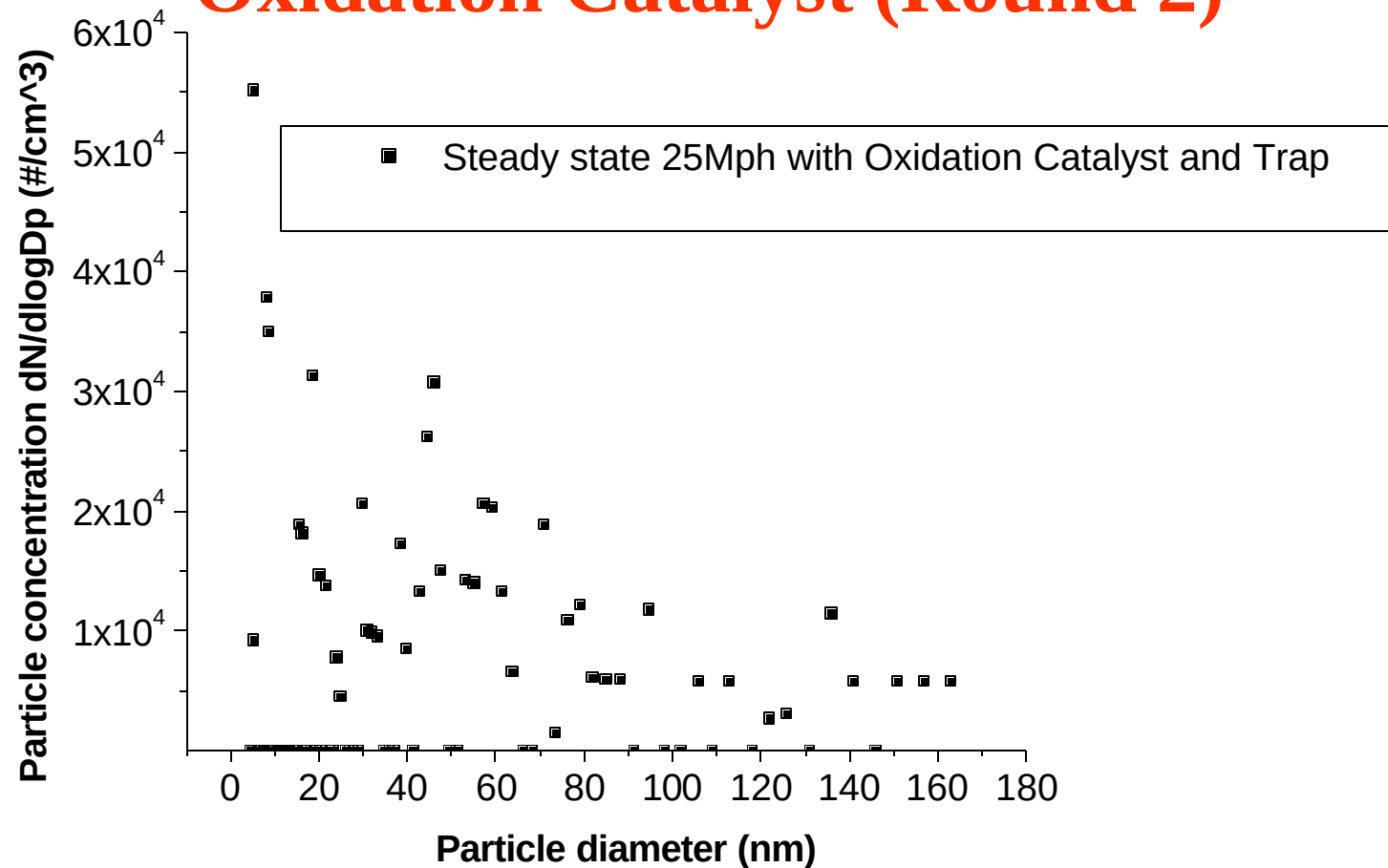
# Tunnel Background (Round 2)



# Sunline Transit Bus Steady State Operation 25 Mph with PM Filter Only – No Oxidation Catalyst (Round 2)



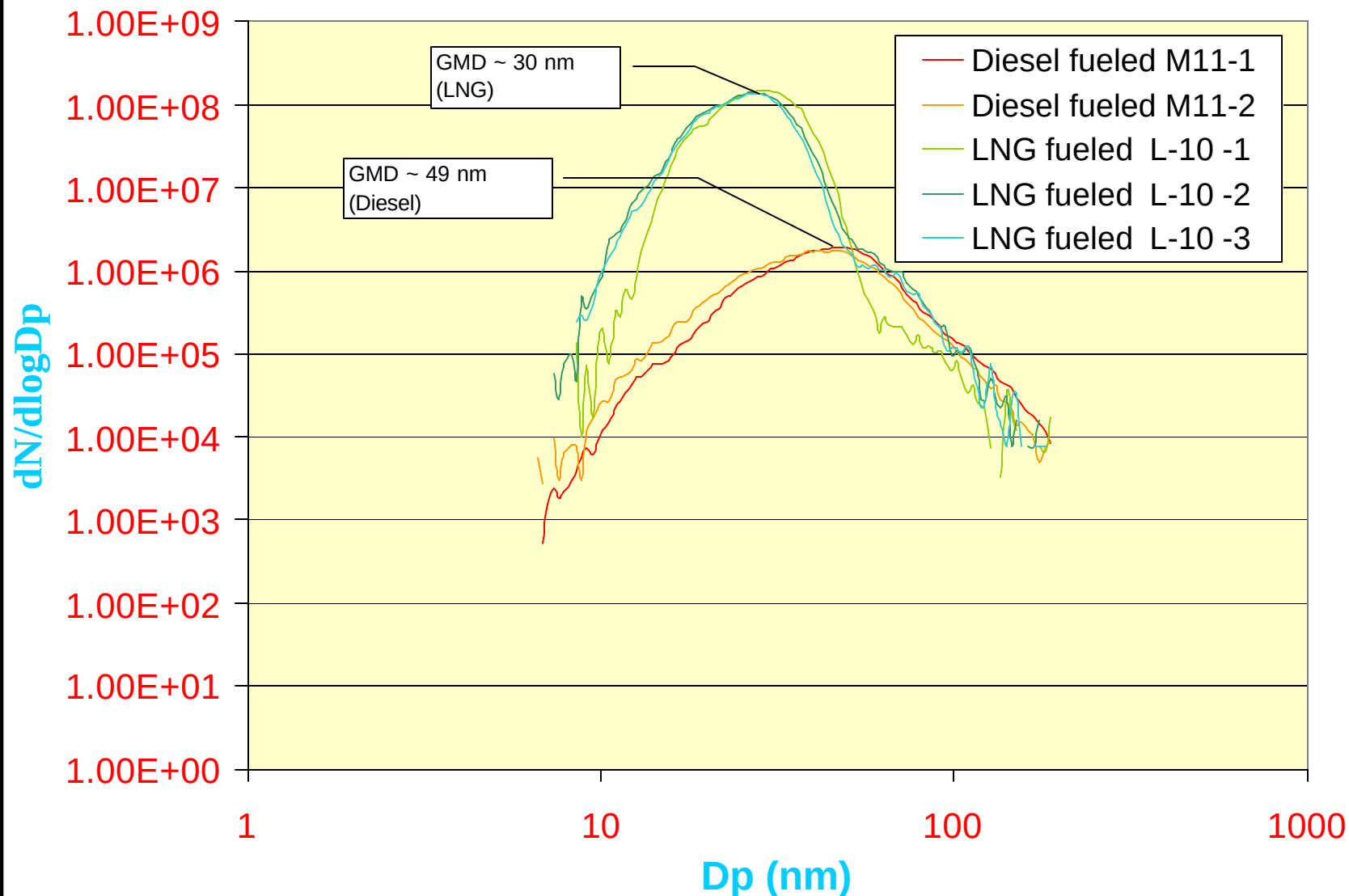
# Sunline Transit Bus Steady State Operation 25 Mph with PM Filter and Oxidation Catalyst (Round 2)



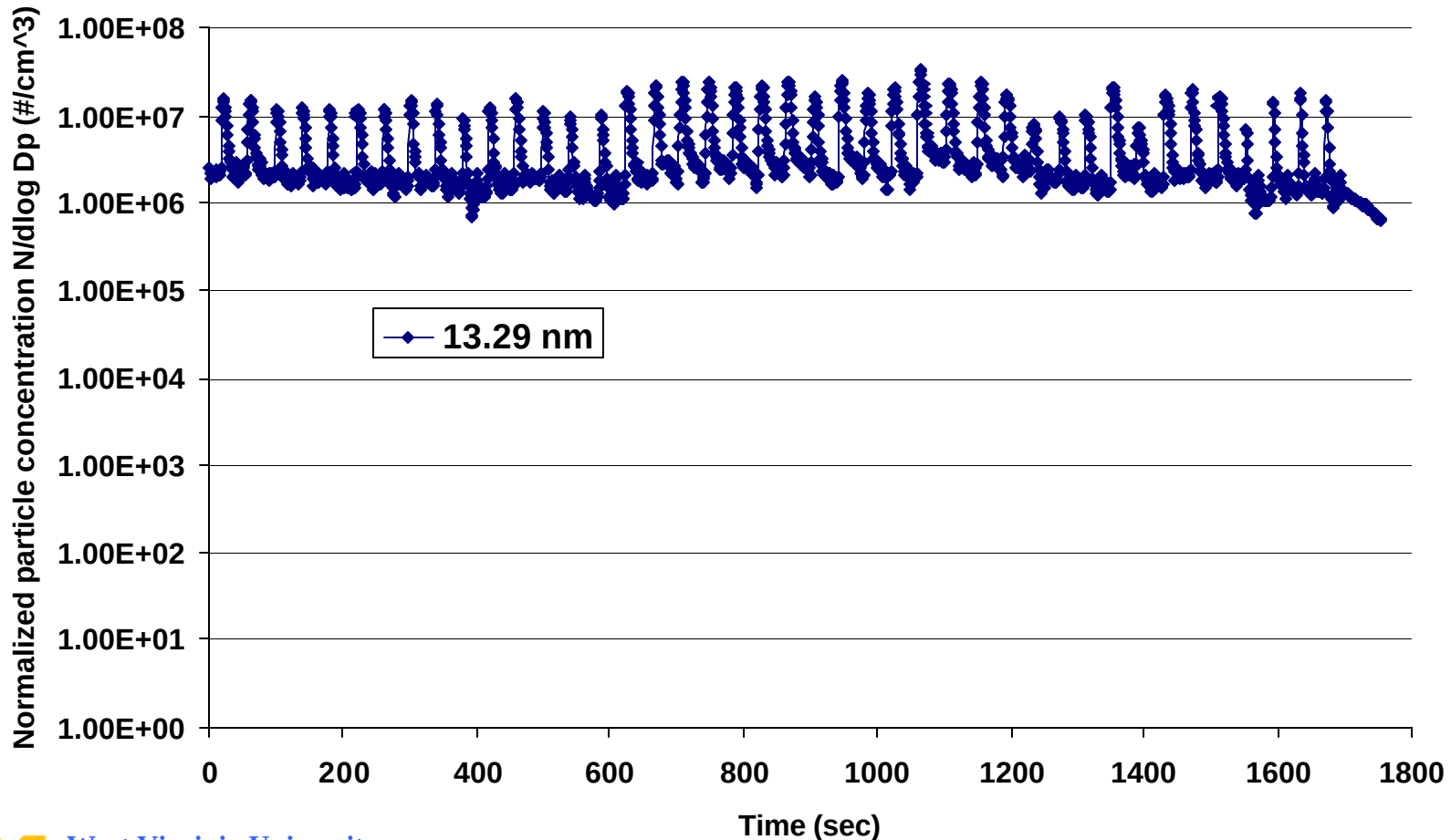


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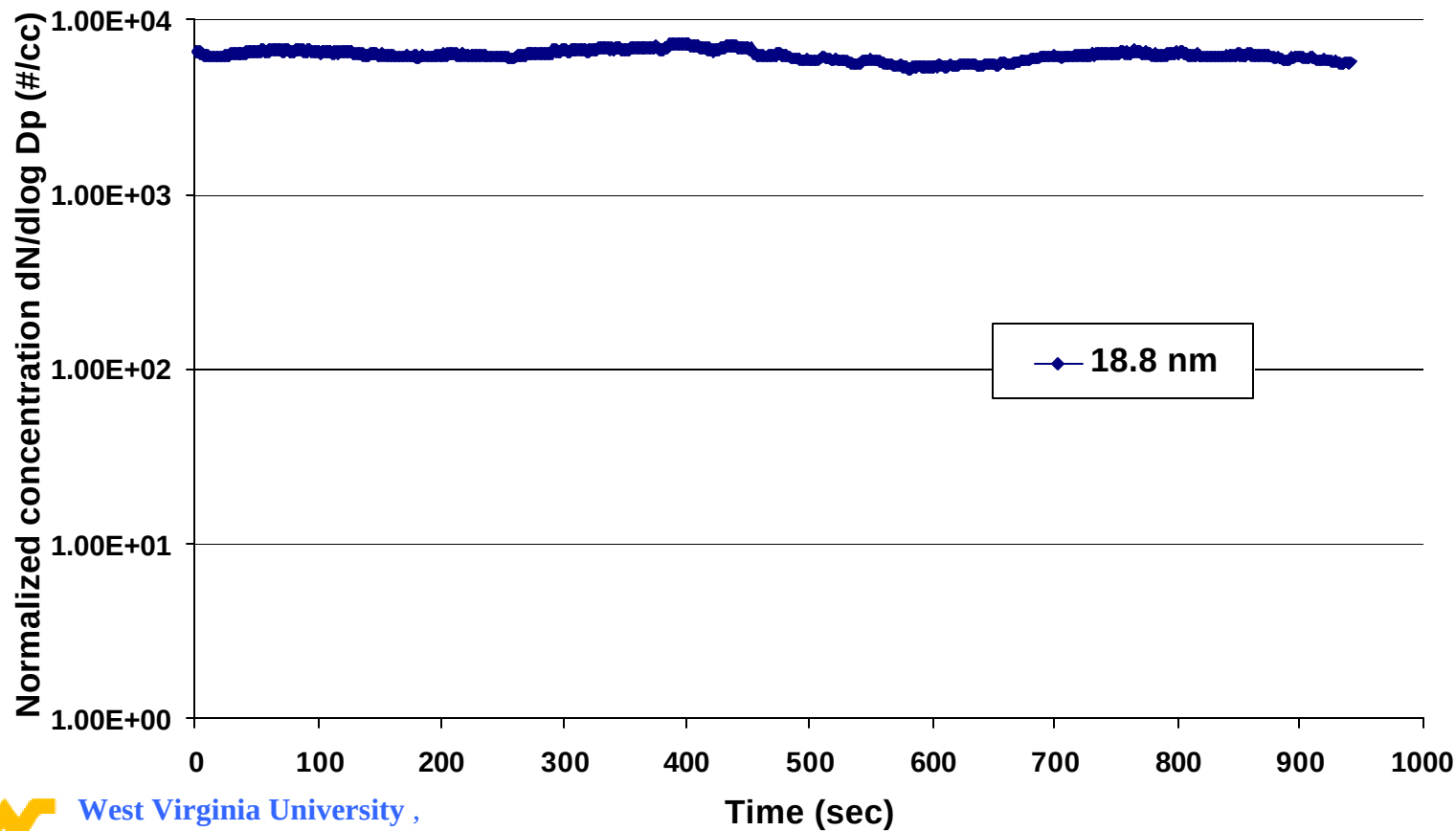
# Comparison of Particle Size Distributions LNG-fueled and Diesel-fueled Transit Buses



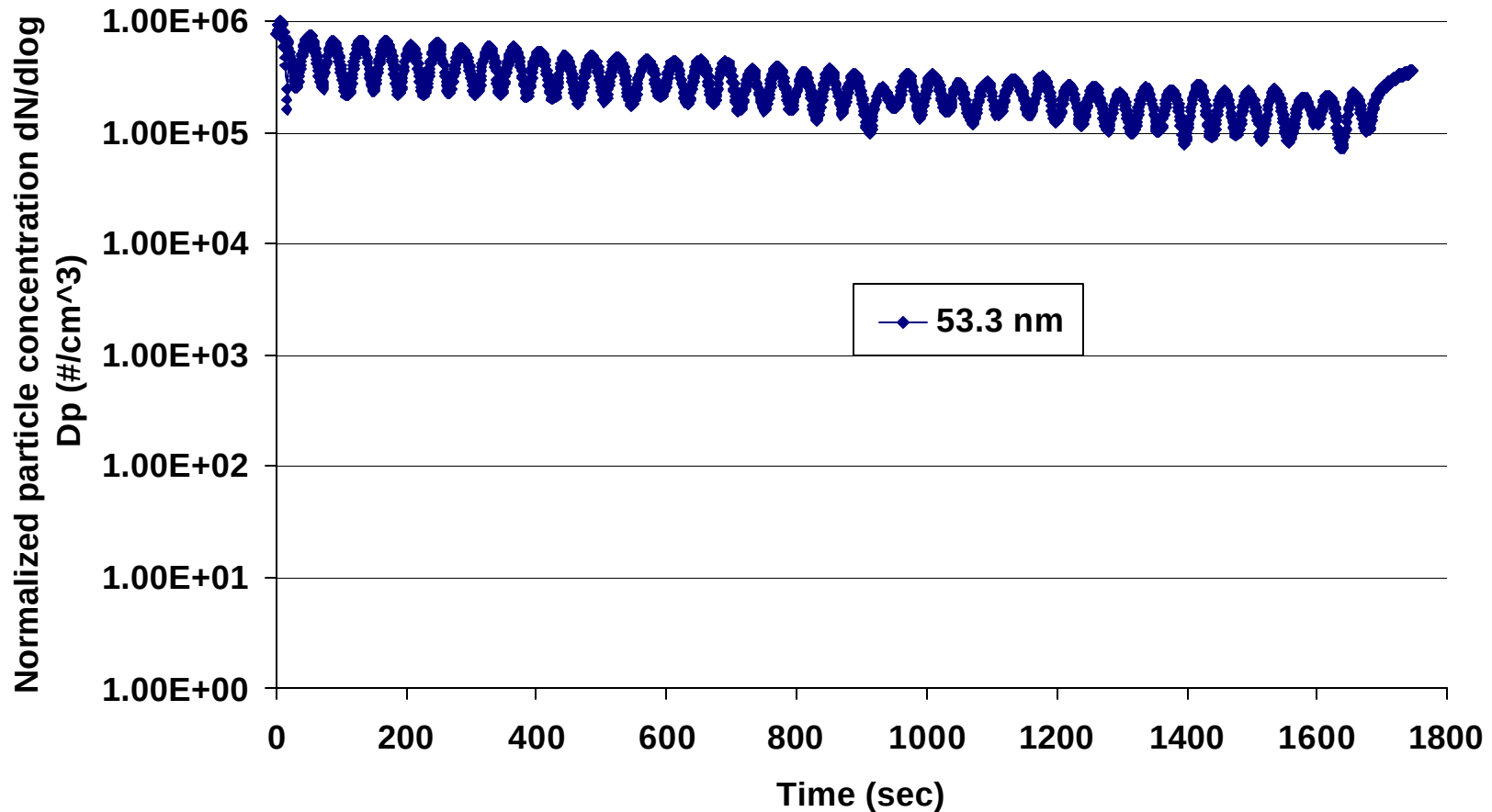
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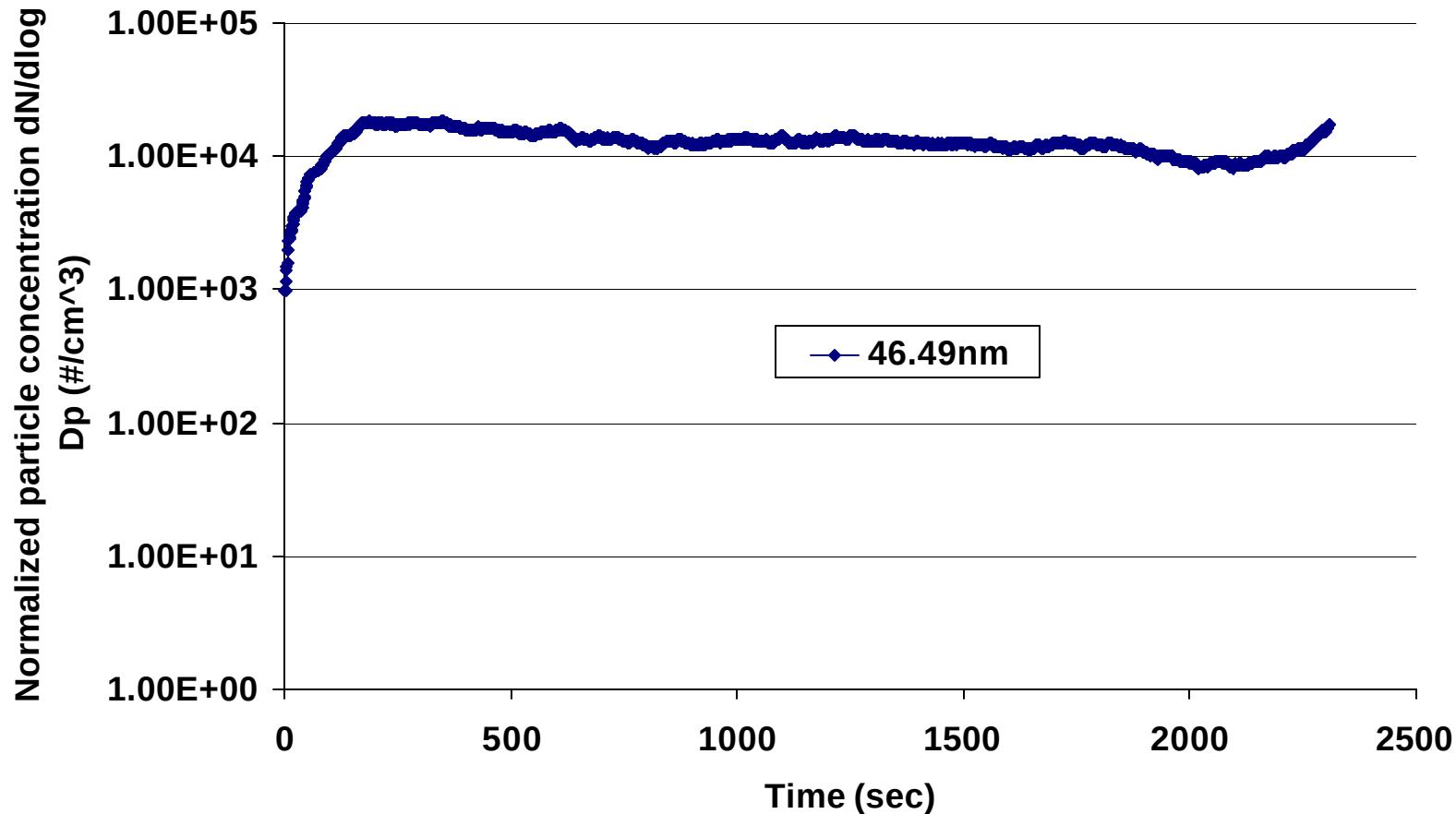
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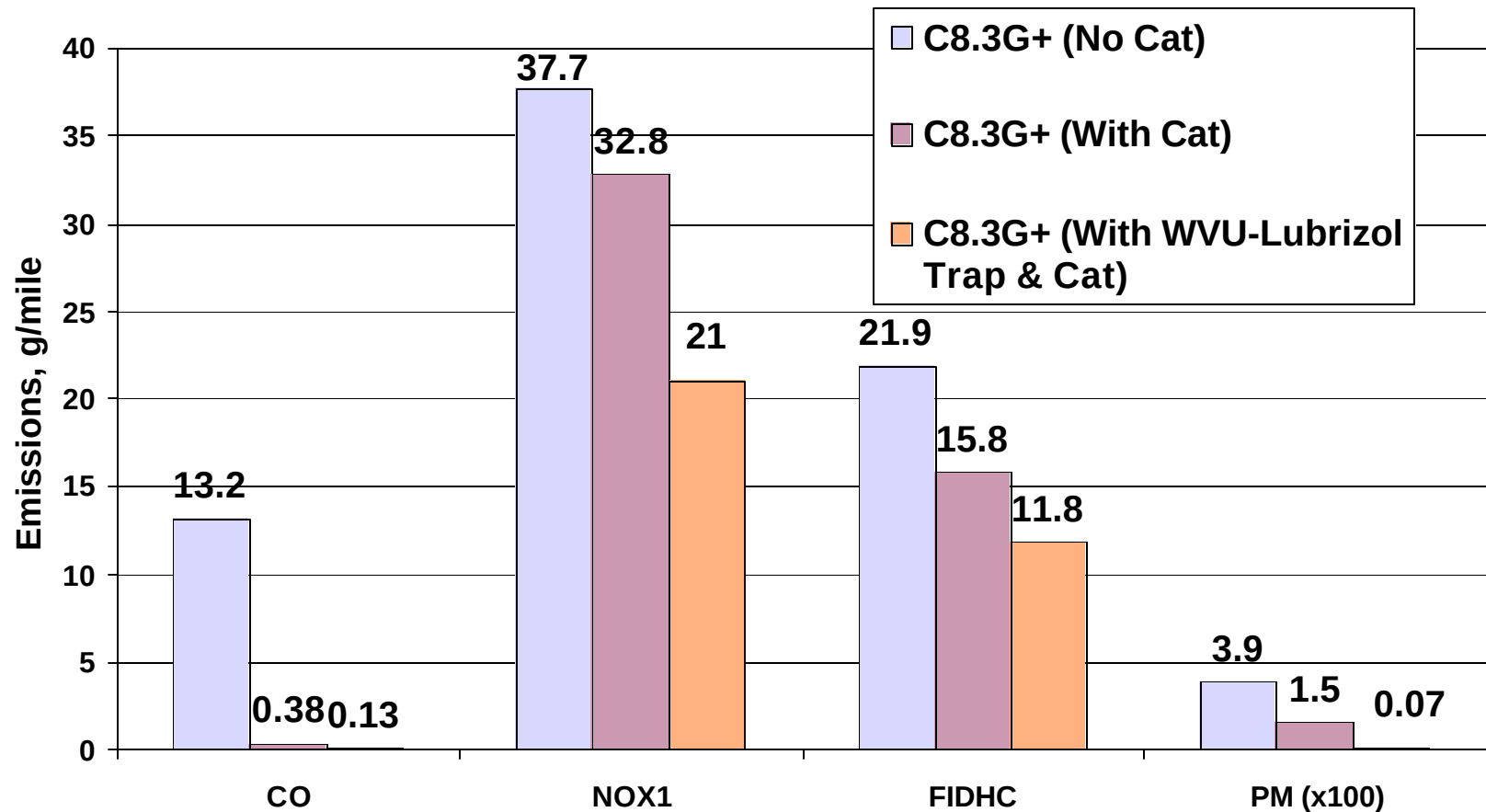
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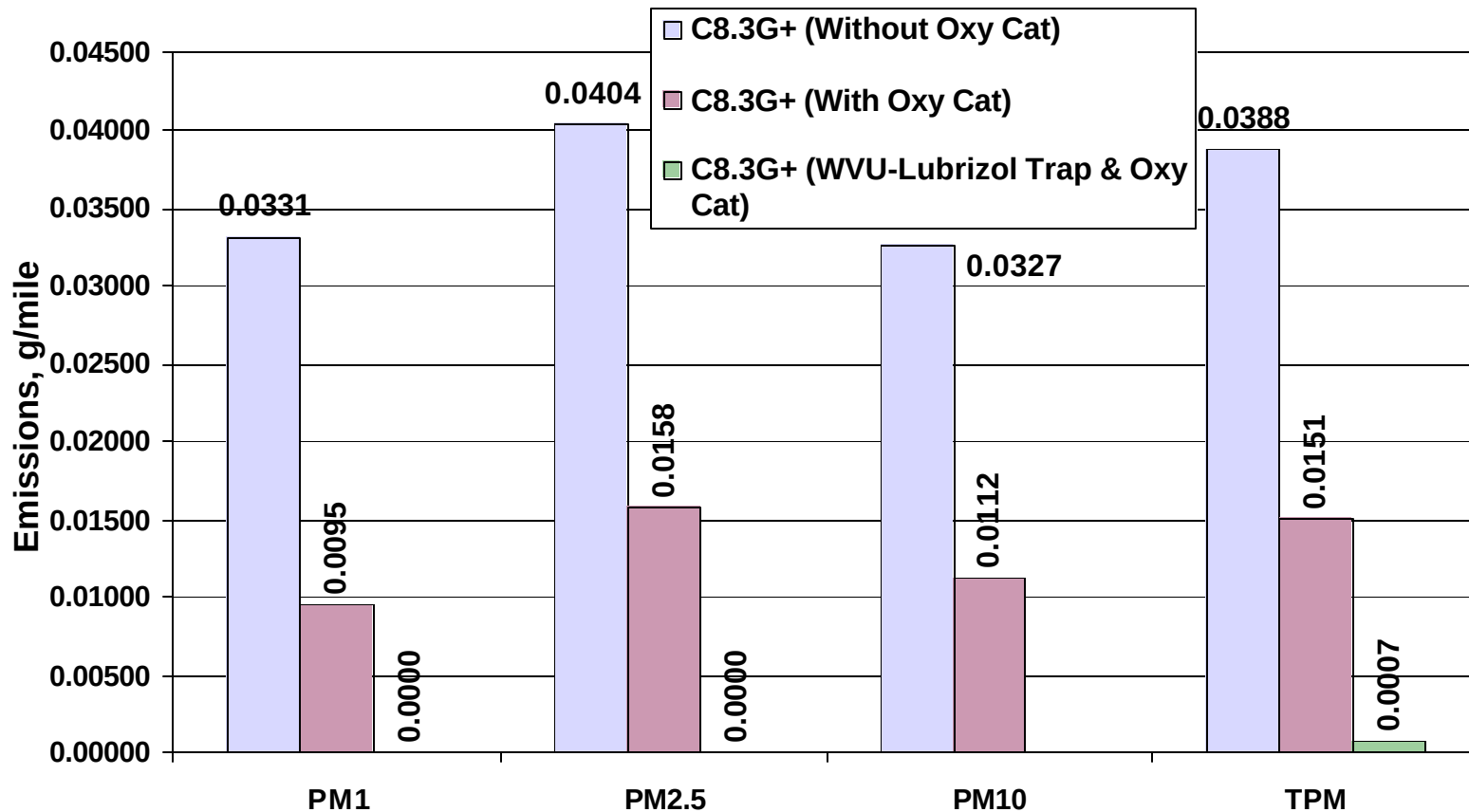
# Regulated Emissions



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Bars are Average of 3  
Replicate Runs

# Total PM Emissions



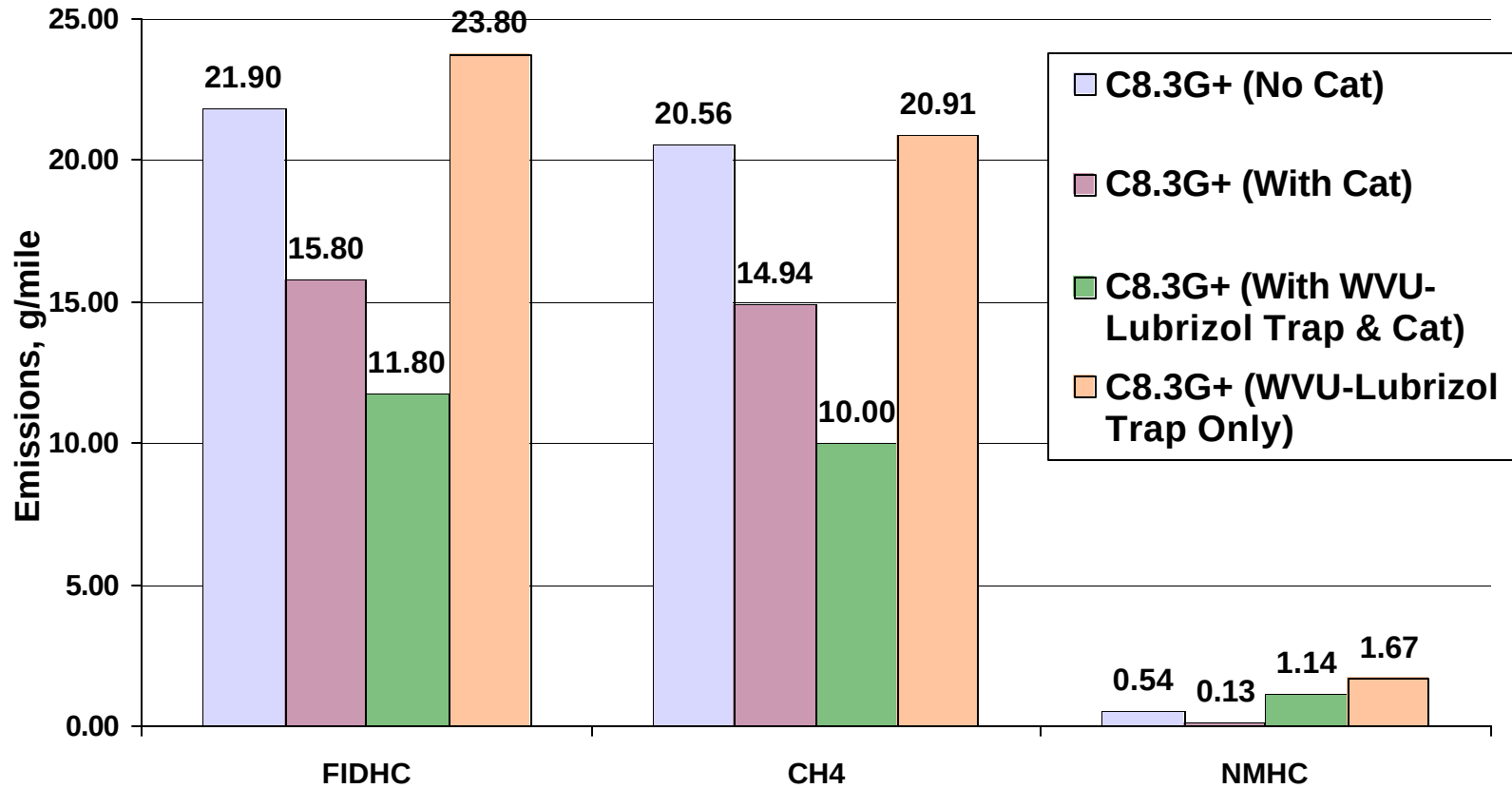
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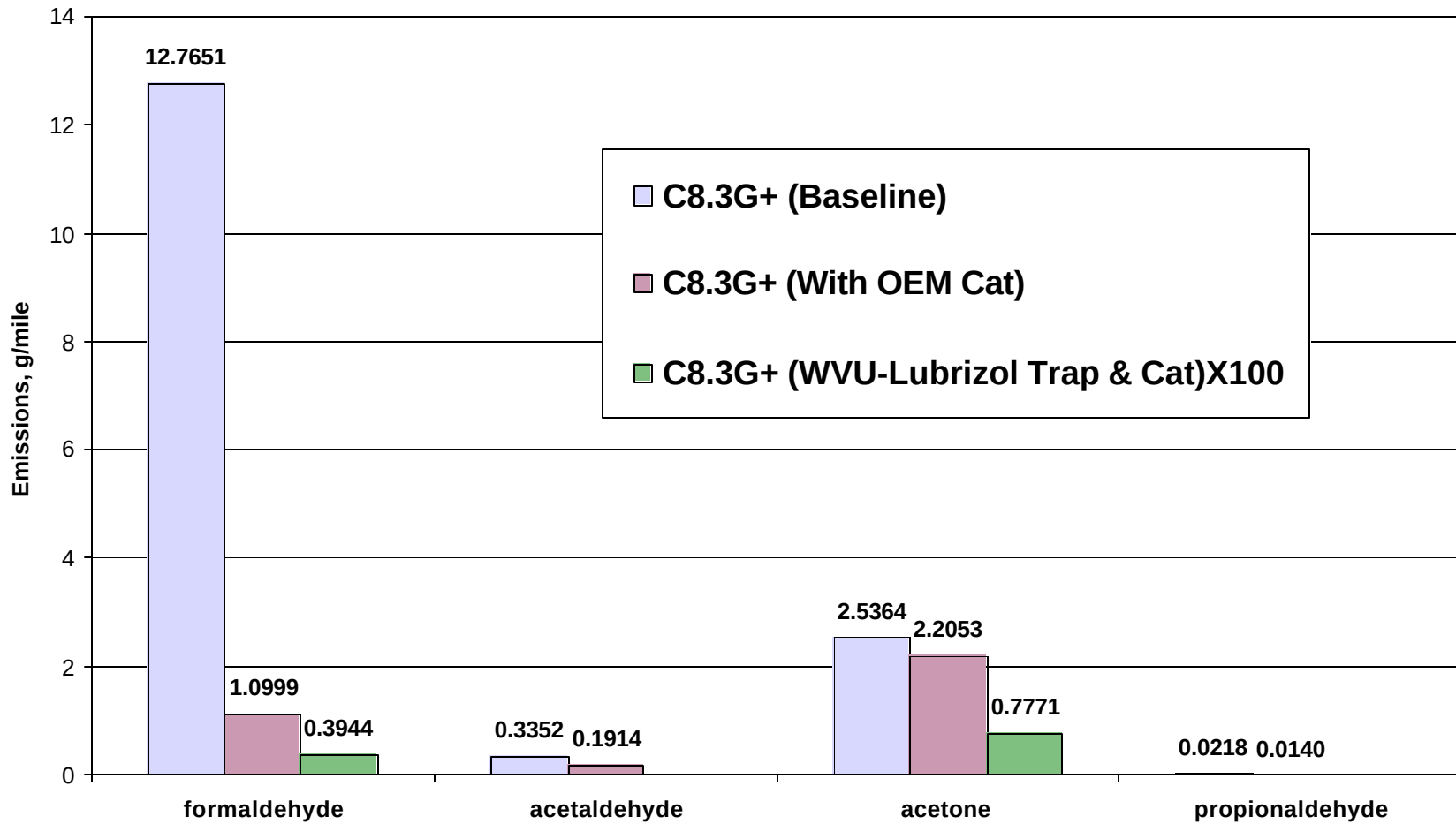
# Methane and Non-Methane Hydrocarbons



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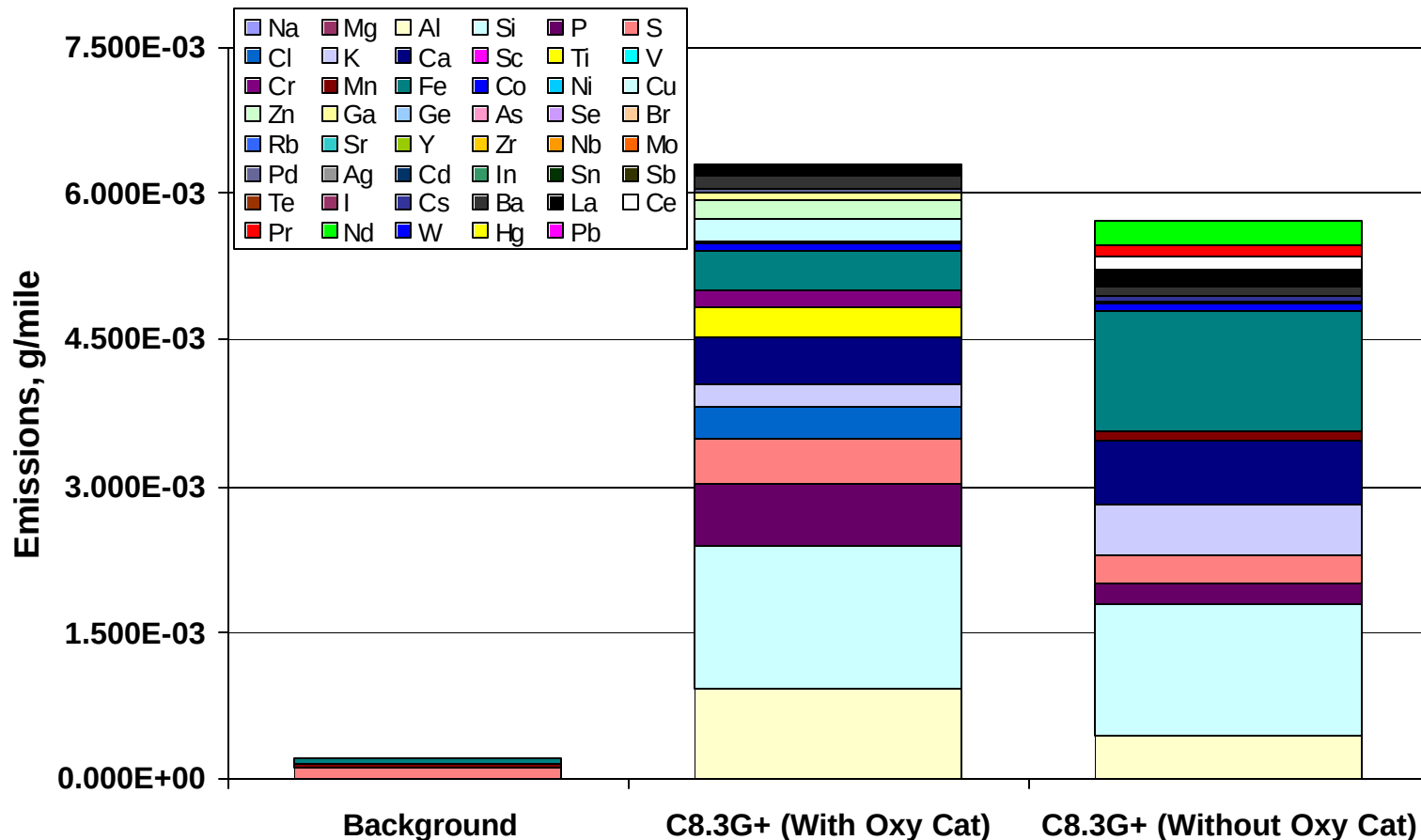
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# Carbonyls



# XRF Chemical Elements

C8.3G+ (with WVU-Lubrizol Trap & OC: Non-Detectable)



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