

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?

**With
DPF**

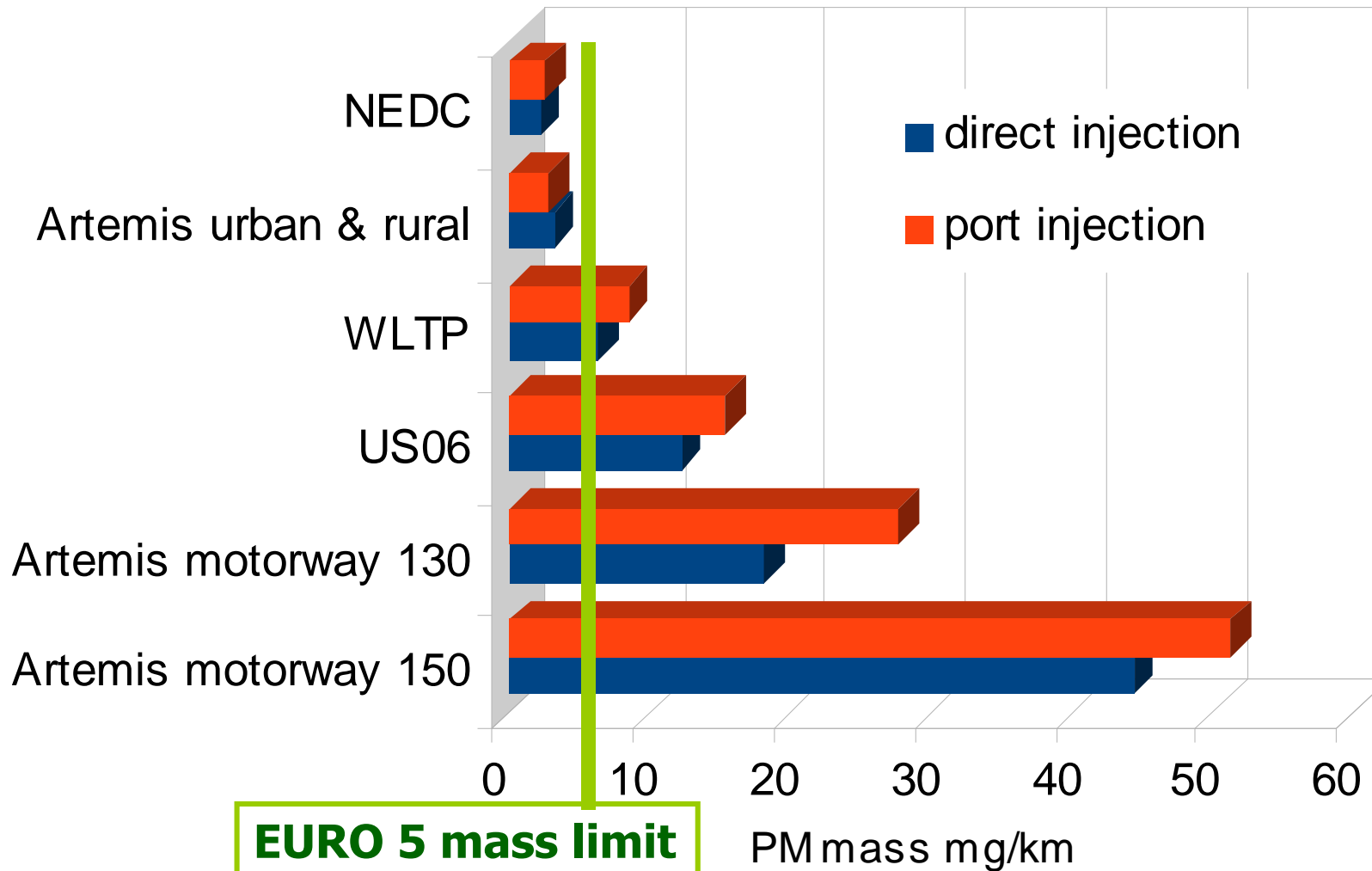
**Euro 5 with no DPF
(Prague, CZ)**

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

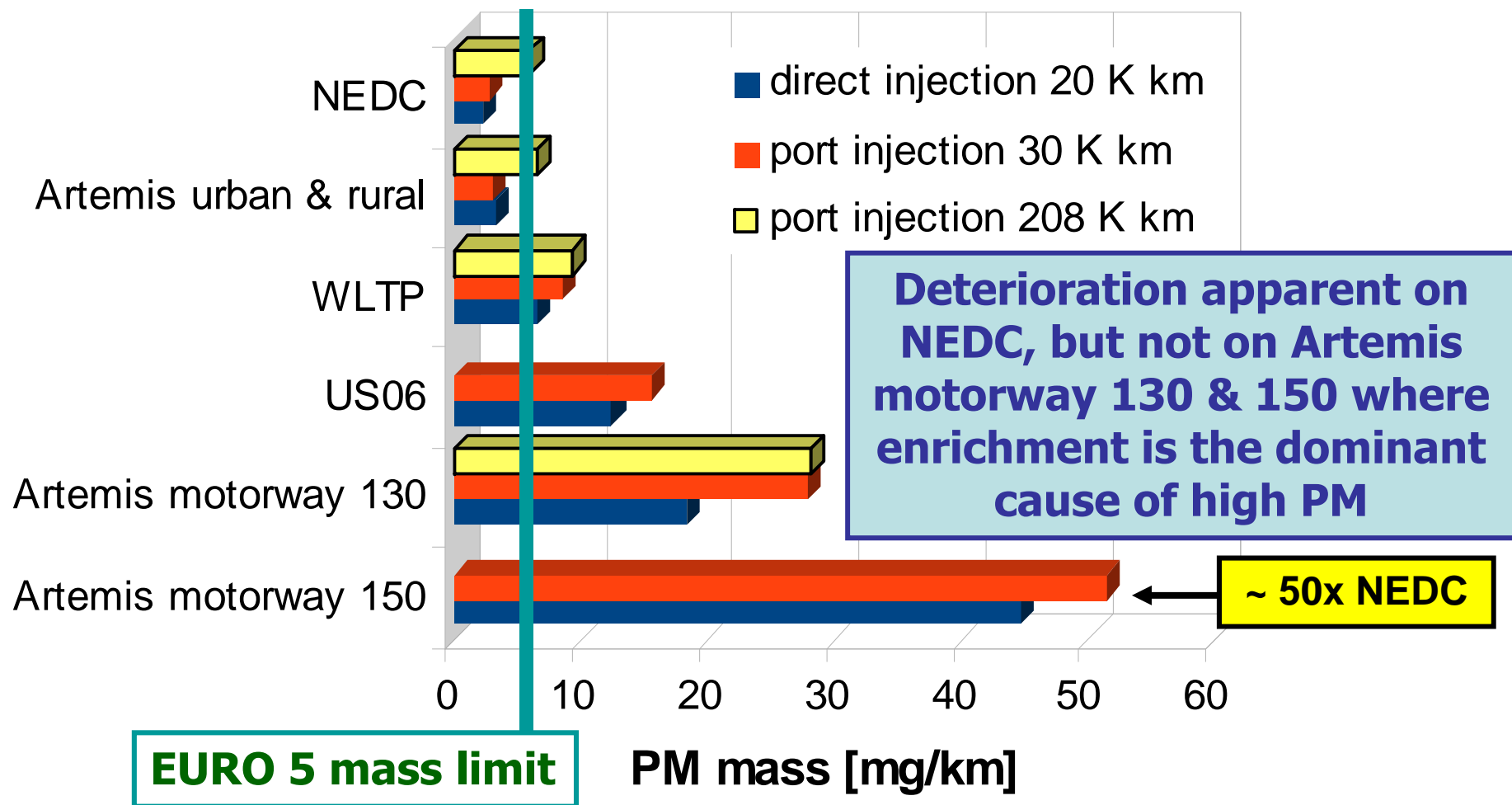
PM mass mg/km

Gasoline PM: deterioration vs. enrichment effects

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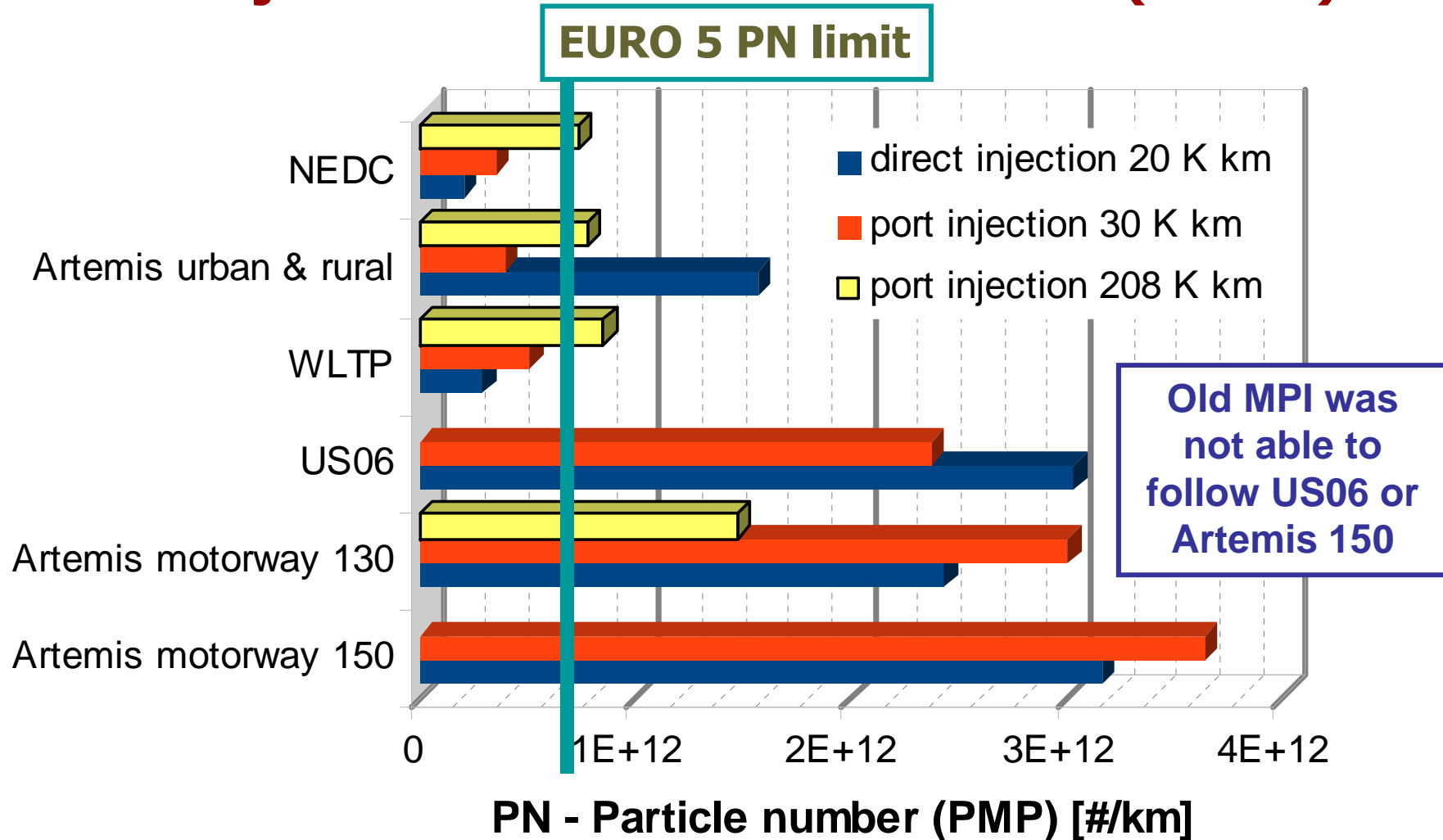


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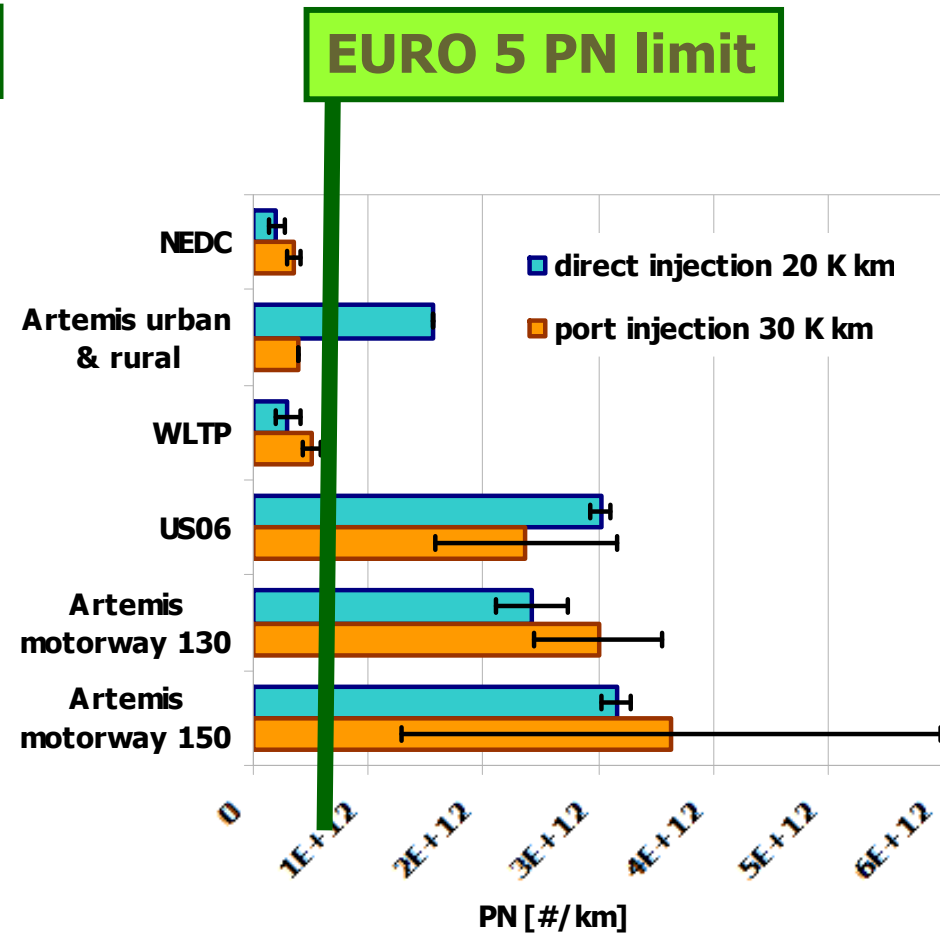
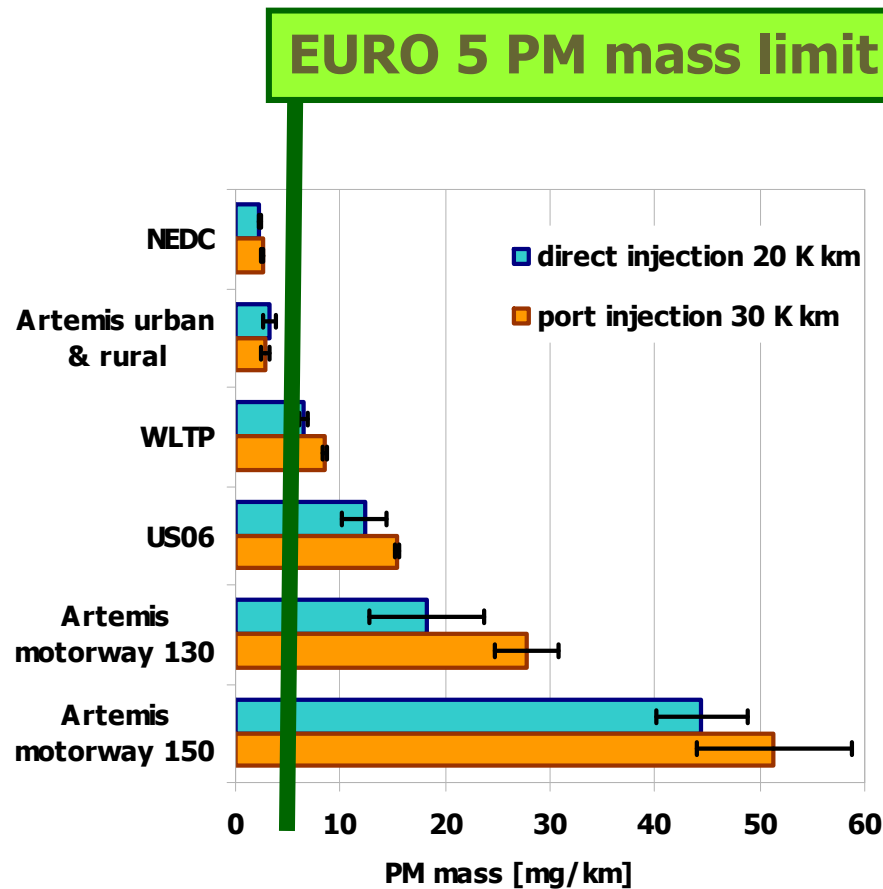
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Gasoline engine PM: Choice of cycles

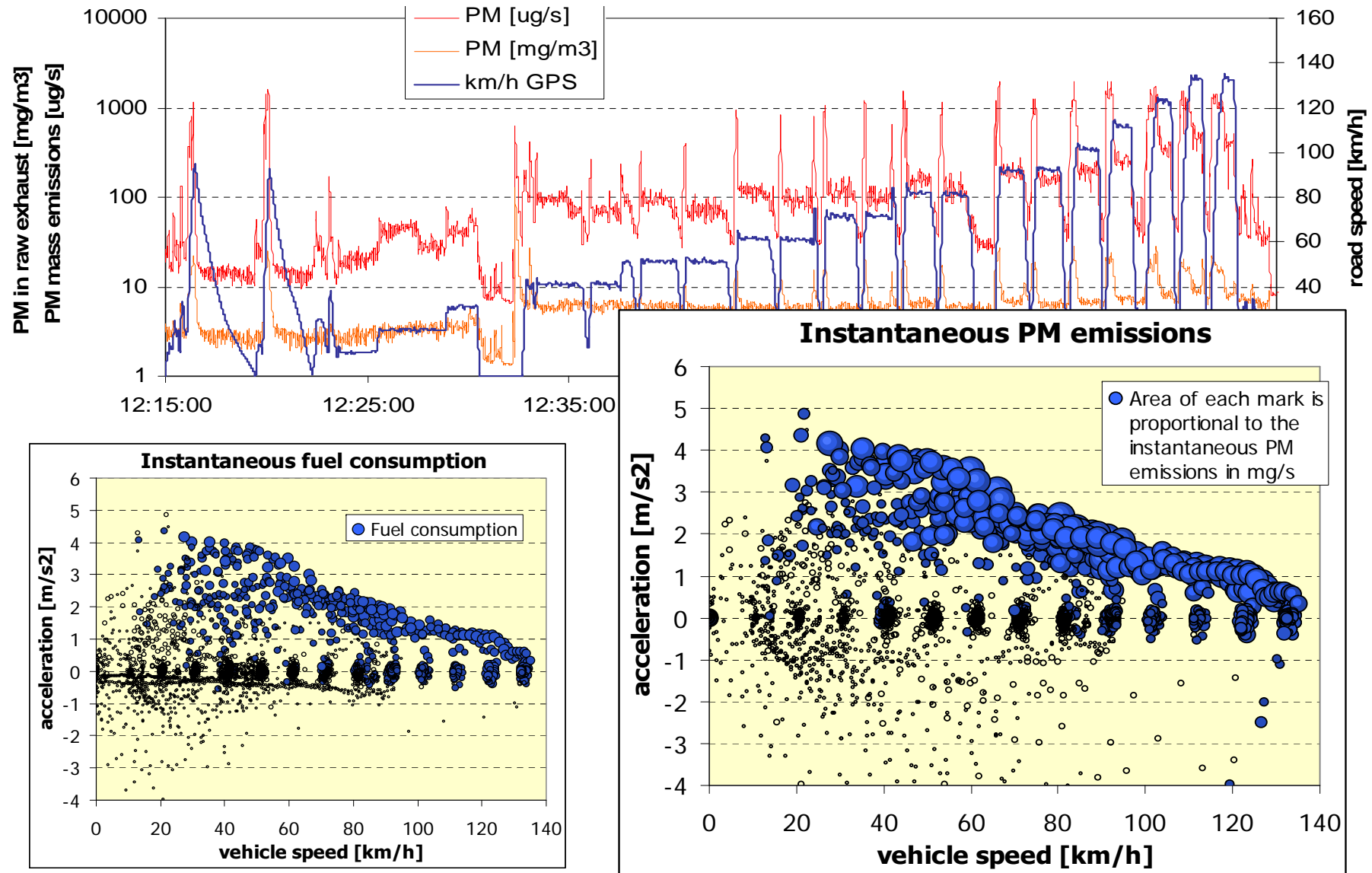
WLTP is “not as lame as NEDC”, but does it cover the problem – enrichment at high load (prohibited by EPA)?
US06 and Artemis motorway cycles as a supplement?



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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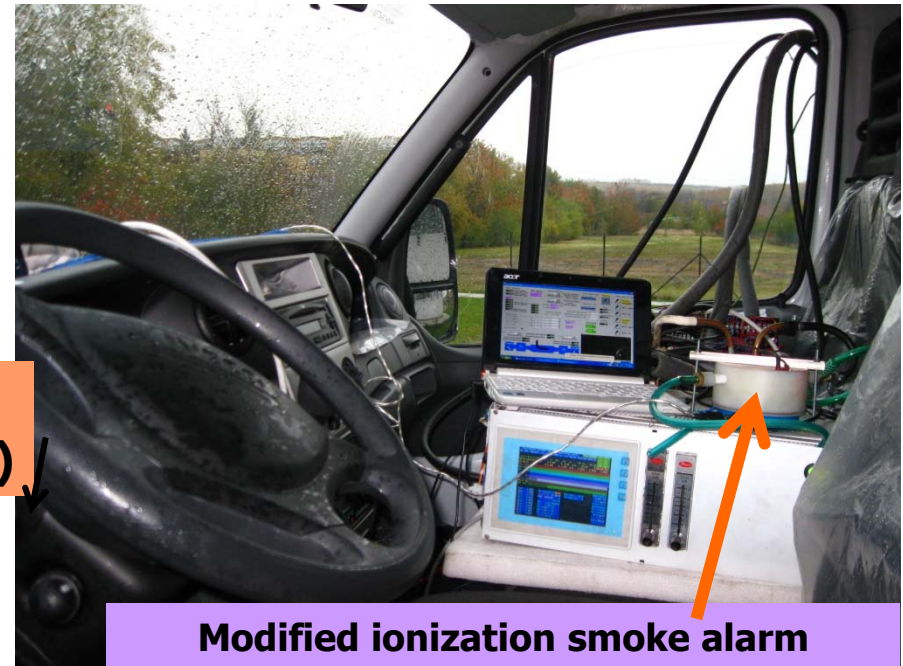


**Only direct exhaust
emissions considered here.
Non-engine & secondary
emissions not considered.**

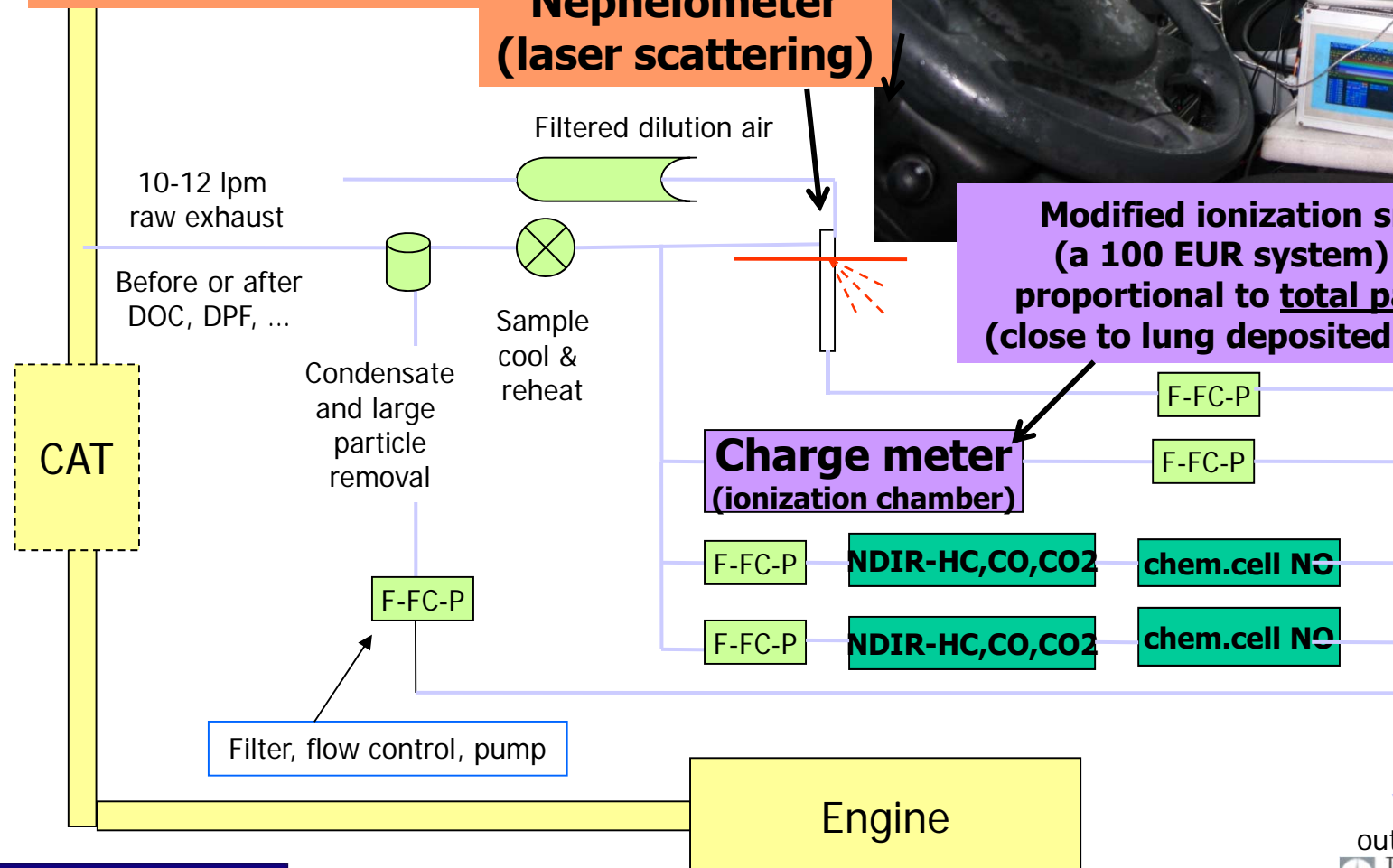
Low-cost on-board monitoring system designed & used by the author: **Analytical hardware**

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

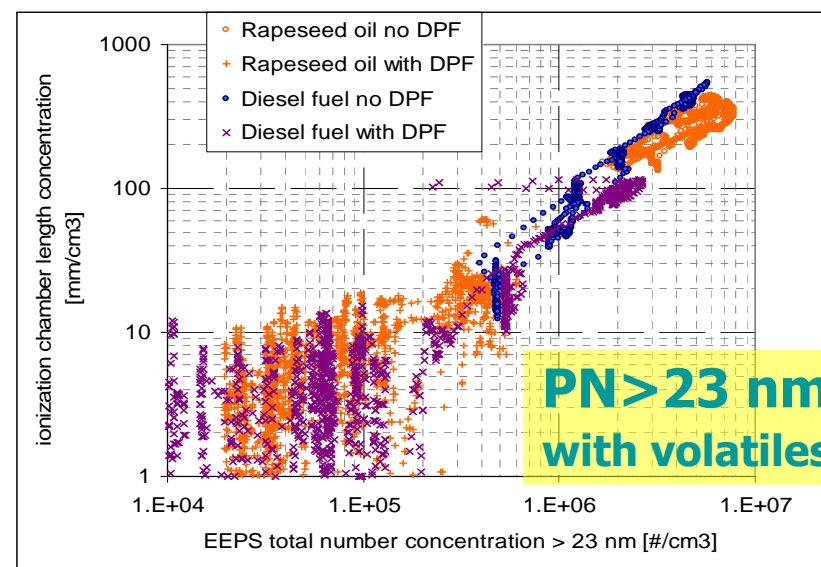
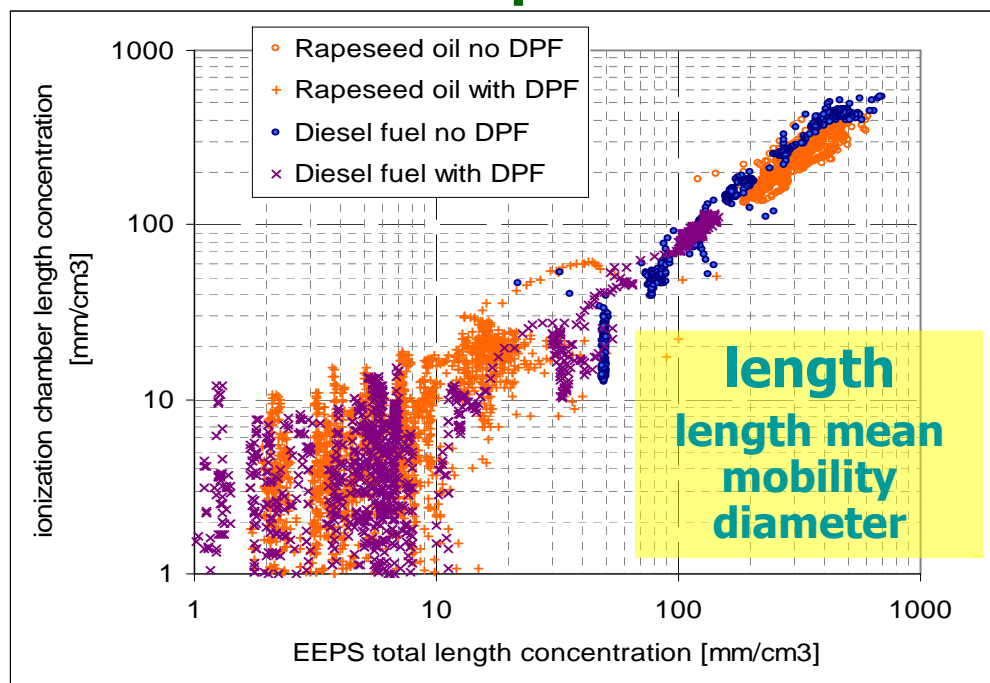
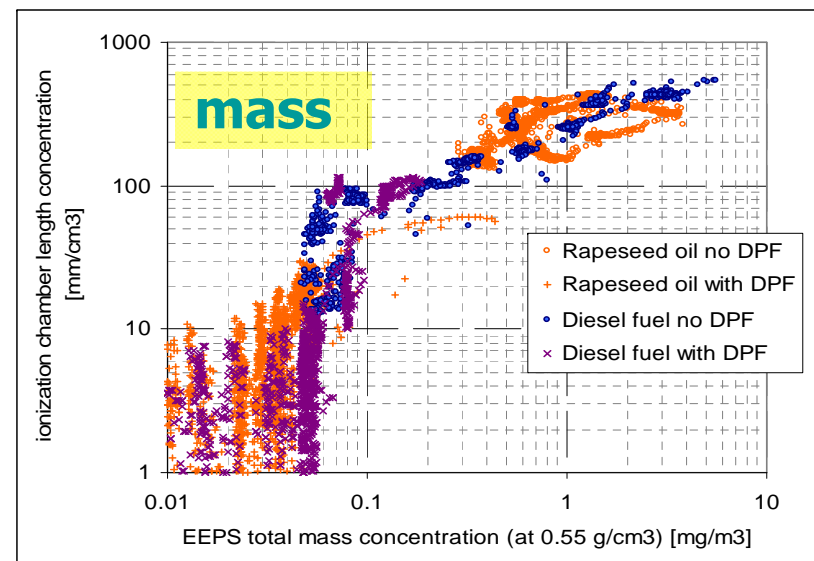
0.1 g/kWh PM engine, various fuels and modes, EC 1%-79%
reference: EEPS sampling from dilution tunnel



heated ionization
"smoke detector"
undiluted raw exhaust
(multiplied by intake air flow for
comparison measurements)

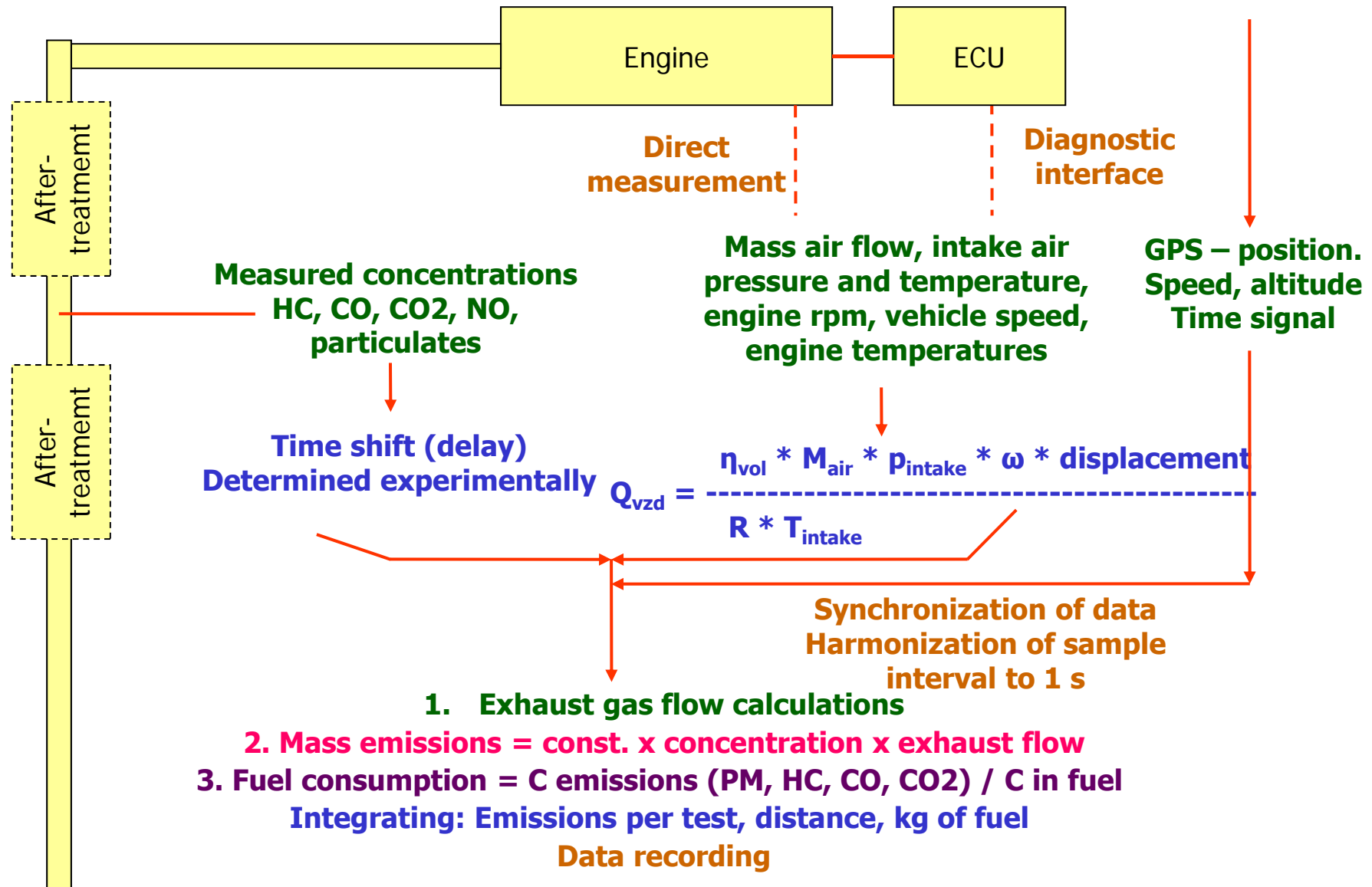
~ 0.1 mg/m³
sensitivity

cheap (100 EUR)
"poor man's PEMS"

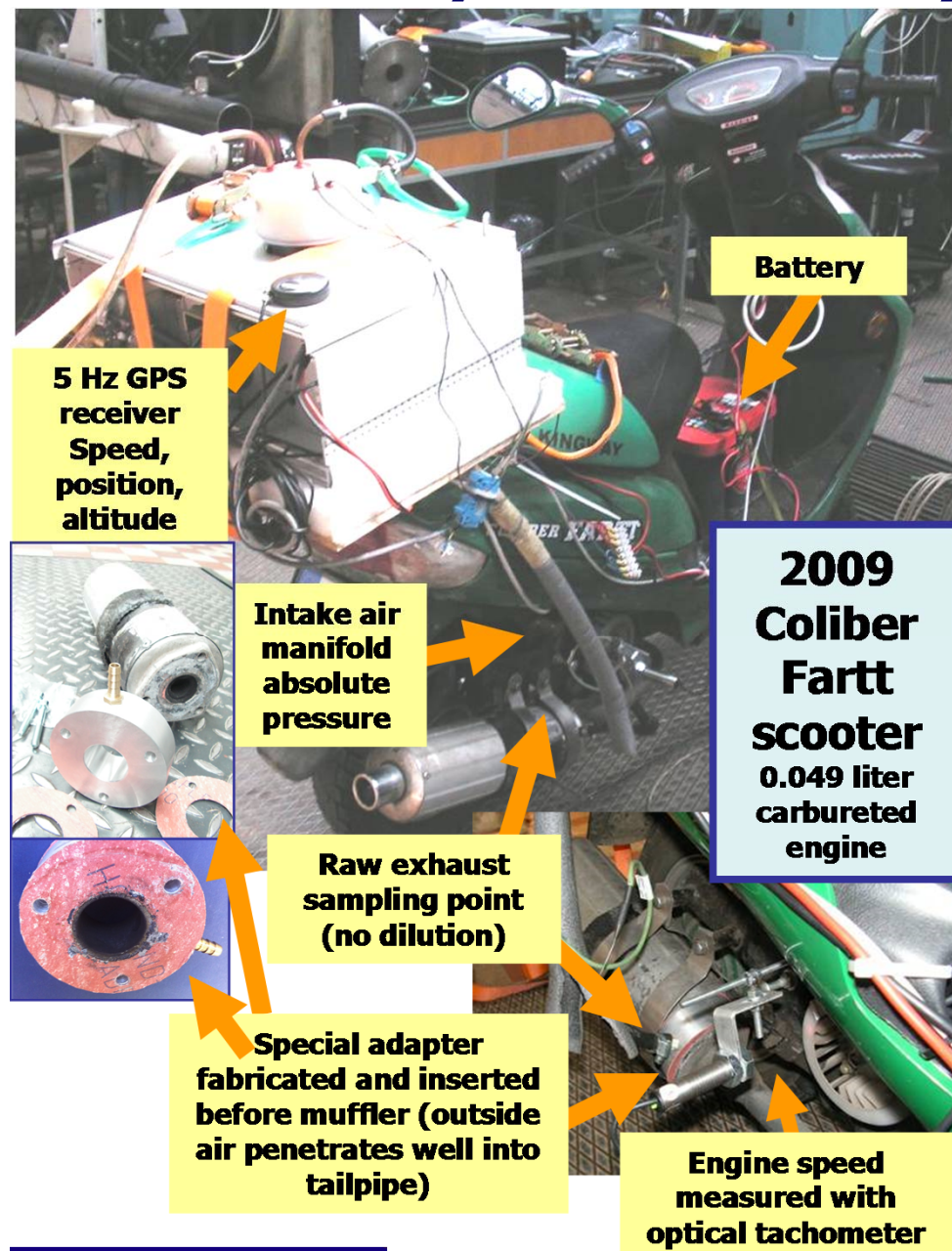


Low-cost on-board system overview

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



On-board system versatility: Motorcycle to locomotive



Portable proportional sampling

Diluted sample flow through filter is constant (20-50 dm³/min).

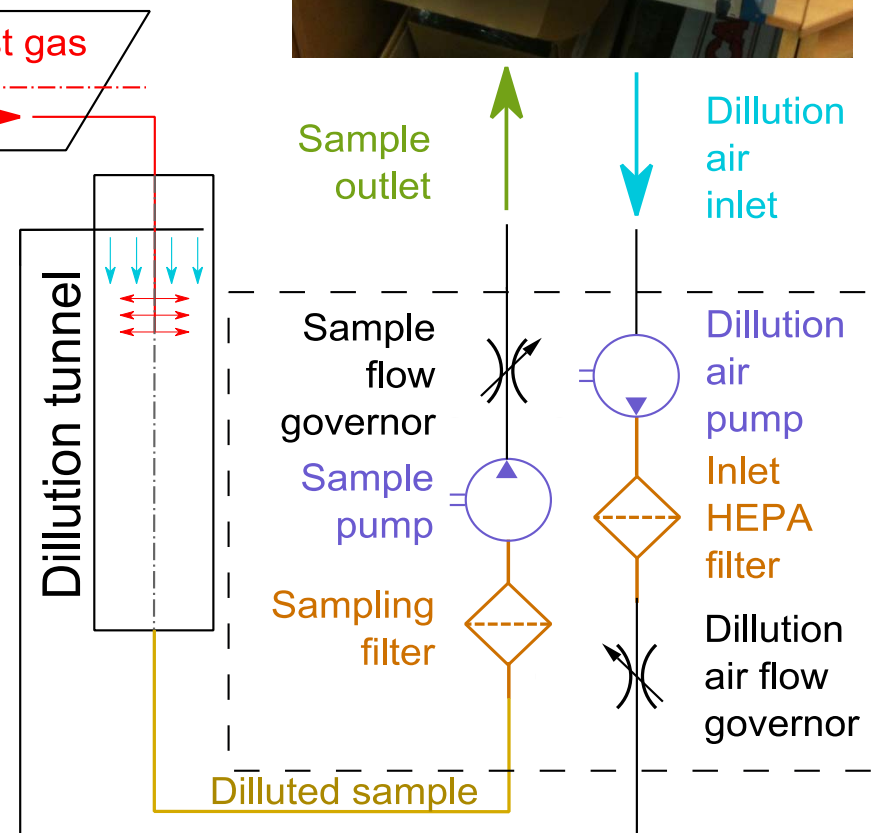
Dilution air flow is regulated so that raw exhaust flow into microdilution tunnel is proportional to the total exhaust flow.

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

Raw exhaust flow =

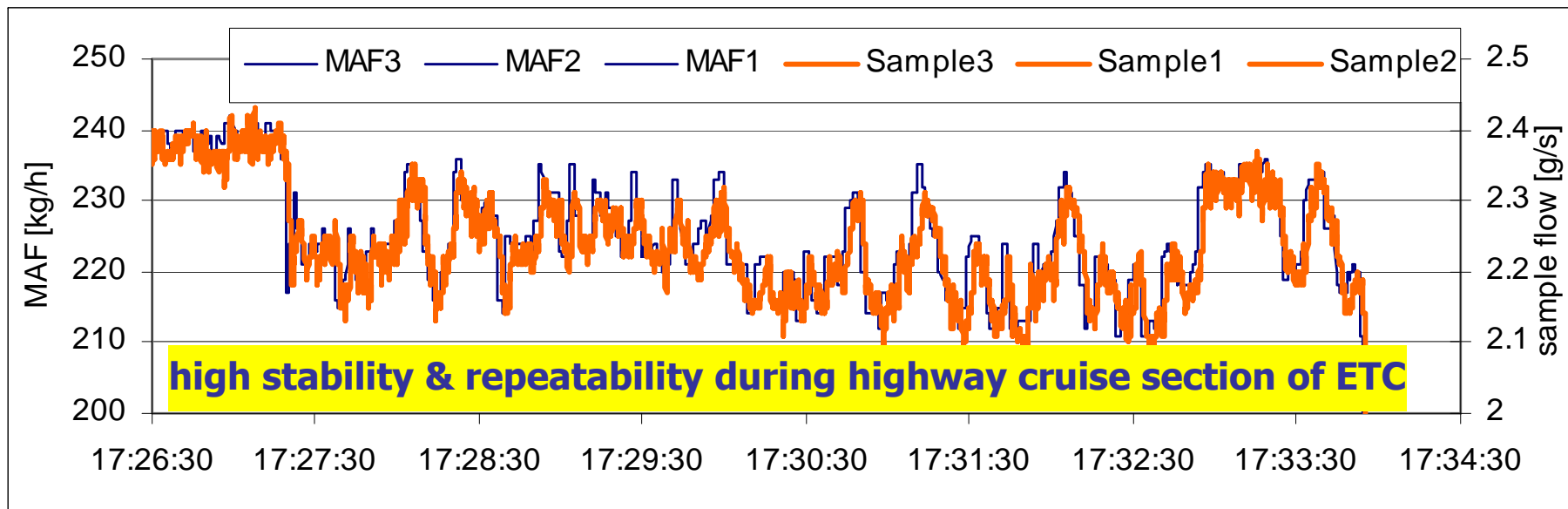
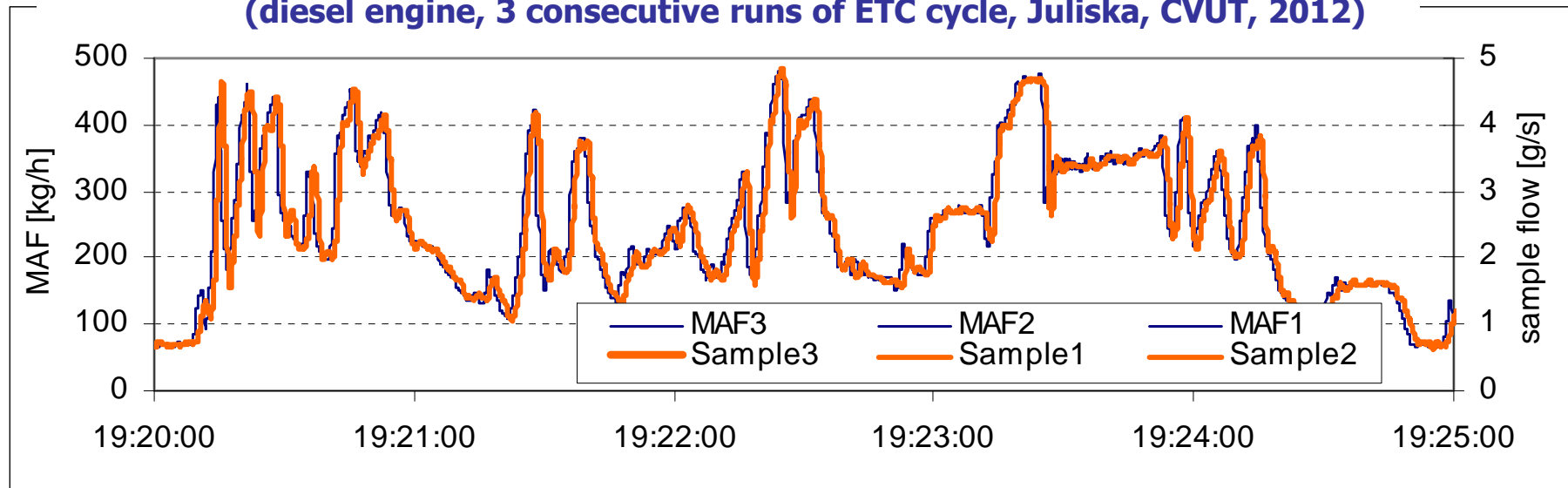
= total sample flow – dilution air flow

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

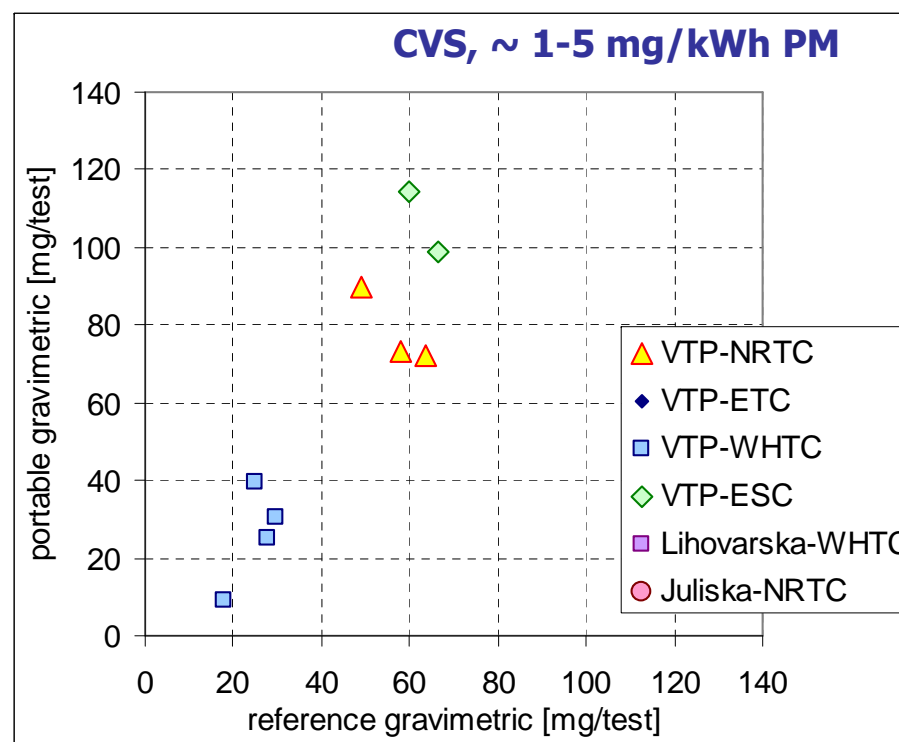
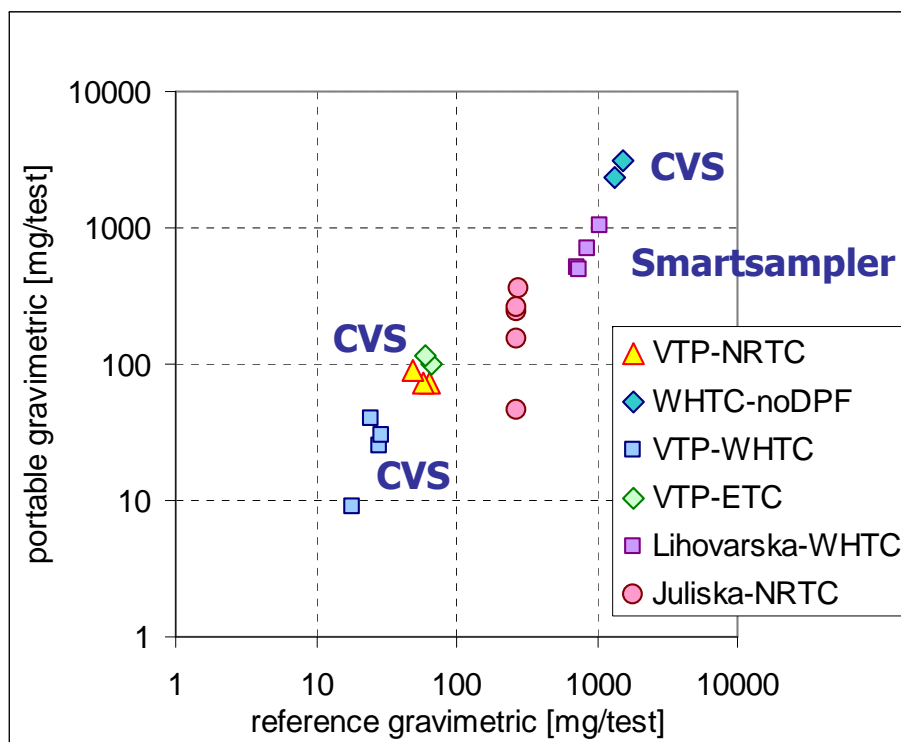
In-use diesel engines, various manufacturers, ~ 1-50 mg/kWh PM

Transient operation on engine dynamometer (NRTC, WHTC, ETC)

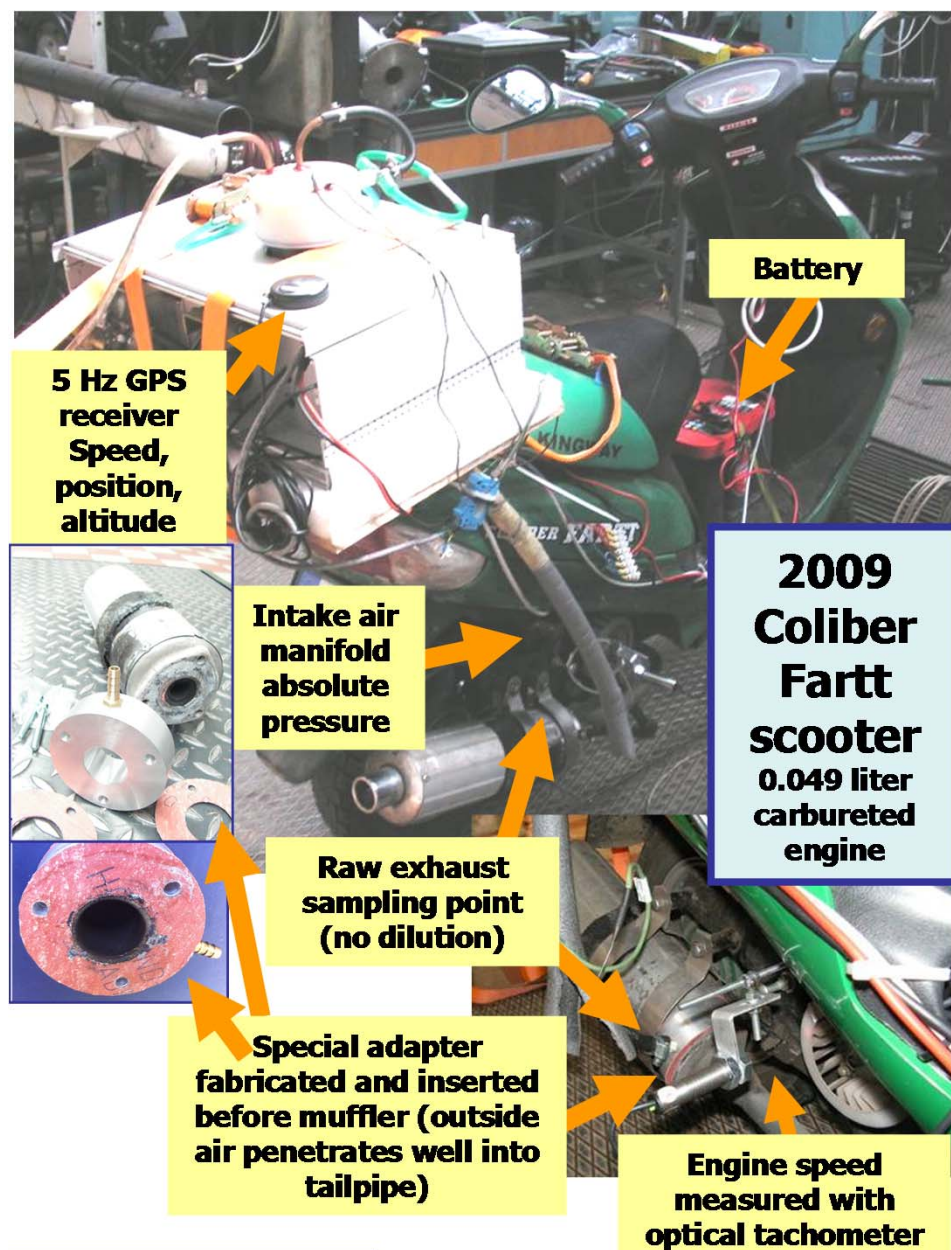
CVUT - Juliska: DC dynamometer, reference AVL SmartSampler

TUV - Lihovarska: AC dynamometer, reference AVL SmartSampler

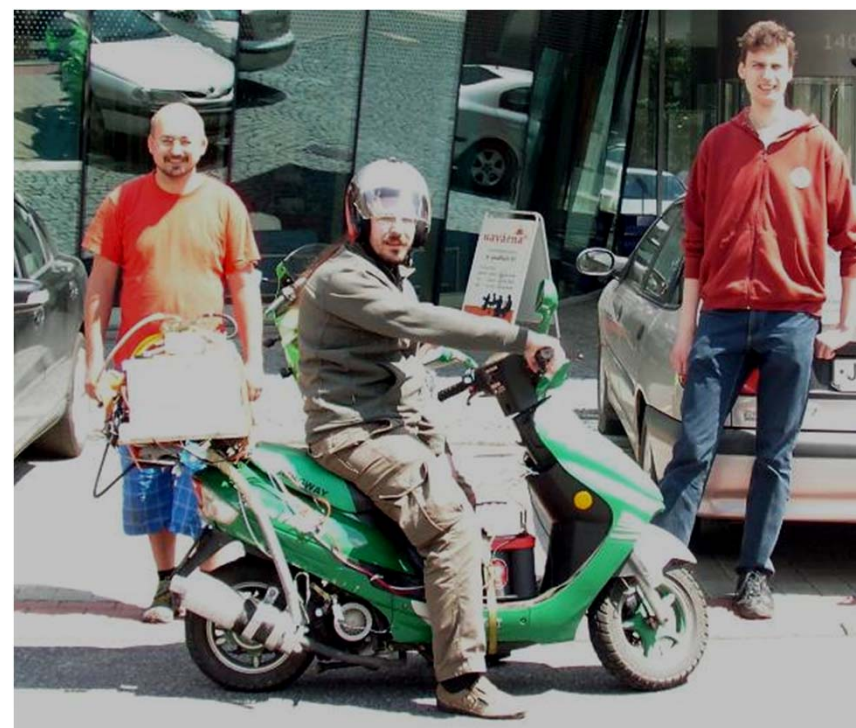
CVUT - VTP: AC dynamometer, reference full-flow dilution tunnel



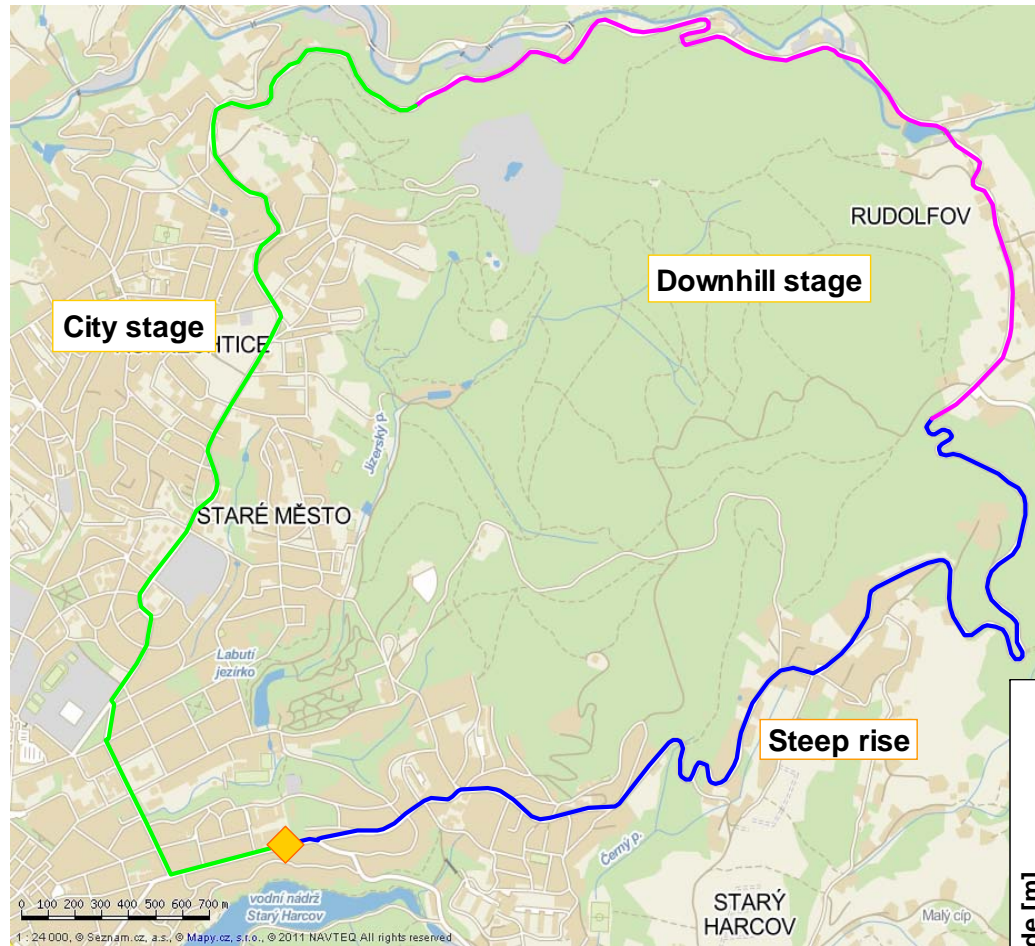
Experimental – Motorcycle (scooter)



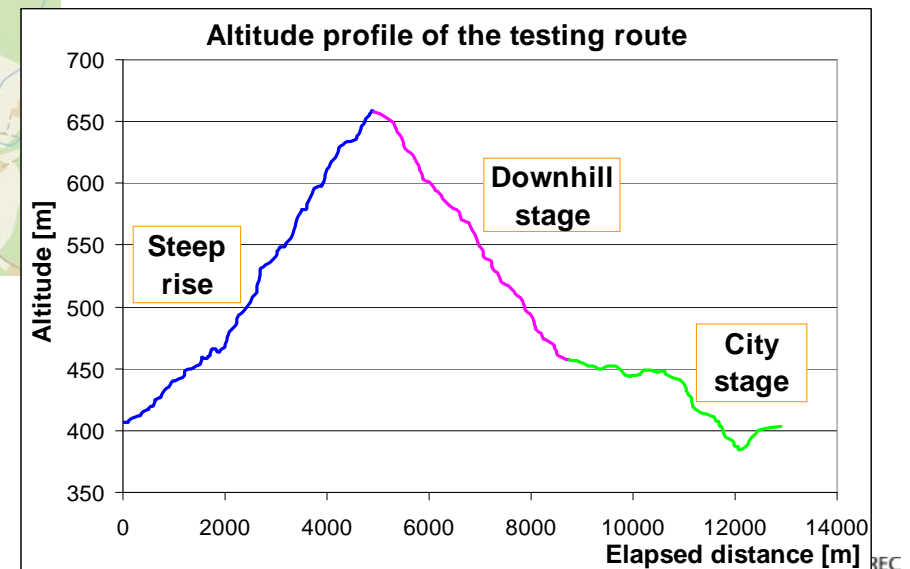
- 4-cycle 50-cc SI engine
- 13 kg PEMS on luggage rack
- Battery-powered system
- SAE J-2711: Pre-run & at least 3 runs along the route



Experimental – Test route

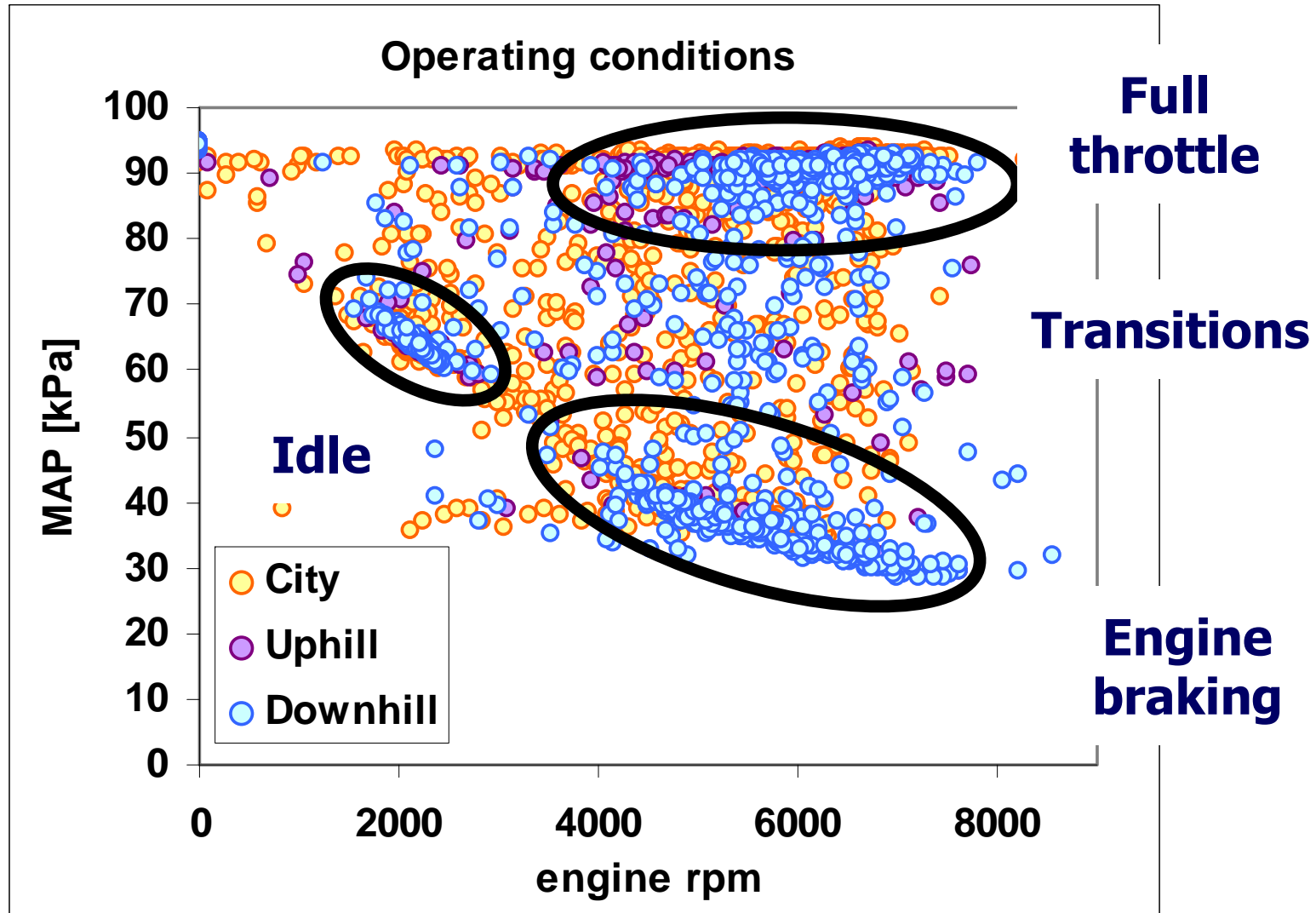


- Route length: approx. 13 km
- Start point altitude: 410 m
- Peak altitude: 660 m
- Lowest point altitude: 380 m



How a scooter is driven

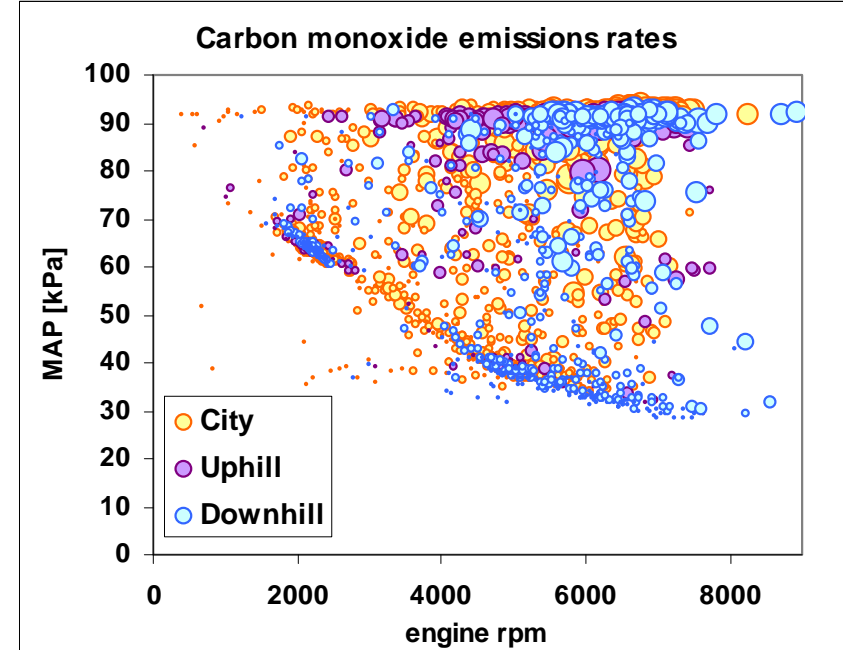
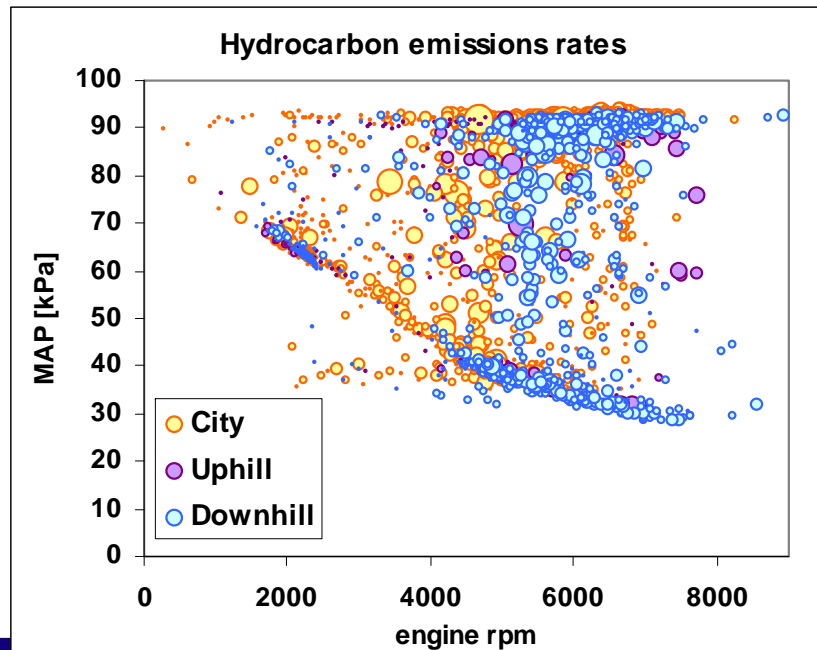
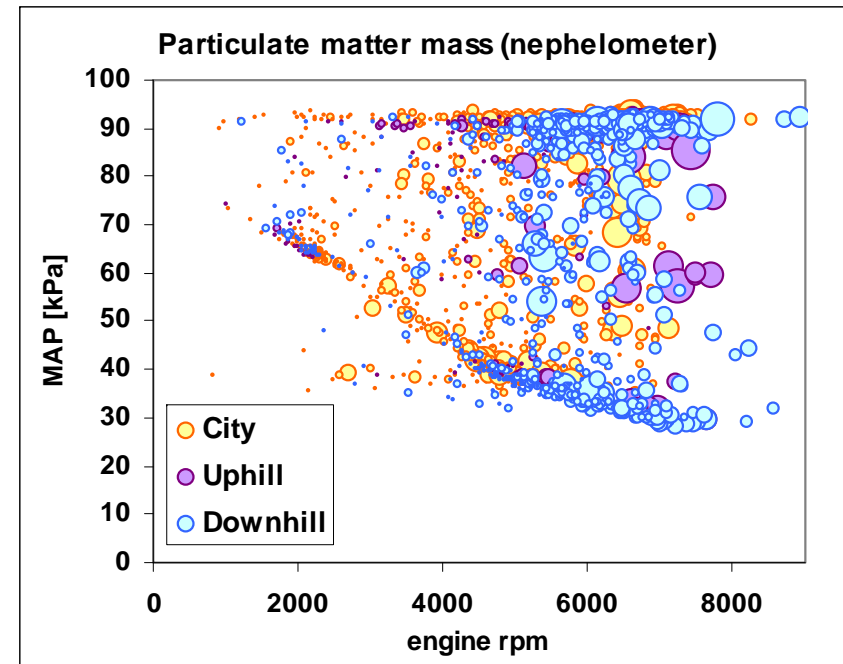
Mostly “full power or nothing”, pulse-width modulation
Example: Liberec region, each point = 1 second of operation
Distinct regions: idle, full-power, engine braking, transitions



Emissions patterns

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

CO high during transitions and at full power

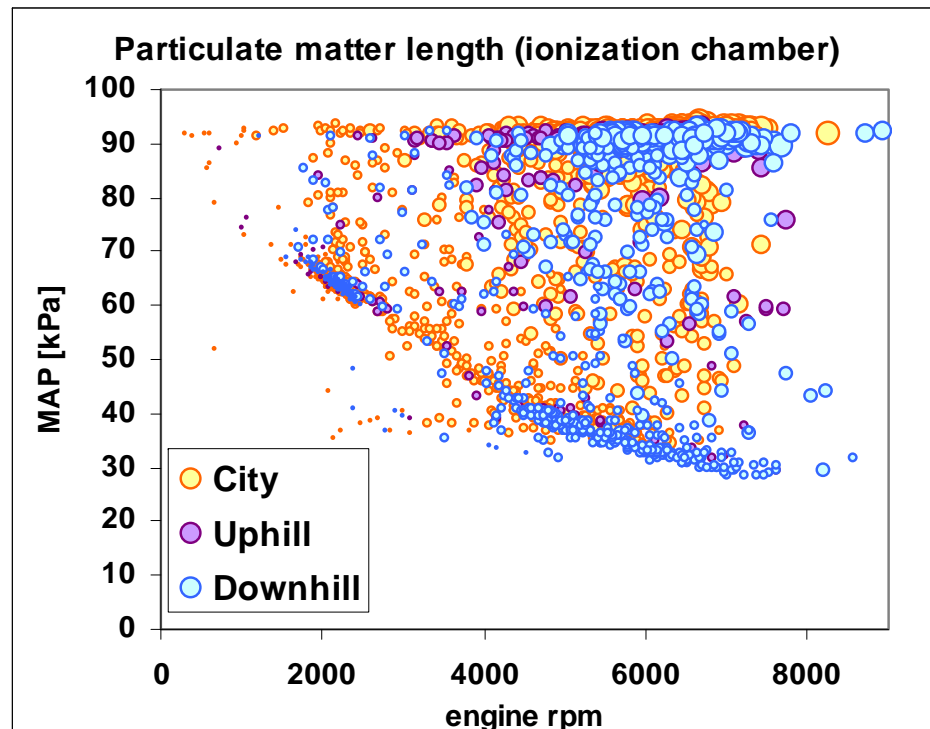
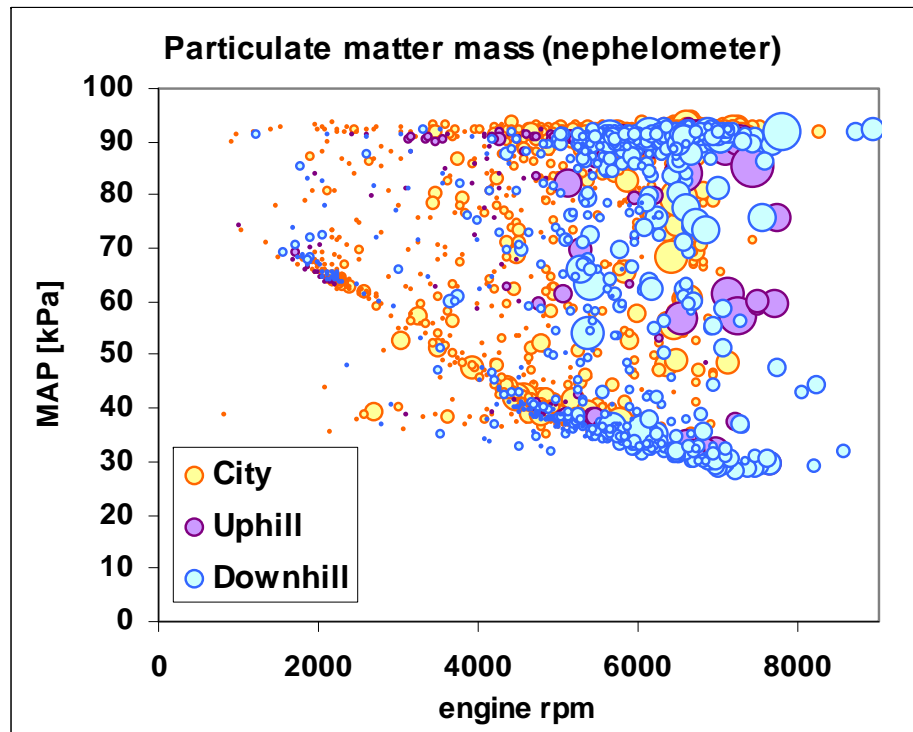
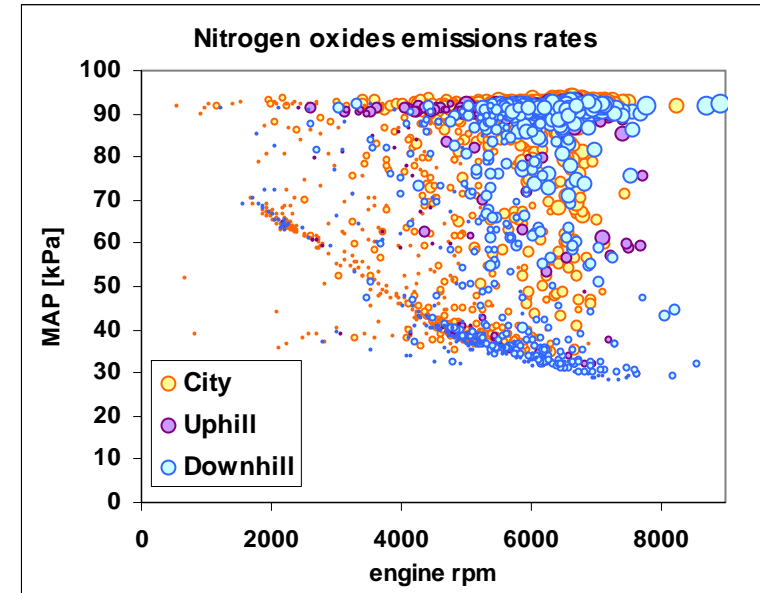


Emissions patterns

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

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

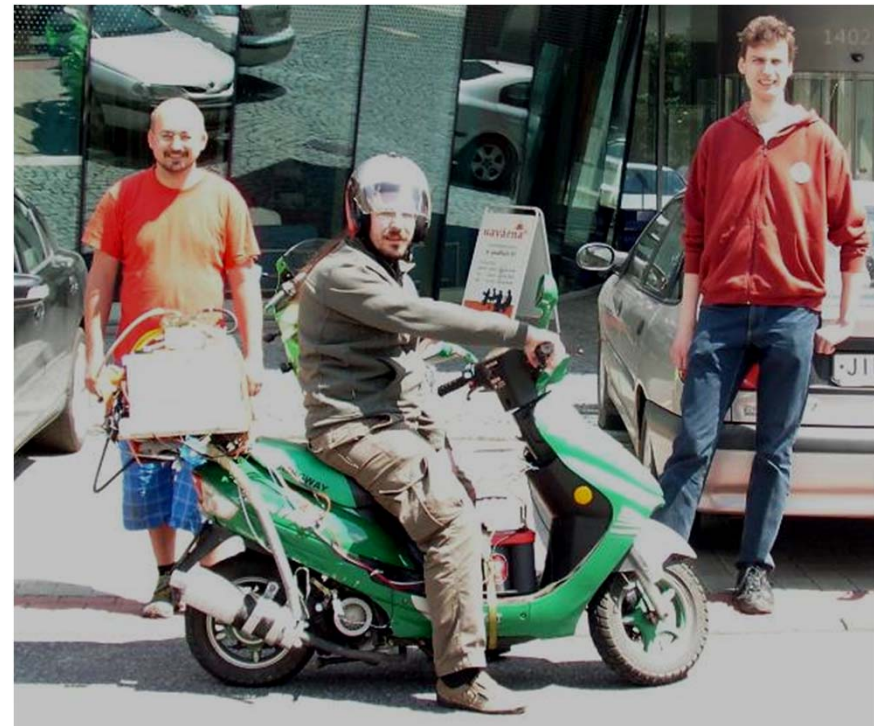
NO_x highest at full power



Motorcycle (scooter) – test summary per km

Emissions per km	HC [g]	CO [g]	NO _x [g]	PM laser [mg]	PM ion1 [km]	PM ion2 [km]	CO ₂ [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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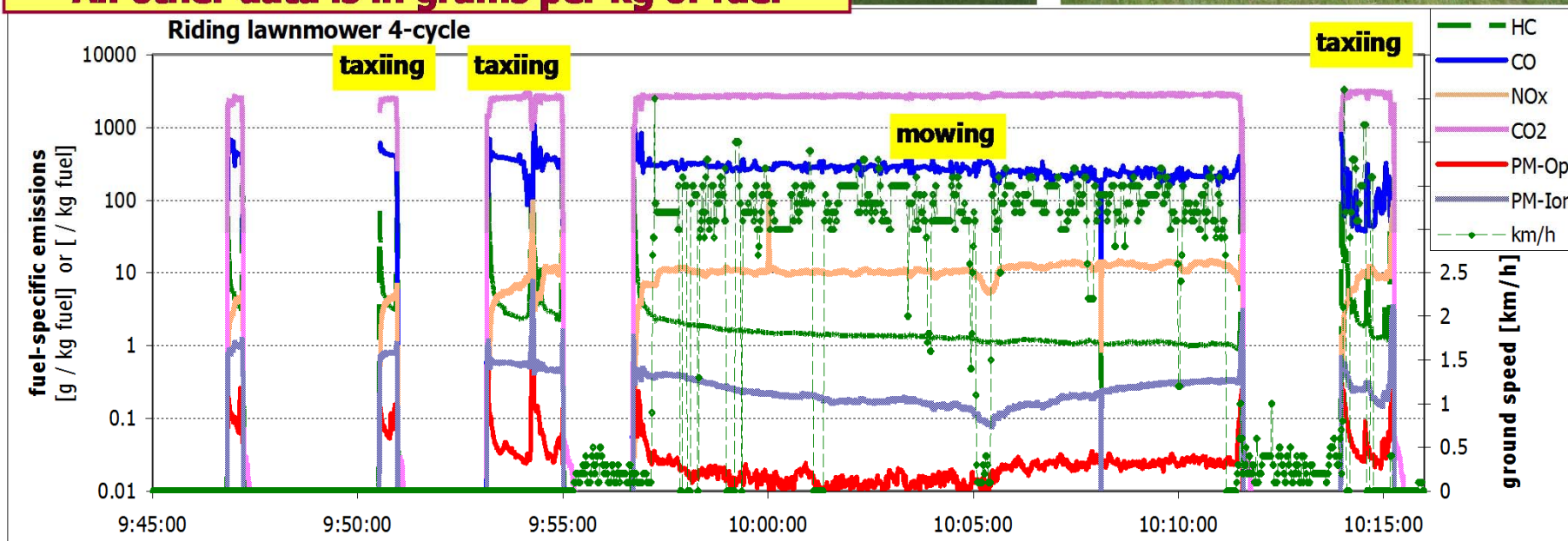
On-board measurement – riding mower

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

Mowing family house lawn



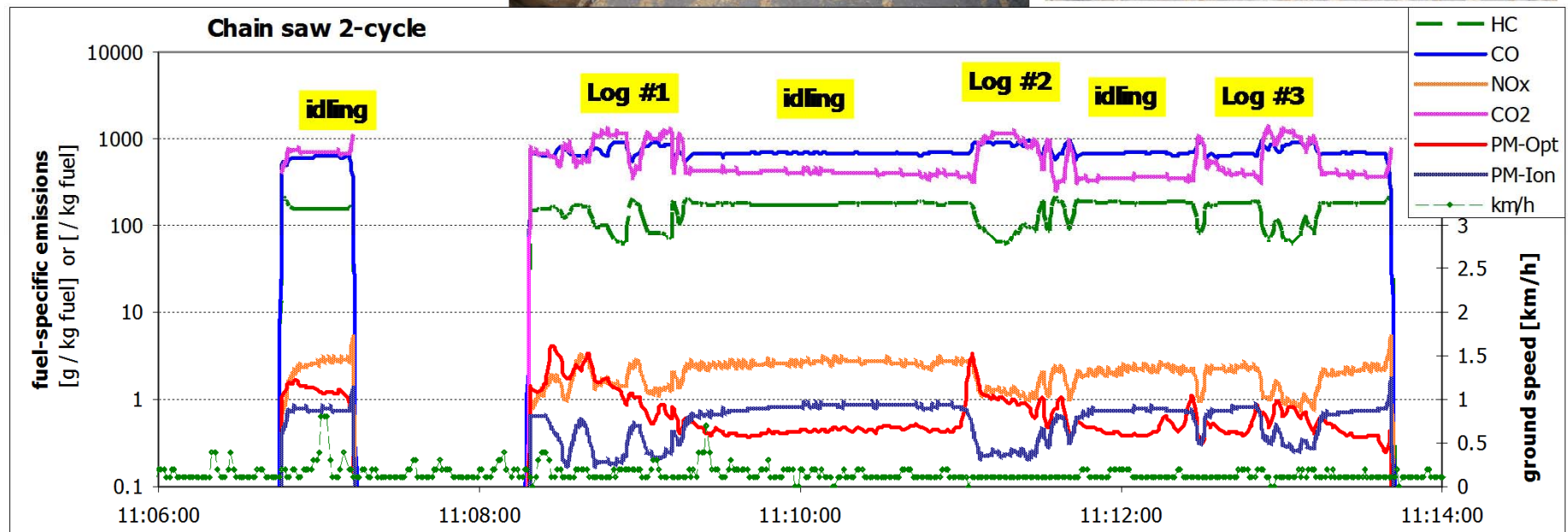
PM length is relative units per kg of fuel
All other data is in grams per kg of fuel



Off-board measurement – chain saw

Chainsaws
Stihl 029 (top)
Stihl MS361 (bottom)
2-cycle gasoline

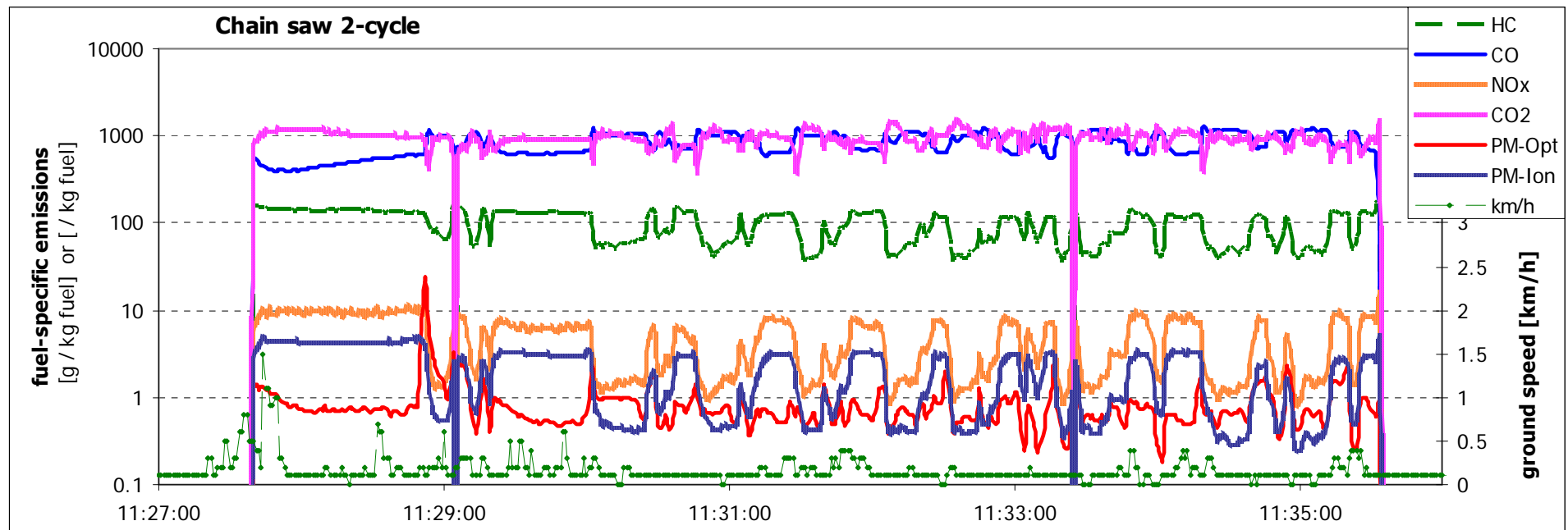
Cutting firewood (logs)
On-board system mounted
on accompanying tractor



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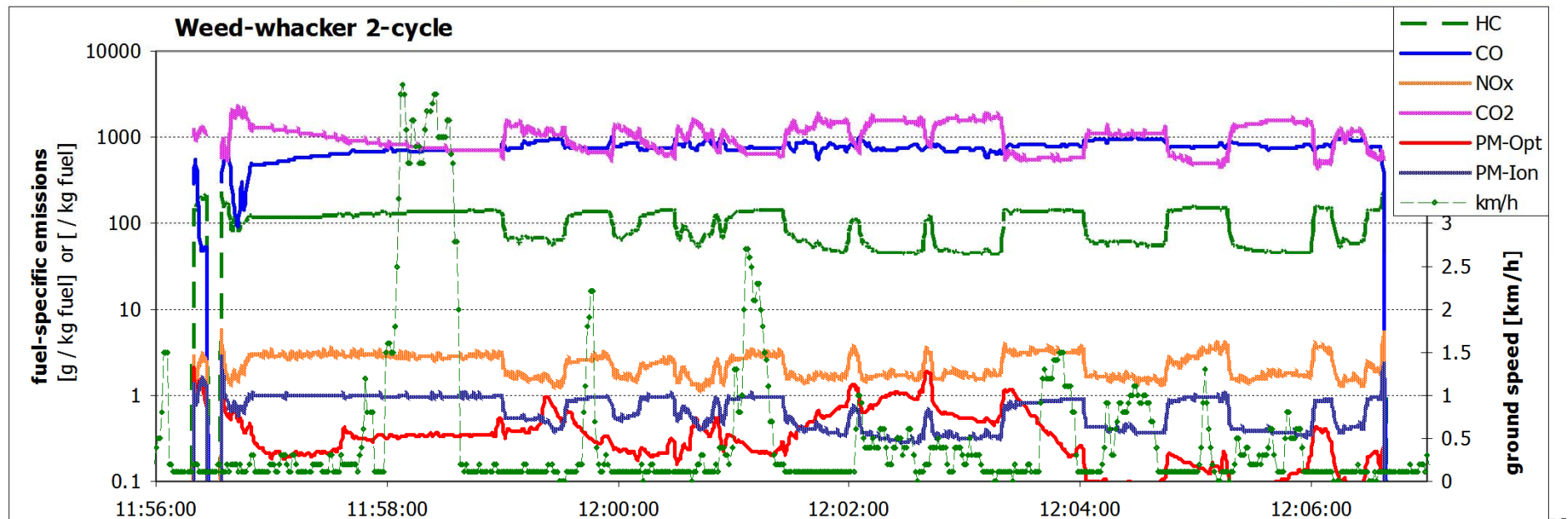
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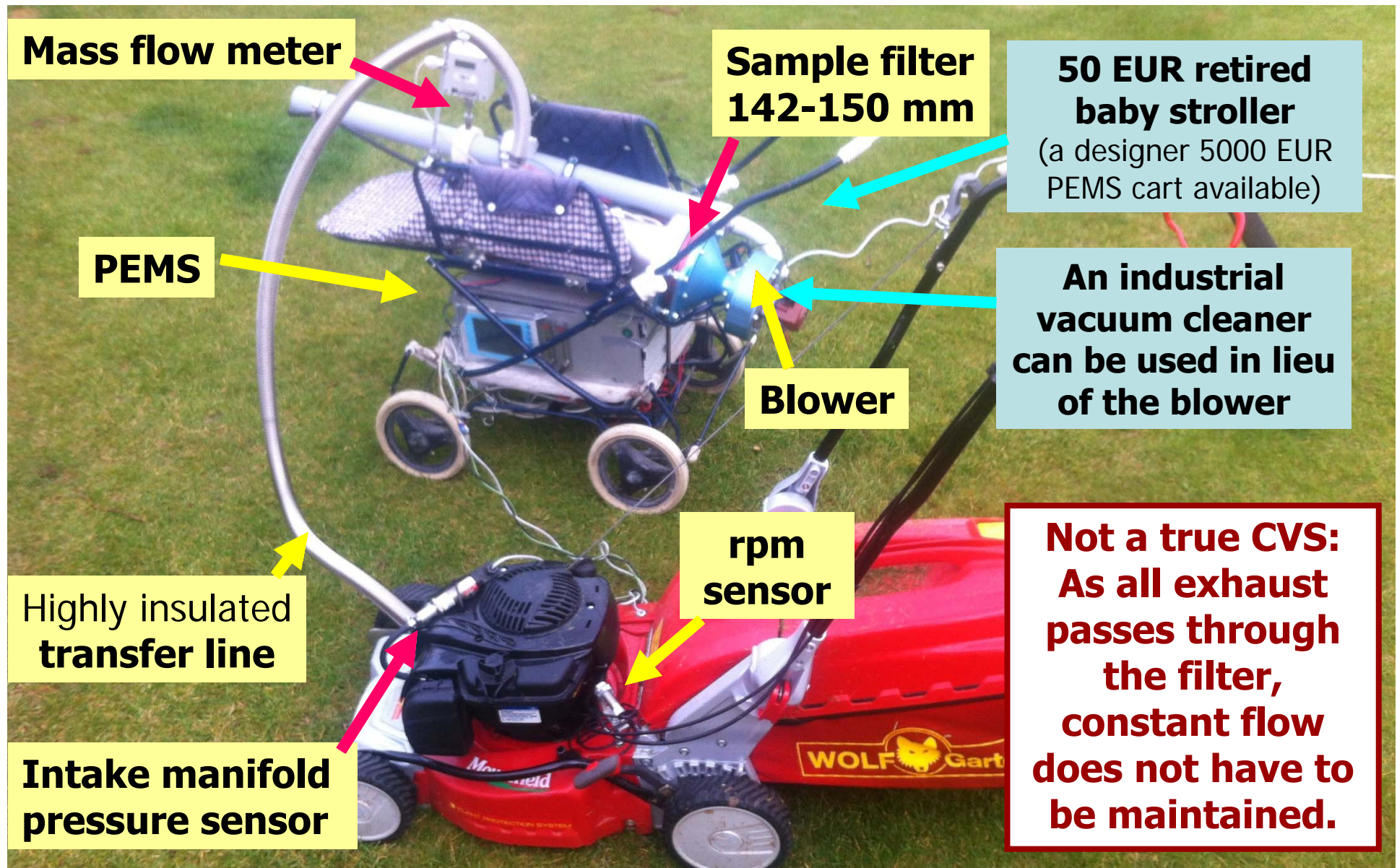
Off-board measurement – weed-eater PEMS mounted on accompanying tractor

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

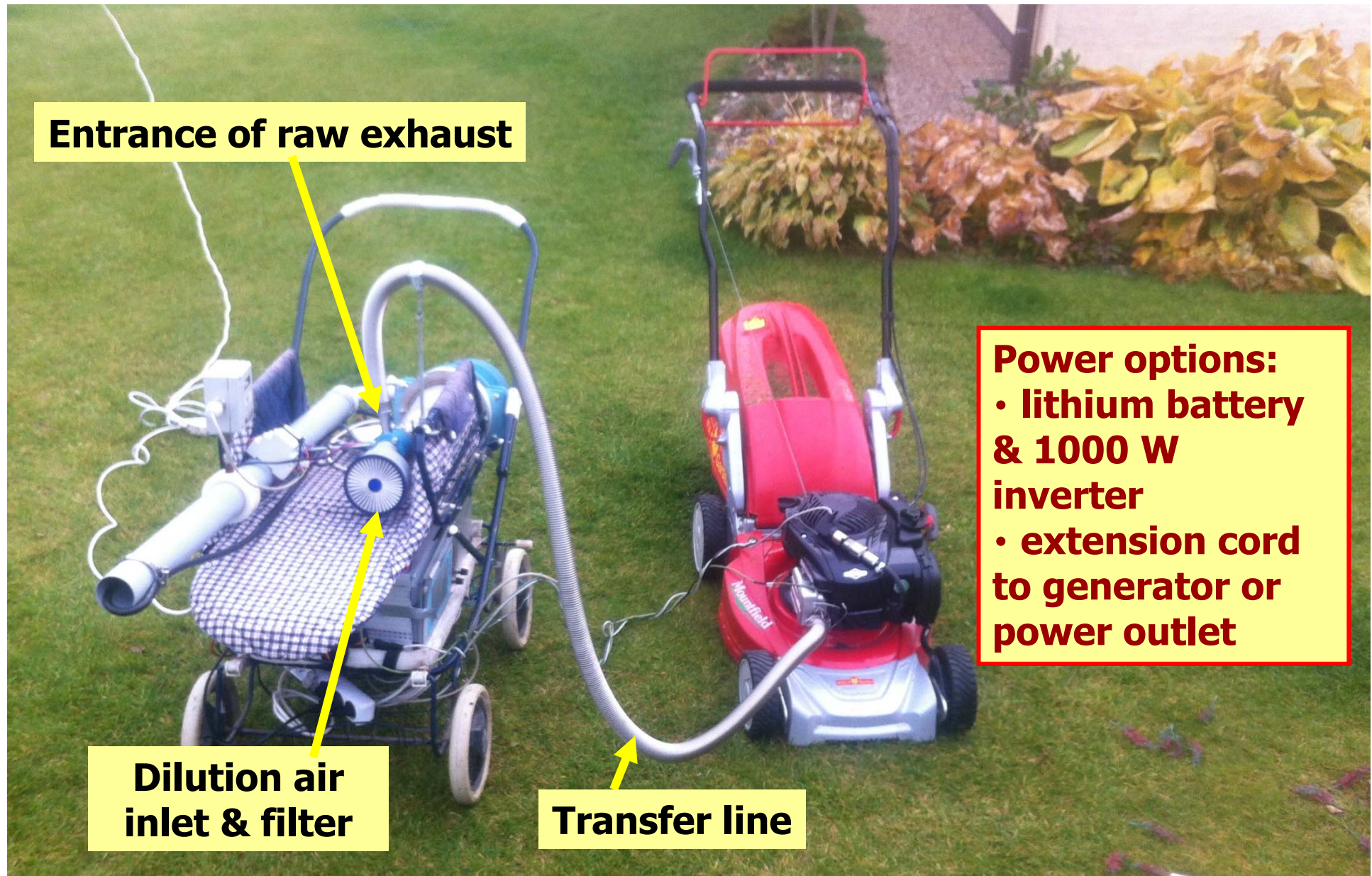
**Cutting /clearing
an overgrown ditch
On-board system
mounted on
accompanying
tractor**



Off-board full-flow dilution tunnel



Off-board full-flow dilution tunnel



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 m³/min
sampling on
142/150 mm filters
for analyses (i.e.
PAH) and
toxicological assays**

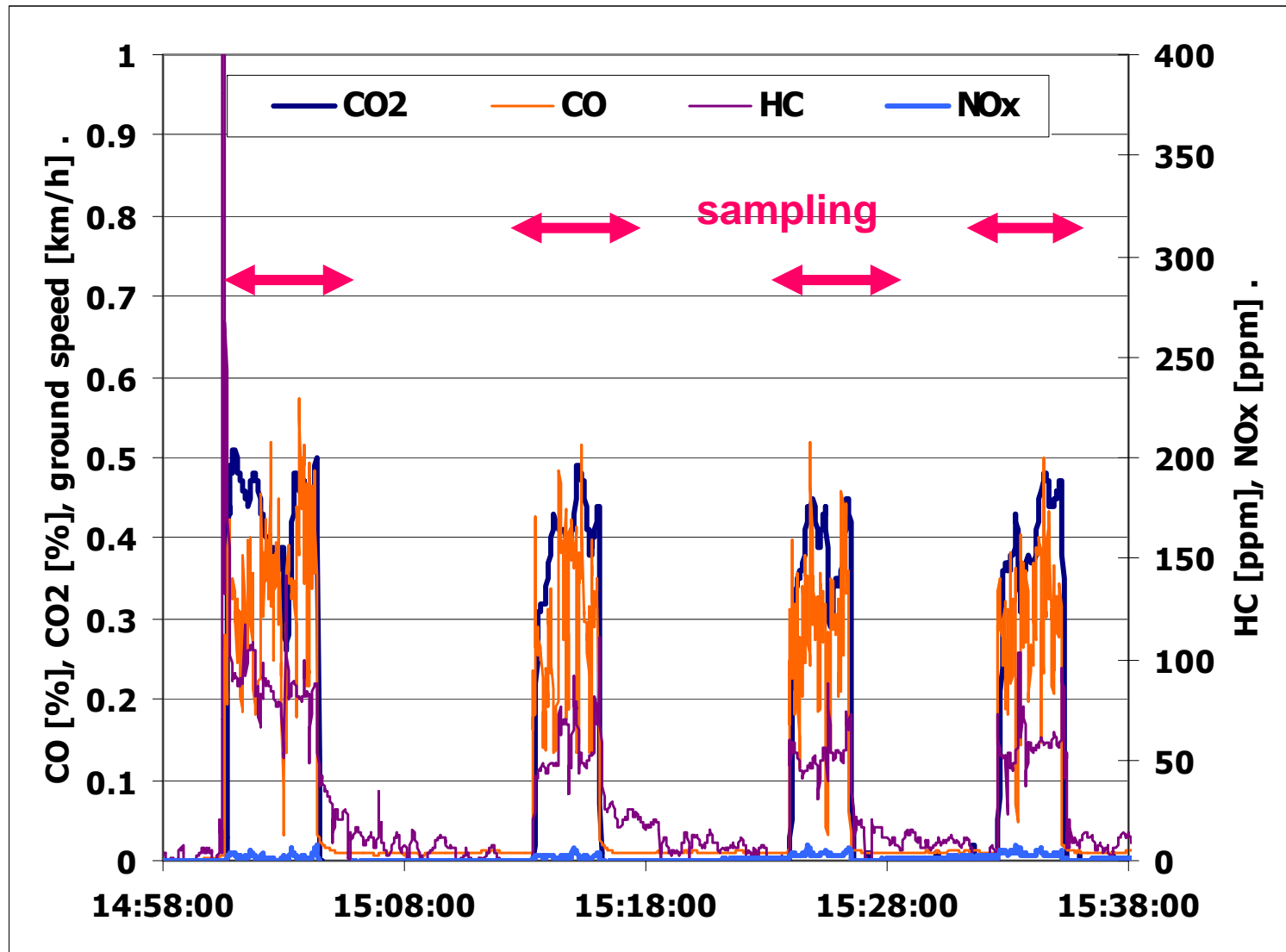


**Isokinetic or
constant flow
sampling is not
necessary as
100% of
exhaust is
sampled**

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**

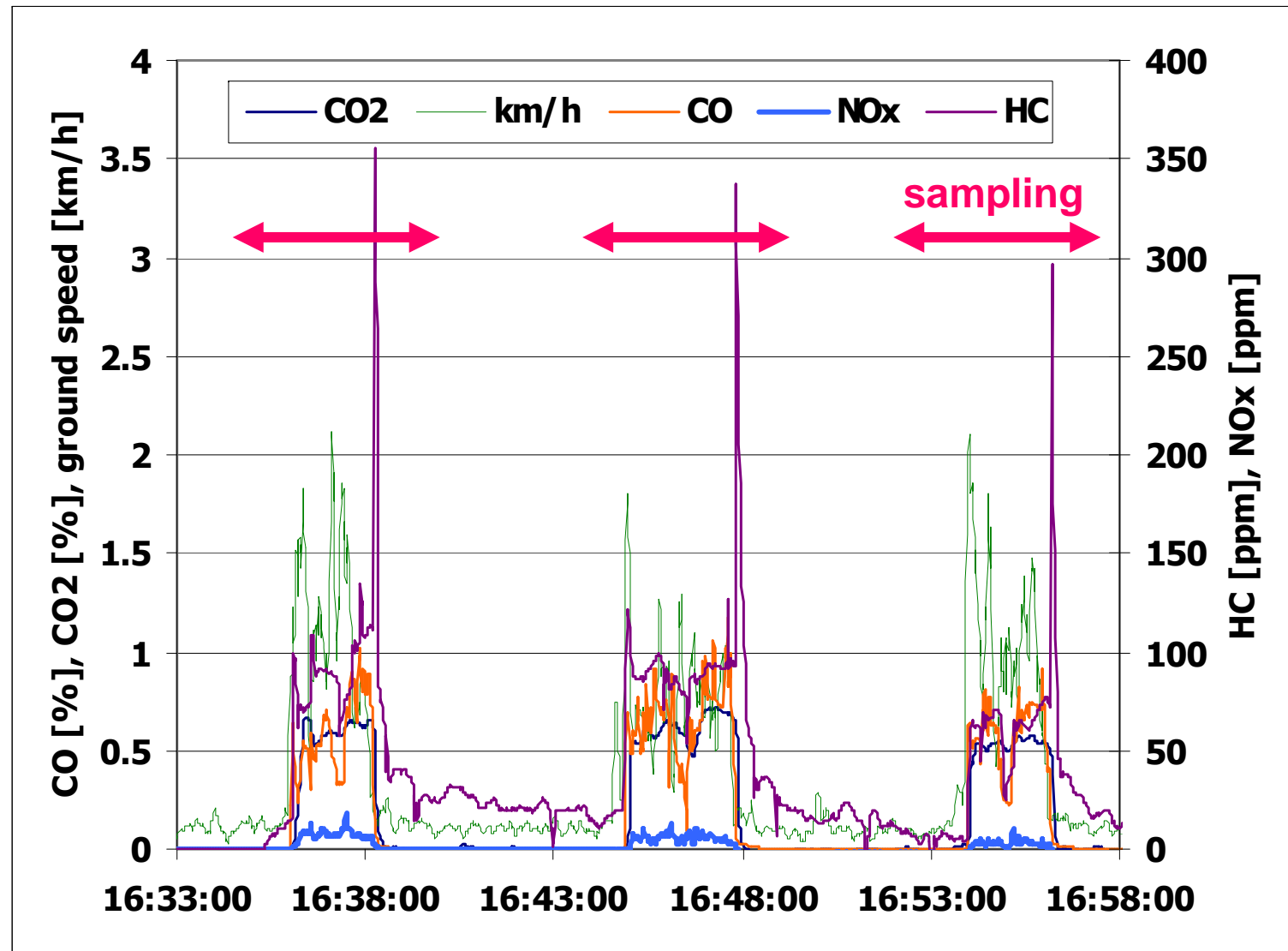
**Large HC
spike at
(ignition)
shutdown**



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)

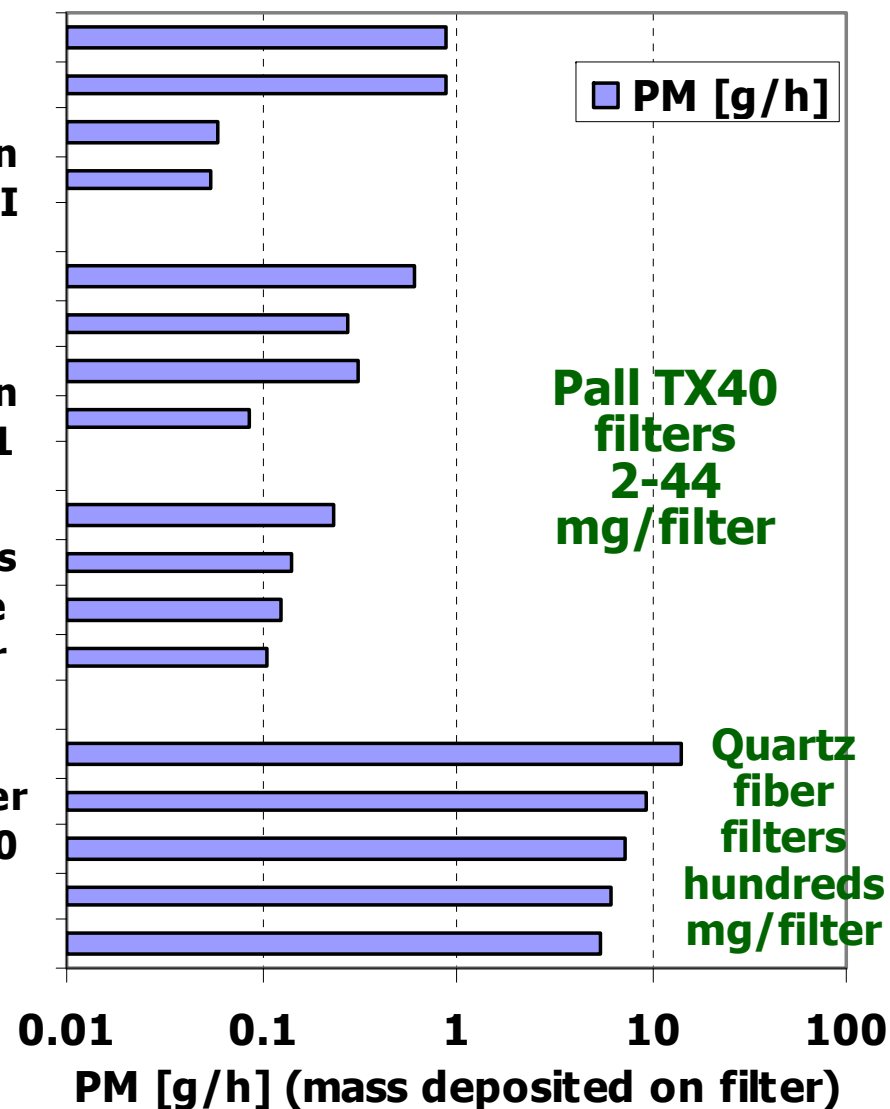


Wolfgarden
4-cycle
Briggs&Stratton
US EPA Stage II

Stiga
4-cycle
Briggs&Stratton
US EPA Phase 1

Mid-90's
4-cycle
mower

Weed-eater
Stihl FS350
2-cycle



CARB Stage II Lawnmower – effect of alcohol fuels

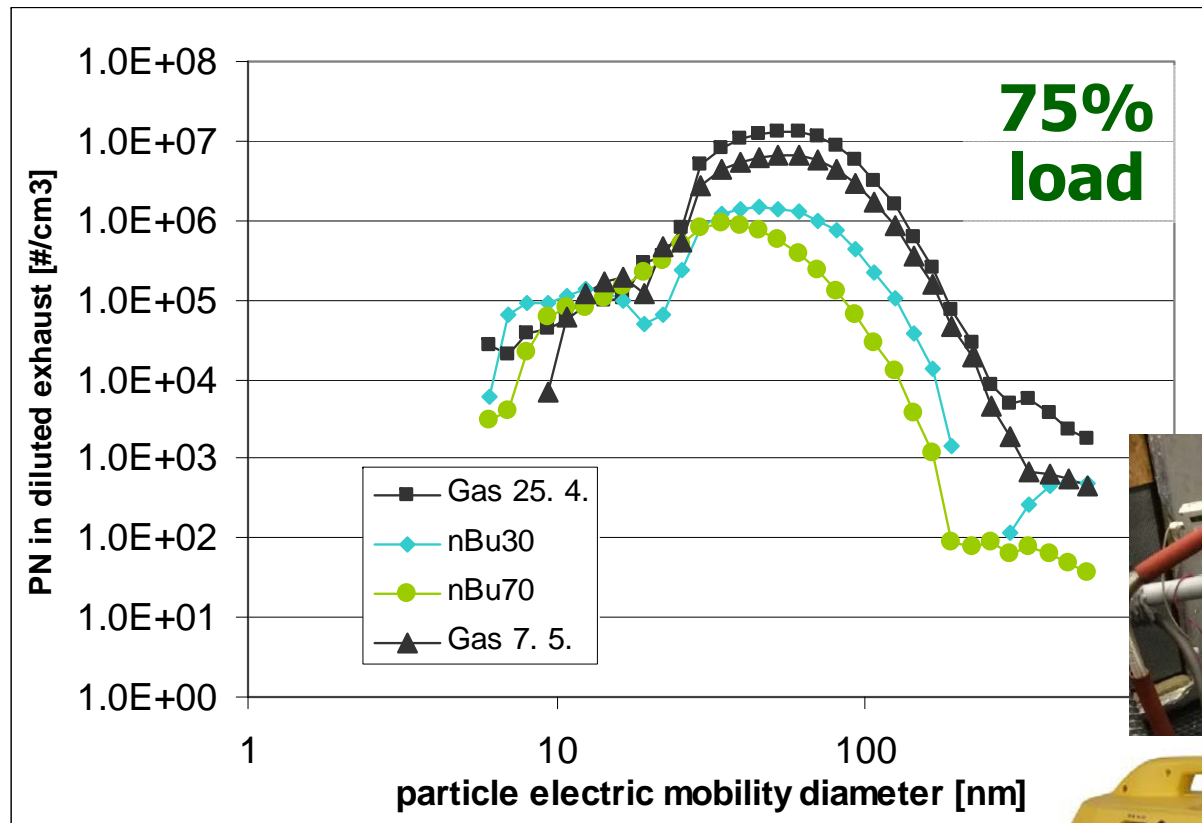
30% iso-butanol, 30% n-butanol in gasoline

(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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