

# New Approaches to Vehicle Emissions Inspections

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# Company Overview

***3DATX's mission is to provide real world intelligence in a world seeking accurate data on personal and commercial vehicle engine emissions and performance***

**Tagline:** *Real world vehicle emissions intelligence now!*

**Year founded:** 2014

**Headquartered:** Buffalo, NY

**European Office:** Belgium

## **3DATX Team:**

- Nationally recognized Board with deep automotive and finance experience
- Multi-national and multi-competence team based worldwide
  - Wide and deep expertise in vehicle emissions measurement and transportation sustainability
- Many team members from Clean Air Technologies Inc. (founded by Dave Miller in 1999), the first company to manufacture a “Portable Emissions Measurement System” (PEMS).



- PTI for exhaust emissions are mostly regulated by Directive 2014/45/EU:
  - Correct performance of complex exhaust after-treatment systems are verified only by visual inspection (leaks, etc.)
  - Requires different requirements for vehicle engine type:
    1. Positive ignition engine emissions use a certified exhaust gas analyser to determine:
      - a. Measured gaseous emissions (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, HC) do not exceed OEM specified thresholds
      - b. If not specified, CO emissions do not exceed the thresholds defined by vehicle type
      - c. Lambda coefficient not outside OEM specified range, or if not specified not outside 1±0.03
      - d. OBD read-out does not indicate significant malfunction
    2. Compression ignition engine emissions use certified opacity meter and protocol to determine:
      - a. Opacity does not exceed OEM specified thresholds
      - b. If not specified, opacity does not exceed thresholds for defined vehicle types
  
- Directive 2014/45/EU is out of date:
  - Not referenced to regulatory thresholds and measurements defined for (RDE) type-testing, notably for NO<sub>x</sub> and PN measurement/thresholds and CO or CO<sub>2</sub> thresholds
  - Existing PTI equipment cannot meet these requirements

- Post Dieselgate, European emission measurement is progressing:
  - VERT (DPF manufacturers association) advocates PN measurement at EU and member state levels
  - EU has implemented PMP and RDE protocol for vehicle type-approval testing, with measurement of CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, HC+NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and, from EURO-5, measurement of PN
  - Some member states are introducing new PTI regulations independently of EU regulation:
    - ❖ Netherlands, Germany and Belgium for PN for diesel vehicles post EURO5
    - ❖ France for NO<sub>x</sub> for diesel vehicles
  - EU regulates OBM CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring for new vehicles from 2021, with PTI procedures to be defined
  - EU PTI emissions procedure is not homogeneous across the EU
  
- CITA has a role to play to implement emissions measurement at PTI:
  - Particulate protocol, measurement & threshold as per modified NPTI/Dutch procedure to be tested
  - NO<sub>x</sub> protocol, measurement & threshold as per CITA experience, to be developed and tested
  - CO and CO<sub>2</sub> protocol, measurement & threshold to be developed and tested
  - Advocating EU homogeneity and building future-proof systems

## ➤ Next Generation: integrated PEMS

- Easy to use and versatile
- Rugged, light weight and mobile:  
<4 kg and >4 hours on battery

## ➤ Modular Sensor Cartridge

### Advantage: Particulates and Gases

- GasMod cartridge measures NO (0-5000 ppm), NO<sub>2</sub> (0-300 ppm), CO (0-15%), and CO<sub>2</sub> (0-20%)
- PM/PN cartridge measures Opacity Scattering and Ionisation and uses a matrix transform to calculate PM (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) and PN (#/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- Simplifies measurement and maintenance.



parSYNC® iPEMS will meet current (Opacity and Gas Analyser) & future (PN, NO<sub>x</sub>, ...) PTI equipment standards

# PTI Pilot – OPUS Sweden



This presentation covers Phase-1 data collected at the Borås site. We expect the Skellefteå site to join the pilot this week.





# Vehicles Tested



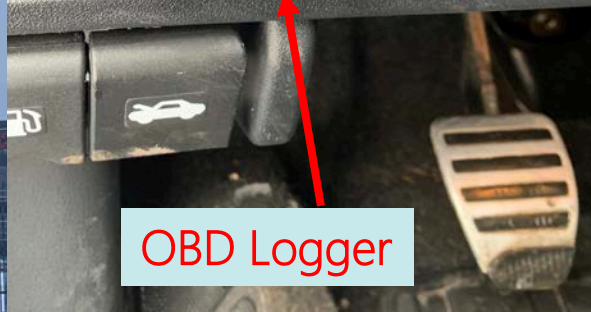
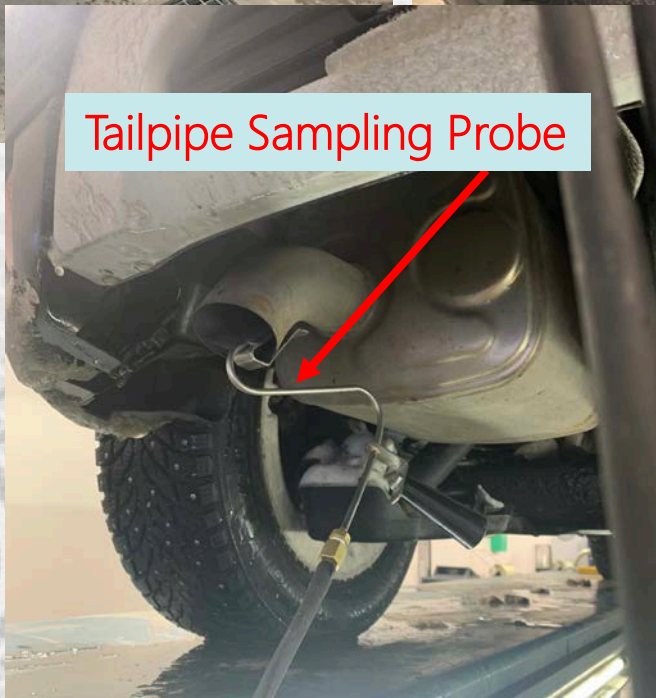
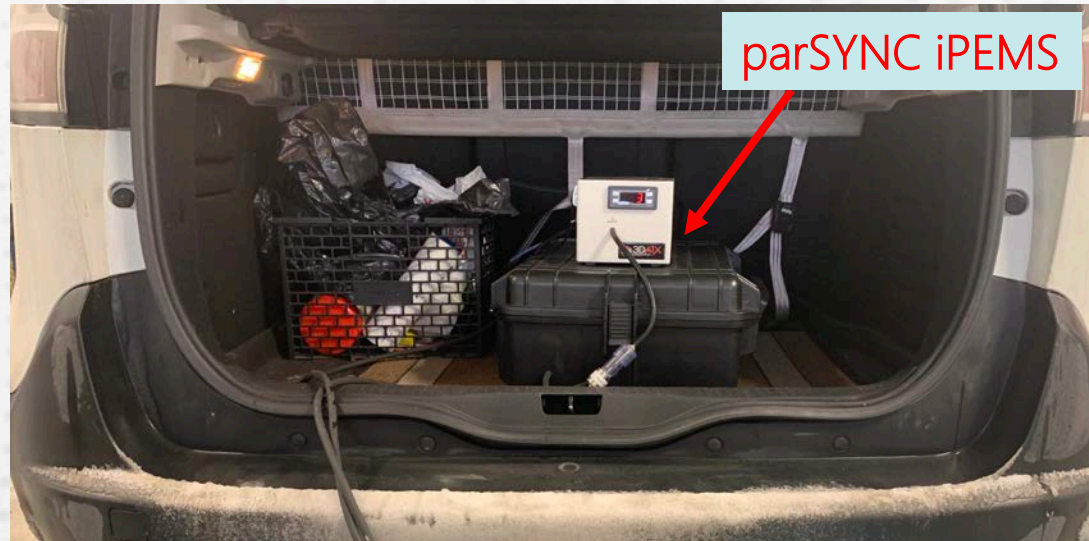
# Vehicle Summary

MAKE	Diesel	Petrol	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
AUDI	4	1	1	1				1	1	1						5
BMW	5					1		1		1	2					5
CITROEN	1						1									1
DACIA		2						1			1					2
FORD	4	1			1		1	2	1							5
HONDA	1	1									1		1			2
HYUNDAI	1	1						1			1					2
JEEP		1							1							1
KIA	4								2	1			1			4
MAZDA	2	2								1	1	1			1	4
MERCEDES-BENZ	1									1						1
MITSUBISHI	2				1			1								2
NISSAN		1									1					1
OPEL		1										1				1
RENAULT	1	2		1						1			1			3
SAAB	1	1		1		1										2
SKODA		2	1					1								2
SUBARU	1							1								1
TOYOTA	1						1									1
VOLKSWAGEN	2	1	1					1						1		3
VOLVO	10	1				1		1	1	1	3	2	2			11
VW	1								1							1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

Jan 21  
to  
Feb 18,  
2021

- Prep
  - Warmup (or dry-out) the parSYNC using wall power while sampling clean ambient air (use HEPA filter if available)
- 0
  - Start test data file | Sample clean ambient air for ~60 seconds
- Zero
  - Run the zeroing procedure while parSYNC is on the bench
- 0
  - With parSYNC running on battery power move it to the vehicle | Connect to tailpipe probe | Connect OBD reader to ECU port | Start the vehicle | Drive to parking lot position | Idle vehicle for 60 seconds
- 1-3
  - PN – 30 seconds of idle | Repeat 3 times
- 4-6
  - NO<sub>x</sub> High Idle – Idle → ~2500 RPM, hold for 5 seconds → return to Idle and hold for 10 seconds | Repeat 3 times
- 7
  - Idle for 60 seconds to allow NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to stabilise
- 8-10
  - NO<sub>x</sub> Acceleration – Stationary → 30 kph → Stationary | Repeat 3 times
- 11
  - Return vehicle to workshop/garage to uninstall | Disconnect parSYNC and place on bench and connect to wall power | Sample clean ambient air for 60 seconds
- Zero
  - Run zeroing procedure with parSYNC on the bench

# Test Setup and Conditions



parSYNC warmup and zeroing while vehicle is being prepared

Tailpipe Sampling Probe

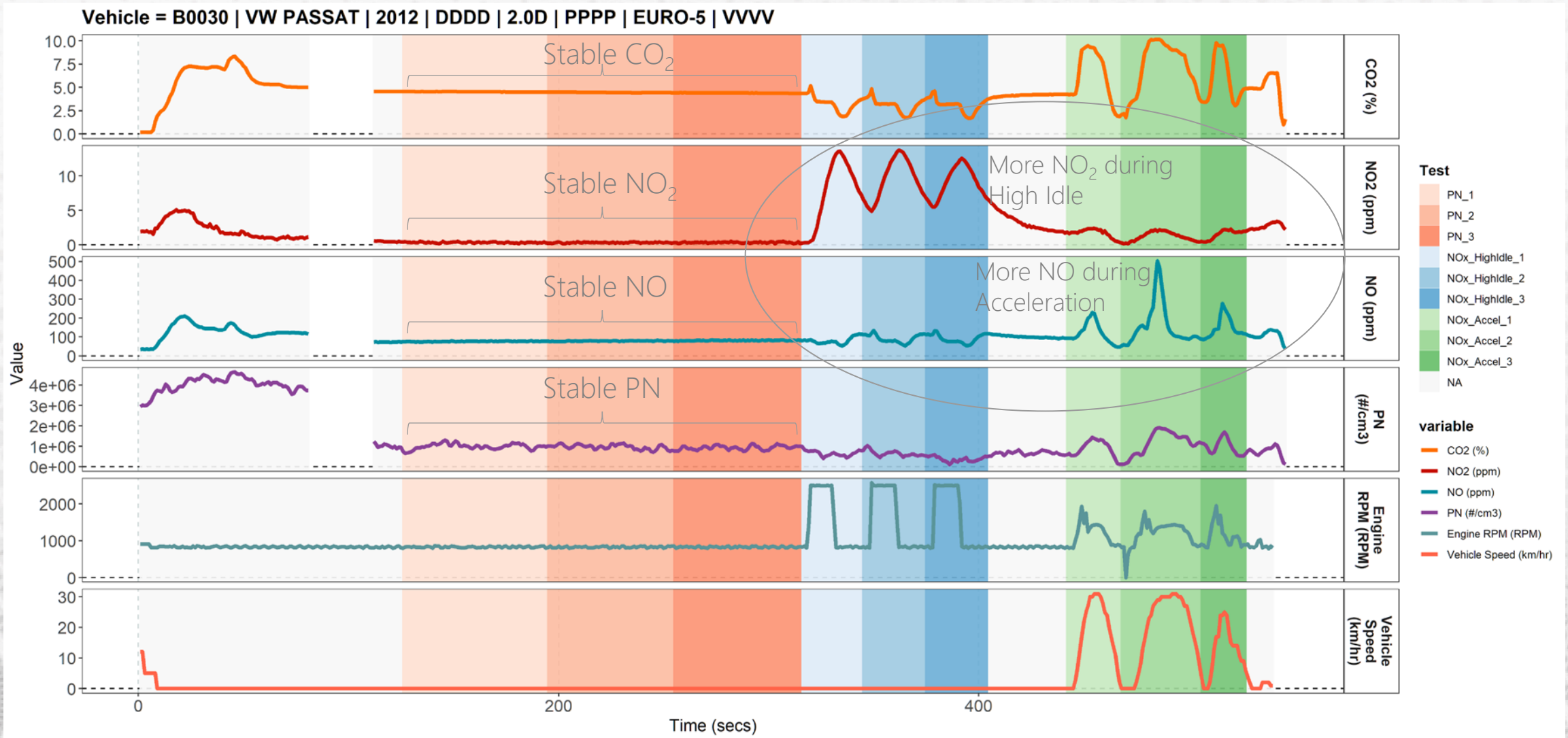
parSYNC iPEMS

OBD Logger

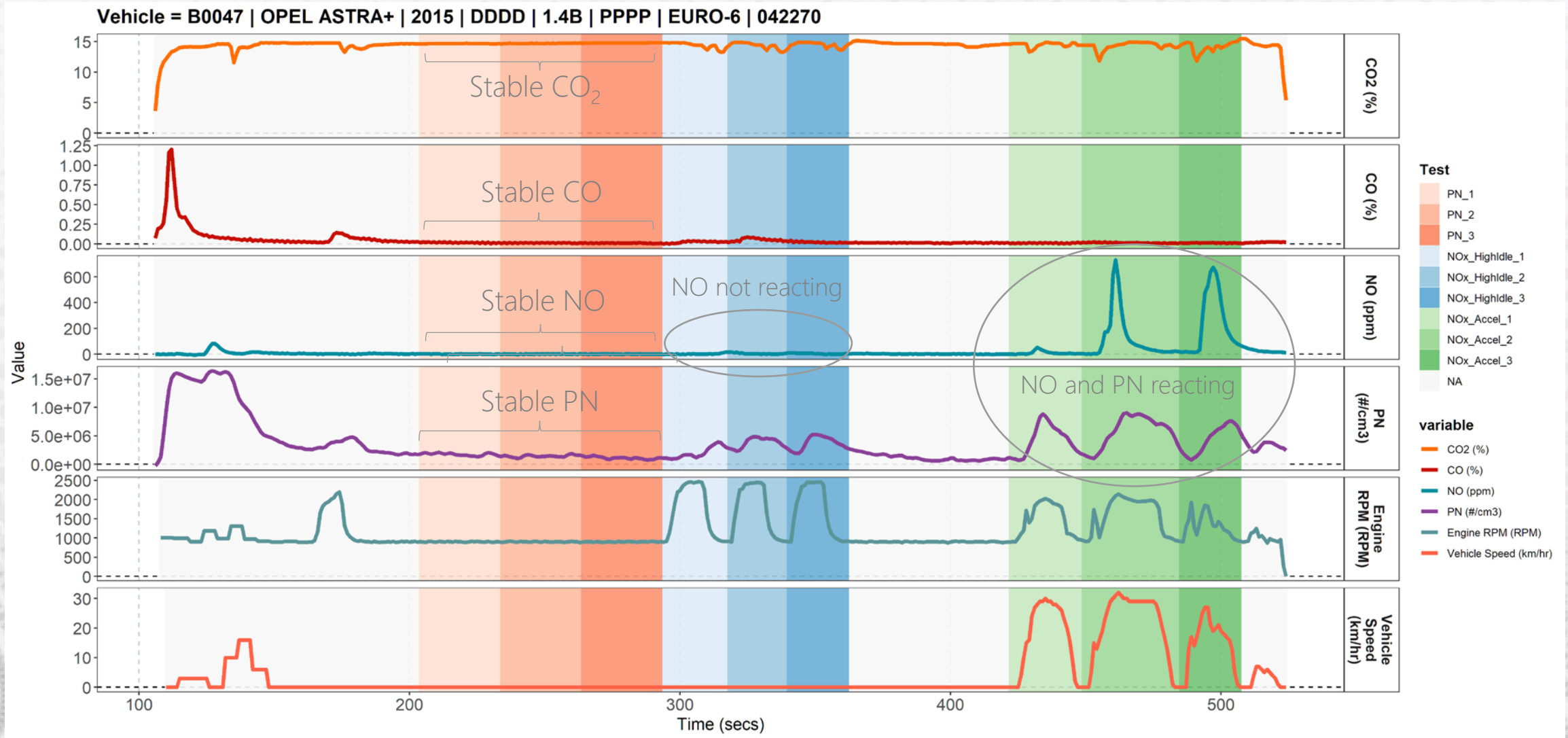
Test Vehicle

# PTI Pilot Data – Initial Findings

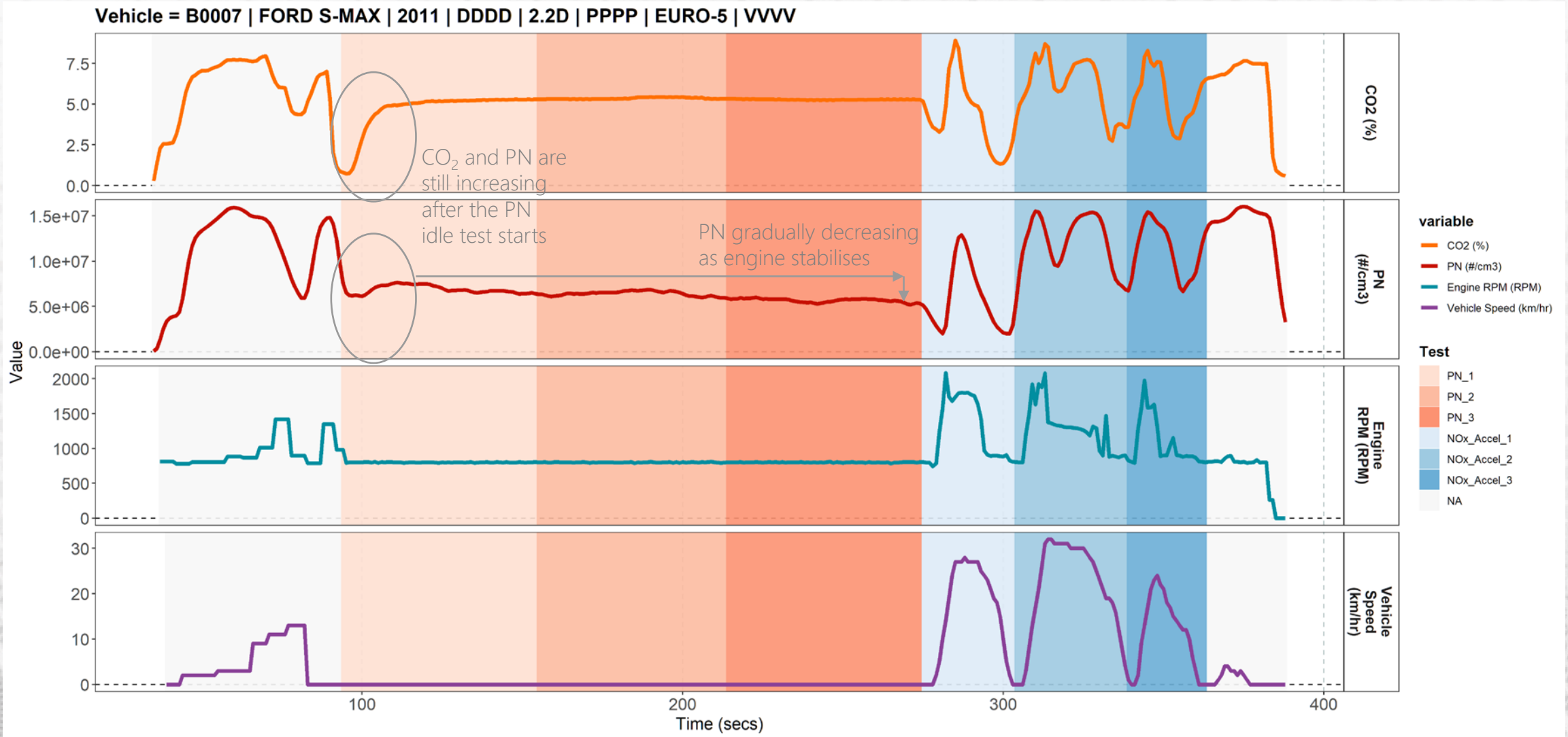
# Example of a PTI Protocol Test – Diesel



# Example of a PTI Protocol Test – Petrol

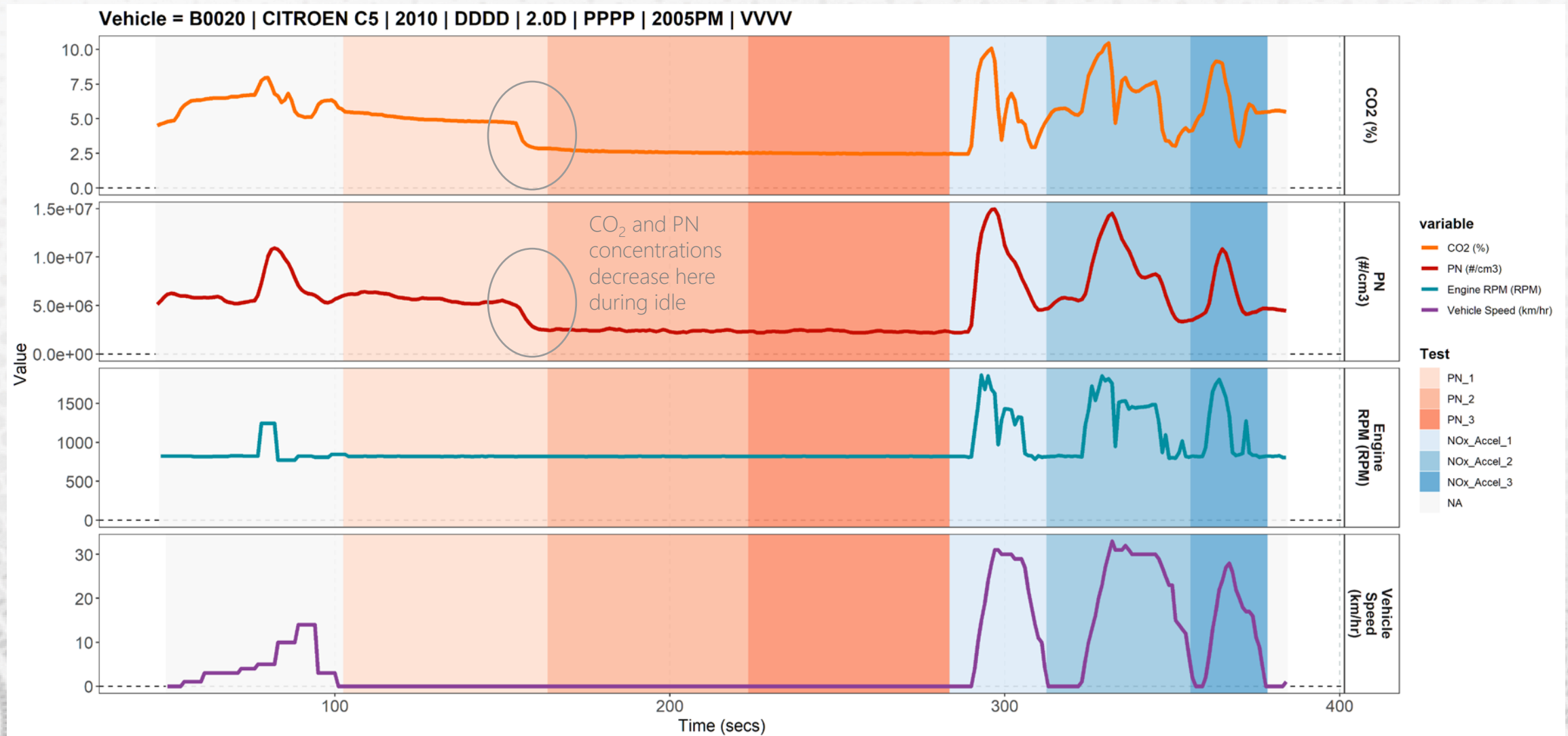


# Example of Starting the PTI PN Idle too soon after Engine Ignition



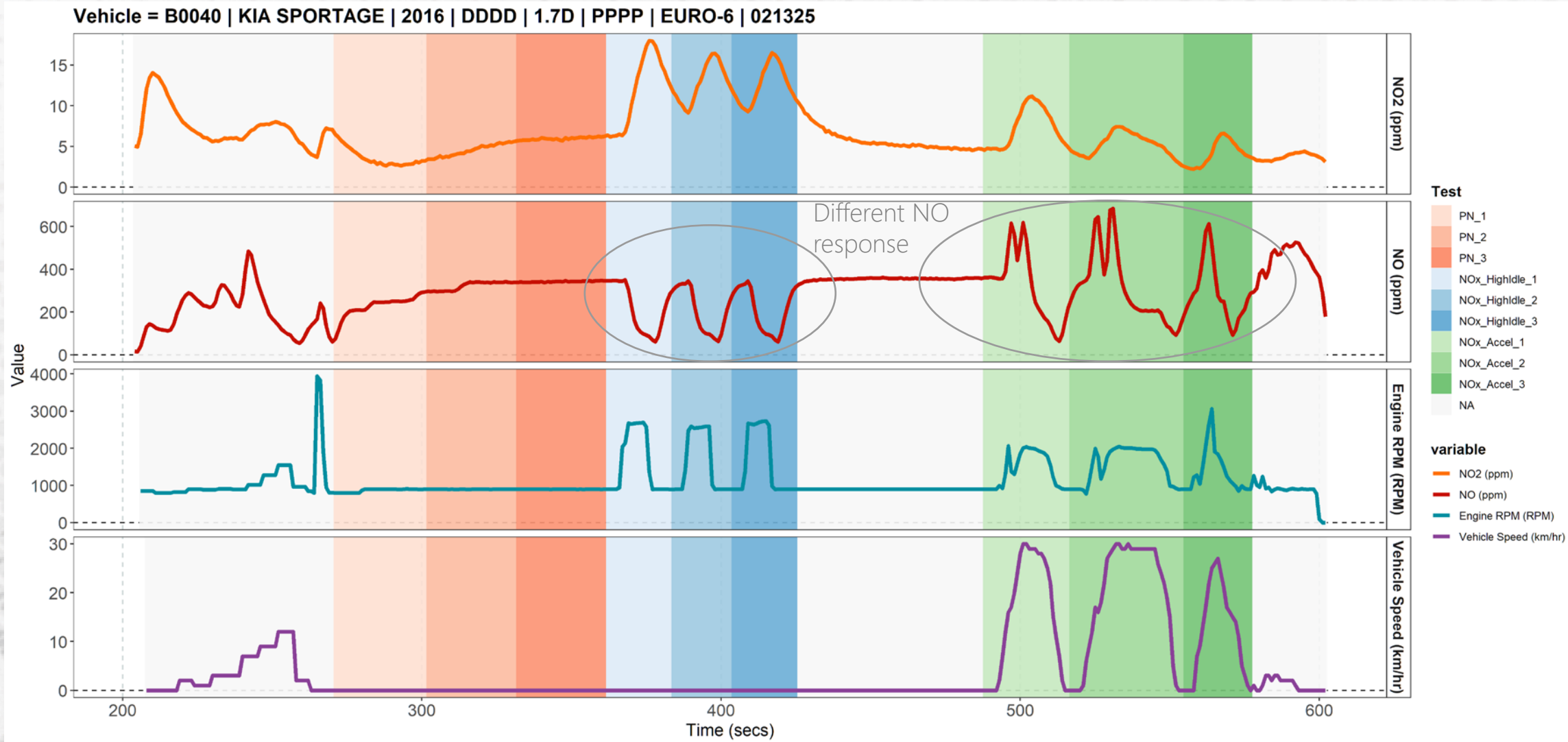


# Example of Instability on the PTI PN Idle

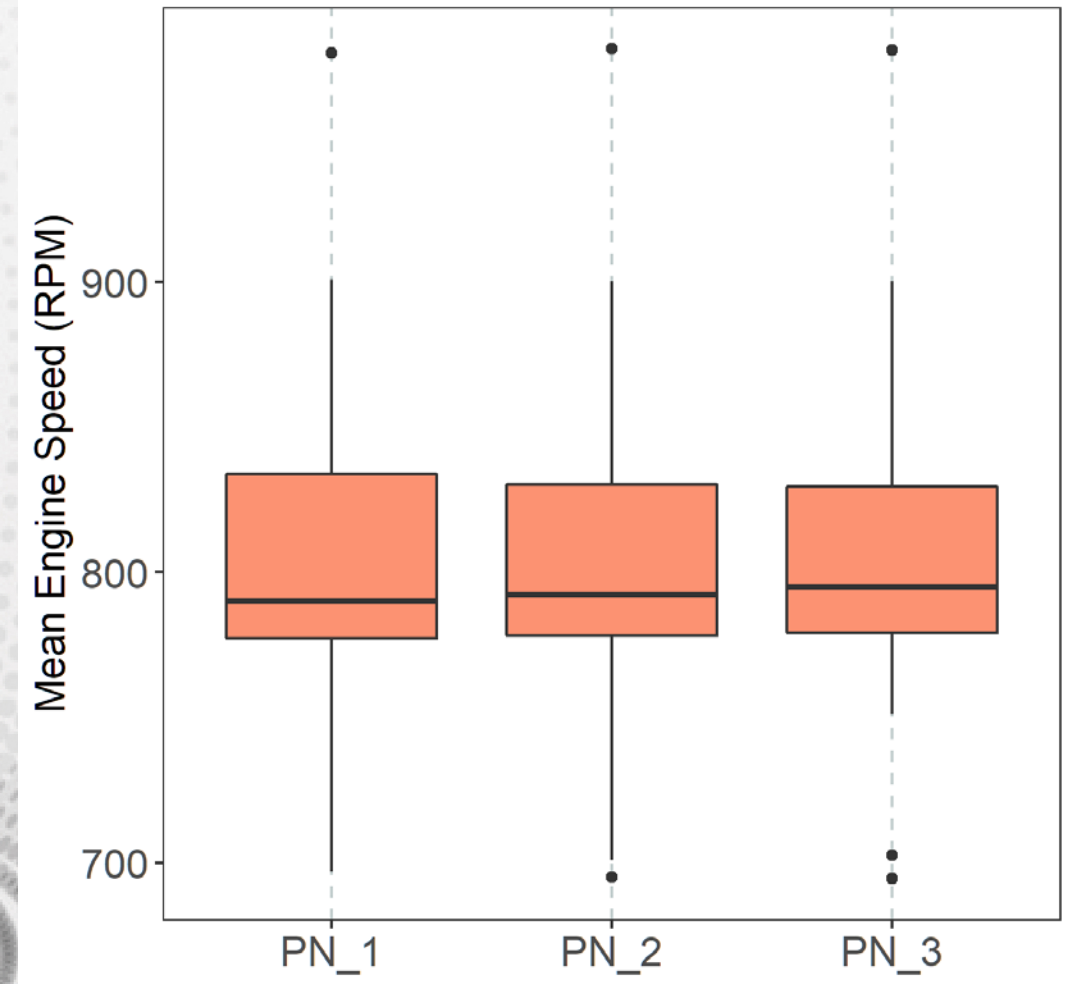
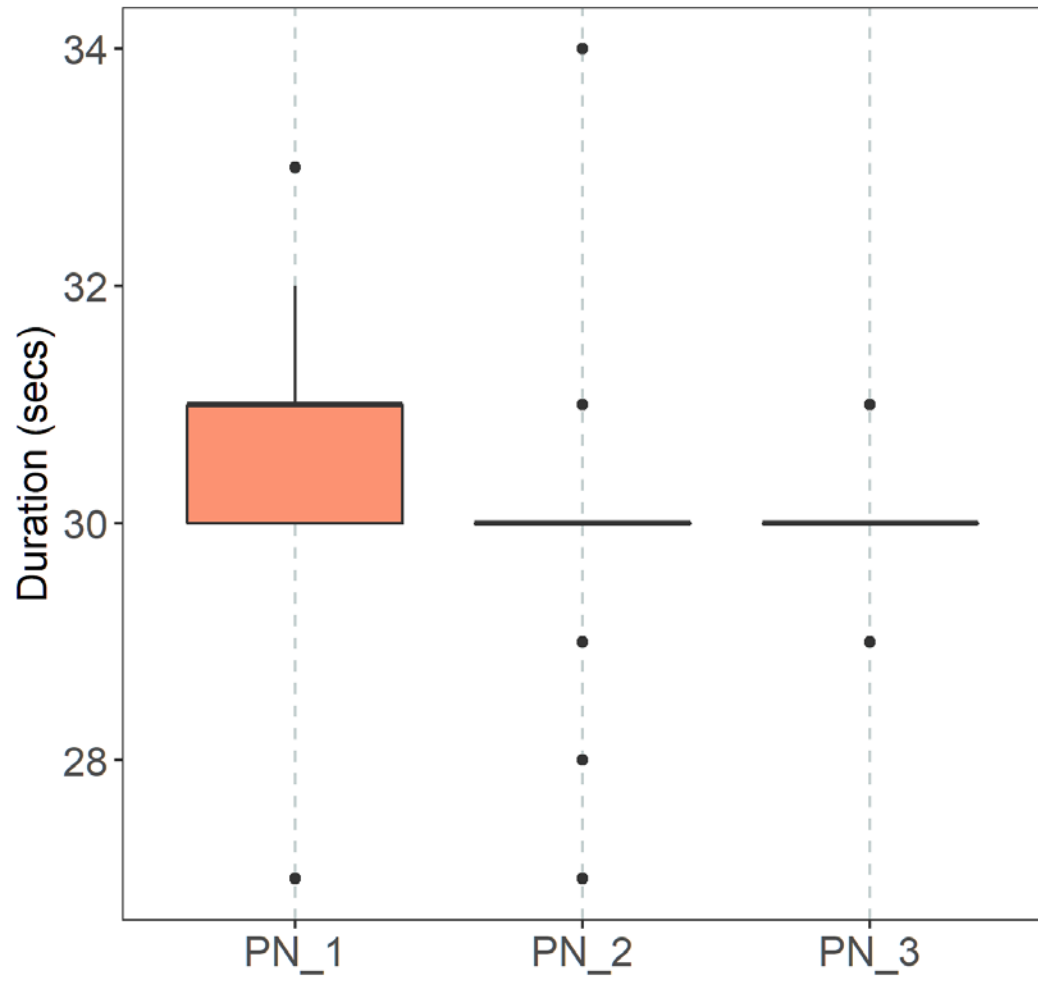




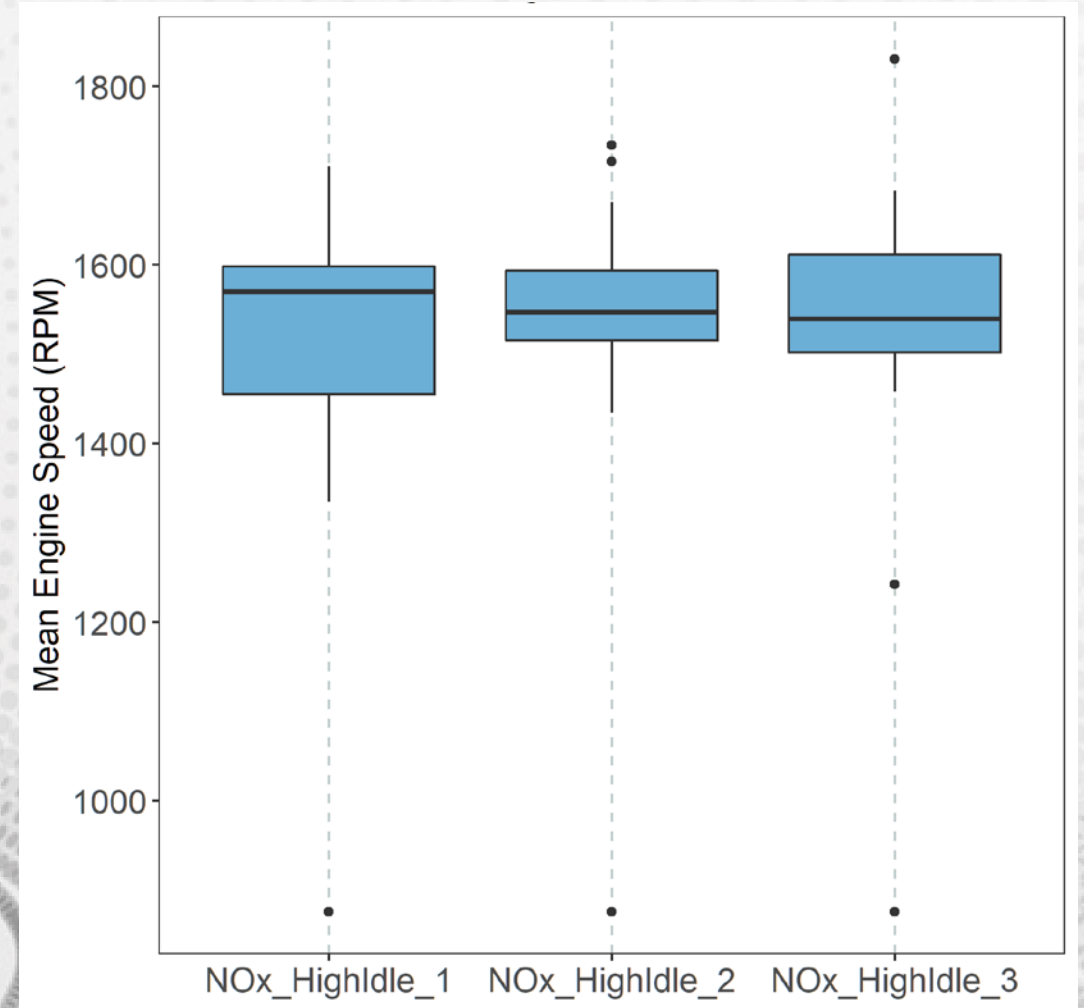
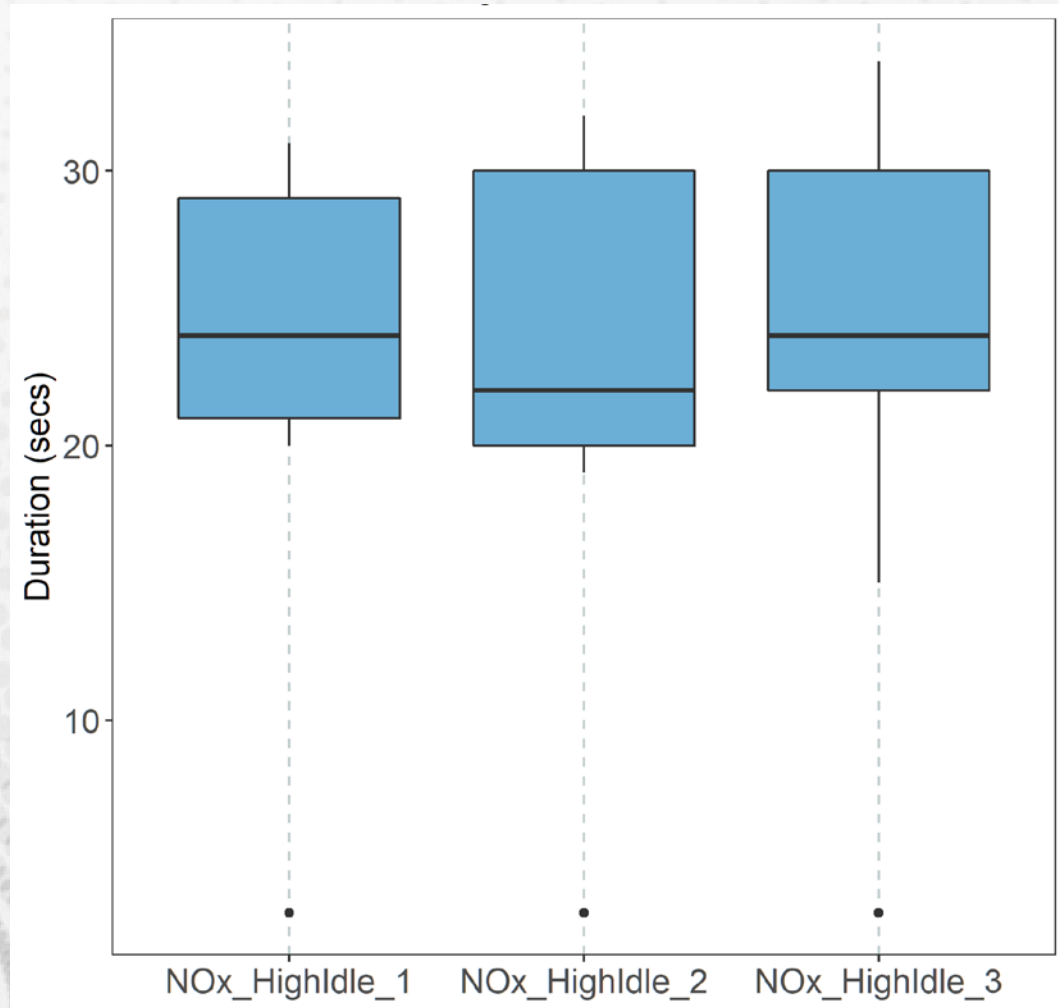
# Example of Differences between PTI NOx Acceleration and High Idle Tests (Diesel)



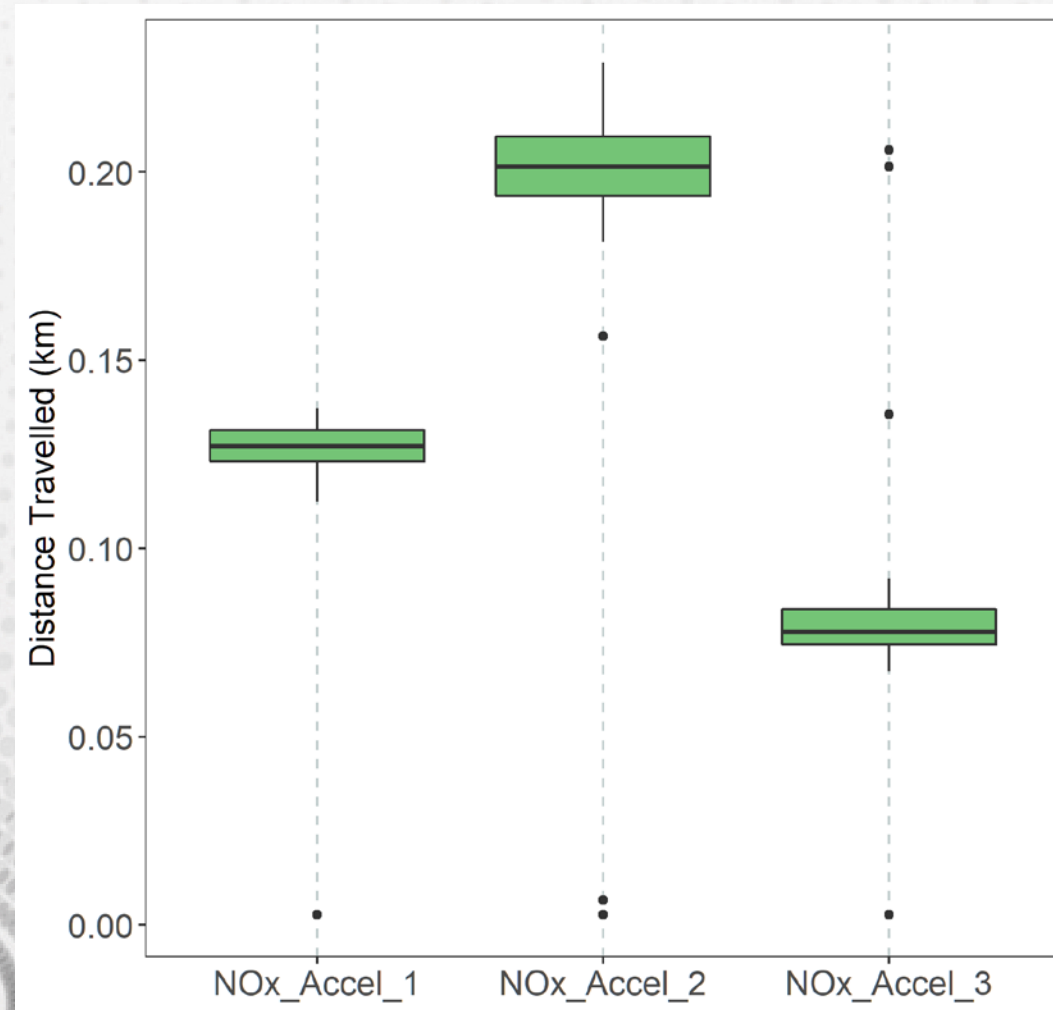
# Repeatability of the PTI PN Protocol



# Repeatability of the PTI NOx High Idle Protocol



# Repeatability of the PTI NOx Acceleration Protocol



Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Average PN concentrations are calculated from the PN engine idle test periods (points 1-3 on slide 11).

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Year	Engine	Euro Standard	PN_1 (#/cm <sup>3</sup> )	PN_2 (#/cm <sup>3</sup> )	PN_3 (#/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Average of lowest 2 PN (#/cm <sup>3</sup> )
FORD	S-MAX	2011	2.2D	EURO-5	6.9E+06	6.4E+06	5.7E+06	6.1E+06
MAZDA	6	2013	2.2D	EURO-6	4.6E+05	5.4E+05	4.7E+05	4.6E+05
AUDI	A6	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	7.1E+05	5.9E+05	6.0E+05	5.9E+05
BMW	520XDRIVE	2014	2.0D	EURO-6	1.2E+06	7.4E+05	4.0E+05	5.7E+05
AUDI	ALLROAD-Q	2006	3.0TDI	EURO-4	5.2E+05	2.1E+05	1.3E+05	1.7E+05
TOYOTA	AVENSIS	2010	2.0D	EURO-5	5.2E+05	3.9E+05	2.5E+05	3.2E+05
MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	2008	2.2D	EURO-4	1.6E+05	1.7E+05	2.5E+05	1.6E+05
CITROEN	C5	2010	2.0D	EURO-4	5.3E+06	2.4E+06	2.3E+06	2.4E+06
FORD	MONDEO	2011	2.0D	EURO-5	2.5E+06	1.7E+06	1.2E+06	1.4E+06
VW	PASSAT	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	1.0E+06	9.8E+05	9.4E+05	9.6E+05
JEEP	WRANGLER	2012	3.6B	EURO-5	1.4E+06	1.3E+06	1.3E+06	1.3E+06
VOLVO	V70	2009	2.4D	EURO-4	1.5E+06	7.3E+05	5.4E+05	6.4E+05
OPEL	ASTRA+	2015	1.4B	EURO-6	1.8E+06	1.4E+06	1.1E+06	1.3E+06
FORD	C-MAX	2008	1.8B	EURO-4	2.0E+06	1.8E+06	2.0E+06	1.9E+06

Proposed limits<sup>1</sup>

≤ 2014: 1x10<sup>6</sup> #/cm<sup>3</sup>

≥ 2015: 2.5x10<sup>5</sup> #/cm<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Zuidgeest, Louis. 'Phased Introduction of a Particle Test for DPFs in the Netherlands'. Netherlands: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Netherlands, 14 March 2019. [https://www.vert-dpf.eu/j3/images/pdf/VERT\\_Forum\\_2019/NL-Zuidgeest.pdf](https://www.vert-dpf.eu/j3/images/pdf/VERT_Forum_2019/NL-Zuidgeest.pdf).

# Preliminary NO<sub>x</sub> Acceleration Test Results – Average Values

Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Average NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations are calculated from the NO<sub>x</sub> acceleration test periods (points 8-10 on slide 11).

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Year	Engine	Euro Standard	NOx_1 (ppm)	NOx_2 (ppm)	NOx_3 (ppm)	Average of lowest 2 NOx (ppm)
FORD	S-MAX	2011	2.2D	EURO-5	120	123	108	114
MAZDA	6	2013	2.2D	EURO-6	128	271	281	200
AUDI	A6	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	73	103	128	88
BMW	520XDRIVE	2014	2.0D	EURO-6	114	113	84	99
AUDI	ALLROAD-Q	2006	3.0TDI	EURO-4	151	133	226	142
TOYOTA	AVENSIS	2010	2.0D	EURO-5	70	132	166	101
MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	2008	2.2D	EURO-4	78	154	106	92
CITROEN	C5	2010	2.0D	EURO-4	170	157	252	163
FORD	MONDEO	2011	2.0D	EURO-5	199	253	239	219
VW	PASSAT	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	122	159	150	136
JEEP	WRANGLER	2012	3.6B	EURO-5	7	19	68	13
VOLVO	V70	2009	2.4D	EURO-4	445	556	537	491
OPEL	ASTRA+	2015	1.4B	EURO-6	11	115	232	63
FORD	C-MAX	2008	1.8B	EURO-4	36	20	31	25

# Preliminary NO<sub>x</sub> Acceleration Test Results – Peak Values

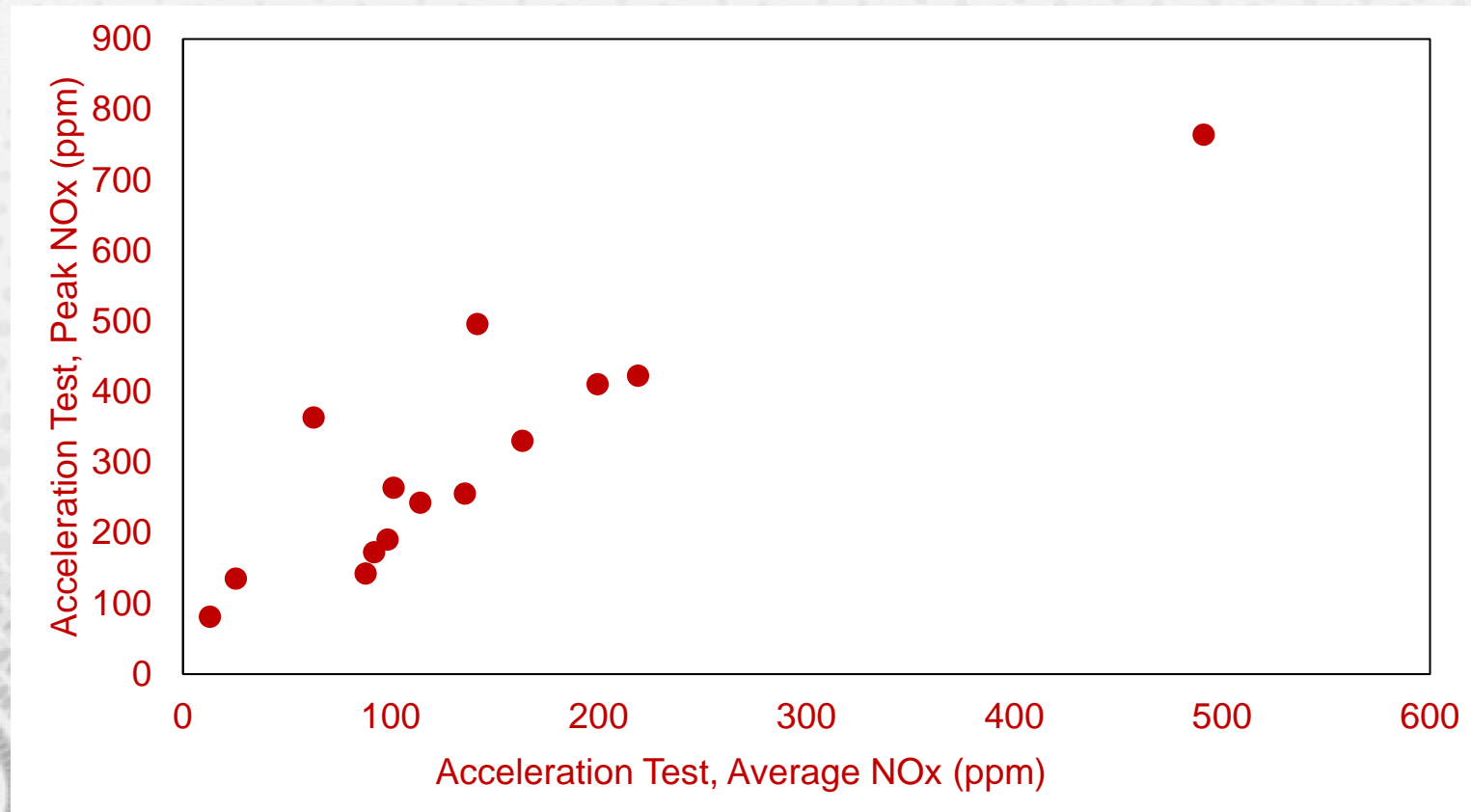
Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Peak NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations are calculated from the NO<sub>x</sub> acceleration test periods (points 8-10 on slide 11).

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Year	Engine	Euro Standard	NOx_1 (ppm)	NOx_2 (ppm)	NOx_3 (ppm)	Average of lowest 2 NOx (ppm)
FORD	S-MAX	2011	2.2D	EURO-5	302	303	183	243
MAZDA	6	2013	2.2D	EURO-6	406	475	415	411
AUDI	A6	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	133	151	226	142
BMW	520XDRIVE	2014	2.0D	EURO-6	195	204	186	190
AUDI	ALLROAD-Q	2006	3.0TDI	EURO-4	409	582	742	496
TOYOTA	AVENSIS	2010	2.0D	EURO-5	135	452	392	264
MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	2008	2.2D	EURO-4	158	497	187	173
CITROEN	C5	2010	2.0D	EURO-4	304	356	427	330
FORD	MONDEO	2011	2.0D	EURO-5	410	435	470	423
VW	PASSAT	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	232	505	279	256
JEEP	WRANGLER	2012	3.6B	EURO-5	21	141	254	81
VOLVO	V70	2009	2.4D	EURO-4	708	934	821	764
OPEL	ASTRA+	2015	1.4B	EURO-6	53	731	674	363
FORD	C-MAX	2008	1.8B	EURO-4	182	88	212	135



# Relationship between Average and Peak Values

Positive correlation seen between the NO<sub>x</sub> acceleration test's average NO<sub>x</sub> value and peak NO<sub>x</sub> value for individual vehicles.



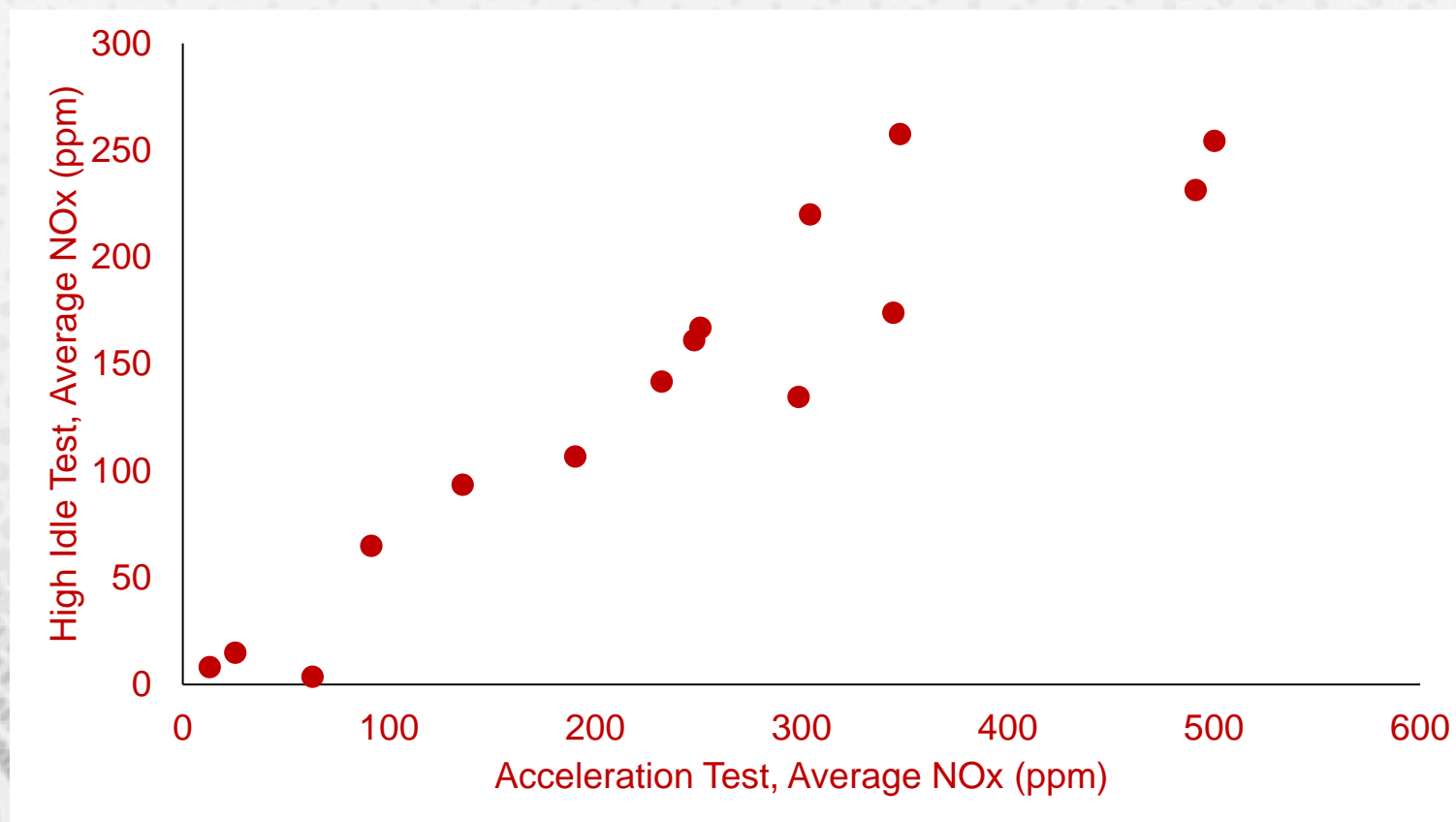
# Preliminary NO<sub>x</sub> High Idle Test Results – Average Values

Initial findings from 15 trial PTI tests. Average NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations are calculated from the NO<sub>x</sub> high idle tests (points 4-6 on slide 11).

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Year	Engine	Euro Standard	NOx_1 (ppm)	NOx_2 (ppm)	NOx_3 (ppm)	Average of lowest 2 NOx (ppm)
SUBARU	LEGACY	2011	2.0D	EURO-5	167	159	163	161
VW	PASSAT	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	87	101	100	93
VOLVO	V70	2014	2.0D	EURO-6	135	134	136	134
VOLVO	XC70	2016	2.4D	EURO-6	165	182	187	174
JEEP	WRANGLER	2012	3.6B	EURO-5	7	9	12	8
HYUNDAI	I40	2011	1.7D	EURO-5	255	254	294	254
BMW	520D	2013	2.0D	EURO-5	180	163	171	167
KIA	SPORTAGE	2016	1.7D	EURO-6	228	216	224	220
FORD	KUGA	2012	2.0D	EURO-5	142	142	141	142
VOLVO	V70	2009	2.4D	EURO-4	227	235	243	231
HONDA	CRV	2014	1.6D	EURO-5	312	245	269	257
OPEL	ASTRA+	2015	1.4B	EURO-6	2	5	5	4
KIA	SPORTAGE	2012	1.7D	EURO-5-2	113	101	114	107
VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	2011	2.0TDI	EURO-5	65	64	71	65
FORD	C-MAX	2008	1.8B	EURO-4	13	25	16	15

# Relationship between Average and Peak Values

Positive correlation seen between the average NO<sub>x</sub> high idle test results and acceleration test results for individual vehicles.



# Opus Trial Overview

- 3DATX persisted through COVID to begin the trial with Opus in Sweden:
  - Trial preparation for Borås and Skellefteå sites completed before Christmas 2020
  - Initial on-line training in Borås completed by 3DATX on January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Protocol development testing in progress , including two separate NOx protocols
  - Training by Opus in Skellefteå by Opus personnel on February 17<sup>th</sup>
  - “Production” testing planned to begin on both Borås and Skellefteå sites
  
- Comments from Opus Inspectors:
  - parSYNC<sup>®</sup> iPEMS is “like a lab instrument” and is “pretty easy to use”
  - Time to complete extended test protocol, including install and uninstall → 15-20 minutes
  - Can be installed and operated by one person
  - Bluetooth connection is robust – no disconnections yet
  - Improvements requested – tailpipe probe design to reduce install time, test protocol wizard GUI single rugged container for all components
  - Customer voluntary participation – 100% 😊

## ➤ PTI Trial progress in EU:

- Germany: Simulated PTI Trial in progress with TRT Engineering in Munich, Training and testing planned in March with TÜV-Nord in Essen and Dekra in Stuttgart
- France: Training planned to begin with SGS France in Le Mans
- Belgium: Training and testing foreseen to start in June/July
- Spain: Awaiting feedback

## ➤ Phase 2 of testing in Sweden

- Collect data from both sites - Borås and Skellefteå
- Continue to refine the test protocol
- Start publishing findings reports at regular intervals

## ➤ Phase 2 of PTI Pilot:

- Expanded testing locations and strategic partners
- Expanded scale of test vehicles
- Continuing to consider additional strategic testing partners for target markets

## ➤ Database Development:

- Coordinate with suitable partners such as JRC
- Share vehicle emissions database with pilot partners
- Provide a web-based interface to extract emissions trends and reports from the database

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