

# New Approaches to Vehicle Emissions Inspections

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- 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 (absence, modification, leaks, etc.)
  - Different exhaust emission requirements for vehicle engine type:
    1. Positive ignition engines:
      - a. CO emissions below specified thresholds
      - b. Lambda coefficient within specified range
      - c. OBD does not indicate significant malfunction
    2. Compression ignition engines:
      - a. Opacity does not exceed specified thresholds
  
- Directive 2014/45/EU is out of date:
  - Not referenced to regulatory thresholds and measurements defined for type-approval 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 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
  
- Further work 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



# Test Location



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



# Vehicles Tested



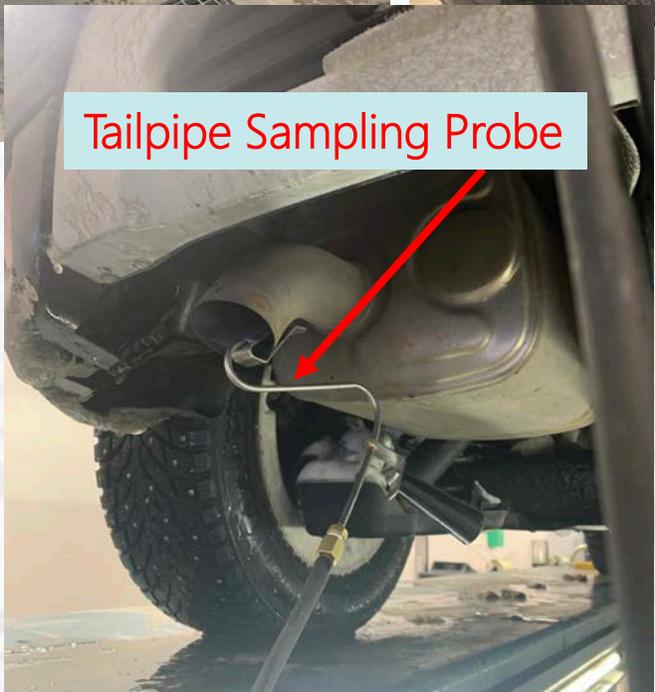


# Vehicle Summary

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

# Test Setup and Conditions



parSYNC warmup and zeroing while vehicle is being prepared

- 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

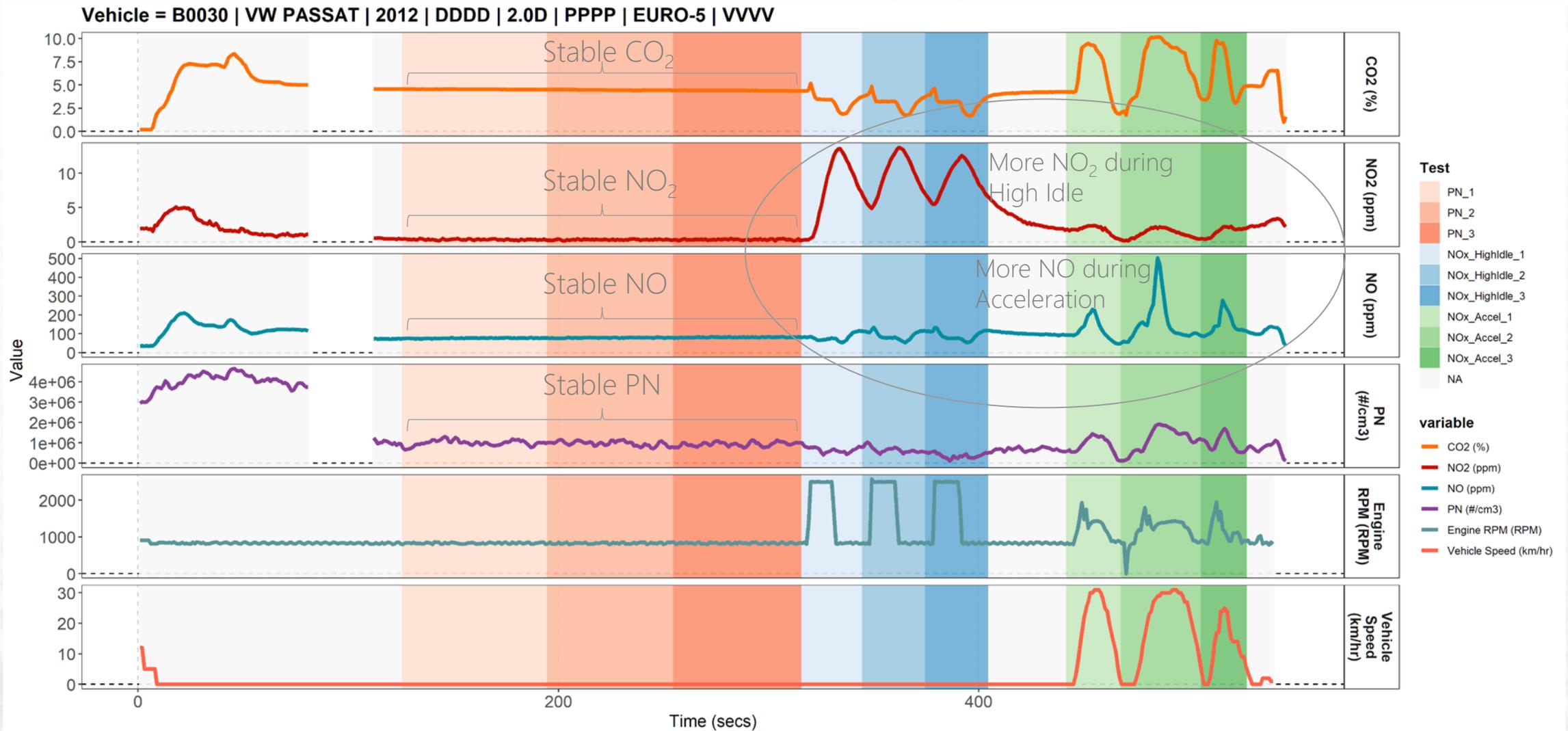
- NO<sub>x</sub> Acceleration – Stationary → 30 kph → Stationary | Repeat 3 times
- 11

- 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

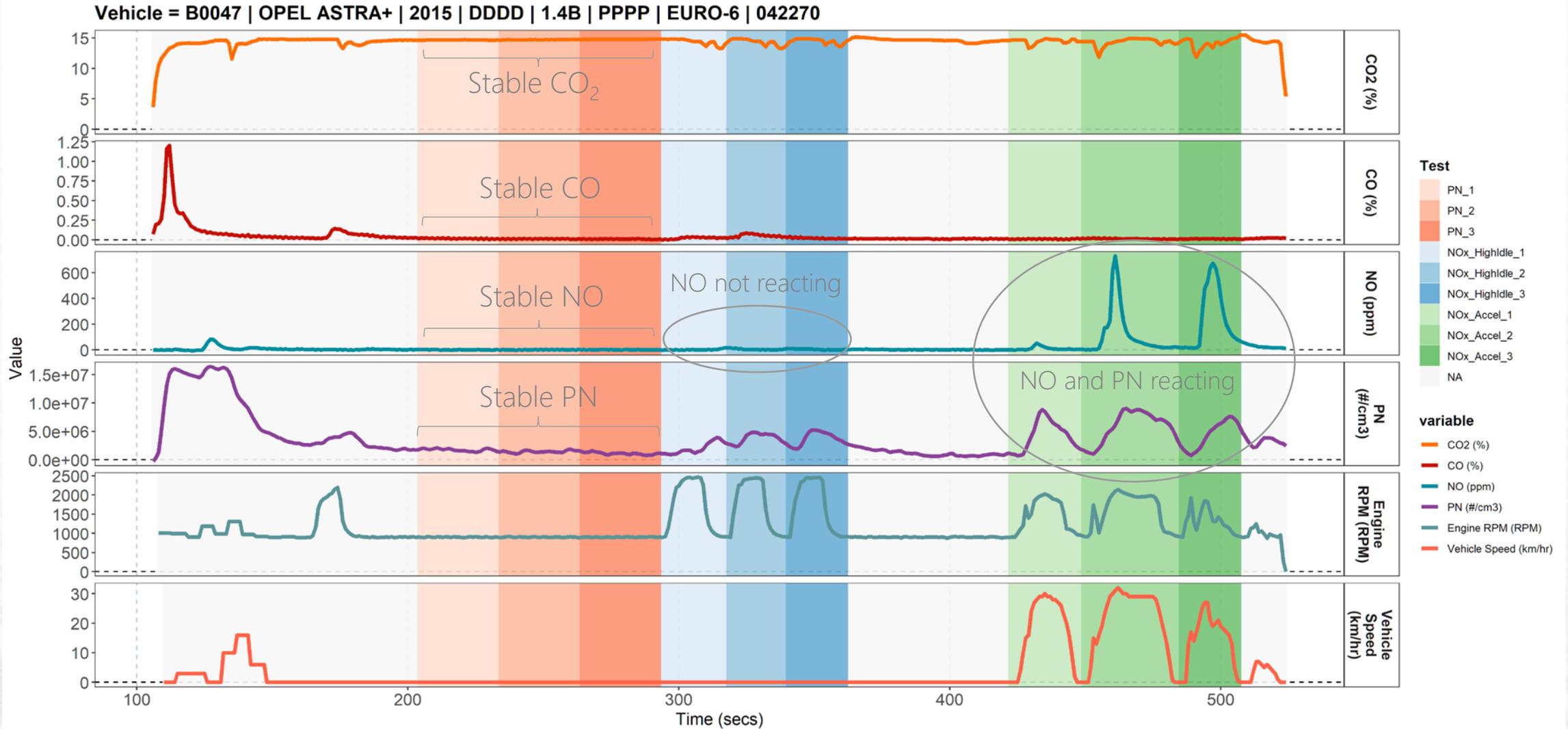
- Run zeroing procedure with parSYNC on the bench

# PTI Pilot Data – Initial Findings

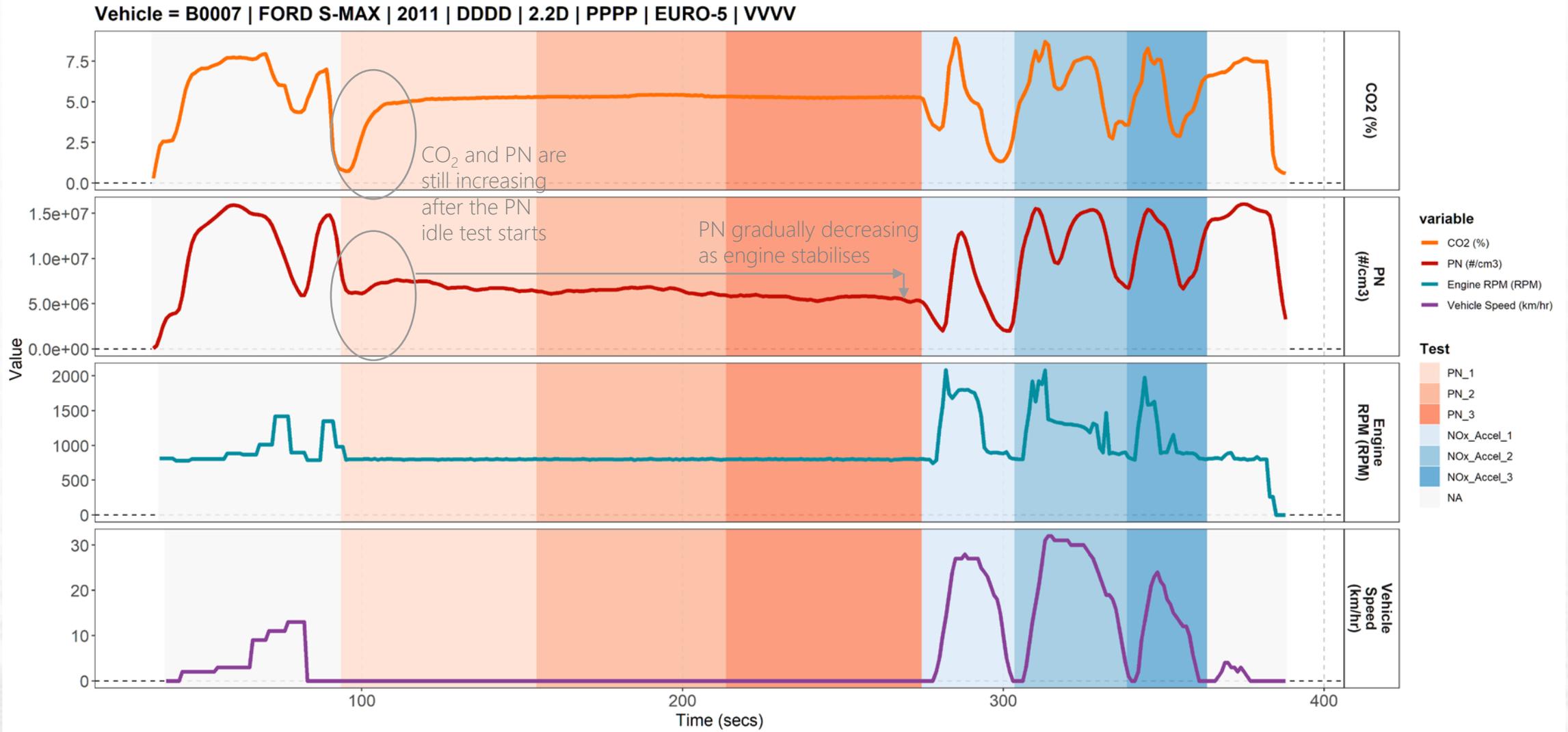
# Example of a PTI Protocol Test – Diesel



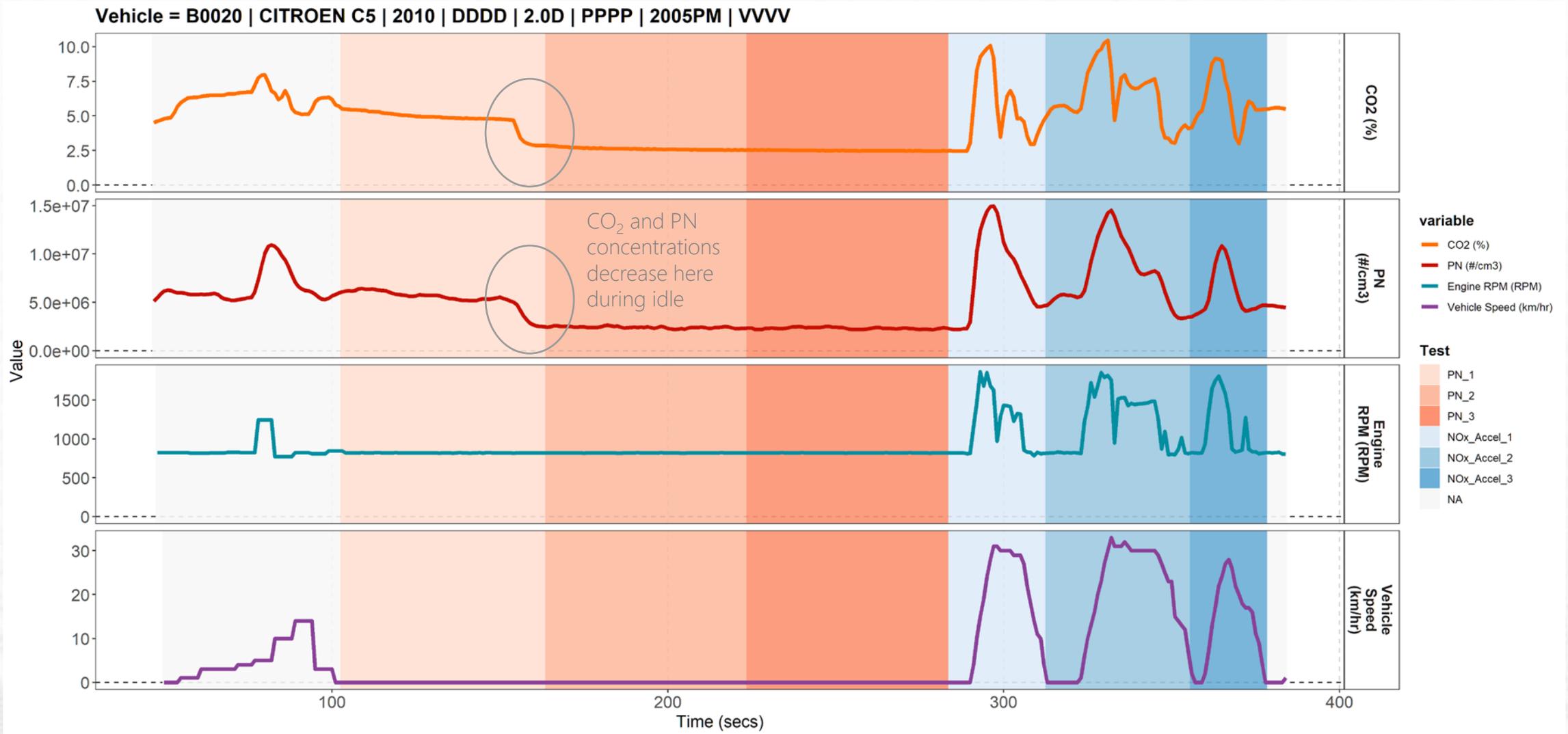
# Example of a PTI Protocol Test – Petrol



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

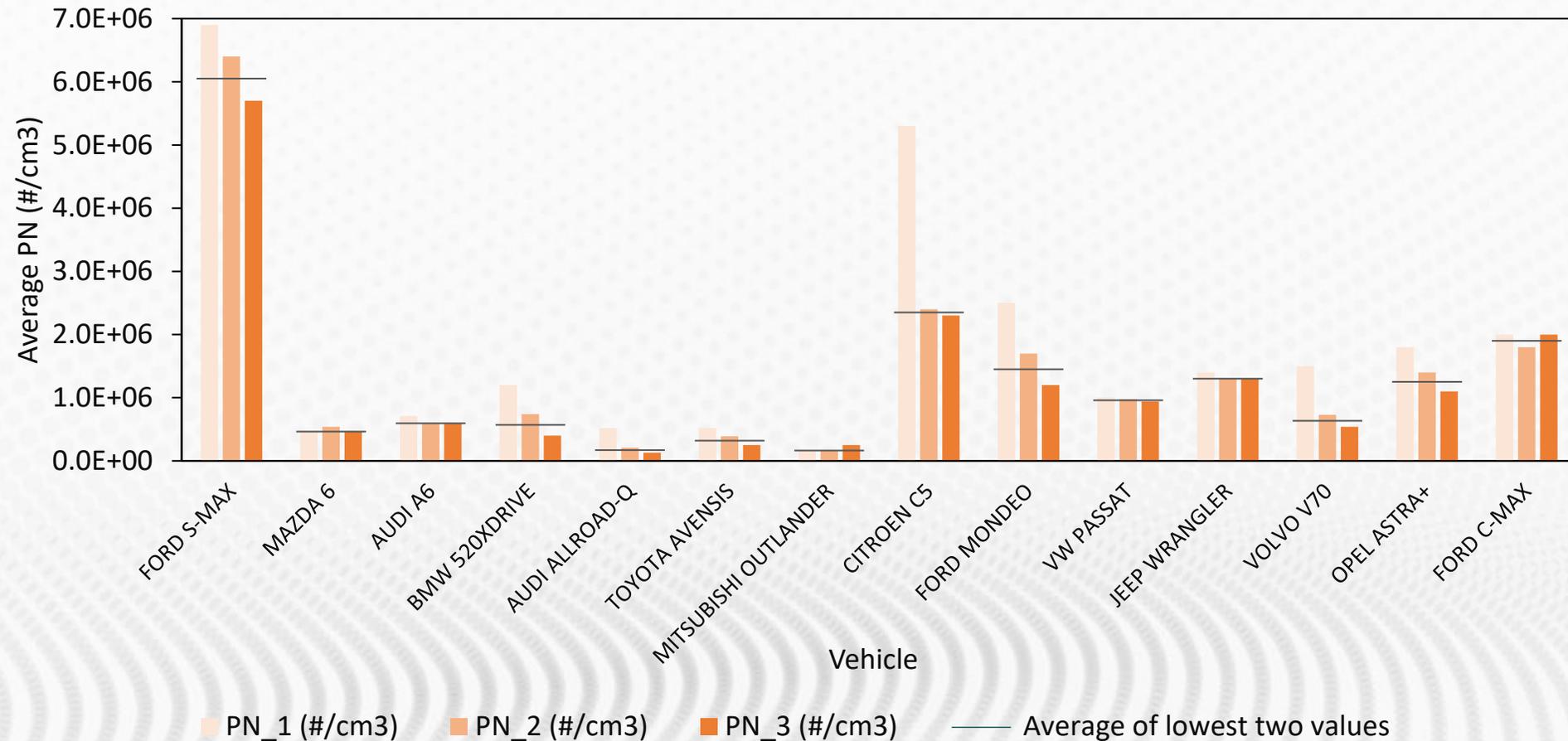


# Example of Instability on the PTI PN Idle

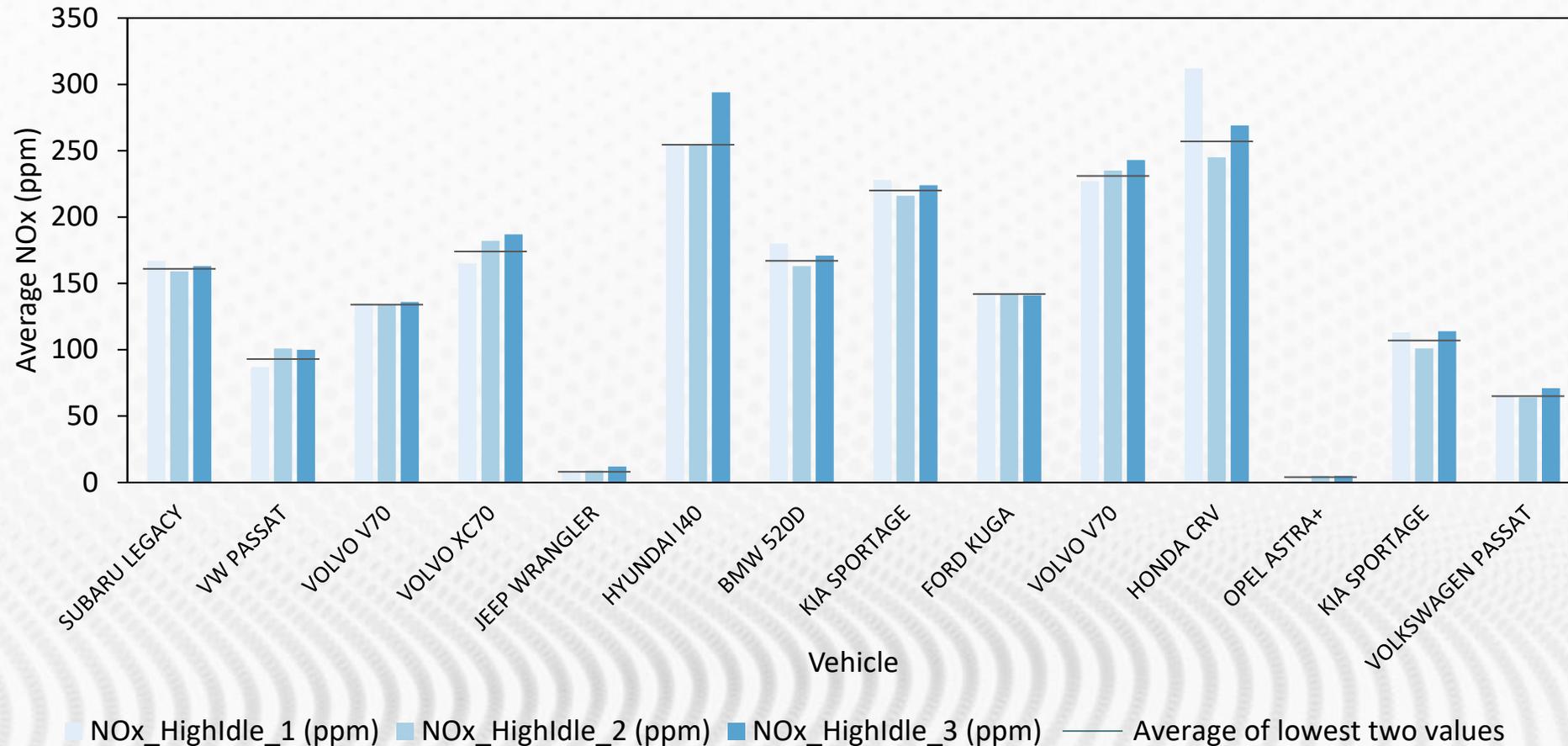


# Preliminary PN Results – Idle Test

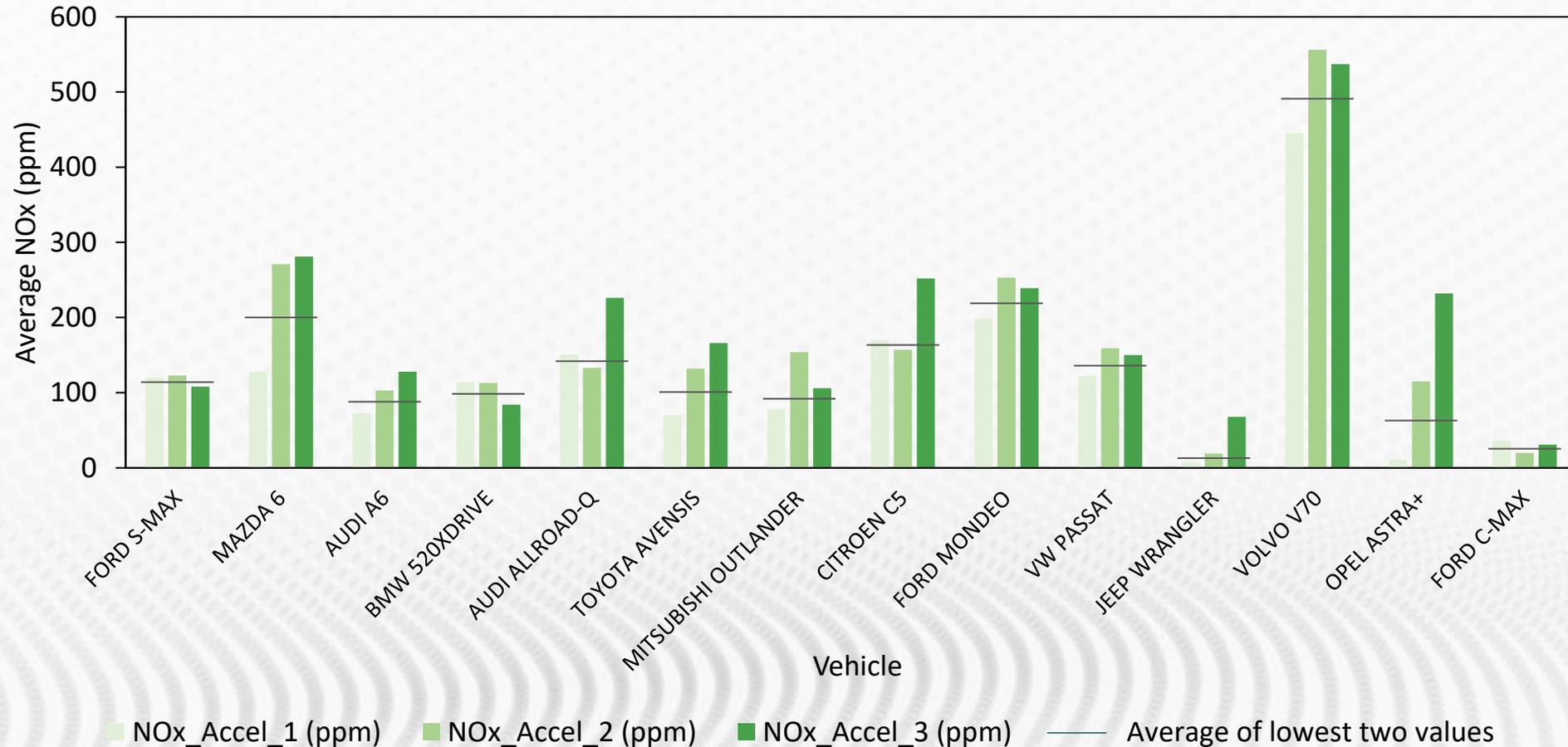
Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Average PN concentrations are calculated from the PN engine idle test periods.



Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Average NOx concentrations are calculated from the NOx High Idle test periods.

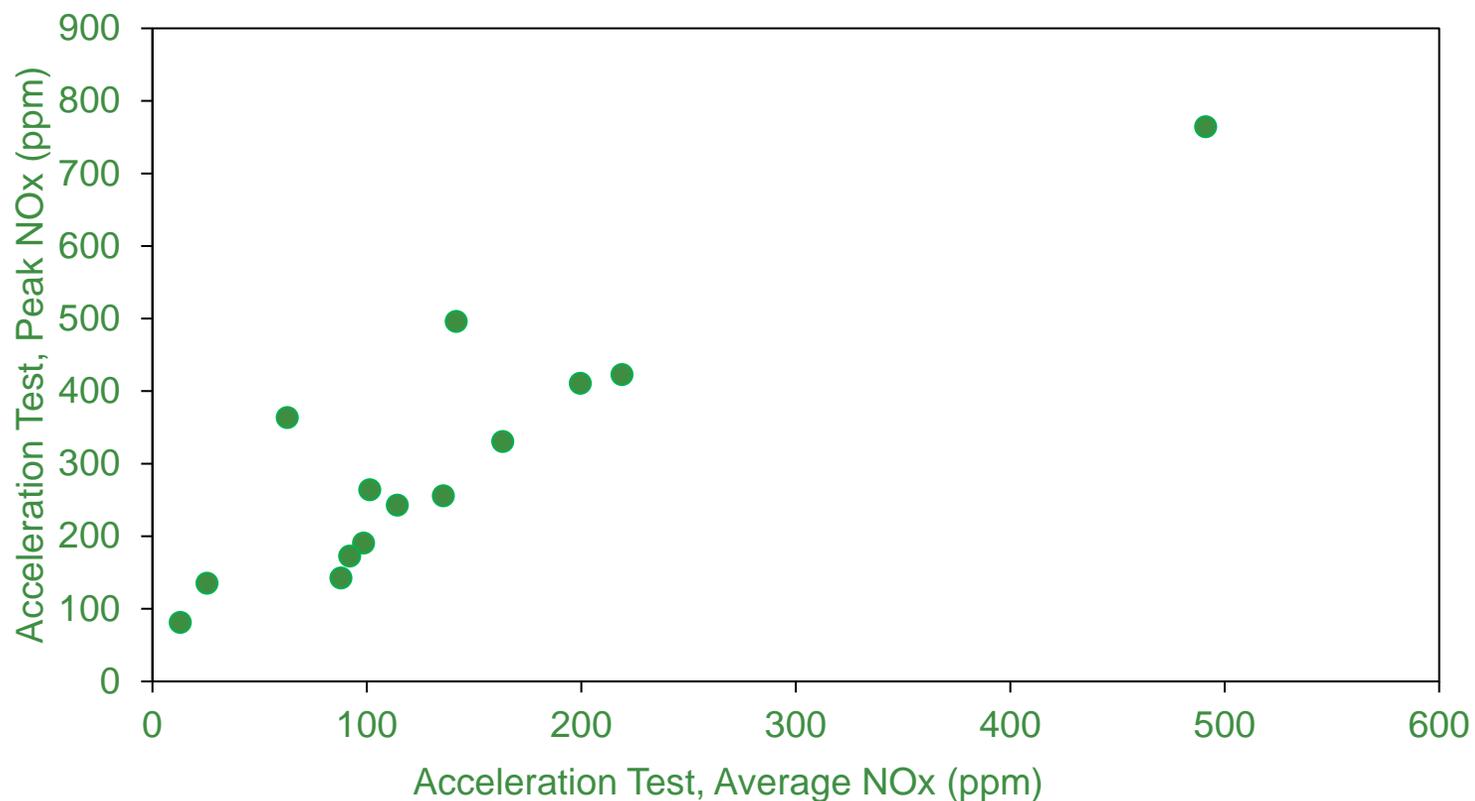


Initial findings from 14 trial PTI tests. Average NOx concentrations are calculated from the NOx acceleration test periods.



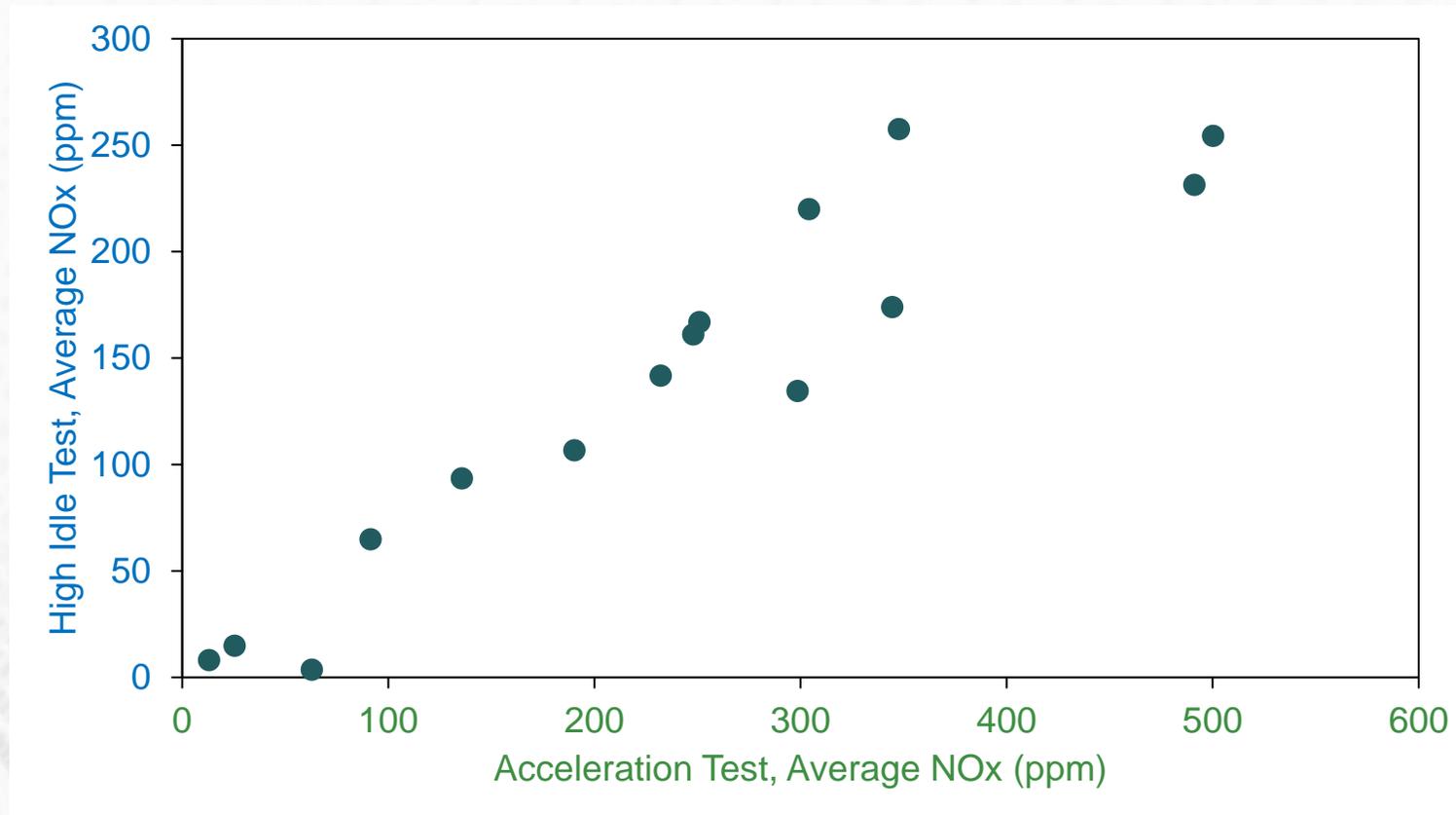
# Relationship between Average and Peak Values

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.



# Relationship between Acceleration and High Idle Test Results

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



## ➤ OPUS Trial Preliminary Conclusions:

- The PN Idle test works well, but an improved engine warming/conditioning procedure is required
- Both NOx tests appear promising, with good correlation between the two tests for individual vehicles

## ➤ Feedback from Opus Inspectors:

- parSYNC® 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% 😊

## ➤ Adding more test locations in EU:

- Germany: Simulated PTI Trial in progress with TRT Engineering in Munich, TÜV-Nord in Essen – training completed, measurements starting soon  
Dekra in Stuttgart – training scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> week in April
- Spain: Participating in AECA-ITV (association of PTI inspection groups) trial
- France and Belgium: Trials expected to begin in summer

## ➤ Phase 2 of PTI Pilot:

- Continue to refine the test protocol and pollutant metrics
- Expanded testing locations and strategic partners in EU and other target markets >> significantly larger vehicle sample size

## ➤ 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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# Tables

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

# 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