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# On-Board Monitoring with Advanced Exhaust Sensors

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# Acknowledgments

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- Framework contract for studies and technical assistance in the field of emissions:
  - ◆ Study on post-EURO 6/VI emission standards in Europe
  - ◆ Measuring the fuel consumption of light- and heavy-duty vehicles and monitoring their real-world fuel consumption
- Smart Adaptive Remote **D**iagnostic **A**ntitampering **S**ystems (DIAS) - European Commission HORIZON 2020

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# Open issues on emissions

- Euro 6/VI final stages, RDE and OBD have been successfully reduced tailpipe emissions
- But they did not solve all issues:
  - ◆ Tampering
  - ◆ High emitters with MIL-off
  - ◆ Restrictive ISC car selection rules
  - ◆ Etc.

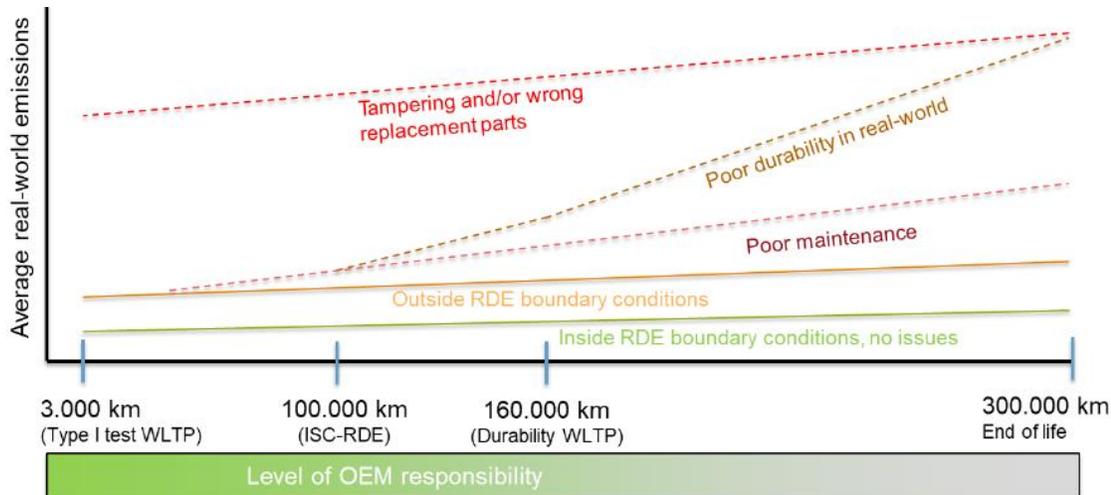


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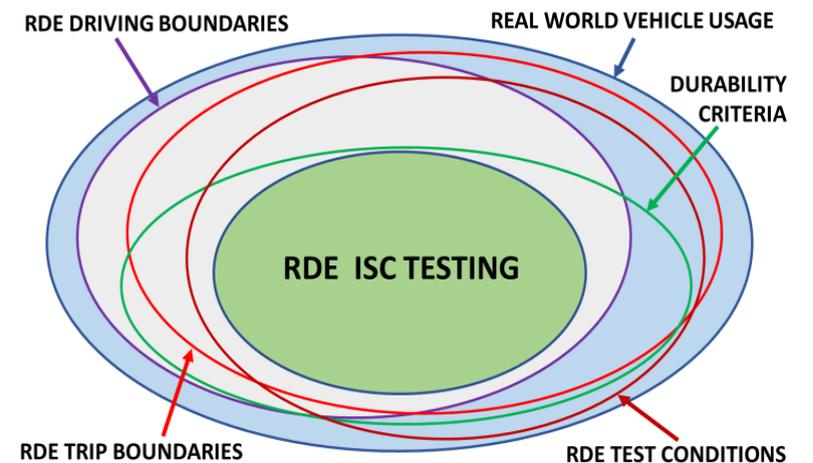


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## OBM-based policies

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On-board monitoring of tailpipe emissions is capable for improved control of emissions:

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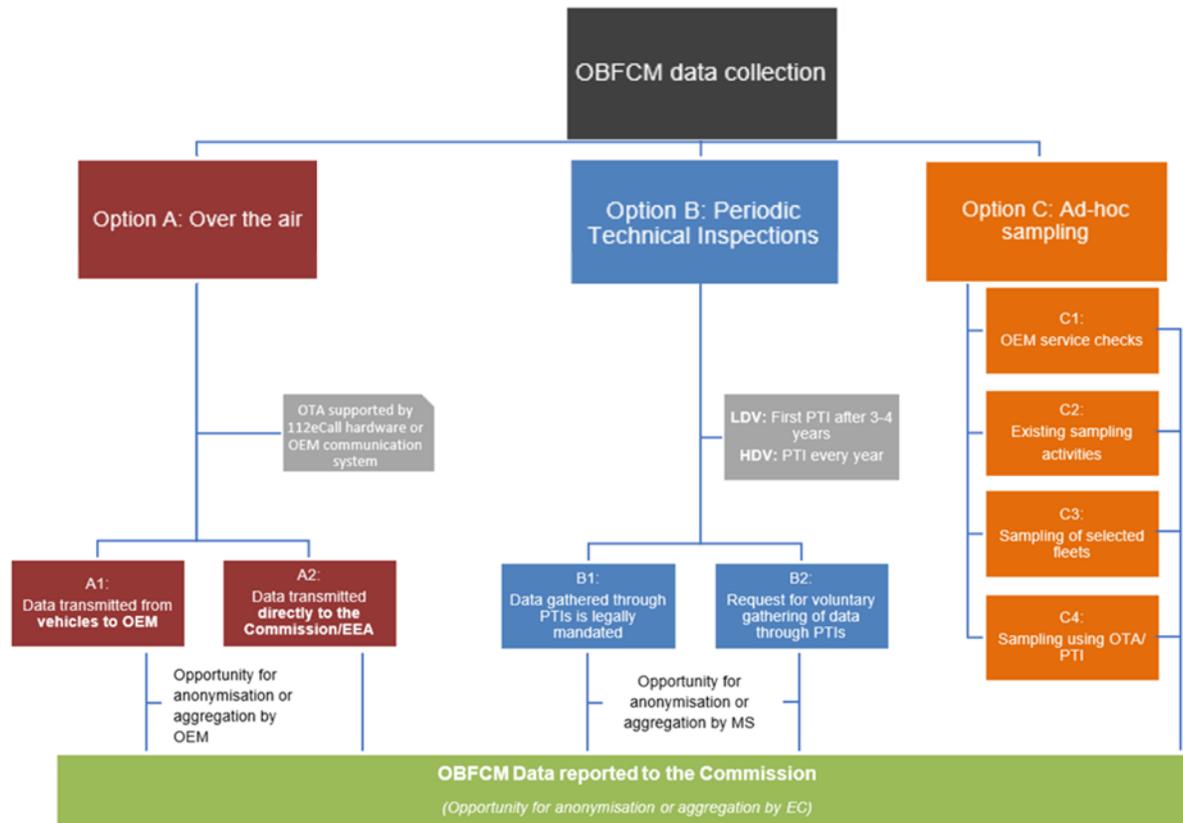
- ◆ Identification and measures for high-emitters
- ◆ Anti-tampering
- ◆ Improved roadworthiness inspections
- ◆ Long-term evaluation of emission performance

➤ For vehicle families

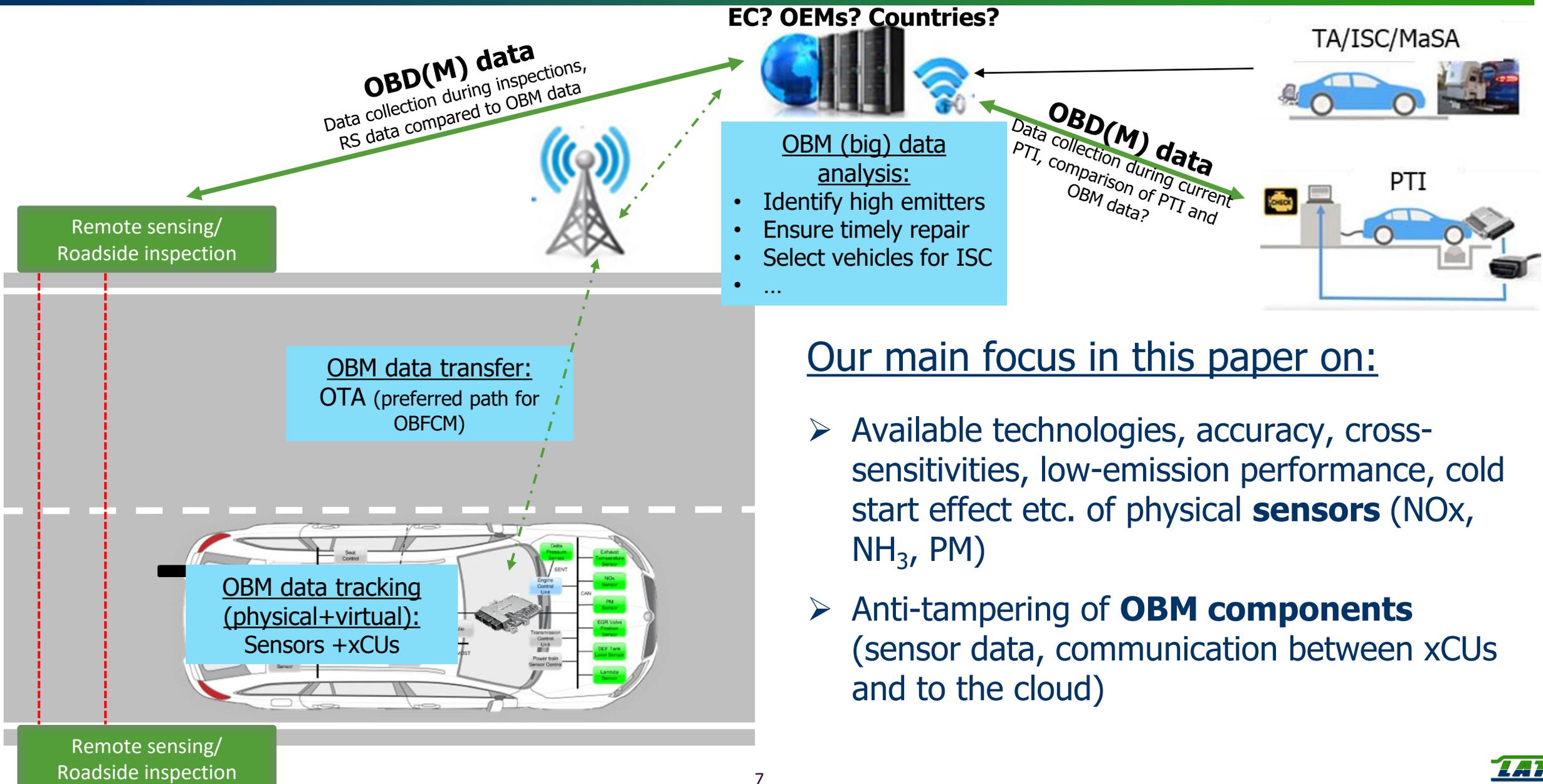
- ◆ Reduce the burden of In-Service Conformity (ISC) emission testing
- ◆ ISC and Market Surveillance (MaS) vehicle preselection
- ◆ Emission compliance (over NTE limit) and performance monitoring

# OBM components

- Tracking of emission-related data:
  - ◆ There are Sensors (or are under development) to enable emission monitoring
  - ◆ Calculation models and OBD-based algorithms can provide data for those pollutants that cannot be directly measured
- OBM data collection: Based on OBFCM experience



# OBM: part of an overall emissions compliance framework



## Our main focus in this paper on:

- Available technologies, accuracy, cross-sensitivities, low-emission performance, cold start effect etc. of physical **sensors** (NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, PM)
- Anti-tampering of **OBM components** (sensor data, communication between xCUs and to the cloud)

# Design target for OBM sensors

## ➤ Extended lifetime:

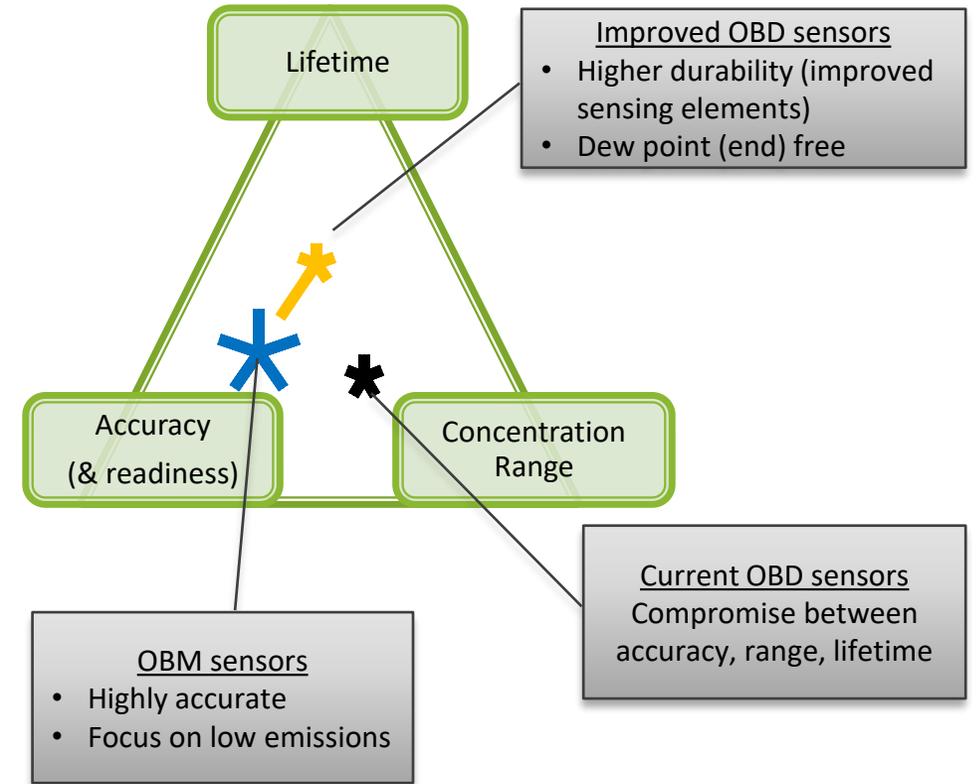
- ◆ Current focus (due to OBD needs)
- ◆ Significantly affected by readiness i.e. low dew-point temperature for cold-start measurements can reduce lifetime

## ➤ Reduced concentration range:

- ◆ Different engine-out (for NOx control) and tailpipe sensors (OBM) for increased accuracy

## ➤ Improved accuracy:

- ◆ In the low range, high accuracy is expected for advanced OBM sensors
- ◆ Correction functions and models can improve accuracy



# Emission sensing capabilities for OBM

## Short-term capabilities

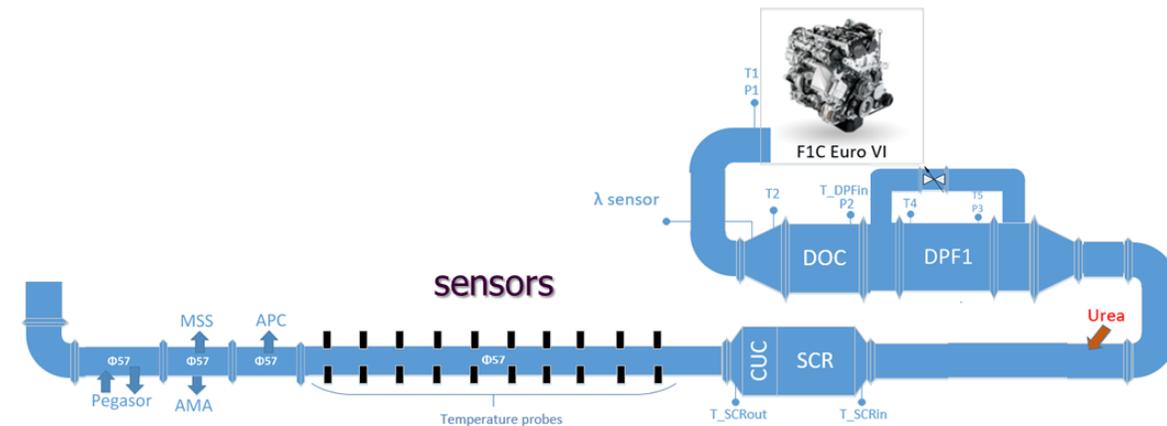
- **NO<sub>x</sub>**: Amperometric next generation sensors
- **NH<sub>3</sub>** (diesel): Mixed-potential next gen. sensor
- **NH<sub>3</sub>** (gasoline): Utilize cross sensitivity of NO<sub>x</sub> sensor ( $\lambda < 1$ )
- **PM(/PN)** (diesel): Based on advanced filter diagnostics → resistive next generation sensors
- **(PM/ )PN** (gasoline): Based on advanced filter diagnostics → pressure or temperature or OSC-based
- **CO/HC/CH<sub>4</sub> (+ other species)**: Only with model-based monitoring

## Long-term capabilities

- **NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>** : Improved NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> sensors or multigas sensors:
  - ❖ Accuracy:  $< \pm 7$  ppm or  $< \pm 7\%$
  - ❖ "Dew-point" free + Water resistance improvements
  - ❖ Separate Engine-out and tailpipe sensors
- **PM/PN**: Advanced sensor technologies (Resistive, Electrostatic, Diffusion Charge, Laser Induced Incandescence)
- **CO/HC/CH<sub>4</sub>, other species**: no current plans for sensors, limited information for feasibility of sensing technology

# Test campaigns on EU6 diesel engine

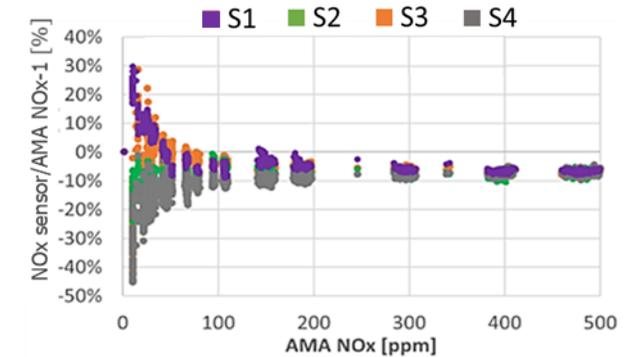
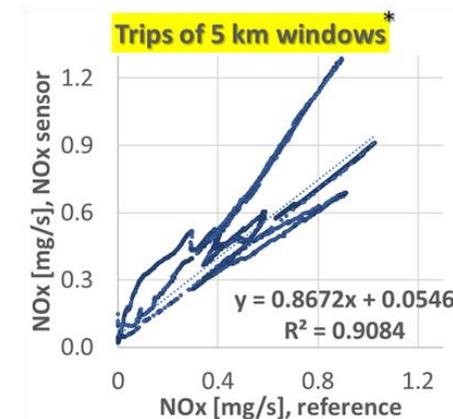
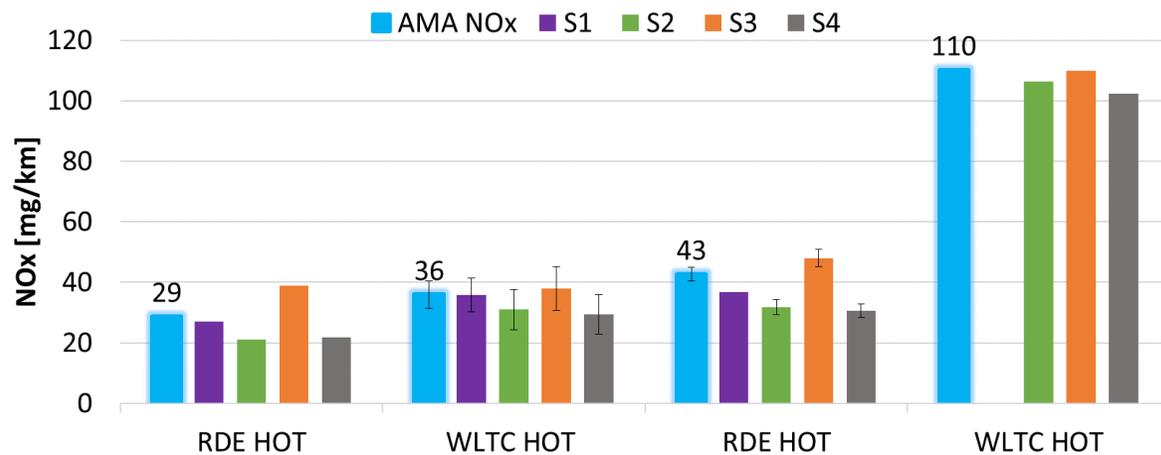
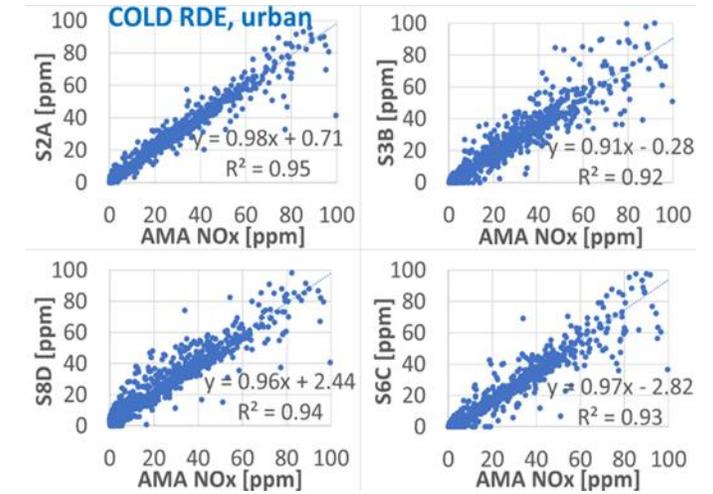
- Examined sensors:
  - ◆ Amperometric NO<sub>x</sub> sensors
  - ◆ Mixed-potential NH<sub>3</sub> sensors
  - ◆ Resistive PM sensors
  - ◆ Electrostatic PM/PN sensor
  - ◆ Miniaturized Diffusion Charge PM/PN sensor
- Optimized sensors' installation (to eliminate shadowing effect, long distance downstream of pipe bends, above horizontal for water protection)
- Reference equipment: AVL AMA i60, FTIR, MSS, EEPS, APC<sub>10</sub>
- Different campaigns for NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and PM/PN
- Emissions levels are controlled by control of urea injection, DPF by-pass and adaptation of engine load
- Transient and steady-state measurements in the same set-up
- Transient: WLTC, WHTC, RDE compliant



# NOx sensors results

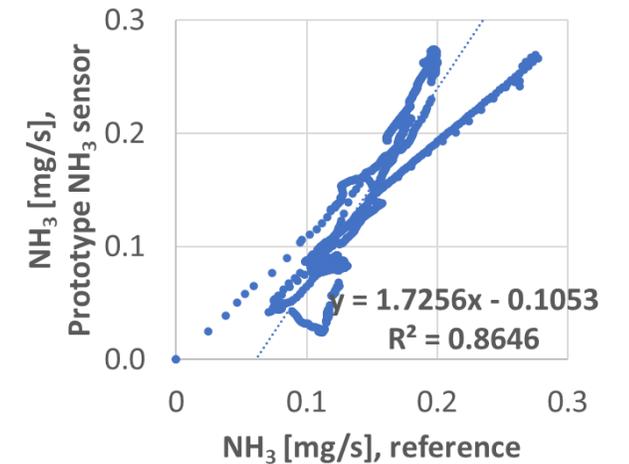
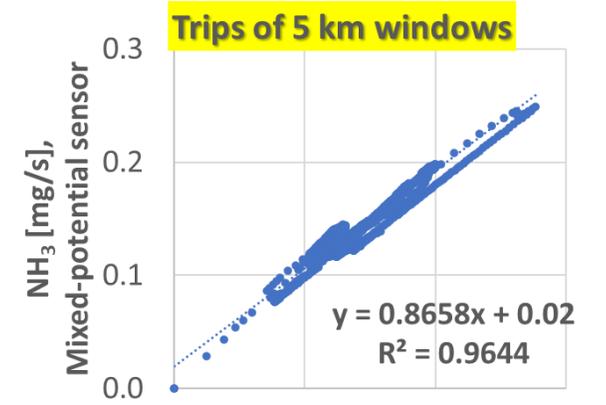
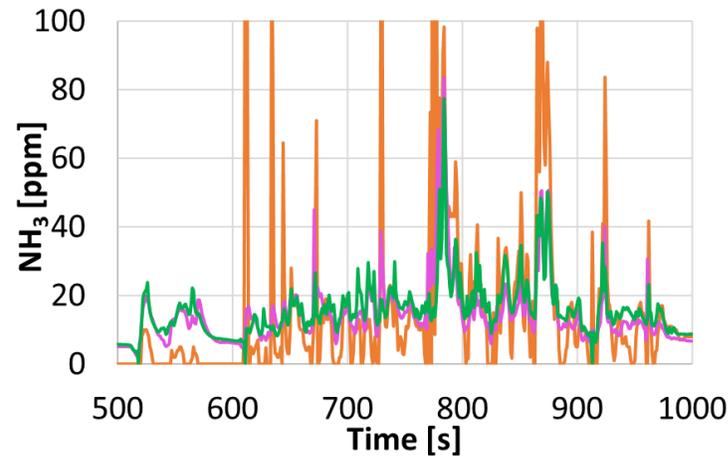
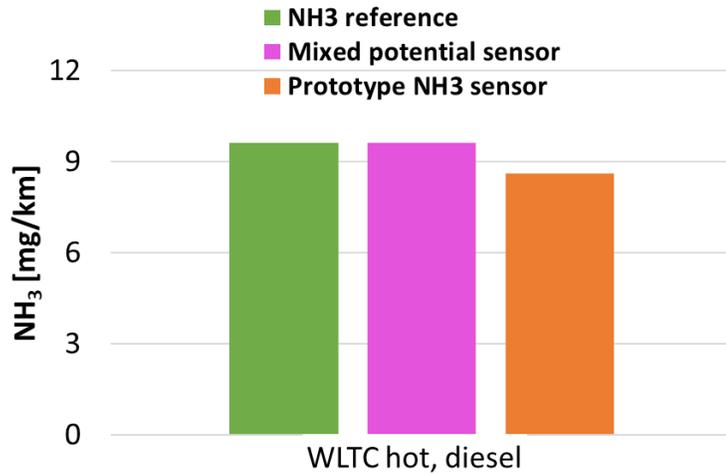
- **Tested sensors:** Current amperometric NOx sensors
- **Cycles:** RDE and WLTC at 30-45 mg/km, down to “near-zero” steady-state
- **Performance:**
  - ◆ 10mg/km ( $\pm 35\%$ ) max deviation on transient low NOx emissions for all sensors.
  - ◆ 5km moving windows for S3: good correlation, positive deviations observed due to exhaust pressure and NH<sub>3</sub> cross-sensitivities
  - ◆ Good accuracy & correlation with reference equipment even at cold conditions (50-100°C, 1s analysis)
  - ◆ Steady-state <10 ppm (near-zero emissions): up to  $\pm 40\%$  ppm gain error

Focus on urban cold-start (<100 ppm), 4 different sensors



# NH<sub>3</sub> sensor results

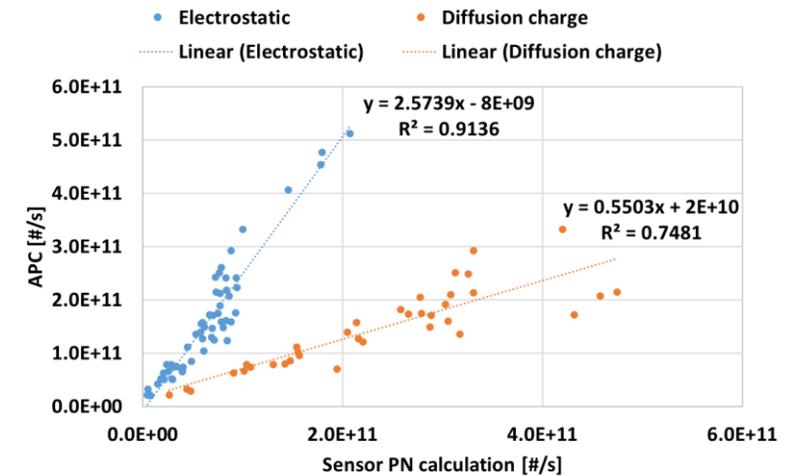
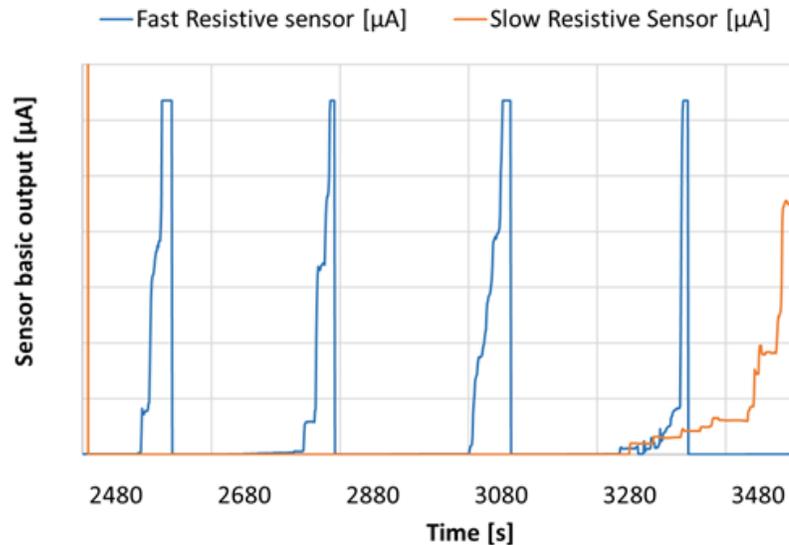
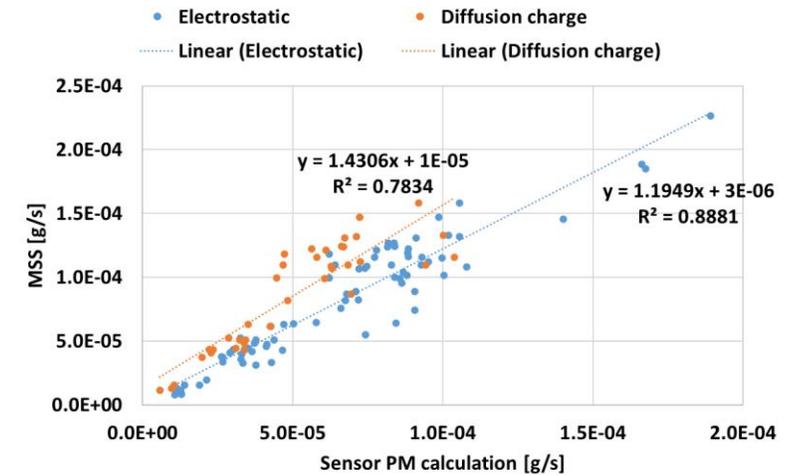
- **Tested sensors:** Currently available mixed-potential, prototype mixed potential
- **Cycles:** WLTC at ~10 mg/km
- **Performance:**
  - ◆ Good correlation between reference, current (mixed-potential) and prototype NH<sub>3</sub> sensors
  - ◆ Noise on prototype under investigation
  - ◆ 5km moving windows:
    - Very good correlation for current mixed-potential
    - Worse behavior (under investigation) for the prototype sensor



# PM/PN sensors results



- **Tested sensors:** Next generation resistive, Electrostatic, DC miniaturized
- **Cycles:** RDE and WLTC at 3-4.5 mg/km
- **Performance:**
  - ◆ Fast resistive compared to currently available (slow) → 4x more loadings
  - ◆ Electrostatic PM/PN and miniaturized DC (less data available):
    - PM → Good correlation with reference equipment (MSS), similar regression models for both technologies
    - PN → Good correlation with reference equipment (APC<sub>10</sub>), different slopes of the regression models



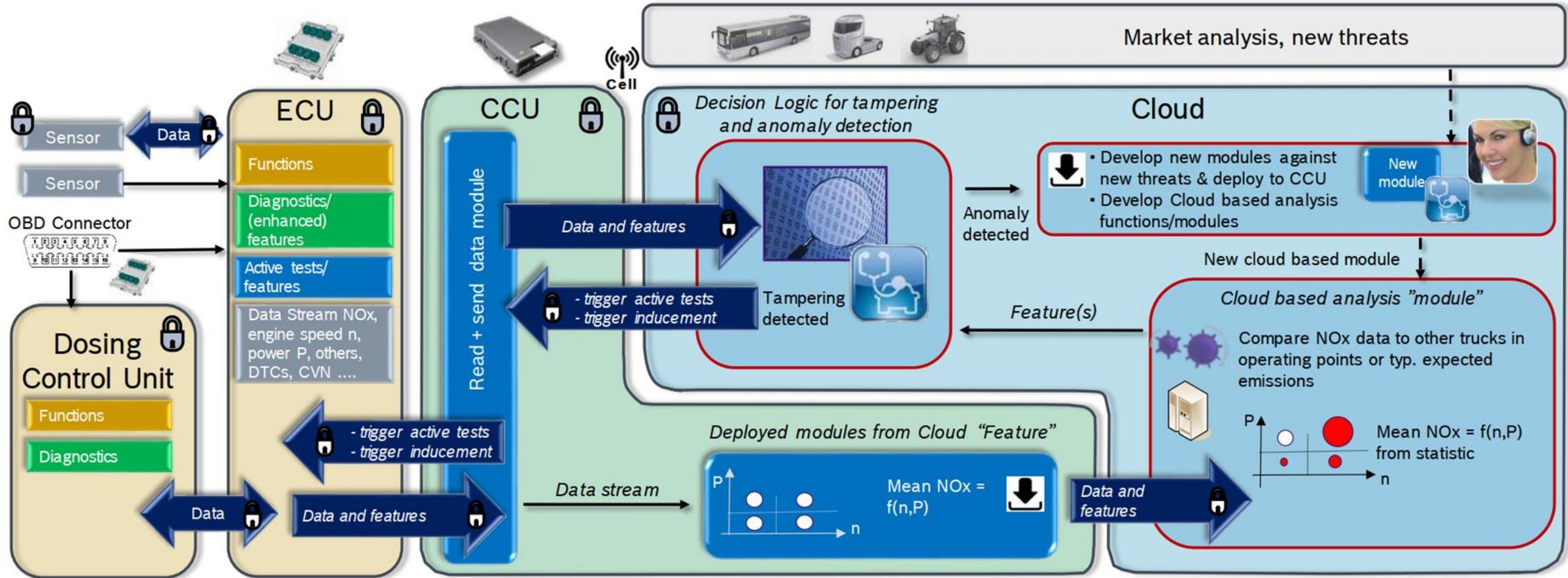
Note: Fluxes for electrostatic were calculated from sensor signal (nA) using a linear correction based on low and moderate PM emissions for WLTC and RDE cycles

## Anti-tampering of OBM components

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- Tamper-proof OBM components are prerequisite for valid OBM
- OBD is not optimized to diagnose tampering
- The challenge is to ensure that sensor data are not manipulated
- This can be realized via 2 approaches (based on DIAS H2020 project):
  - ◆ Advanced in-vehicle security techniques:
    - **Communication security** between Sensor Control Unit (SCU) and Engine Control Unit (ECU)
    - **Component security** against installation of emulators (i.e. NOx sensor emulator)
  - ◆ ECU - CCU - Cloud-based distributed **overall diagnostic system (ODS)**

# Overall Diagnostic System (ODS) Example for SCR tampering



Our concept: combining the cloud capabilities with the engine management system and after-treatment controls and sensors

## Summary and next steps

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- On-board monitoring of tailpipe emissions can be established for improved control of emissions
- Main focus: technical feasibility of sensors and anti-tampering provisions for sensors and OBM components
- Sensors are there or are under development to enable emission monitoring
- Results from dedicated sensor test campaigns (diesel engine) provided promising results for NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and PM/PN sensors. Tests on prototypes and on gasoline engine are on-going.
- Anti-tampering solutions are currently investigated by DIAS project for data integrity
- Next steps:
  - ◆ Completion of gasoline tests and analysis
  - ◆ Multigas (NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>) sensors
  - ◆ Additional prototypes for PM/PN
  - ◆ Demonstration of anti-tampering solutions

Thank you for your attention

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