

# RDE – Challenges in developing an on-road test procedure for light-duty vehicles

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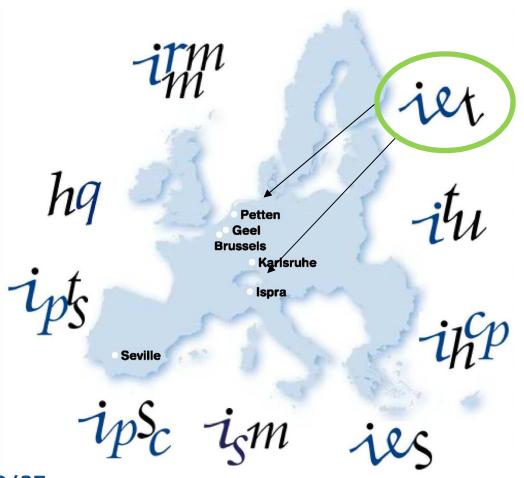


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- Why PEMS on-road testing as RDE procedure?
- PEMS testing of light-duty vehicles with PEMS
- PEMS data evaluation key elements and principles

## **The Joint Research Centre**



#### JRC - the European Commission's in-house science service

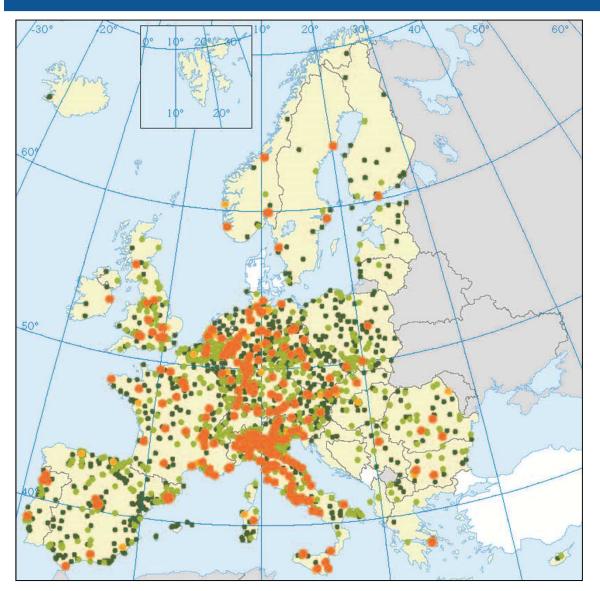






# Background





Annual mean, nitrogen dioxide, 2009, based on daily averages with percentage of valid measurements 75 % in µg/m<sup>3</sup>

- ≤ 20
- 20-40
- 40-42
- ≥ 42
- No data
- Outside data coverage

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# Background



#### **Expectations in emissions legislation**

- Balancing environmental objectives with societal (mobility) and economic (competitiveness, jobs) objectives
- Emissions legislation = Limits + Tests:
  - practical: technically feasible, simple, transparent, cheap
  - effective: clean vehicles during use (not only in the lab)
  - flexible: to accommodate future vehicle technologies, state of knowledge, social demands
- <u>PEMS offers multiple advantages over conventional vehicle testing in the laboratory</u>

## **PEMS**



#### **Practicality and costs**

• In-use conformity testing of heavy-duty engines and NRMM: PEMS avoids extracting engines from vehicles

#### **Effectiveness of vehicle testing (light-duty vehicles):**

- Real-world on-road emissions
- Forcing optimal design of complex emissions control

## **Regulations & Activities**



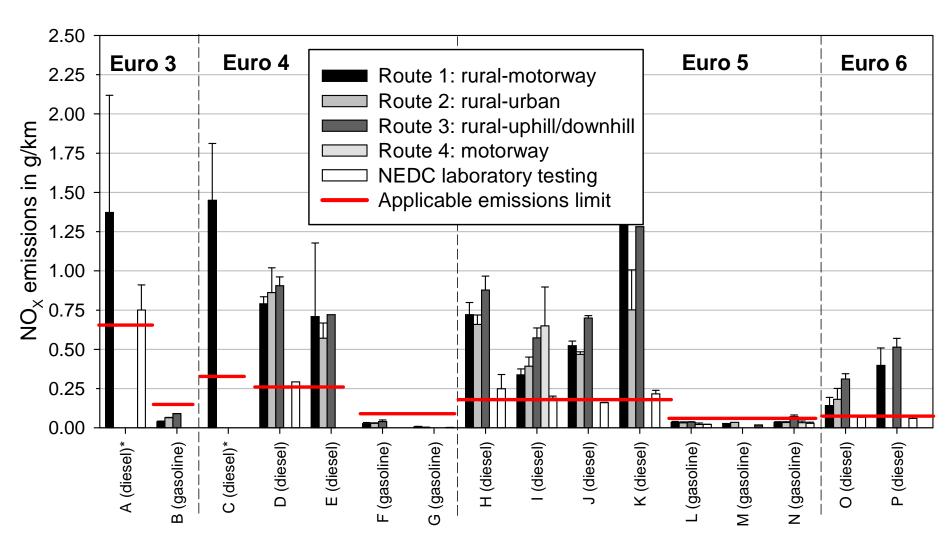
# NRMM

Heavy-duty vehicles

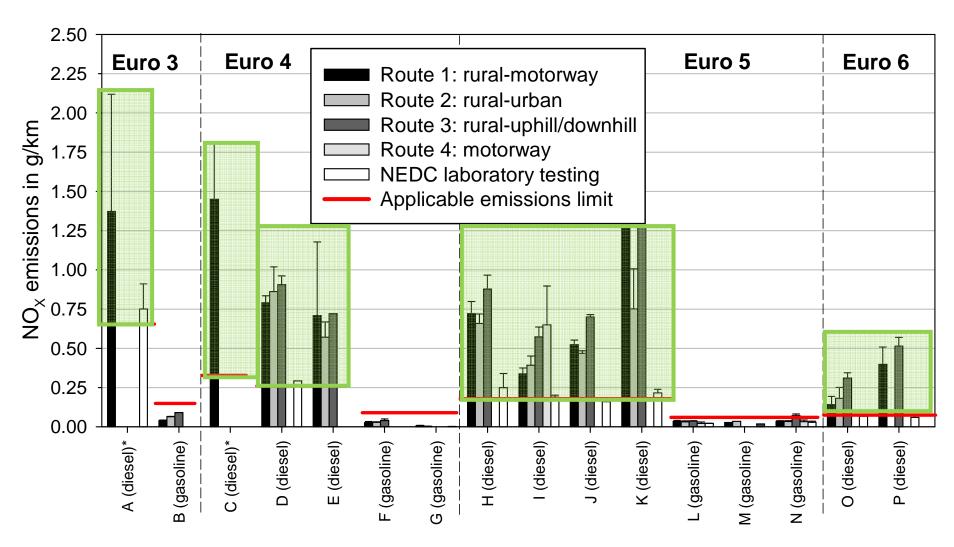
#### **Light-duty vehicles**

- Regulation 715/2007 defines Euro 5/6 limits and aims "to ensure that real world emissions correspond to those measured at type approval. The use of portable emission measurement systems and the introduction of the 'not-to-exceed' regulatory concept should also be considered."











- Real-driving emissions (RDE) working group to establish a complementary test procedure
- JRC coordinates the technical work
- Candidate procedures: Fixed test cycles
   Random test cycles
   PEMS on-road testing
   Vehicle modeling

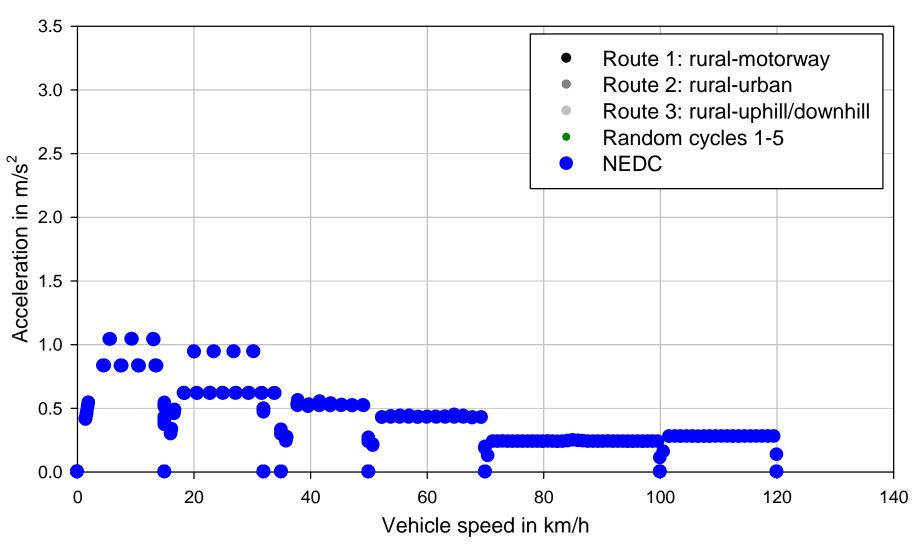


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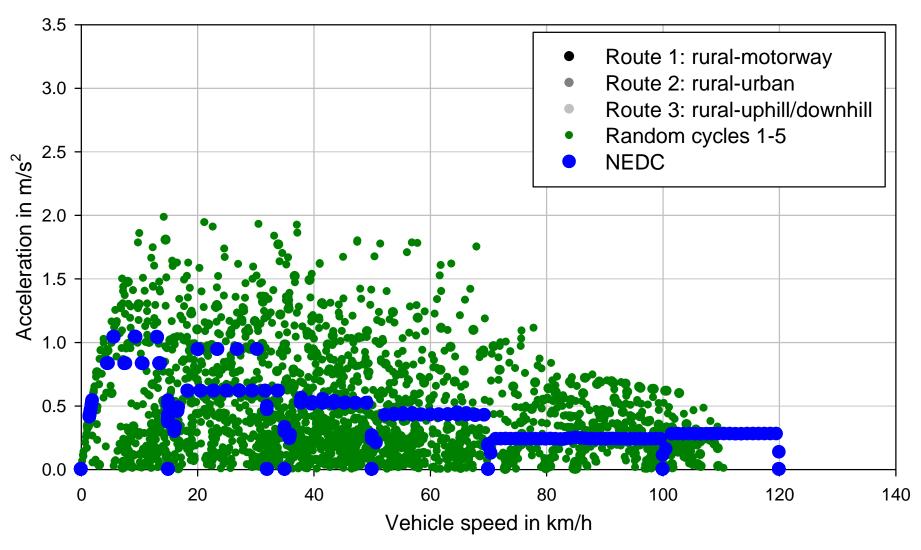
Random test cycles
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**Vehicle modeling** 

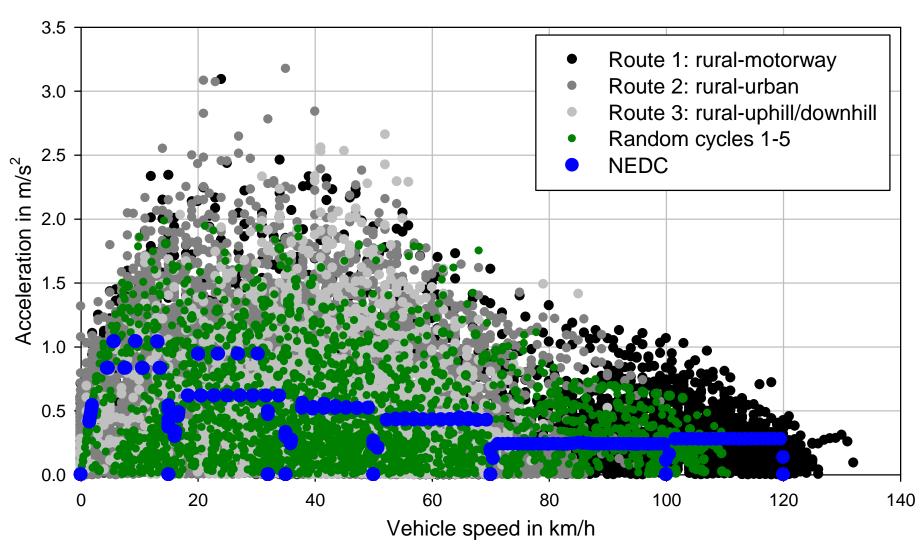




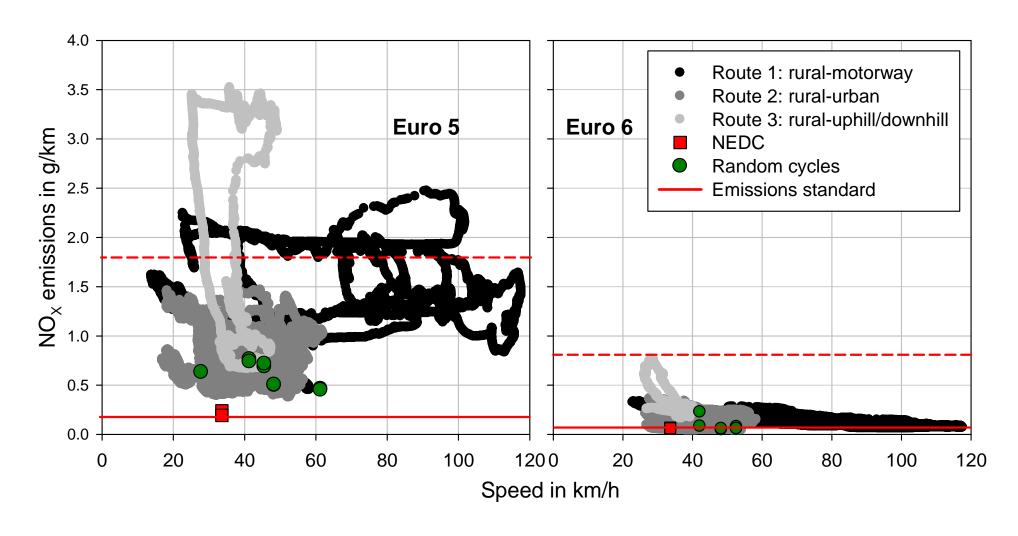














Random cycles	PEMS on-road testing
+ prevents changes in driver's behavior	+ wider coverage of driving conditions
+ controlled climatic conditions	+ test difficult to detect
+ long-term experience	+ prevents defeat strategies

 RDE working group develops on-road testing with PEMS as complementary test procedure

### **Challenges in PEMS on-road testing**

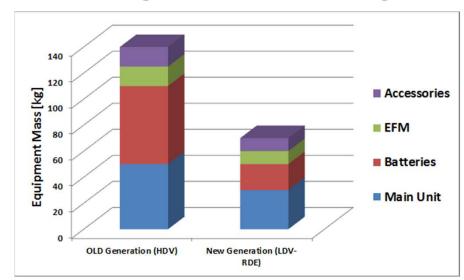


- PEMS equipment:
  - Size, installation, and measurement performance
  - Safety
- Boundary conditions of on-road tests
- Data evaluation
  - To some extent uncontrolled driving dynamics, wind, road grade, vehicle payload
  - Correct evaluation of emissions performance

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First generation: 100-150 kg

Second generation: 60-80 kg











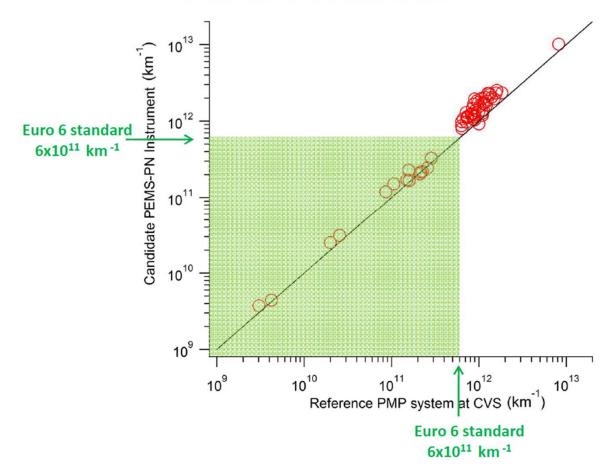
#### **Measurement performance**

- Measurement allowance program in the US
- Performance in line with laboratory analytical equipment
- Negligible effects of vibrations, temperature variability
- PEMS-PN: first evaluation of portable number counting equipment against reference (PMP) laboratory system to be completed by end 2013
- PEMS PM not applicable as such to LDVs (equipment size and mass)



• PEMS-PN instrument evaluation exercise

#### **PEMS-PN vs CVS**





#### **Installation and Safety**

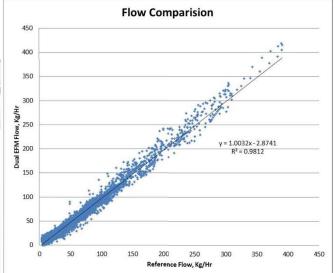
- Correct anchoring/fixing of equipment
- FID (THC analyzer) fuel bottle
  - Measurement of THC with FID 'frozen'
- Minimizing modification to the vehicle
  - Mass of PEMS and accessories (batteries)
  - Aerodynamics modifications (e.g. exhaust flow meter, routing heated line, weather station)

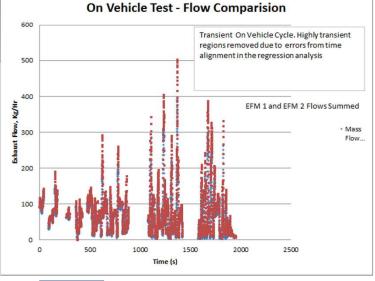


Minimizing the influence of equipment and increasing safety: Reduced EFMs



EFM 1







#### **PEMS:** boundary conditions



- Boundary conditions for temperature and altitude
- Time or distance over which pollutant emissions are regulated (expected: type approval cycle as reference)
- Metrics (expected: g/km)
- Urban, rural, motorway driving
- Managing driver's behaviour and randomness (differences in fuel consumption and emissions)
- (A posteriori) verification of realized test conditions based on indicators (generic values for the entire test or indicators provided by the data evaluation method)
- Tests not achieving a sufficient coverage could be repeated or complemented by additional tests

#### **PEMS:** data analysis



# Three data evaluation tools under evaluation (TU Graz, TNO, JRC)

- Clear tool: weighing of driving data (TU Graz)
- TNO tool: speed binning of driving data
- JRC tool: Moving averaging windows





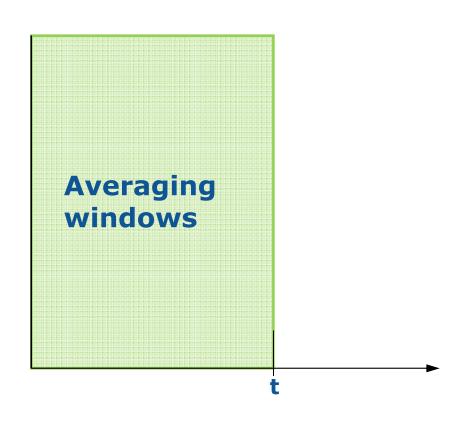
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CO<sub>2</sub> mass NEDC/WLTC

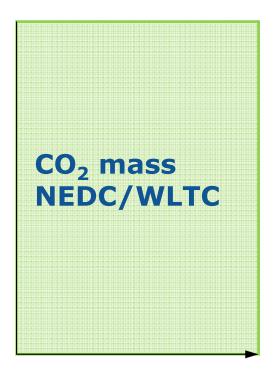


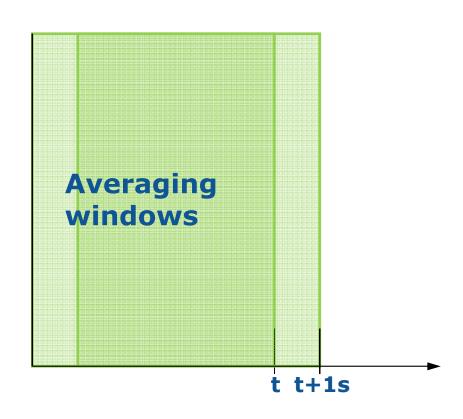
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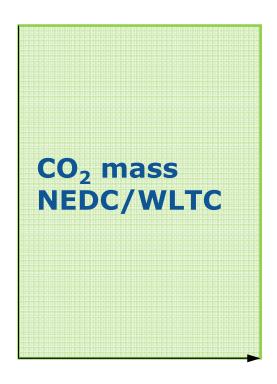


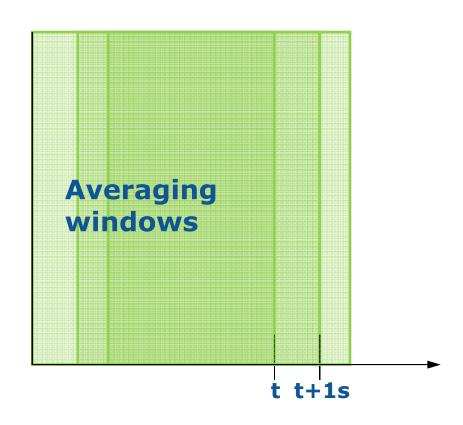




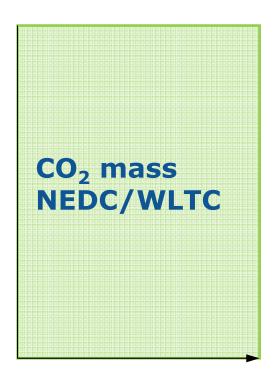


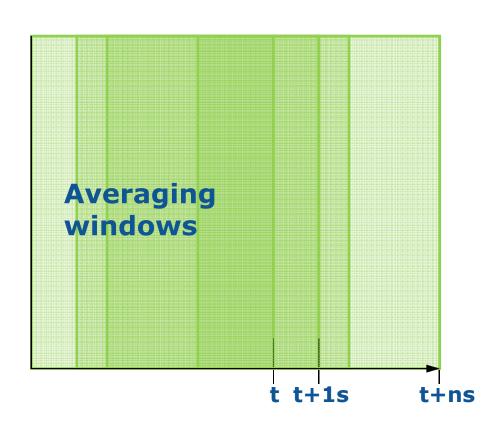








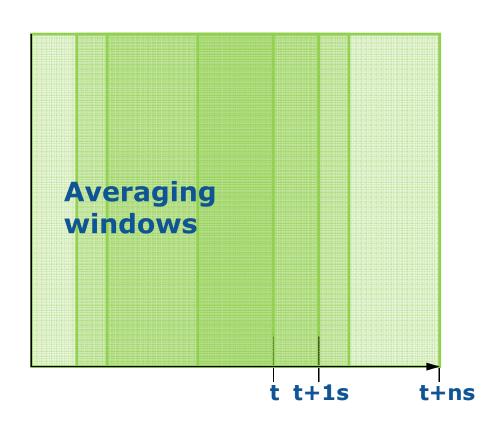






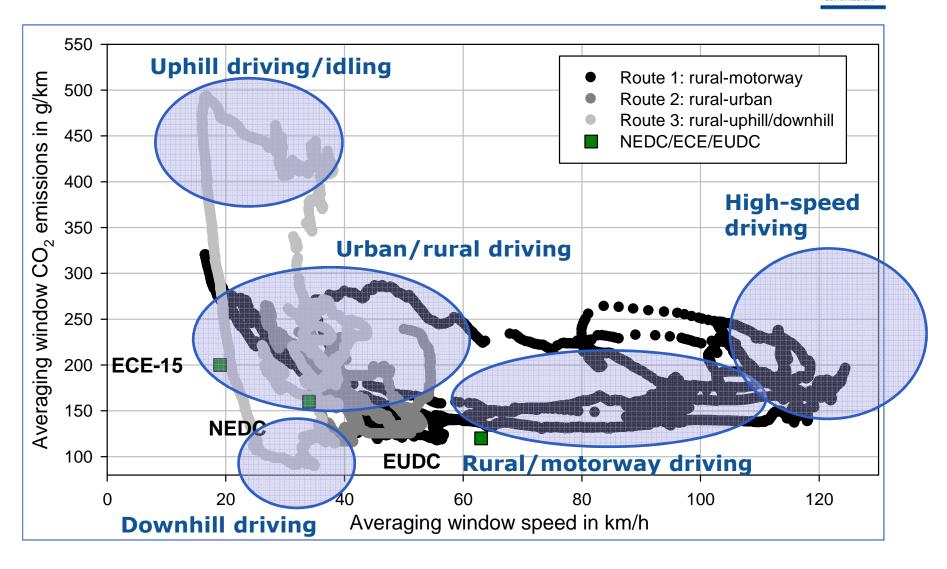
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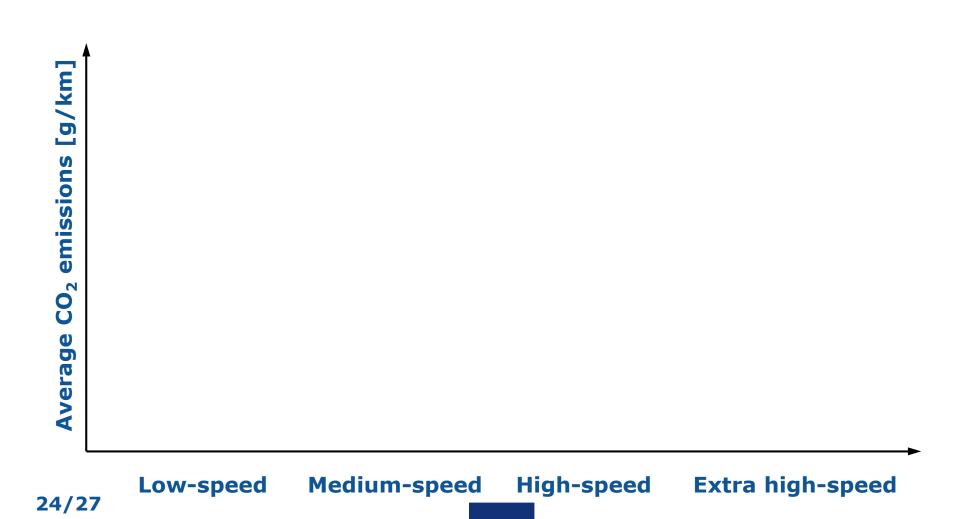


How to determine the severity of on-road driving?

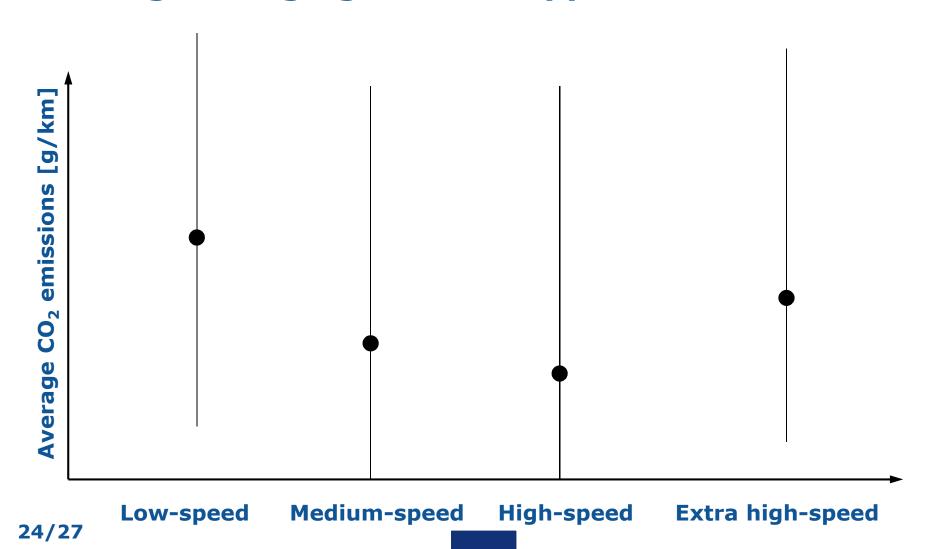




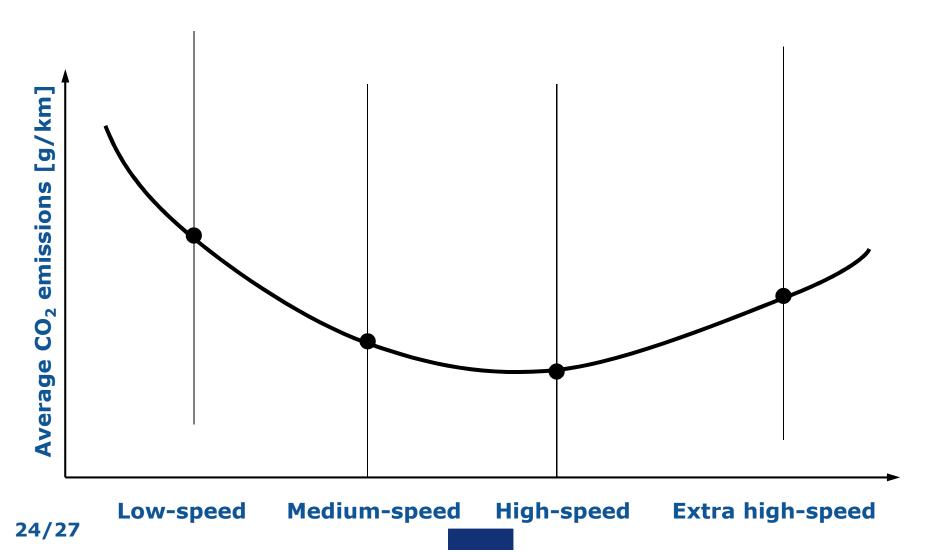




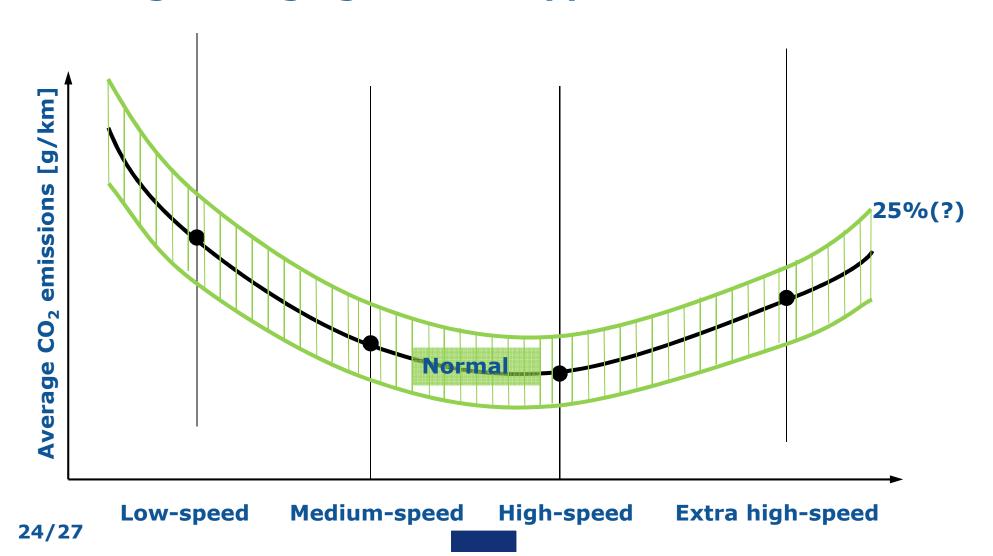




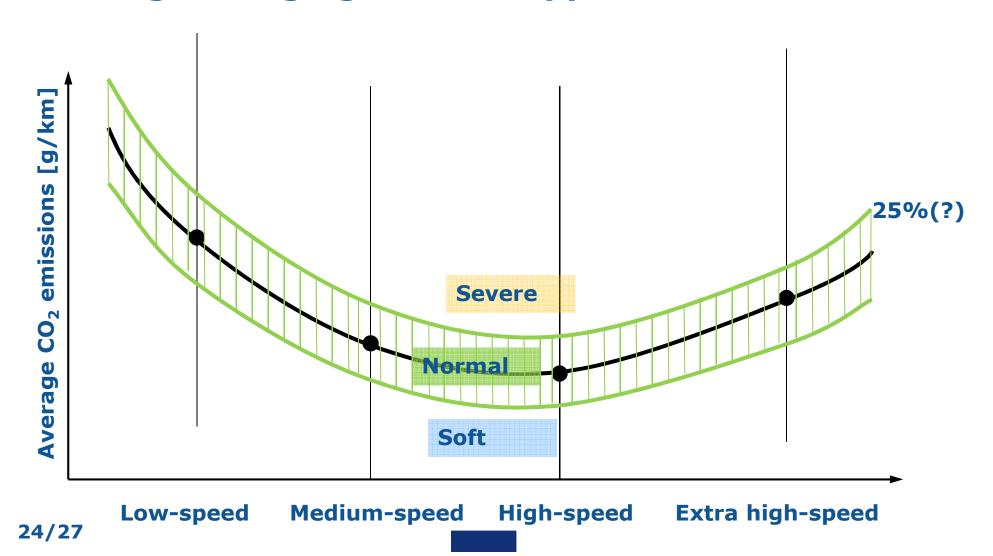












#### **PEMS:** data analysis



Wide coverage of operating conditions



Relaxed not-toexceed limits

Narrow coverage of average operating conditions only



Stringent not-toexceed limits

#### **PEMS:** data analysis



# Robustness and practicality of the PEMS data evaluation methods [JRC standpoint]:

- Availability, reliability, and traceability of test data
- Consistency with current emissions regulation (e.g., data averaging)
- Ability to asses the RDE performance of vehicles
- Sensitivity to identify high emitters (not only average) under specific conditions (e.g., urban driving)
- Ability to evaluate a posteriori test conditions and judge validity of (parts of) a realized test
- Data coverage and robustness against uncertainties of data acquisition
- Technologically neutral and future prove
- Practical and applicable by independent organizations

#### **PEMS:** time line



- Building structured data base of PEMS tests from 10/2013
- One data evaluation method selected by end 2013/early 2014
- Fine tuning and vehicle testing until mid 2014
- Procedure drafting (testing + data evaluation) until mid 2014
- Implementation end 2014
- Binding RDE requirements from Euro 6c onwards in 2017





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