

# How They Did It: An Analysis of Emission Defeat Devices in Modern Automobiles

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# 'It Was Installed For This Purpose,' VW's CEO Tells Congress About Defeat Device

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Clean Air Act Violations

partment of Justice, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), today filed a civil complaint in federal  
Michigan, against Volkswagen AG, Audi AG, Volkswagen Group of America Inc., Volkswagen Group of

## AFTER VW DIESELGATE, FIAT CHRYSLER ACCUSED OF RIGGING EMISSIONS BY US

The Italian car maker is accused of installing software in Jeeps that helps them pass emission tests

# Volkswagen Says 11 Million Cars Worldwide

By JACK EWING SEPT. 22, 2015

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## U.S. indicted six as Volkswagen agrees to \$4.3 billion diesel settlement

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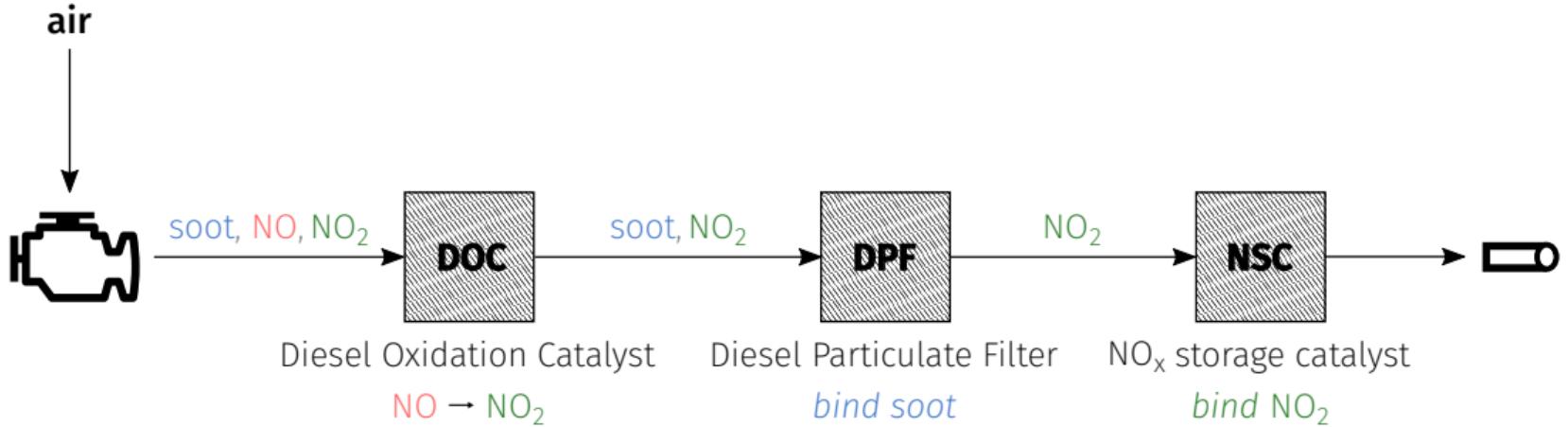
## VW manipulierte offenbar während Ermittlungen weiter

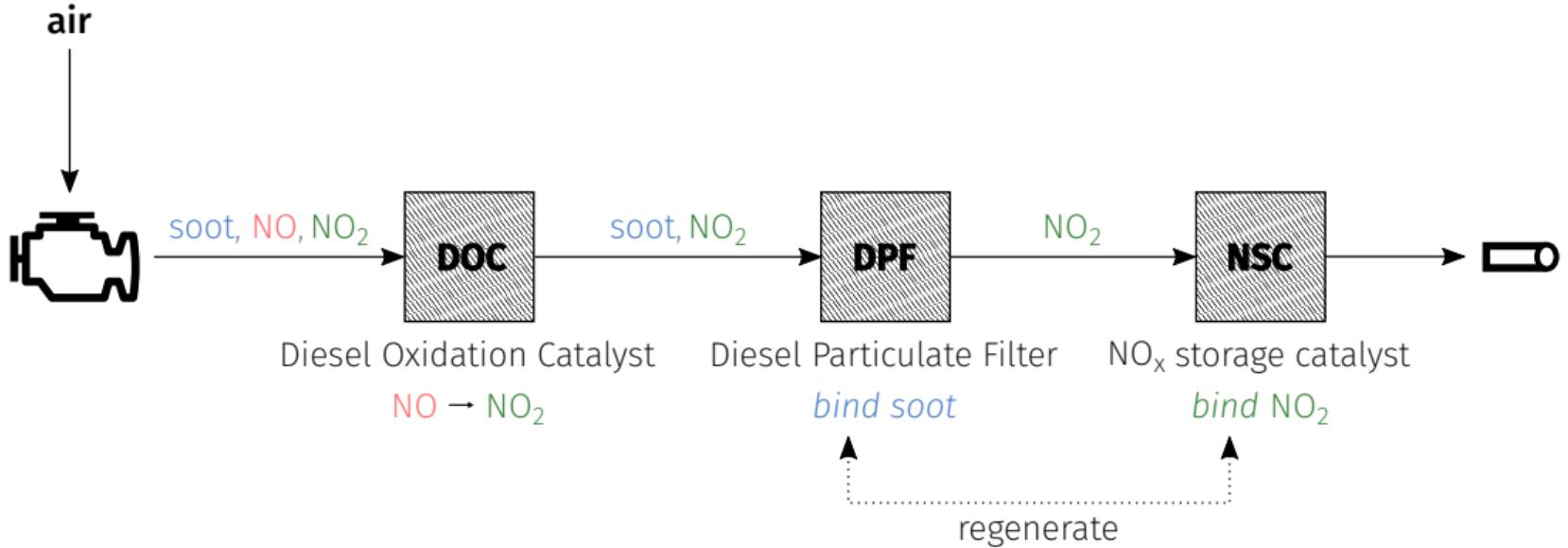
Techniker haben die Manipulationssoftware laut Medien noch verändert, als US-Behörden bereits gegen VW ermittelten. Das könnte zum Auffliegen der Affäre geführt haben.

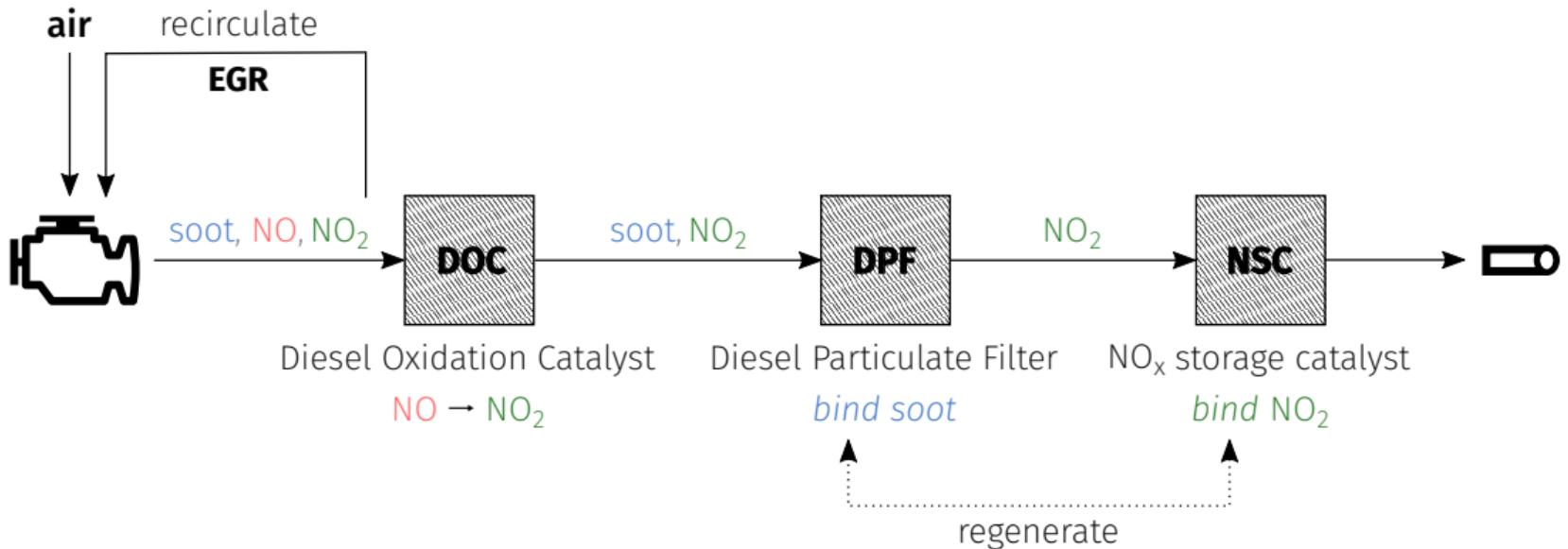
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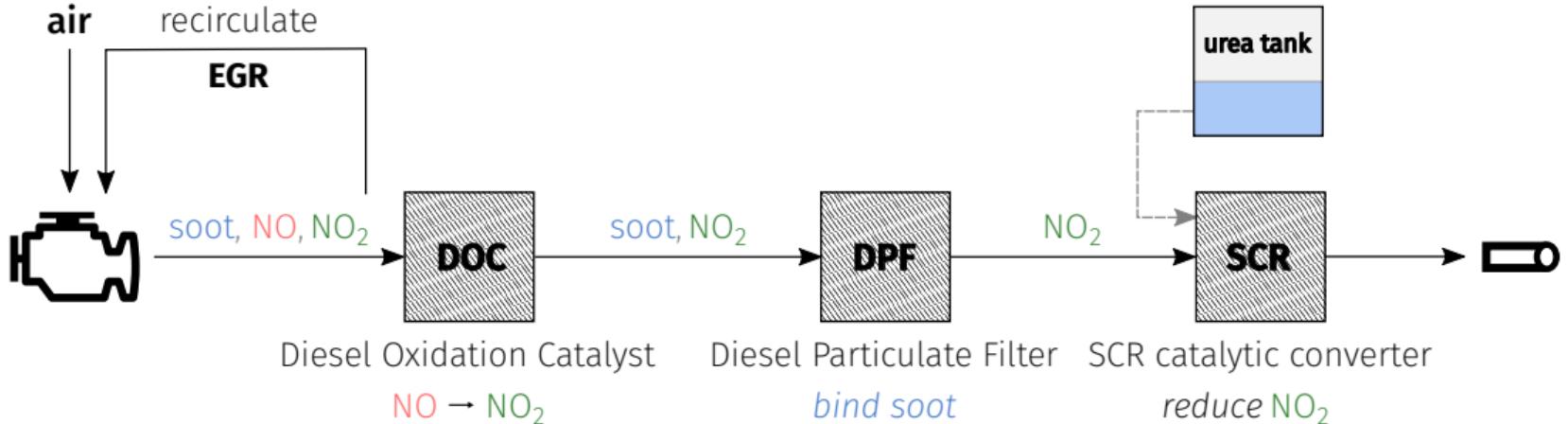


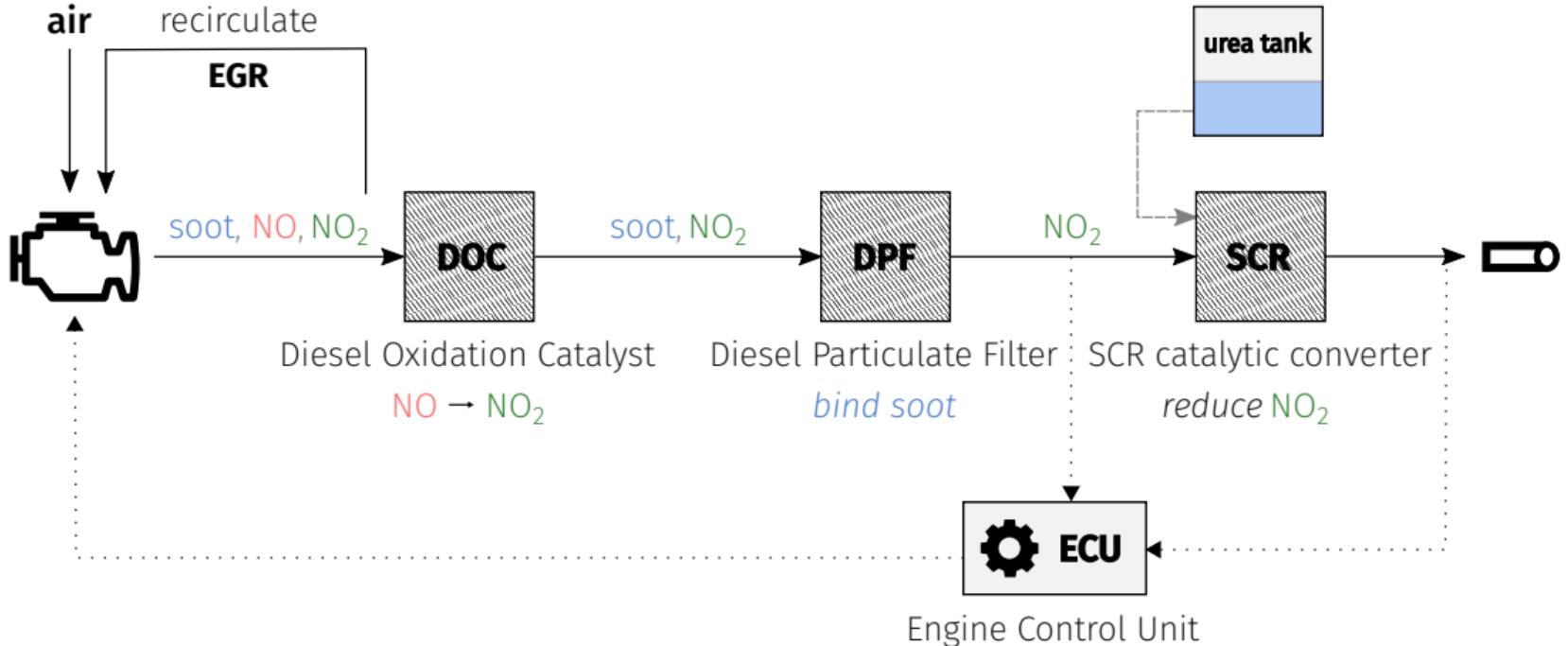












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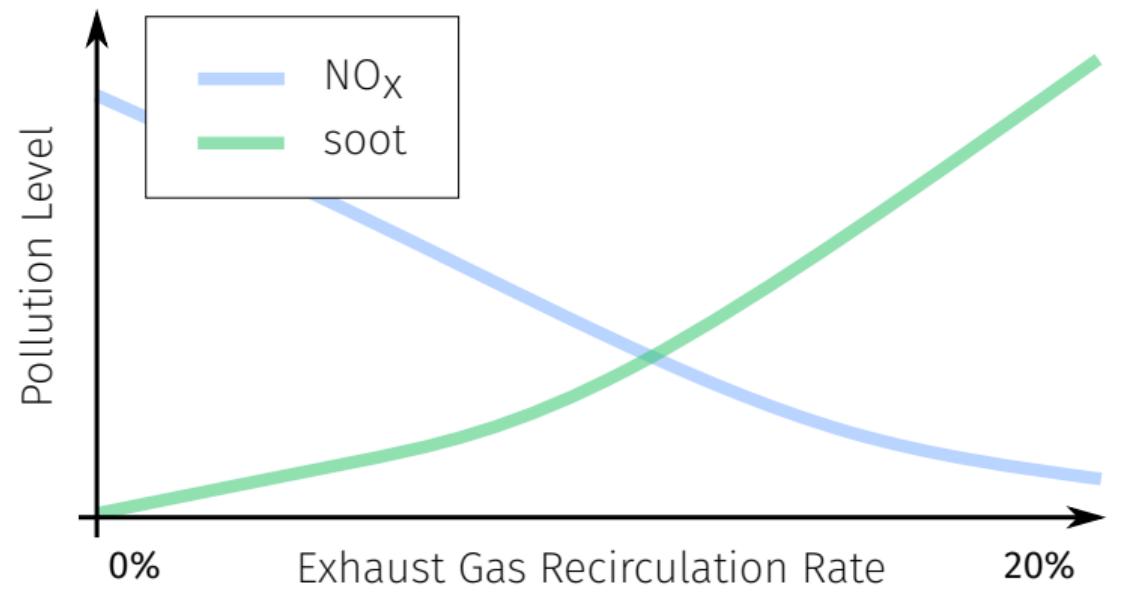
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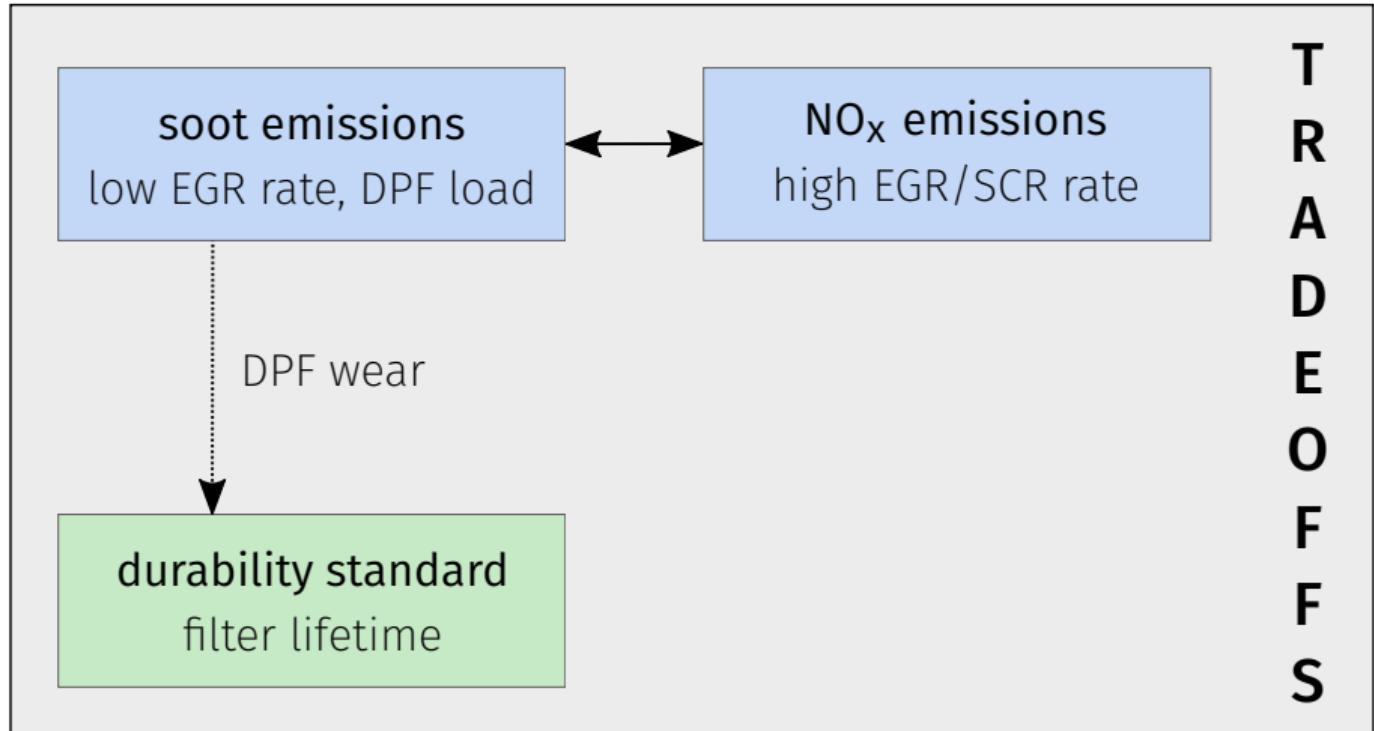
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low EGR rate, DPF load

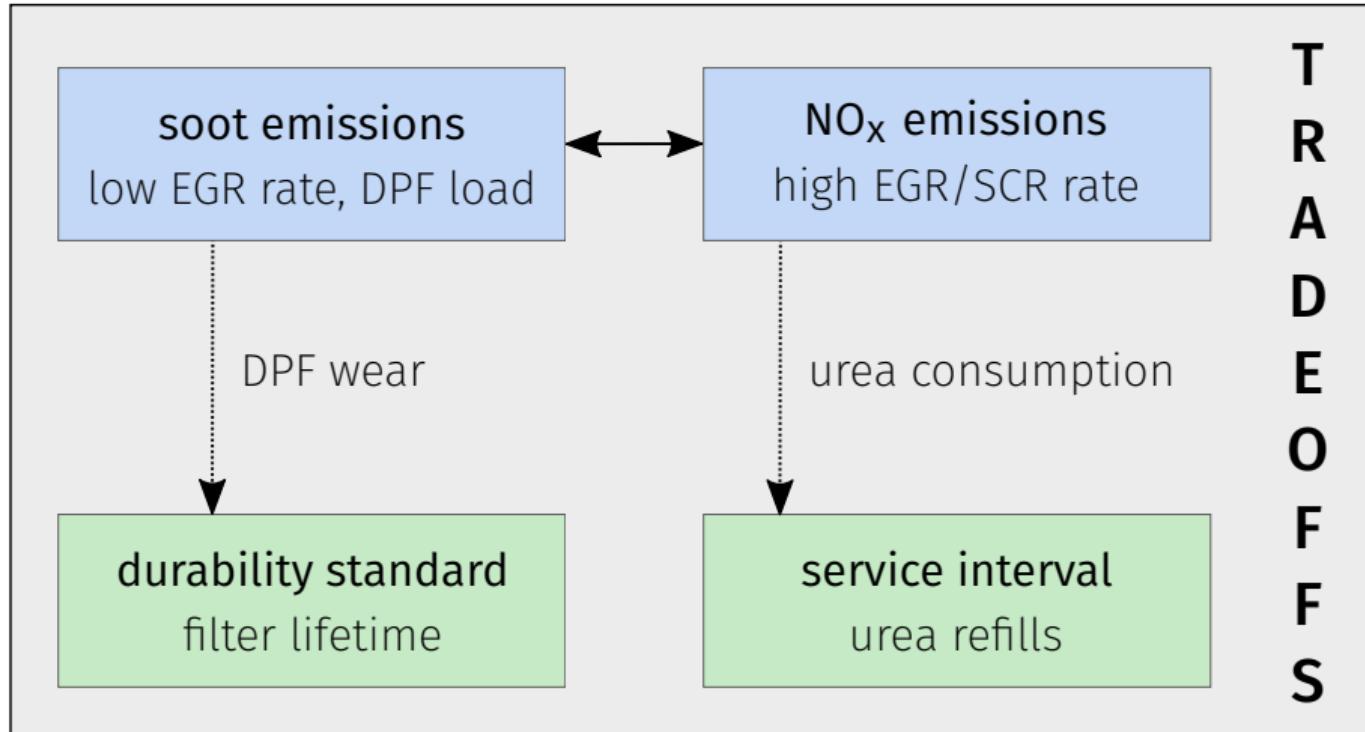
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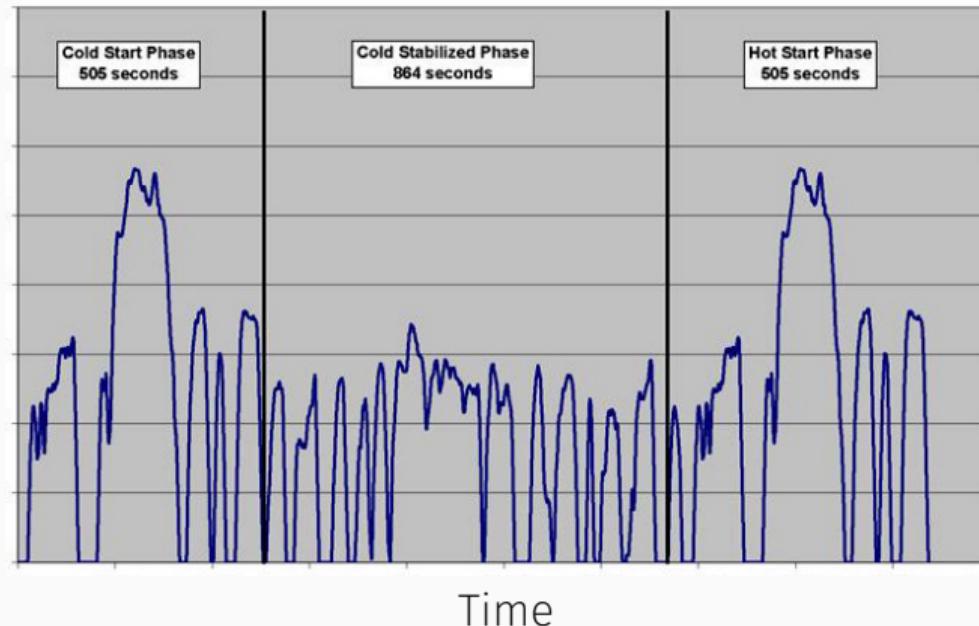
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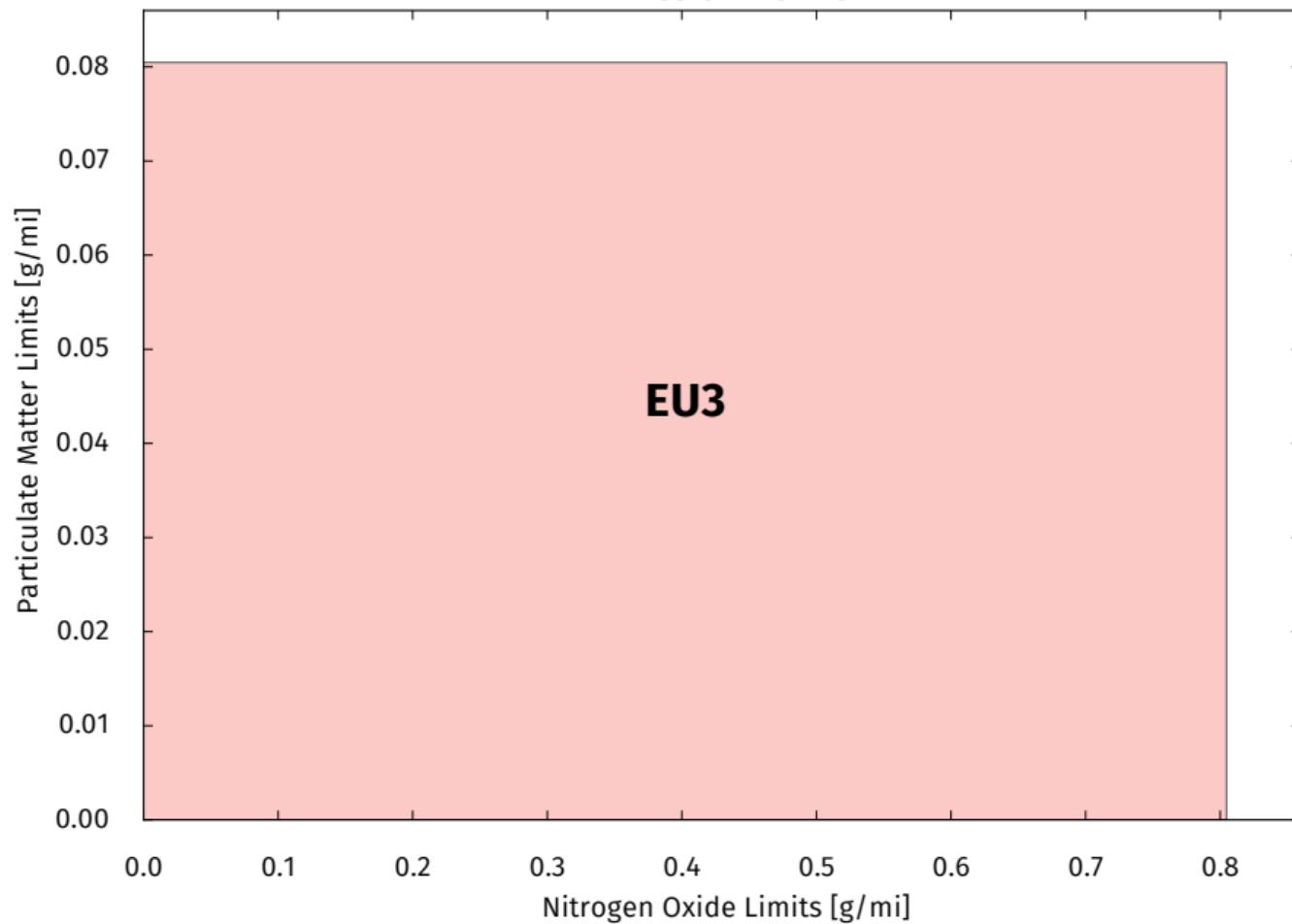
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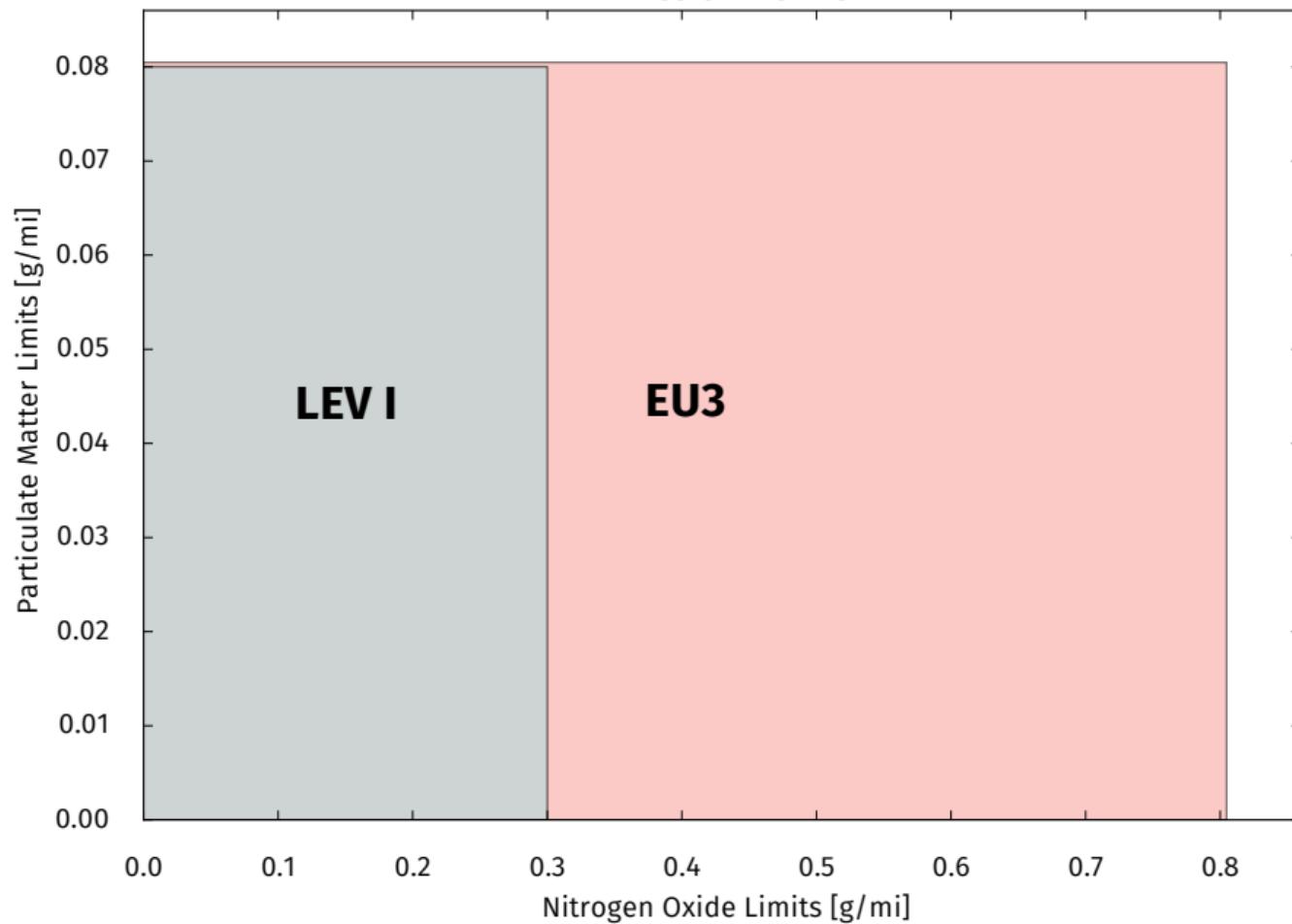


- Specify time – vehicle speed.
- Different tests per jurisdiction (EPA, CARB, EU).
- Standardized tests, publicly available.

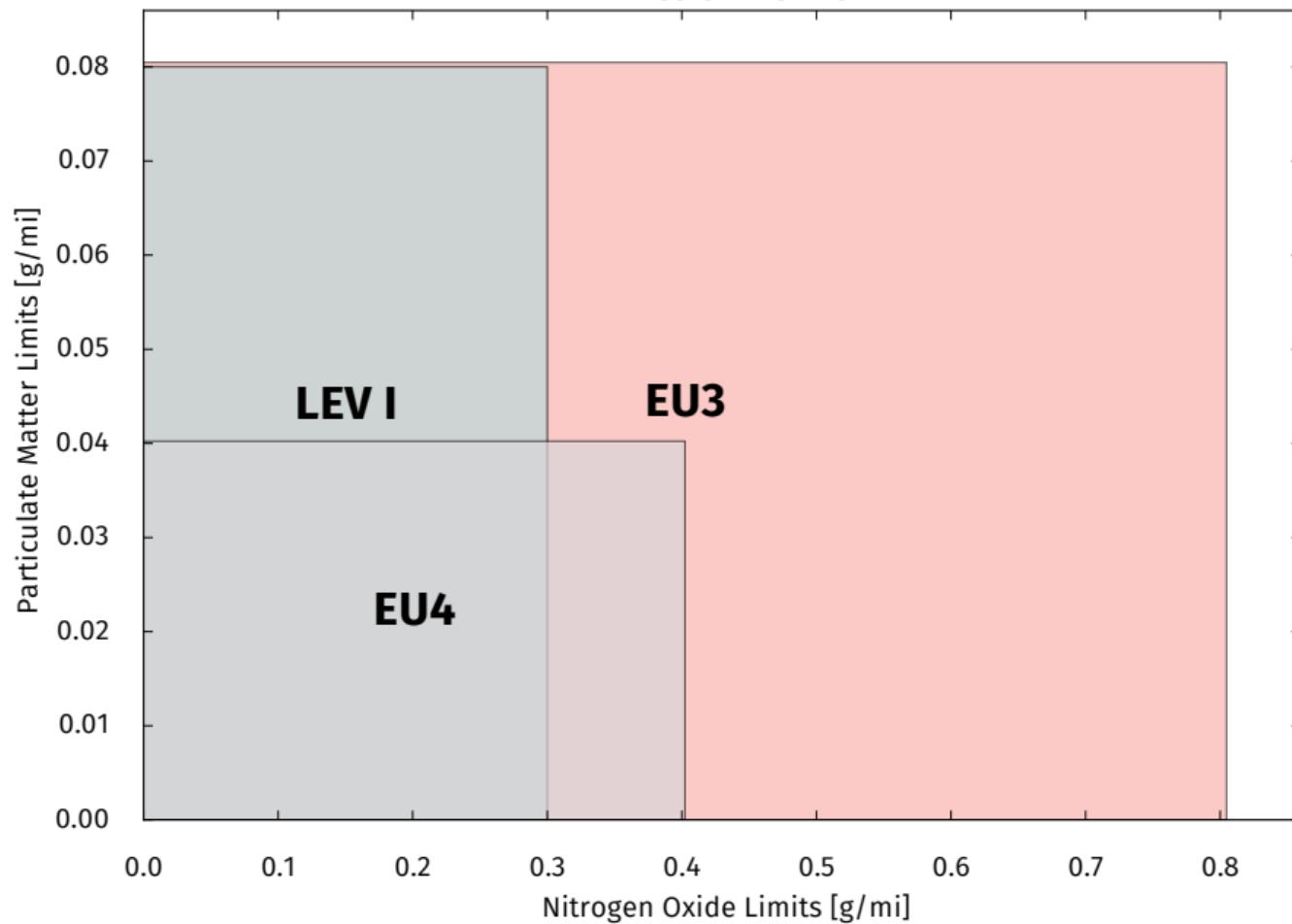
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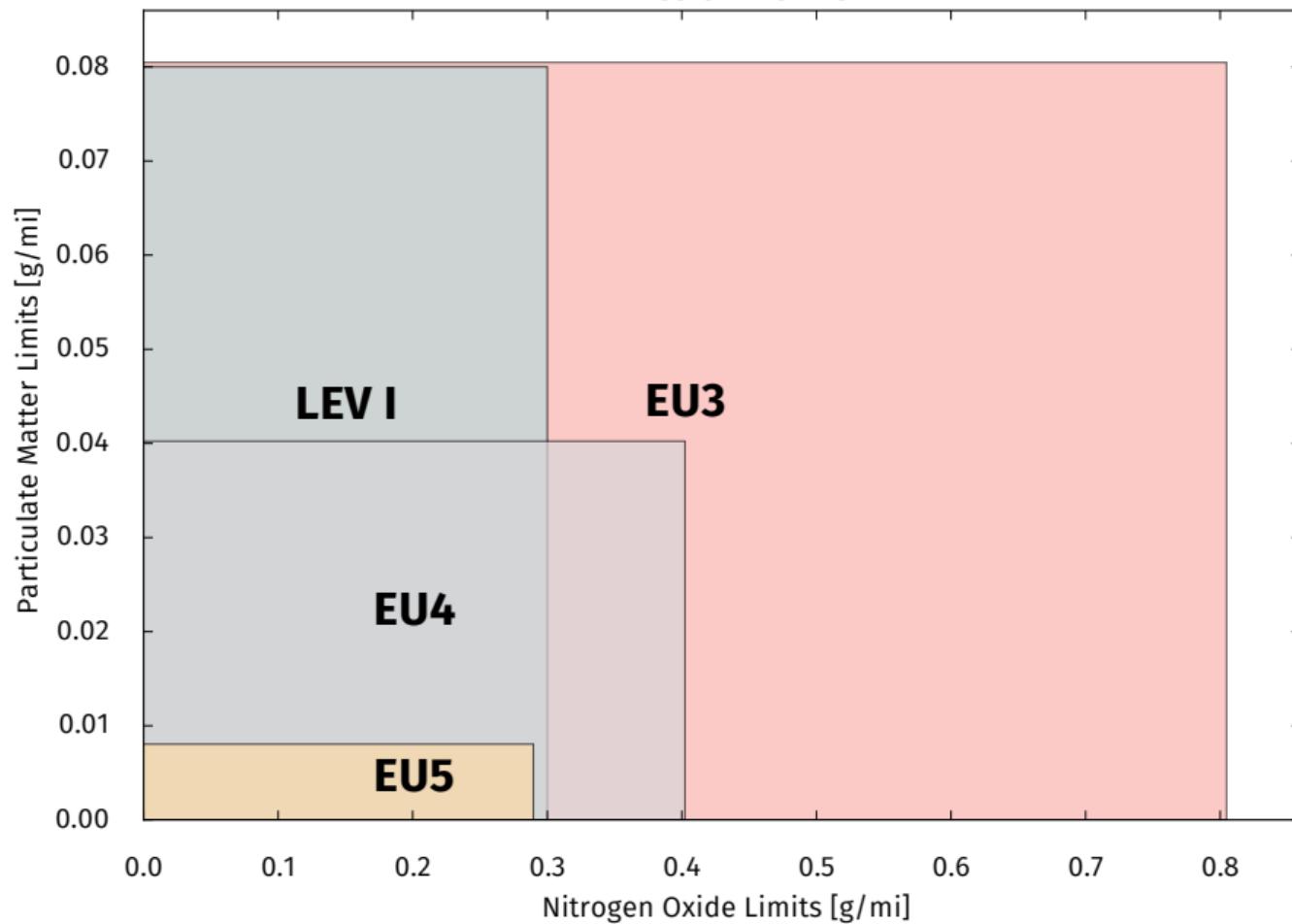
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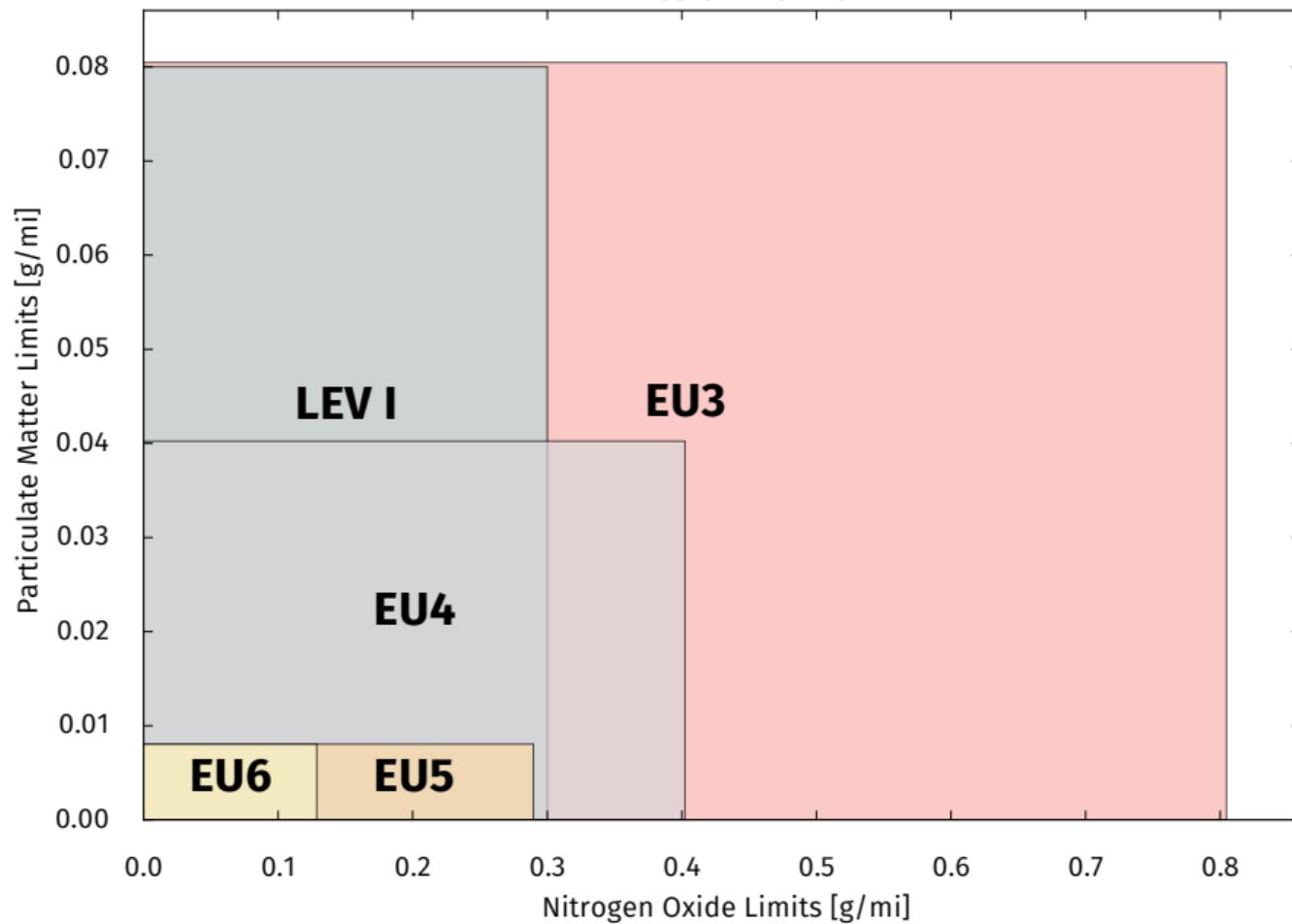
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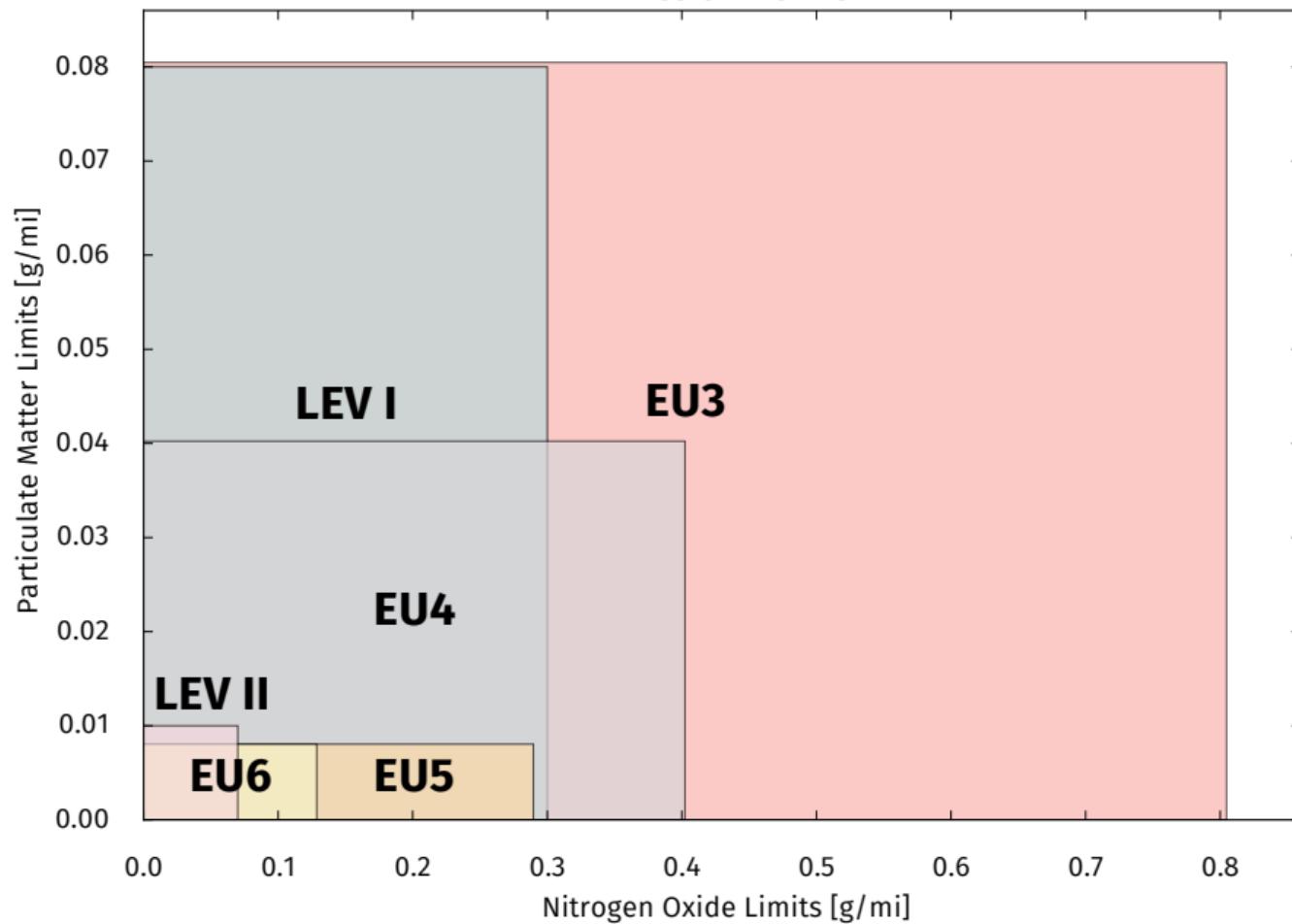
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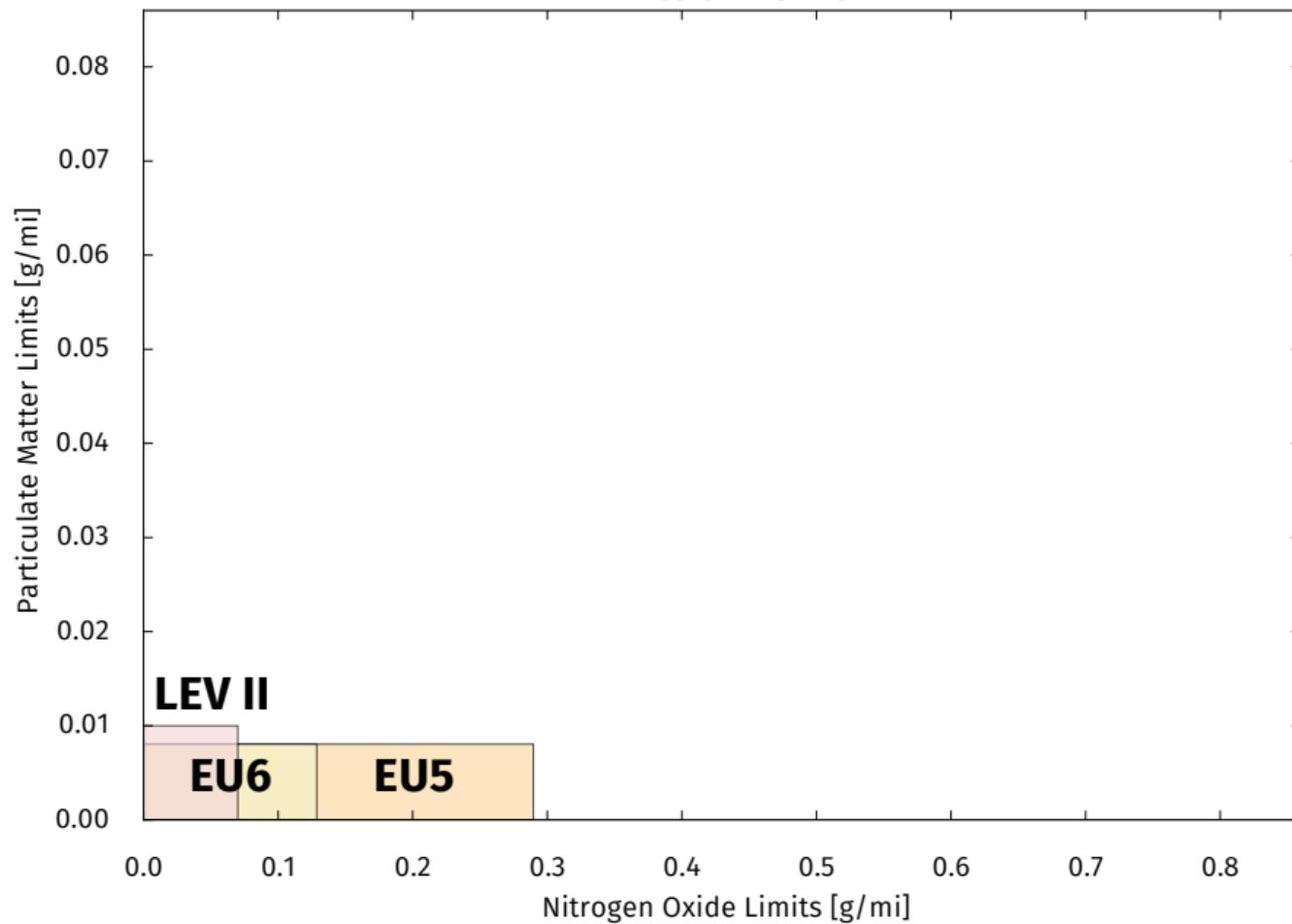
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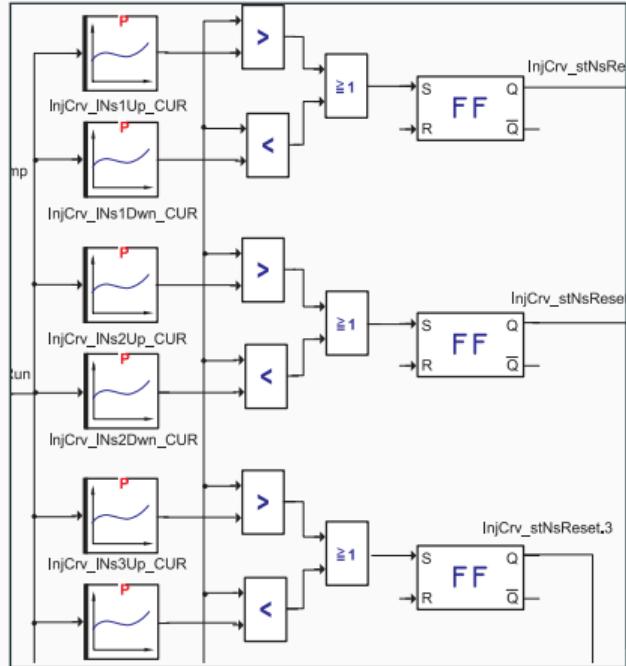
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## Volkswagen AG Defeat Device

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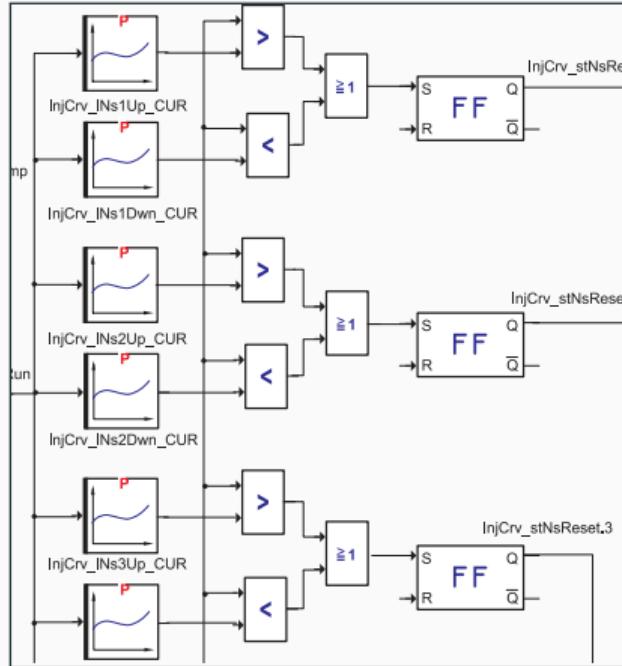


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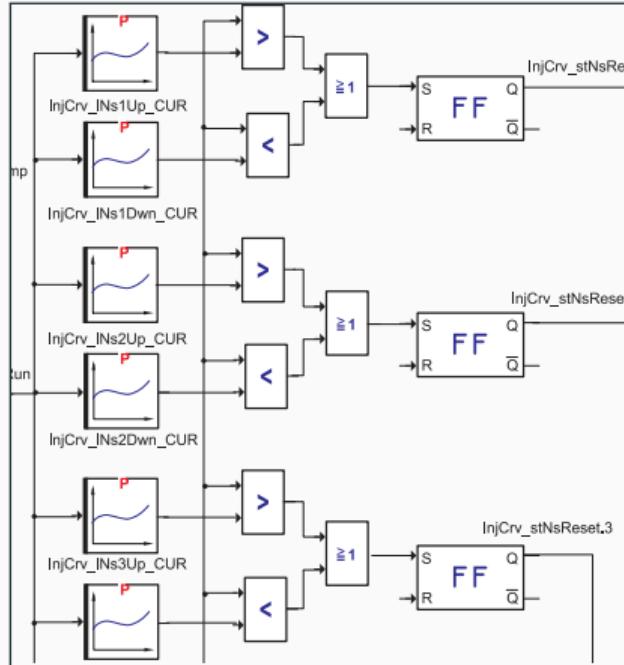
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$$y_0 \leq y \leq y_1$$



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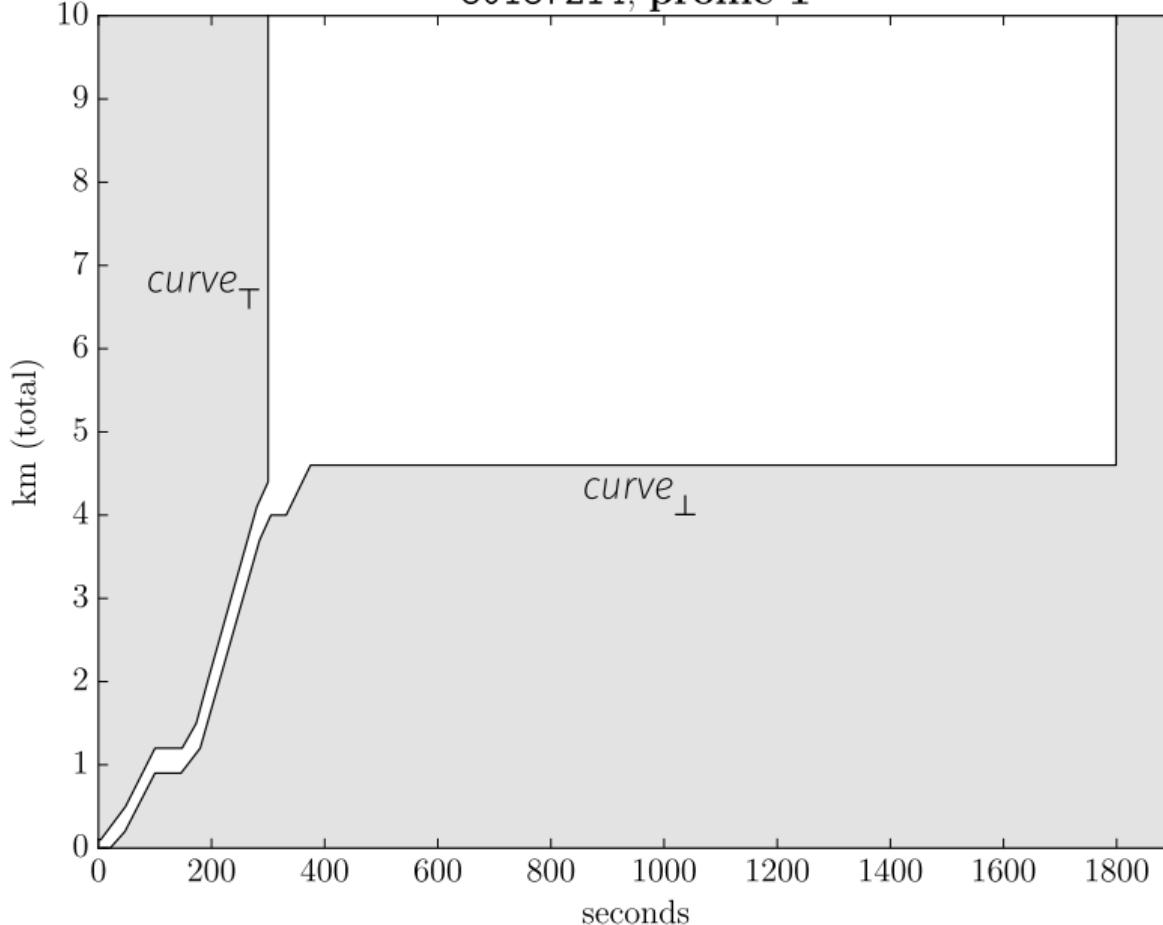
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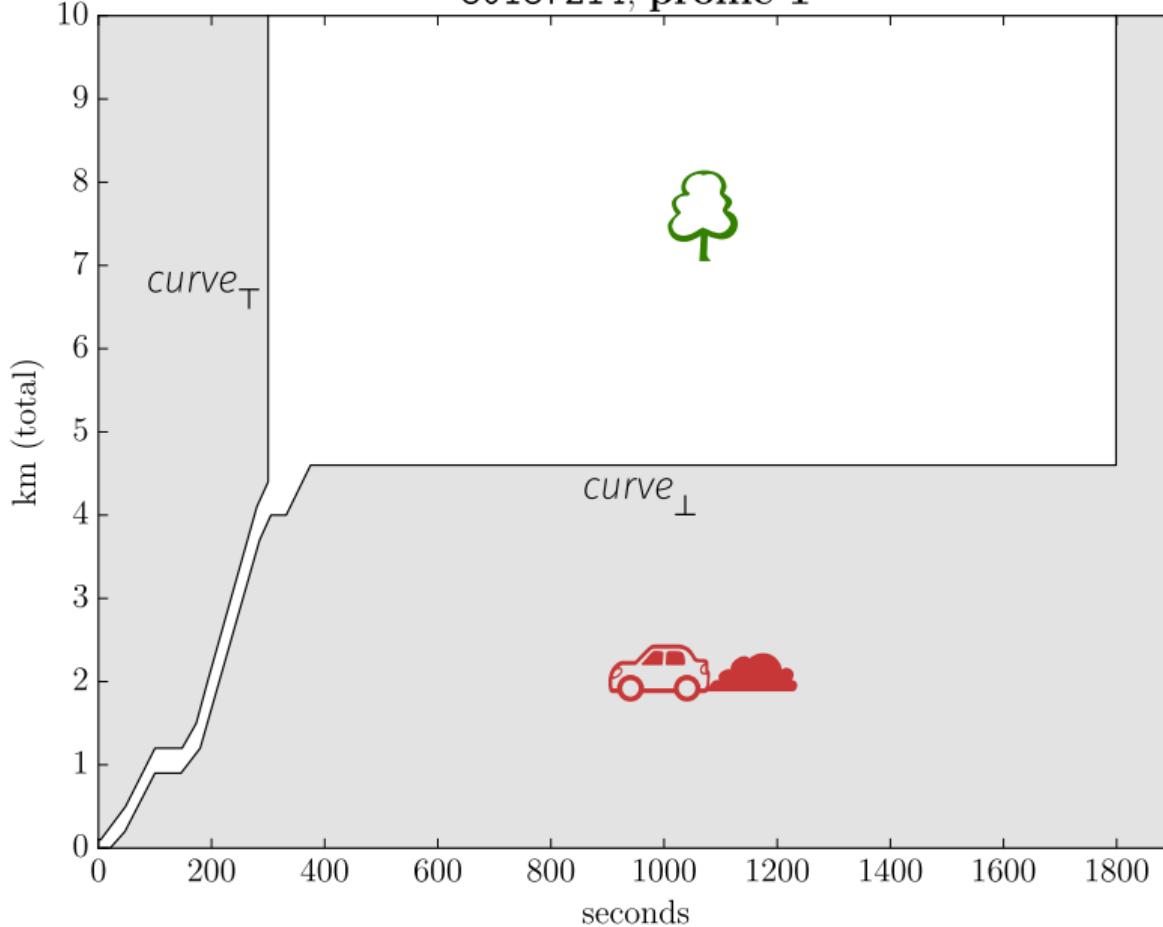
“Profile matches”

$x := \text{“time since engine start”}$   
 $y := \text{“distance covered”}$

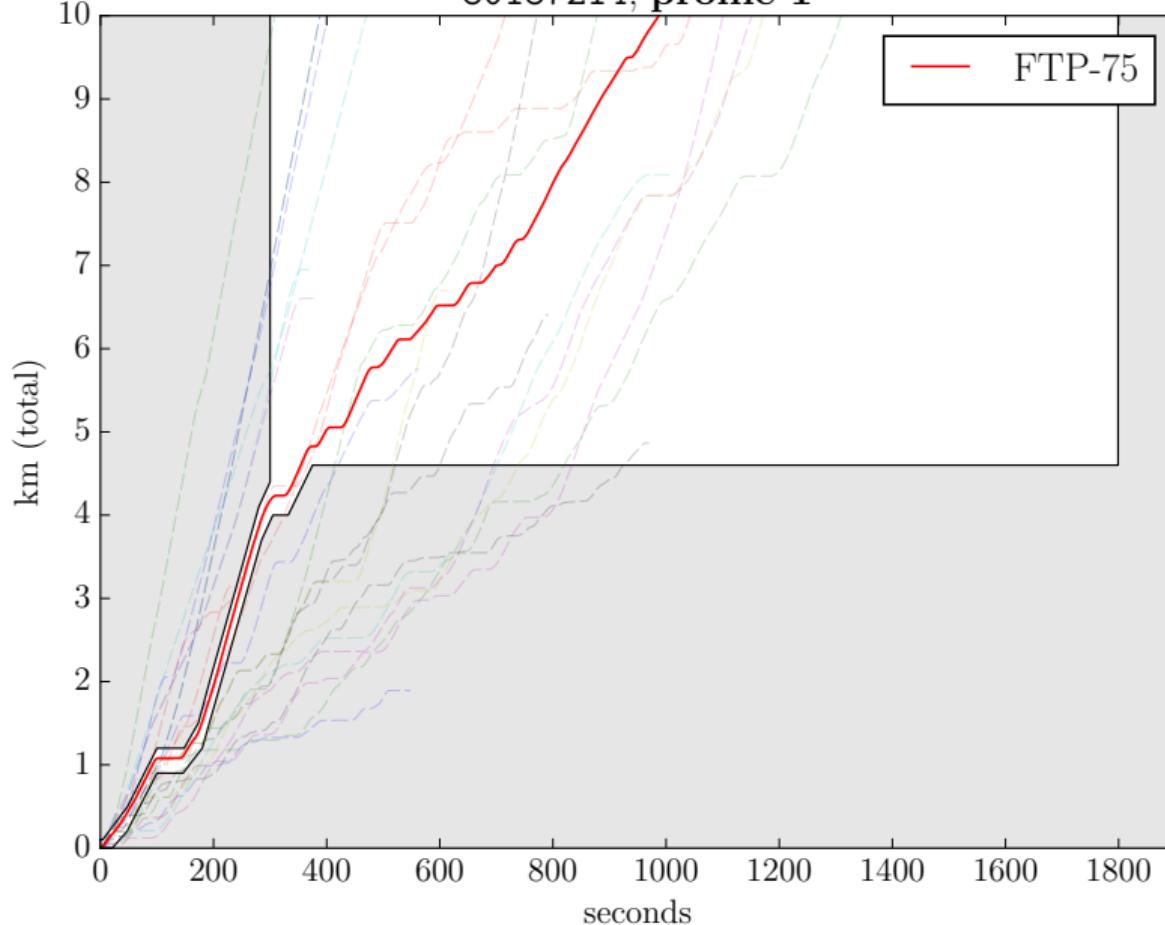
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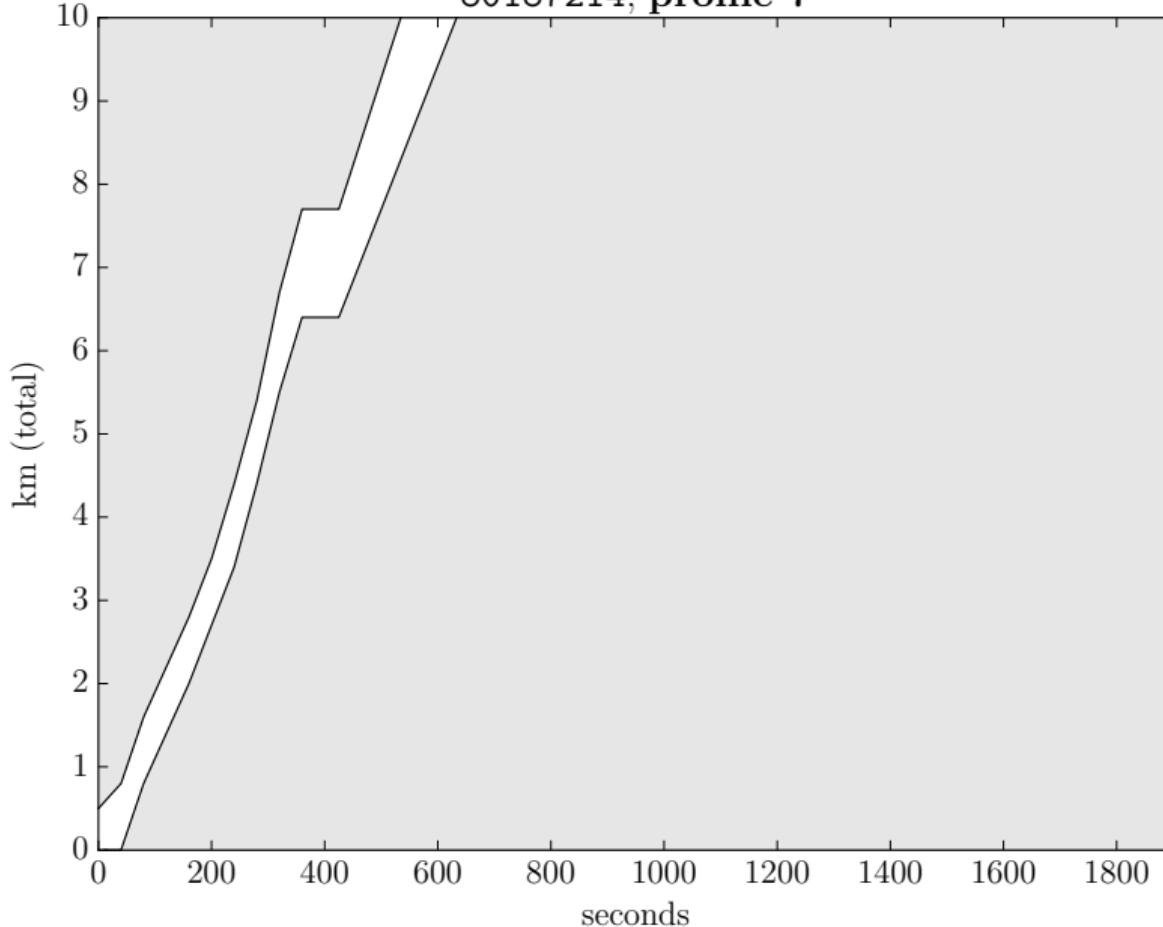
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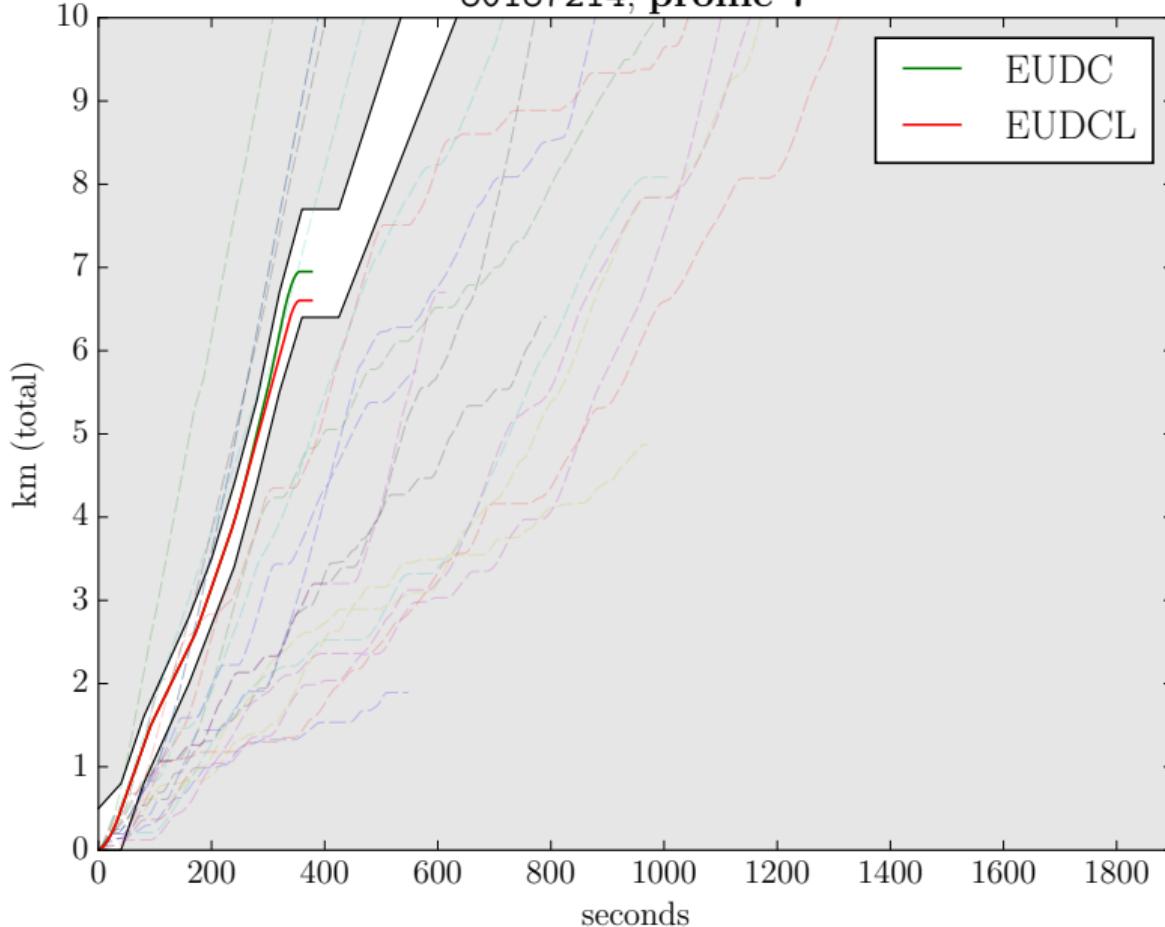
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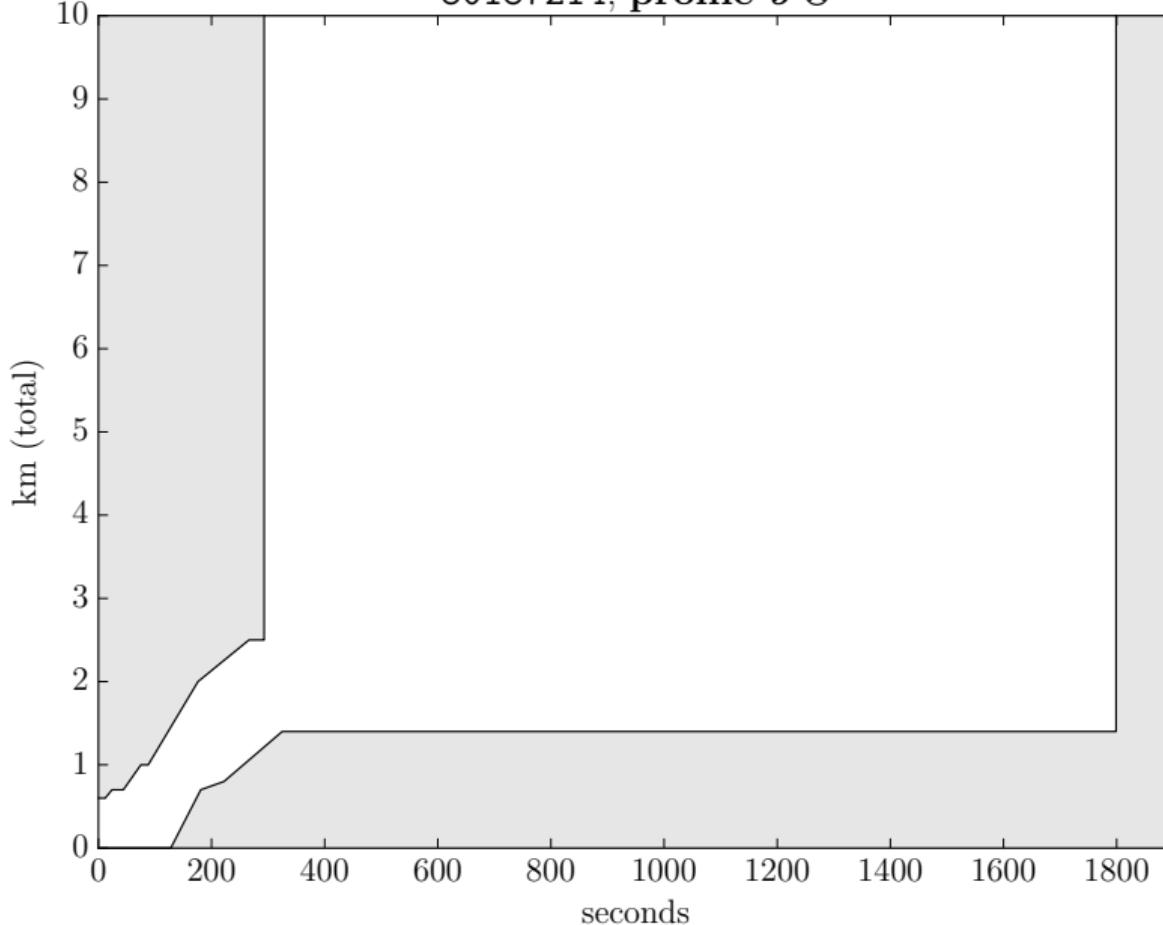
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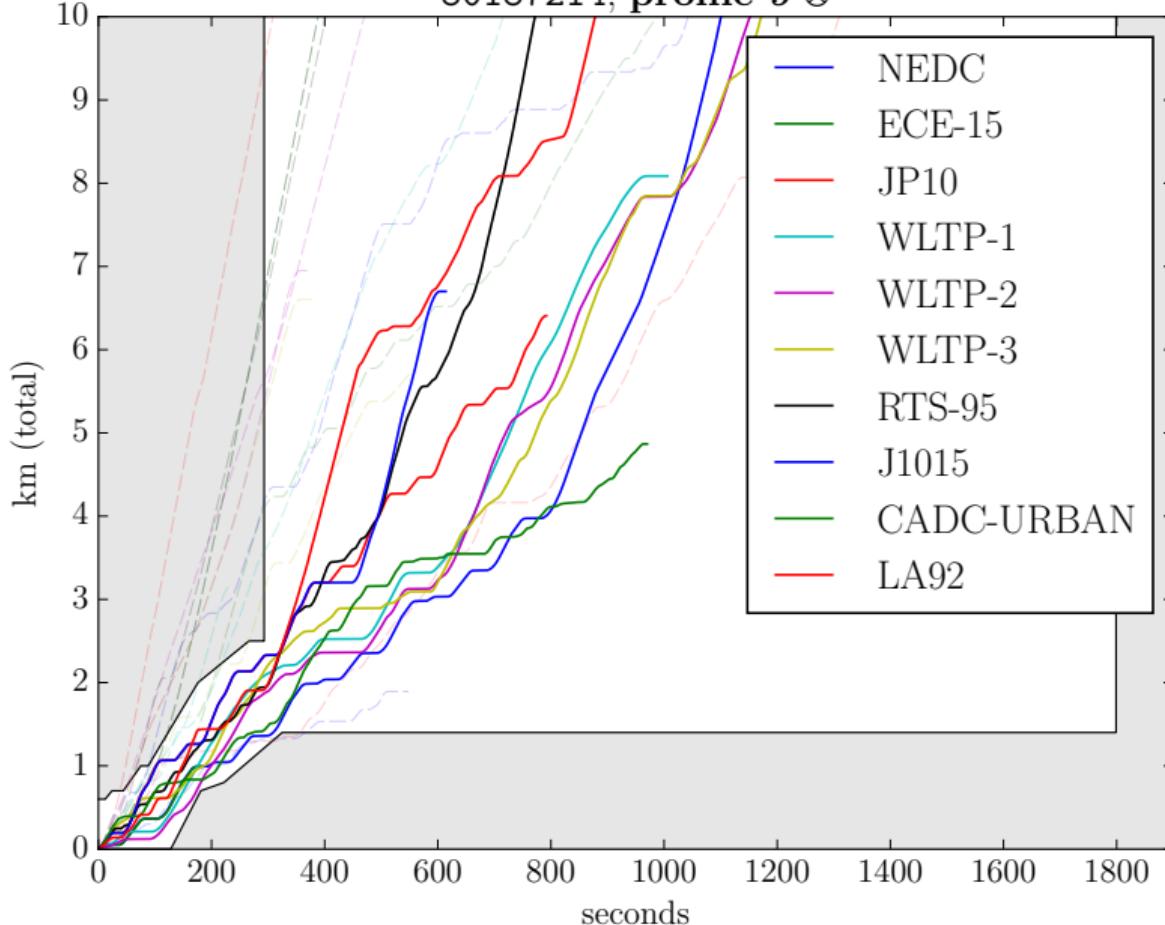
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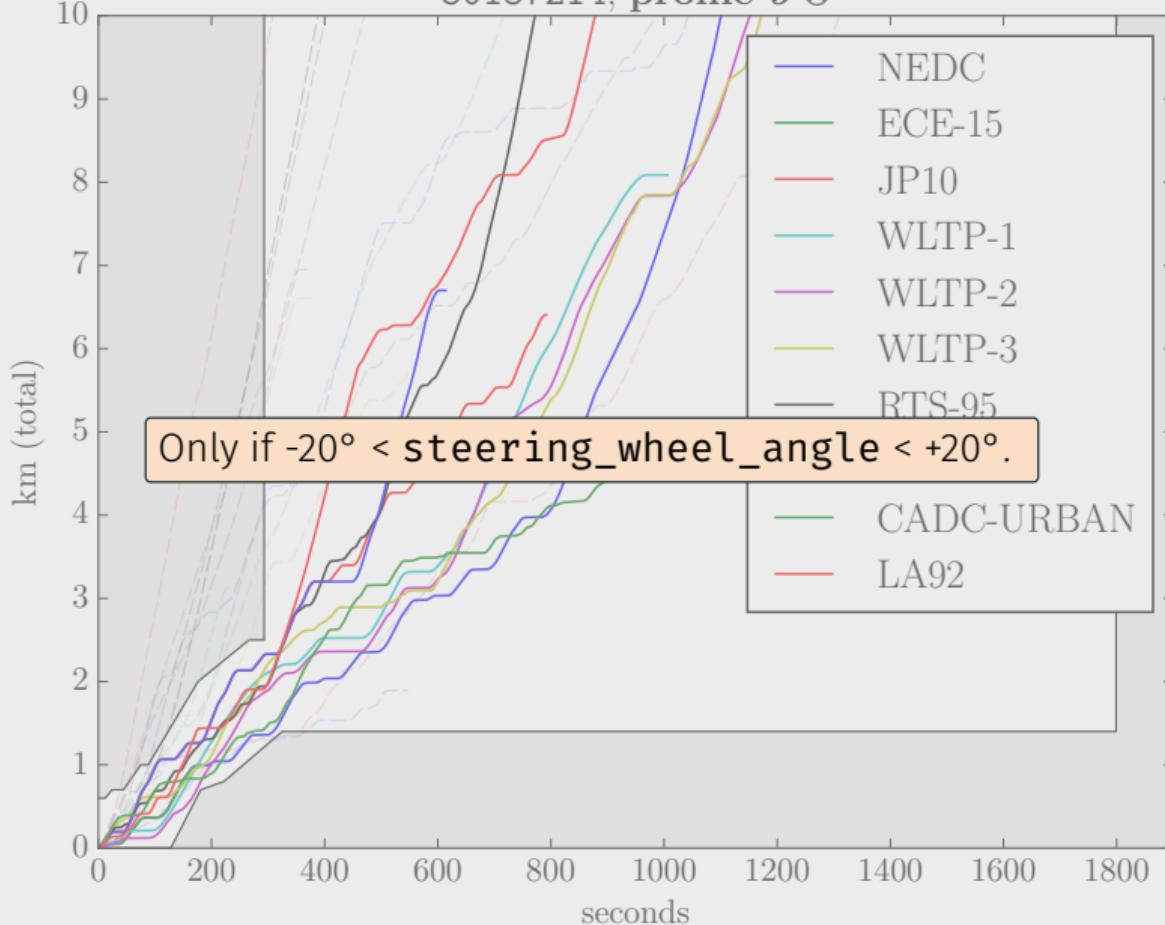
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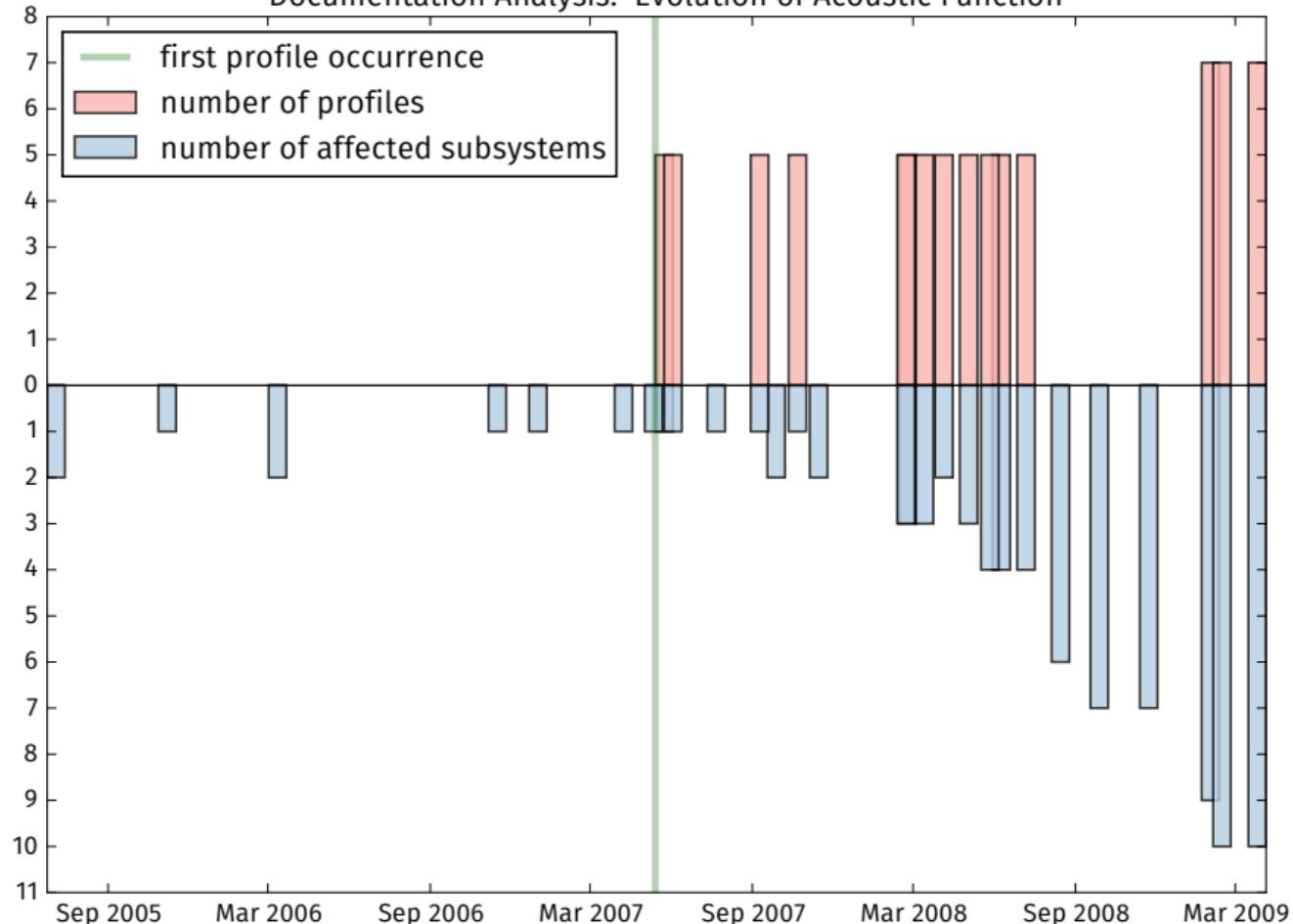
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## Documentation Analysis: Evolution of Acoustic Function



# CURVEDIFF Framework

CURVEDIFF automatically analyzes ECU firmware.

- Based on **PyPy 2.7** and **IDA Pro 6.x**.
- Electronic Diesel Control **EDC17** by Bosch.
- Infineon **TriCore 179x** processor.
- Lift to **Static Single Assignment** form.

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[17905: 0 - 18:17:12] Analyzing FL_03L906012___7444.  
[17905: 0 - 18:17:12] Pre-processing database...  
[17905: 1 - 18:17:51] Exporting functions...  
[17905: 2 - 18:18:46] Analyzing functions...  
[17905: 3 - 18:19:17] Exporting curves...  
[17905: 4 - 18:19:42] Analyzing curves...
```

Function 80187214 matches the following test cycles:

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- (802f6f70, 802f6fae): FTP-75  
- (802f6fec, 802f702a): LA92  
- (802f7068, 802f70a6): US06  
- (802f70e4, 802f7122): SC03  
- (802f7160, 802f719e): HWFET  
- (802f71dc, 802f721a): ECE-15  
- (802f7258, 802f7296): EUDC EUDCL  
- (802f72d4, 802f7312): FTP-75 CADC-RURAL IM240  
- (802f7350, 802f738e): NEDC ECE-15 JP10 WLTP-1 ...  
- (802f6ef4, 802f6f32): CADC-RURAL SC03
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[17905: 5 - 18:19:43] Success.
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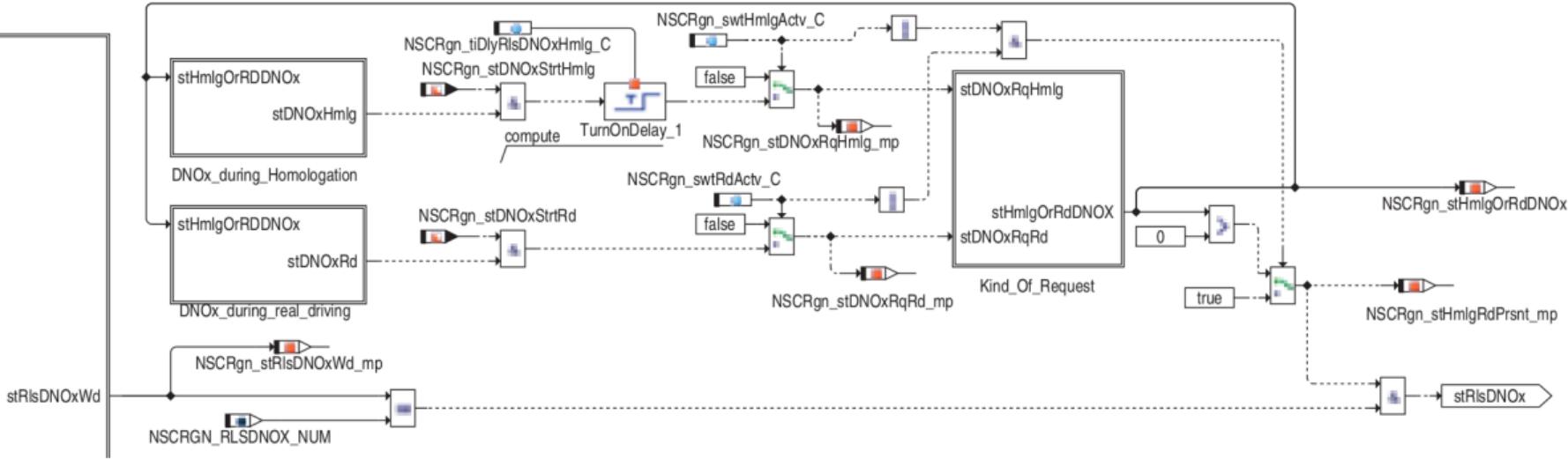
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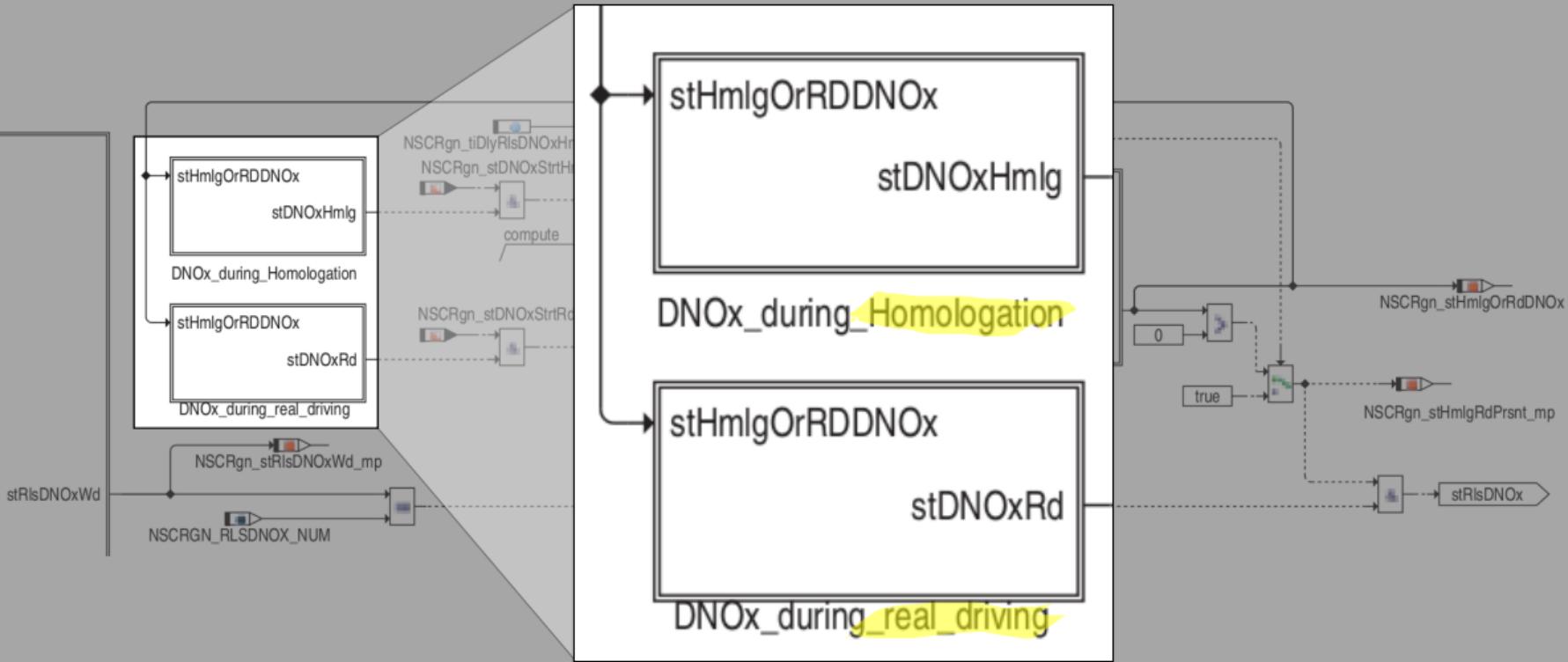
Analyzed 926 firmware images spanning **eight** years,  
333 try to detect at least one emission test cycle.

2009-01	Golf, Passat (2)	2013-11	Superb (3)
2009-07	A3	2013-12	Superb (2), Yeti (4)
2009-08	Passat Blue Motion	2014-03	Amarok (16), Eos, Tiguan, Yeti
2009-09	Golf (2), Passat (3)	2014-04	Q5, Superb (2)
2009-10	Golf+, Passat	2014-06	Amarok (6), Tiguan (4)
2009-11	A3 (8), Golf Blue Motion, Golf (2), Passat	2014-09	Alhambra
2009-12	A3 (5), Golf Variant (2), Golf+ (2), Golf (7), Jetta (3), Passat (4)	2014-10	Sharan
2010-01	Jetta, Passat (2)	2014-12	A4 (3), A6, <b>Passat</b> (4) $\otimes$
2010-03	A3 (2), Golf (3), Jetta, Passat (3), Q5 (4)	2015-01	Superb
2010-04	Jetta (2), Passat, Passat Coupe (4), Q5	2015-02	A3 (3)
2012-05	A3 (19), A4, A6, Alhambra (4), Altea, Eos (2), Golf, Ibiza (4), Leon, Octavia (6), Q5 (2), Superb (2), TT, Tiguan, Yeti (4)	2015-03	Alhambra (2)
2012-06	Amarok (8), CC, Eos (2), Golf (2), Jetta (2), Octavia (3), Q5 (2), Sharan (7), Tiguan, Touran (2)	2015-05	Alhambra (6), Sharan (6)
2012-07	A1 (3), Alhambra (4), Caddy (2), Sharan (8)	2015-07	Q3 (2)
2012-09	Golf (2), Passat, Yeti (6)	2015-10	Altea (2), Yeti (3)
2012-10	A3, Alhambra (2), Tiguan, Yeti	2015-11	Superb
2012-12	Eos (2), Golf Cabriolet, Tiguan (7), Touran, Yeti	2016-02	Altea
2013-01	Leon, Passat	2016-03	A4, Exeo (4)
2013-05	Amarok (4)	2016-04	A6, Exeo, Q3
2013-06	Amarok (5), Superb (3), Tiguan	2016-06	Altea (3), CC (3), Jetta, Leon (2), Superb, Tiguan (2)
2013-07	Octavia	2016-07	Amarok, CC, Golf, Superb
2013-08	Yeti (3)	2016-08	CC (3), Golf Cabriolet, Golf (2), Passat (2), Scirocco, Touran (3)
		2016-09	CC (14), Octavia (2), Passat (2), Tiguan (7)
		2016-10	Eos

## Fiat 500X Defeat Device

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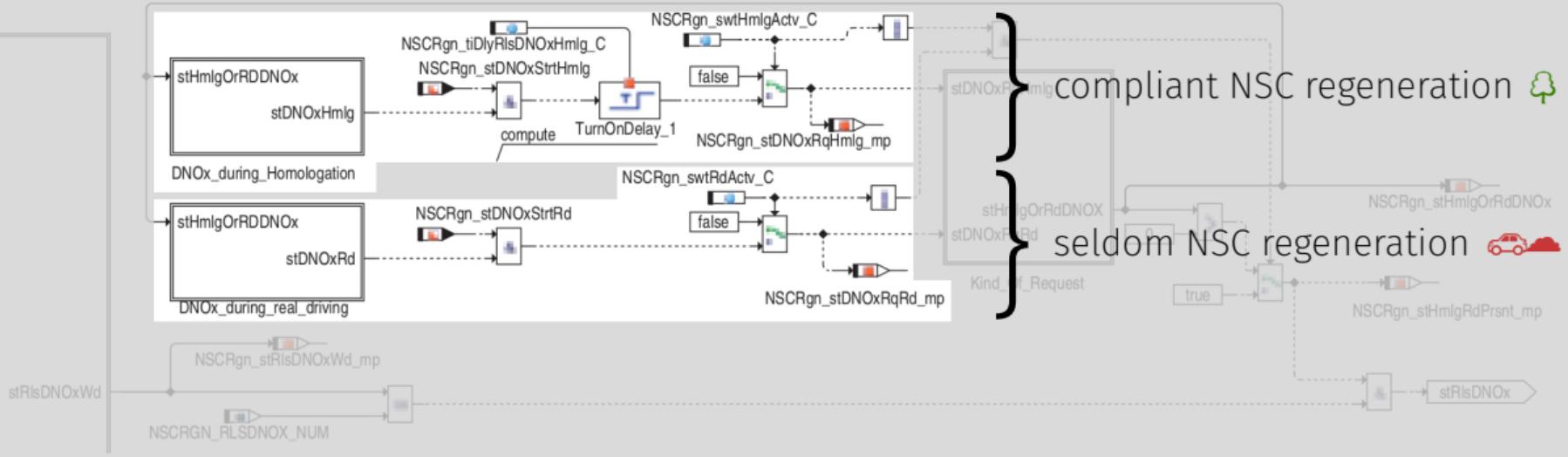


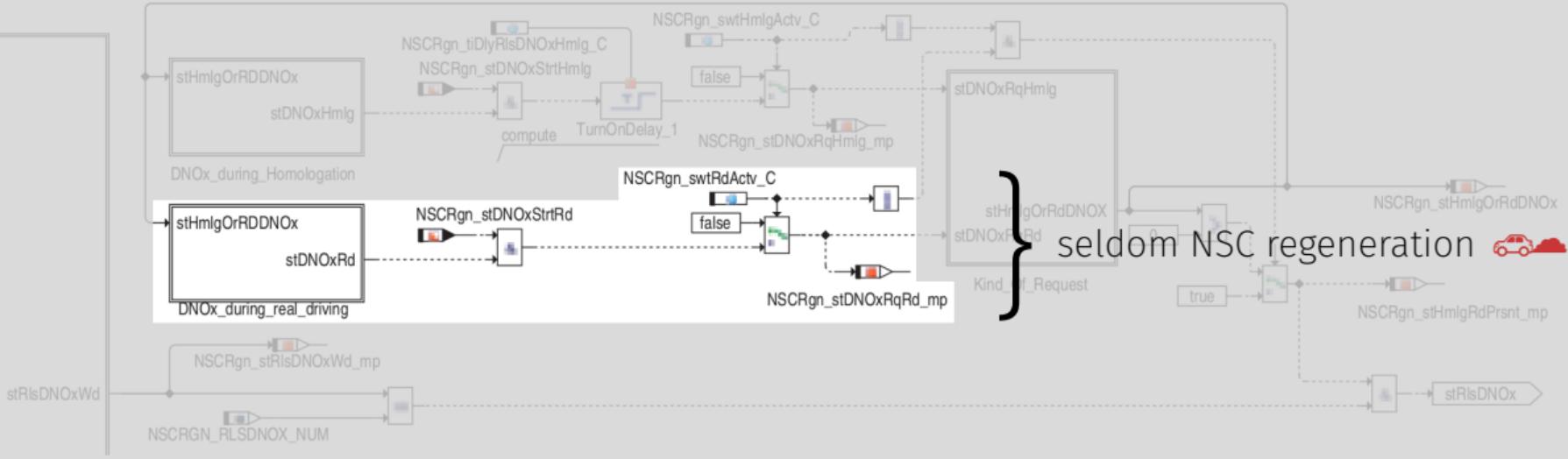


## People also ask

What is homologation in automotive industry?

**Automotive homologation** is the **process of certifying vehicles** or a particular component in a **vehicle** that it has satisfied the requirements set by various statutory regulatory bodies. It is mandatory to get this approval to export **automobile** products or components.



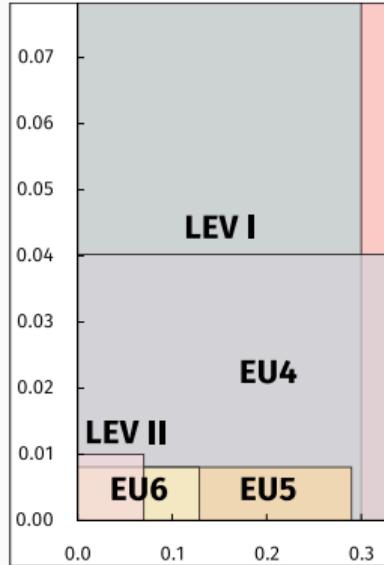


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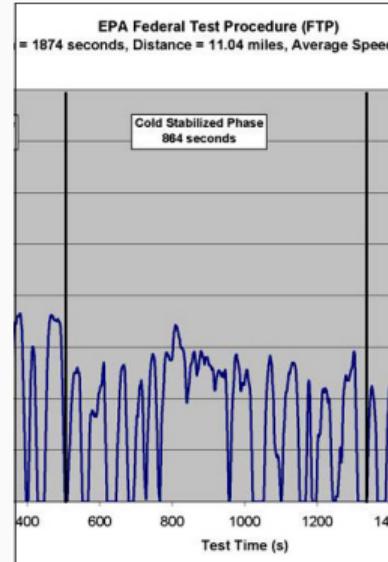
## Implications

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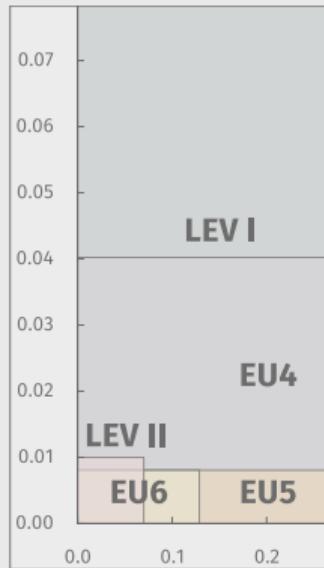


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Black Box Testing

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Portable Emissions Measurement



## Resulting Challenge

Compliance testing now is a **software verification problem**.

- Easier to hide in software; black box testing is insufficient.
- *Portable Emissions Measurement* only side-steps the problem.
- Software analysis facilitates large-scale testing.

# Conclusion

- We analyzed two **modern defeat devices** in software:
  - Volkswagen AG ..... driving profile check
  - Fiat 500X ..... timing-based check
- We performed a **large-scale study** of the VW AG defeat device.
  - Tested > 900 firmware images.
  - ~300 try to detect at least one test cycle.
- Black-box emissions testing is insufficient.
- Easy to cheat using software, high incentive to do so.
- Software verification of compliance poses a new challenge.