



GRPE Working Group on VIAQ –  
Evaluation of test procedure  
“Draft Part IV of the Mutual Resolution (M.R.3) on Vehicle  
Interior Air Quality,,

Measurements and recommendations by OICA.  
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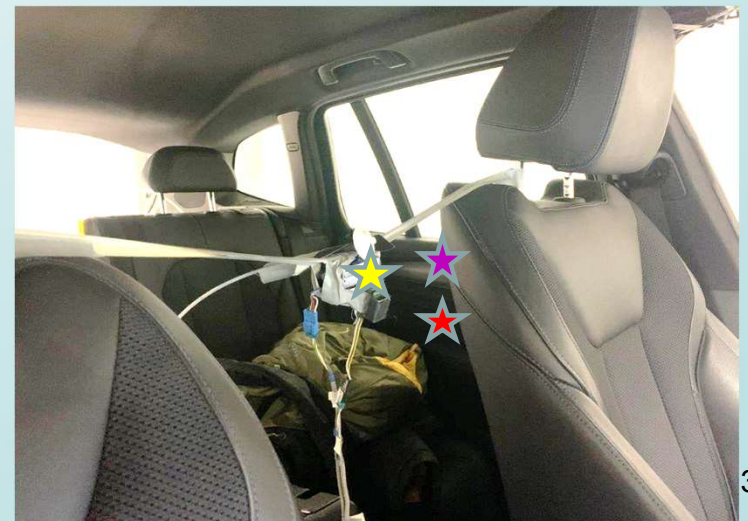
## BACKGROUND

- Draft test procedure was tested during several measurements on public roads near Munich, Germany.
- The equipment for the measurement of PM, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> was placed in a 2018 BMW X3 vehicle.
- PM 2.5 sensors with measurement interval 5 sec.
- CO<sub>2</sub> sensors with measurement range up to 10.000 ppm, measurement interval 5 sec.
- NO<sub>x</sub> analyzers with measurement range up to 10.000 ppb, measurement interval 5 sec.
- Precision GPS sensor with recording interval of 5 sec.
- Two employees performed the measurements.



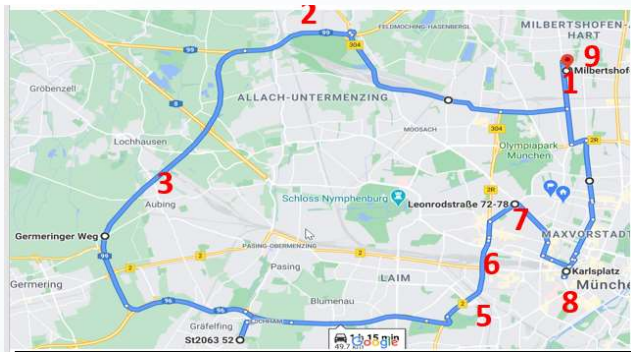
## MEASURING SETUP

- 5 \* CO<sub>2</sub>-sensor ★
  - 1 \* GPS-sensor ★
  - 2 \* PM 2.5-sensor ★
  - 2 \* NO<sub>x</sub>-analyzer inlets ★
- 1 \* humidity / temperature ★





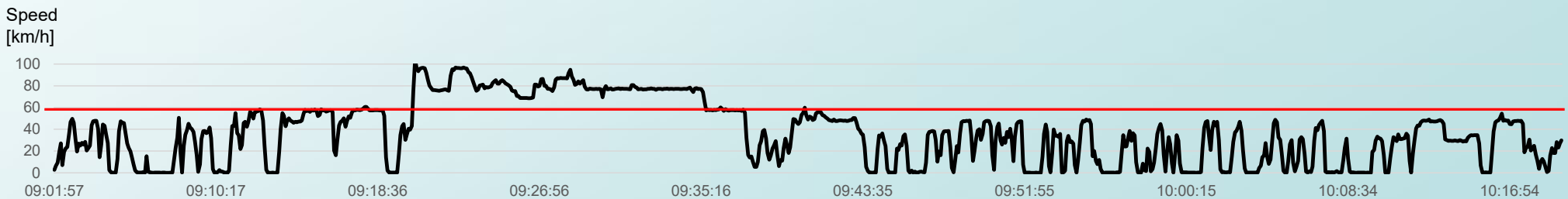
# RESULTS: CONDITIONS



Place	Time in	Time out	odometer (km)	date
1 Start	09:02:00		69008	01.02.2023
2 Tunnel	09:21:11	09:22:11		
3 Tunnel	09:25:38	09:27:28		
5 Tunnel	09:41:40	09:41:55		
6 Public environmental measurement	09:43:17			
7 Public environmental measurement	09:49:36			
8 Public environmental measurement	09:56:30			
9 End	10:17:30		69058	

Weather: very windy, **dry**, temperature: **+ 6° C**, humidity: **60 %**  
 atmospheric pressure: **96.2 kPa**, Test track length: 49.3 km  
 55% +/-10% urban traffic percentage < 60 km/h: → **80.36 %**  
 45% +/-10% outside city traffic percentage > 60km/h ... < 100km/h: → **19.64 %**  
 measurement time (30 – 60 mins): **01:15 h**

legend: **green: requirements fulfilled**  
**red: requirements not fulfilled**

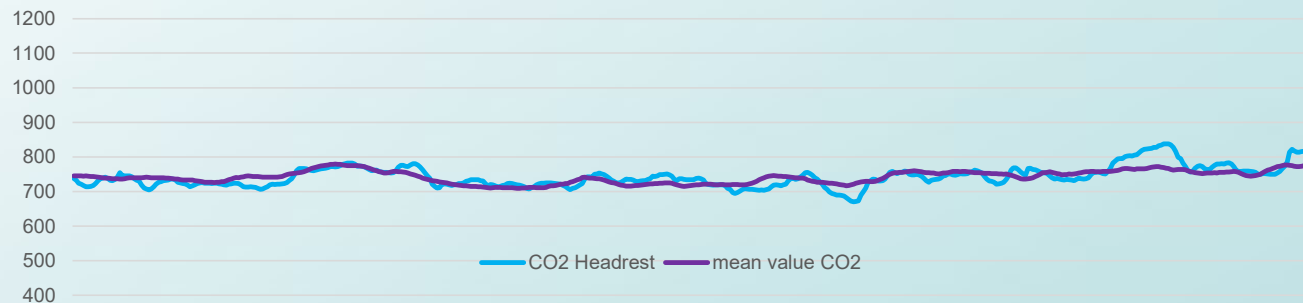
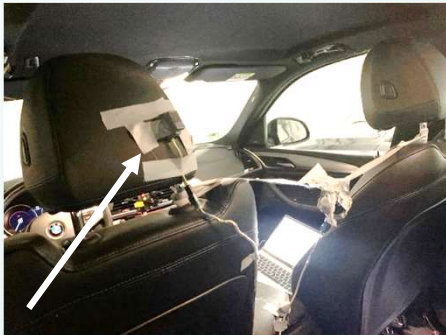
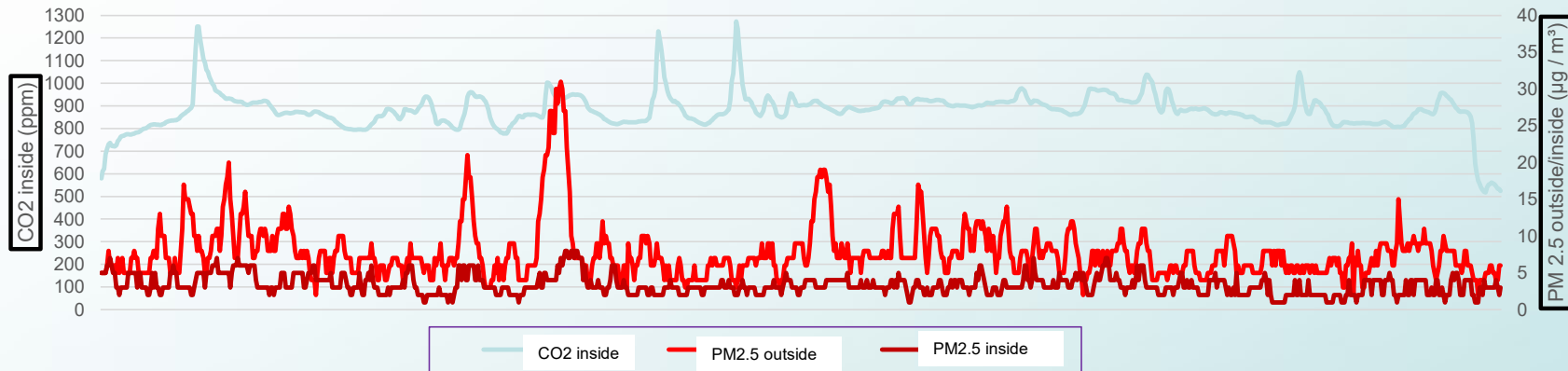


→ Urban traffic percentage limit exceeded, measurement time limit exceeded



# RESULTS: CO<sub>2</sub>, PM 2.5

VIAQ measurement PM 2.5 / CO<sub>2</sub> 01.02.2023

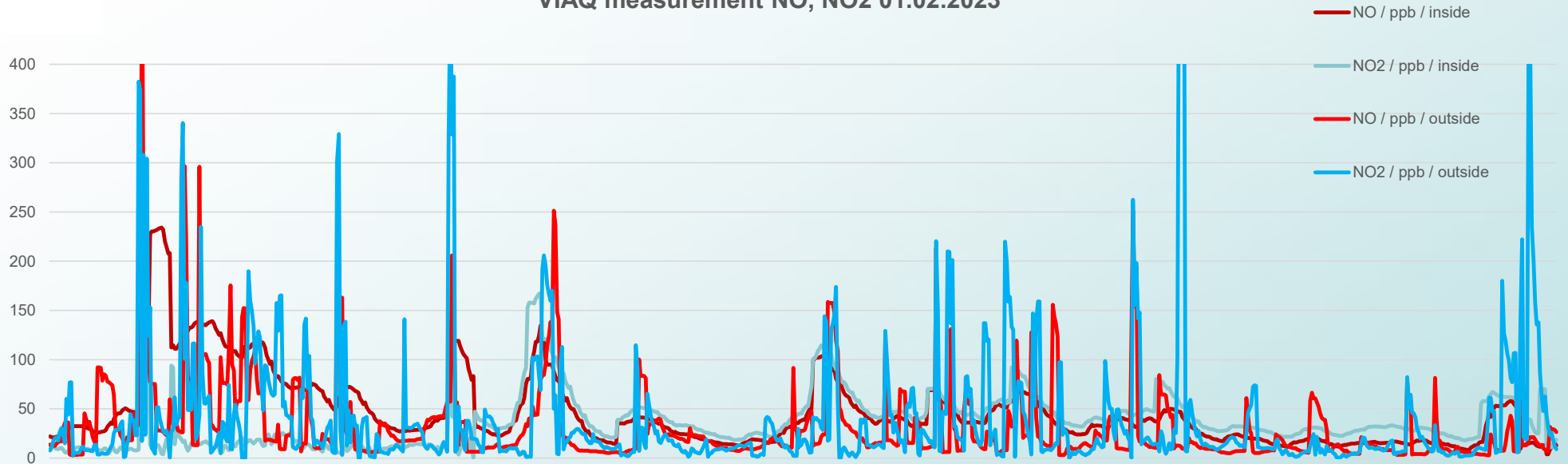


- several CO<sub>2</sub> peaks @ between headrest sensor, probably from exhalation.
- Average of 4 CO<sub>2</sub> sensors without significant peaks
- outside PM 2.5 usually < 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup>



# RESULTS: NOX

VIAQ measurement NO, NO2 01.02.2023



→ NO2 and NO outside mean around 30 ppb, peaks behind truck/old cars up to 500 ppb



## NOTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- CO<sub>2</sub>-Sensor between headrests may be affected by breath of the driver or passenger → position behind driver headrest recommended
- Wind speed will influence outside conditions → maximum wind speed limit should be determined (e.g. 5 m/s)
- NO<sub>x</sub> measuring equipment often needs to be placed in trunk → sampling line length > 1 m necessary
- PM 2.5 concentration of > 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup> usually not present in most areas → reduction to e.g. 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (new WHO guideline)
- High speed of 60-100 km/h for 35-55% of test cycle in 1h is difficult to achieve, when you start track in cities → reduce high speed contribution to 10-20%
- Definition of urban speed should be changed to  $v < 50$  km/h (50 km/h city speed limit)
- Change measurement interval to 5 sec