



VIRTUAL SENSORS –

SUBSTITUTION OF AUTOMOTIVE SENSORS BY
ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

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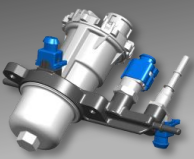
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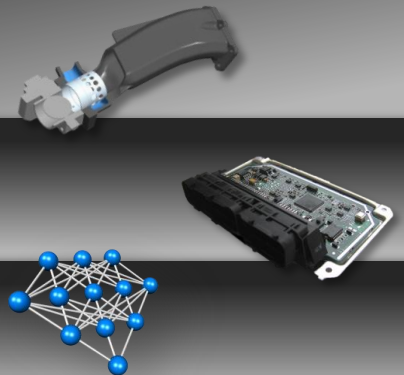
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BUSINESS FIELDS

ENGINEERING Hardware Software Mech. Design Prototyping Application 	TESTING Equipment Durability Testing Test vehicles 	PRODUCTION Electronic Manufacturing Mechanical Assemblies 
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SYSTEMS / PRODUCTS

EMISSION REDUCTION	EGR SCR DPF Fuel Injection Emission Relevant Components	
AUTOMOTIVE CONTROL SYSTEMS	Electronic Control Units Diagnostic tools Sensors Actuators	
INNOVATIONS	Virtual Sensors AUTOSAR SimuFuel® Alternative cDPF-Regeneration	

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IDEA 2 CONCEPT

- Current emission concepts are based on:
 - Cost-intensive sensors (No_x -Sensor etc.)
 - Highly sophisticated modelling
 - Map-based parameterization

- Idea:
 - Using ANN instead of physic-based modelling





IDEA 2 CONCEPT

- Current Scenarios:

- I. SCR – Systems

- Substitution of NO_x-Sensor (upstream SCR-catalyst) by ANN

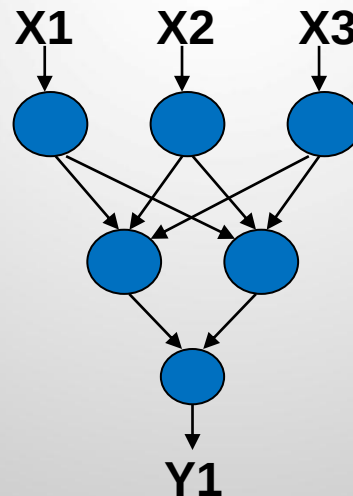
- II. DPF – Systems

- Virtual PM-Sensor instead of soot raw emission model

and many more

SCHEMATIC DESCRIPTION OF A SIMPLE NEURAL NETWORK

- The neural network describes the interconnection of artificial neurons
- Each neuron represents a simple arithmetic unit
- The neural network forms a connectionist system
→ Interaction of many interconnected single units
- A neural network is able to learn by example – it is trained in a target-oriented manner to fulfil its task
- The aim is to use the association ability of the neural networks to be able to determine a target variable, using the “knowledge” from real and not trained input variables

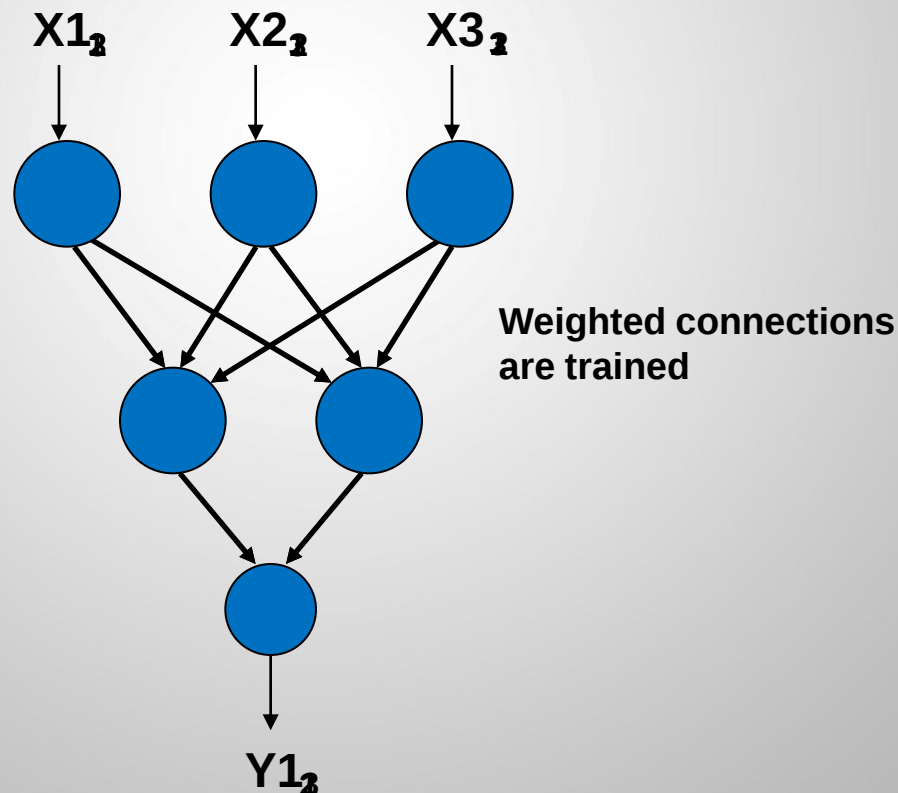


**Neurons in a simple
neural network**



LEARNING PROCESS

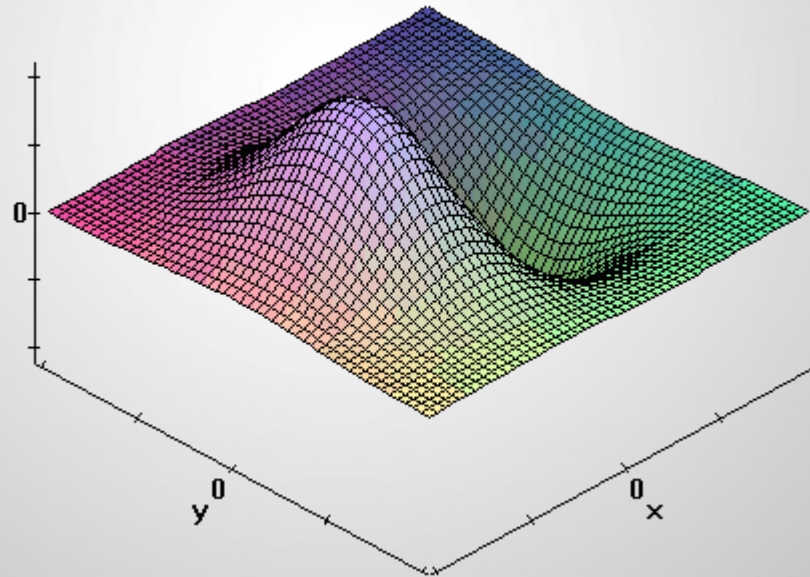
- Learning is to be understood as optimizing the weighted connections between single neurons;
- The “knowledge” of a neural network is stored in its weighted connections
- Supervised learning includes one output vector per input vector, on which the weighted connections are optimized





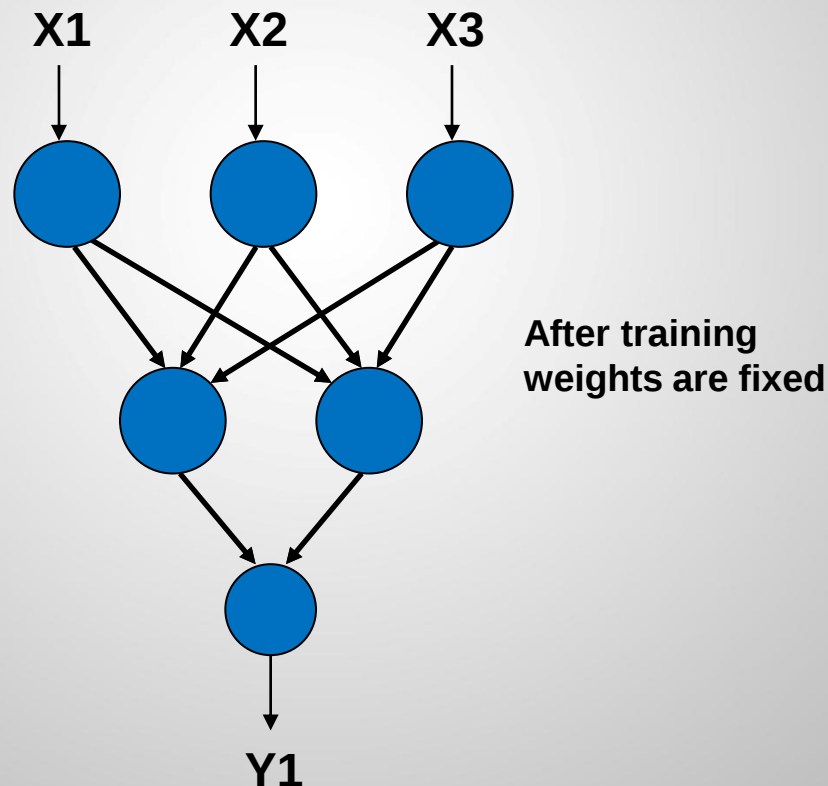
LEARNING PROCESS

- The aim of the learning process is to reduce the global error to a minimum
- The error for a neuron with two weighted inputs can be displayed as error surface
- The learning algorithm is expected to achieve the global error minimum



USE OF A TRAINED NETWORK

- Input data under real operating conditions are generated to a new output inside the network structure by the trained weights and activation functions
- Each neuron describes a simple function (linear function, TanHyp...)



EXAMPLE: NEURAL NETWORK STRUCTURE

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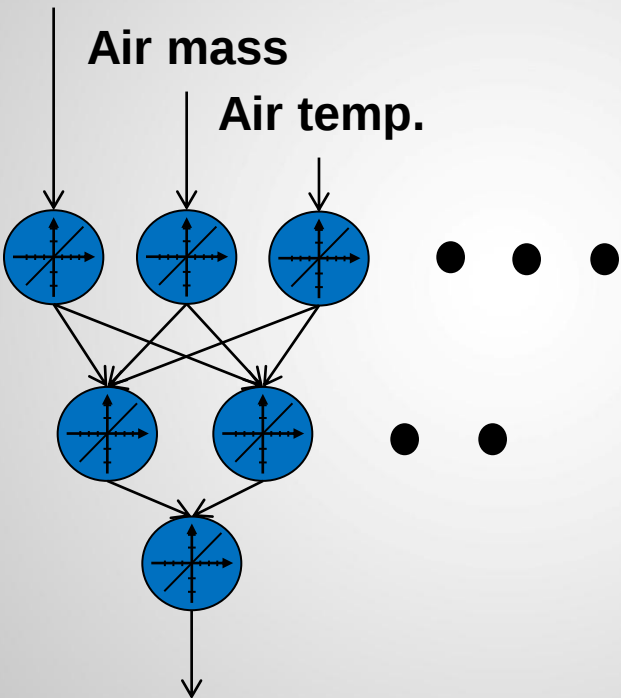
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Engine speed

Air mass

Air temp.



Input layer

Hidden layer

Output layer

NO_x [ppm]

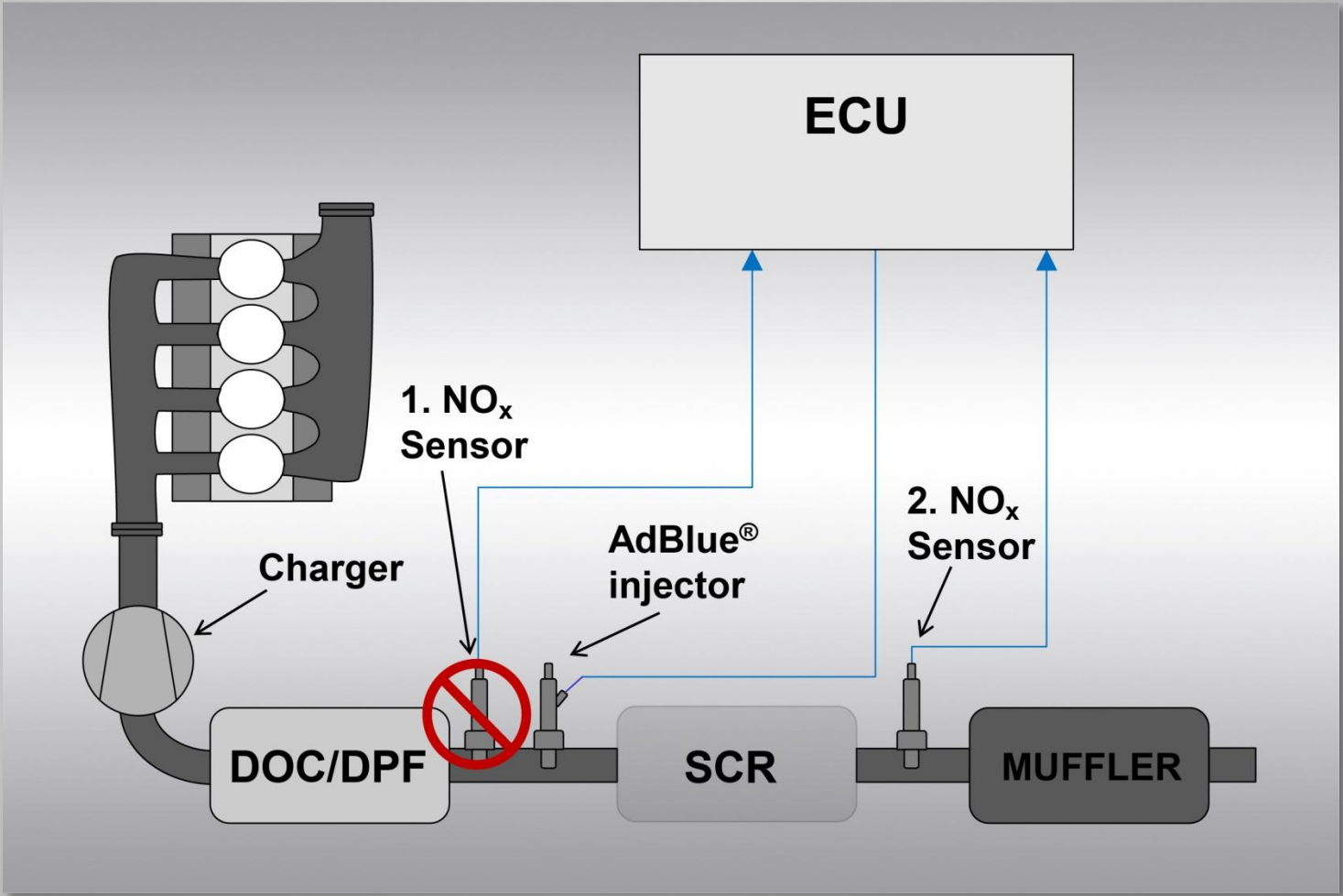


I. SCR – SYSTEM / SUBSTITUTION OF NO_x-SENSORS

- **Motivation:** Cost reduction because the Pre-Cat-No_x-Sensor becomes redundant

Reduced calibration costs through the use of already available test data
- **Result:** ECU or embedded code generating No_x-concentrations in real-time depending on the vehicle and operating conditions by using a trained neural network
- **Reference:** NO_x-Sensor (e.g. Continental or NGK)

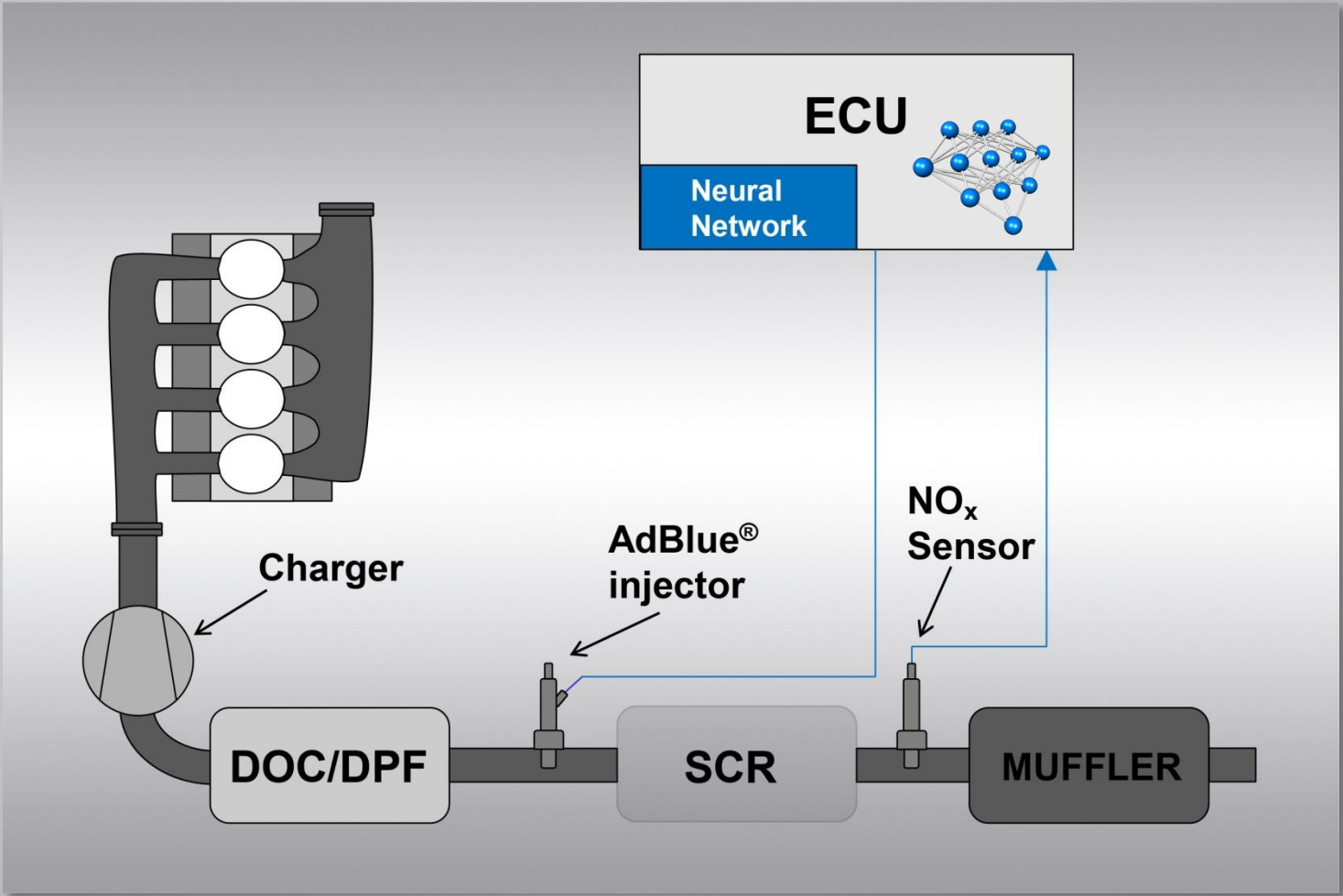
CONVENTIONAL SCR-SYSTEM



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SCR-SYSTEM WITH NEURAL NETWORK



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VIRTUAL NO_x-SENSOR / DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

- Determination ANN
 - Optimal network structure for problem definition ✓
- Adjustment of learning algorithm ✓
 - Problem oriented learning algorithm
- Creation of suitable training data sets ✓
 - Methods for specific data sourcing from available test data
- Integration of the trained network in an add-on control unit ✓
 - Tests have been successfully completed
- Validation of results ✓

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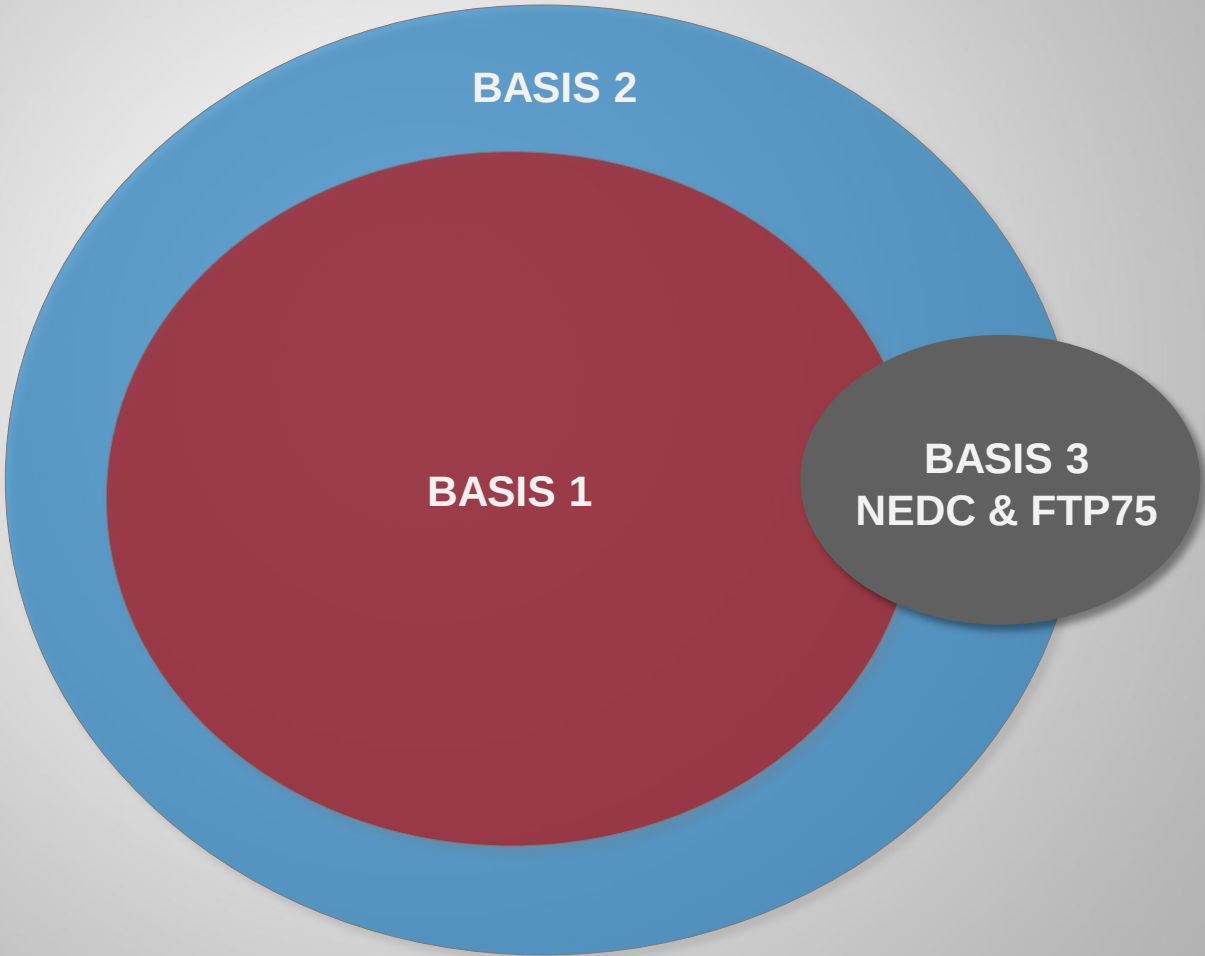
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SAMPLE DATA SETS FOR TRAINING

- **BASIS 1**
 - Composite data set (diverse routes: city, country road, highway ~ 4h)
- **BASIS 2**
 - BASIS 1 plus NEDC & FTP75 test cycles
- **BASIS 3**
 - NEDC & FTP75 Test cycles

SAMPLE DATA SETS / QUALITATIVE OVERLAP



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SAMPLE DATA SETS FOR VALIDATION

- **VALID 1**
 - A part of the training data set BASIS1 not used for training
- **VALID 2**
 - Mixed single runs (city, country road, highway)
- **VALID 3**
 - NEDC Cycle

VALIDATION EXAMPLE / RESULTS OF MIXED DRIVE 1

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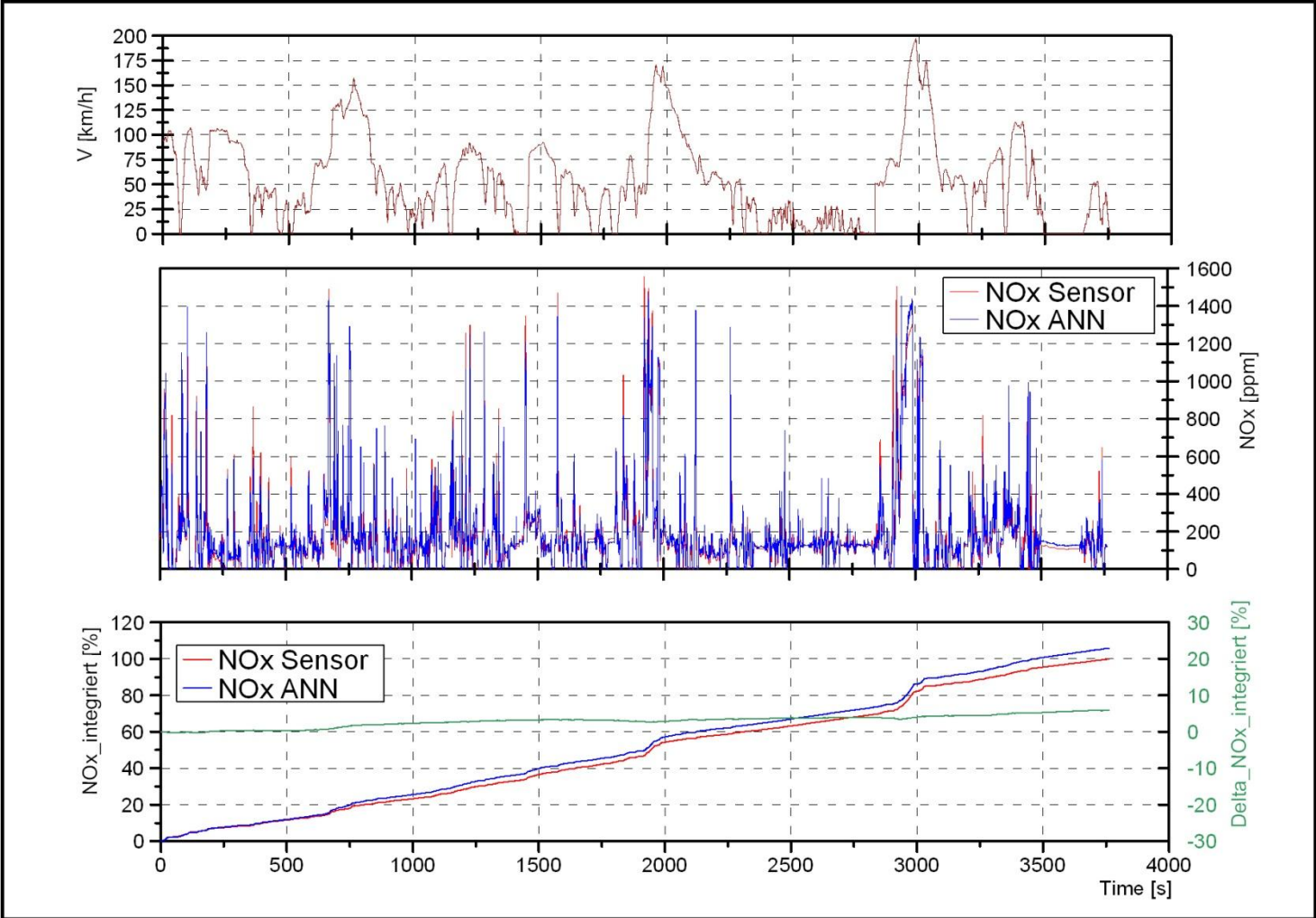
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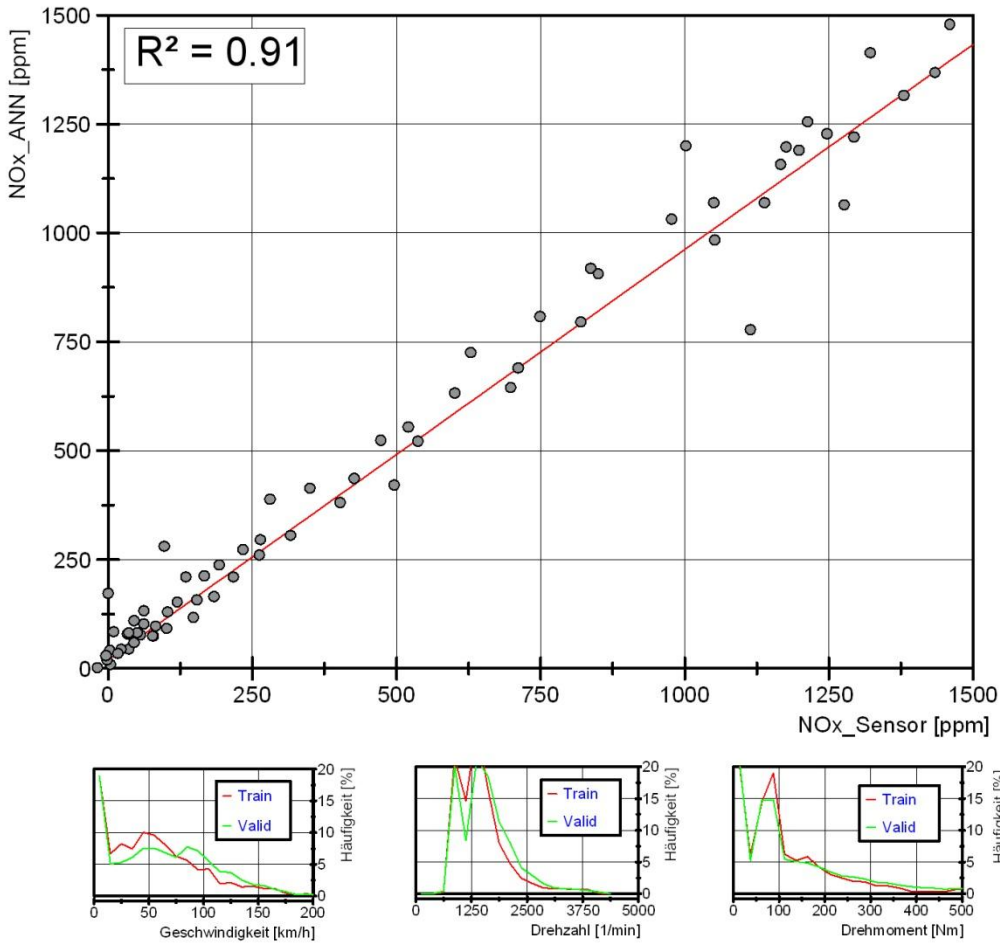
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VALIDATION EXAMPLE / RESULTS OF MIXED DRIVE 2

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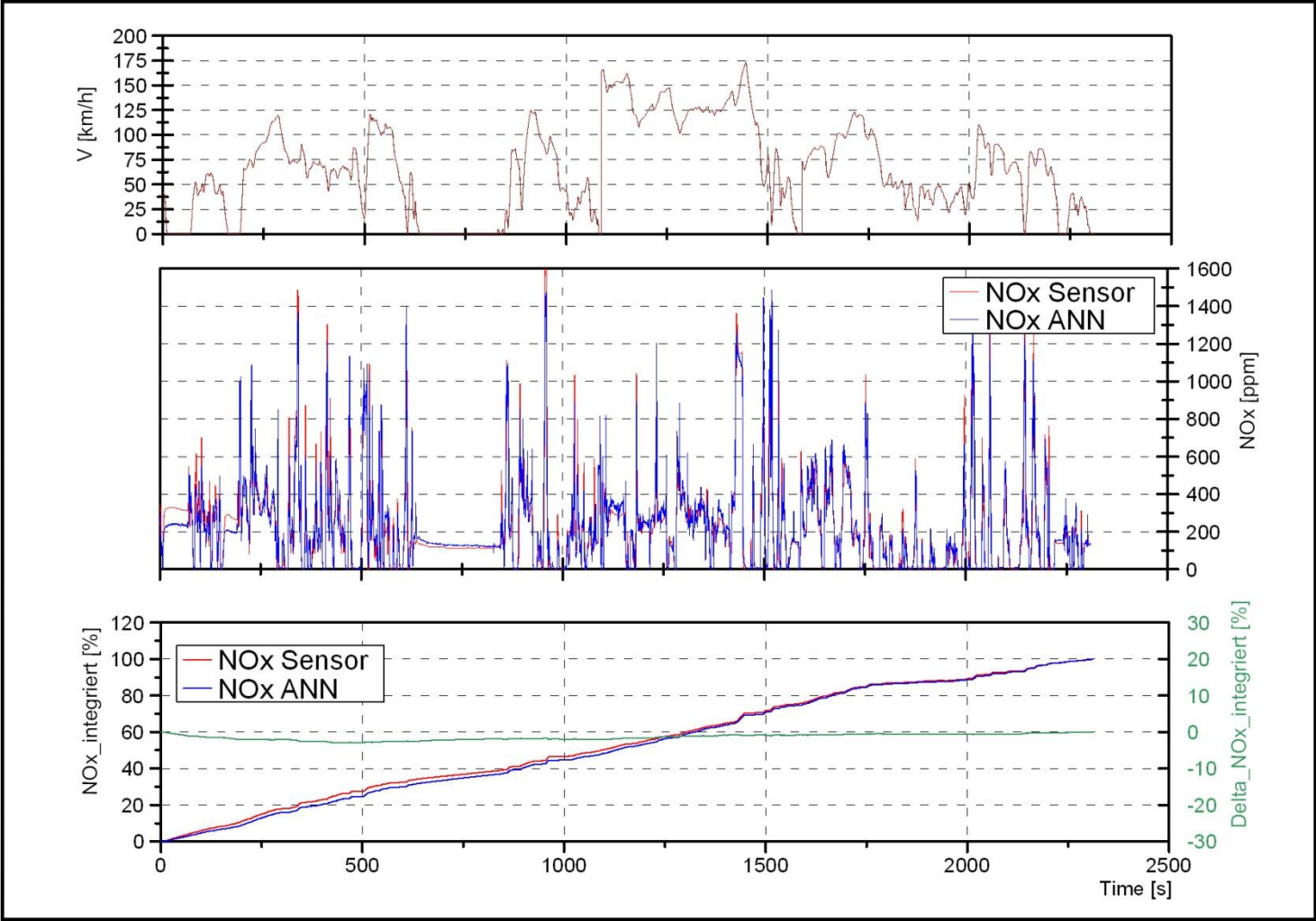
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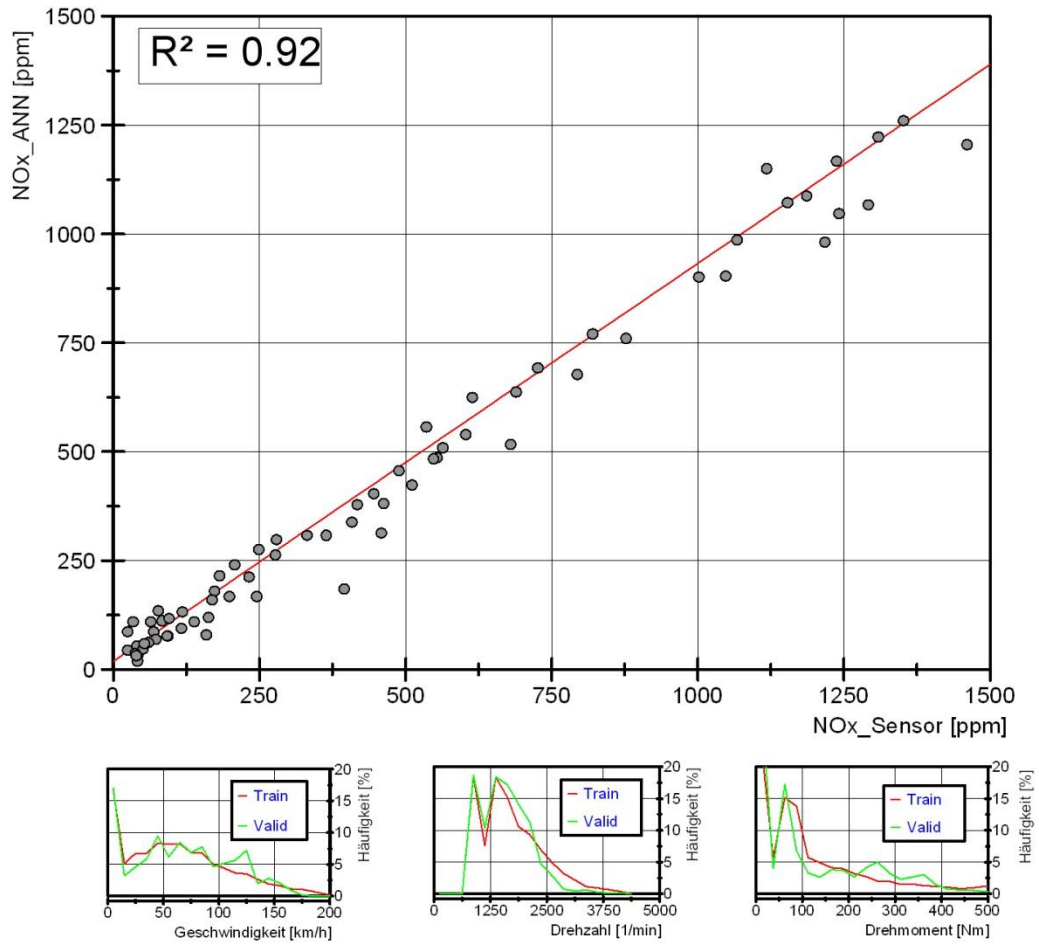
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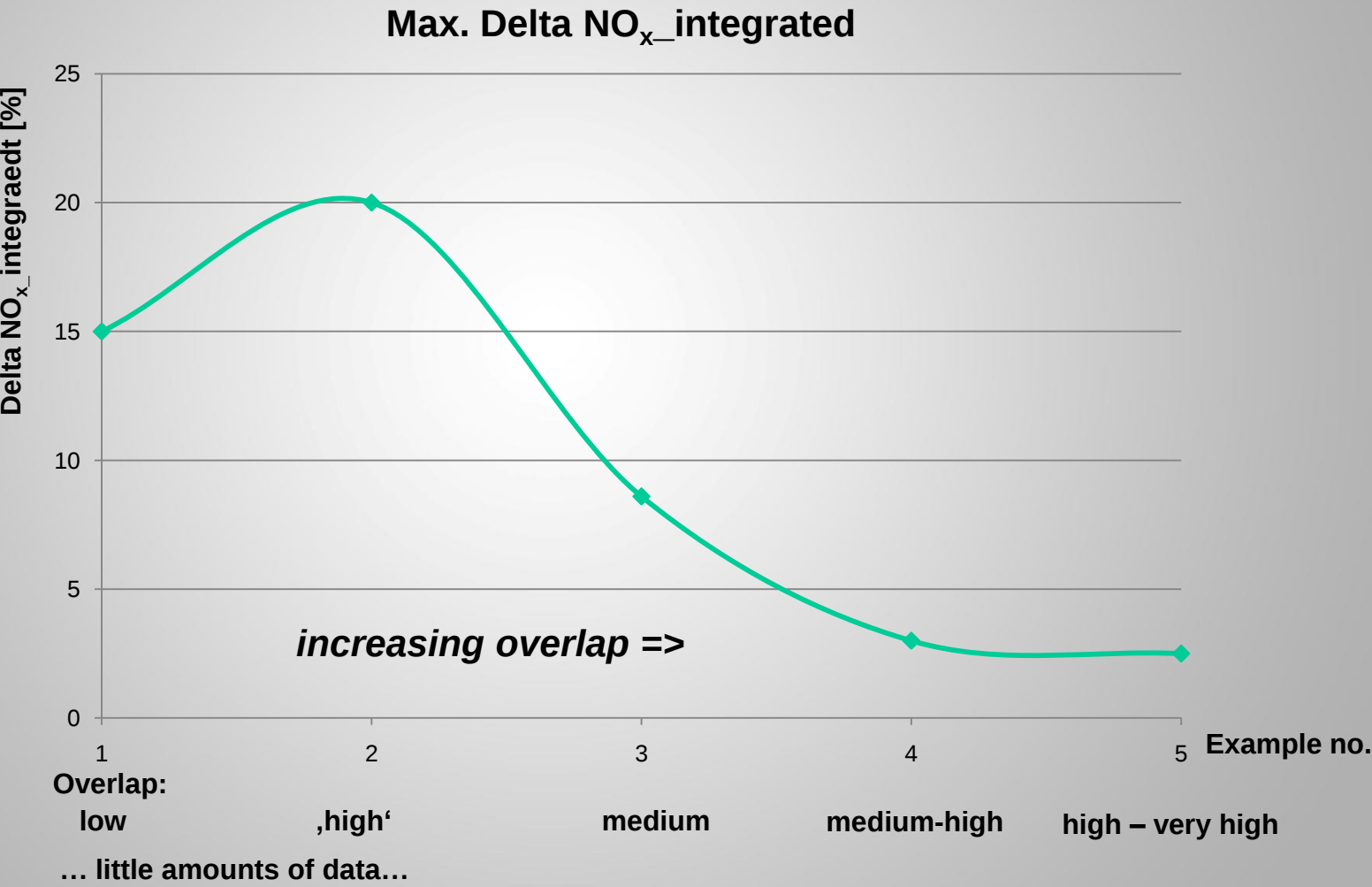
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INFLUENCE OVERLAP RATIO (VALIDATION TO TRAINING DATA)





INTEGRATION OF A TRAINED NETWORK IN A CONTROL UNIT

- Memory requirement $\ll$ 100 Kbyte
- Computing time depending on network structure $\ll$ 100 ms (with a 16bit-controller)
- In modern automotive system environment (Tricore / 32bit) much faster



II. VIRTUAL PM-SENSOR

- **Motivation:** Optimization of PM-regeneration without any complex and error-prone soot model
- **Intention:** Online determination of the PM-raw emissions via ANN and implementation of this “Virtual PM-sensor” into the DPF-regeneration strategy
- **Reference:** Online measurement of PM with Dekati DMM230

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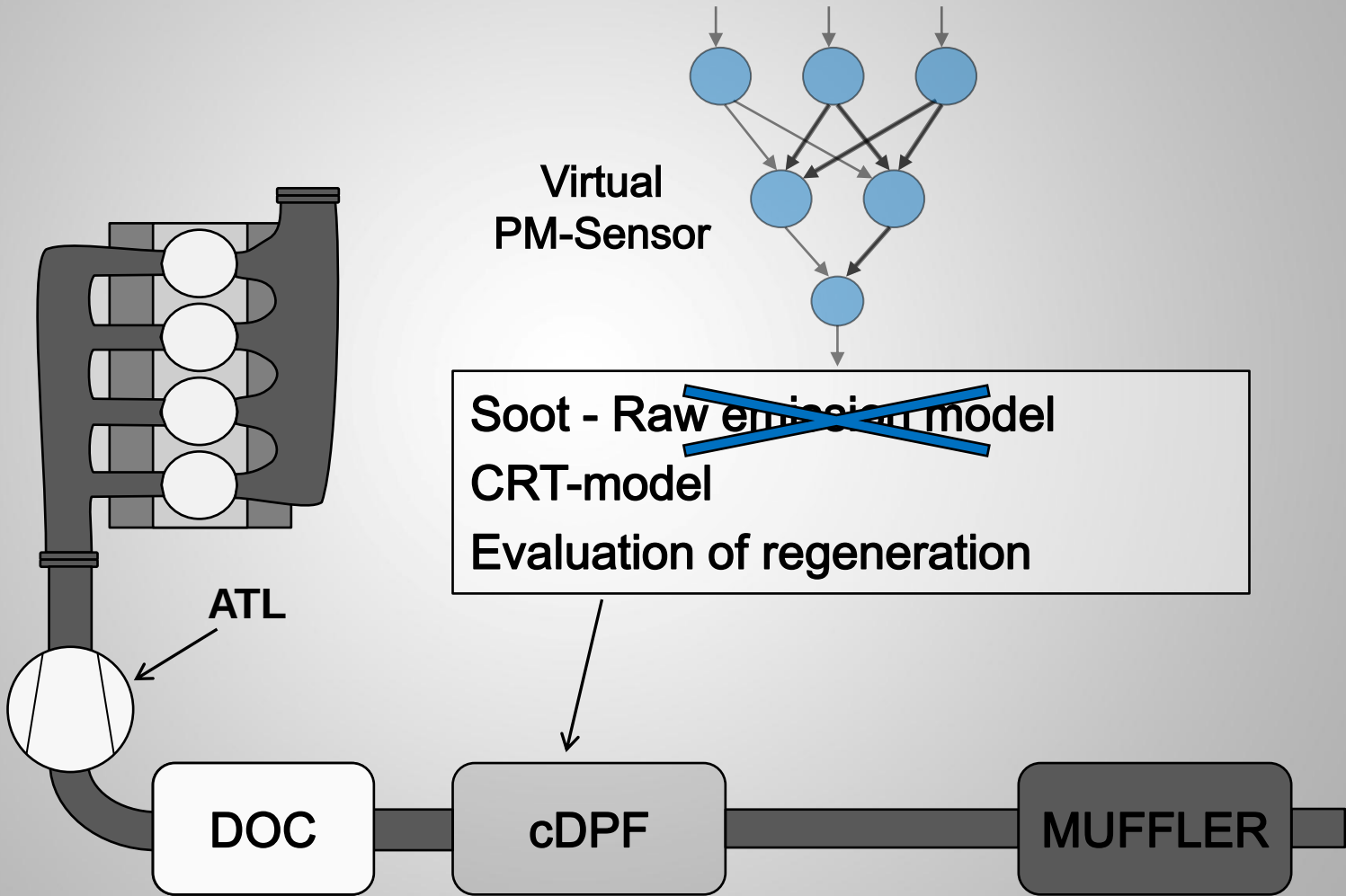
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cDPF-SYSTEM



VALIDATION / RESULTS FOR TRAIN: FTP75 – VALID: NEDC

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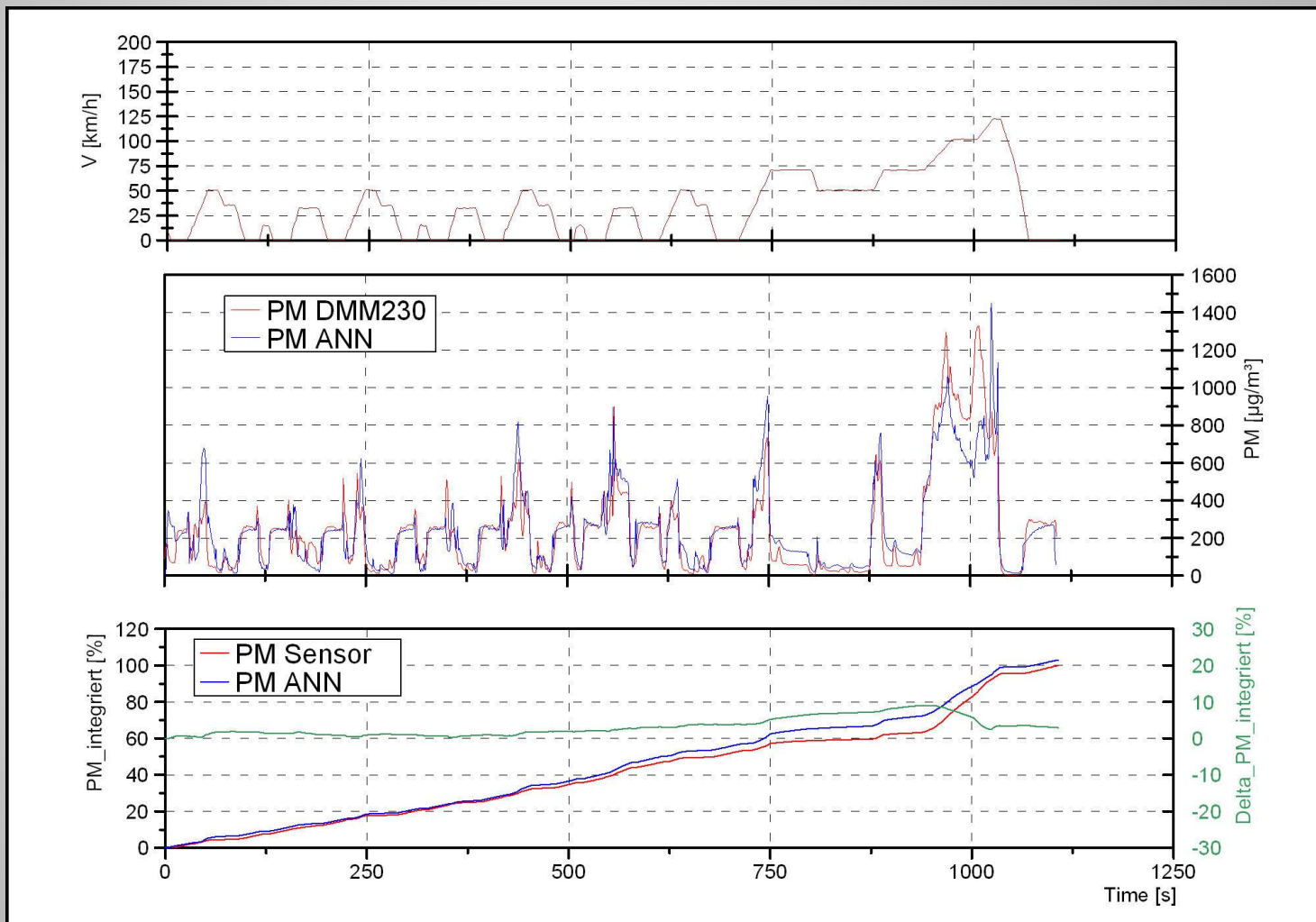
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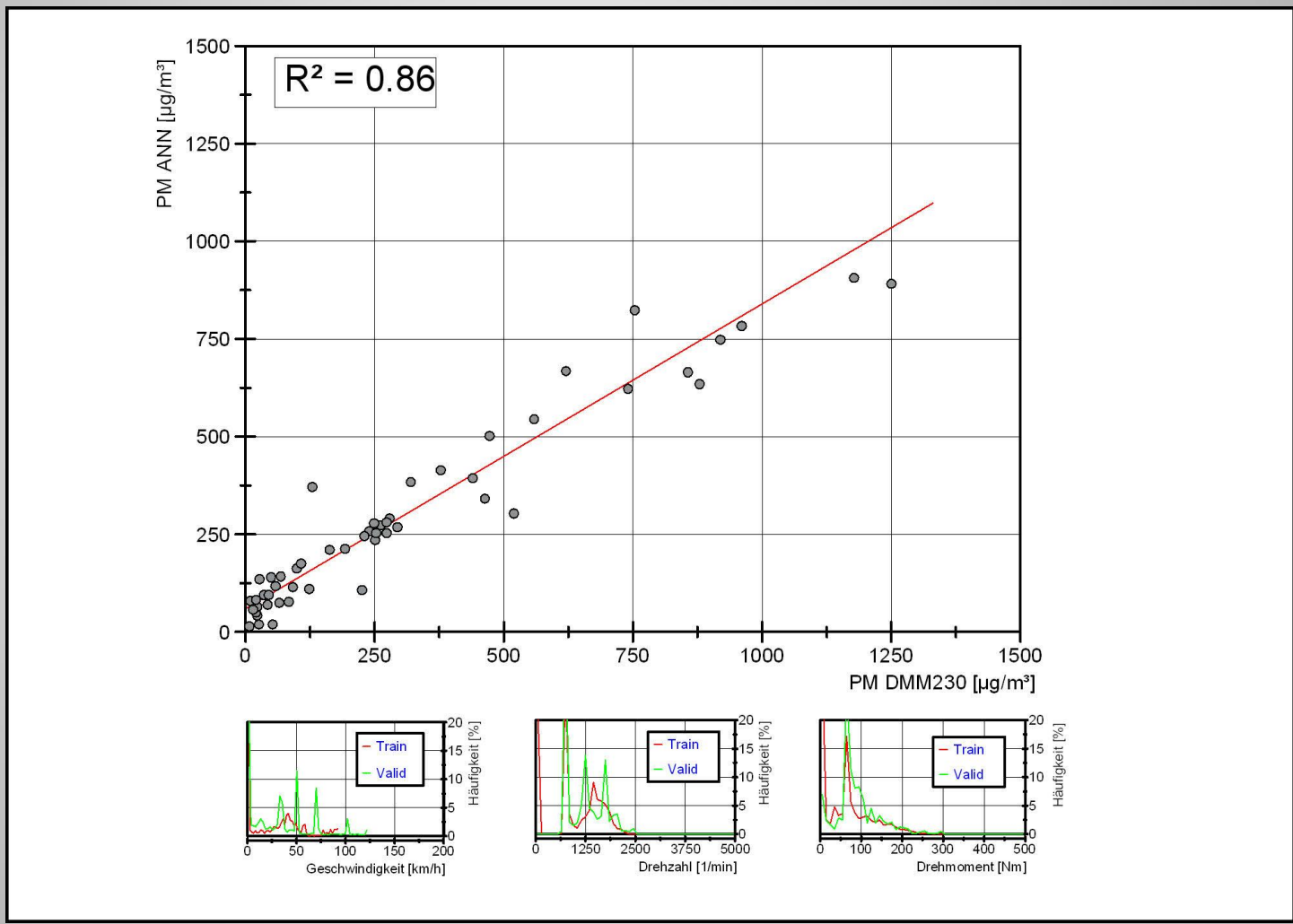
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- PM-emission measurements in road tests with DMM230
- Development of a method to create training data sets
- Optimization of ANN-structure
- Determination of learning algorithm



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CONCLUSION

- ANN offer a large potential to substitute physical sensors
- Virtual sensors allow cost optimization concerning calibration efforts compared to model-based solutions
- ANN allow “mathematical solutions”, based on real test data, when multi-dimensional systems are getting too complex or prone to error
- Especially dynamical behaviour of ANN outperforms model-based approaches



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