



Biodiesel in Stage V Tractors

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Outline

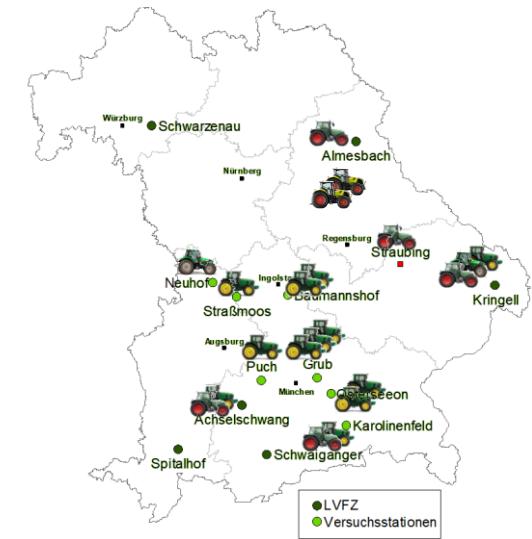
- Overview of the KlimaBeSt project
- Test vehicle and field test operation
- Field test and emission measurements on the tractor test stand
- Real driving exhaust emissions during cultivating with B100
- Conclusion after 15 months and 700 operating hours



Project KlimaBeSt

Climate-friendly operation of state farms

- Duration: 01.07.2022 until 31.12.2025
- Objective: Support of the 'Bavarian Climate Protection Program'
- Conversion of 400 machines to climate-friendly drives
- Monitoring of operating and exhaust behavior
- Identification of weak points and troubleshooting
- Knowledge transfer and documentation



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Test vehicle

- Start of field test 06/2023. The tractor only operates on biodiesel B100 (no blending)



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Tractor	Claas Axion 830 CMATIC
Engine	6 cylinders / 6.7 l displacement
Max. Power	176 kW / 239 hp
Injection system	Common rail
Year of construction	2023
Exhaust gas stage	V
Fuel system	One-tank system Reinforced fuel pump (US package)
Exhaust gas aftertreatment	Oxidation catalytic, particulate filter, SCR system

- A Claas Arion 470 tractor is expected to be the second test vehicle for the field test year 2025

Field test methods

- Analysis of the quality of the fuel
(relevant quality parameters of EN 14214, AGQM)
- Analysis of the engine oil quality (every 100 operating hours;
parameters: oil dilution, wear metals, TAN, TBN ...)
- Monitoring the operating behavior on the basis of a diary
(type of work, refueling, maintenance, malfunctions ...)
- Support and documentation in the event of a malfunction
- CAN data analysis (fuel pressure, DPF pressure ...)



Photos: TFZ

B100 quality of the first delivery of 7,000 l - May 2023

Test parameters (TFZ Nr. 222)	Test result	DIN EN 14214 limits	Unit
Ester content	>99	> 96.5	% (m/m)
Linolenic acid ME content	9.1	< 12	% (m/m)
Density (15 °C)	883.2	860 - 900	kg/m³
Kin. Viscosity (40 °C)	4.417	3.55 - 5	mm²/s
Flash point	167	> 101	°C
CFPP	-13		°C
Sulphur content	<5(<1)	< 10	mg/kg
Cetane number (ICZ)	51.1	> 51	-
Sulphated ash (775 °C)	<0.005	< 0.02	% (m/m)
Water content	379	< 500	mg/kg
Total contamination	50	< 24	mg/kg
Corrosion effect on copper	1	1	rating
Oxidation stability	7.3	> 8	h
Acid number	0.38	< 0.50	mg KOH/g
Iodine value	112.6	< 120	g Iod/100g
PUFA	<0.60	< 1	% (m/m)
Methanol content	0.03	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Free glycerol content	0.005	< 0.02	% (m/m)
Monoglyceride content	0.32	< 0.70	% (m/m)
Diglyceride content	0.13	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Triglyceride content	0.09	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Total glycerol content	0.113	< 0.25	% (m/m)
Saturated monoglycerides	0.03	-	% (m/m)
Alkali content (Na+K)	<1.0	< 5	mg/kg
Alkaline earth content (Ca+Mg)	<1.0	< 5	mg/kg
Phosphorus content	<4.0 (<0.5)	< 4	mg/kg
Cloudpoint	-6	-	°C



- Problems in the fuel system due to B100 contamination with bleaching earth
- Subsequently: Fuel exchange and installation of safety filter (5 µm) on the on-farm filling station, addition of antioxidants (Baynox®) to increase oxidation stability

B100 quality of the second delivery of 7,000 l - April 2024

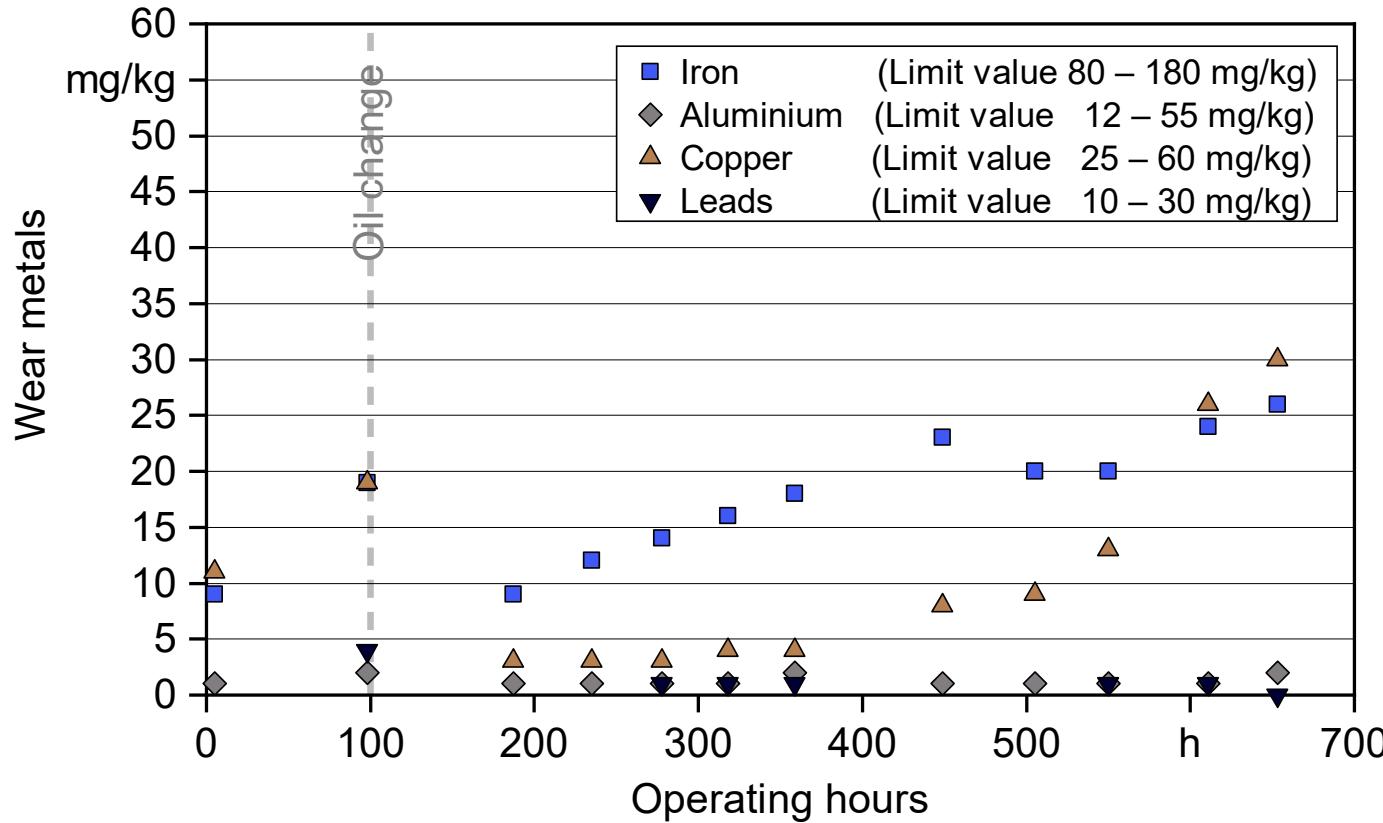
Test parameters (TFZ Nr. 357)	Test result	DIN EN 14214 limits	AGQM limits	Unit
Ester content	98.6	> 96.5	> 96.5	% (m/m)
Linolenic acid ME content	7.9	< 12	< 12	% (m/m)
Density (15 °C)	882.4	860 - 900	860 - 900	kg/m³
Kin. Viscosity (40 °C)	4454	3.55 - 5	3.55 - 5	mm²/s
Flash point	171.5	> 101	> 101	°C
CFPP	-15	-	0	°C
Sulphur content	<5(1.1)	< 10	< 10	mg/kg
Cetane number (ICZ)	54.3	> 51	> 51	-
Sulphated ash (775 °C)	<0.005	< 0.02	< 0.02	% (m/m)
Water content	120	< 500	< 300	mg/kg
Total contamination	3	< 24	< 20	mg/kg
Corrosion effect on copper	1	1	1	rating
Oxidation stability	10,8	> 8	> 9	h
Acid number	0.34	< 0.50	< 0.50	mg KOH/g
Iodine value	107.6	< 120	< 120	g Iod/100g
PUFA	<0.60	< 1	< 1	% (m/m)
Methanol content	0.02	< 0.20	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Free glycerol content	0.006	< 0.02	< 0.02	% (m/m)
Monoglyceride content	0.37	< 0.70	< 0.70	% (m/m)
Diglyceride content	0.08	< 0.20	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Triglyceride content	0.05	< 0.20	< 0.20	% (m/m)
Total glycerol content	0.118	< 0.25	< 0.25	% (m/m)
Saturated monoglycerides	0.02	-	< 0.12	% (m/m)
Alkali content (Na+K)	<1.0	< 5	<2.0 each	mg/kg
Alkaline earth content (Ca+Mg)	<1.0	< 5	< 1.0 each	mg/kg
Phosphorus content	<4.0 (<0.5)	< 4	< 2	mg/kg
Cloudpoint	-4	-	-	°C



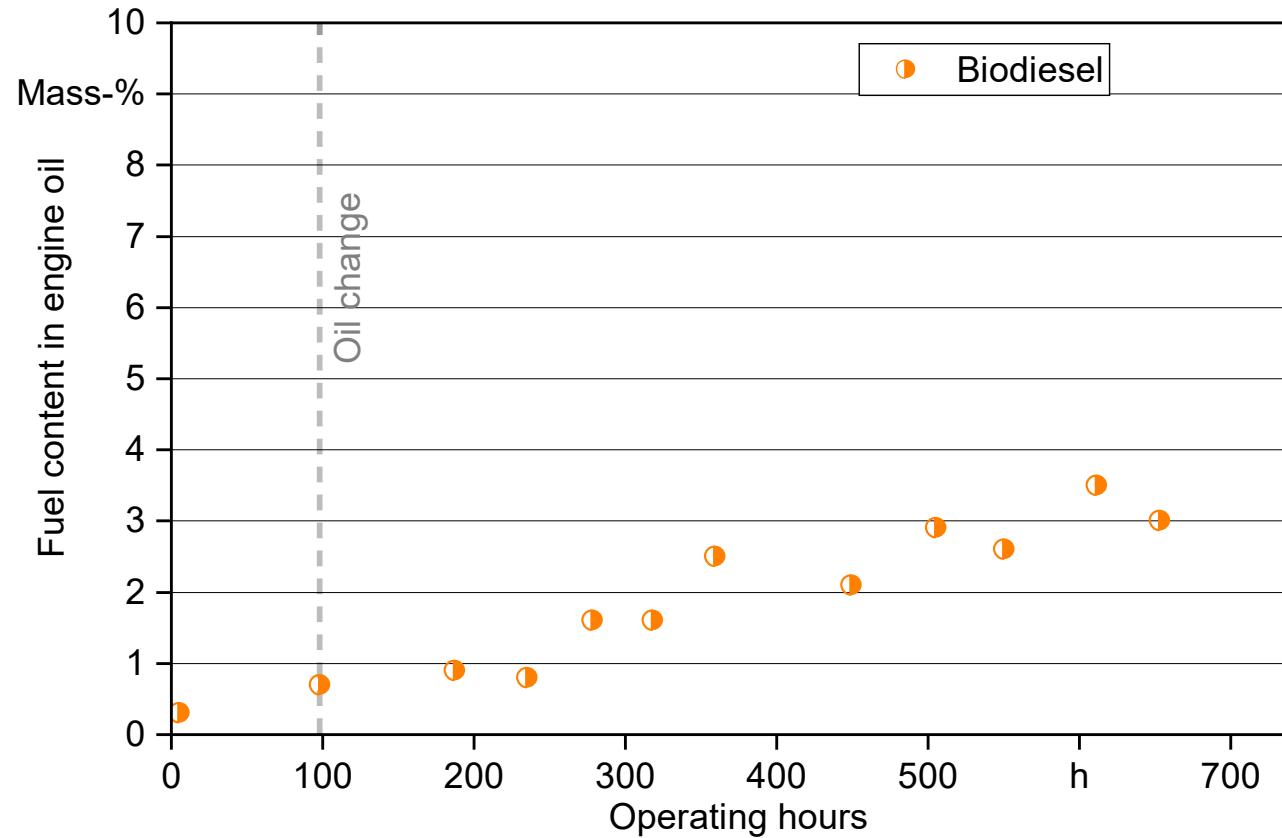
- Quality according to DIN EN 14214
 - Complies with the AGQM guidelines for a B100 specification
- Important for EATS



Engine oil quality (1) - Claas Axion 830 CMATIC



Engine oil quality (2) - Claas Axion 830 CMATIC

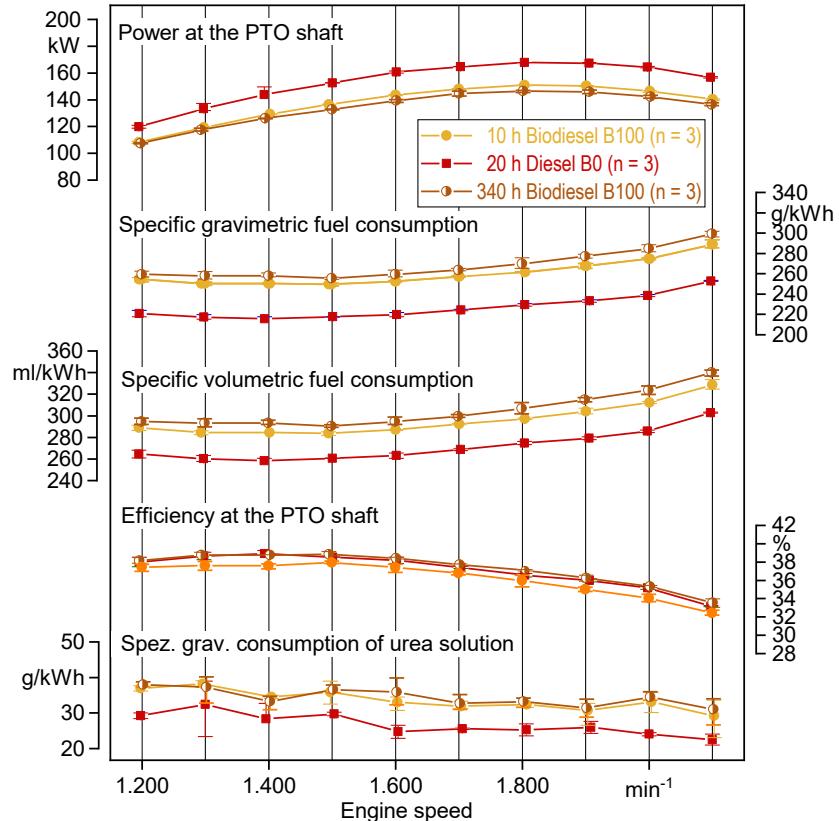


Tractor test stand of the TFZ



Performance and fuel consumption at tractor test stand

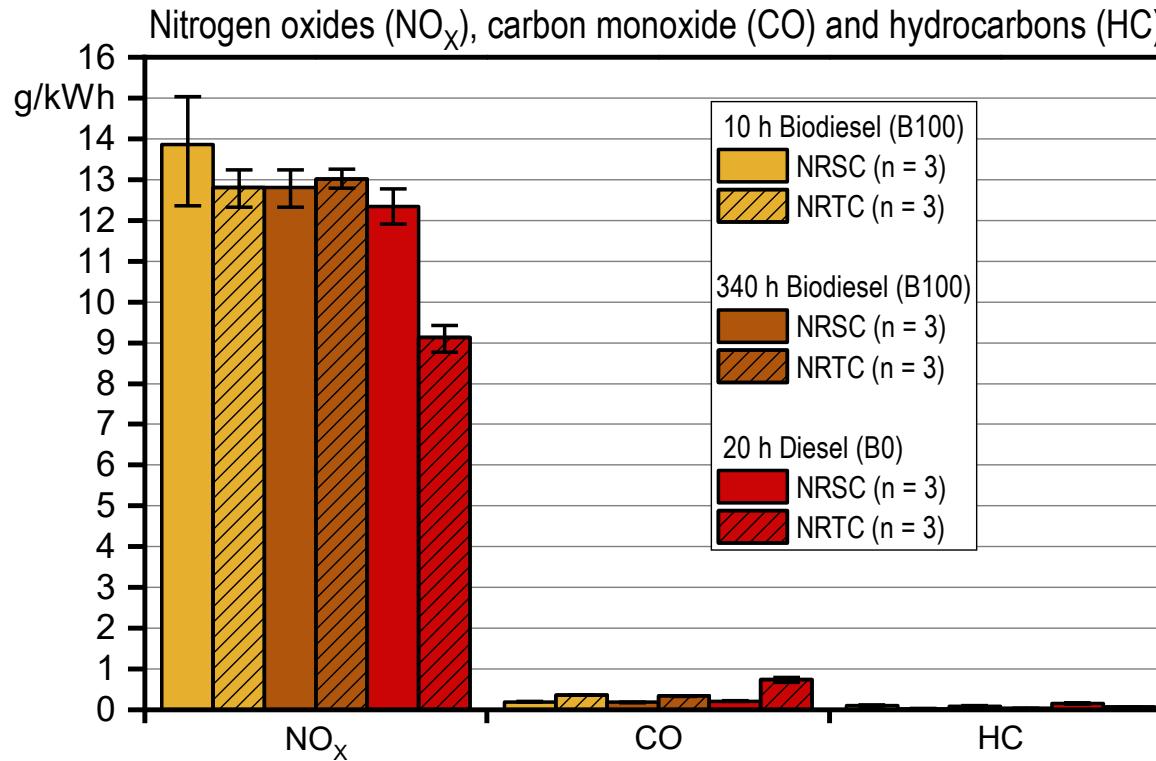
Claas Axion 830 CMATIC at tractor test stand



- 12 % lower PTO power with B100 than with B0
- 8 % higher specific volumetric fuel consumption (ml/kWh) with B100 than with B0
- 2 % lower absolute volumetric consumption (l/h) with B100
- Equal efficiency with both fuels
- 9 % higher urea consumption (g/kWh) with B100 than with B0

Raw emissions before exhaust gas aftertreatment

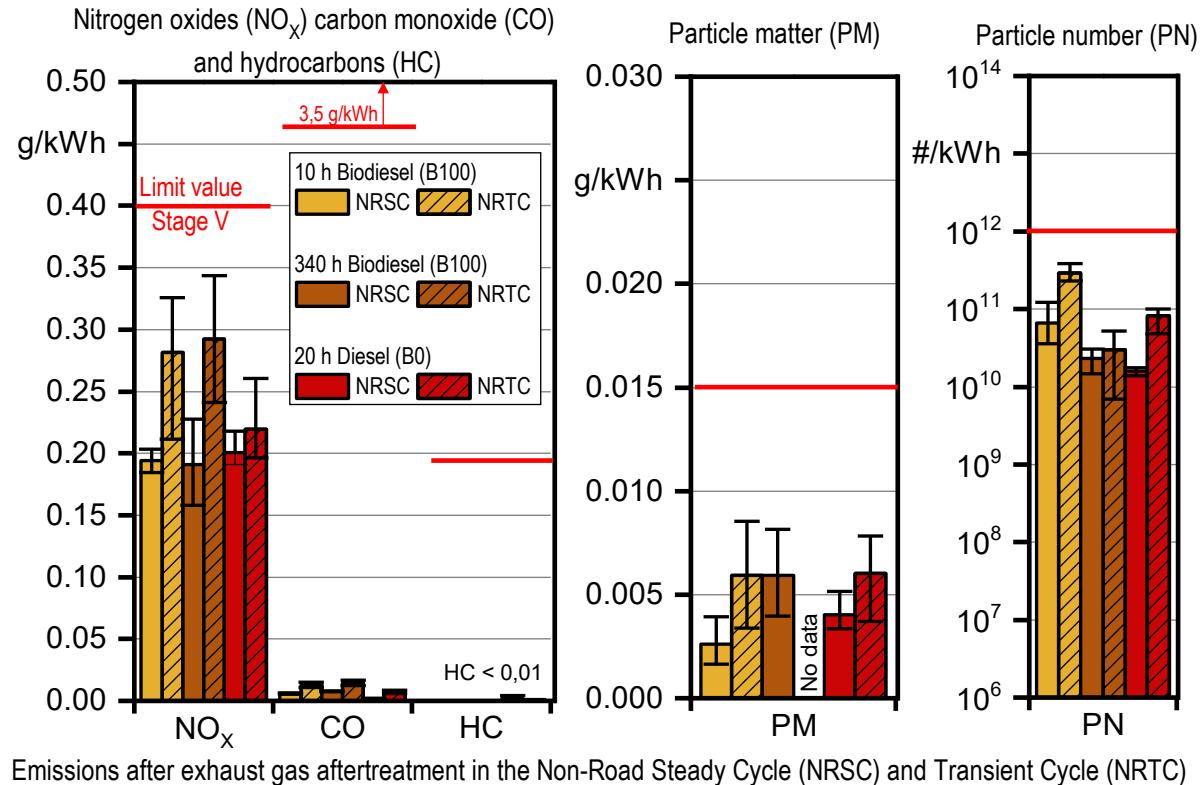
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Emissions before exhaust gas aftertreatment in the Non-Road Steady Cycle (NRSC) and Transient Cycle (NRTC)

Emissions after exhaust aftertreatment

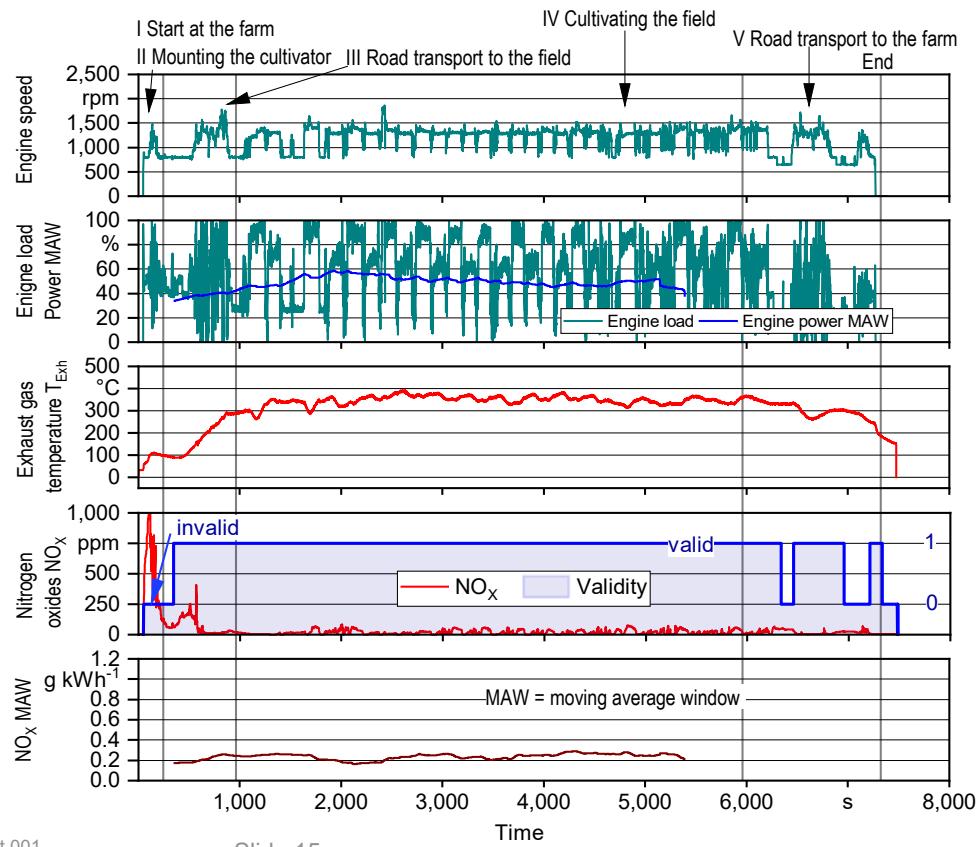
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Portable emission measurement (PEMS) at the Claas Axion 830 CMATIC during cultivating

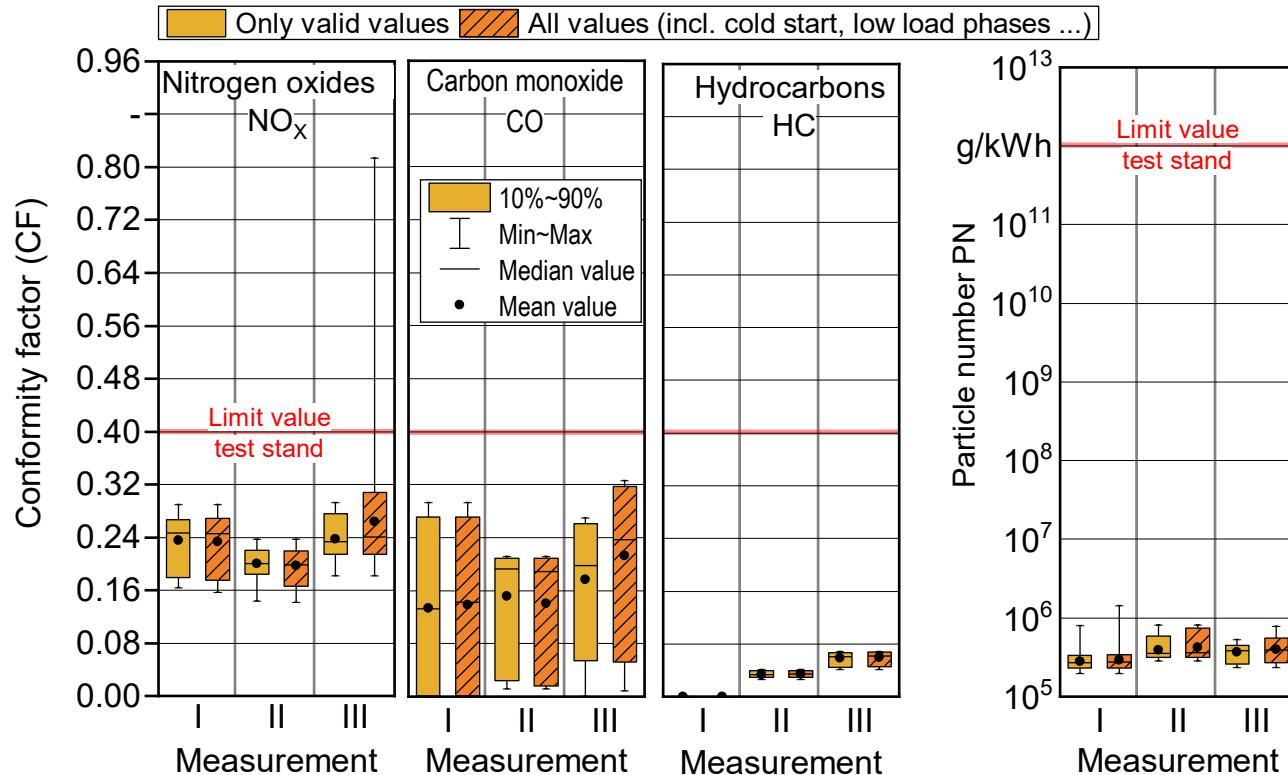


Portable emission measurement with B100 at 185 hours Claas Axion 830 CMATIC during cultivating



Emissions when cultivating with B100 at 185 hours

Claas Axion 830 CMATIC during cultivating



Conclusion after 15 months and 700 hours - Claas Axion 830 CMATIC

- The tractor has completed 700 operating hours with B100 in the field so far
 - 2023: Additional fuel filter change required due to poor biodiesel quality
 - 2024: Trouble-free operation
 - Particulate filter regeneration without problems
(low ash content in AGQM-compliant fuel)
 - Low engine oil dilution and small share of wear metals
 - The starting behavior is rated as "very good"
 - Drivers are very satisfied with the operating behavior
- Power and emission measurements
 - 12 % lower PTO power with the same efficiency with B100 compared to B0
 - Emissions with B100 are under the limits of emission stage V
 - Real emissions during cultivating are at a very low level (conformity factor < 0.6)
- For final assessment, results over the service life of the machine need to be checked





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