Plantower PMSX003 Sensor Tests



ON/OFF Correlation Tests

The purpose of this test is to determine the time needed to obtain representative readings in a one-shot mode, or to use the PMS5003 in an alternate matter. For this, two kits V2.0 are used with several PM Boards and **one** PMS5003 connected to each of them. One of them is set in a continuous operation mode, while the other operates in on/off mode with different on-times.

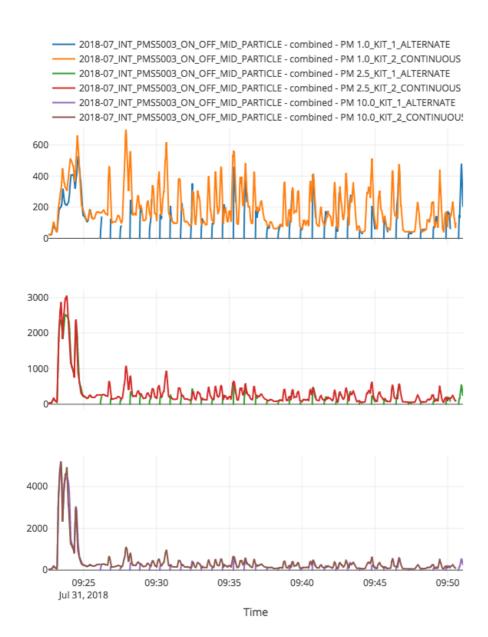
TESTS:

- 2018-07_INT_PMS5003_ON_OFF_LOW_PARTICLE: 30min logging with normal ambient air
- 2018-07_INT_PMS5003_ON_OFF_MID_PARTICLE: 30min logging with a particle generator under the sensors

Results

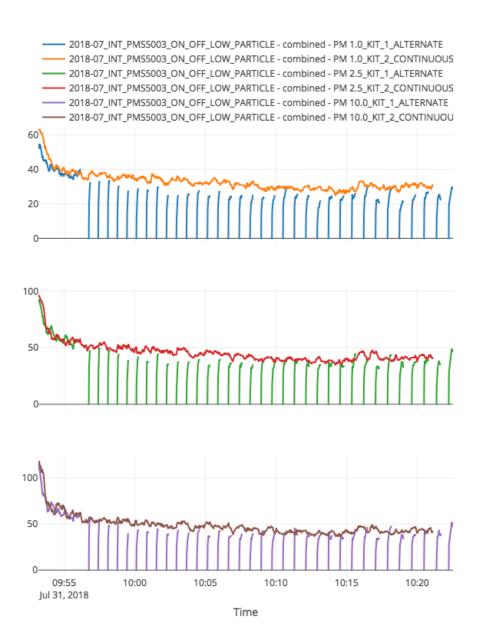
2018-07_INT_PMS5003_ON_OFF_MID_PARTICLE

 30min logging with a particle generator under the sensors. Initial 3min in stabilised conditions. Below are PM1, PM2.5 and PM10 for each PMS



2018-07_INT_PMS5003_ON_OFF_LOW_PARTICLE

• 30min logging with normal ambient air. Initial 3min in stabilised conditions. Below are PM1, PM2.5 and PM10 for each PMS



Target errors

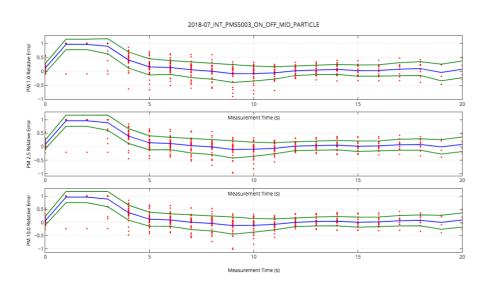
The initial 3min are used to determine target errors on the stabilisation phase. For each dataset, they are below:

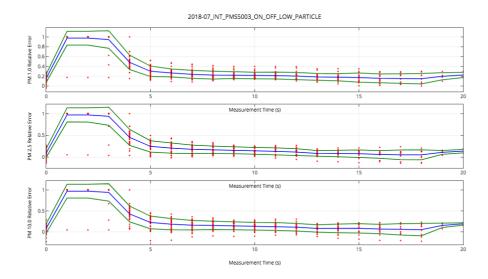
High PN	Average	Std Deviation
Relative_error_PM 1.0	0.15	0.17
Relative_error_PM 2.5	-0.02	0.16
Relative error PM 10.0	-0.10	0.20

Low PN	Average	Std Deviation	
Relative_error_PM 1.0	0.07	0.07	
Relative_error_PM 2.5	0.01	0.07	
Relative_error_PM 10.0	0.04	0.08	

Measurement iterations

The measurement errors are plotted below, versus the wake up time.





Assuming a confidence interval of 95%, the target value for the measurement mean is $(\mu - \sigma < \mu < \mu + \sigma)$ and the values for each period are extracted from the plots above:

Target Time	Low PN	High PN	
PM 1.0	15s	4s	
PM 2.5	15s	5s	
PM 10.0	12s	5s	

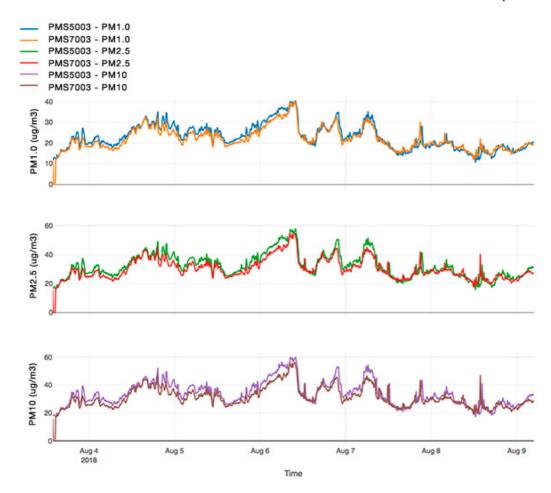
Conclusion

1. Although the PMS has a faster response at high PN, the variability and the measurement averages are

- higher as well. This can also be due to the measurement method uncertainty
- 2. For low PN, the time required for stabilisation is between 12s and 15s, to achieve a level of 95% confidence with respect to that of stabilised levels
- 3. The target time should be 15s, although lower values could be considered down to 12s if there are battery concerns

7003 vs 5003 Correlation Tests

Tests were conducted over two weeks in Barcelona in order to compare both, PlanTower PMS7003 and PMS5003. Results are shown before for normal urban environment levels of exposure:



In all three tests, the results show a great level of correlation between the two sensors. The lower levels in the RMSE are likely to be due to the sensor casing, rather than the sensors themselves:

	Average Level	RMSE	R2
PM 1.0	13.89	2.34	0.90
PM 2.5	19.40	3.78	0.88
PM 10.0	20.49	4.43	0.85