

# On-road measurements of real-world BC emission factors and their use in models

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# Real world EF measurements

- Less precise and repeatable (absence of a standard test cycle, additional sources of variability)

- + validation of EFs gained from laboratory testing

- + identification of gaps in emission models and establish model development priorities.

- on-road (chasing)
- remote sensing
- on-board measurements (PEMS)
- tunnel



# Outline

## TESTS

- tests of on-road chasing method in controlled conditions, comparison to remote sensing and on-board measurements

## MEASUREMENT CAMPAIGNS

- Results of two on-road measurement campaigns made in 2011 and 2017.

## MODELING

- Modeling BC emission rates in a small city and verification with *in-situ* measurements

# ON-ROAD EF MEASUREMENT TESTS

## The chasing vs. stationary method measurements

- Comparison of chasing and stationary method for measurement of the same pollutants
- Testing both methods on 5 contemporary cars (three drivers)

**Chasing method** - measuring exhaust of the vehicle by following it on road (5 laps on the 1.3 km circuit)

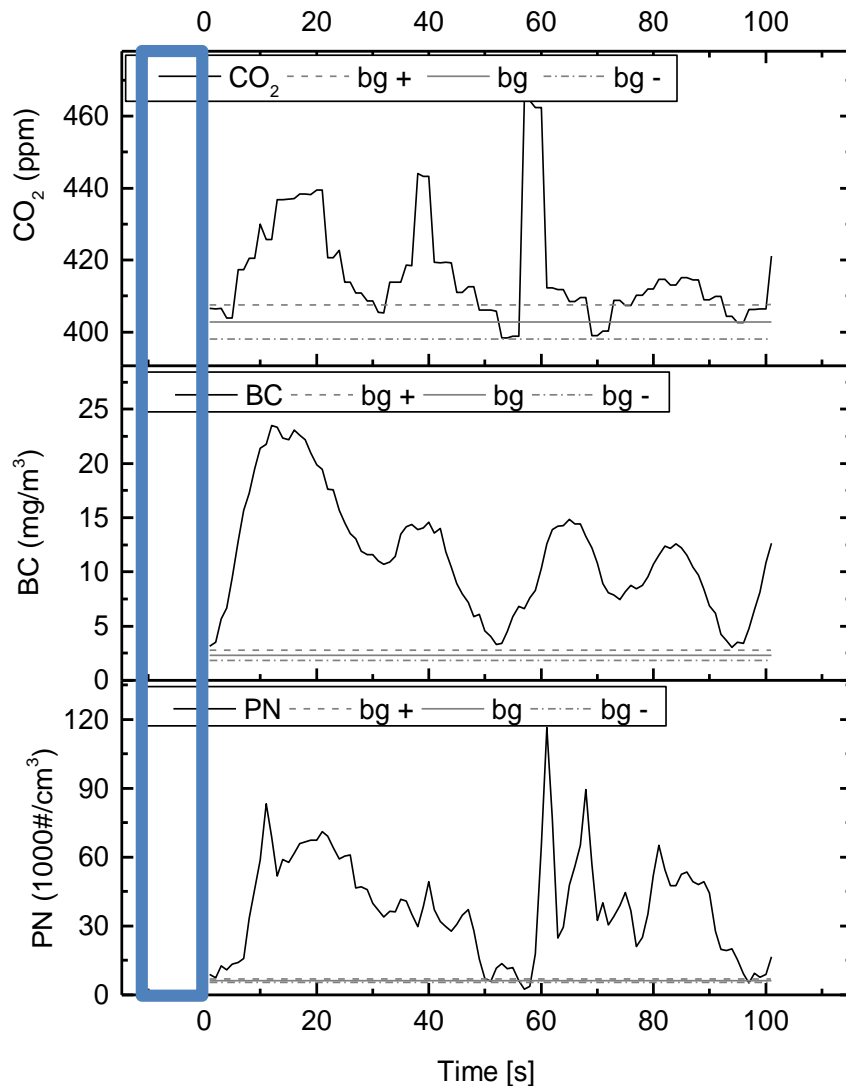
**Stationary method** - immediate increase of pollutants when the vehicle passes the measurement station (several repetitions using different driving regimes)

### Instruments:

Aethalometer AE33(BC),  
Carbocap (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
FMPS (PN)

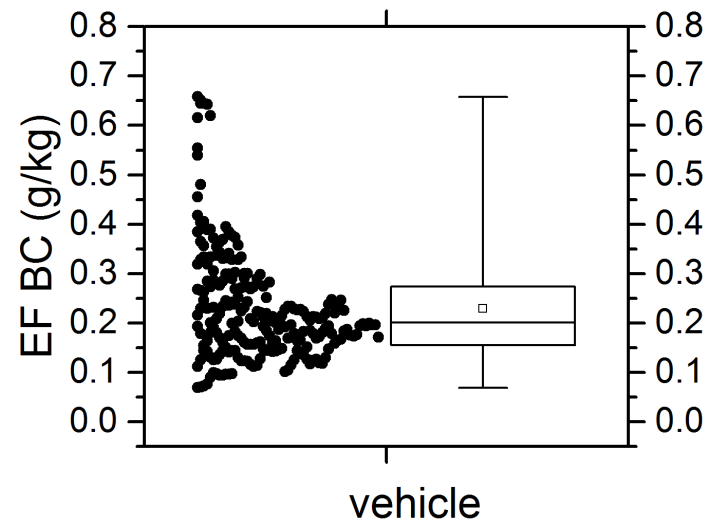


# Emission factor (EF) determination

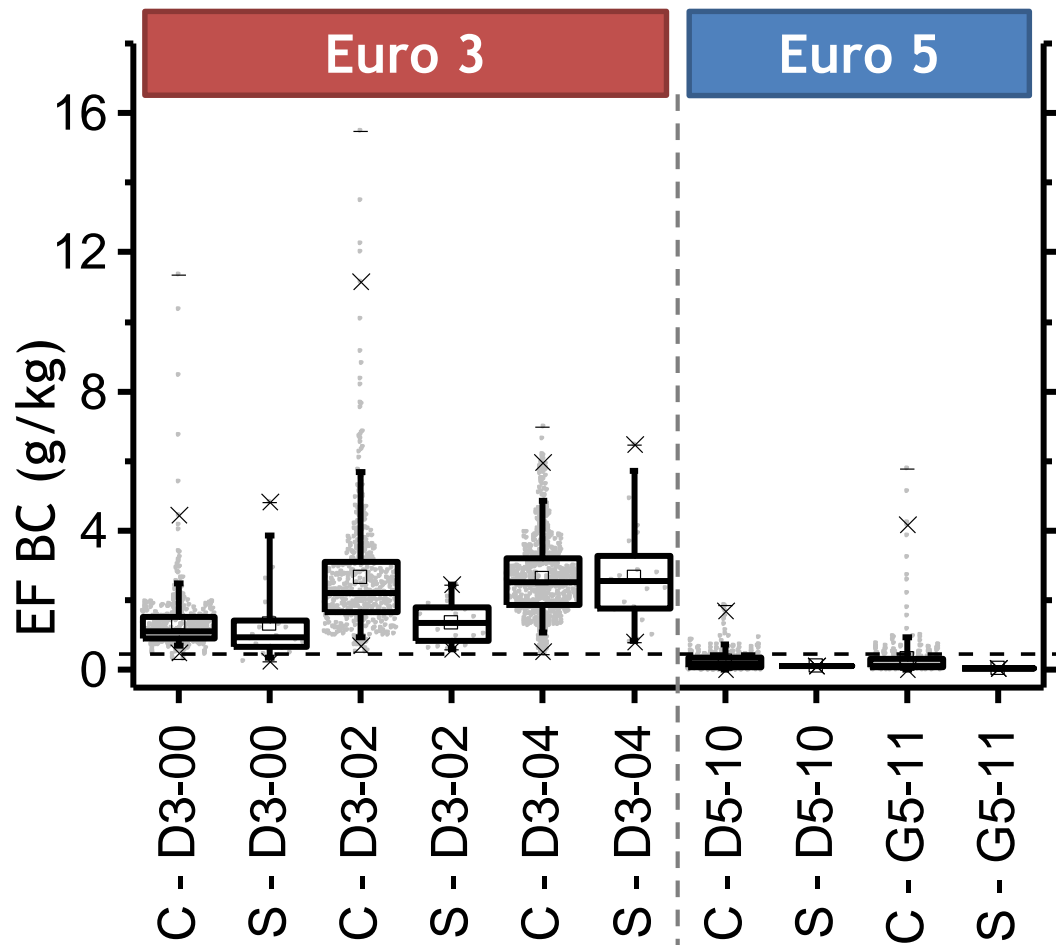


$$EF_P = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} ([P]_t - [P]_{t_1}) dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} ([CO_2]_t - [CO_2]_{t_1}) dt} \cdot w_c$$

EF distribution for a single chasing event



# Results: Comparing EF determined with chasing (C) and stationary (S) method



## Tested cars:

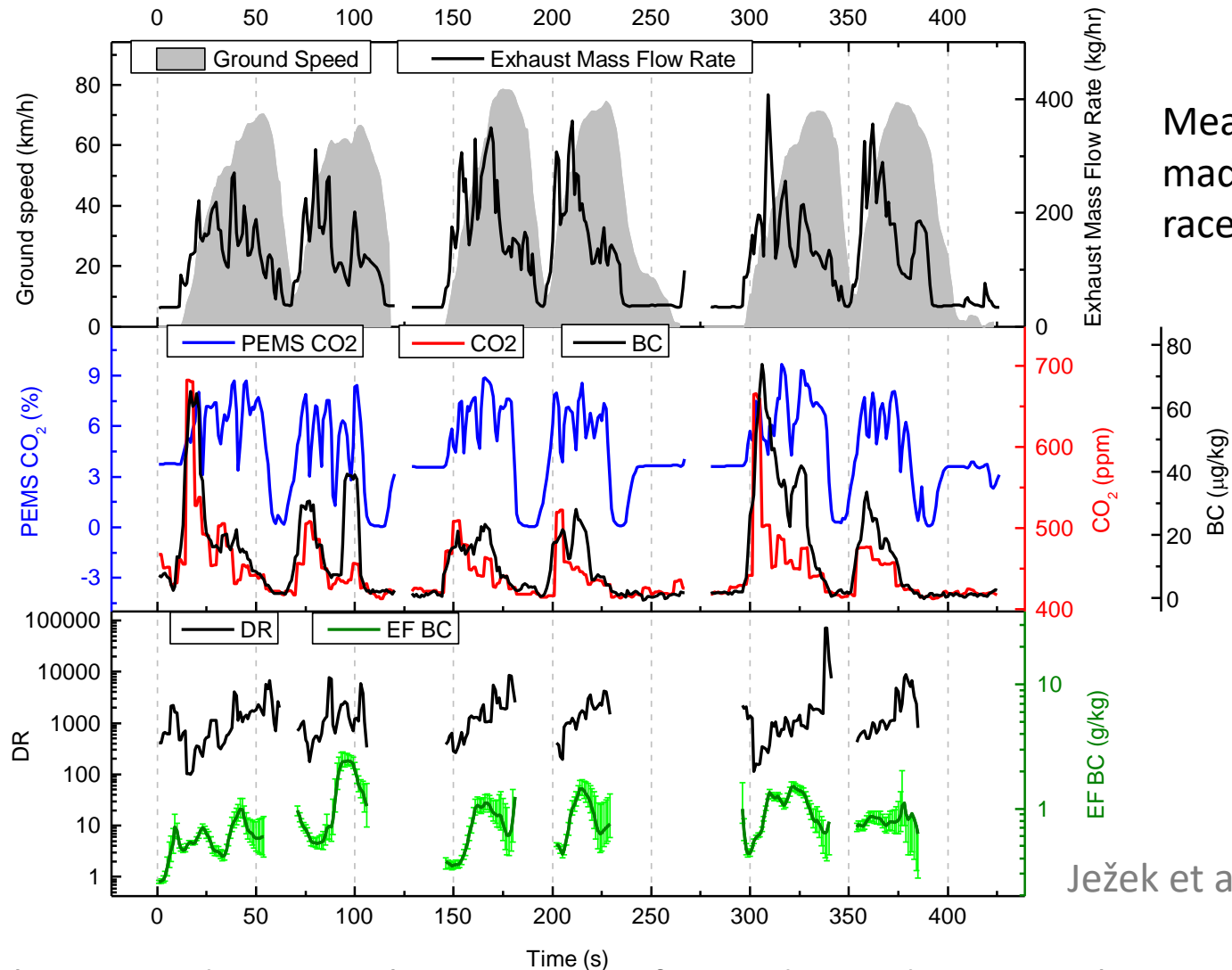
Acronym	Fuel	Stand.	Year of first registration
D3-00	Diesel	Euro 3	2000
D3-02	Diesel	Euro 3	2002
D3-05	Diesel	Euro 3	2005
D5-10	Diesel	Euro 5	2010
G5-11	Gasoline	Euro 5	2011

Ježek et al., AMT, 2015

- First comparison of the chasing and stationary methods.
- Chasing and stationary EF measurements give similar results.



# The tailpipe measurements performed with the portable emission measurement system (PEMS)



Ježek et al., AMT, 2015

The BC EF does not show any significant dependence on the DR, and the uncertainty of EF (light green) increases when the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are low.

# TESTS - Conclusions

- Chasing and stationary EF measurements give similar results.
- The BC EF does not show any significant dependence on the dilution ratio.
- The uncertainty of EF increases when the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are low.



# ON-ROAD EF MEASUREMENTS

Fast response instruments

Aethalometer AE33 – BC (1s)

Vaisala Carbocap GMP343 – CO<sub>2</sub> (2s)

2B Technologies NOx monitor (10s)

or Eco Physics CLD 86 – NOx (1s)

TSI FMPS – PN (1s)

3 x 100 Ah batteries

Ministry of infrastructure RS  
provided data on vehicles.



# ON-ROAD EF MEASUREMENTS

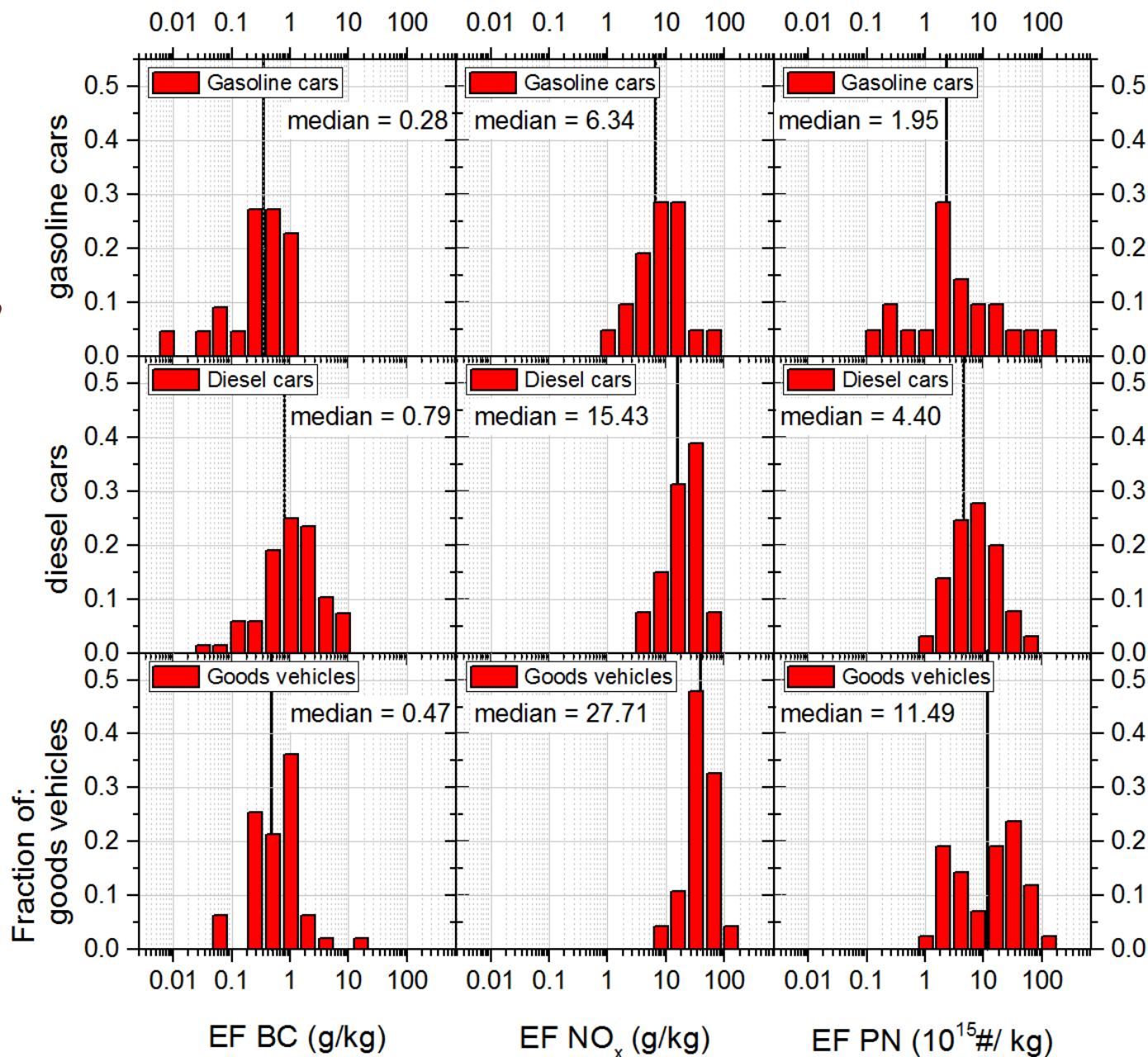
- 1<sup>st</sup> in December 2011 (results published in ACP, Ježek et al., 2015)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in March 2017 (preliminary results)



Category	Vehicle type	# in 2011	# in 2017
<b>Gasoline cars</b>	Gasoline cars (M1)	24	113
<b>Diesel cars</b>	Diesel cars (M1)	51	119
	Light goods vehicles (N1)	17	41
<b>Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)</b>	Light goods vehicles (N2)	8	12
	Mini bus (M2)	1	0
	Buses (M3)	6	14
	Heavy goods vehicles (N3)	32	81
<b>Total</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>380</b>

# Results 2011

The first reported BC EF  
for individual diesel cars  
measured in real driving  
conditions.



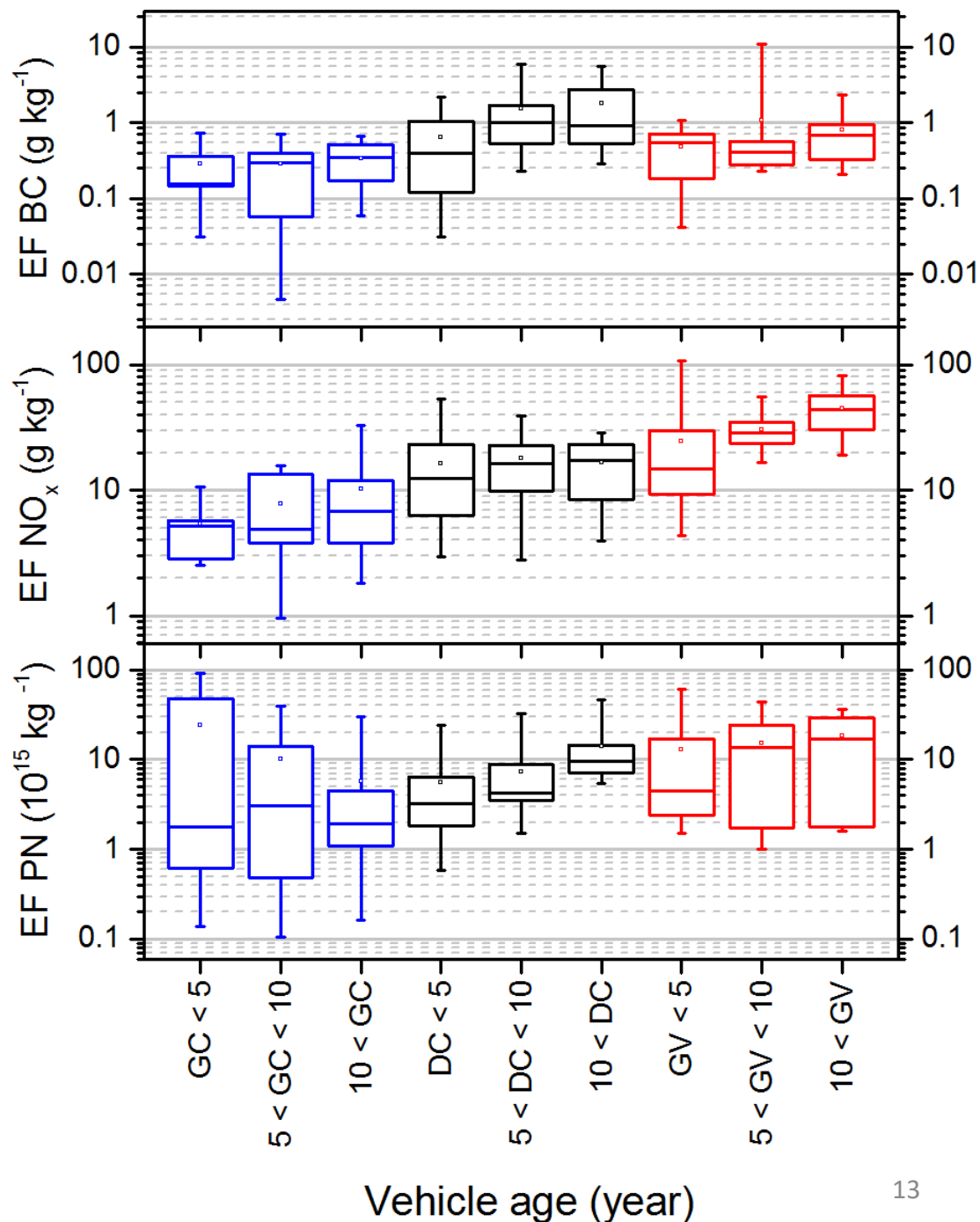
# Comparing our results to other on-road studies

Study	Study type	Vehicle type	EF BC (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	EF NO <sub>x</sub> (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )
Shorter et al., 2005	Chasing <sup>a</sup>	Diesel buses		34.5 (8.1 – 117.1)
		CRT		27.8 (±6.3)
Wang et al., 2012	Chasing <sup>b</sup>	HGV Beijing	0.4 (0.2-0.8)	47.3 (38.1 - 62.5)
		HGV Chongqing	1.1 (0.7-1.6)	40.0 (31.7-48.1)
Dallmann et al., 2011	Remote s. <sup>c</sup>	HGV (2009)	1.07 ± 0.18	25.9 ± 1.8
		HGV (2010)	0.49 ± 0.08	15.4 ± 0.9
Dallmann et al., 2013	Remote s. <sup>c</sup>	HGV	0.62 ± 0.17	
Carslaw and Rhys-Tyler, 2013	Remote s. <sup>d</sup>	Gasoline cars		5.34 (1.15 - 26.83)
		Diesel cars		16.37 (14.82 – 20.65)
		Van		18.1 (16.87 – 23.59)
		HGV (all)		37.88 (35.13 – 48.37)
Chasing 2011 (Ježek et. al., 2015)	Chasing <sup>b</sup>	Gasoline cars 2011	0.28 (0.005–1.52)	6.74 (3.3 – 13.16)
		Diesel cars 2011	0.92 (0.03–5.87)	15.47 (9.15 – 23.28)
		LGV 2011	0.56 (0.05–5.24)	20.25 (11.84 – 28.22)
		HGV 2011	0.45 (0.04–11.01)	29.6 (23.18 – 48.67)

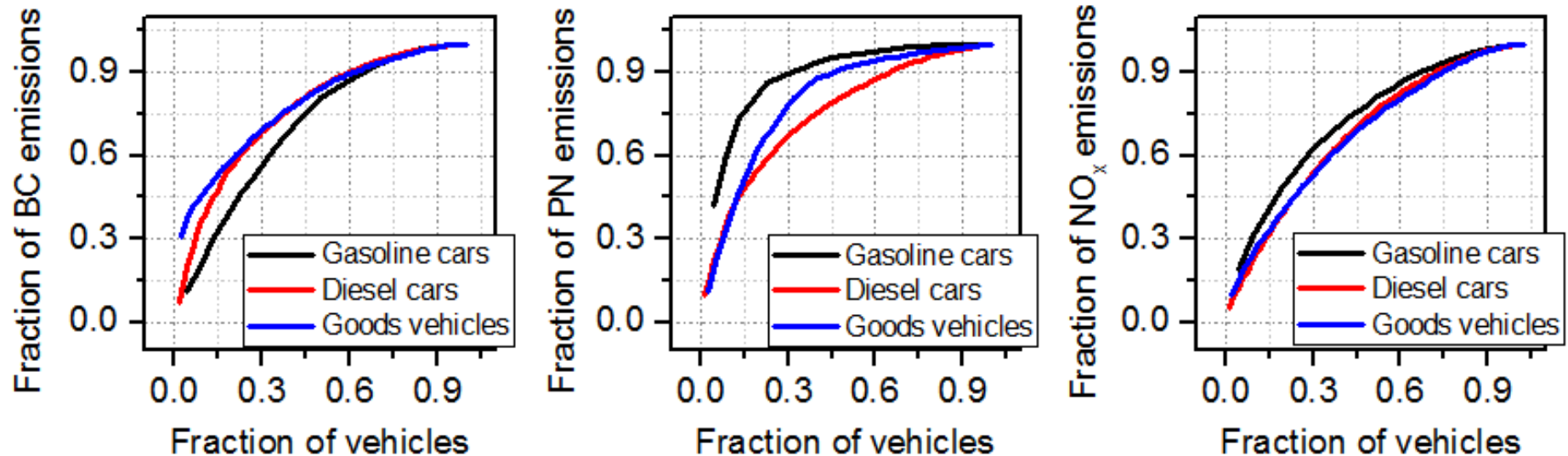
# Effect of vehicle age 2011 campaign

Less than 5 years  $\approx$  Euro 4 and 5  
Between 5 and 10  $\approx$  Euro 3  
10 and more  $\approx$  Euro 2 or less

- The median BC EF of diesel cars that were in use for less than 5 years was **reduced by a 60%** compared to those in use for 5 – 10 years.
- No decrease** in median BC EF of the goods vehicles.
- PN and  $\text{NO}_x$  EF of goods vehicles were **reduced by 52% and 67%**, respectively



# „Super emitters“ contributions to total fleet emissions 2011



- Contribution of super emitters: 25% of vehicles was found to disproportionately contribute to the total fleet emissions 47% to 87%.
- 25% of emitting diesel cars contributed 63%, 47% and 61% of BC, NO<sub>x</sub> and PN.



# On-road EF measurements Conclusions

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- The first reported BC EF for individual diesel cars measured in real driving conditions in 2011
- Good agreement with the results of previous studies.
- Follow-up study with a larger fleet sample in 2017
- Reduction BC EF of diesel cars and HGV with introduction of new technology.
- No decrease in median NOx EF of diesel cars. There was a reduction in median NOx EF for gasoline cars and HGV.
- Simple and efficient methodology for monitoring emissions of the in-use vehicle fleet





# Modeling traffic emission rates

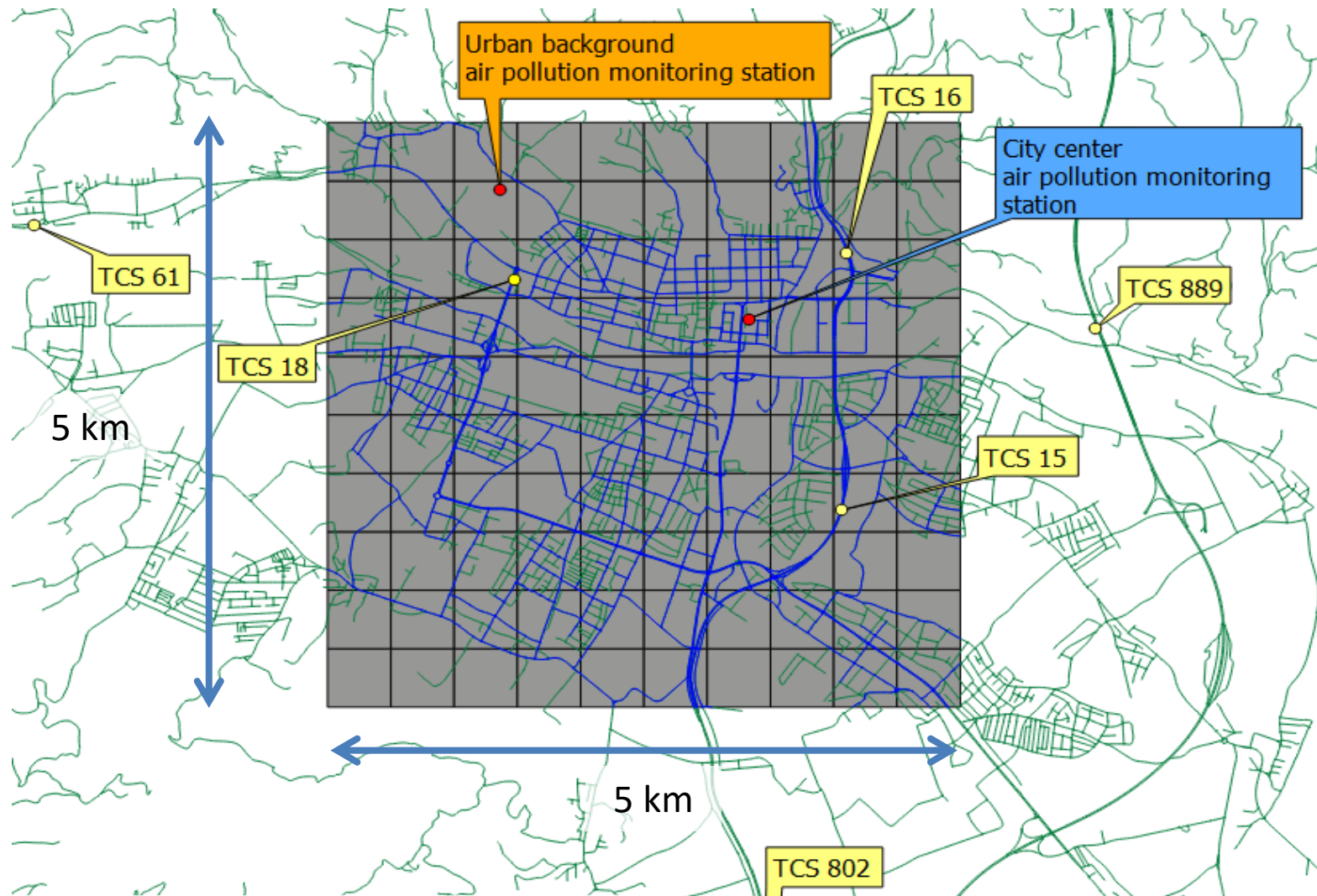
Modeling BC and NO<sub>x</sub> traffic emission rates with EMISENS model

$$Q_{ip}(x, y, t) = \sum_{Ie}^{Nie} \bar{e}_{ip,Ie} A_{Ie}(x, y, t)$$

- Emission reduction scenarios
- Model validation with in-situ measurements
  - In-situ BC measurements apportioned to traffic with the Aethalometer model
  - Empirical diffusion model

*Modeled BC concentrations = diffusion \* BC emission rates*

# Study area – Maribor, Slovenia



Ambient measurement periods of BC  
winters: 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13

Road map from a noise study (Drev et al., 2009) in blue.

# INPUT DATA:

## Emission factors and vehicle categories

Category	Subcat. I	Subcat. II	EF BC g/km	EF NO <sub>x</sub> g/km	Weight factor α	
LV ( 3.5 t)	CARS	Gasoline cars	0.022	0.560	0.63	0.94
		Diesel cars	0.072	1.036	0.36	
	LT		0.066	2.222	/	0.06
HV (> 3.5 t)			0.237	7.917	/	

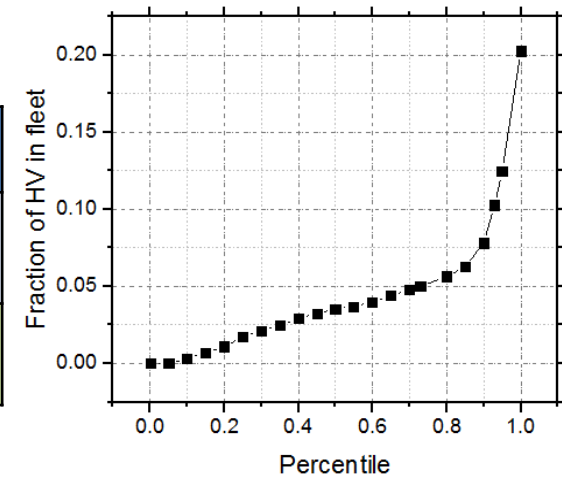
Emission factors measured with on-road chasing method (Ježek et al., 2015, ACP)

Fuel consumption (EMEP/EEA guidebook 2013)

# Traffic count data

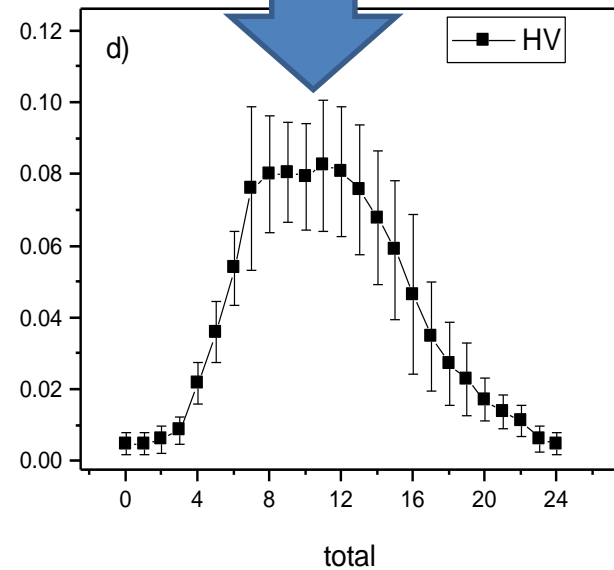
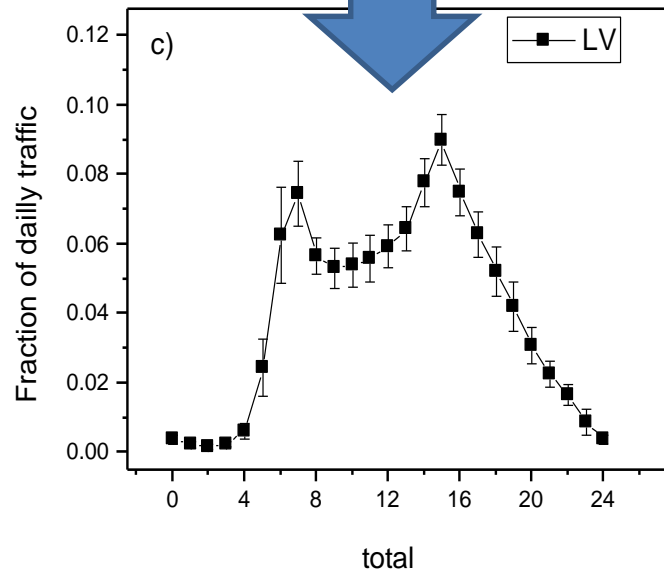
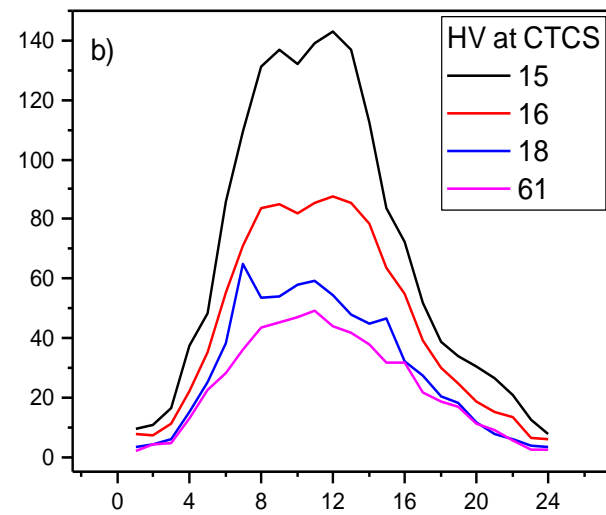
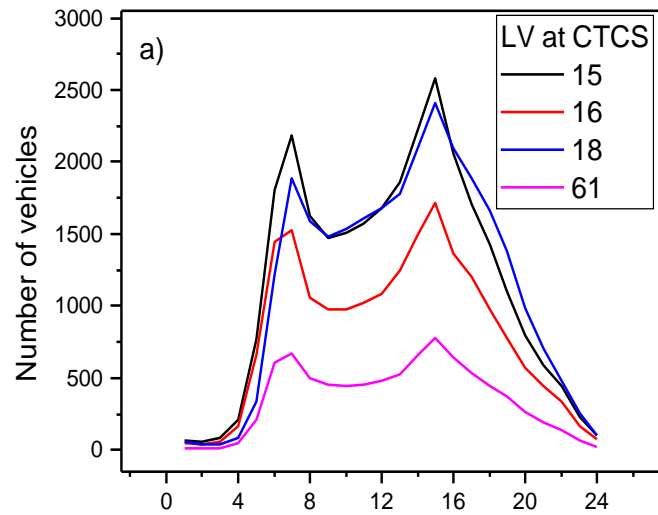
- used to investigate fleet composition

Sites	CAR	LT	HV
15, 16, 18, 61	86 – 93%	4 – 7%	2 – 7%
802, 889	81 – 56%	10 – 12%	19 – 34%



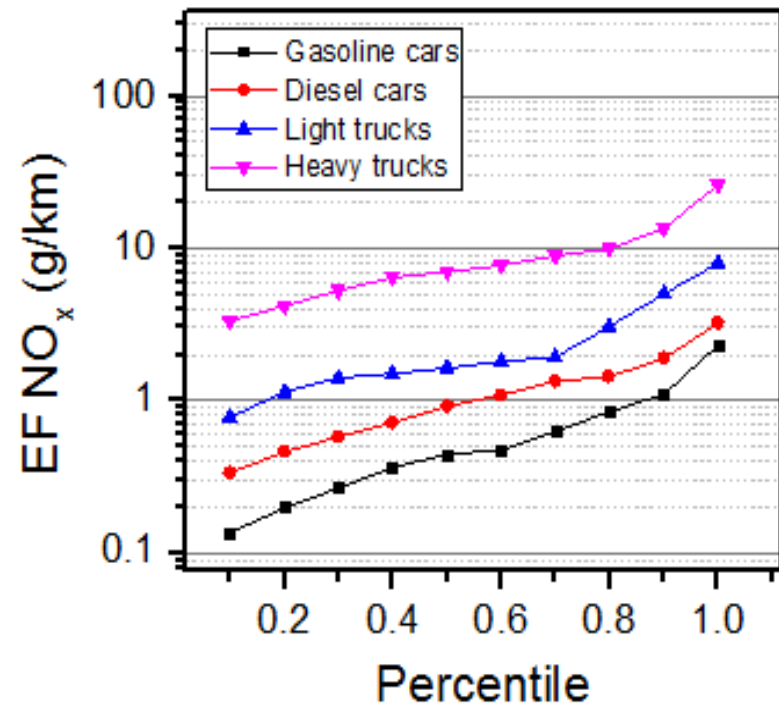
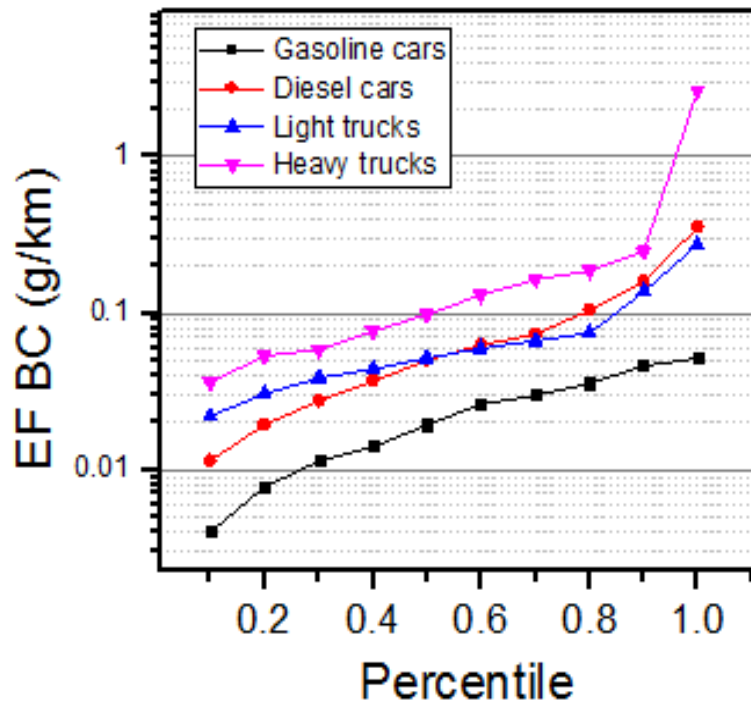
- verify the Annual Average Daily Traffic on the road map
- calculate the diurnal traffic flux profiles for light vehicles LV (<3.5 t) and heavy vehicles HV (> 3.5t)
- calculate the weights for light trucks (LT) and cars in LV category

# INPUT DATA: Diurnal traffic flux profiles



# Emission reduction scenarios

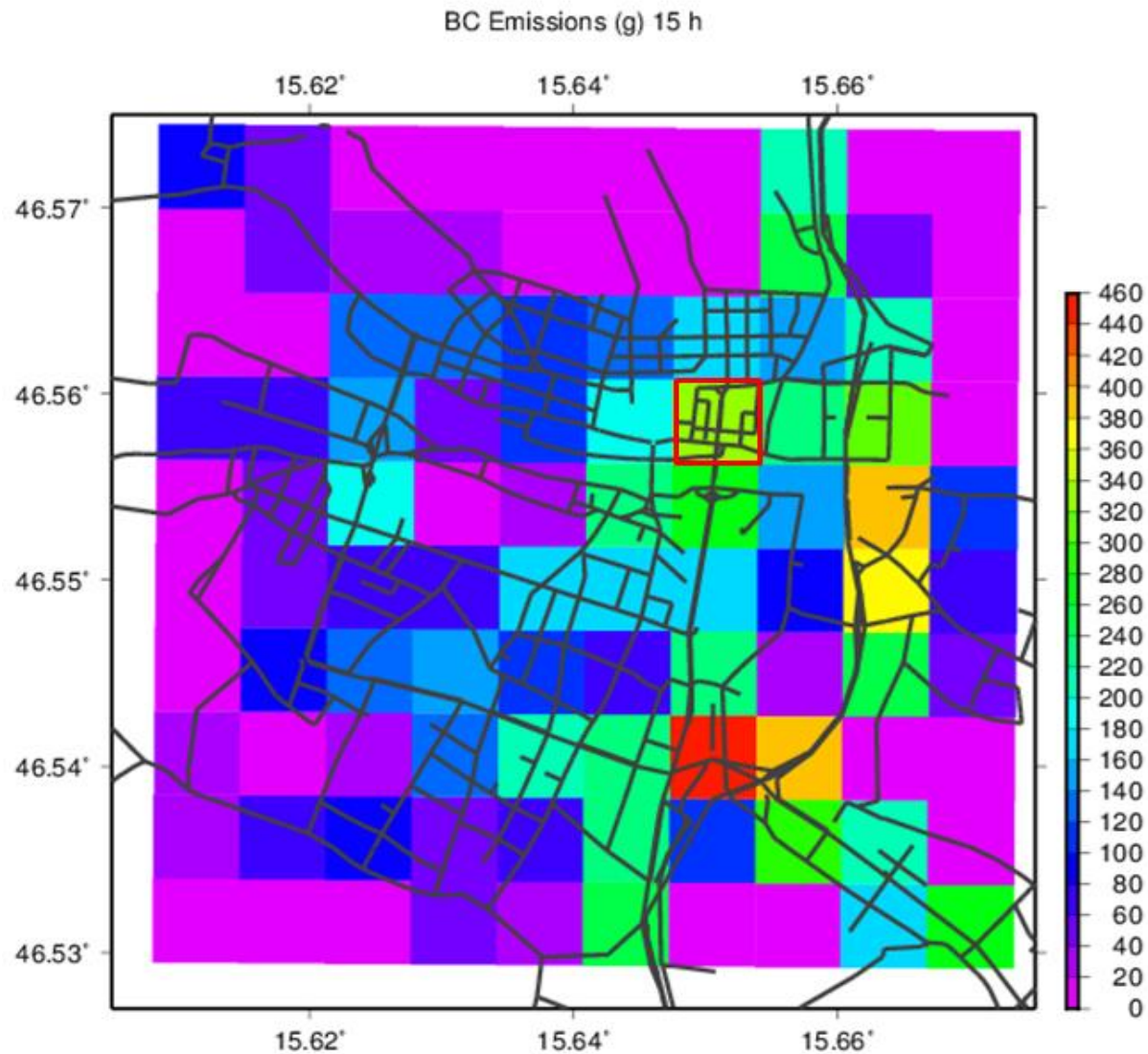
- a) replacing HV with LT
- b) excluding vehicles older than 15 years (10%)
- c) excluding 10% of highest BC emitters
- d) excluding 10% of highest  $\text{NO}_x$  emitters





# RESULTS

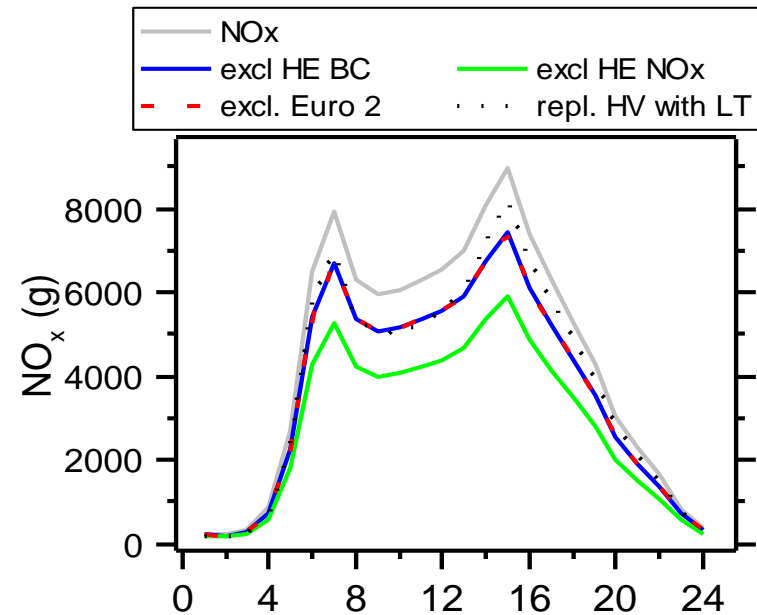
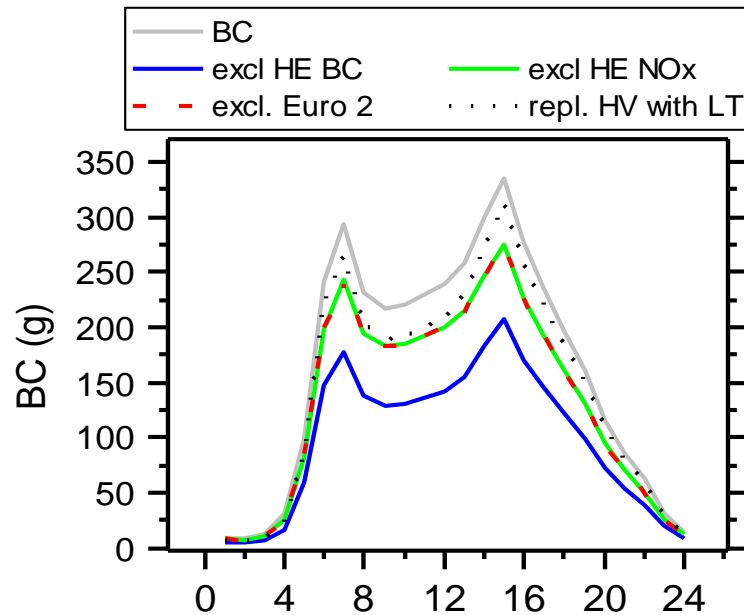
## Spatial variation of emissions





# RESULTS

## Diurnal variation of emissions and emission reduction scenarios



	Total daily emissions (g)	Replace HV with LT	Restricting up to Euro 2 veh.	Restricting BC HE	Restricting NO <sub>x</sub> HE
BC	3907.9	9%	18%	<b>39%</b>	17%
NO <sub>x</sub>	105451.8	12%	16%	16%	<b>33%</b>

# Model validation with in-situ measurements

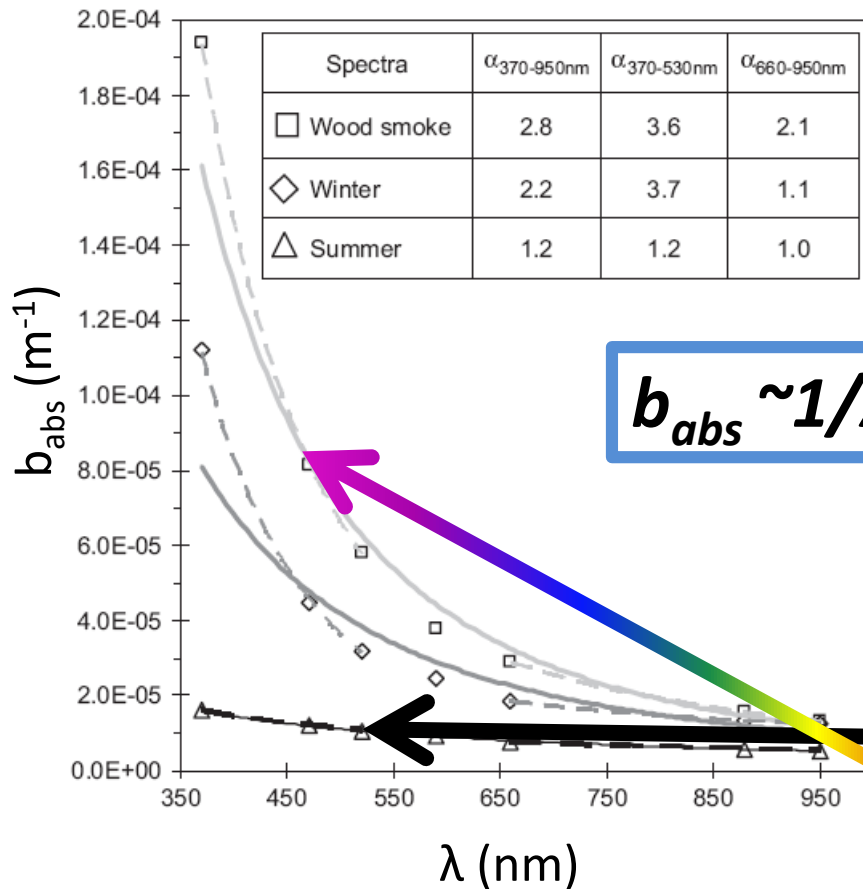


Modeled BC concentrations = diffusion \* emission rate

$$C[BC_{model}] = D \cdot Q_{BC} = \frac{C[NO_x \text{ traffic}]}{Q_{NO_x}} Q_{BC}$$

$$C[NO_x \text{ traffic}] = C[NO_x \text{ urban}] - C[NO_x \text{ background}]$$

# In-situ source apportionment of BC



The Aethalometer model discriminates between sources based on aerosol light absorption properties

**Angstrom exponent  $\alpha$**   
is source specific

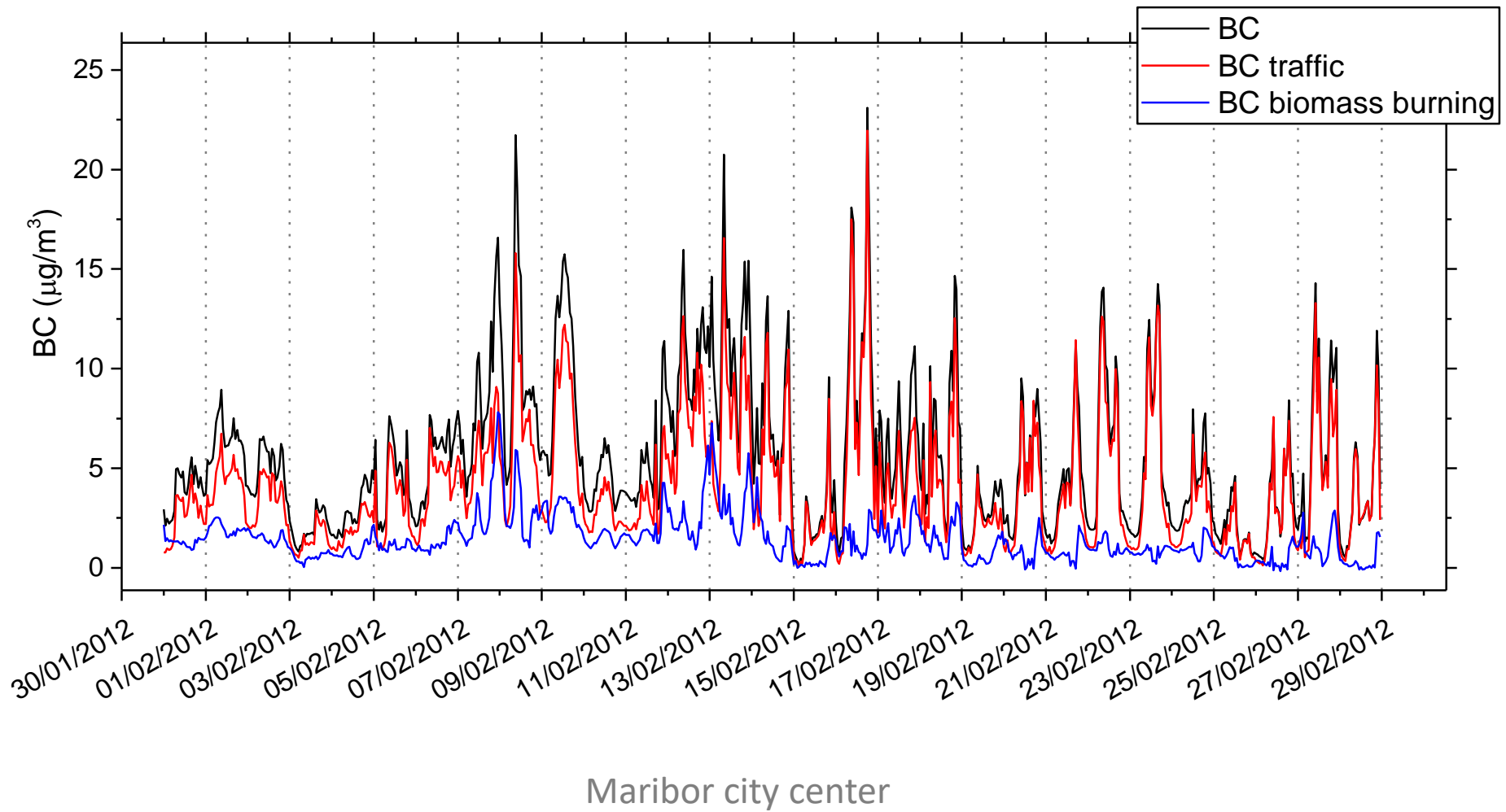
Traffic  $\alpha = 1 \pm 0.1$

Wood burning  $\alpha = 2 - 0.5/+1.0$

J. Sandradewi et al., A study of wood burning and traffic aerosols in an Alpine valley using a multi-wavelength Aethalometer, Atmospheric Environment (2008) 101–112

Bond & Bergstrom 2004  
Kirchstetter 2004,  
Day 2006,  
Lewis 2008

# Aethalometer model BC source apportionment example



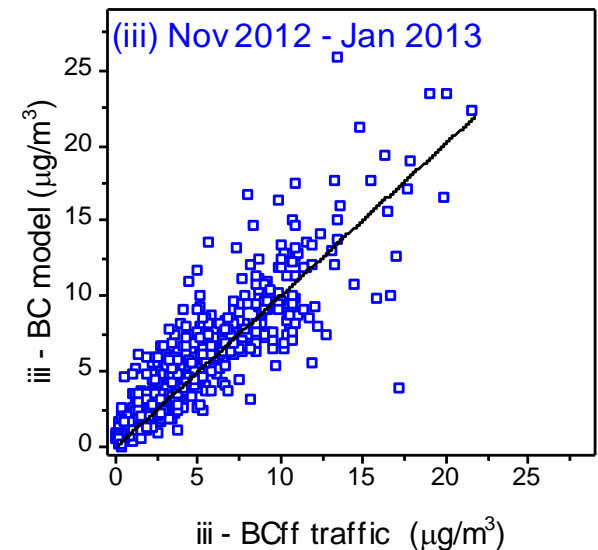
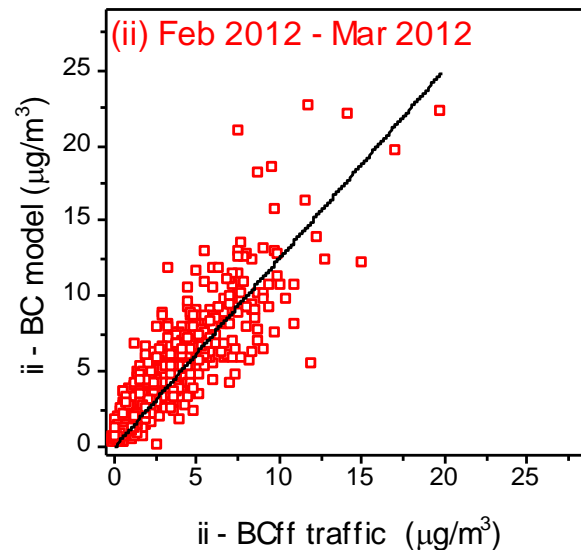
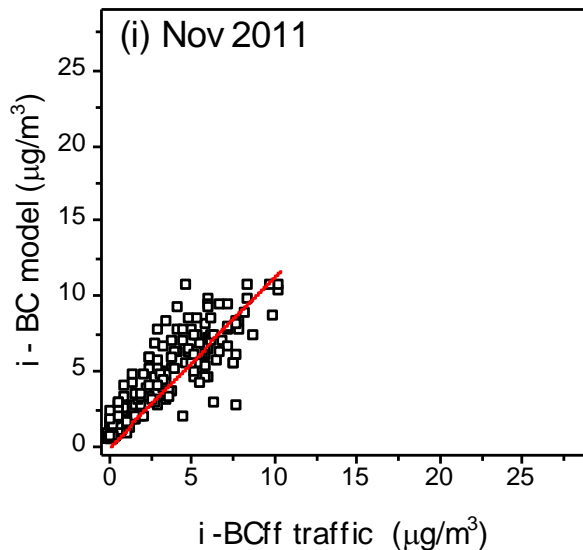
# RESULTS

## Model validation

Linear fit (i) Nov 2011	
Pearson's r	0.95
Adj. R-Square	0.91
Slope	1.13
Intercept	0.00
Bias	0.26
Root mean square	1.88

Linear fit (ii) Feb 2012 - Mar 2012	
Pearson's r	0.95
Adj. R-Square	0.90
Slope	1.25
Intercept	0.00
Bias	1.13
Root mean square	2.08

Linear fit (iii) Nov 2012 - Jan 2013	
Pearson's r	0.96
Adj. R-Square	0.91
Slope	1.01
Intercept	0.00
Bias	0.85
Root mean square	1.59



# Conclusions

- **detailed methodology** to determine traffic emissions in a city and a simple method to verify the emission models results.
- **Real-world EF** measurements were successfully included in traffic emission model
- **Excluding super emitters** is more efficient than excluding vehicles according their age or type in reducing traffic emissions
- **good agreement between the two independent approaches** was found, with the modelled BC concentrations overestimating the measured BC by 13%, 25% and 1% in three different winter time periods

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