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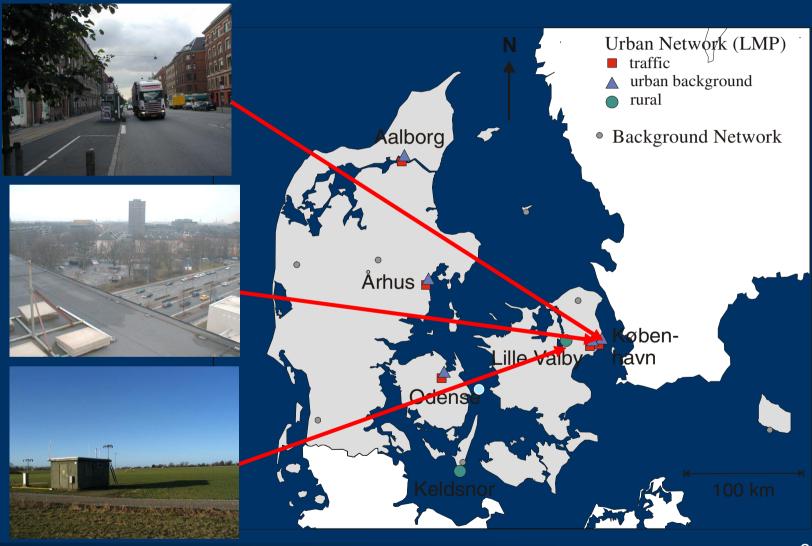
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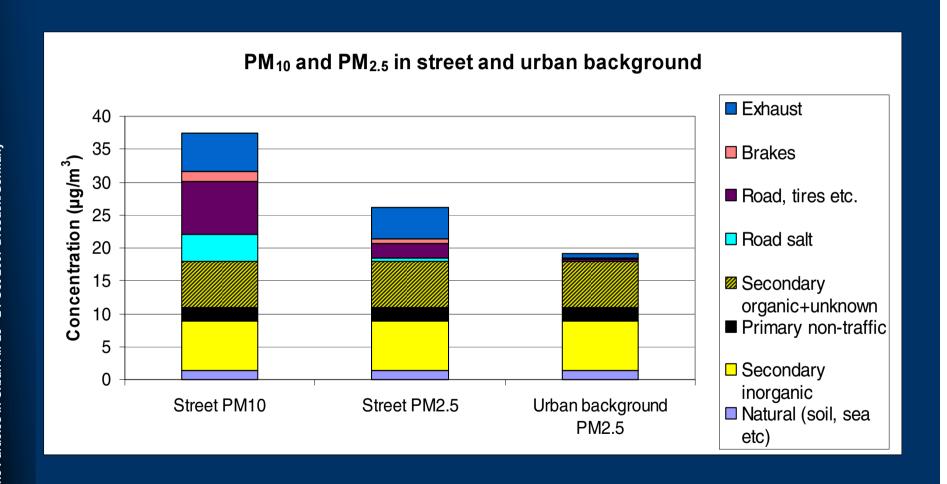


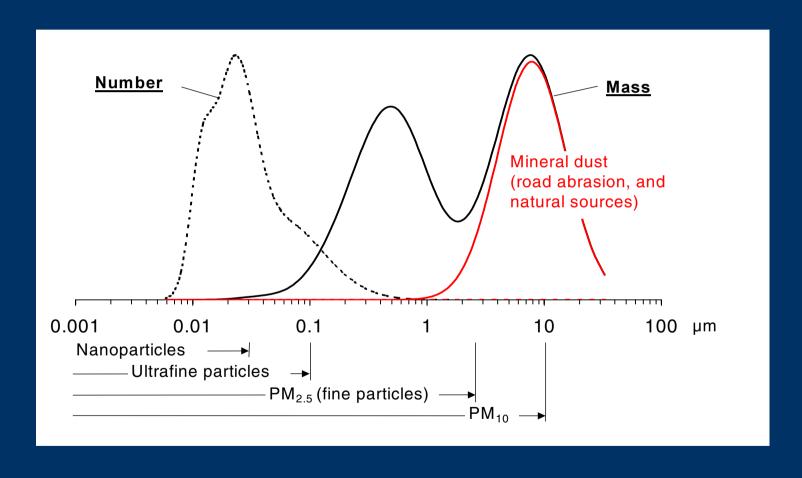
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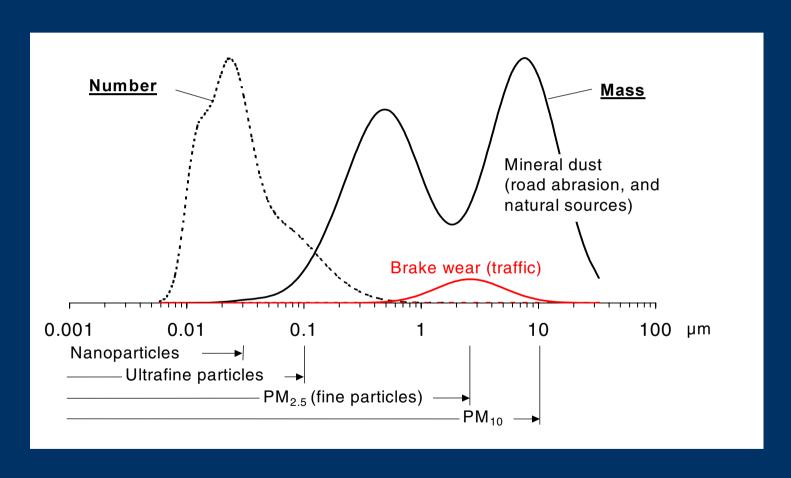
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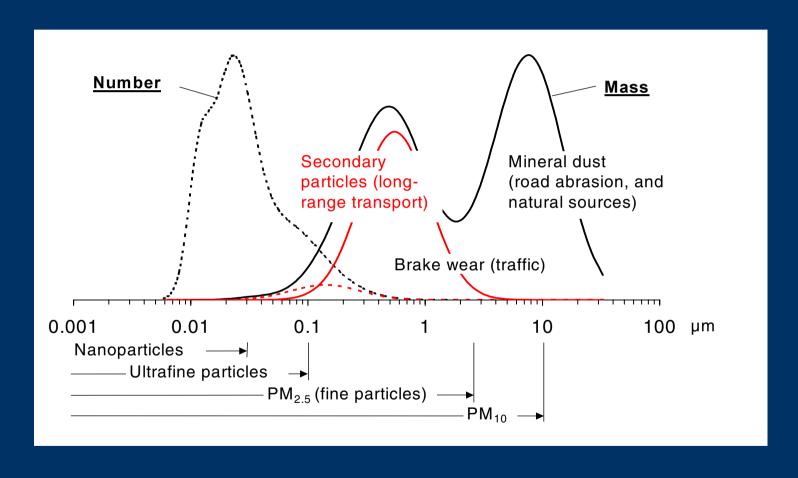
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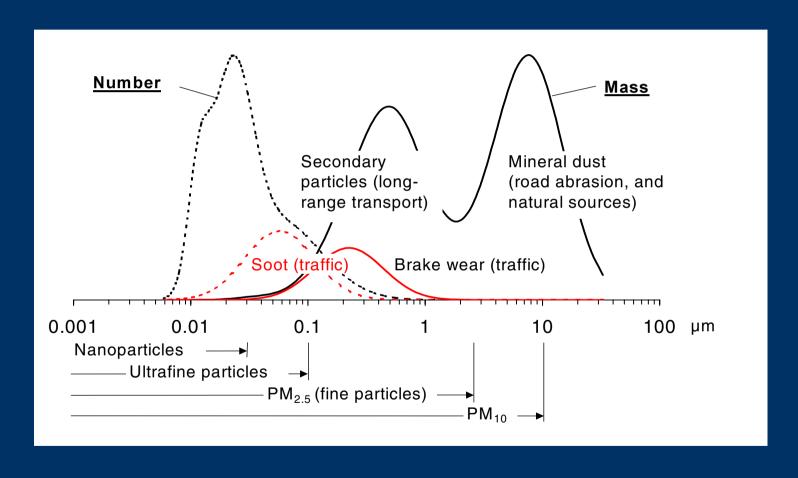


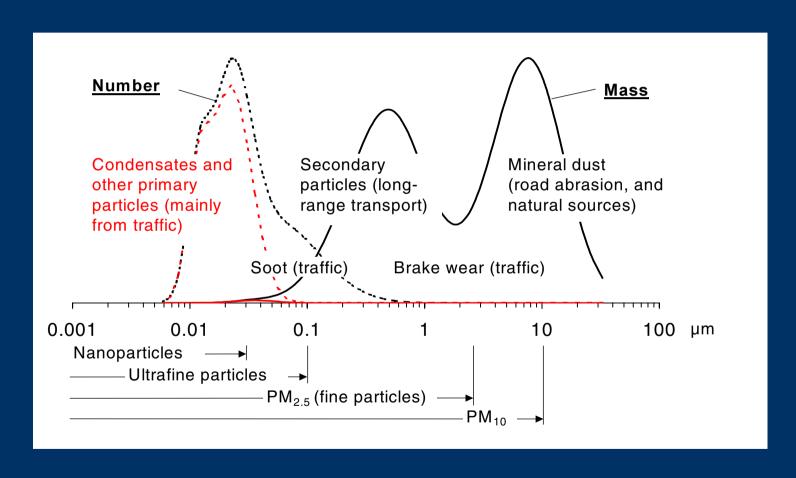




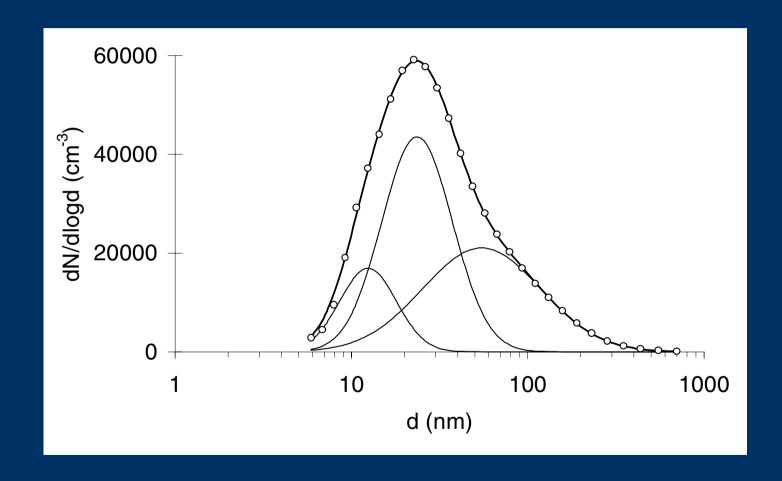
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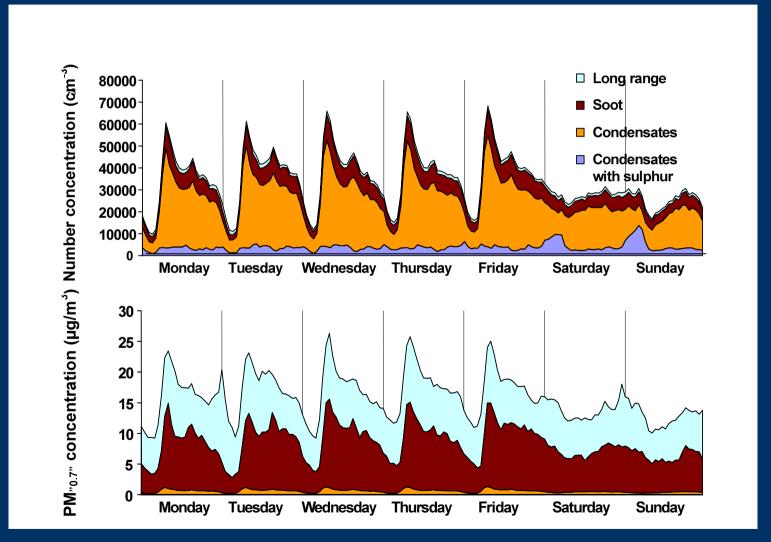
Three UF modes from traffic



Receptor modelling

- The following contributions to UFP were identified:
 - Nano particles (sulphur particles around 11 nm, number) emitted from modern diesel vehicles with oxidising catalysts,
 - ultrafine volatile particles (fuel and lubricant oil particles around 23 nm, number) from traditional diesel vehicles,
 - soot particles (around 60 nm, number) mainly from diesel vehicles and old petrol vehicles
 - fine long range transported particles (around 180 nm, number)

Ultrafine particles in Copenhagen



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Possible reductions of traffic contributions to PM

- The traffic (exhaust) contribution to PM_{2.5} in urban background is very small. Possible reductions are very small.
- Greater reductions are possible in streets.
- The traffic (exhaust) contributions to UFP (number) concentrations are significant.
 Possible reductions.



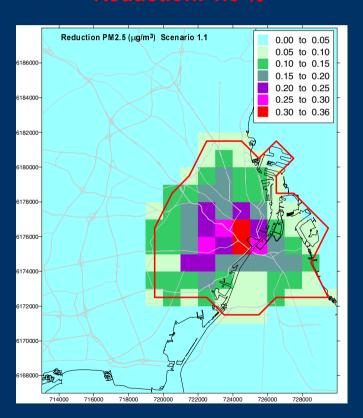
Environmental zones in Copenhagen

- Particle filters on all heavy duty vehicles with EURO III engines or older in the central part of the urban area (10*15 km²)
- Other scenarios are considered.

Reduction of PM_{2.5} and number concentration

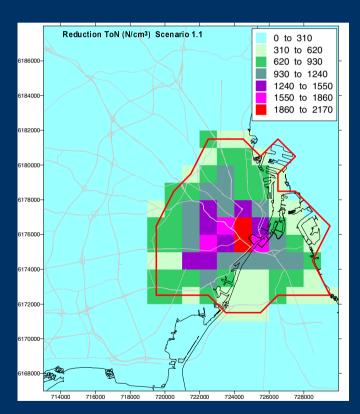
Background average 20 µg/m³

Reduction: 1.8 %



Background average 8,000 N/cm³

Reduction: 27 %

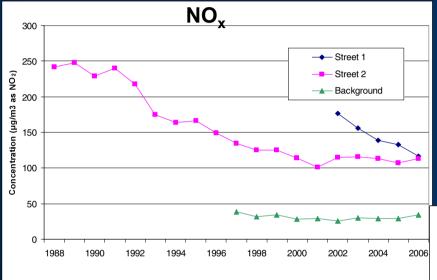


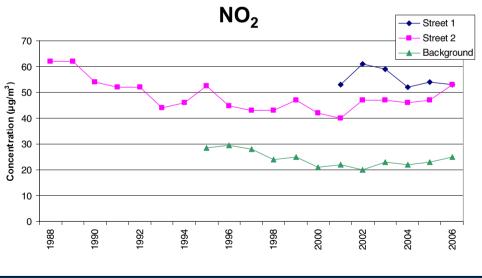
Problems related to the environmental zones

• Some filter technologies (CRT) could give more NO₂. How big is this problem?

 More diesel passenger cars could also give more NO₂

NO_x and NO₂ trends in Copenhagen





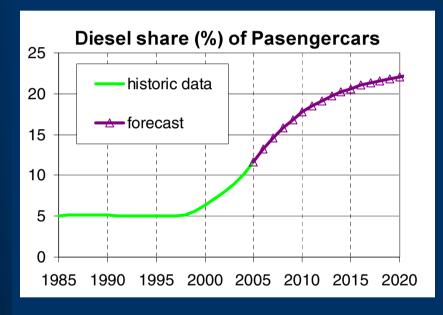
Direct NO₂ share of NO_x measured in Copenhagen

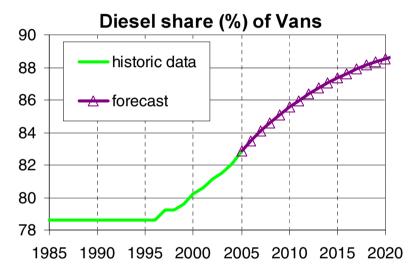


Year	NO ₂ share (%)
1995	6
1996	3
1997	6
1998	7
1999	10
2000	9
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2002	12
2003	13
2004	13
2005	16
2006	18



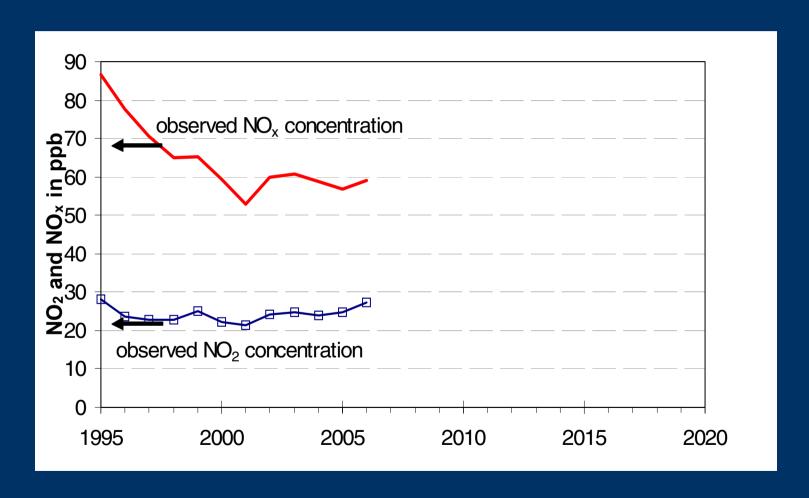
Diesel share



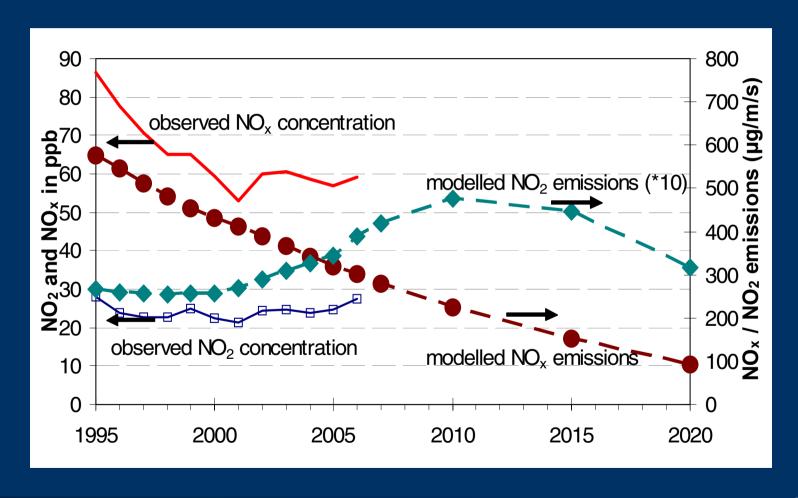


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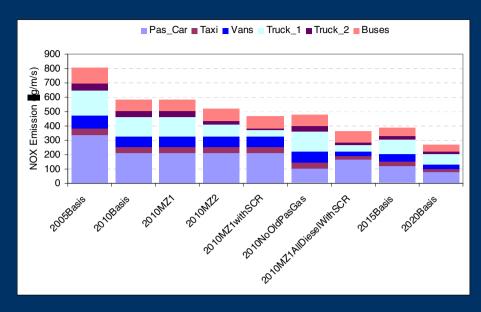
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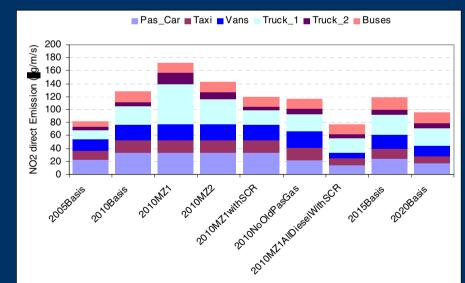


Observed NO_x and NO₂ concentrations and NO_x and NO₂ emissions

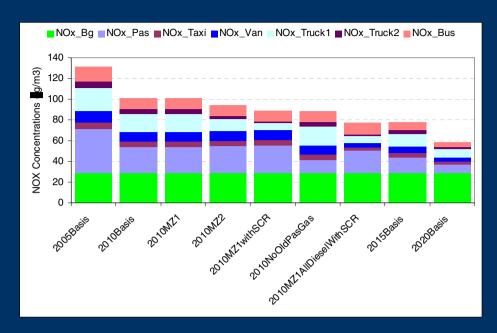


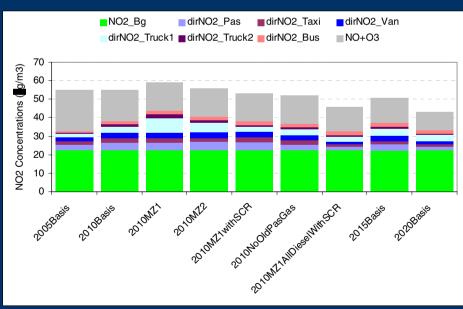
Emissions from different vehicle categories under different scenarios





Scenarios for H.C Andersens Boulevard in Copenhagen, annual average concentrations





Conclusions

- It is possible to attribute and quantify the different part of the particle pollution to the main sources
- This could give better data for health studies
- The following contributions to PM were identified:
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 emitted from modern diesel vehicles with oxidising catalysts,
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 - Soot particles (around 60 nm, number) from diesel vehicles
 - Fine long range transported particles (around 180 nm, number)
 - Fine particles from brakes (1-3 μm, mass)
 - Road abrasion and natural sources (>~2.5 μm, mass)
- Results were used for assessment of reduction scenarios, e.g. environmental zones in Copenhagen



Thank you!

