

# Linking Traffic to Emissions to Ambient Air Quality

The Challenge:

Can we develop cities with no air pollution  
and no heat-island effect by 2050?

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# About

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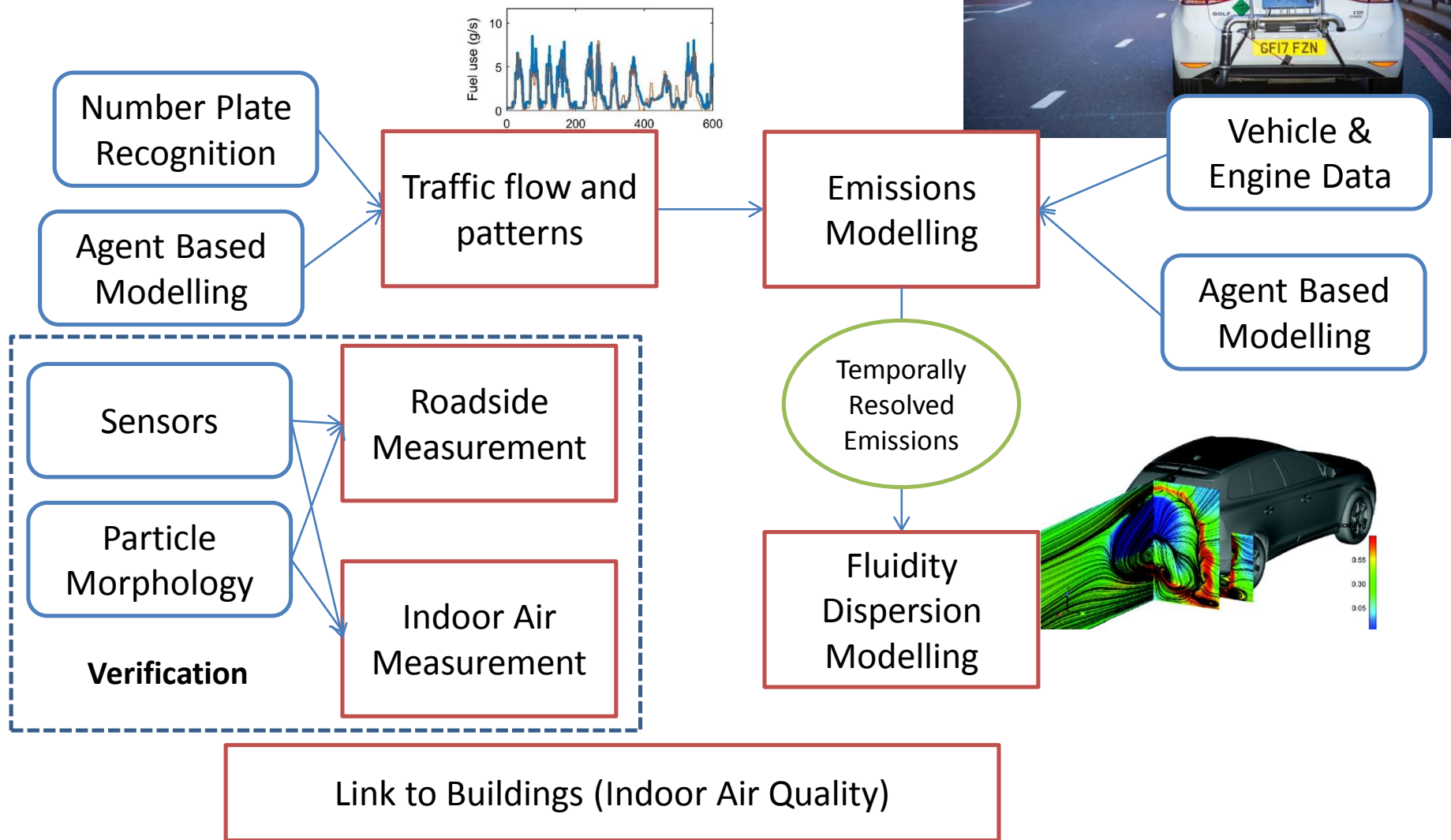
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## We need to think differently...

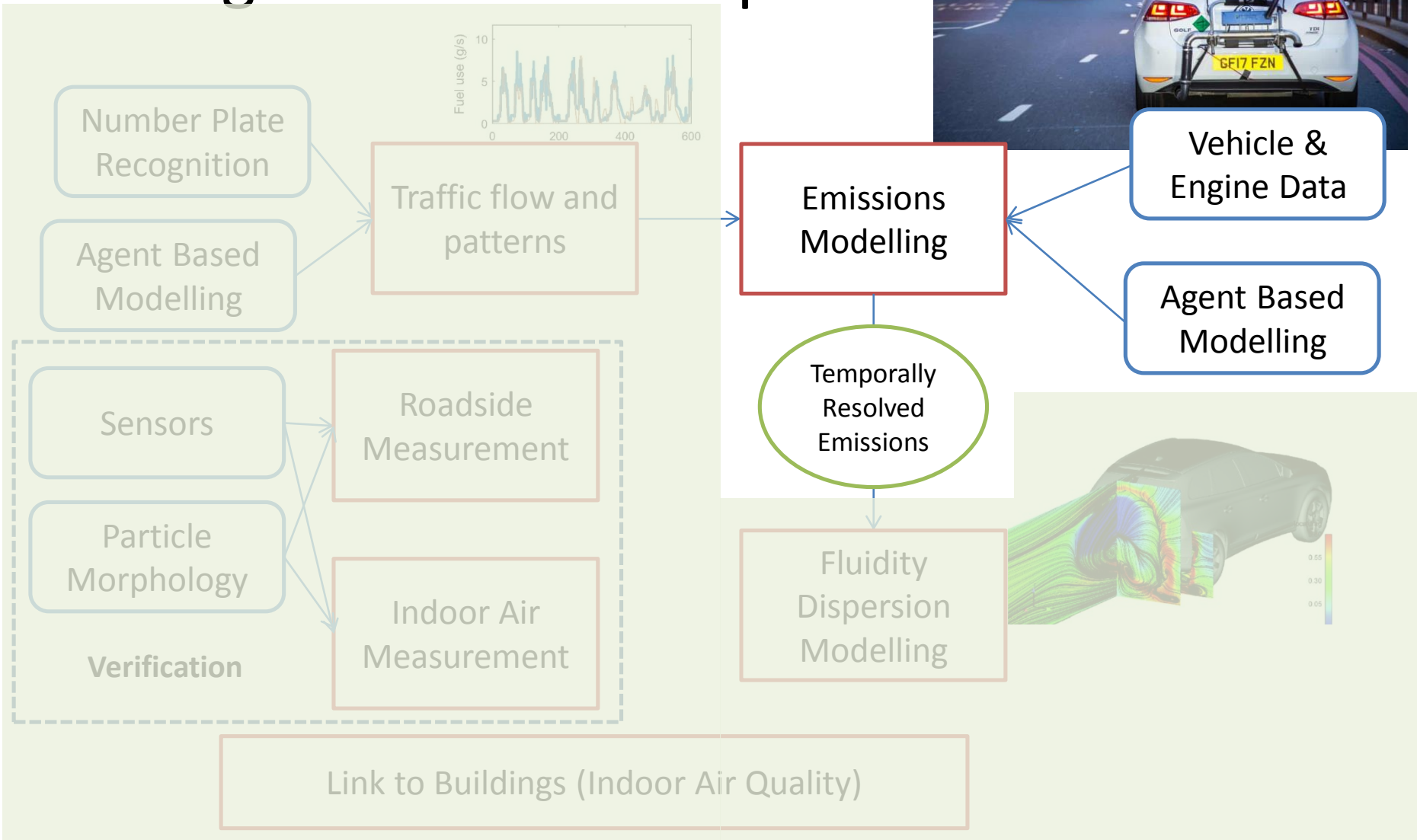
- Natural ventilation in buildings
- Diluted air pollution levels
- Increased albedo
- Integrated green and blue spaces
- Public education and policy change



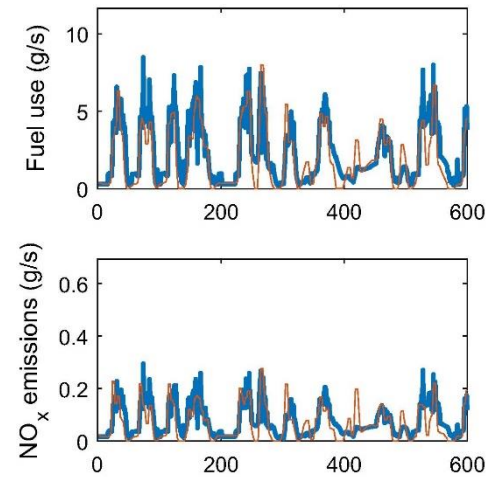
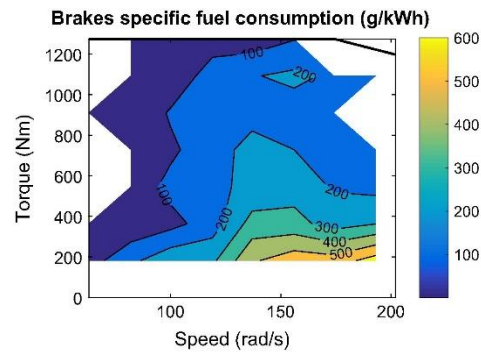
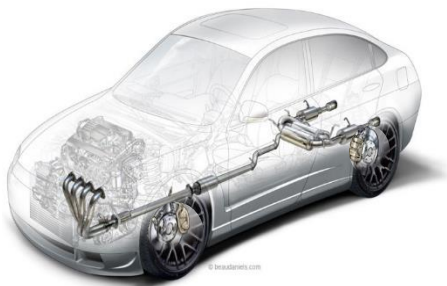
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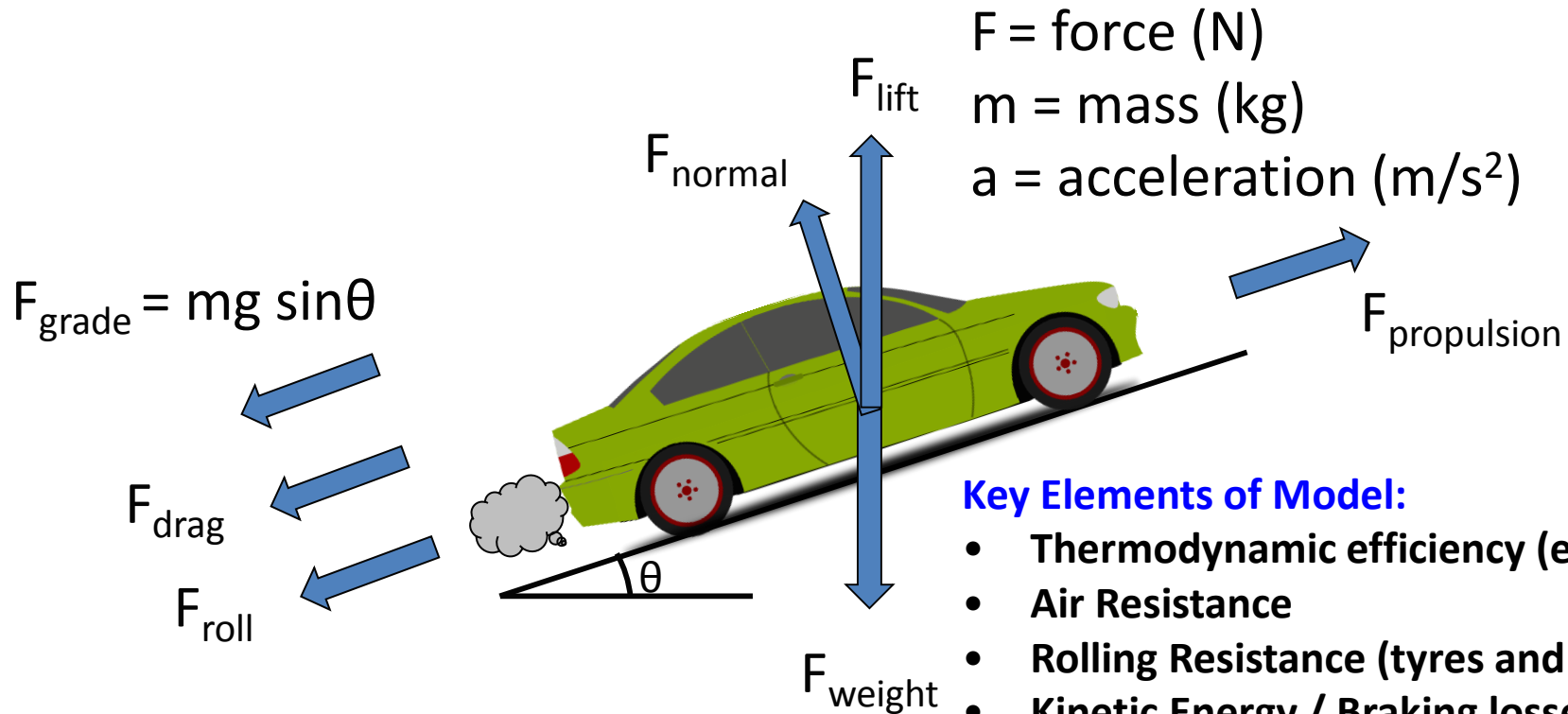
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# Emissions Toolkit



# Fuel and Emissions Model



## Key Elements of Model:

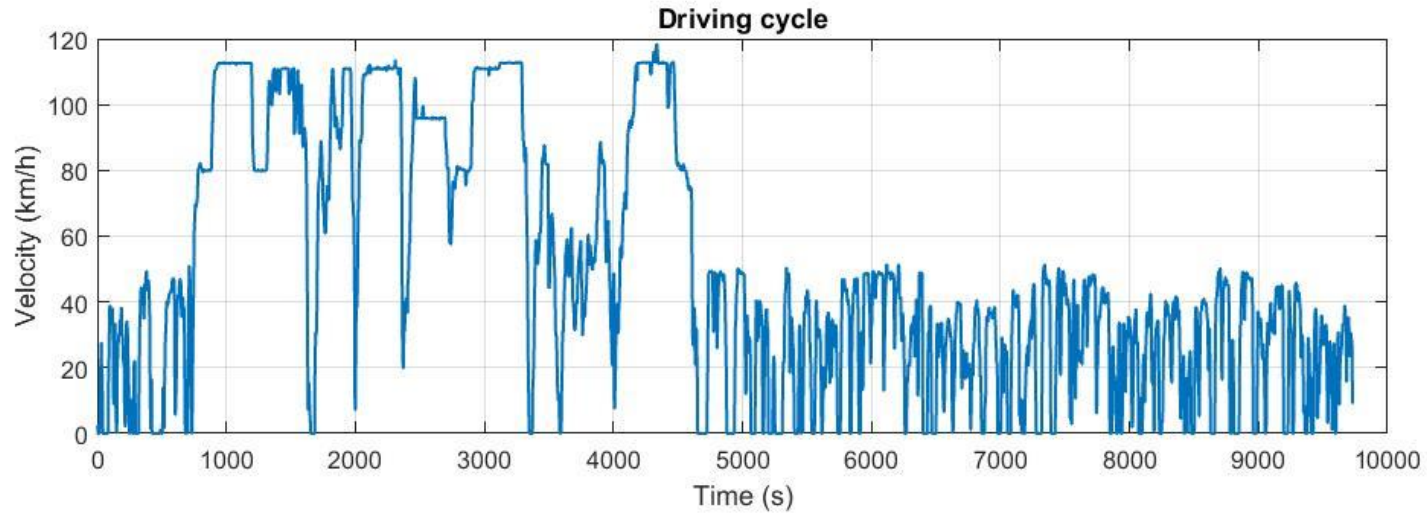
- Thermodynamic efficiency (engine map)
- Air Resistance
- Rolling Resistance (tyres and drive train)
- Kinetic Energy / Braking losses
- (Extensive programme of parameter measurement with instrumented vehicle for validation)

$$F_{\text{propulsion}} = F_{\text{drag}} + F_{\text{roll}} + F_{\text{grade}} + ma$$



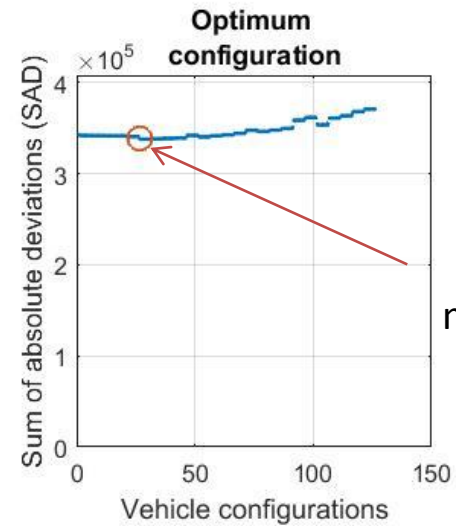
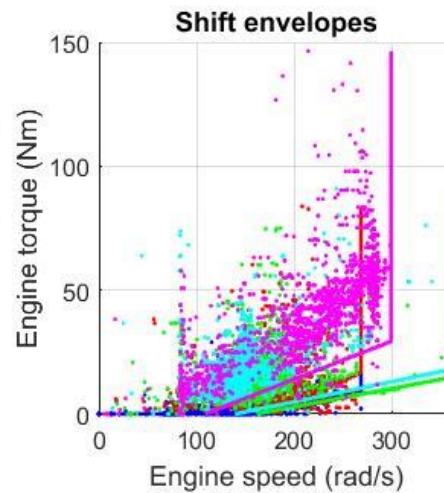
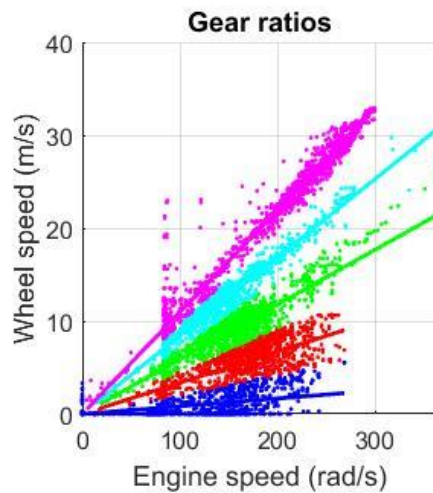
# Engine maps

## Euro 5 Petrol



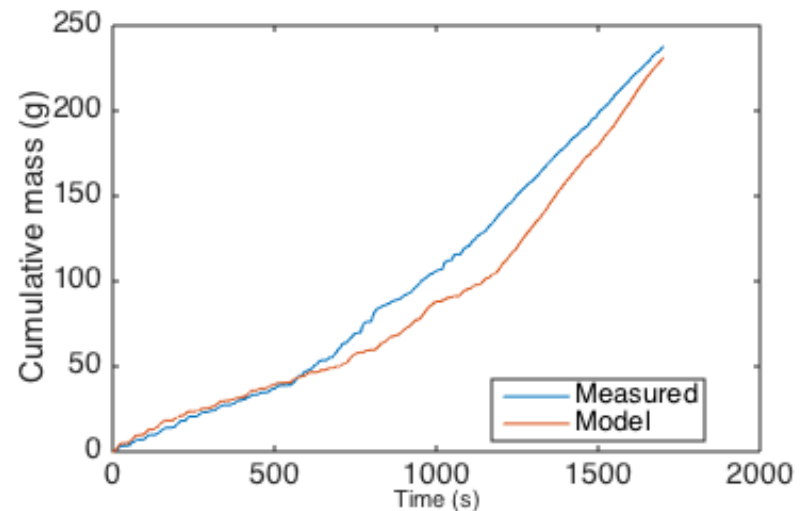
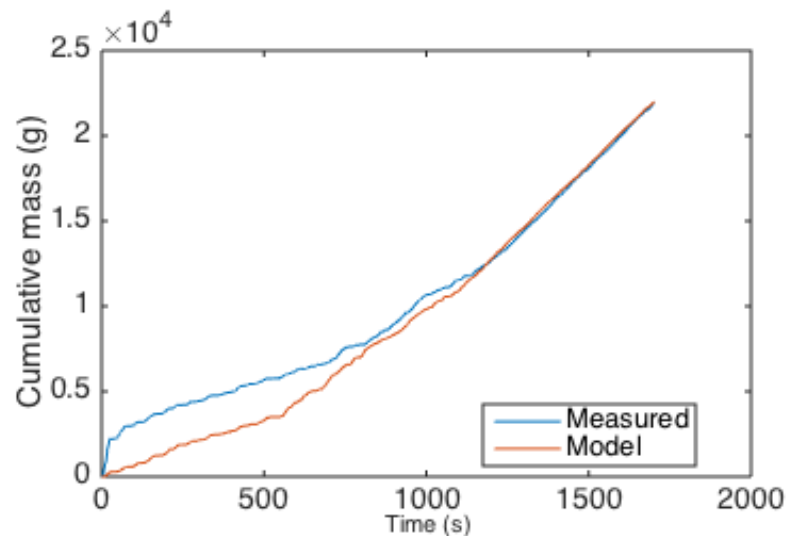
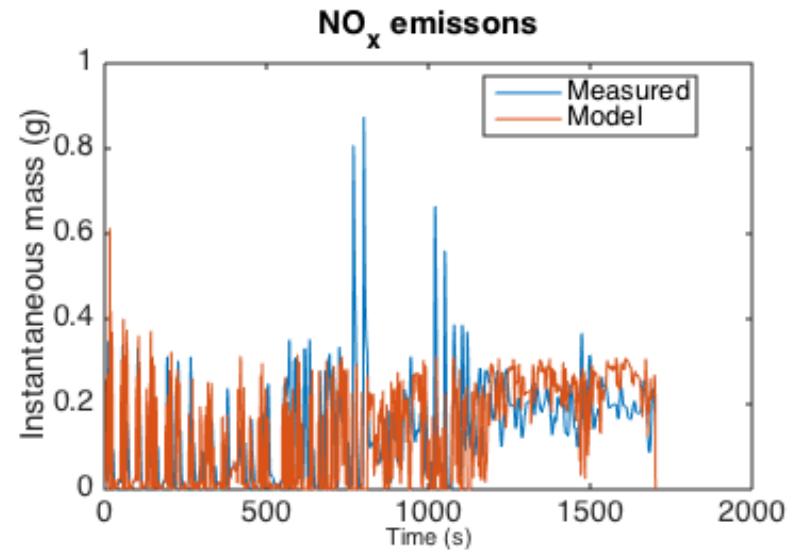
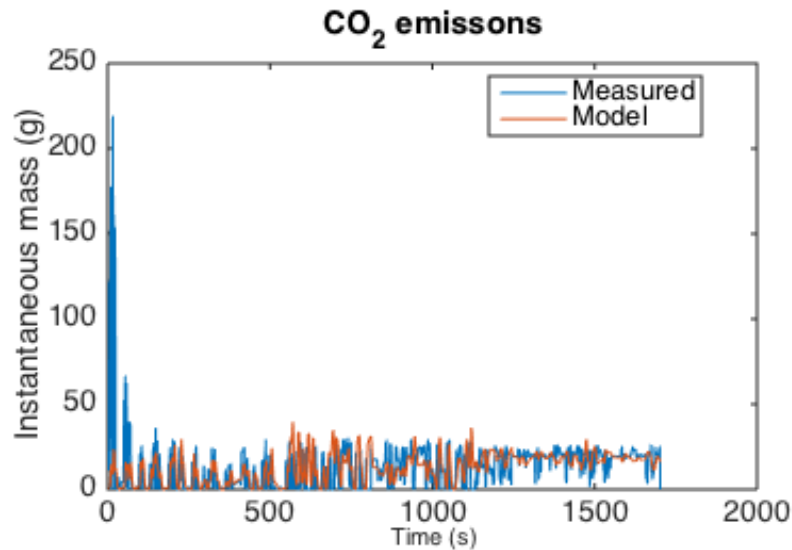
Gear

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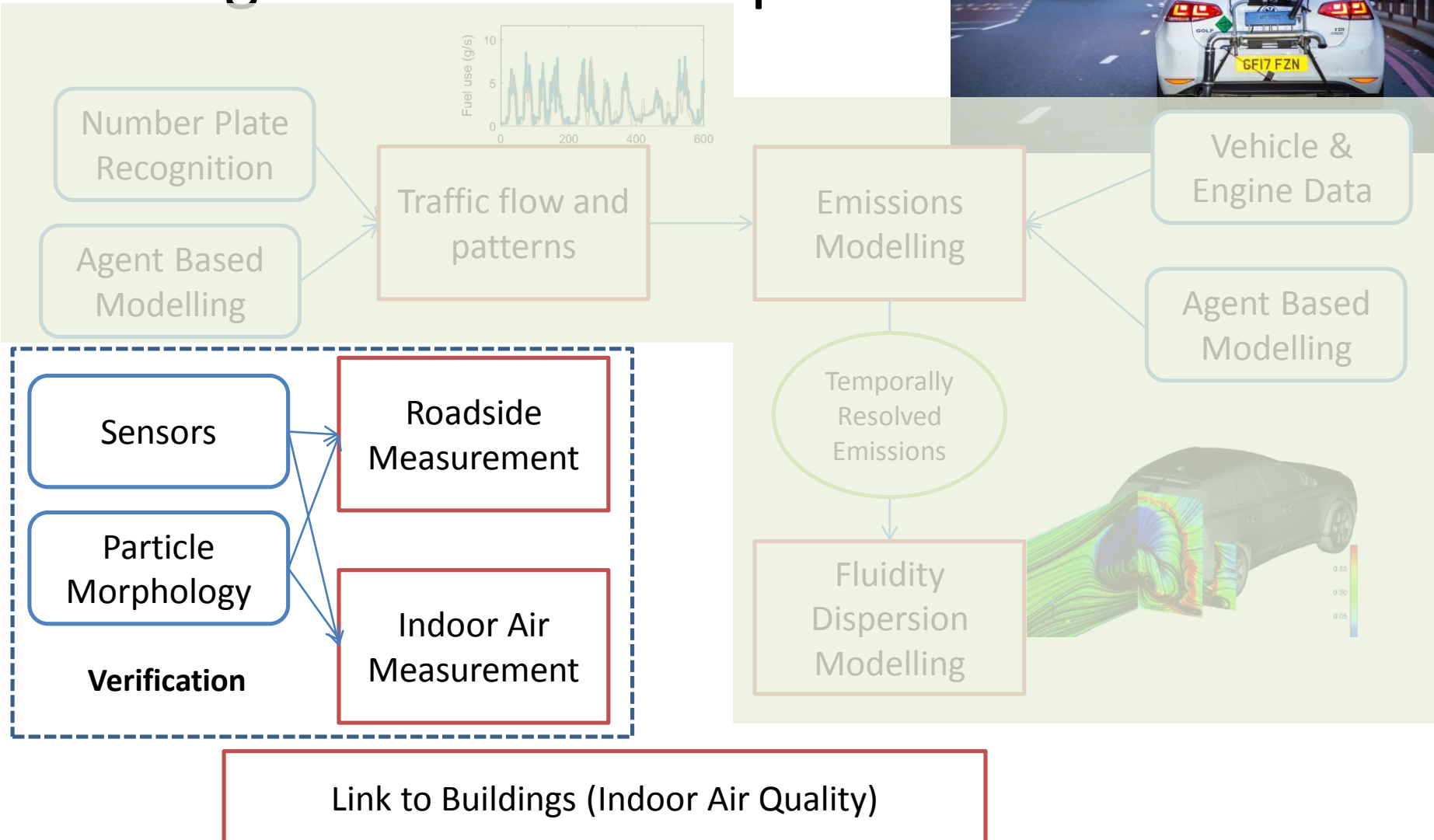
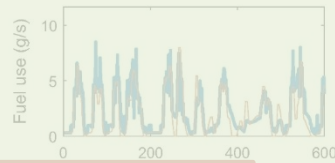
$C_d A = 0.62$   
 $C_{rr} = 0.007$   
 $m = 1035 \text{ kg}$

# Temporal Emissions



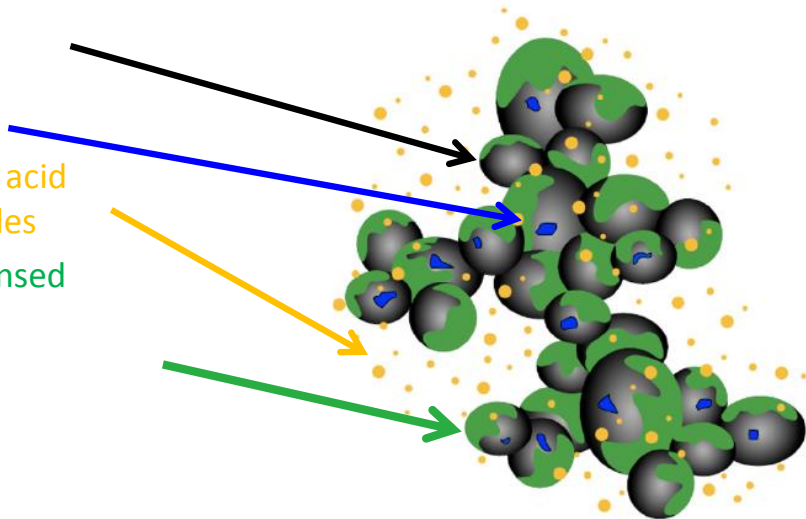


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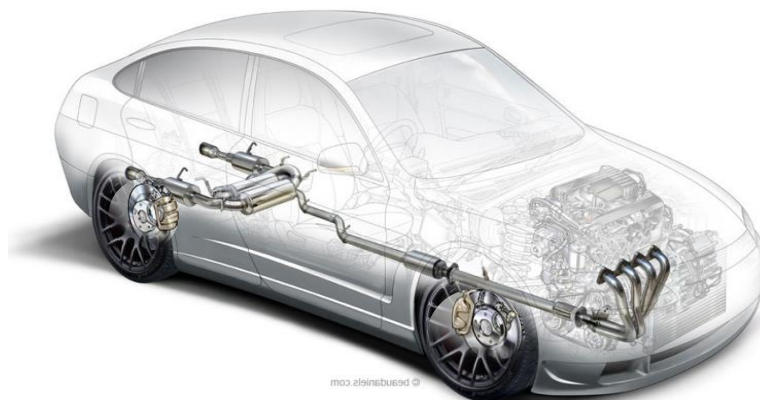
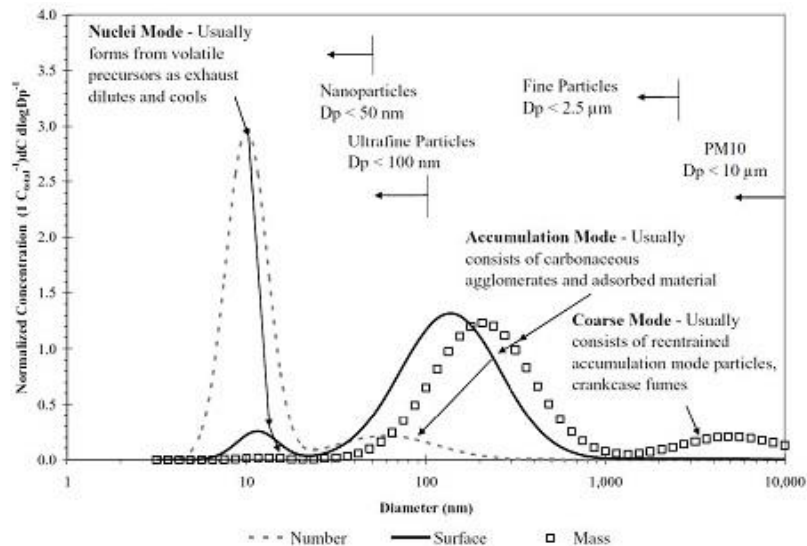
# Particle Pollution

- Solid carbonaceous
- Solid ash particles
- Semi-volatile sulfuric acid + hydrocarbon particles
- Adsorbed and condensed sulfuric acid and hydrocarbon vapors

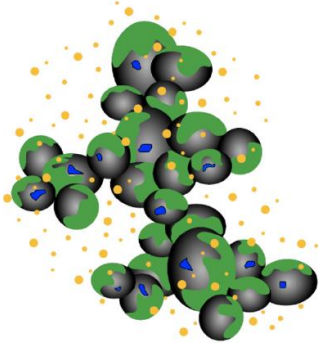


A Good Tracer for Emissions

Maricq, M., J Aerosol Sci. 2007, 38, 1079 – 1118



# Soot metrics of importance

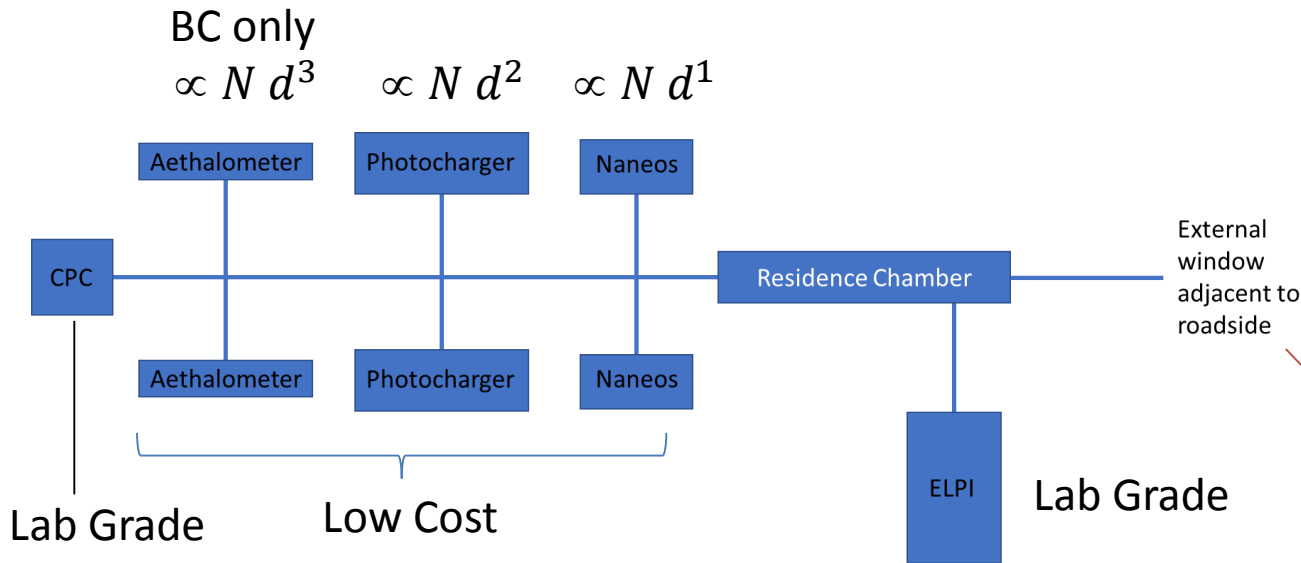


Soot consists of highly non-spherical agglomerates of non-uniform primary particles – Emissions from Vehicles

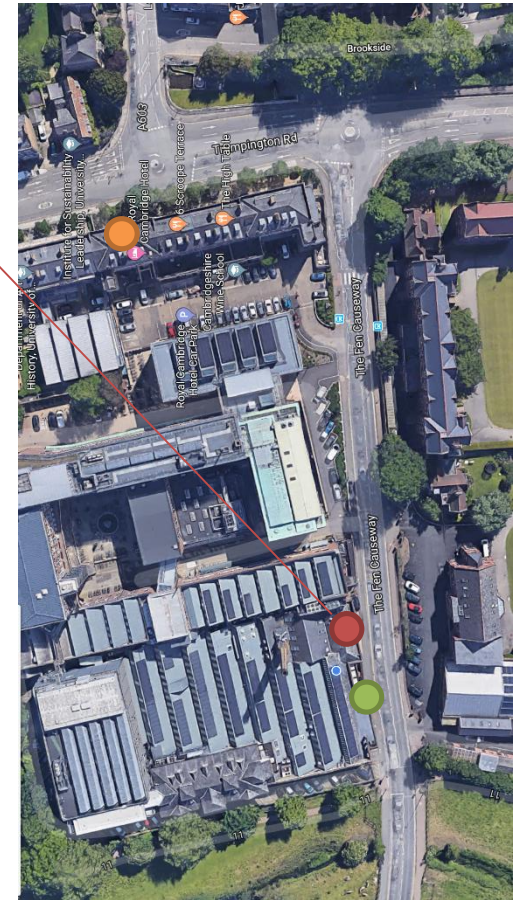
Radiative forcing	$\propto$ Mass concentration of BC $\propto N d^3$
Emissions Regulation	$\propto$ Number concentration of BC $\propto N d^0$
Chemical reactions	$\propto$ Surface area concentration of BC $\propto N d^2$
Health impacts	$\propto$ Mass, number and surface area concentration of BC

Can we measure these with low cost sensors?  
Goal: Link transport to air quality

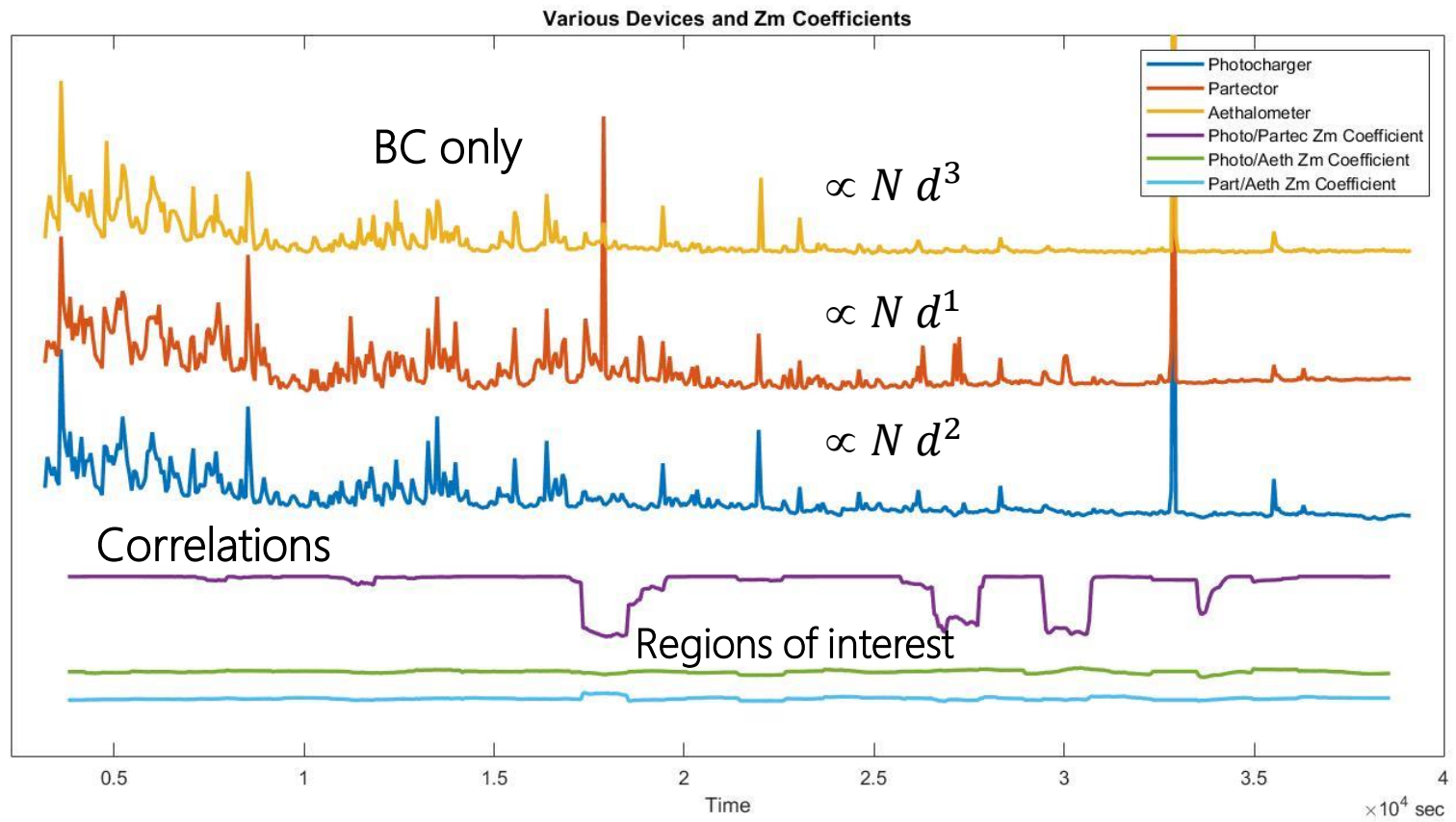
# Parallel Study: Air Quality

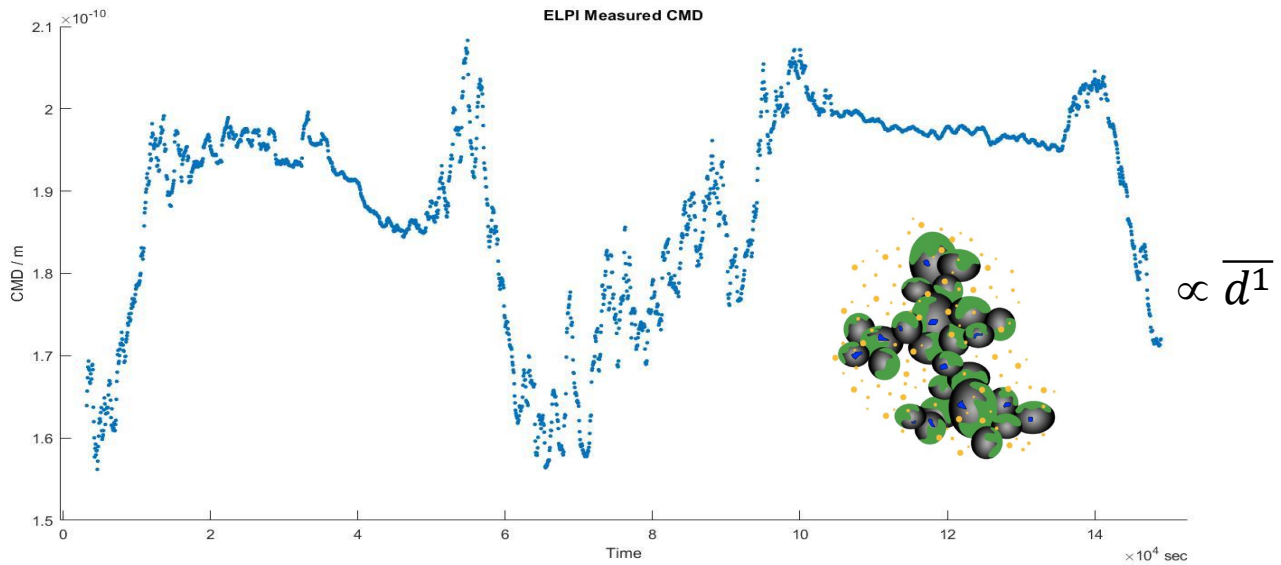


Can particles provide the link between emissions, outdoor air and indoor air pollution?

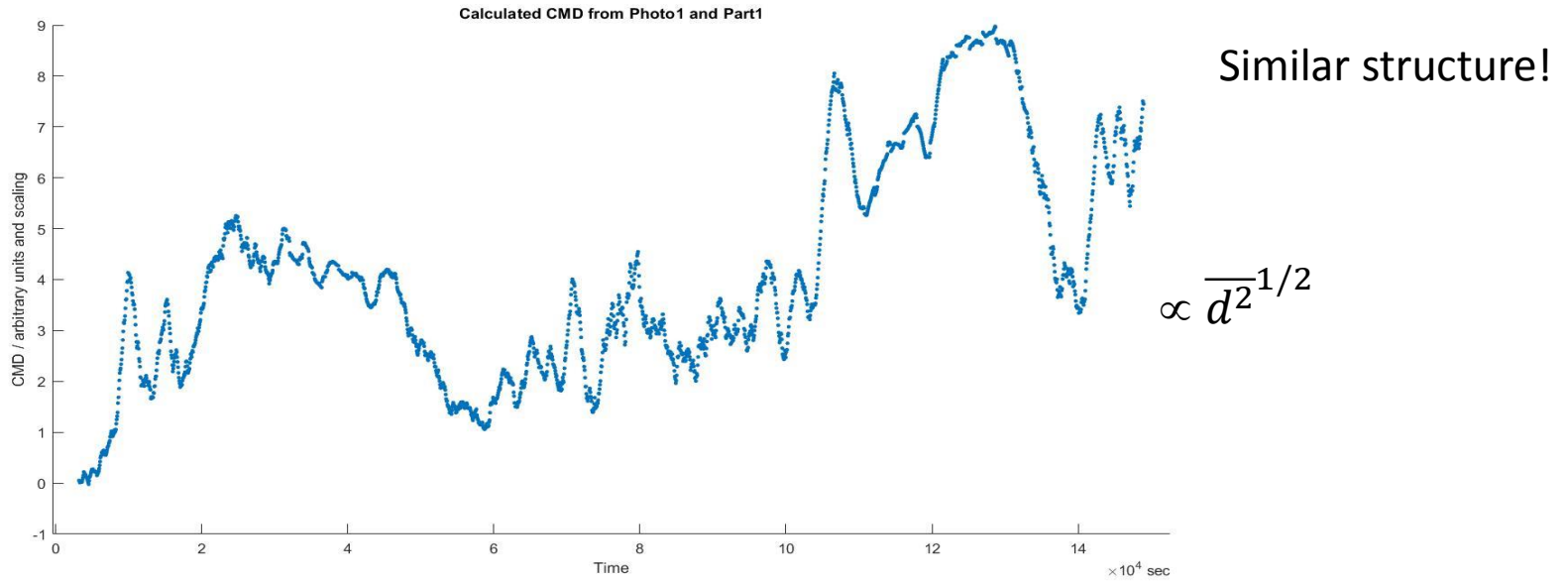








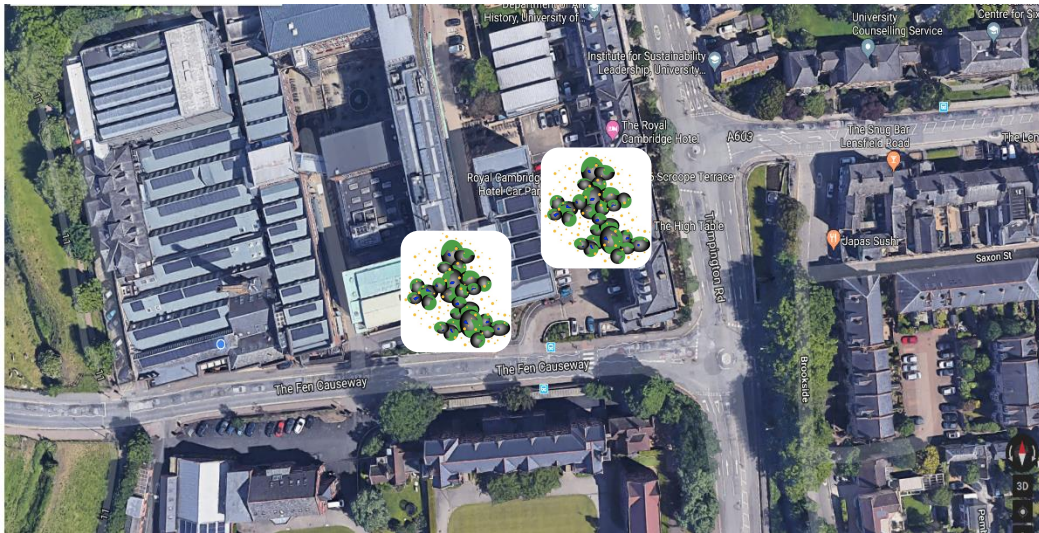
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# Link Emissions to Impacts in Buildings

- Large scale deployment of particle sensors

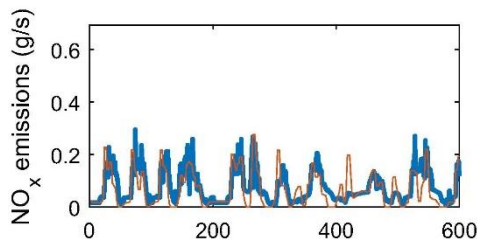
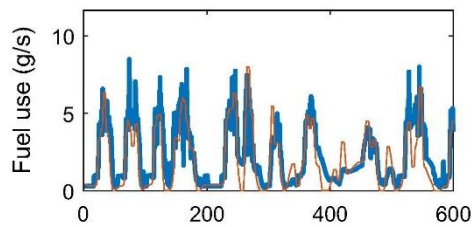
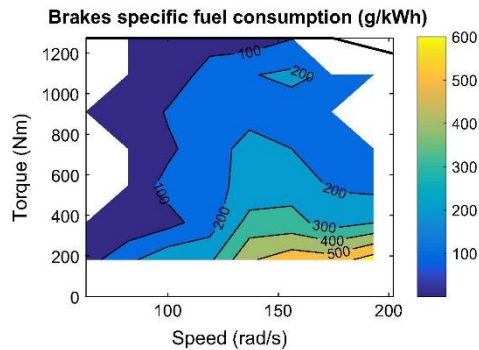


Emerging opportunity for low-cost particle measurement is available. Opportunity for co-locating with MAGIC project.

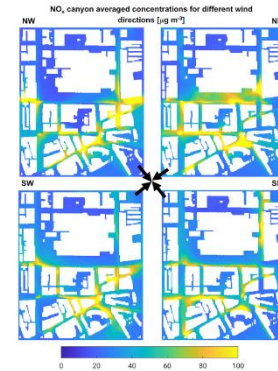
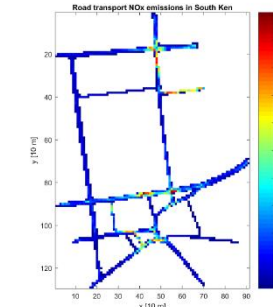
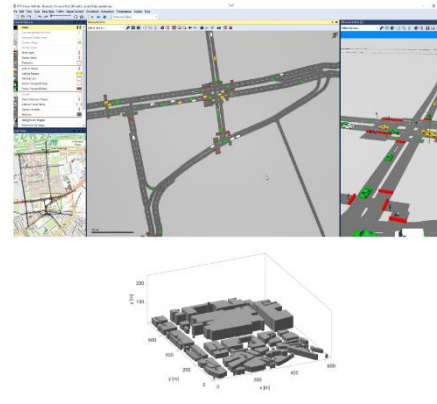
# Input to MAGIC



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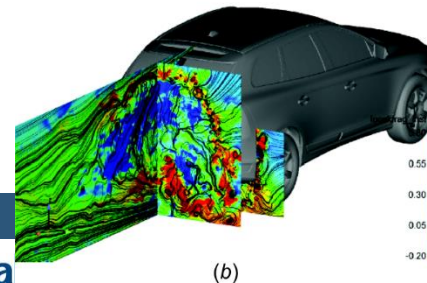
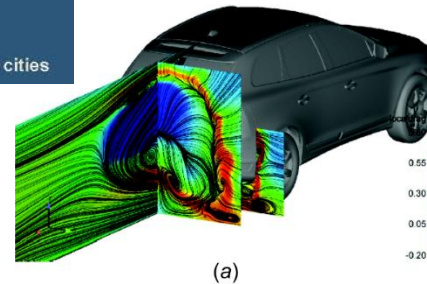
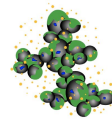


Traffic simulation → Vehicle emissions → Air pollution modelling



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Every vehicle type in  
London

- Taxi
- Light duty
- Bus
- Heavy duty

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# Transport Emissions and Air Quality

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# Quantifying the Skill of an Operational Air Quality Model using LES

Tom Grylls, Clémence M. A. Le Cornec, Pietro Salizzoni, Lionel  
Soulhac, Marc E. J. Stettler, Maarten van Reeuwijk  
[2018, Atmospheric Environment, in prep]

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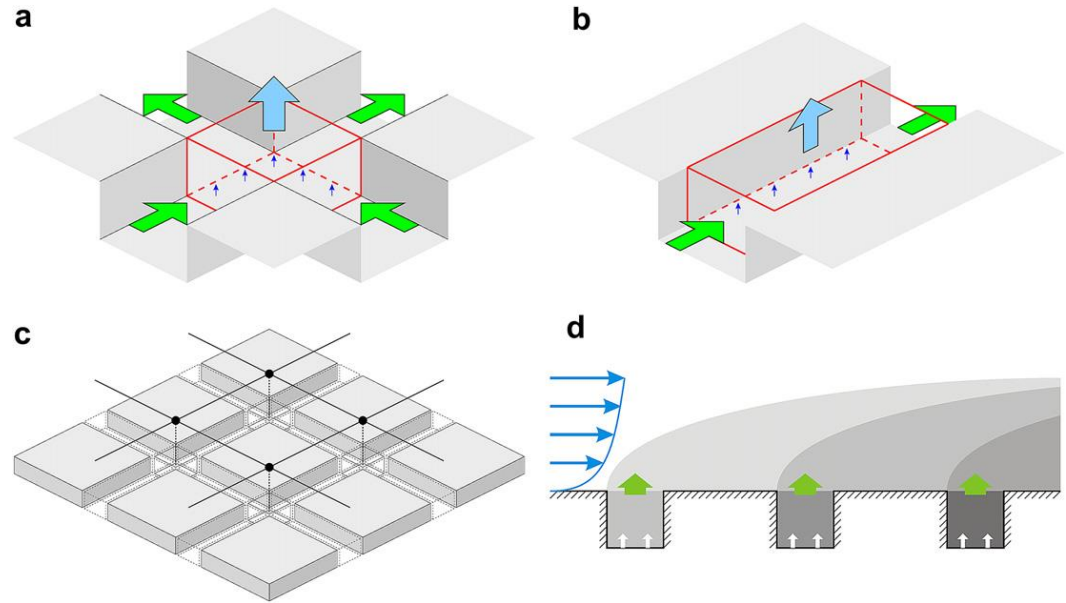
# Introduction

- Air quality is the greatest environmental health risk (WHO, 2016).
- Importance of urban pollution dispersion studies.
- Range of scales and heterogeneity result in a complex modelling problem.
- Turbulent and unsteady urban flow field is computationally demanding.
- Models take a range of levels of abstraction:
  - Operational
  - Large-eddy simulation (LES)



# SIRANE

- Operational model
- Street-network (box) model.
  - Uniform concentration in each 'box'.
  - Parametrisations of the flow field.
- Quasi-steady hourly time steps.
- Photostationarity assumption.
- Validated against experimental and field data (Soulhac, 2012; Soulhac, 2017).

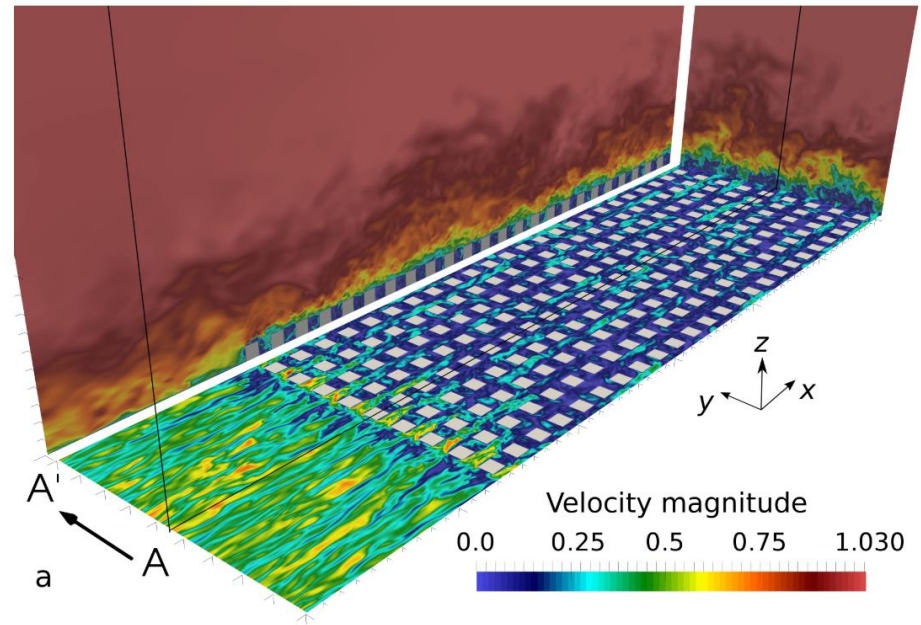


From Soulhac et al, 2011



# DALES-Urban

- Large Eddy Simulation
- Adapted from the Dutch Atmospheric Large-Eddy Simulation model (Heus, 2010; Tomas, 2015).
- Immersed boundary method.
- Resolutions of  $\sim 1\text{m}$ , time steps of  $\sim 0.2\text{s}$ .
- Adapted to resolve the reactions of the null cycle following Zhong et al., 2015.
- Contrary to Fluidity, not an adaptive mesh.



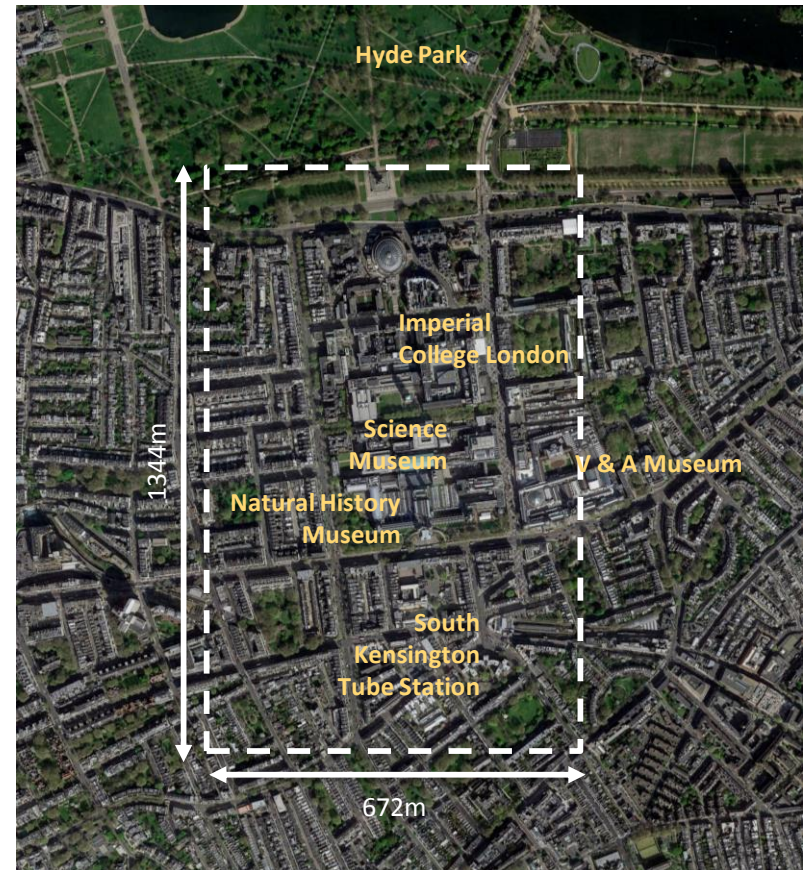
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# Objectives

1. Assess the predictive skills of SIRANE over its quasi hourly timesteps.
2. Isolate and analyse the dispersive performances of the models from their chemical scheme.
3. Analyse how an operational model can be used to evaluate accurately pedestrian exposure.

# Case study

- South Kensington, London.
- Range of topological features
- Range of road types.
- Availability of high quality emissions data.
- Requirements to consider:
  - Emissions
  - Topology
  - Chemistry
  - Meteorology



# Traffic and Emissions

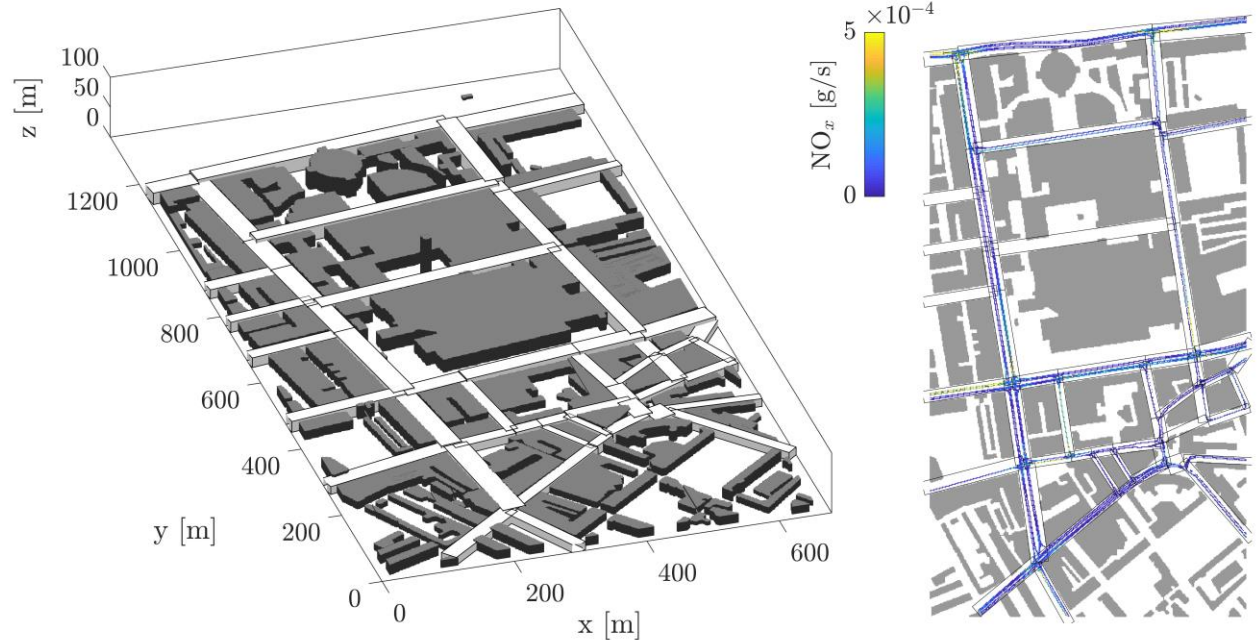
- Emissions due to road transport.
- VISSIM, traffic microsimulation model amalgamated with local traffic counts.
- Instantaneous emissions model based on speed and acceleration of each vehicle.
- DALES-Urban
  - Time-averaged and rasterised to grid.
- SIRANE
  - Spatially-averaged over street-network.





# Topology

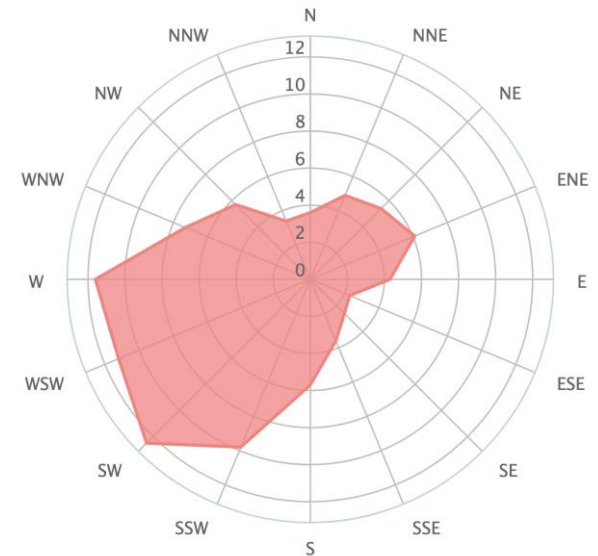
- 1-m LIDAR data.
- DALES-Urban
  - Building mask and optimized for use with the IBM.
  - Rasterised to defined grid.
- SIRANE
  - Canyon widths and heights following methodology of Soulhac et al., 2011.



# Meteorology

- SIRANE utilises field data.
- Typical conditions:
  - SW wind.
  - 3m/s wind at 30m.
  - Neutral stability.
  - Background concentrations from London Air Quality Network.
- Matched in DALES-Urban.
  - $u_* = 0.33\text{m/s}$ ,  $z_{bl} = 413\text{m}$ .
  - Boundary conditions.

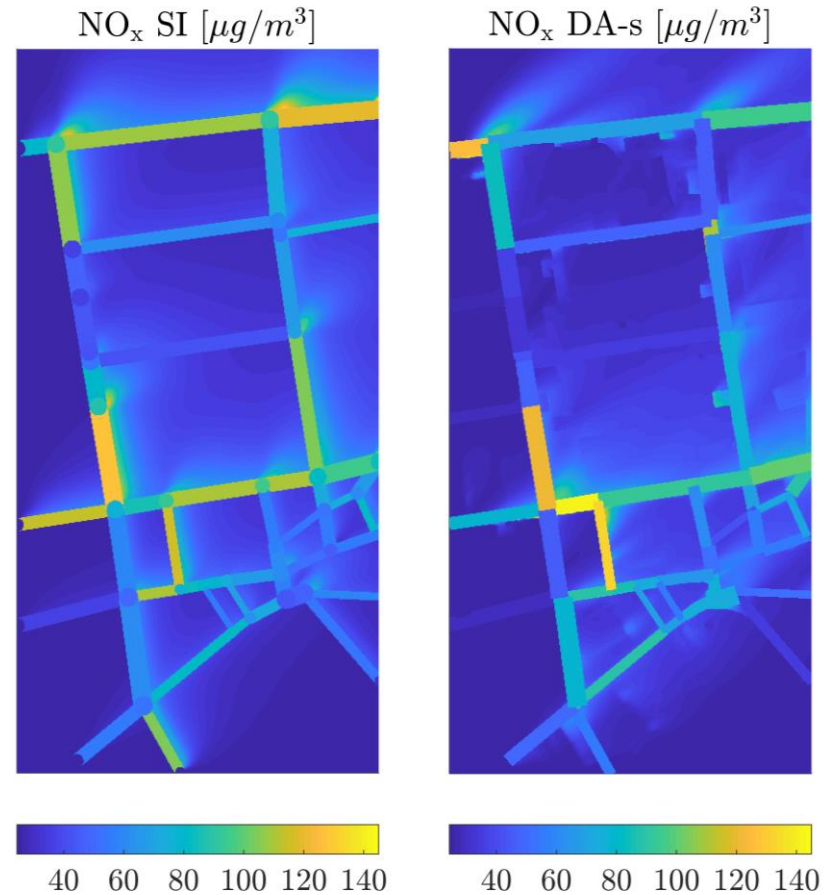
Wind direction distribution in %





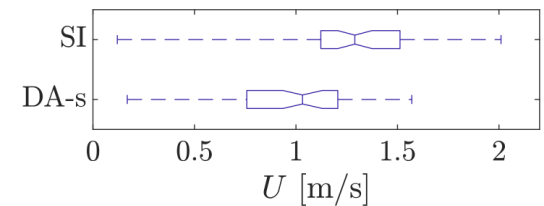
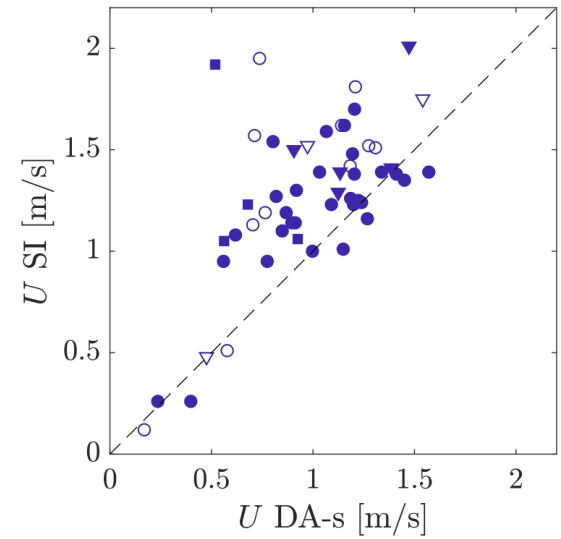
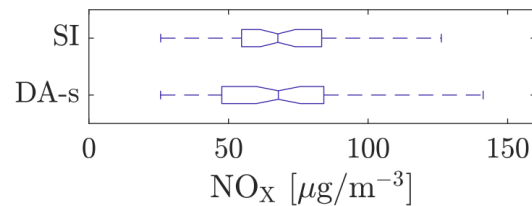
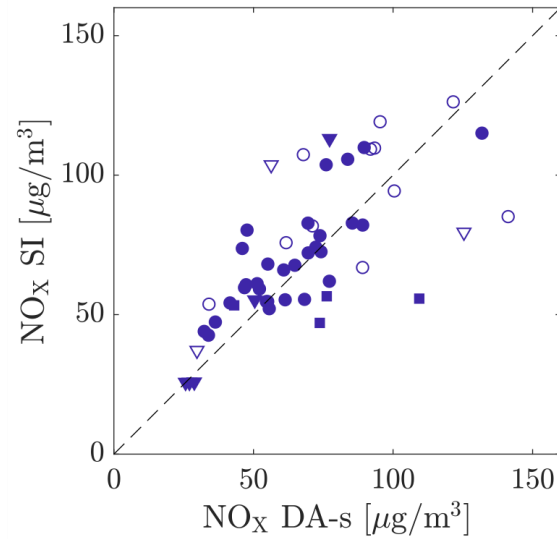
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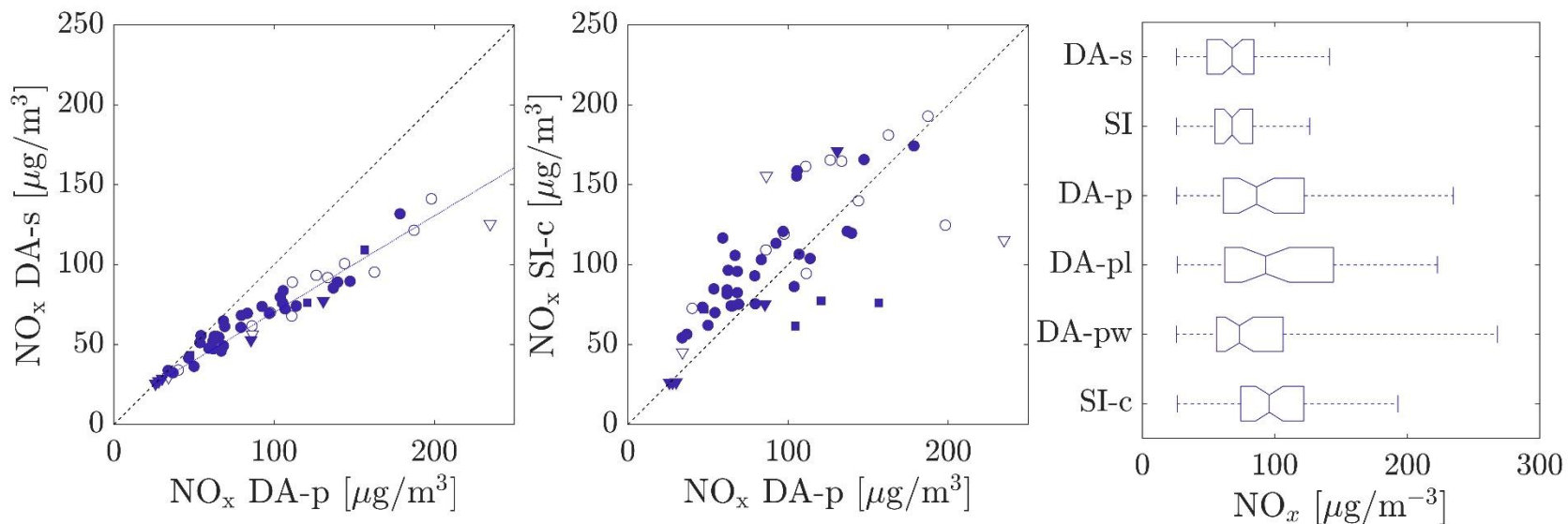
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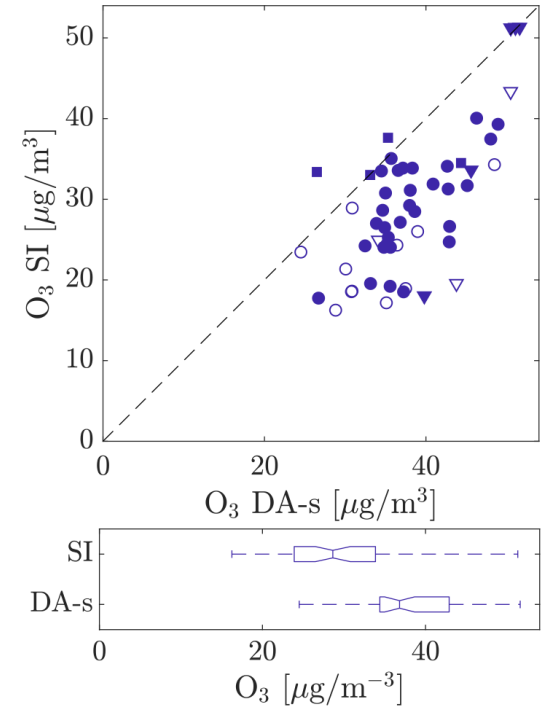
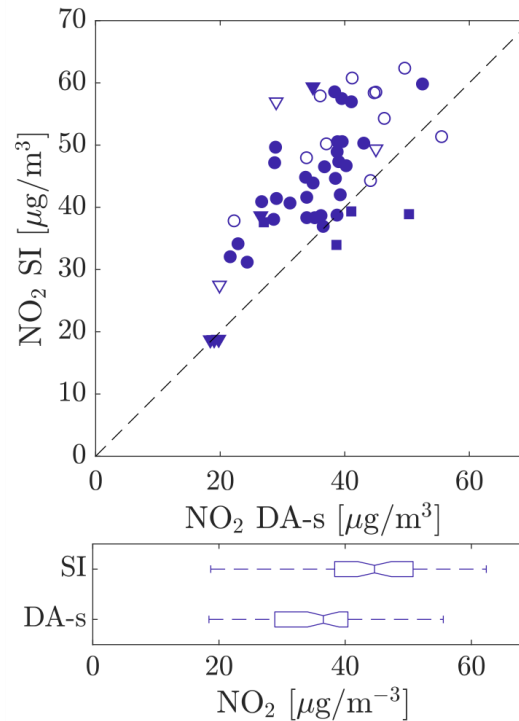
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- Capability to analyse in-canyon variability.
- Pedestrian level concentrations  $\sim 1.4$  times higher than canyon-averaged.
- Asymmetry apparent from integral statistics.
- Prevalence of intersections and other heterogeneity limits this effect.



# Results - Active

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- NO rich emissions lead to deviation from PSS.
- Analysis of the PSS defect indicates as high as 150% on busy roads.
- Agreement with field data.





# Conclusion

- SIRANE was shown to perform well in predicting the canyon-averaged velocities over South Kensington, London.
- Correction to be applied to evaluate pedestrian exposure
- Identified shortcomings matched those identified in SIRANE's literature.
- Systematic bias in predicting  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{O}_3$  concentrations due to PSS assumption.
- LES presents a key tool to conduct high-resolution urban pollution dispersion studies.

DALES-Urban





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# Modelling NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in real-time using Artificial Neural Networks

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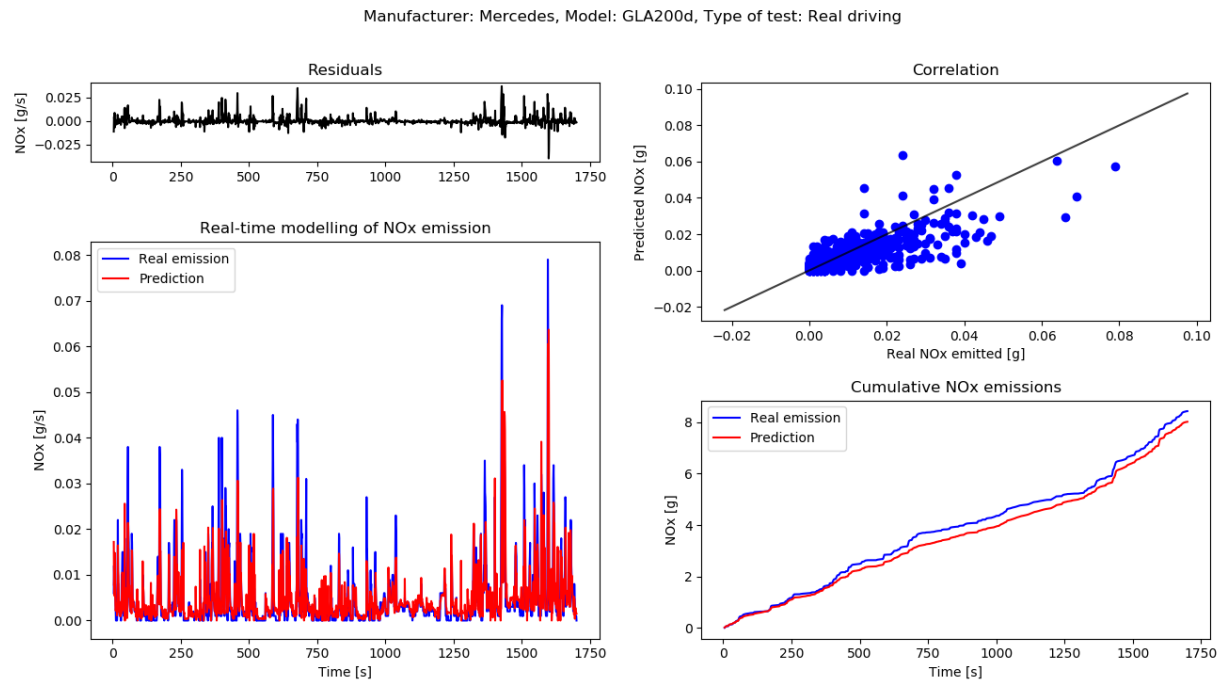
# Introduction

- Importance of emissions modelling
- Highly-variable and non-linear problem
- Wide range of existing models, requiring more or less complex inputs
- Increase in computational power and data availability
- Long-short term memory network (LSTM)
- Data from the On-Board Diagnostic (OBD-II) used as inputs to predict NOx emissions
- Real-world driving conditions



# Results

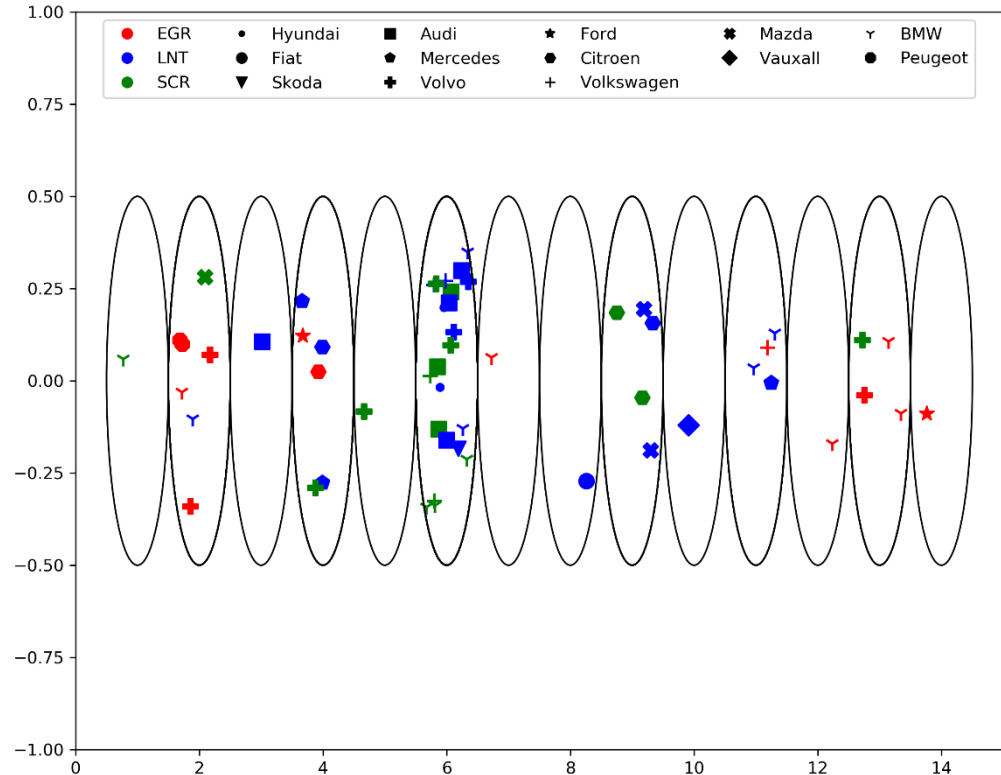
- General models are not able to produce accurate results
- Differences between the vehicles overpower the variations due to operating conditions
- Specific models present a relative error between 0.3% and 26.5% and an absolute error smaller than 0.02 g/km



SUCCESS but not implementable at a large scale

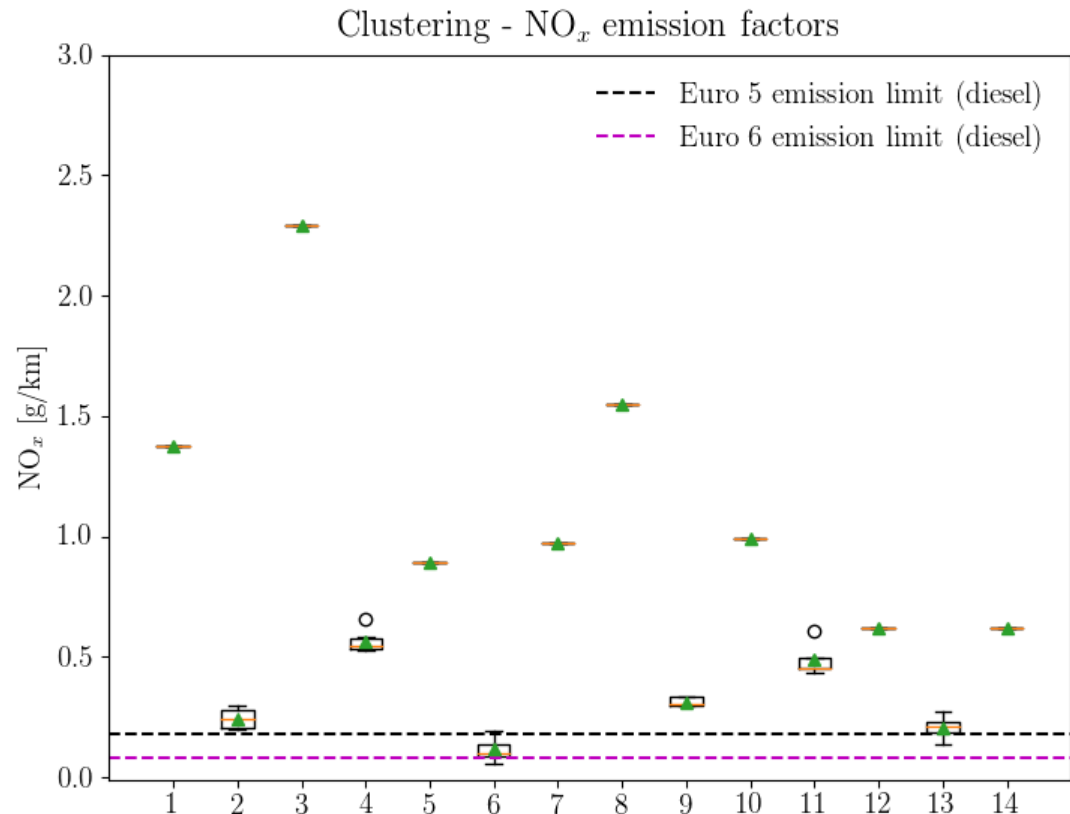
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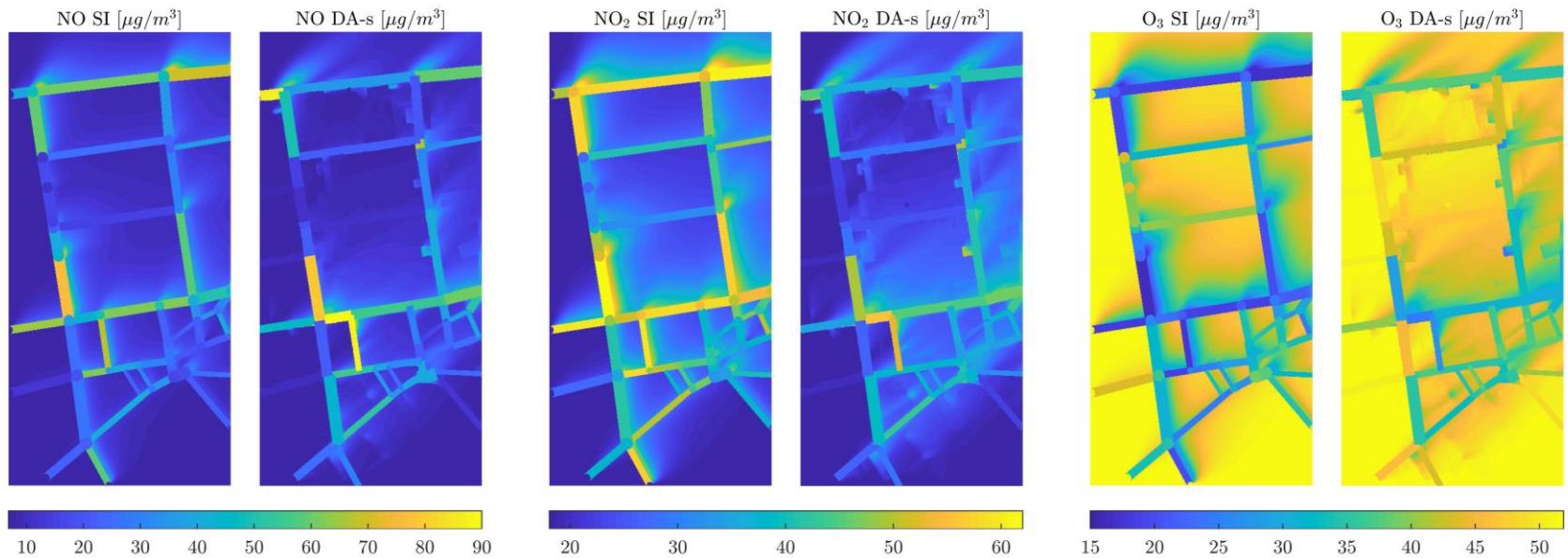


# Conclusion

- ANN models are able to produce accurate results to predict NOx emissions in real-time
- Specific models are not implementable at a large scale
- Clustering techniques and analysis are used to try to reduce the number of models needed
- Work in progress!



# Backup slide - Results - Active

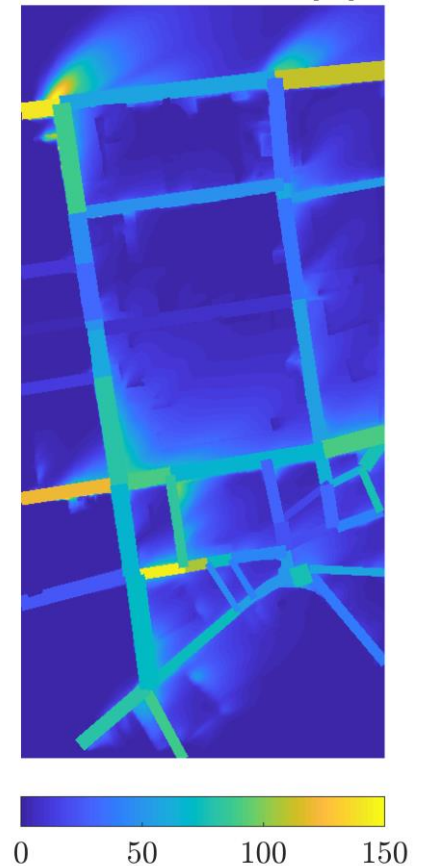


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$$d_{ps} = \left( \frac{k_3[\text{O}_3][\text{NO}]}{k_1[\text{NO}_2]} - 1 \right) \times 100$$

PSS defect DA-s [%]



# Backup slide - Sensitivity

- Case study repeated with westerly wind.
- Statistical indices indicate that same relationships hold.
- Future work: sensitivity to other parameters (e.g. stability).

Index	'Good' criteria [23]	Wind direction	Wind speed	Inert	Reactive		
				NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	NO <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>
FB <sup>1</sup>	$abs \leq 0.3$	SW	-0.29	-0.06	0.06	-0.23	0.27
		W	-0.04	-0.13	-0.06	-0.26	0.30
NMSE <sup>2</sup>	$\leq 4$	SW	0.20	0.08	0.16	0.09	0.10
		W	0.36	0.11	0.16	0.12	0.15
FAC2 <sup>3</sup>	$\geq 0.5$	SW	0.92	1.0	0.92	1.0	0.92
		W	0.60	0.96	0.91	0.94	0.81

<sup>1</sup> Fractional bias

<sup>2</sup> Normalized mean squared error

<sup>3</sup> Fraction in a factor of 2 A.2

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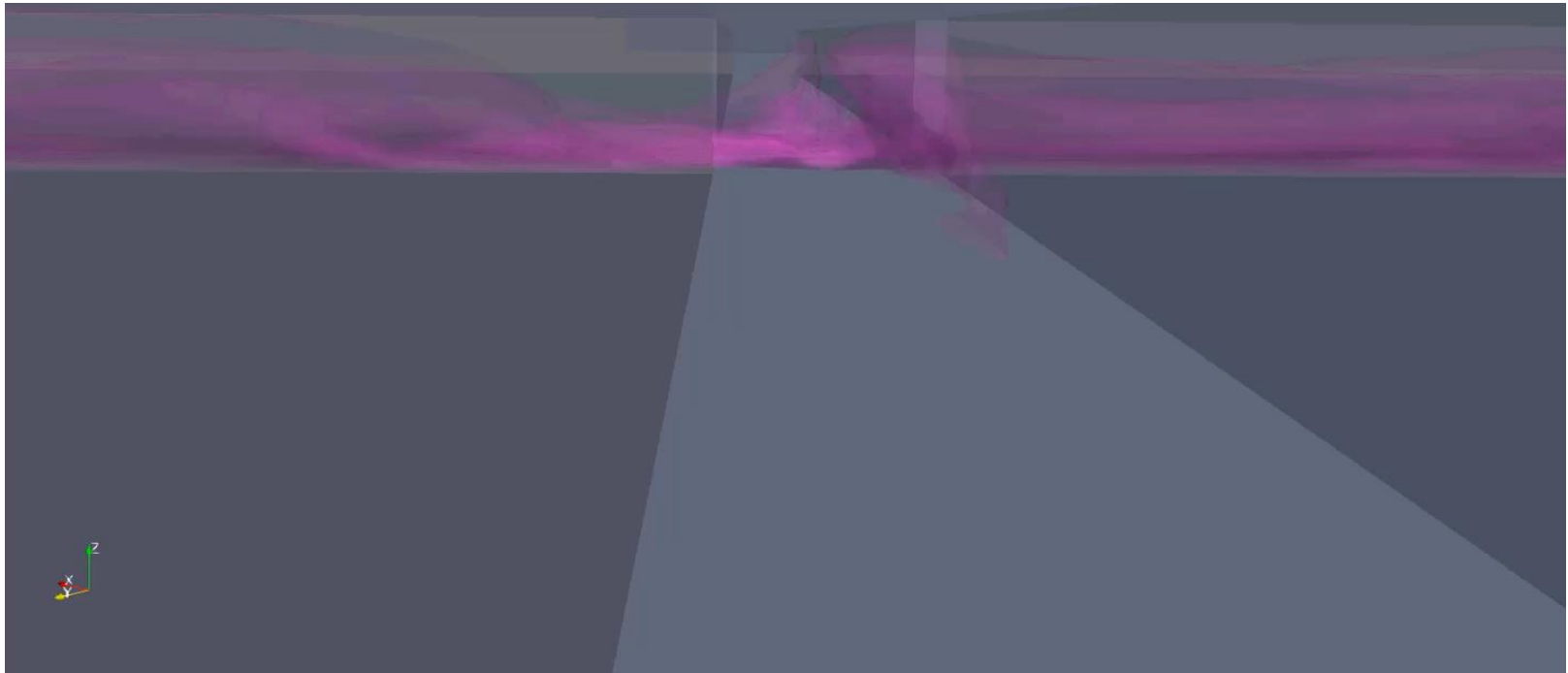
# Update on Fluidity traffic model

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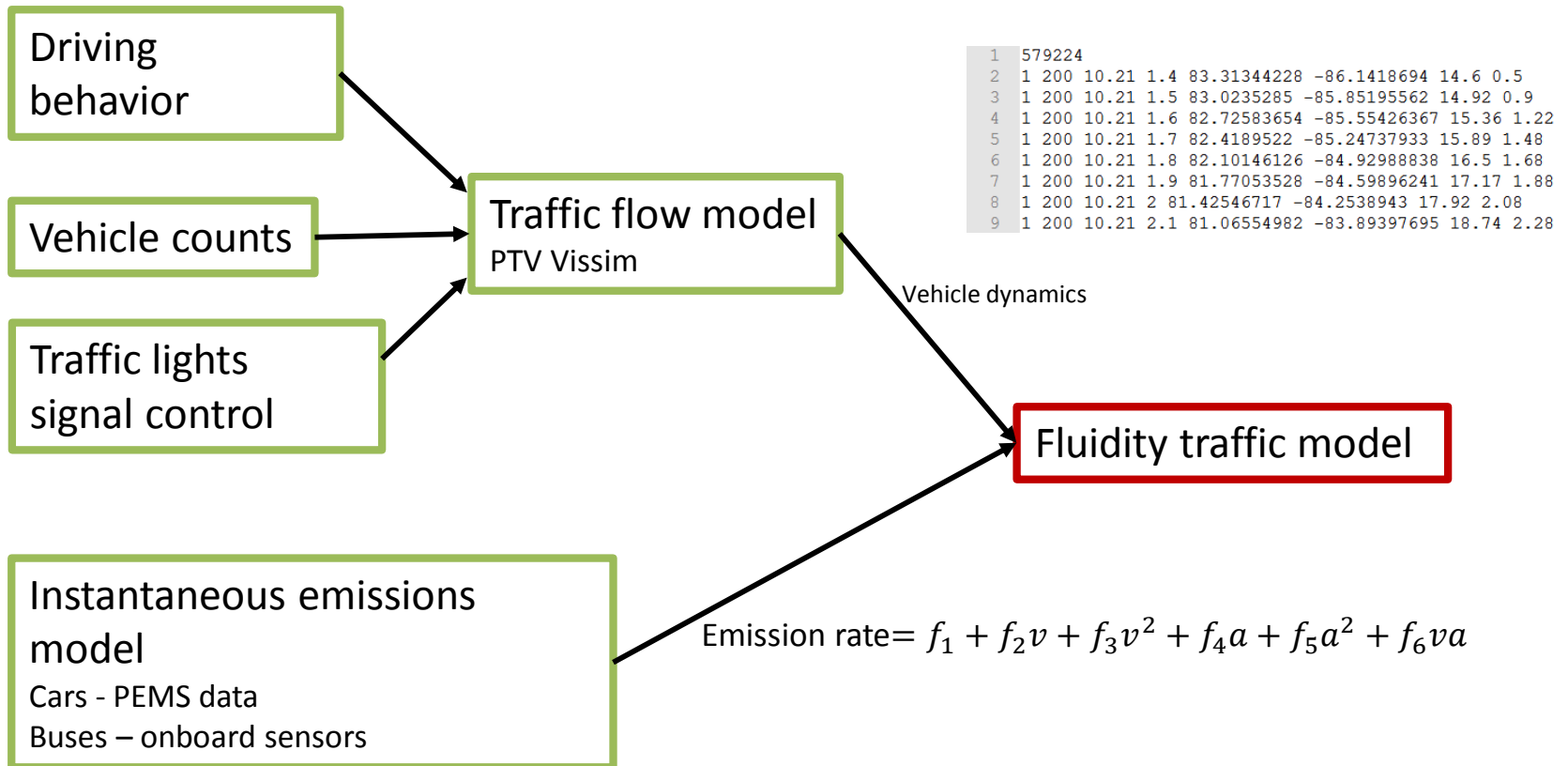
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# Fluidity's traffic model



# Traffic modelling



# Single vehicle simulation

- Comparison of traffic model with low resolution to high resolution simulations

Traffic model, low resolution

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Solid boundary, rectangular block

$$l_{min} = 0.075m$$

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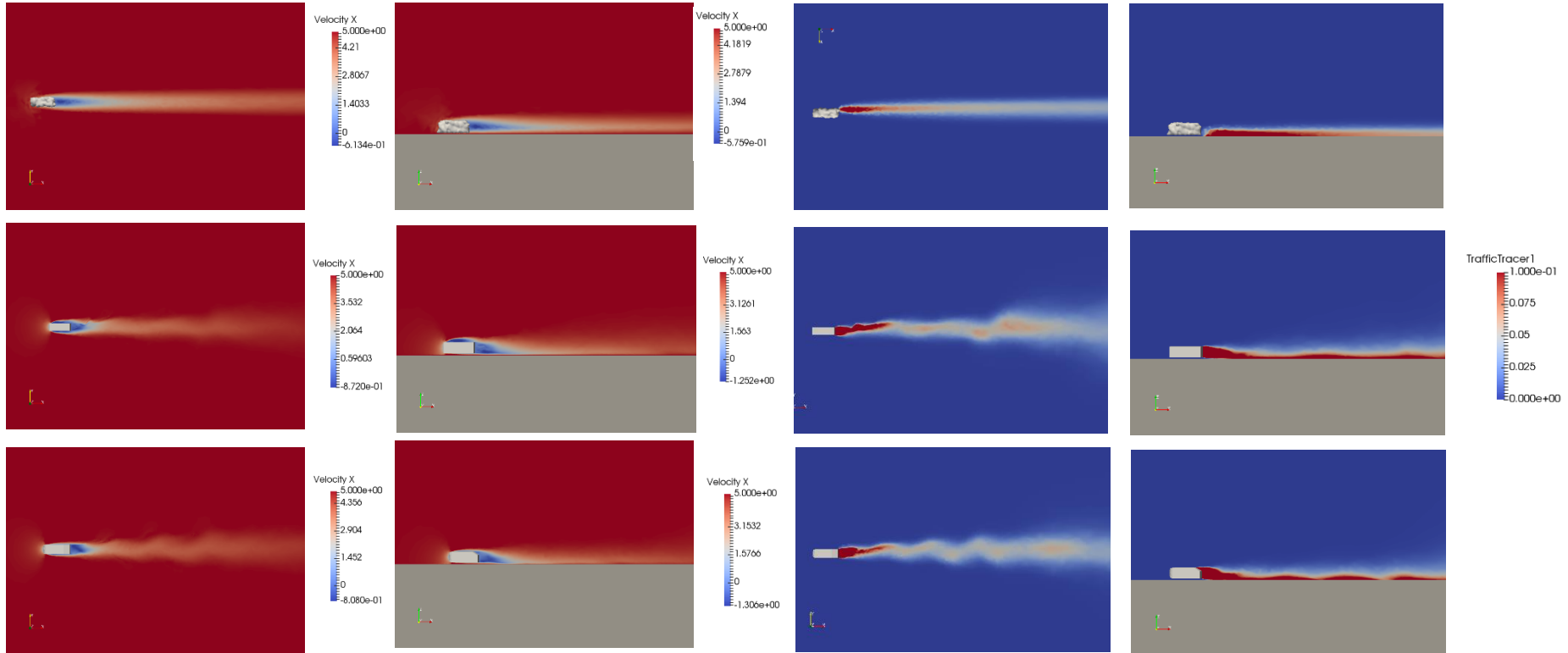
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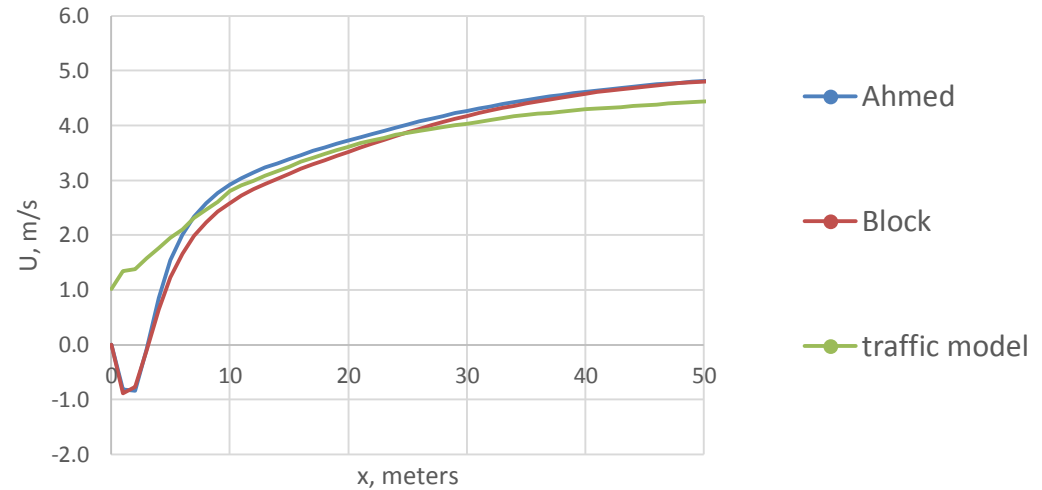
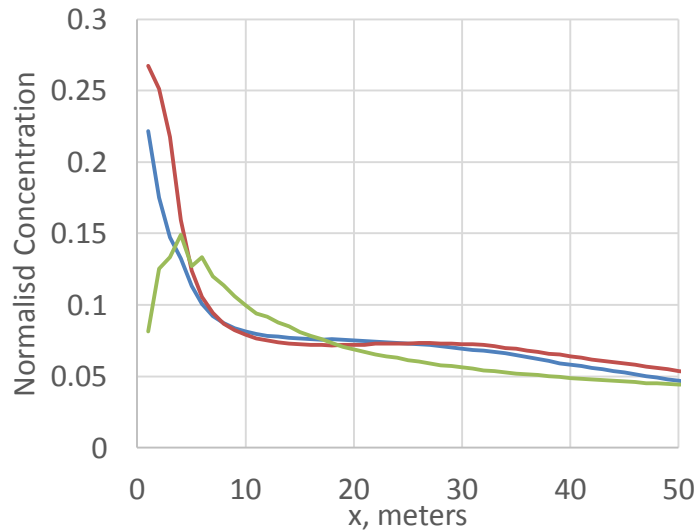
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# Single vehicle simulation



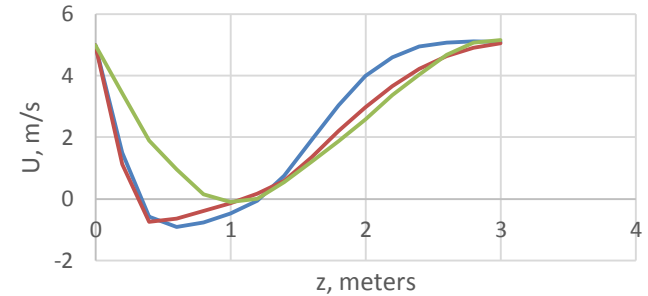
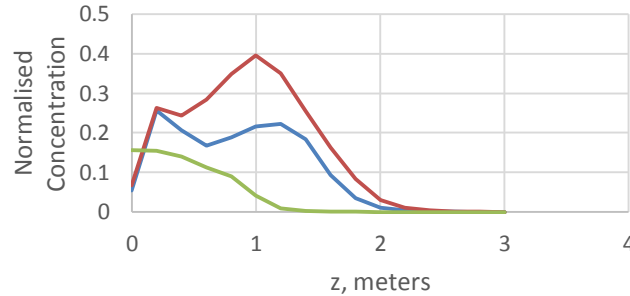
# Plots along x direction from 0m to 50m at $y=0m$ , $z=0.5m$



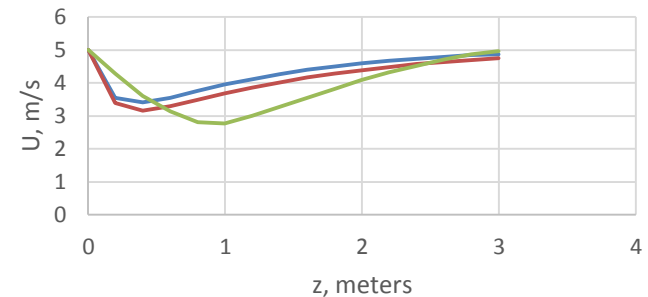
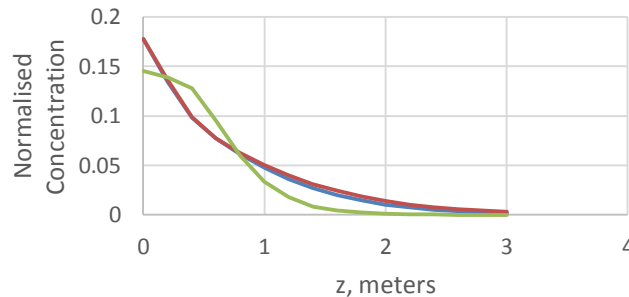


# Plots along z direction from 0m to 3m, $y=0m$

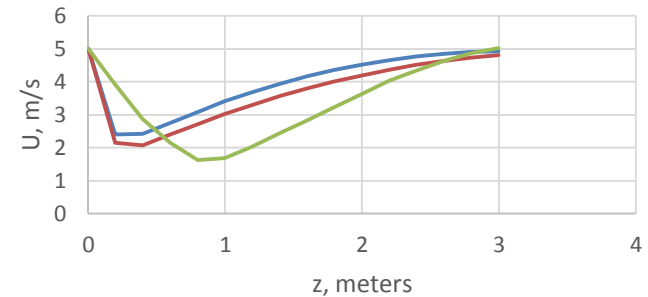
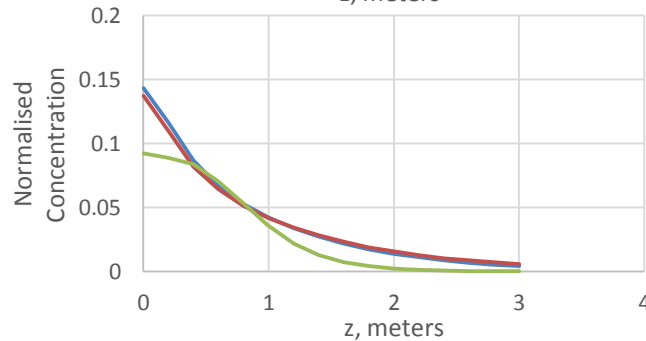
$x=2m$



$x=8m$



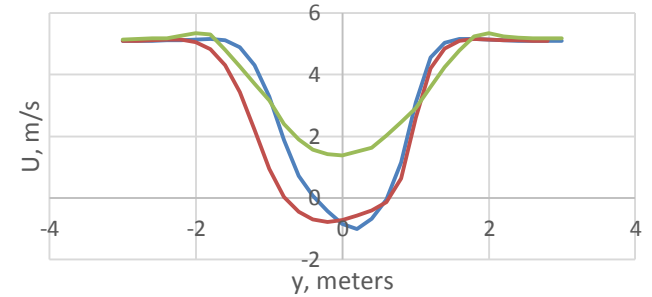
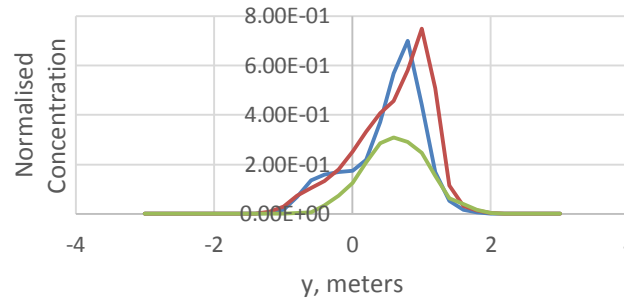
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- Ahmed
- Block
- traffic model

# Plots along y direction from -3m to 3m, z=0.5m

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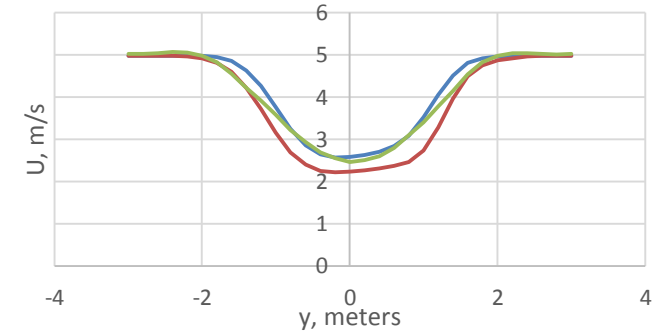
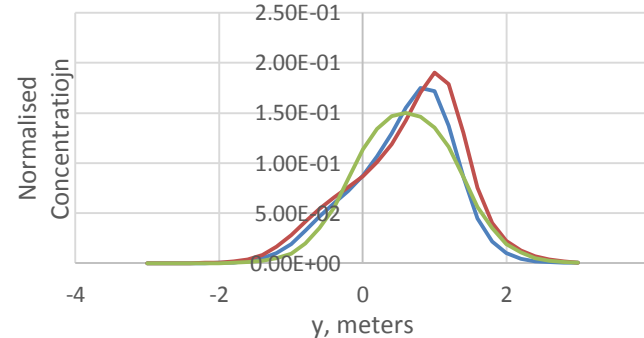


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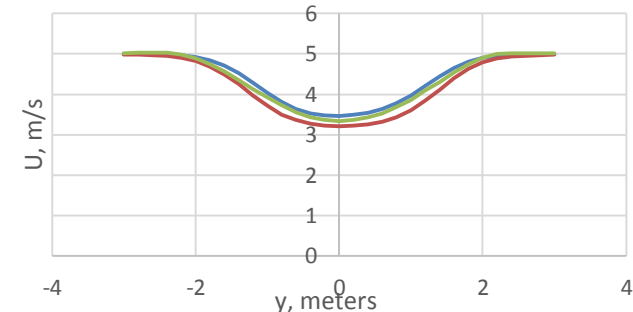
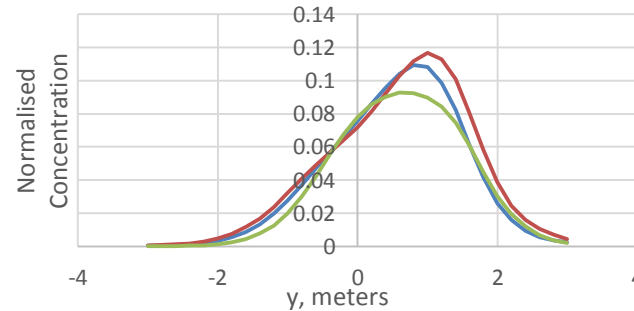
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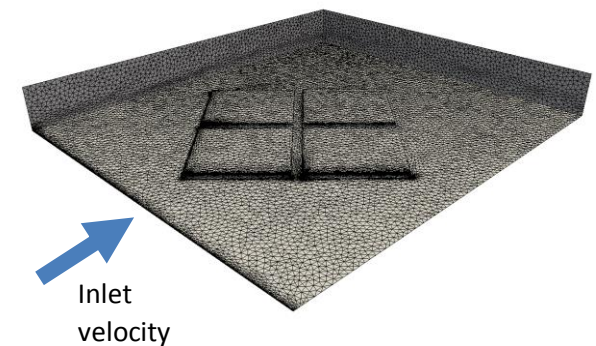
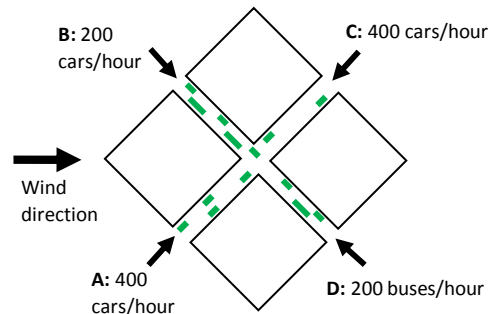
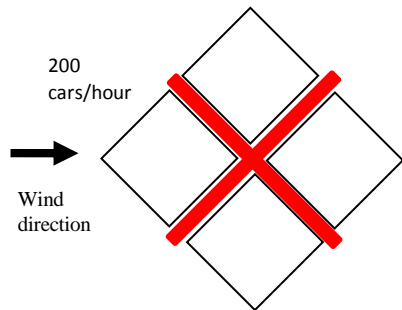


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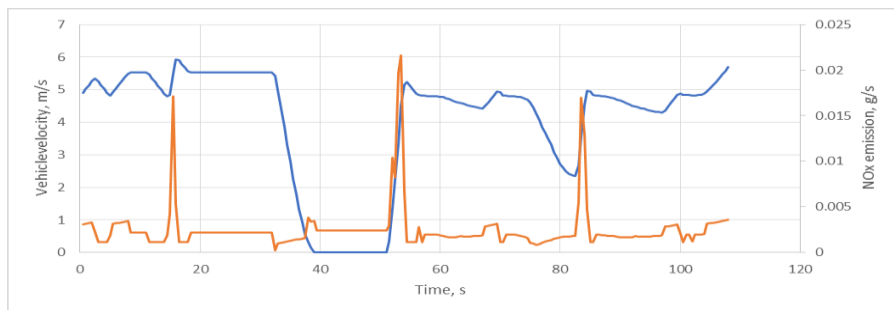


# Crossroad simulation

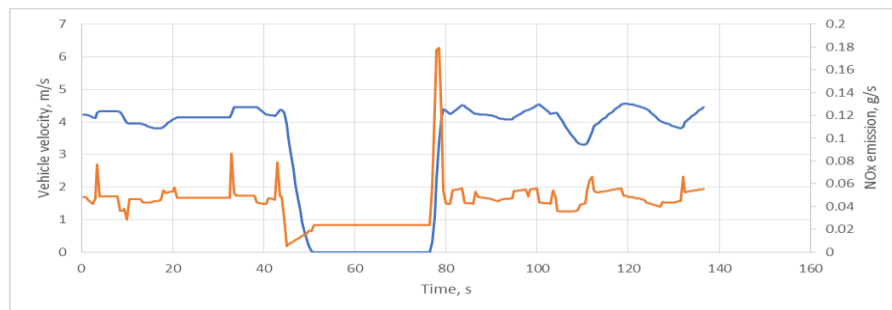
- Crossroads formed by the intersection of two canyons
- Comparison between line source model and traffic model with instantaneous emissions



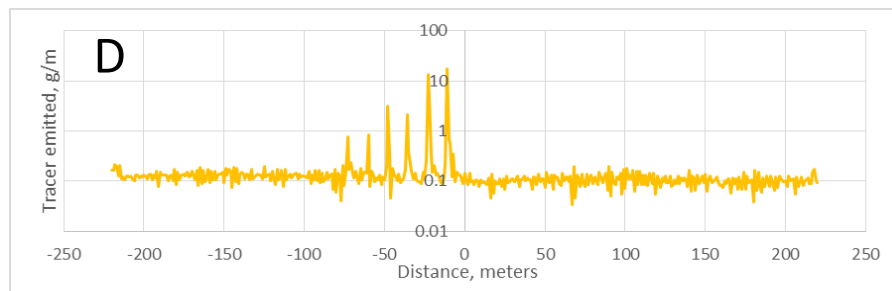
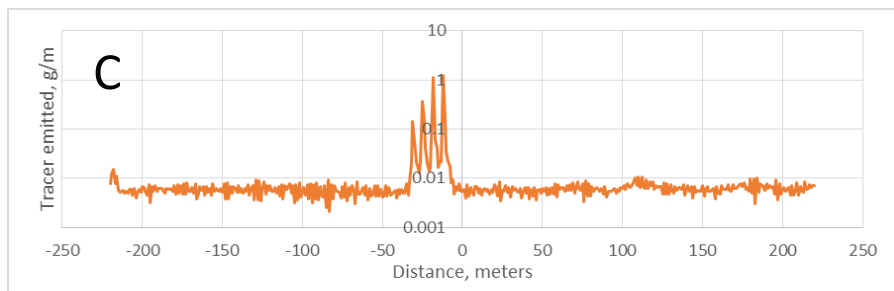
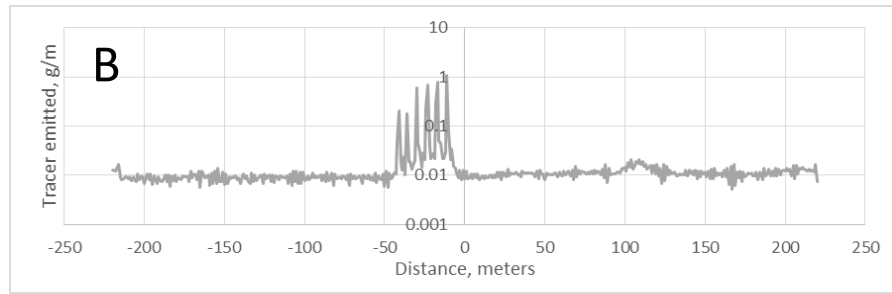
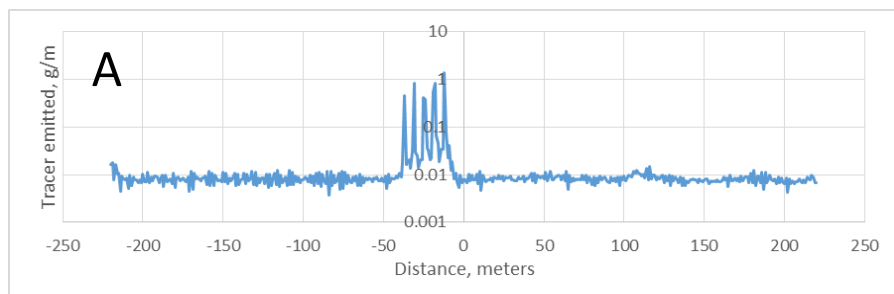
## Single car emissions



## Single bus emissions

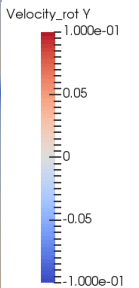
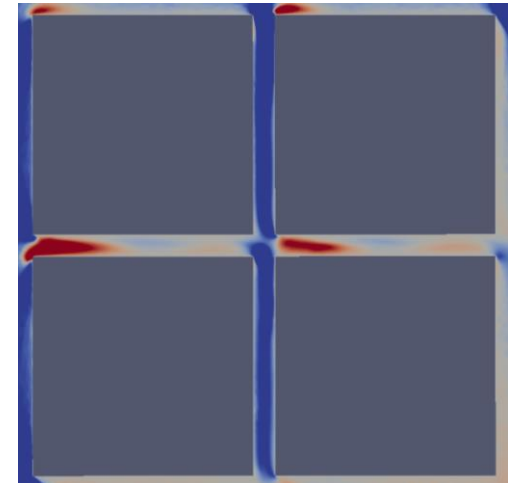
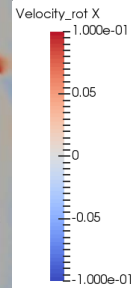
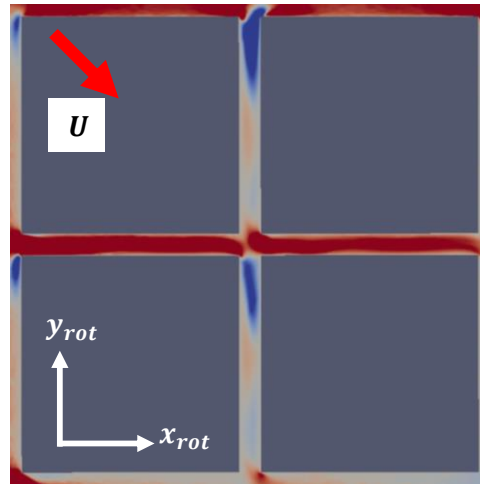


## Accumulative emissions (g/m)

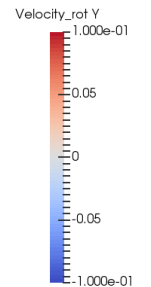
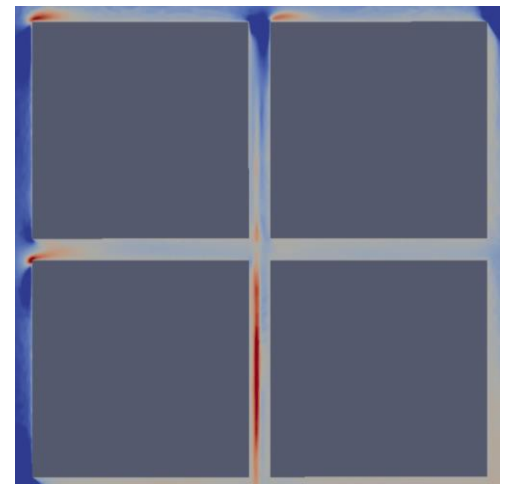
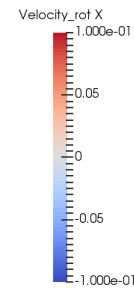
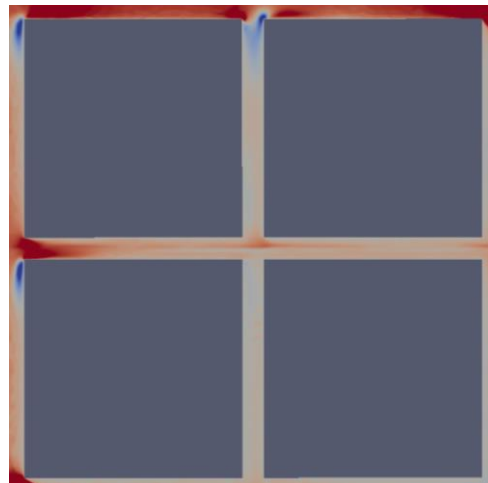


# Velocity fields

Line source



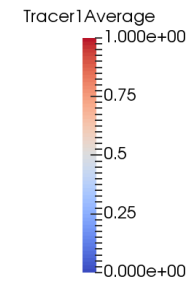
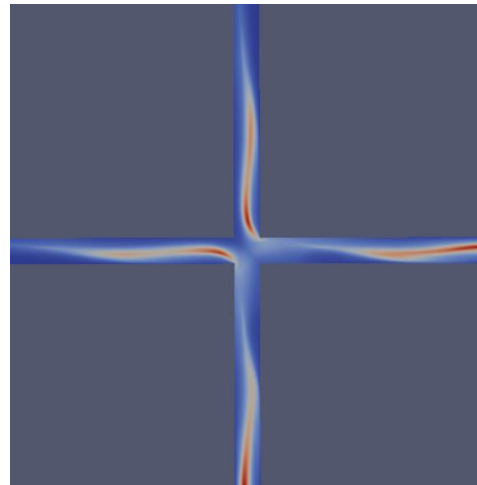
Traffic model



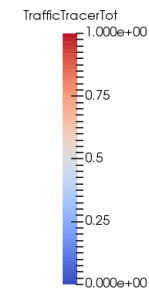
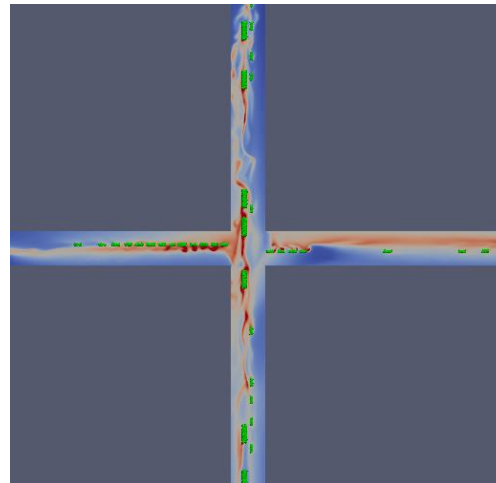


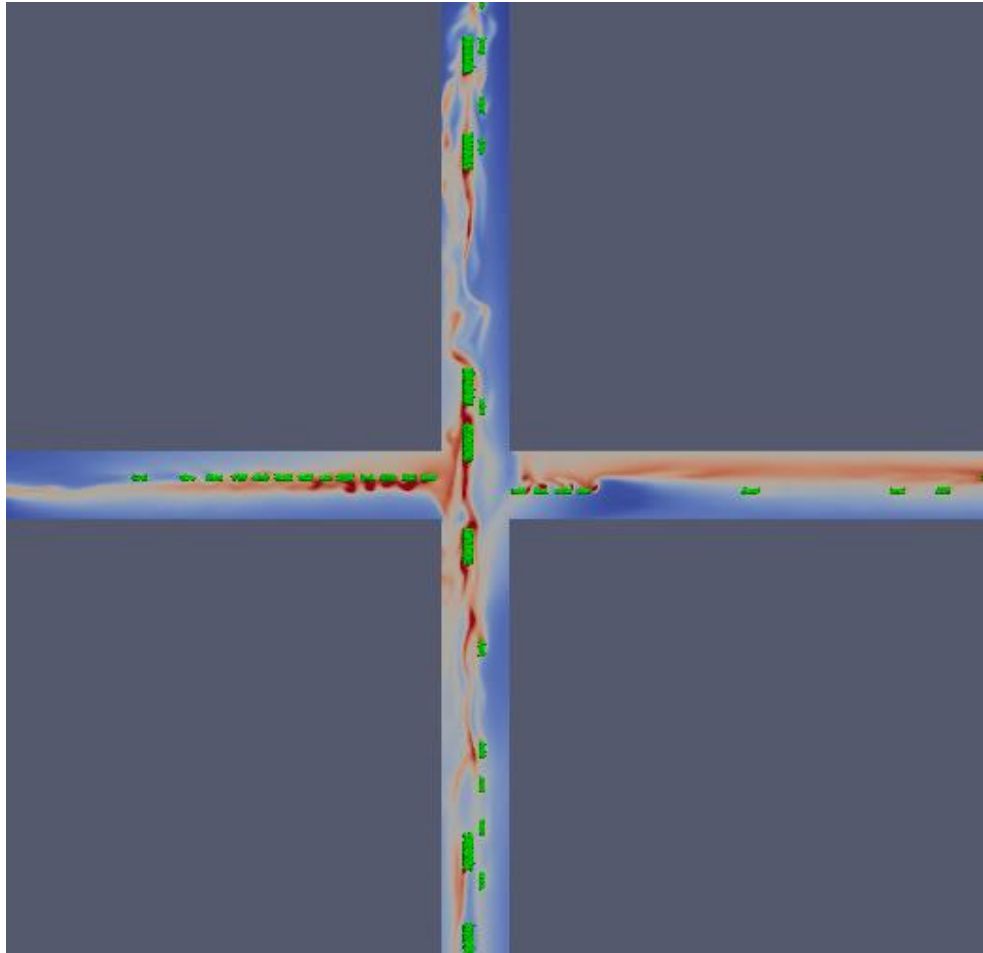
# Tracer dispersion

Line source



Traffic model





# Individual lane emissions

