

MODELLING FUTURE TRENDS IN URBAN NO₂ TO 2020: and some questions arising

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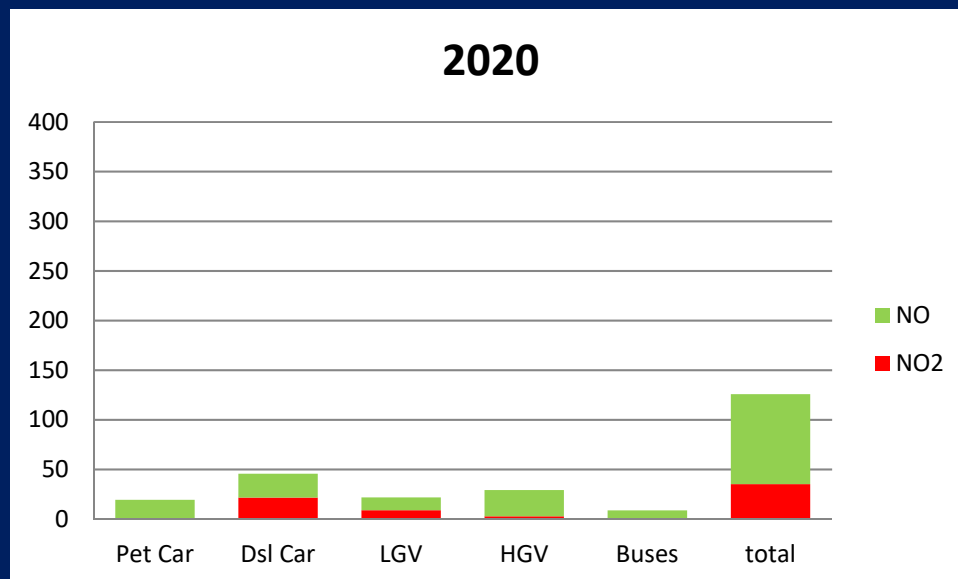
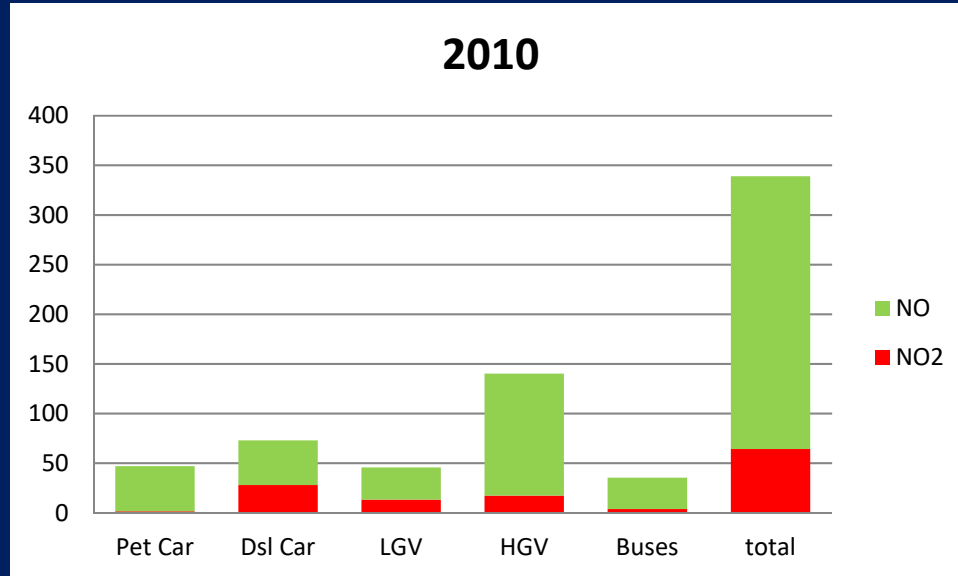
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		α -NO ₂
Petrol cars and LGVs	Pre-Euro 1	0.04
	Euro 1	0.04
	Euro 2	0.04
	Euro 3	0.03
	Euro 4	0.03
	Euro 5	0.03
	Euro 6	0.02
Diesel cars and LGVs	Pre-Euro 1	0.11
	Euro 1	0.11
	Euro 2	0.11
	Euro 3	0.25
	Euro 3 with DPF	0.35
	Euro 4	0.55
	Euro 5	0.5
	Euro 6	0.5
HGVs and buses	Pre-Euro I	0.11
	Euro I	0.11
	Euro II	0.11
	Euro III	0.14
	Euro IV	0.14
	Euro V	0.1
	Euro VI	0.1
Motorcycles	All	0.04

Primary NO₂ fractions (based on NAEI)

Source	α -NO ₂
Rail	0.15
Off-road (diesel)	0.15
Off-road (petrol)	0.04
Shipping	0.15
Aviation (LTO)	0.14
Aviation (cruise)	0.15
Nitric acid production	0.605
Chemical industry - nitric acid use	0.605
Stationary combustion	0.05



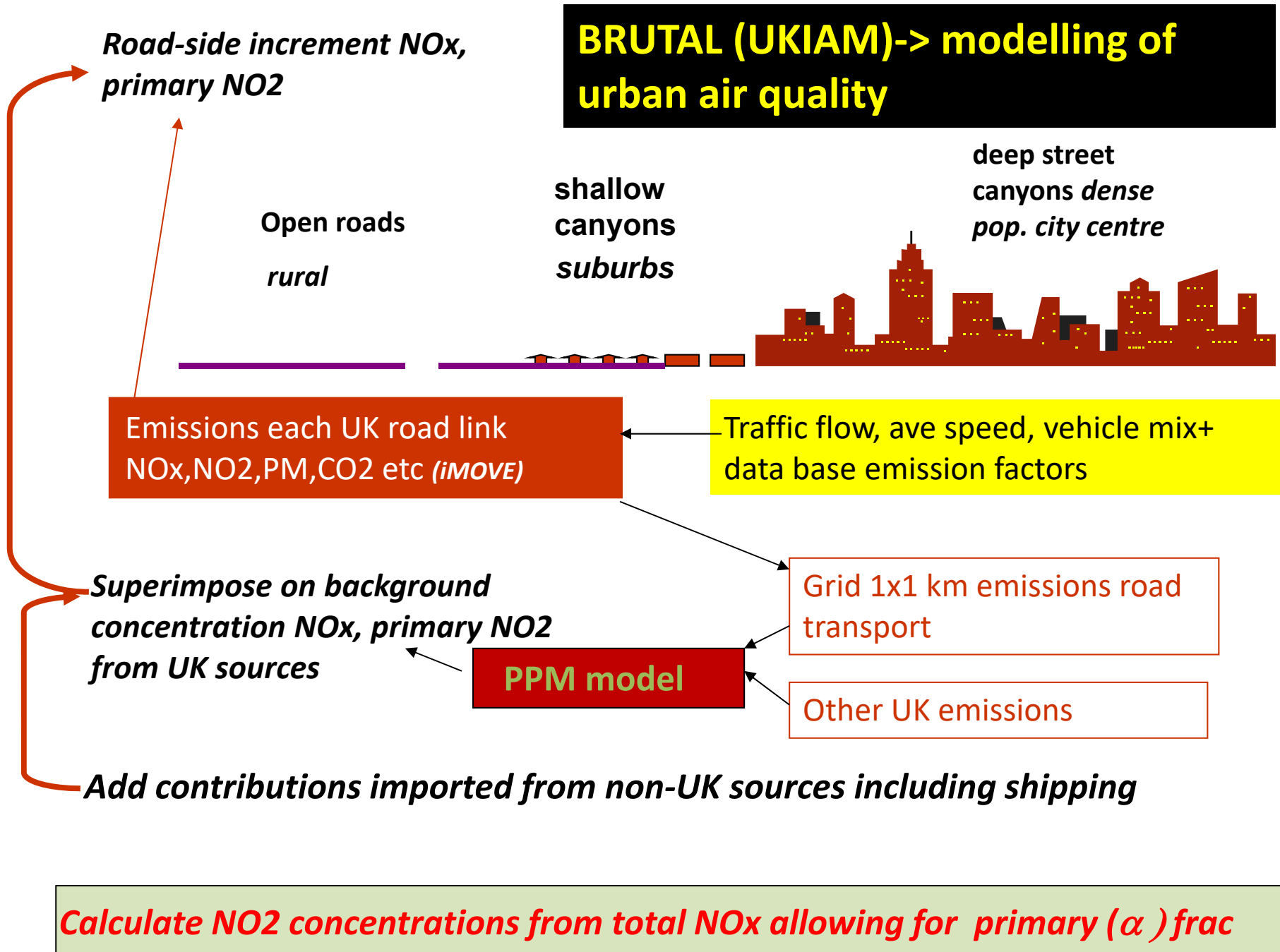
Road transport kt NOx

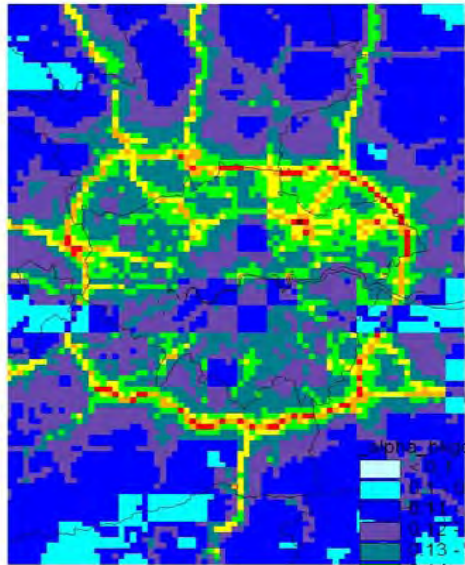
**Reduces substantially
from 2010 to 2020**

**But primary NO2
portion reduces less
~ 28 % in 2020**

***NB uncertainty real
world NOx from HGVs
e.g. TNO report : EuroV
3 times higher than
projected in city driving
conditions. (? Euro VI
test cycle)***

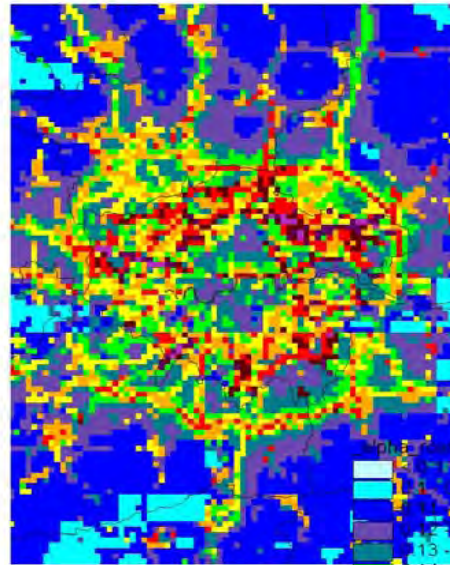
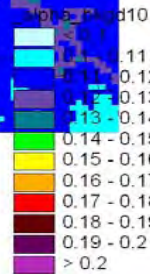
BRUTAL (UKIAM)-> modelling of urban air quality



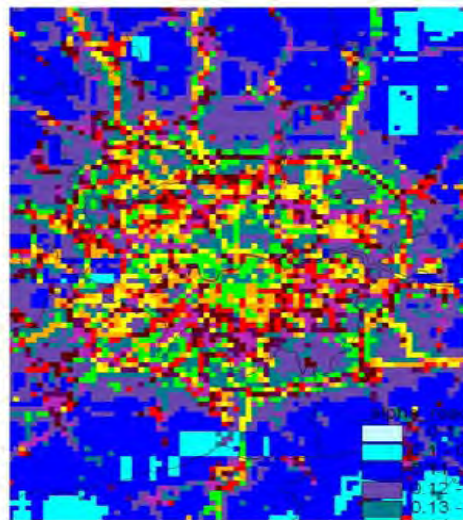
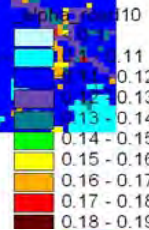


alpha (Background)
2010

Source: BRUTAL 24/02/10

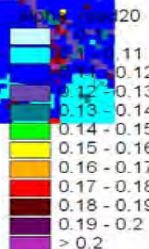


alpha (Roadside)
2010

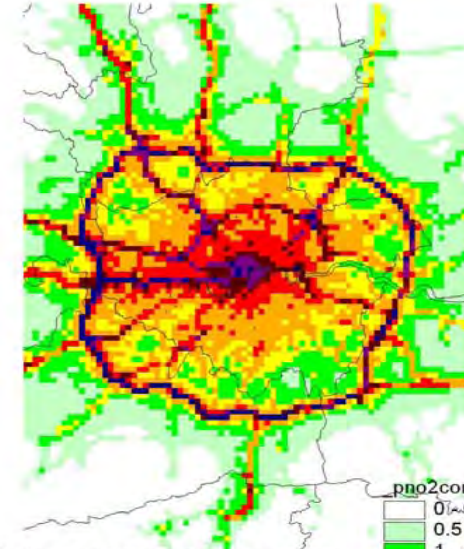


alpha (Roadside)
2020

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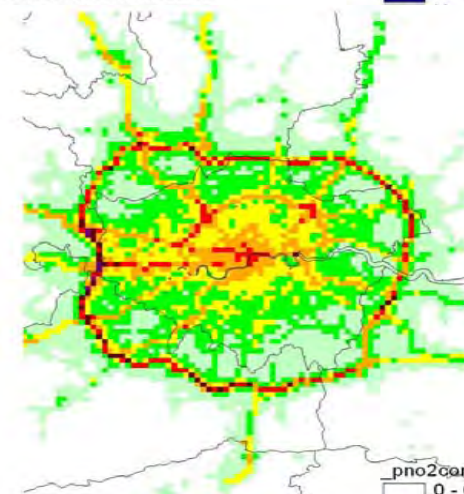
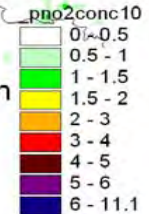


Fraction primary NO₂ varies in space & time: Higher along roads and increases to 2020. But overall reductions in NO_x still lead to lower overall primary NO₂ in 2020



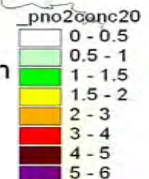
Primary NO₂ Concentration
(ug/m³)
2010

Source: BRUTAL 24/02/10



Primary NO₂ Concentration
(ug/m³)
2020

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Relationship between NO₂ and NO_x concentrations -> secondary NO₂ formation

Rural/suburban: *time for equilibrium fast chemistry->"photostationary state"*

Roadside: *adjust for short-time for chemistry to increase NO₂*



Figure 5.4. Distribution of total NO_x along the street after fast chemistry is activated. C is

$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

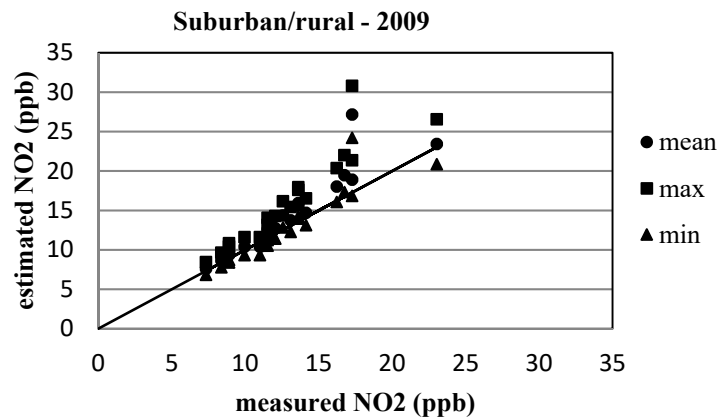
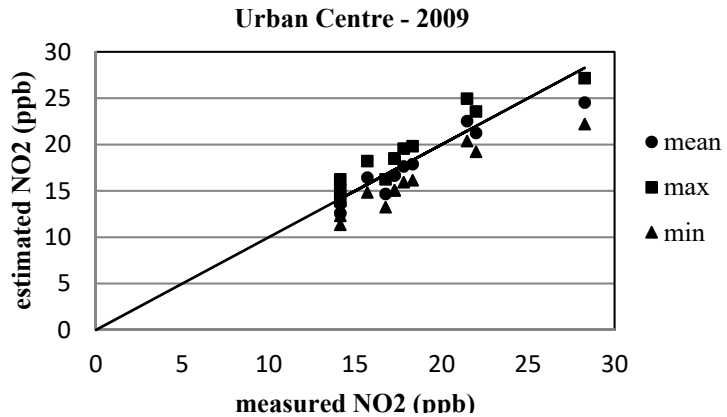
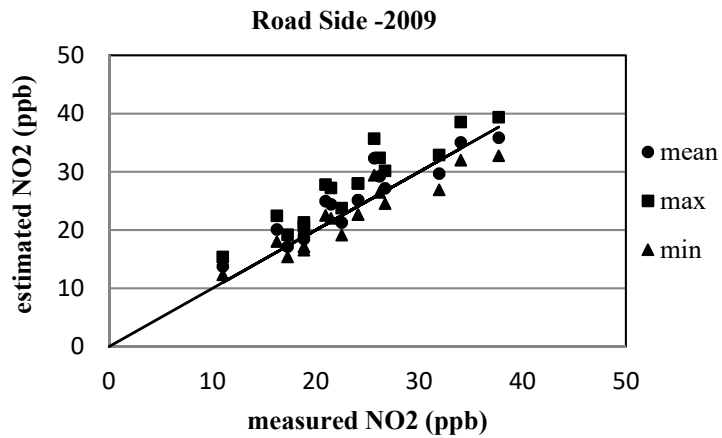


Urban centre (background) :
intermediate case

*Also allow for interannual variations;
high and low ozone/oxidant*

→ Alternative approach to Jenkin et al empirical relationship.

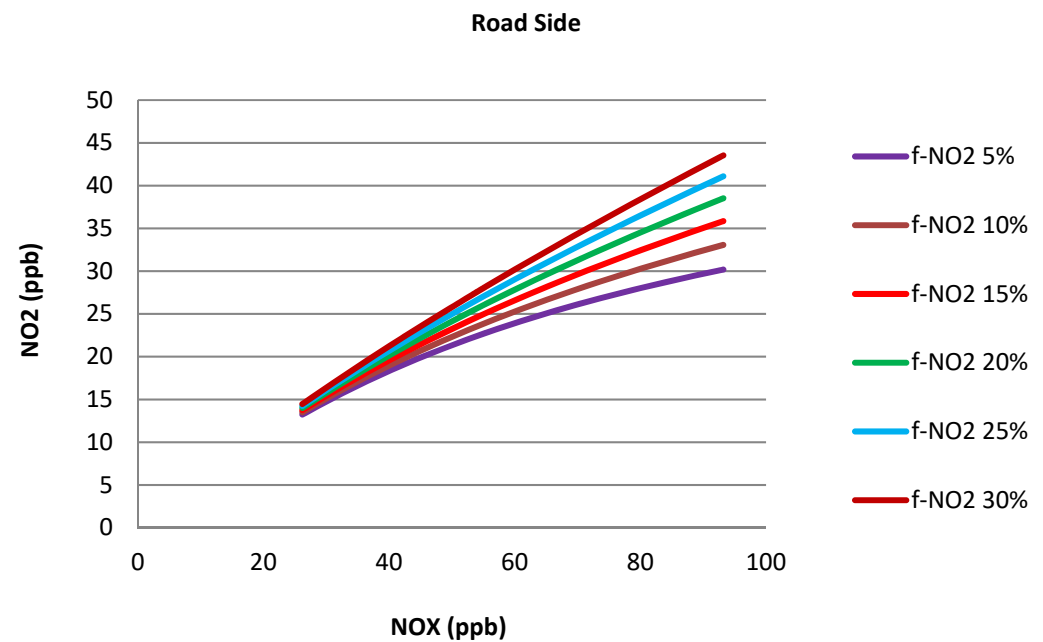
Quadratic equation for NO₂ as a function of NO_x, with parameters dependent on location (roadside etc), primary NO₂ fraction, background oxidant/O₃ -> best estimate and high and low values



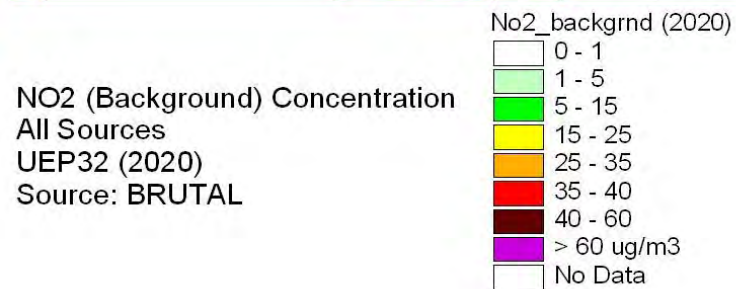
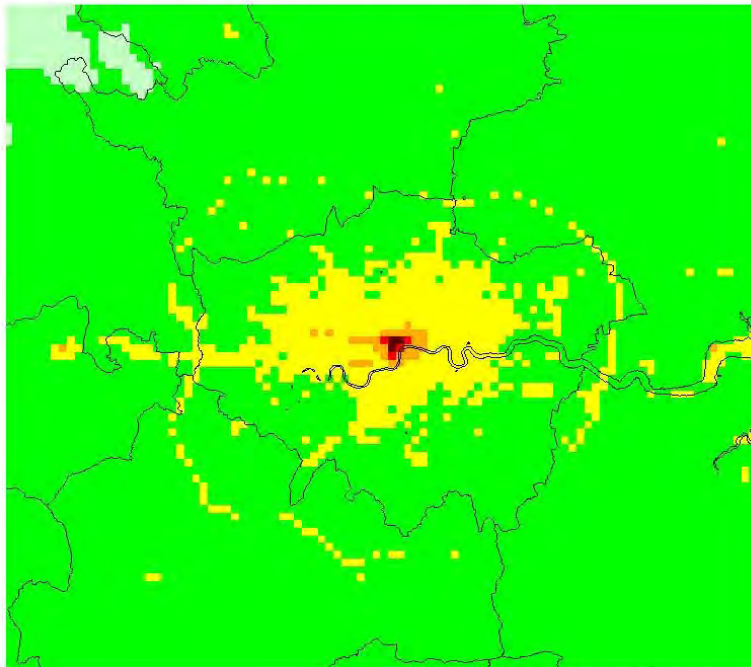
Compared against data 2005, 2009,2010

Generally represents measured data well (i.e.within min-max range) except for occasional sites where pessimistic

Sensitivity of NO2 v NOx to primary fraction α



NO2 Concentration (ug/m3)

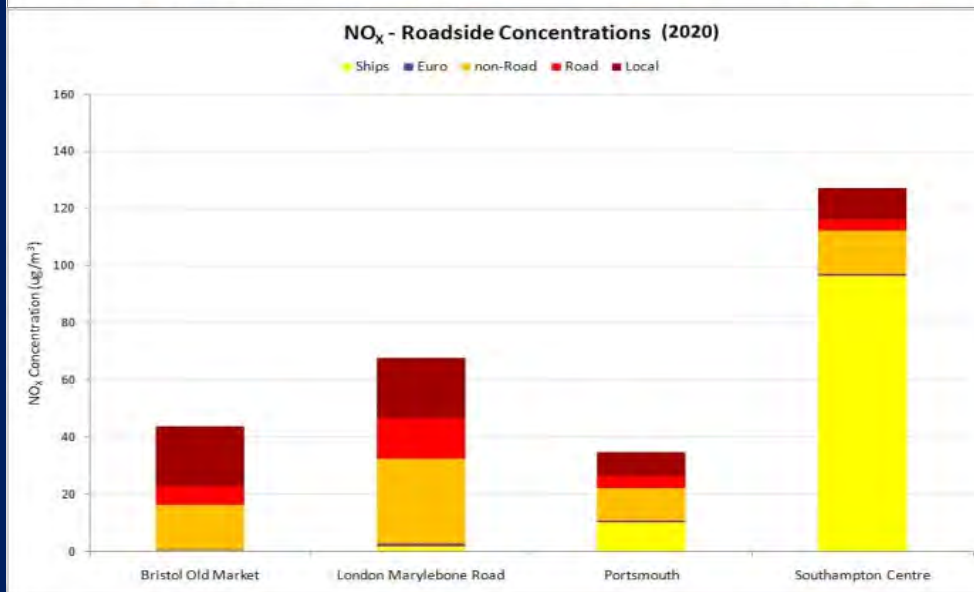
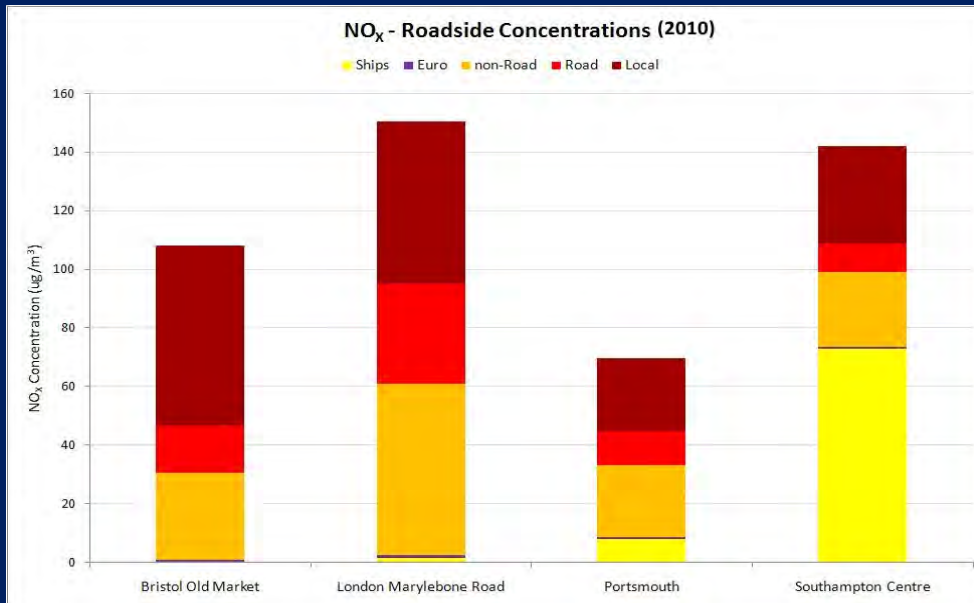


Projections to 2020

Big reduction in NO2.

But still one or two roads
close to AQ limit value.

Hence need to look at
uncertainties- e.g. re HGV
emissions.



SOURCE APPORTIONMENT

Contributions from non-road sources reduce as well as from road traffic.

Imported contributions from non-UK emissions small except for some ports where shipping may be increasingly important: needs to be investigated with more detailed modelling

CONCLUSIONS RE FUTURE NO₂

Projections imply large reduction in NO_x and hence reduction in NO₂ despite increasing proportion primary NO₂ from traffic

Real-world measurements (e.g. TNO) imply higher NO_x emissions Euro V HGVs (? and buses) in urban conditions than in current emission projections

For some ports shipping may be increasingly important

Model evaluation-> more uncertainty road-side concentrations where traffic mix crucial