

# **NO<sub>x</sub> from UK road transport: diesel car/LGV emissions and projections**

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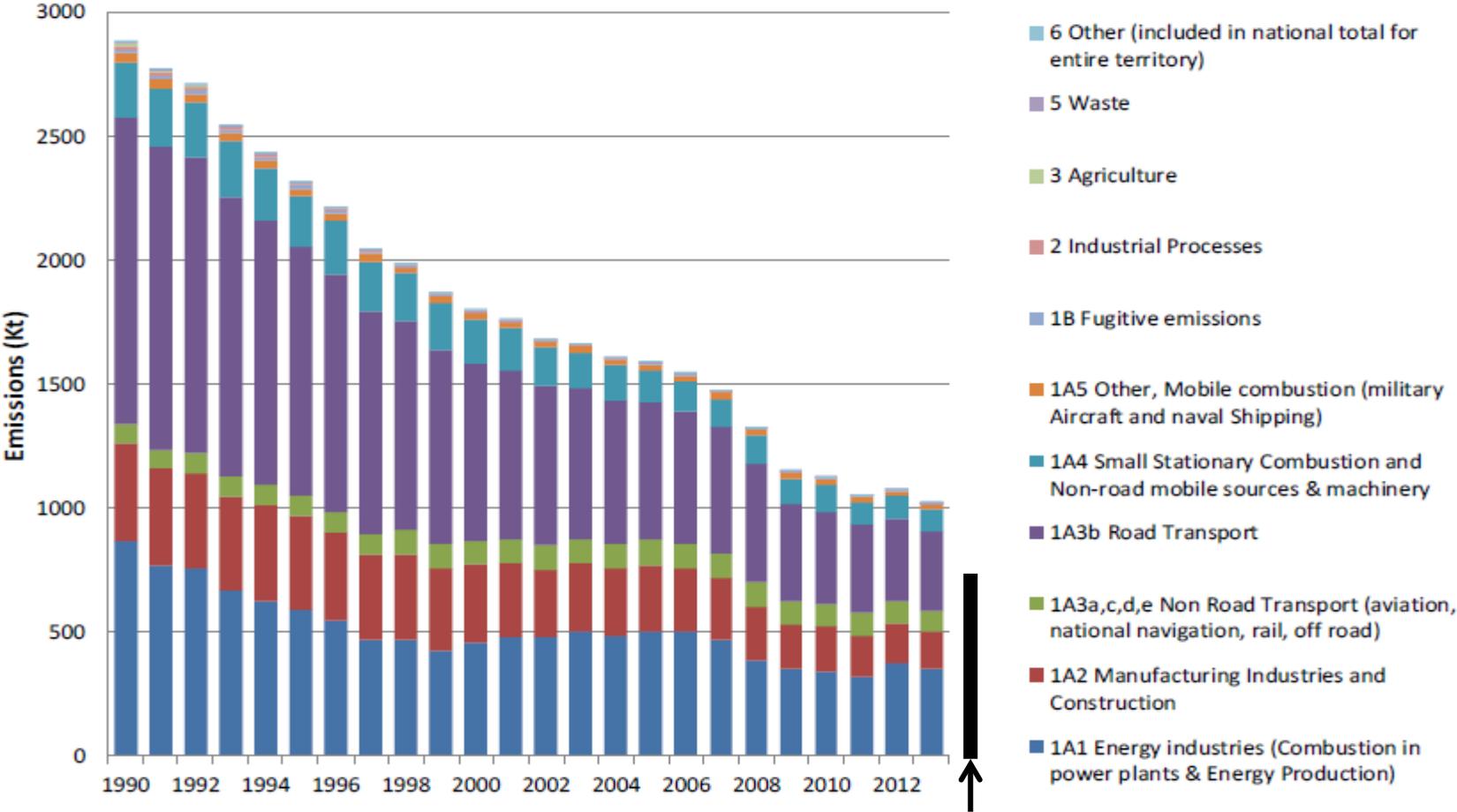
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PEMS data from Emissions Analytics**



- 1. Emission trends and projections, and contribution from diesel cars and LGVs**
- 2. PEMS observations of new Euro 6 vehicle NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
- 3. Conformity factors, Euro 6c and beyond**
- 4. Sensitivity studies for NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations**
- 5. New technologies and further work**

# Transport large proportion: diesel cars/LGVs a major part

Total UK Emissions of NOx (as NO<sub>2</sub>) by Source Sectors



Gothenburg 2020

## Euro 6 diesel cars

1. Euro 6 standard (test cycle) 80mg/km Nox
2. COPERT 4.10 EFs used in NAEI/UKIAM for Euro 6a as introduced now -> urban ave 225 to 250 mg/km *conformity factor ~ 3.0*
3. COPERT 4.11 EFs for tighter Euro 6c standards from 2017/2018 (based on PEMS testing) -> urban average ~120 mg/km  
*i.e. conformity factor 1.5*

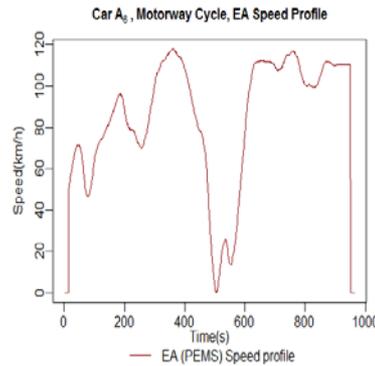
# Benefits of PEMS

- Real on-road testing using PEMS is a powerful research method
  - Authentic and cost effective
  - Works on all vehicle types
  - No permanent vehicle modification required
  - Flexible location
  - High rate of data acquisition – 1 Hertz
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- Measures CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and THC



# Analysis: comparison PEMS & COPERT

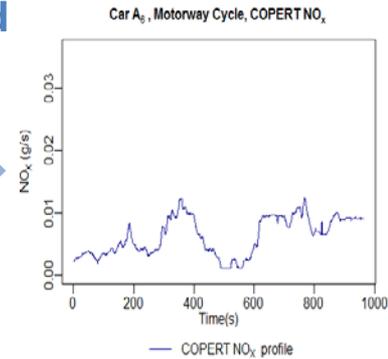
## 1. Cycle selected by GPS



## 2. Test cycle speed profile fed into iMove

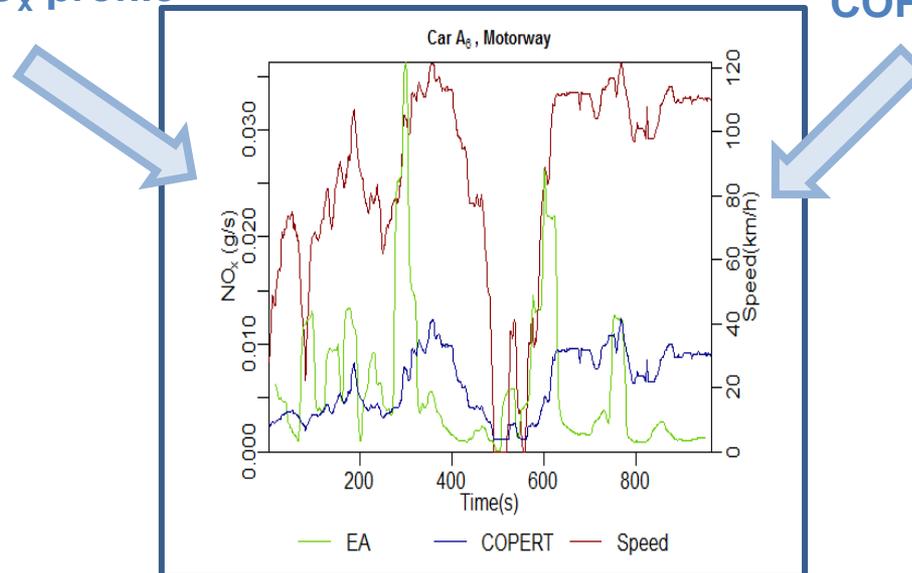


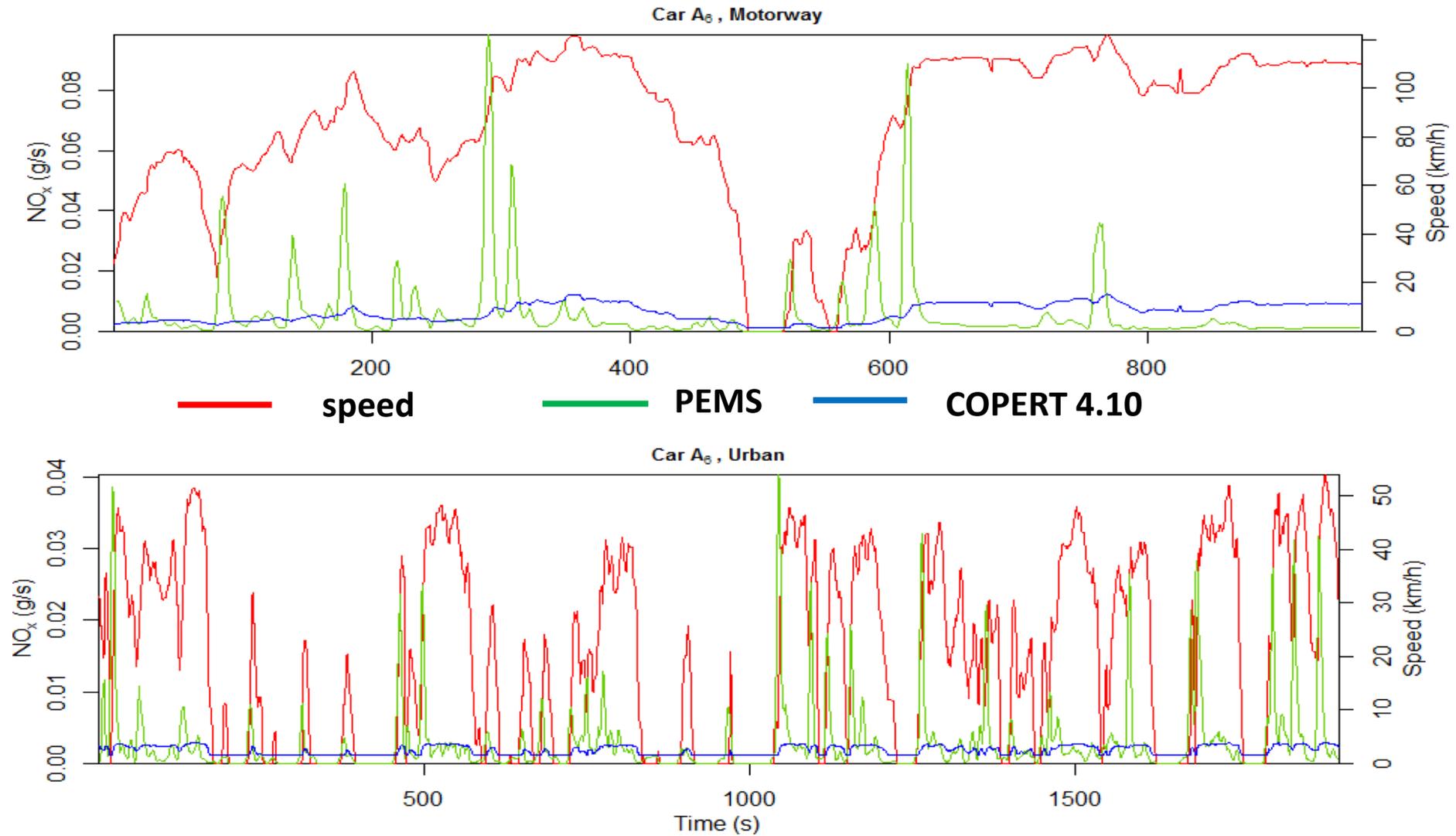
## 3. iMove generates CO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> profile from COPERT v.4.10



## PEMS CO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> profile

## COPERT CO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> profile



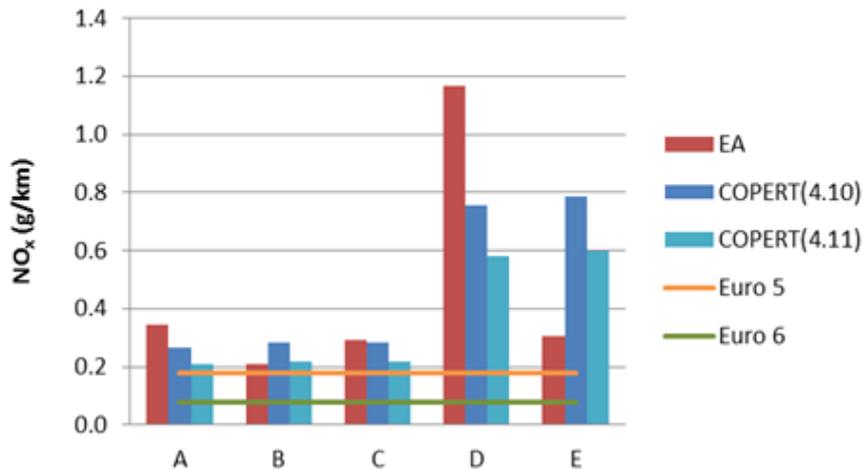


**Temporal pattern: poor correlation with speed; coincidence of peaks with acceleration**  
*-> comparison with more detailed model such as EnViVer*

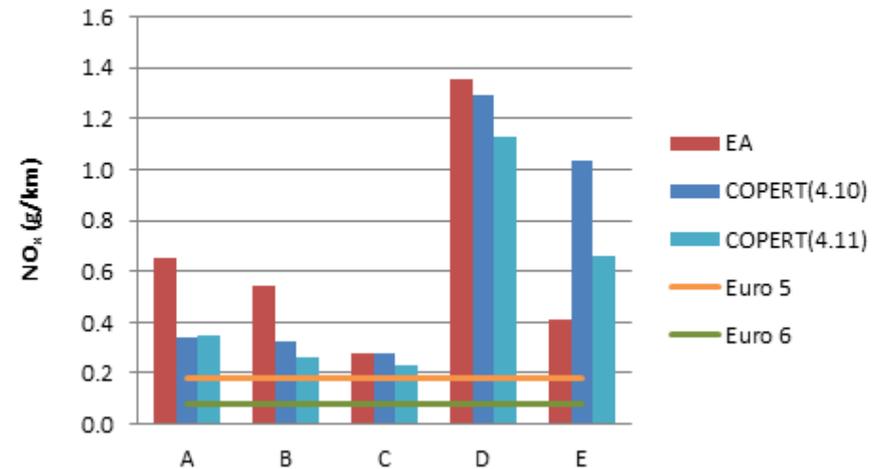
# Average NO<sub>x</sub> Emission

- Diesel cars: A,B,C Euro 6, D&E Euro 5: No vehicle met the Euro Standard (? even tighter Euro 6c standard feasible?)
- Seemed to be improvement from 5 -> 6 (especially on motorways)
- COPERT returned reasonable estimates for NO<sub>x</sub>, sometimes overestimate, sometimes underestimate

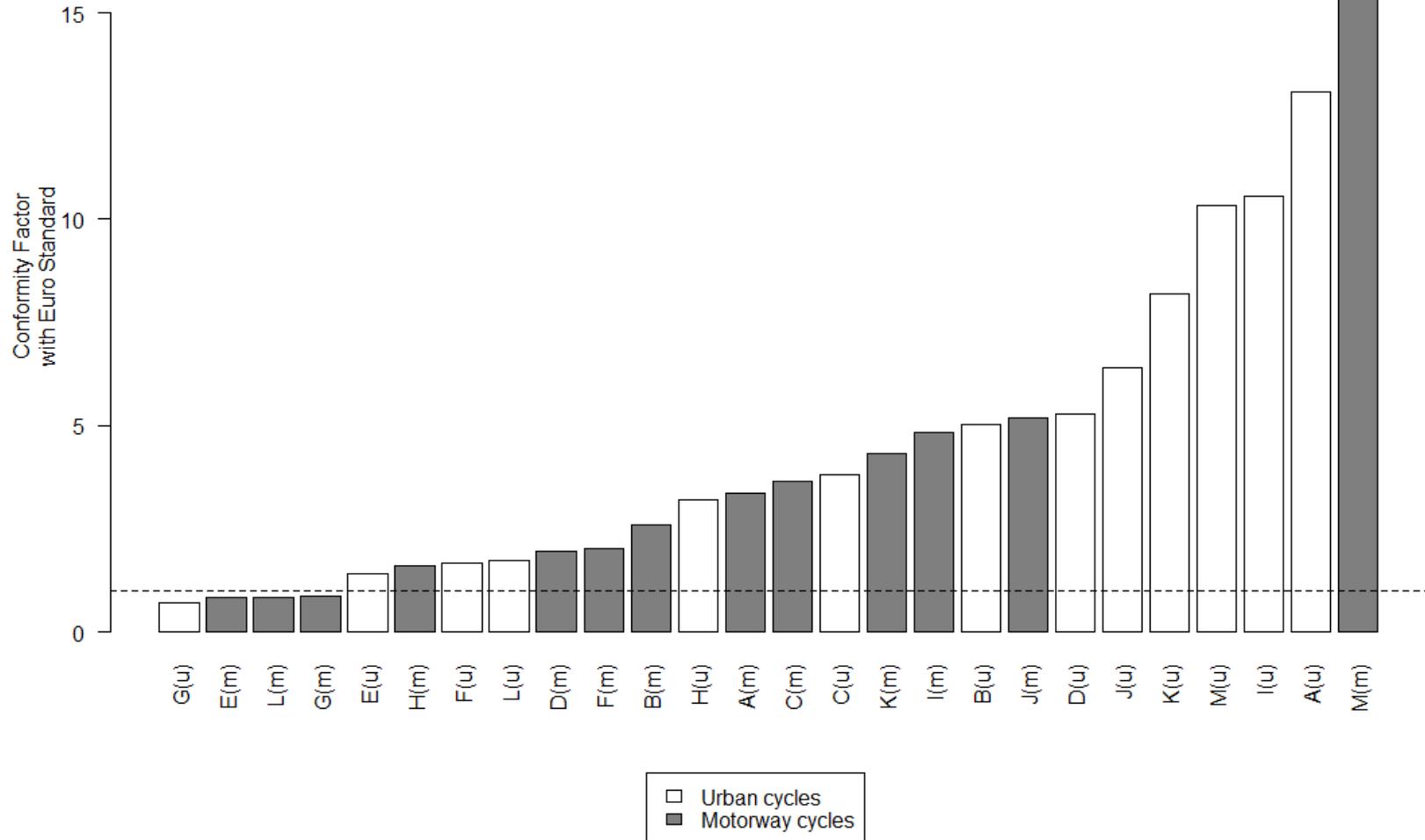
Average NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (g/km), Motorway Cycle



Average NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (g/km), Urban Cycle

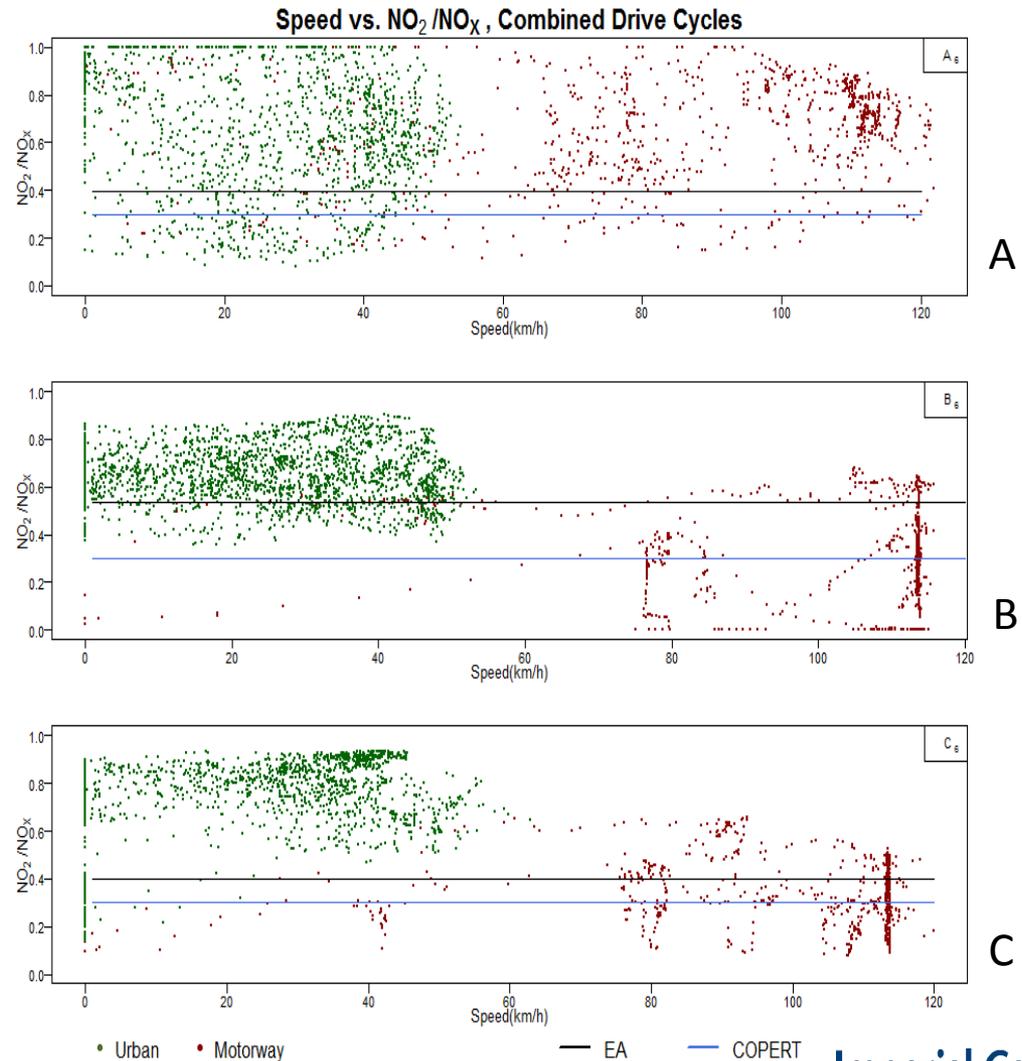


# Variation in conformity factors Euro 6 diesel cars

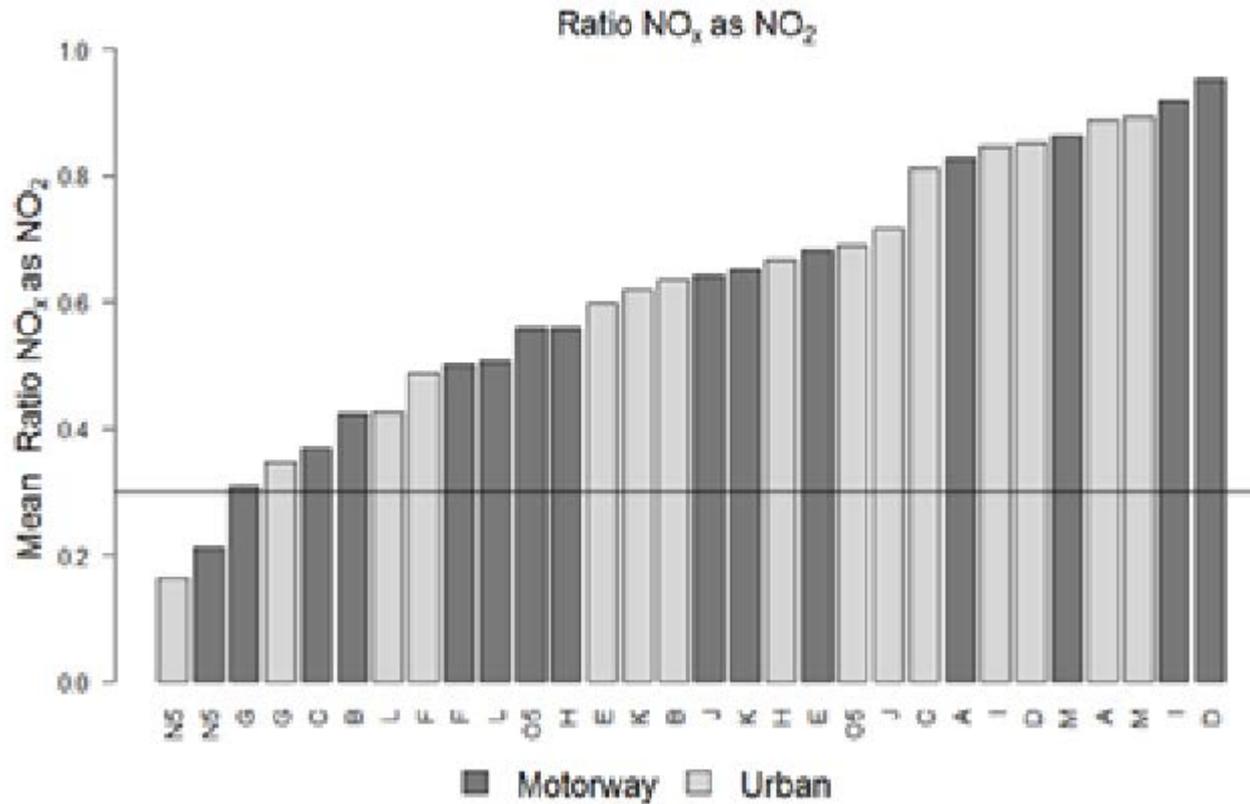


# NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio as a function of speed

- No consistent relationship is found between NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio and speed
- COPERT underestimates primary NO<sub>2</sub> emissions in urban areas where public exposure is greatest
- Some cars very high % of primary NO<sub>2</sub> in urban areas
- COPERT v4.11 assumes a ratio of 0.3 for diesel passenger Euro 6 cars



# Average fractions primary NO<sub>2</sub>: motorway/urban

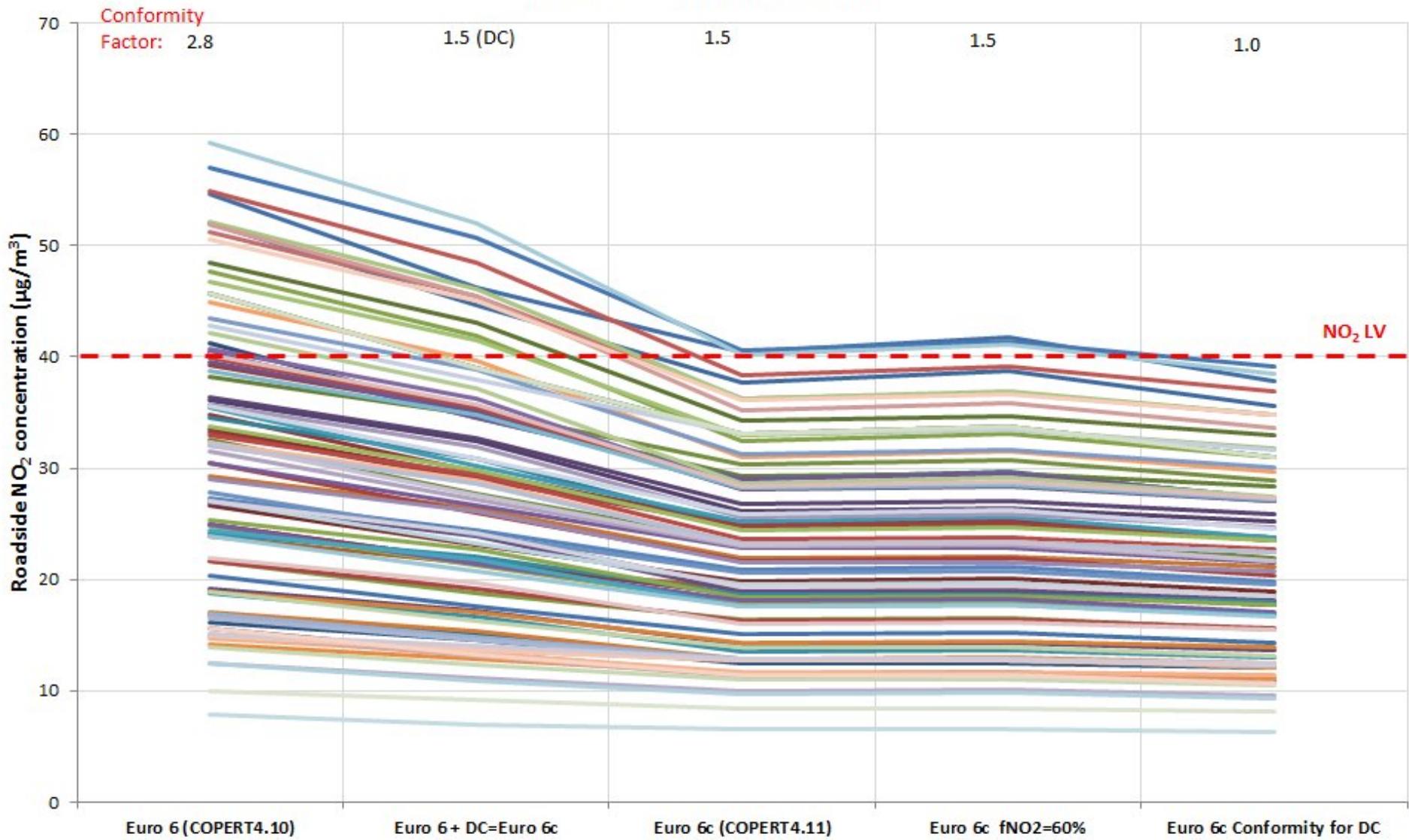


# Scenario analysis: road side NO<sub>2</sub>

*Assembly of urban roads: different traffic flows, vehicle mixes, speeds and background modelled by UKIAM/BRUTAL*

1. **Baseline assuming Euro 6a emissions from COPERT 4.10.**
2. **Diesel cars in 1 changed to Euro 6c emissions from COPERT 4.11**
3. **All diesel cars, taxis, LGVs with Euro 6c emissions COPERT 4.11**
4. **As 3 but with higher fNO<sub>2</sub> of 0.6 instead of 0.3**
5. **As 3 but assuming further scaling of diesel emissions to CF =1.0**

### Sensitivity studies for roadside NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations based upon different COPERT representations (for diesel cars, taxis and LGVs)



# Conclusion: big concern about future Euro 6

## Further work

**PEMS:** differences in control technologies  
other vehicles including hybrids  
driver behaviour, stop-start, congestion  
comparison instantaneous emission models e.g.  
PHEM, EnViVer, AIRE

**UKIAM/BRUTAL:** preliminary results->  
NO<sub>2</sub> sensitivity studies for selection of roads, including  
modelling of roadside NO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> relationship, canyon effects  
etc.

Microscale modelling junctions etc.