

MOVES2010: Information for Transportation Modelers

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What is MOVES2010?

- **Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator**
- **Estimates emissions & energy use from mobile sources**
 - Emissions used for inventories and air quality models
 - Accounts for changing standards, local conditions, etc.
 - Updates required by Clean Air Act
- **Highway version released December 2009**
 - Replaces MOBILE6.2 as EPA's official car & truck emissions model for SIPs and conformity determinations

MOVES – Primary Users

- **U.S. EPA**
 - Uses MOVES to estimate emission results of proposed rules, other policies.
 - Uses MOVES when creating national inventories of air pollutants
- **States**
 - **Must** use MOVES to model effects of “State Implementation Plans” (SIPs) required by Clean Air Act.
- **Cities**
 - **Must** use MOVES to model effects of transportation plans to demonstrate “transportation conformity” with SIPs.
- **Others**
 - Will use MOVES to model policy impacts.
 - Will use MOVES in vehicle emission research.

Why MOVES?

- Under development since 2000
- Developed in response to National Academy of Science recommendations
- Replaces existing MOBILE6.2 model and expands capabilities
 - Estimates energy consumption & GHGs
 - Allows project-level modeling
- New state-of-the art software framework
 - MOBILE6 code built on 1978 design & code
 - MOVES uses Java & MYSQL code & MYSQL database
 - Now easily incorporates data from variety of sources

MOVES is Based on Latest Data

- **Light duty emissions based on review of millions of measurements of cars and light trucks**
 - Landmark study of gasoline PM in Kansas City
 - First use of portable emission measurement systems (PEMs) to capture on-road heavy-duty truck emissions
 - Much of the car and light truck data came from Inspection/Maintenance programs
- **Heavy duty emissions based on substantial new data**
 - Data from more than 400 in-use trucks
 - M6 only had engine data from certification tests
 - Includes data on HD extended idle (“hotelling”) and crankcase ventilation
 - Better information on speed effects and vehicle deterioration

New Features Since Draft MOVES2009

- Added SO₂, NH₃, NO₂ & NO
- On-the-fly fuel adjustments
- Improved fuel importer
- External looping tool
- Road grade for project level
- Run-time speed improvements
- JAVA 6 & MySQL updates
- Improved installer tool
- Converters to help translate MOBILE6 inputs to MOVES
- Improved interface
 - IM Editor
 - Pollutant/Process screen
- Importer for daily VMT
- Improved Project Level Calculations
- Expanded Lookup Table
 - Now for evap & starts too
- Rate of Progress Calculation tool

Major changes to Defaults Since Draft MOVES2009

- Exhaust emission rate improvements
- Fuel effect updates
- Updated VMT and LD vehicle sales
- New default driving cycles
- Improved gas/diesel mix
- Removed most alt fuel options
 - Clearer message on lack of alt fuel emissions data
- Motorcycle emissions and activity

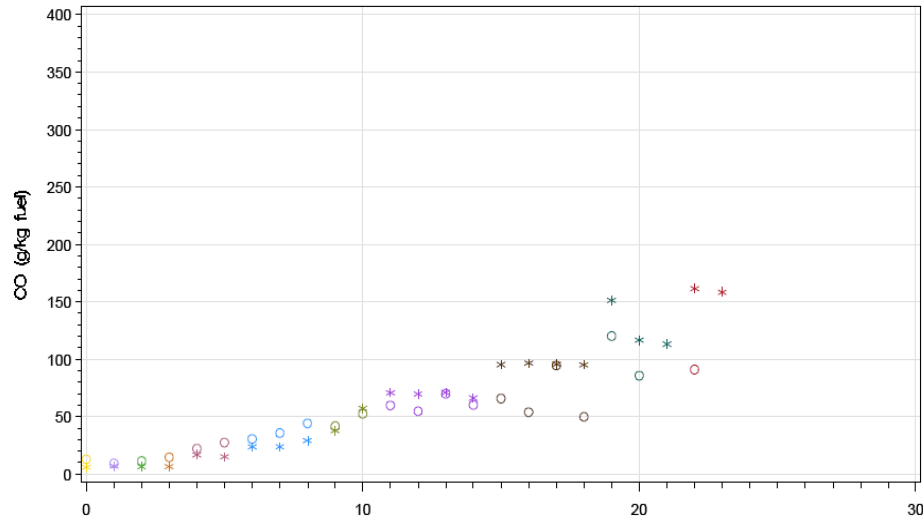
MOVES Validation

MOVES Results	Compared Against Independent Data
Light-duty gasoline exhaust rates	Atlanta Remote Sensing Data Chicago I/M and Remote Sensing Data EPA In-Use Verification Program Kansas City Gasoline Vehicle Program
Light-duty evaporative rates	CRC E-77
Heavy-duty diesel emission rates	CRC E-55 (NOx) Purdue / Borman Expressway Data (PM)
Energy consumption	FHWA Fuel Sales data

LD Validation Example

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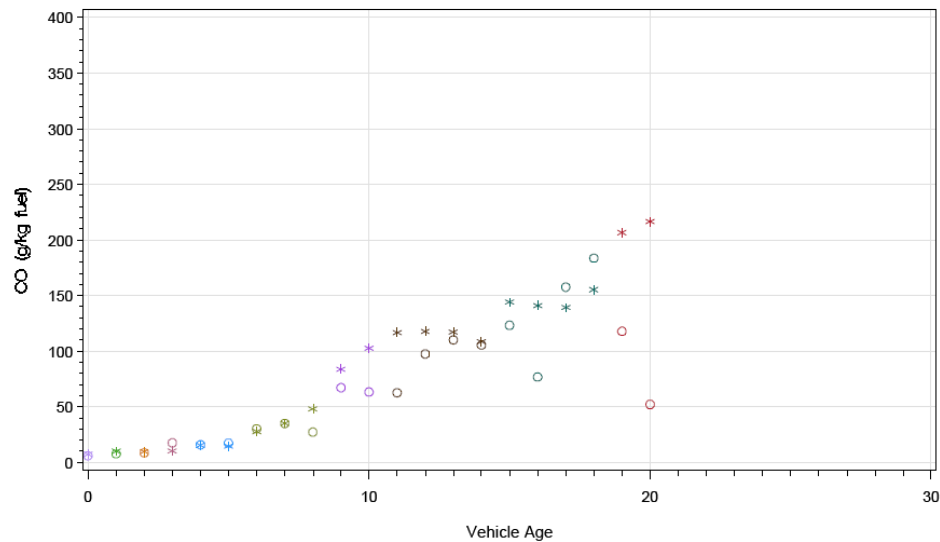
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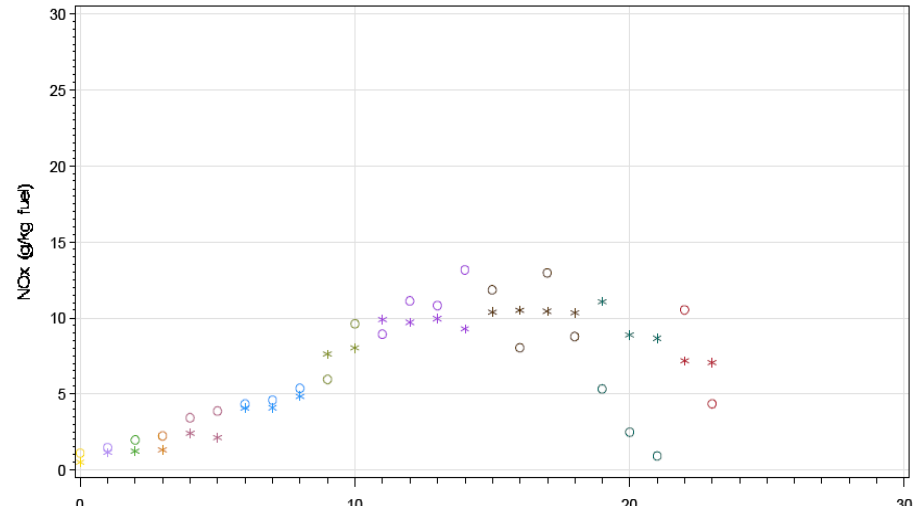
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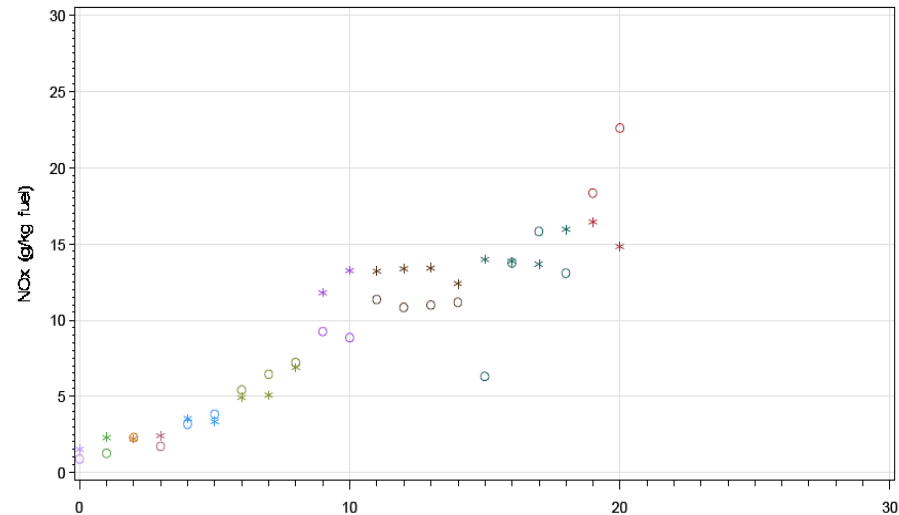
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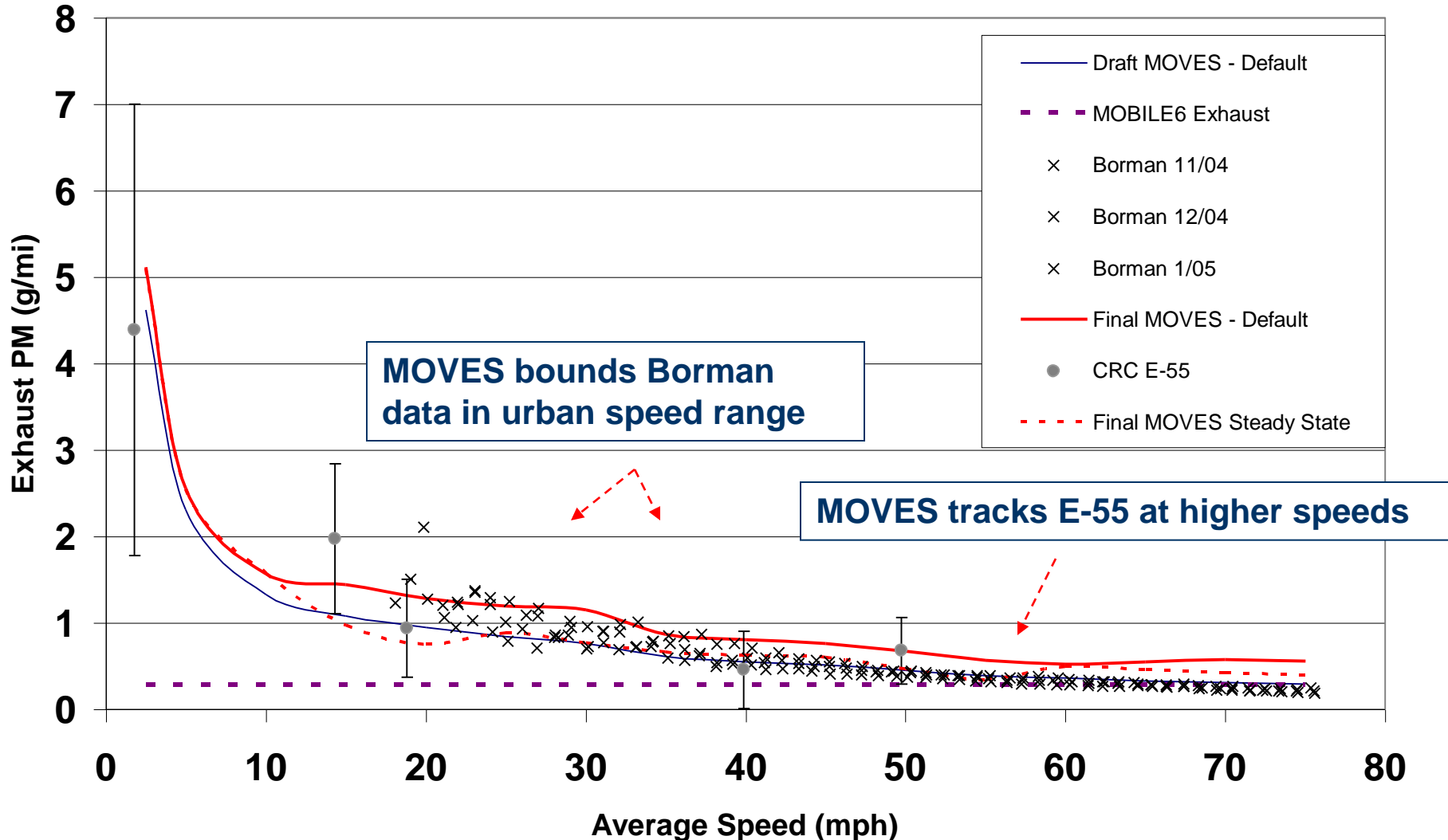
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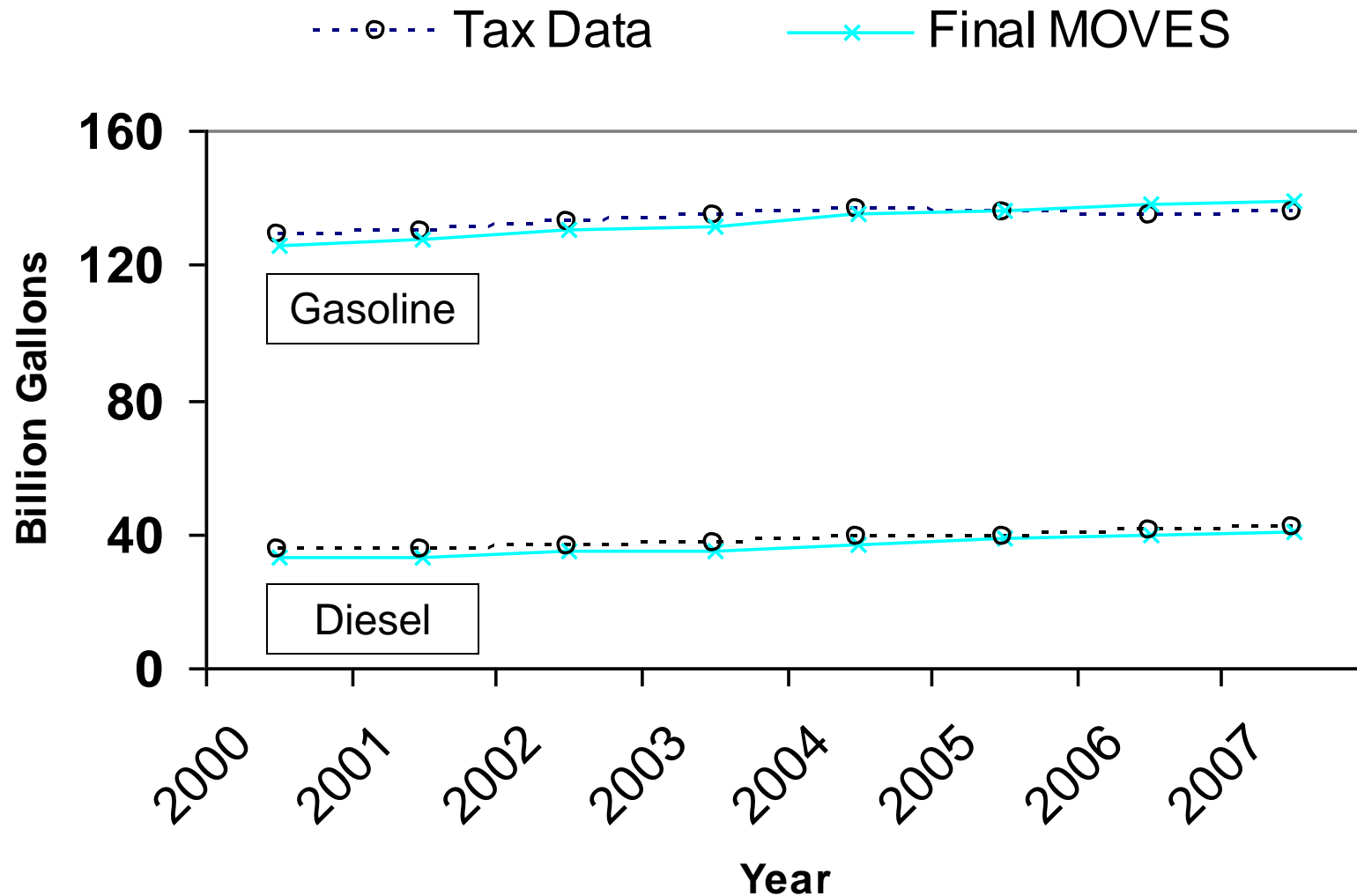
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MOVES Calendar Year 2005 HDD Exhaust PM_{2.5}

independent verification vs. Borman Expressway Monitoring Results



National Fuel Consumption Comparison

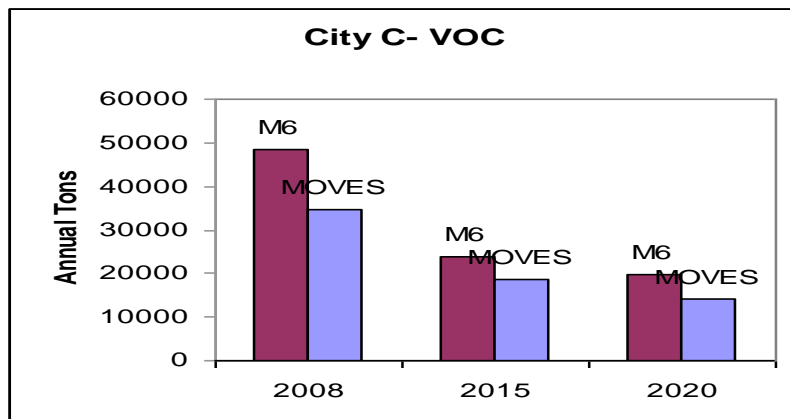
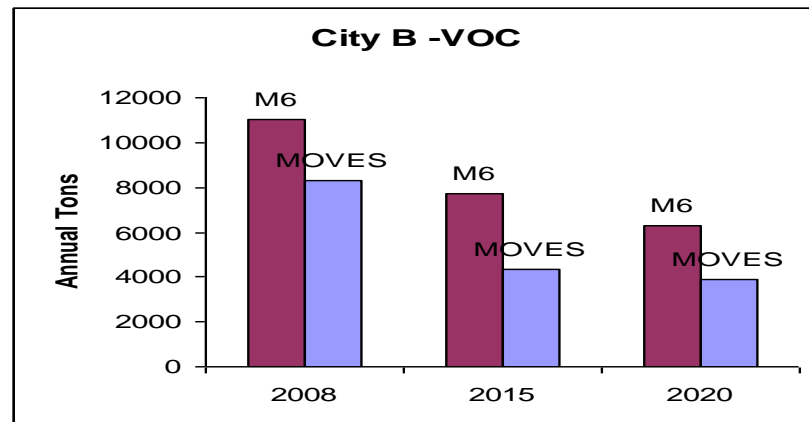
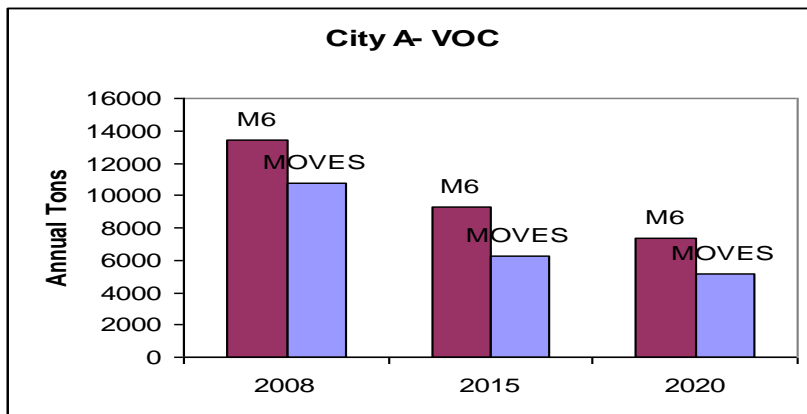


How does MOVES Change our Understanding of On-road Emissions?

- **Compared MOVES2010 and MOBILE6 estimates for three sample urban counties**
 - O₃ and PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas
 - Different climates, LD/HD mix
 - Used NMIM inputs rather than full SIP-level analysis
- **Results show MOVES has:**
 - Higher NO_x
 - Higher PM
 - Lower HC
 - Often greater percent reduction over time

MOVES vs. MOBILE6.2

Example Cities: VOC

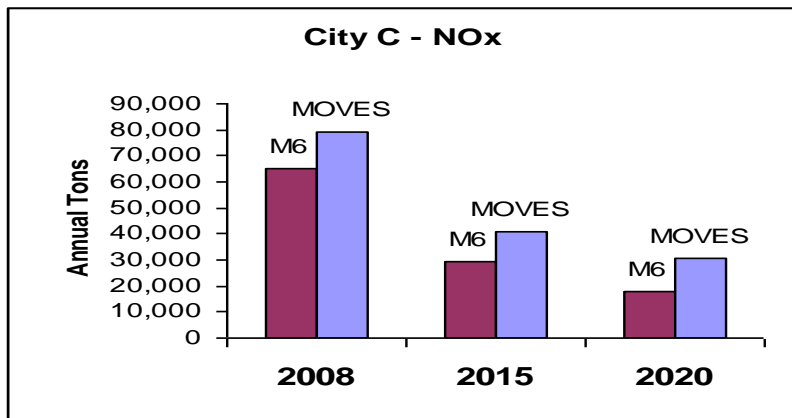
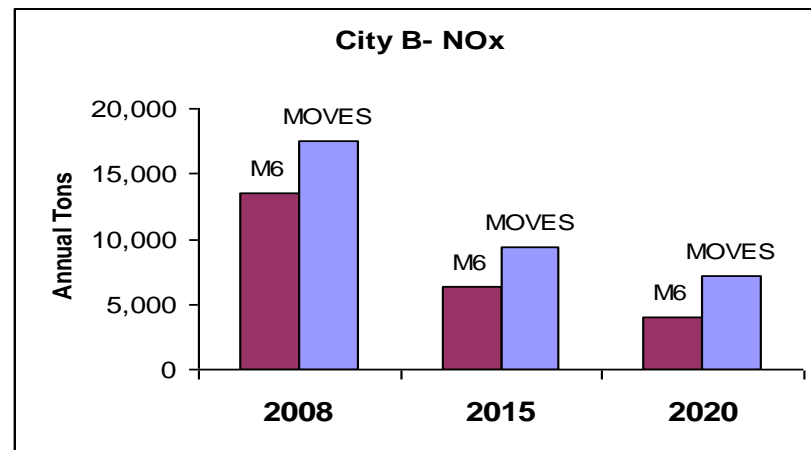
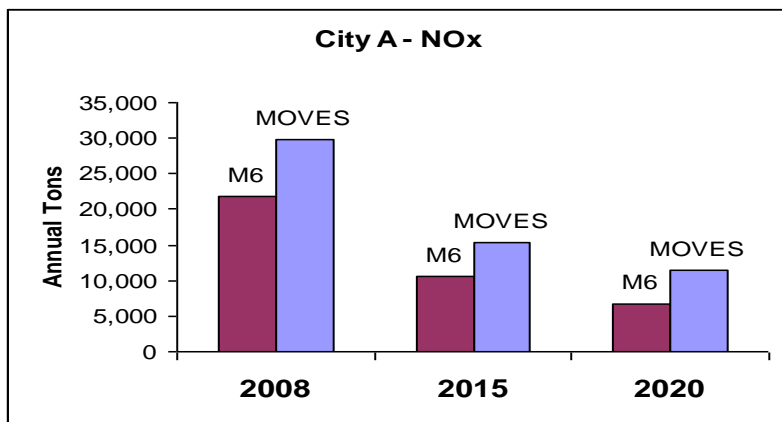


Percent Change 2008-2015

	M6	MOVES
City A	-31%	-42%
City B	-31%	-48%
City C	-50%	-46%

MOVES vs. MOBILE6.2

Example Cities: NOx

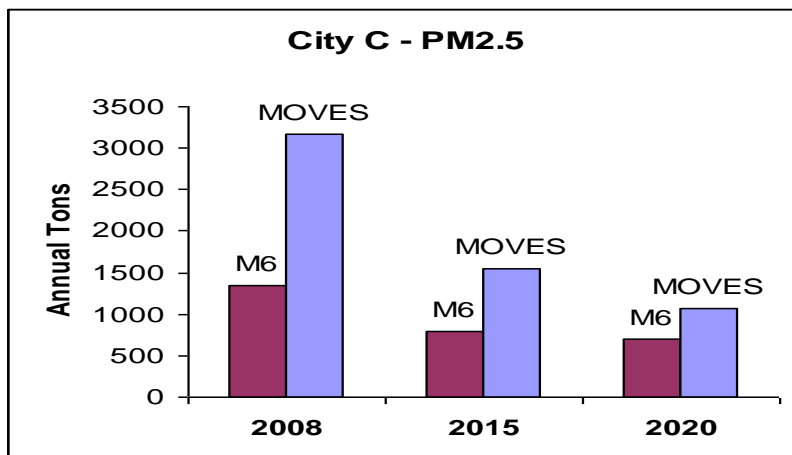
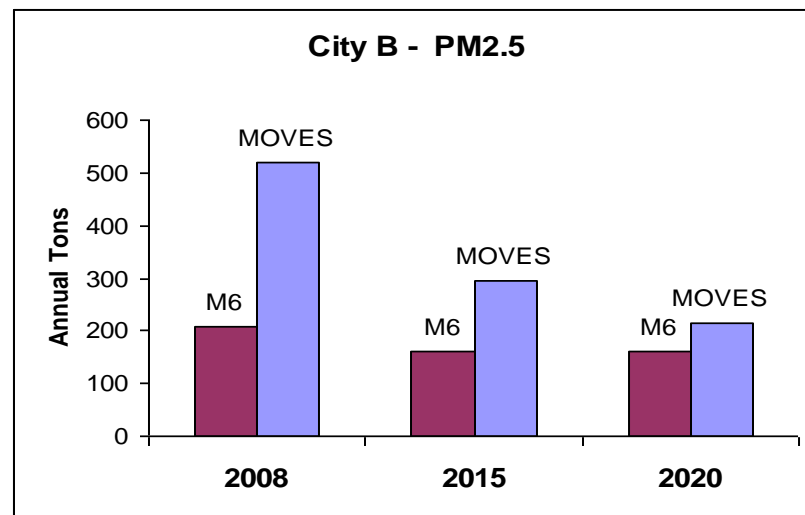
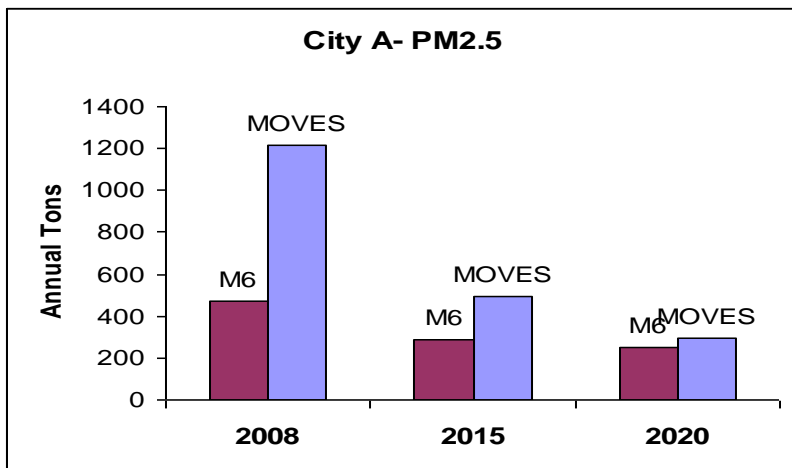


Percent Change 2008-2015

	M6	MOVES
City A	-52%	-49%
City B	-53%	-46%
City C	-56%	-49%

MOVES vs. MOBILE6.2

Example Cities: PM2.5

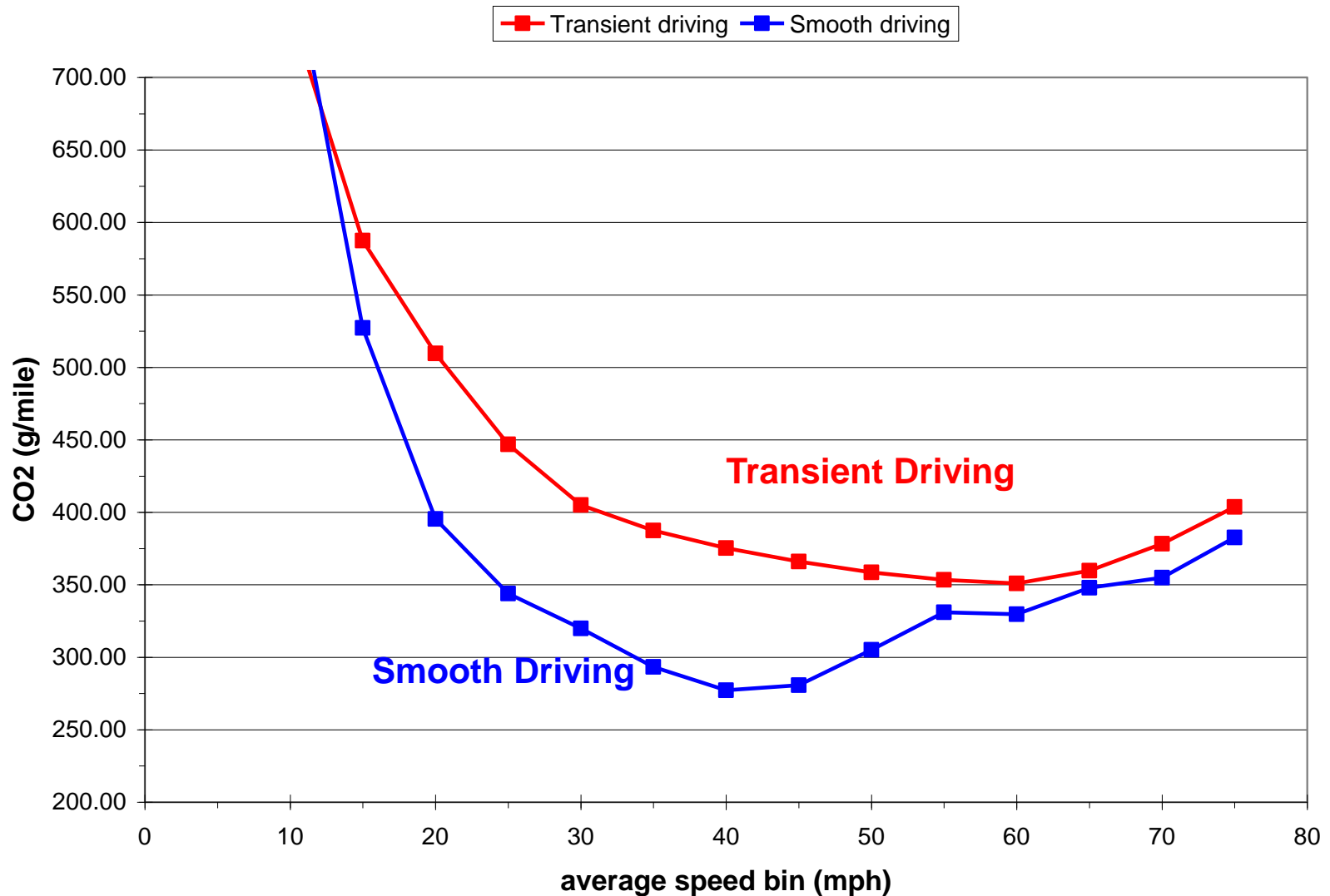


Percent Change 2008-2015		
	M6	MOVES
City A	-40%	-59%
City B	-23%	-44%
City C	-40%	-51%

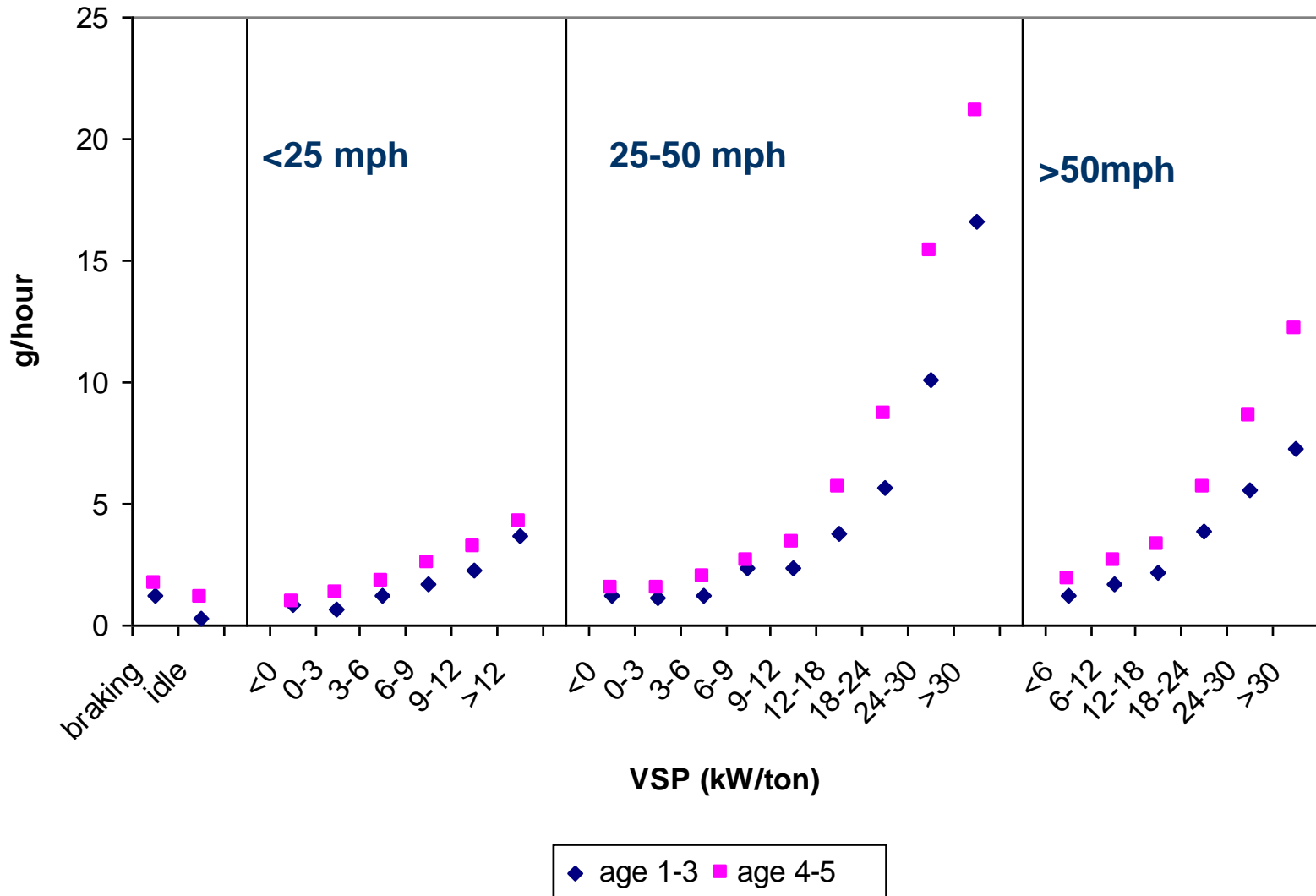
MOVES Can Better Model Emissions from Changing Driving Patterns

- **MOBILE6 was “driving cycle” based**
 - Emissions by speed characterized by set cycles
 - Lacked flexibility to analyze different driving patterns
- **MOVES has “modal” design**
 - Emissions stored by operating mode
 - Operating modes defined by second-by-second speed and acceleration
 - Any driving pattern can be modeled as a sum of appropriate operating modes
 - Can compare emissions data collected on different driving cycles (or even real-world driving)
 - Can estimate emissions on any defined driving pattern

CO₂ Impact of Traffic Smoothing

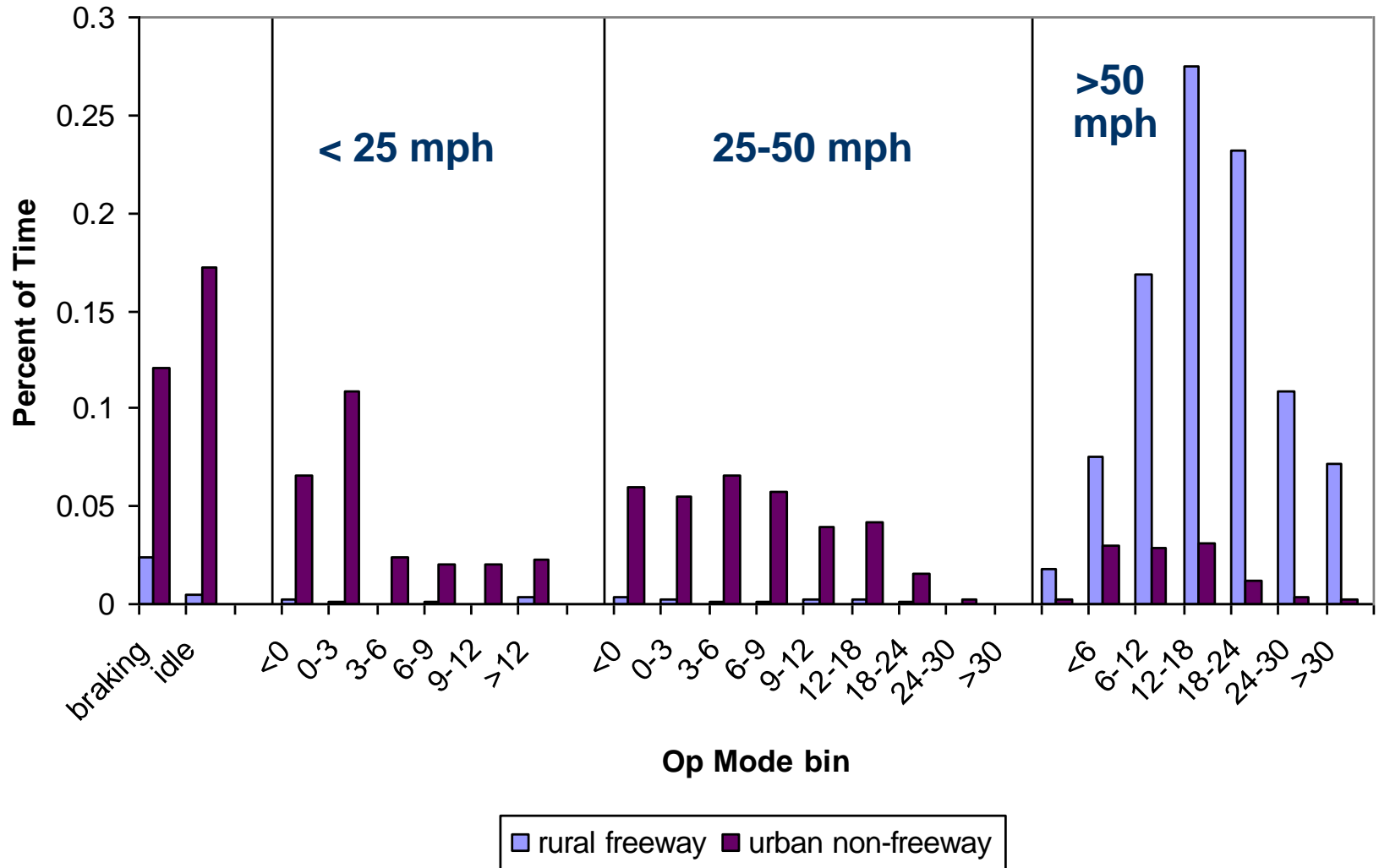


HC Emissions By Operating Mode 1996 MY LDGV

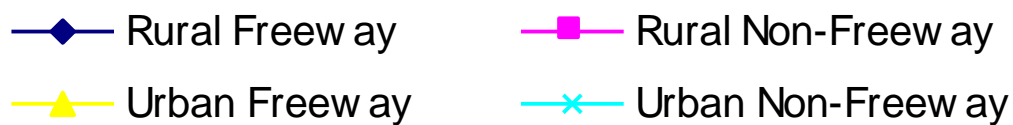
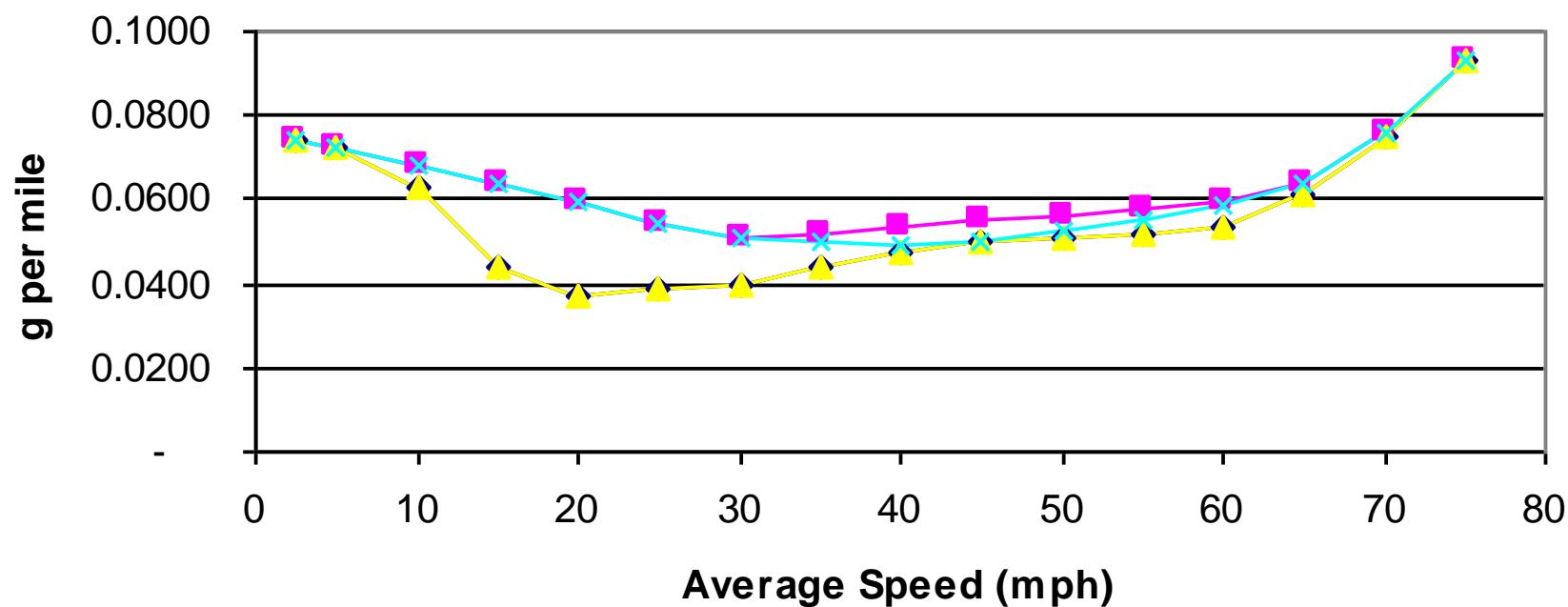


Distribution of Time by Mode

National Default



NOx Emissions by Average Speed Cars, CY 2030



New Analysis Opportunities

- **Modal emission structure allows calculation of “Project-level” emission changes**
 - Changes in operating mode distribution → changes in emissions
- **Project Domain Manager helps users input project-specific information on driving activity**
 - Users can enter average speed, operating mode distribution or driving pattern by link
- **Areas will want tools to estimate how changing road design affects operating modes**
 - Adding lanes?
 - Synchronizing signals?
 - Replacing stop signs with rotaries?
- **Creates need to better characterize driving patterns** - MOVES defaults may not characterize local patterns, esp project level



Online Resources

- **MOVES2010 model, user guide, guidance documents**
 - <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/moves/index.htm>
- **Technical reports, previous versions of MOVES**
 - <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/moves/movesback.htm>
- **Training materials**
 - <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/moves/training.htm>
- **Subscribe to MOVES email list**
 - <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/mobilelist.htm>
- **Information on Transportation Conformity policy, guidance & regulations**
 - <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/index.htm>

What's next for MOVES

- **Additional user features, performance improvements**
- **Adding nonroad equipment**
- **Adding more air toxics**
- **Continuous improvement to emission rates**
 - Incorporate final GHG rules (proposed in 2009)
 - Update fuel effects if needed
 - Additional research ongoing