

# **MOVES Validation Efforts To Date**

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# Introduction

- **Ongoing validation has been an important element of MOVES design and implementation**
  - Key recommendation from National Research Council
- **EPA's validation work on MOVES began with MOVES2004, focused on fuel consumption**
  - *"MOVES2004 Validation Results", U.S EPA 2005*
- **Validation of criteria pollutant version (MOVES2010a) has evaluated model performance using several methods...work is ongoing**
- **Goal is to inform improvements to next version, and identify data gaps**

# What is the objective?

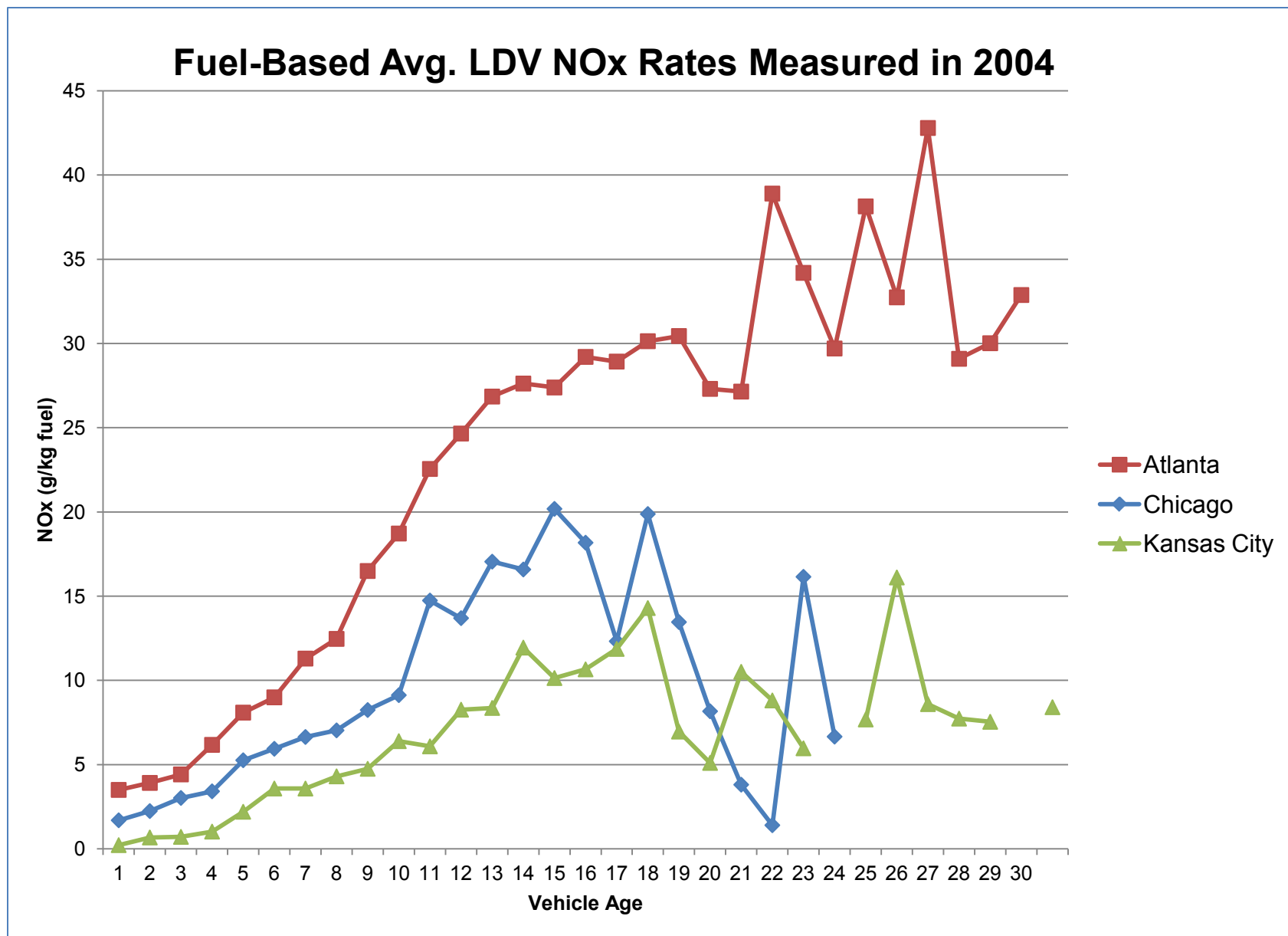
- **Oreskes, et. al (1998): No model can never be truly “validated”, i.e. verified as true**
  - We will never know “the truth” (or wouldn’t need a model)
    - Nicholson (1992): “You can’t handle the truth!”
  - Instead, define “means of evaluation”, considering how the model is applied
- **From Michael Rodgers (Georgia Tech):**

*“model validation” for a complex modeling system such as MOVES is really more a case of evaluating how well it performs against certain metrics rather than validating the model as a whole. (email to J. Koupal 7/20/12)*

# Means of Evaluation

- **Compare model predictions to independent measurements**
  - recognizing limitations and uncertainties in the independent measurements
- **Evaluate predictions of relative trends as well as absolute emissions**
  - SIP, Conformity, and EPA regulatory analyses focus on prediction of emission changes due to time, controls, and/or activity
- **Evaluation of absolute emissions:**
  - Compare MOVES predictions to independent measurements, assess whether *trends in bias* appear across multiple sources.
  - Assess air quality model vs. monitor performance when MOVES is used as source of on-road emissions
- **Evaluation of relative trends:**
  - Compare  $\Delta$  in MOVES predictions over time vs. observations
  - Compare MOVES sensitivity to operation vs. independent data

# Example of variability in independent data



# Scope of Evaluation

- **“MOVES” is hundreds of submodels**
  - Each pollutant, emission process, vehicle type, etc. is a model
  - Activity components can be considered models as well
- **Evaluation of each submodel not practical**
  - In many cases there is little or no independent data available for evaluation – i.e. for certain submodels, used all data we could find
- **Priorities for evaluation have gravitated towards:**
  - Major emissions sources (e.g., LD gas, HD diesel)
  - Areas of significant update from MOBILE to MOVES
  - Areas where significant independent data / studies available
- **In some cases, important submodels lack ample independent data for evaluation**
  - e.g., Light-duty gasoline start emissions

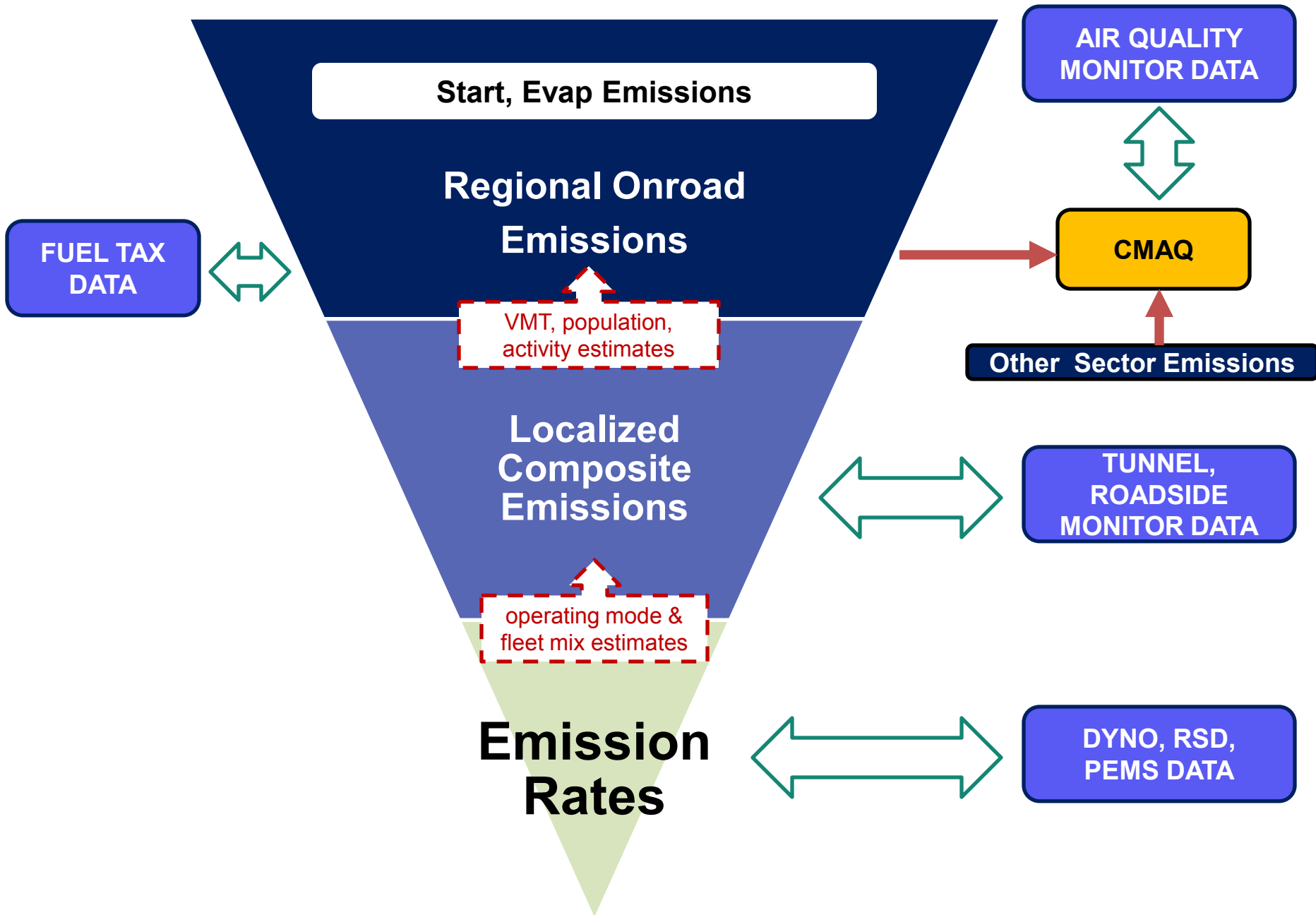
# Pet Peeves From Validation Efforts We've Seen In Literature

- **Application of MOVES beyond quantification limits**
  - MOVES not designed to predict emissions from an individual vehicle, and/or second-by-second emissions
- **Not sufficiently customizing MOVES inputs to match measurement conditions**
  - Evaluation of MOVES requires matching the fleet and activity observed under those conditions
- **Tunnel Studies  $\neq$  Regional Air Quality**
  - In one study, we estimated that tunnel conditions represent < 2% of emission modes contributing to regional VOC



# Methods used to evaluate MOVES2010a predictions

- **Emission rates**
  - Compare emissions measurements made on individual vehicles under known operating conditions to MOVES predictions under those conditions
- **“Localized composite” emissions**
  - Compare composite emission measurement from tunnel or roadside emission monitors to MOVES predictions at these locations
- **Regional air quality**
  - Evaluation of air quality model results (CMAQ) vs. air quality monitor data
- **National fuel consumption**
  - Comparison of “bottom-up” fuel consumption to “top down” fuel tax data on national level



# Overview of Evaluation Studies

evaluation work conducted by EPA/OTAQ unless otherwise noted

Type	Completed		In Progress	Planned
Emission Rates	<b>Light Duty</b> Atlanta RSD CRC E-23 Chicago RSD Chicago I/M Dyno Kansas City Study Dyno NCSU PEMS (NC State)	<b>Heavy Duty</b> CRC E-55 Dyno Compliance PEMS	CNG Buses Houston Drayage LD Cold Temp	LD Tier 2 PEMS
Localized Composite	Caldecott Tunnel - range analysis Van Nuys Tunnel (Fujita, et. al) Borman Expressway			Caldecott Tunnel - parameterized
Air Quality	CMAQ Evaluation for HD GHG Rule (EPA/OAQPS) CMAQ Evaluation MOBILE vs. MOVES (OAQPS) Dallas-Fort Worth SIP (TCEQ) Houston (Texas A&M)		CRC A-76 (CRC/Environ)	Ongoing CMAQ evaluation (OAQPS)
Fuel	FHWA Fuel Sales 2000-2007			FHWA 2008+

# Emission Rate Evaluation: Light-Duty

- **Sources of independent data**

- Dynamometer (complete emission tests)
  - Chicago I/M (2000): ~74,000 tests on IM240 cycle (moderate)
  - E-69 Kansas City Program (2004-05): ~450 tests on LA92 (more aggressive)
- Remote Sensing (1 second readings, or “hits”) – aka RSD
  - E-23 Chicago (2004): ~9,000 hits at low/moderate acceleration
  - Atlanta (2004 & 2008): ~ 150,000 hits at more aggressive acceleration
- Portable Emissions Measurement System (PEMS)
  - Bin Liu and Chris Frey. “Comparison of Trends in MOVES and Real-World Emission Factors for Driving Cycles, Vehicle Age, and Road Type”, proceedings from 22<sup>nd</sup> CRC Real World Emissions Workshop, March 26, 2012

- **Comparing to MOVES**

- MOVES2010a run with age distribution, operating mode distribution and meteorology to match each independent data source
- Fuel specs and I/M program from MOVES county defaults
- Fuel-specific rates (gram/kg fuel) based on MOVES total energy output
- Gasoline Light-Duty Cars and Trucks (SCC output)
- Running NOx, CO, and (dyno only) HC

# RSD measurement conversion

- Conc. of pollutant to fuel specific rates (g/kg fuel)

$$\frac{\left(\frac{[\text{pollutant}]}{[\text{CO}_2]}\right)}{\left(\frac{[\text{CO}]}{[\text{CO}_2]}\right) + \left(\frac{[\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{CO}_2]}\right) + 6 \times 2 \times \left(\frac{[\text{HC}]}{[\text{CO}_2]}\right)} \times \frac{\text{MW} \left(\frac{\text{g}}{\text{mole}}\right)}{0.014 \left(\frac{\text{kg fuel}}{\text{mole}}\right)} \quad *$$

- Atlanta – HC reported as hexane equivalents
- Chicago & KC – HC reported as propane equivalents

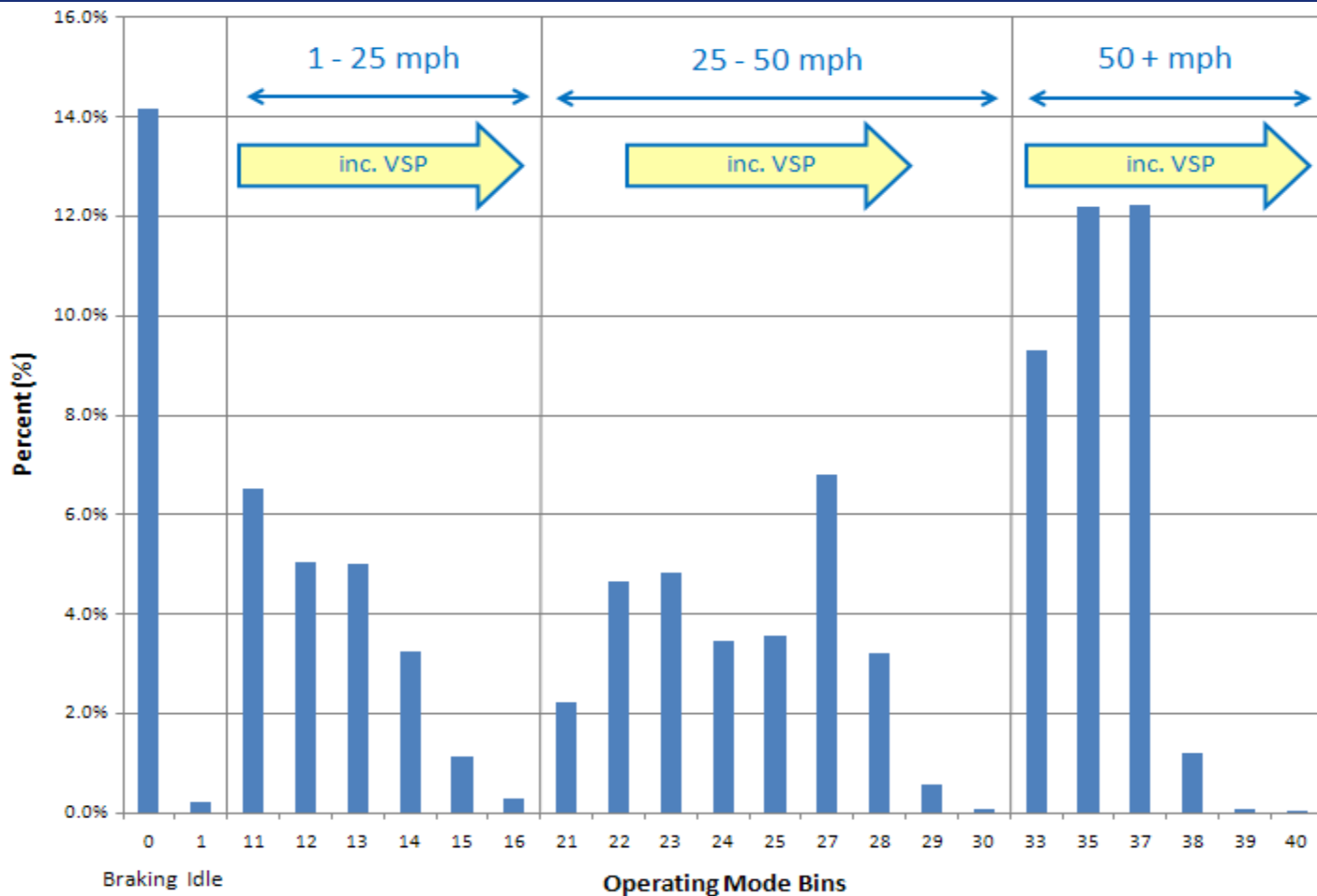
# MOVES conversion

- Pollutant mass to fuel specific rates (g/kg fuel)

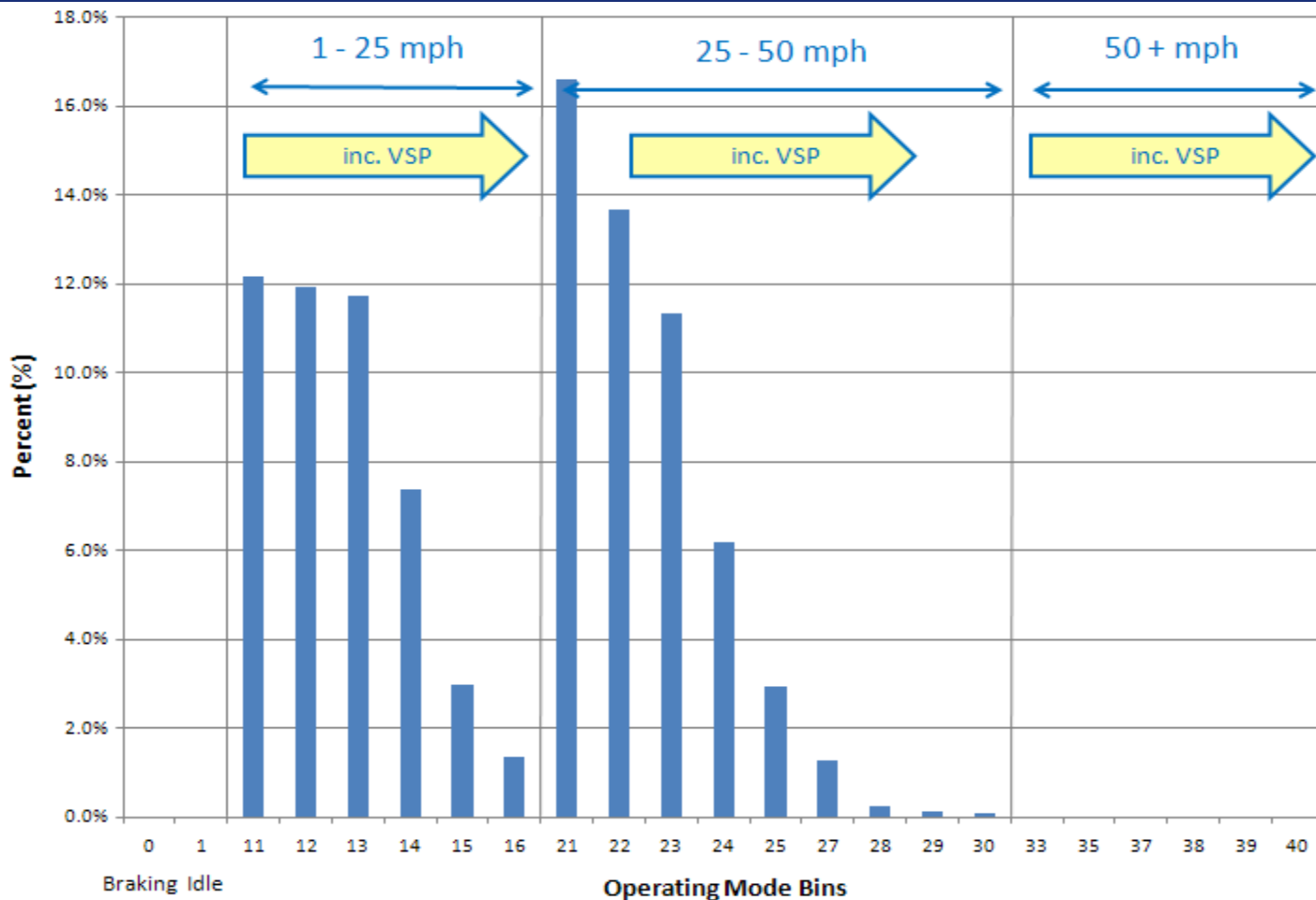
$$\frac{\text{pollutant mass (g)}}{\text{Fuel Consumption (kg fuel)}} = \frac{\text{pollutant mass (g)}}{\frac{\text{Total Energy Consumption}}{\text{Heating Value}}}$$

$$\text{where Heating Value} = 44.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{g fuel}}$$

## Chicago I/M Opmode Distribution

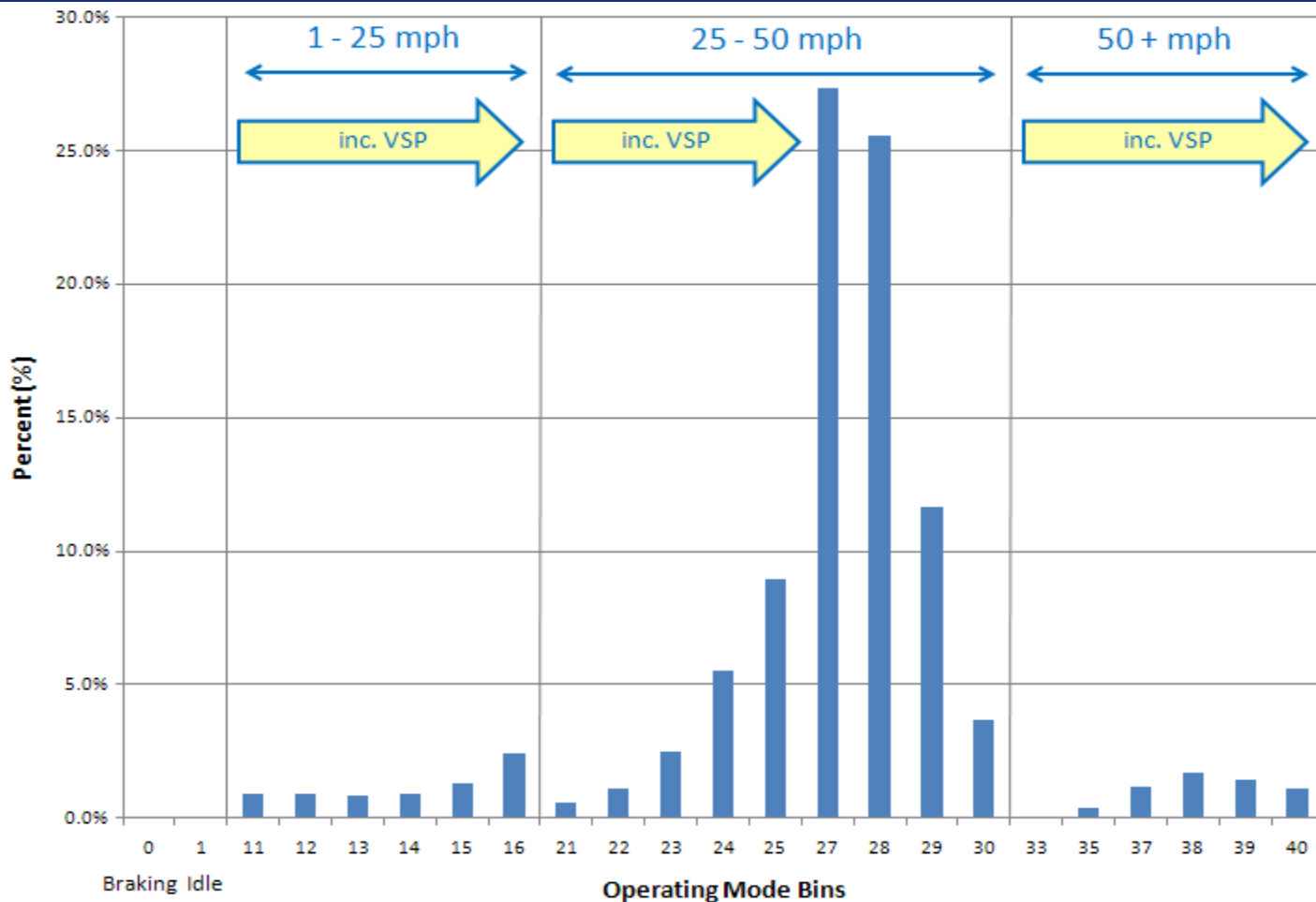


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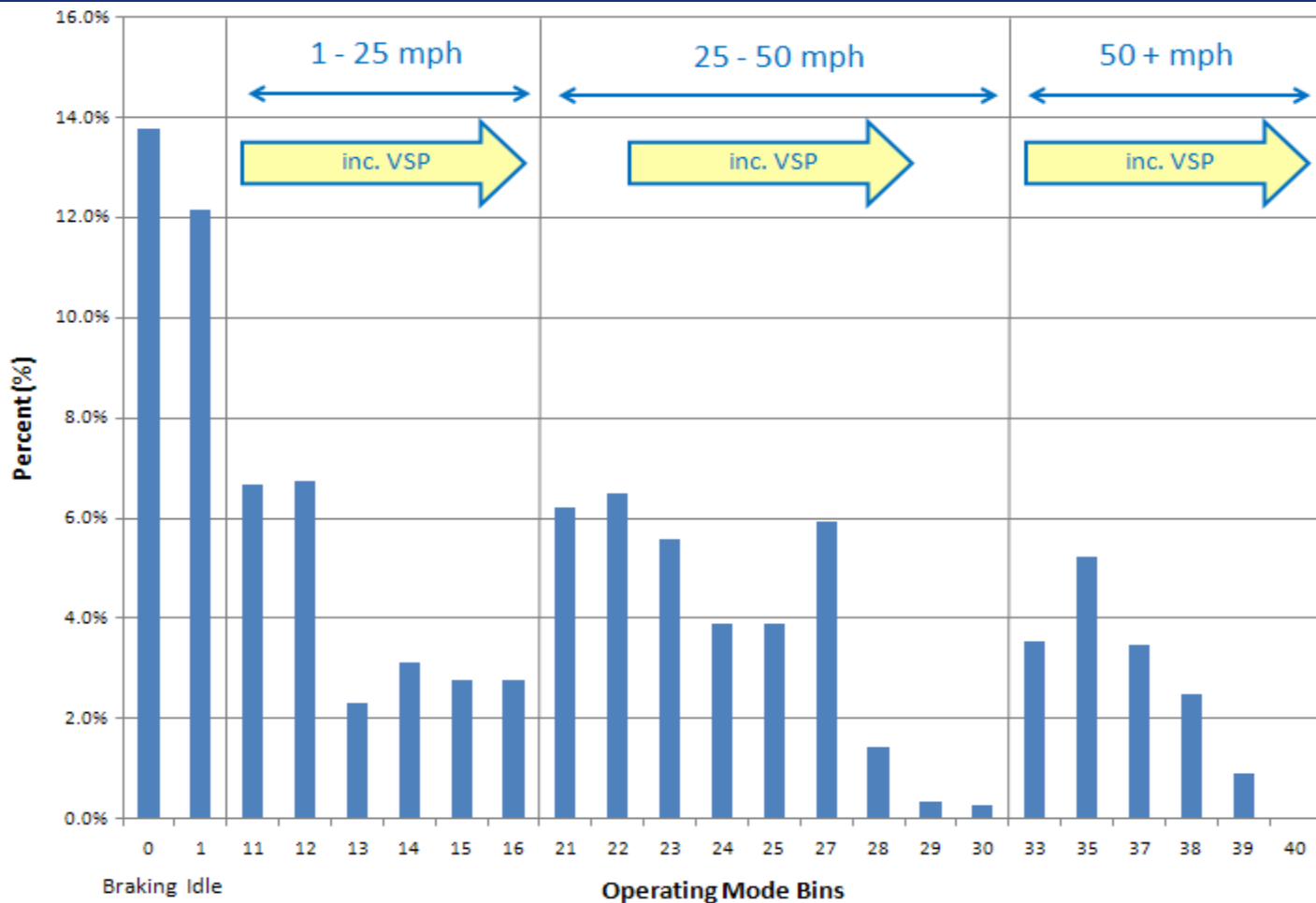




## Atlanta RSD Opmode Distribution



## Kansas City Dyno Opmode Distribution

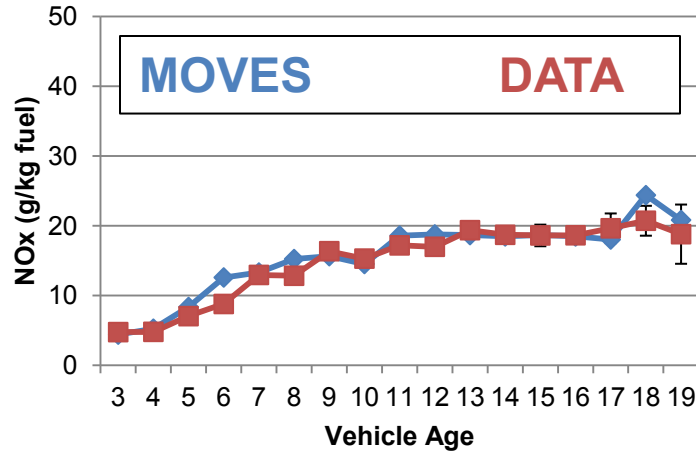


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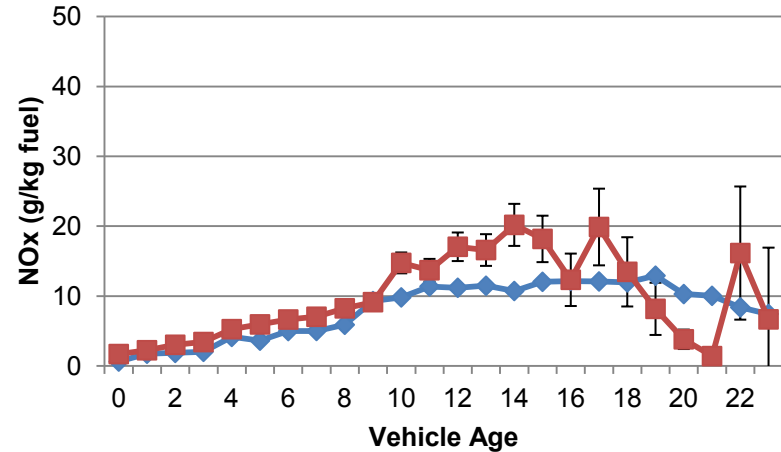
- **Representativeness of independent data**
  - Single measurement characterizes the vehicle's emission profile
  - Obtained measurements define the vehicle population and are assumed to be representative
- **Comparison made in fuel-based emission rates**
  - Potential differences between MOVES estimation of fuel consumption and actual fuel consumption measured in each dataset
  - Differences in fuel properties such as sulfur level, and RVP
- **Operating mode bin misclassification**
  - For RSD measurements, assignment into opmode bins based on VSP calculations already included in the data
  - MOVES' calculation and data-specific calculation of VSP may be different
- **Composition of light-duty truck classes**

# Emission Rate Evaluation: LDV NOx

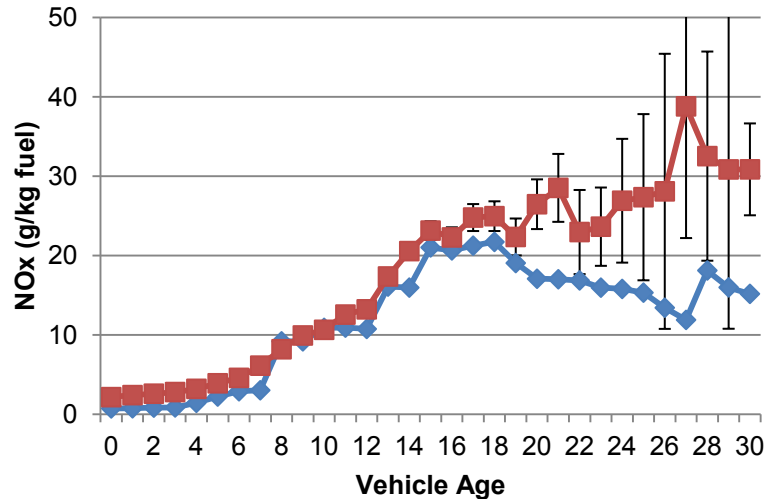
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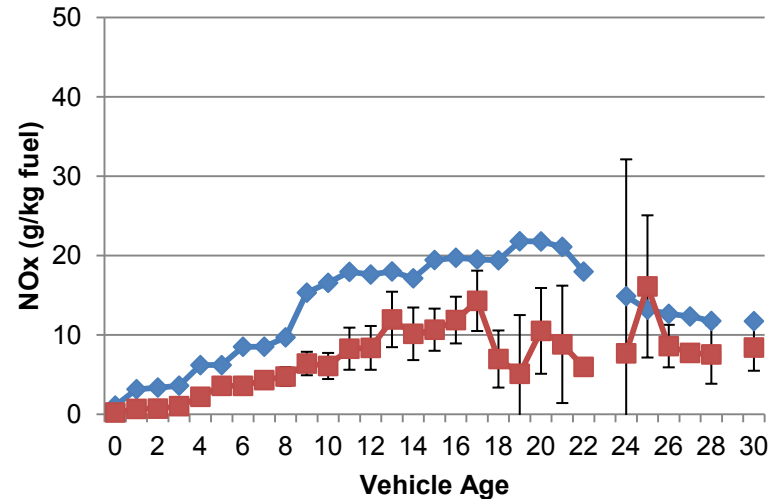
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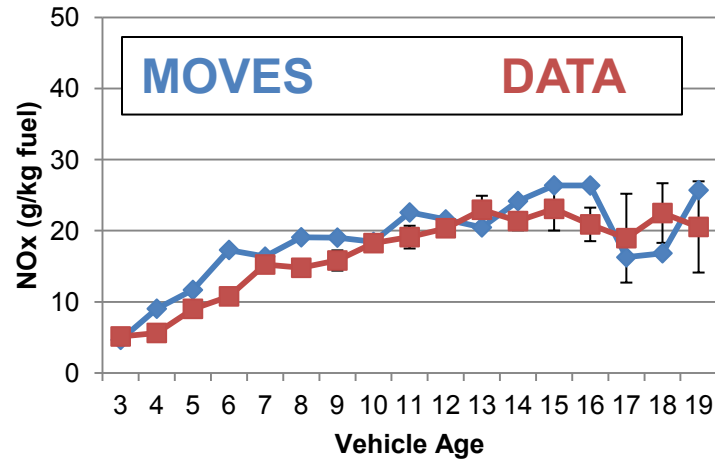


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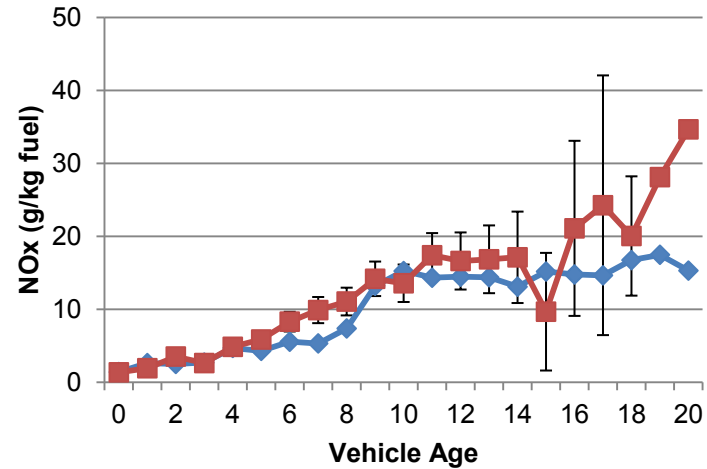


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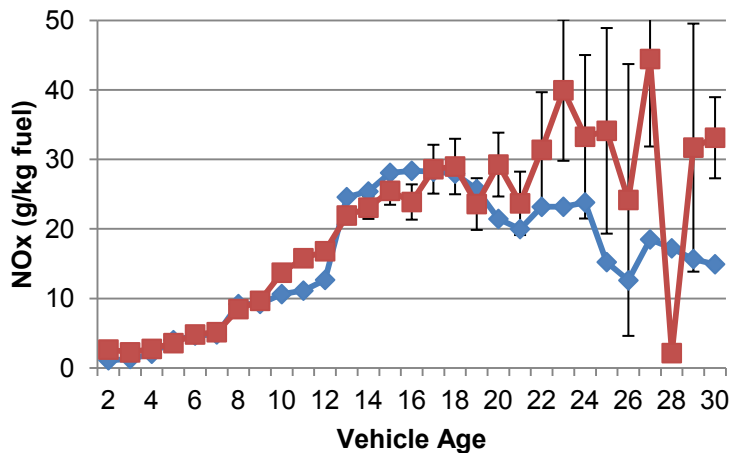
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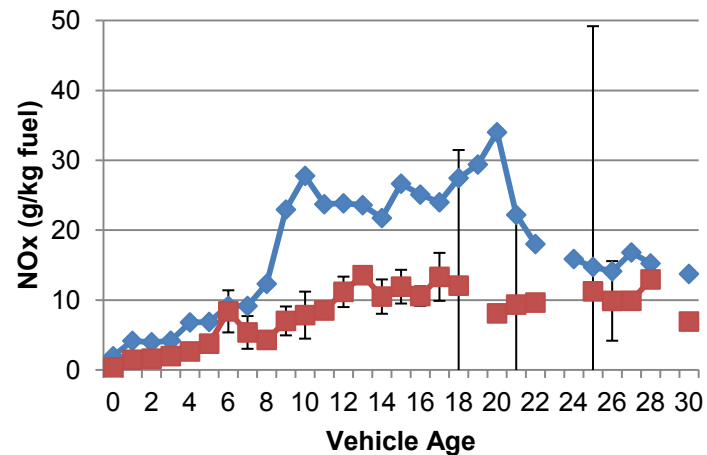
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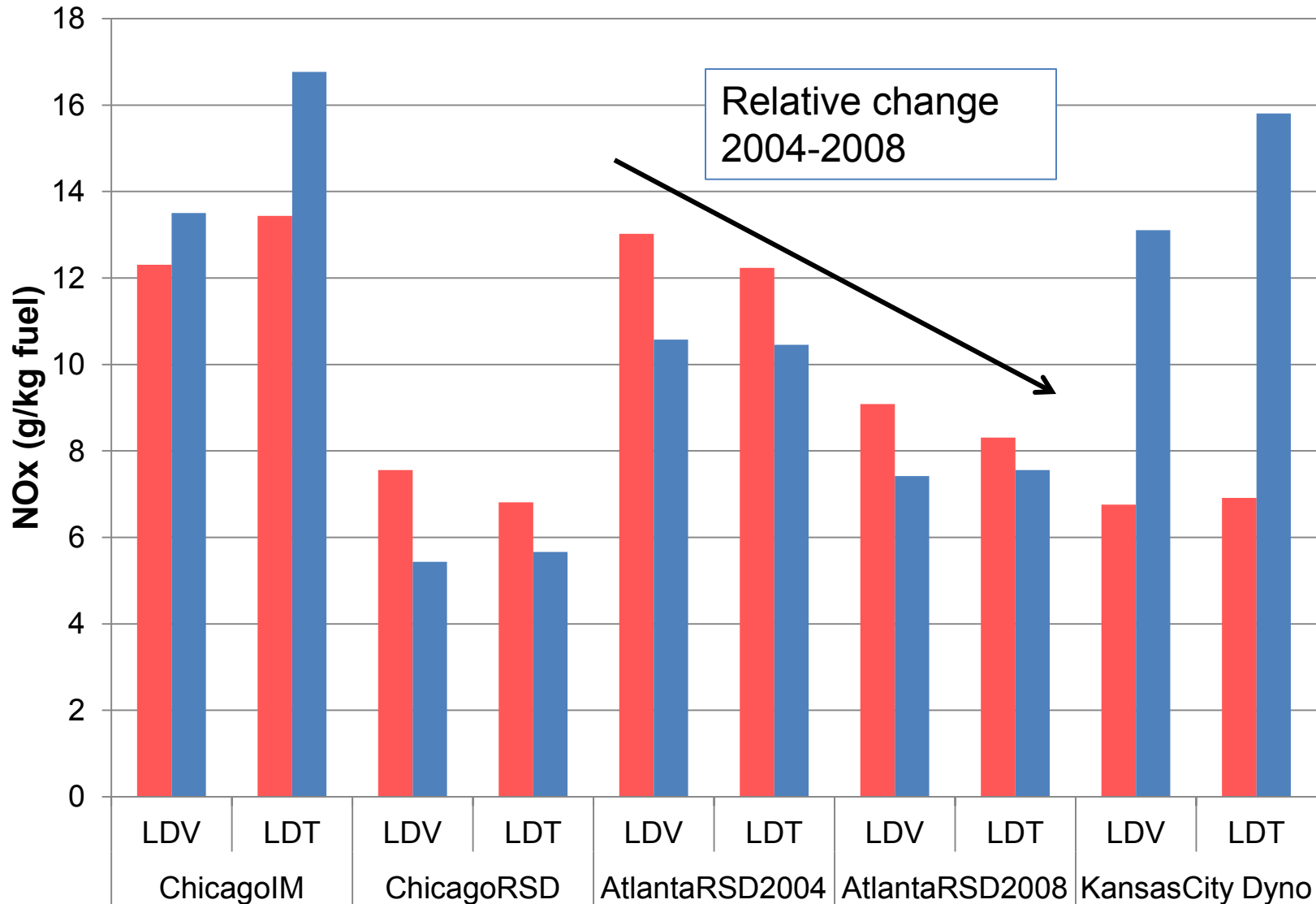


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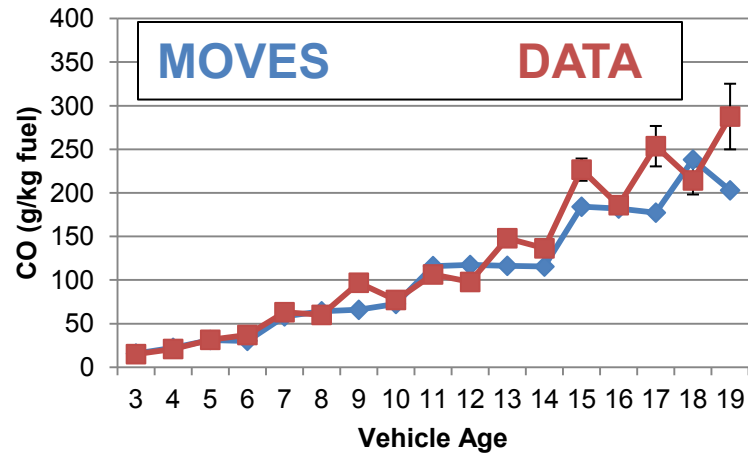
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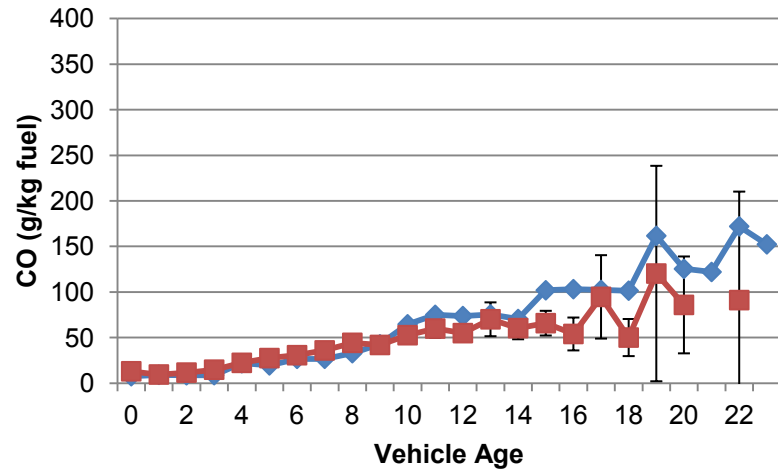


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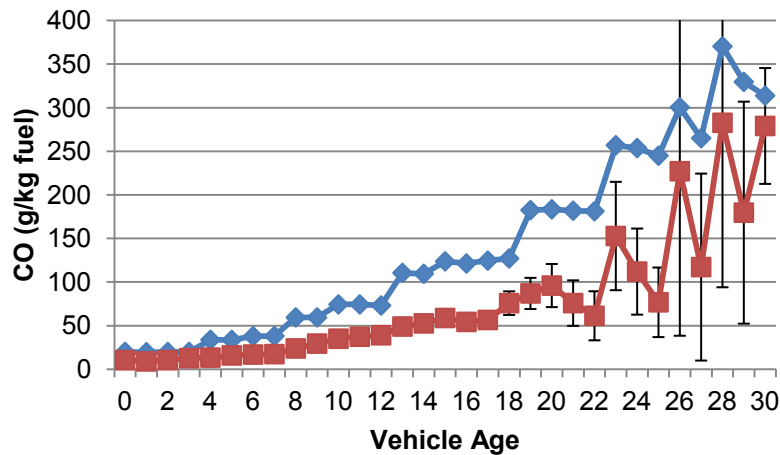
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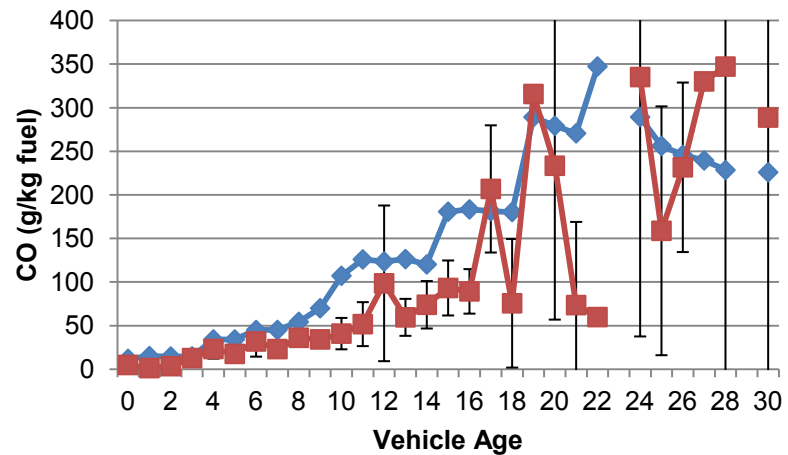
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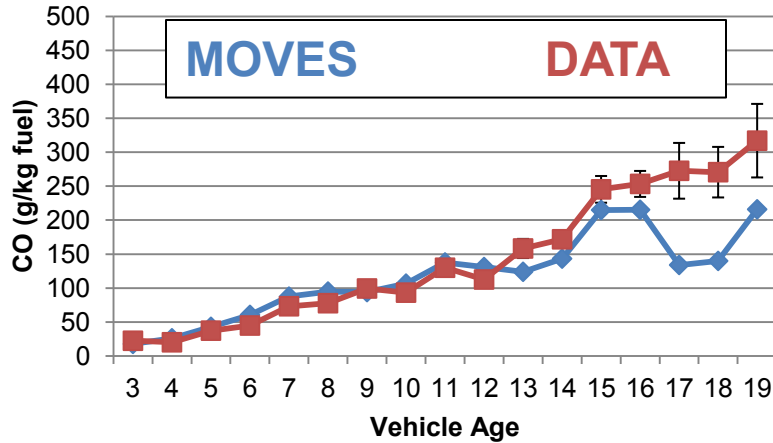


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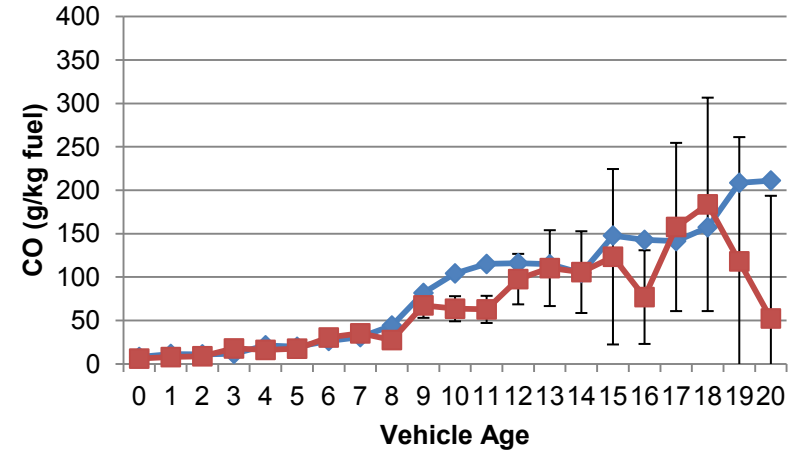


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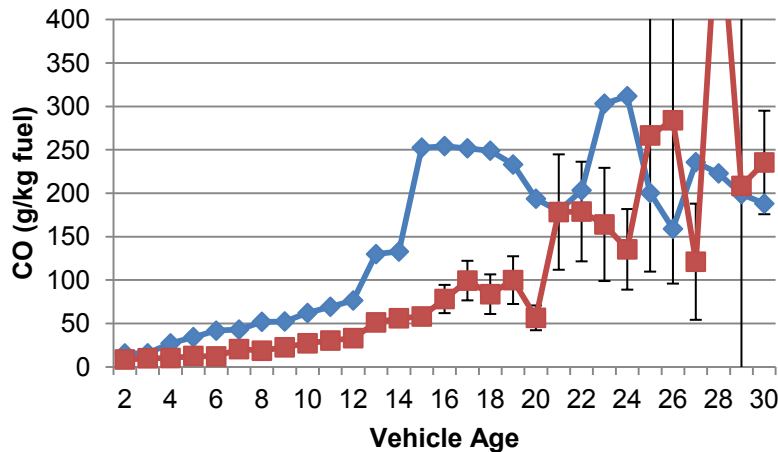
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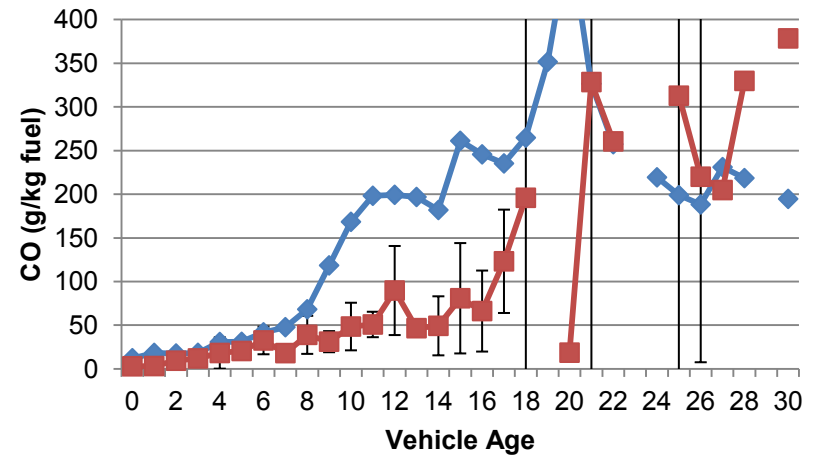
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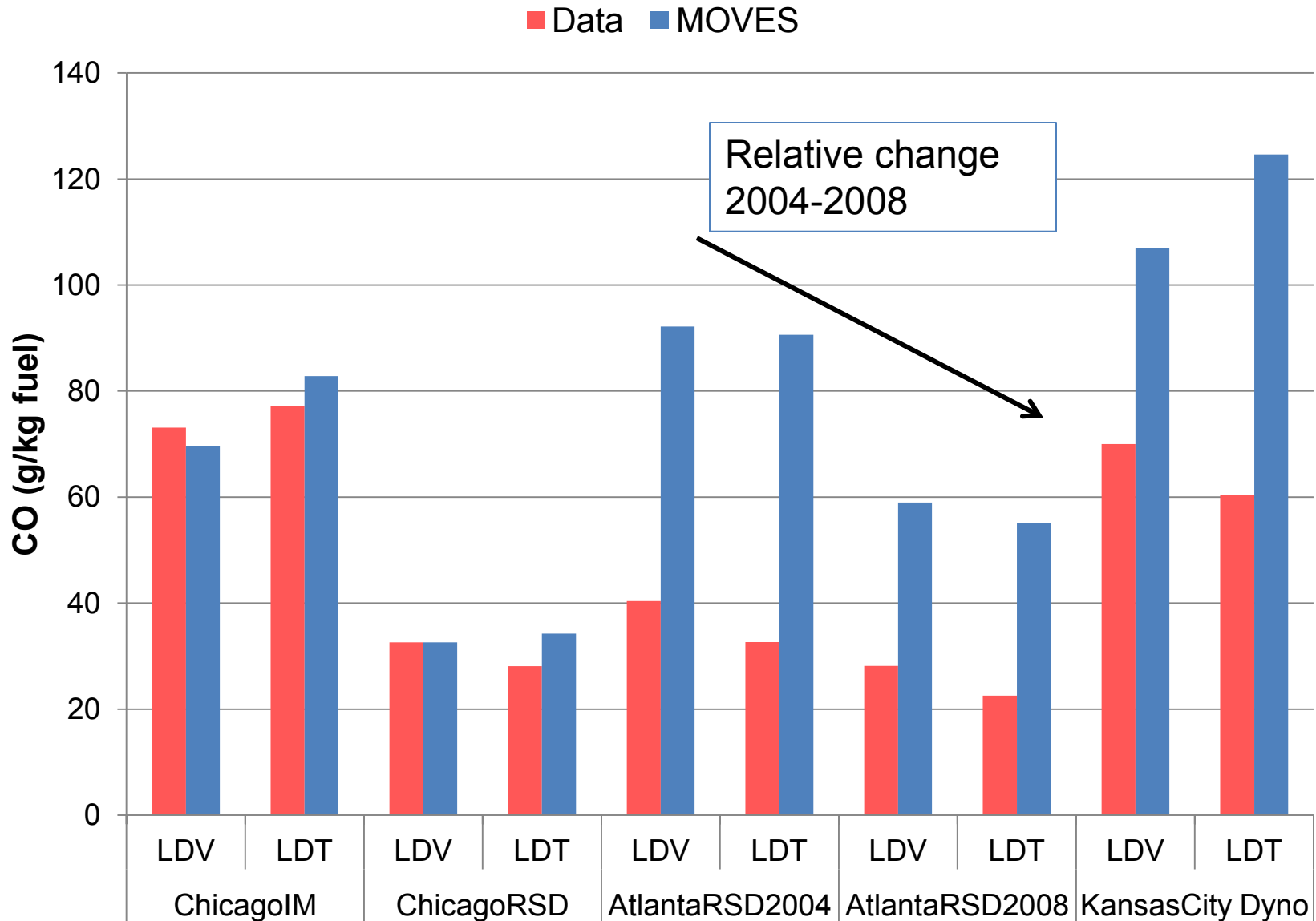


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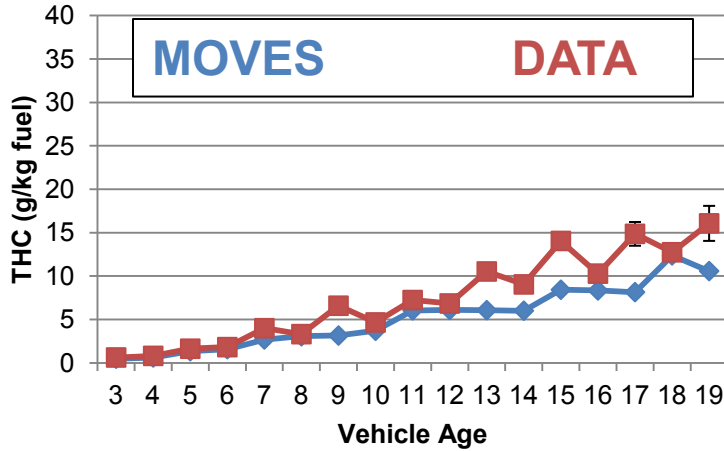


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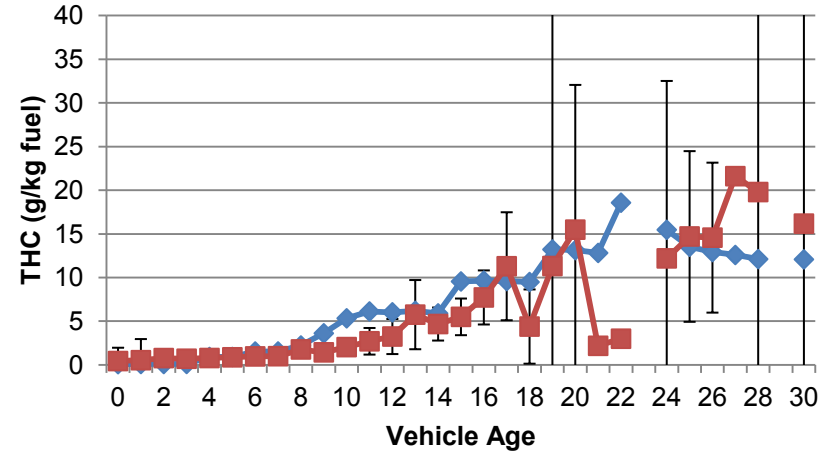


# Emission Rate Evaluation: HC

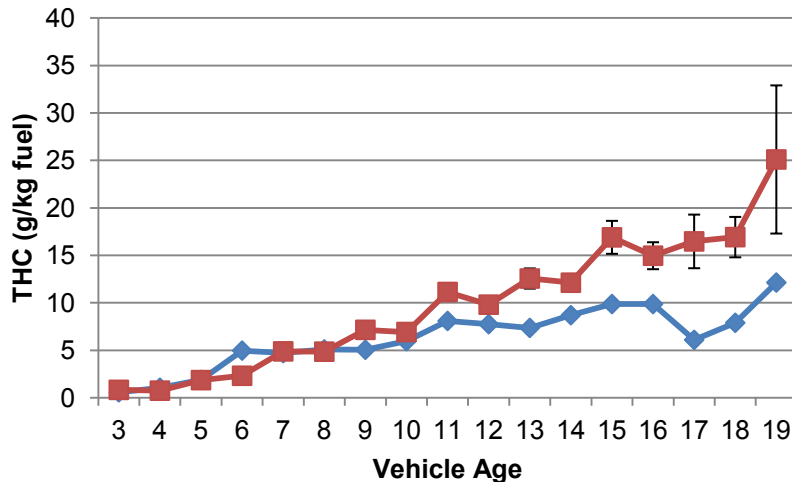
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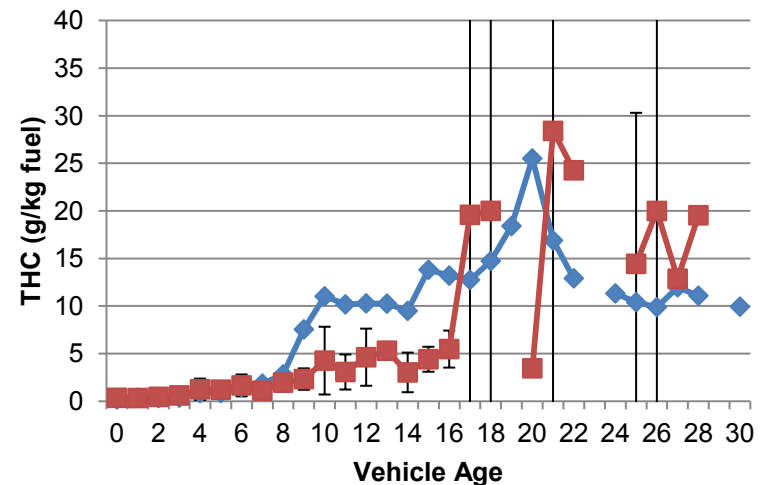
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## Chicago I/M LDT (2000)

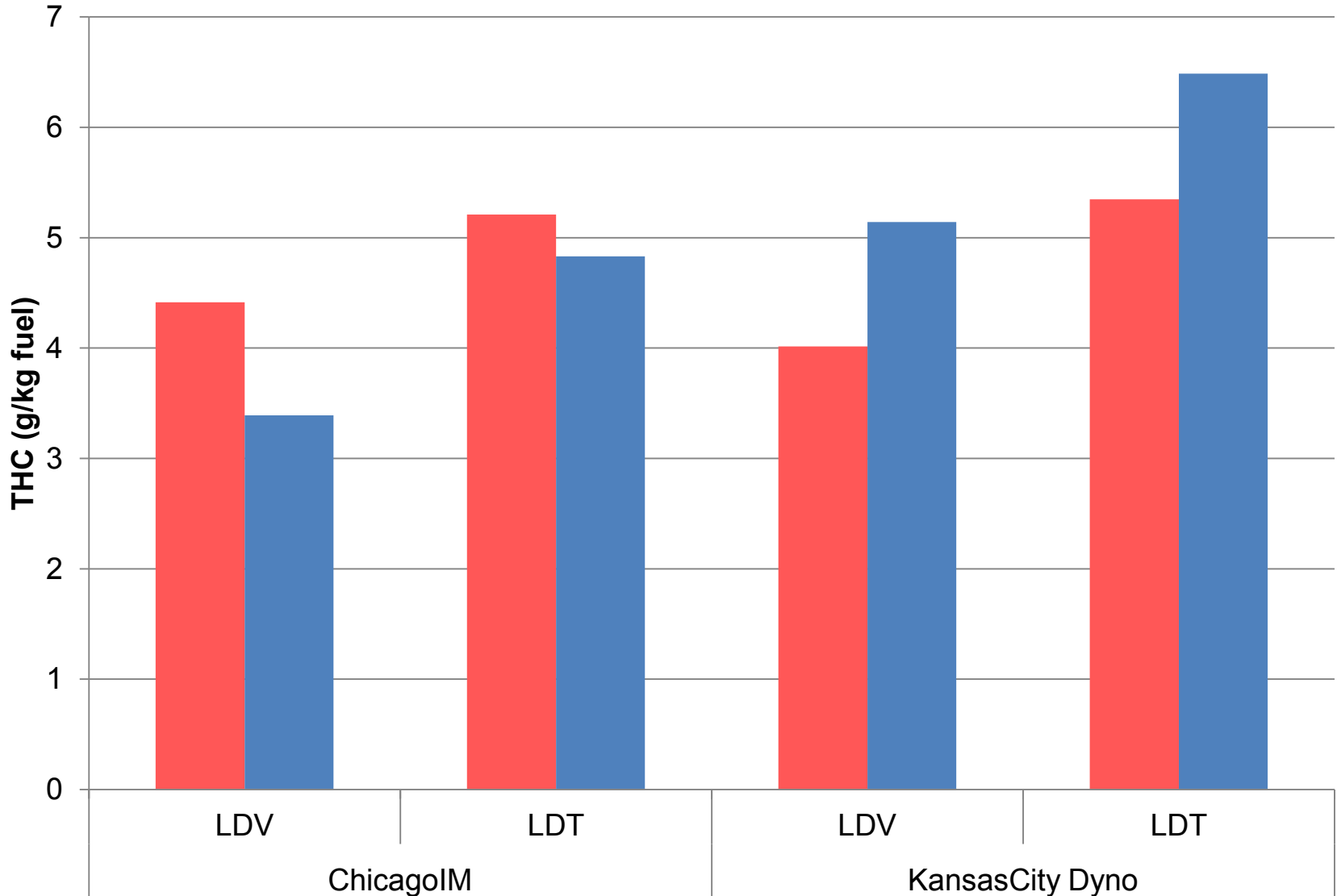


## Kansas City LDT (2004)



# Light Duty Fleet Average Rates: HC

■ Data ■ MOVES



# Comparison of Trends in MOVES and Real-World Emission Factors for Driving Cycles, Vehicle Age, and Road Type

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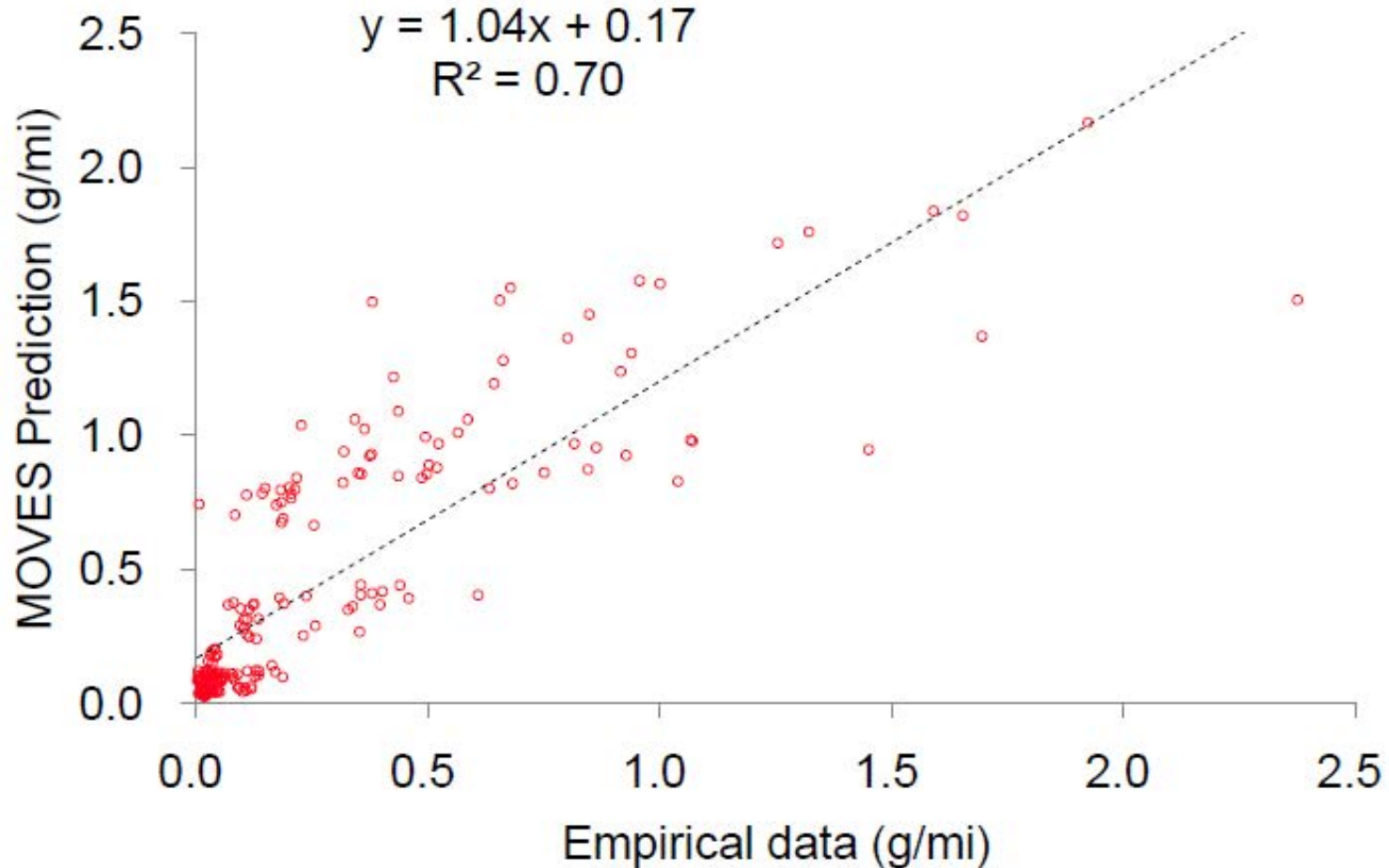
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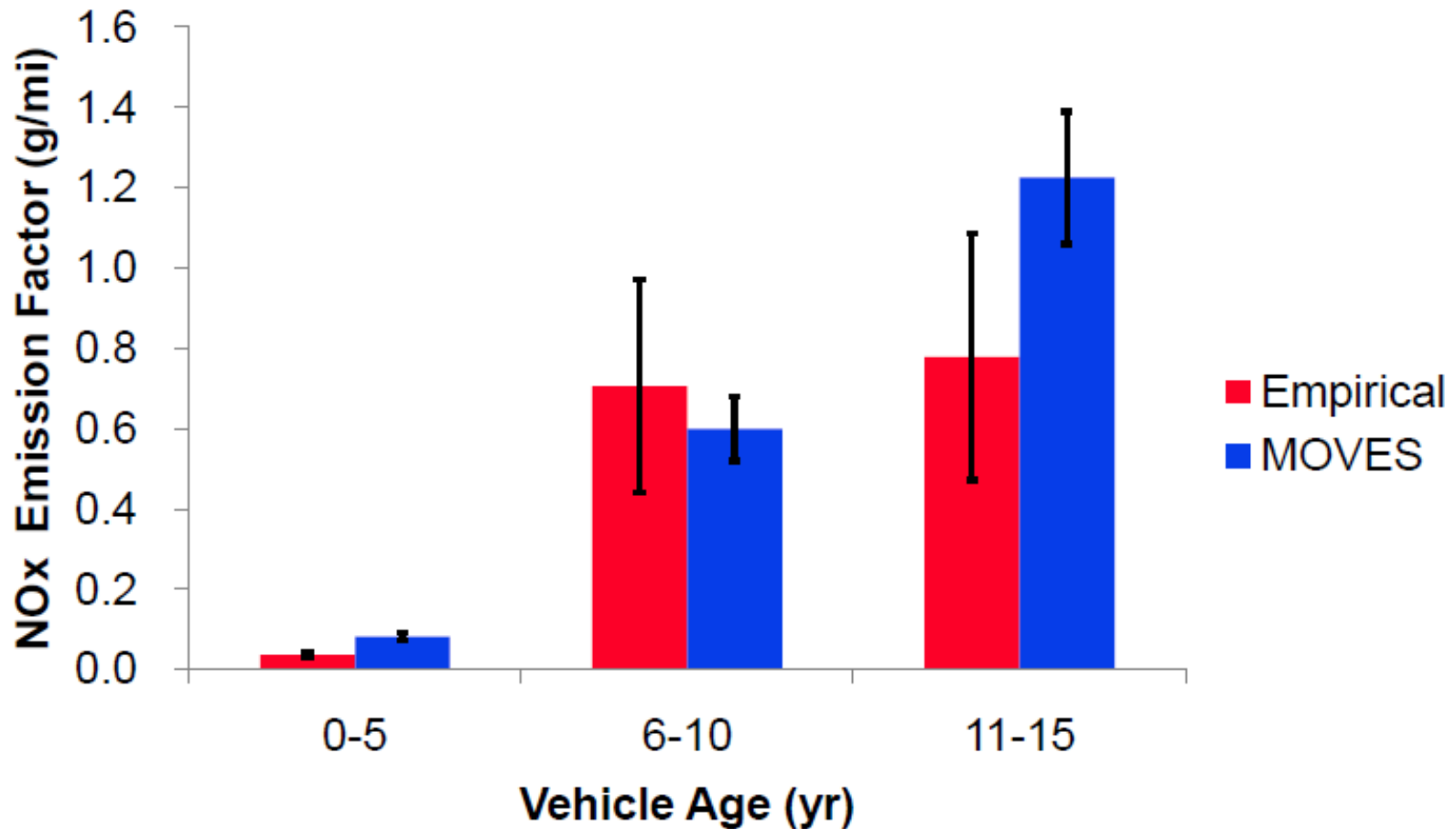
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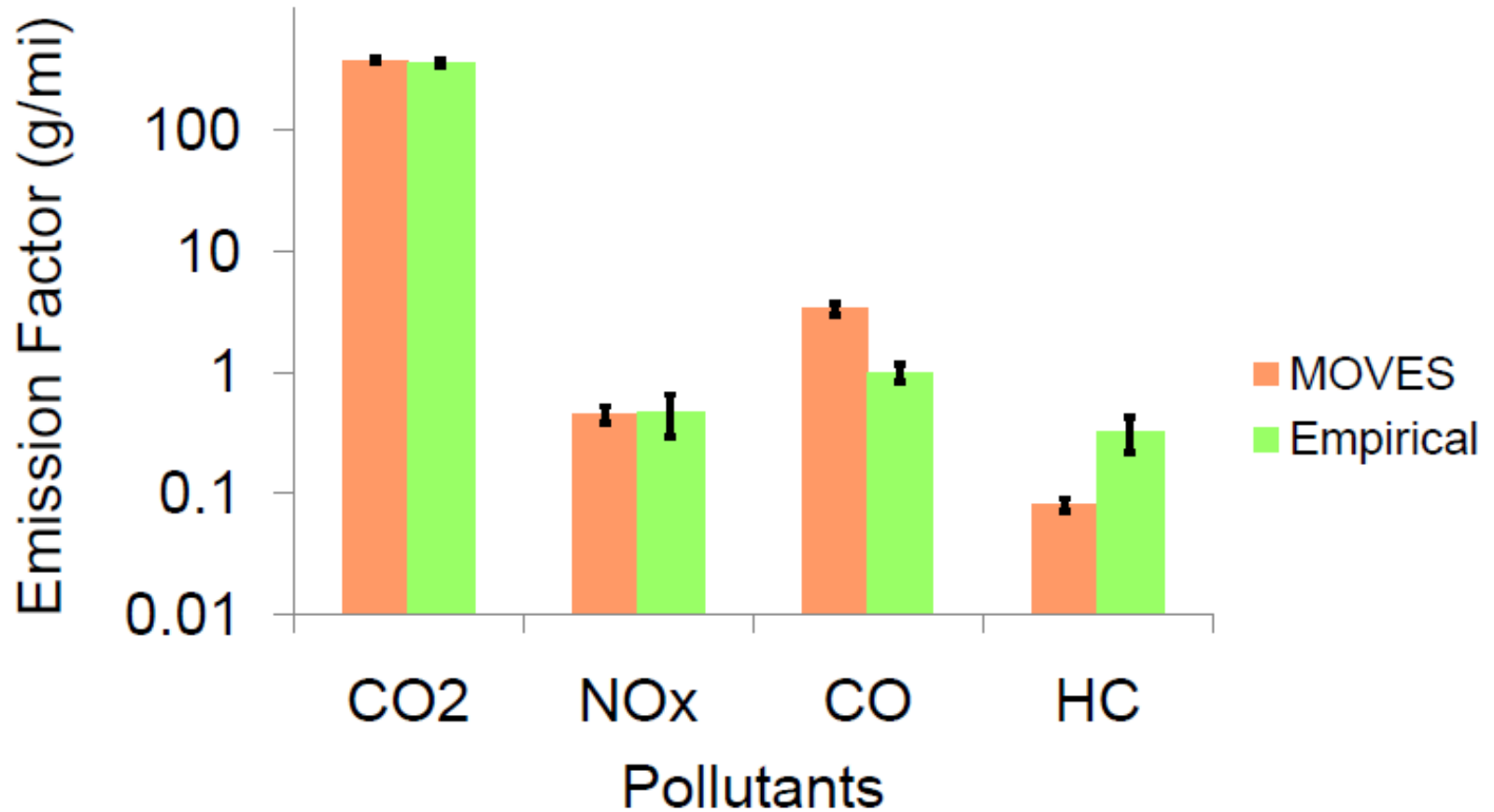
## MOVES Predictions and Empirical Data for NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Factors: All Routes and Road Type



## Empirical and MOVES NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Factors versus Vehicle Age



## Comparison of MOVES Predictions and Empirical Emission Factors For All Vehicles and Cycles

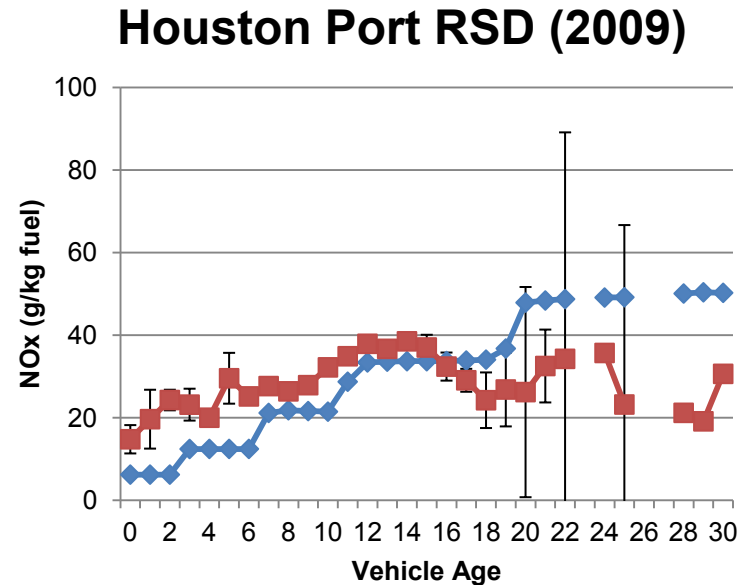
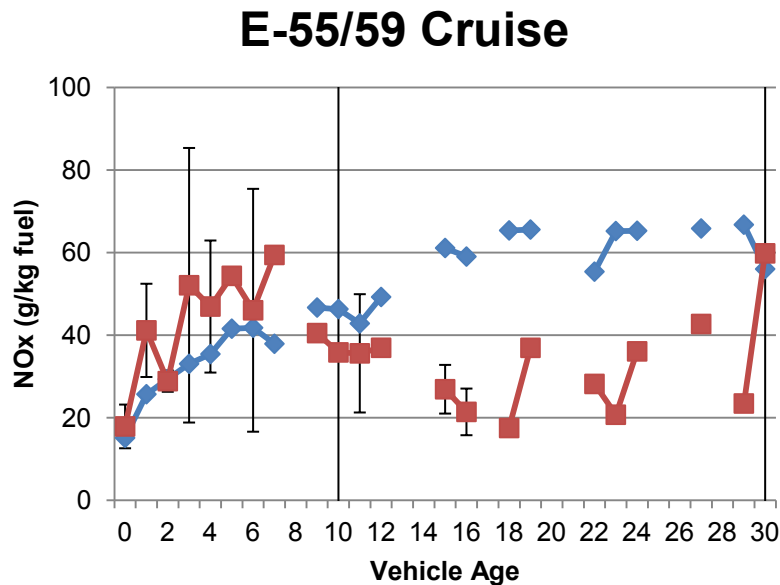
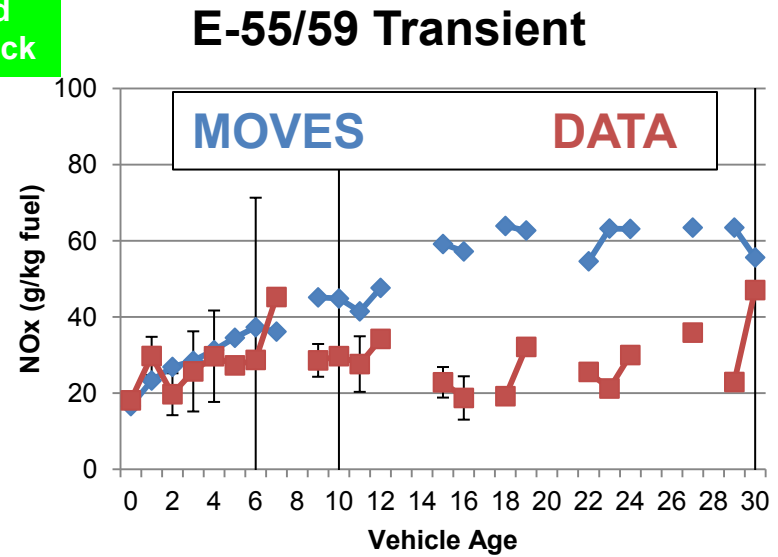
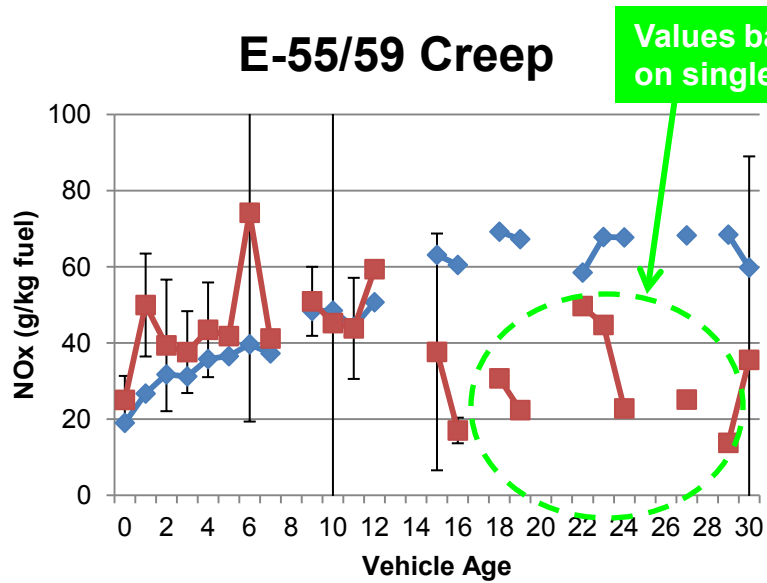


# Emission Rate Evaluation: Heavy-Duty

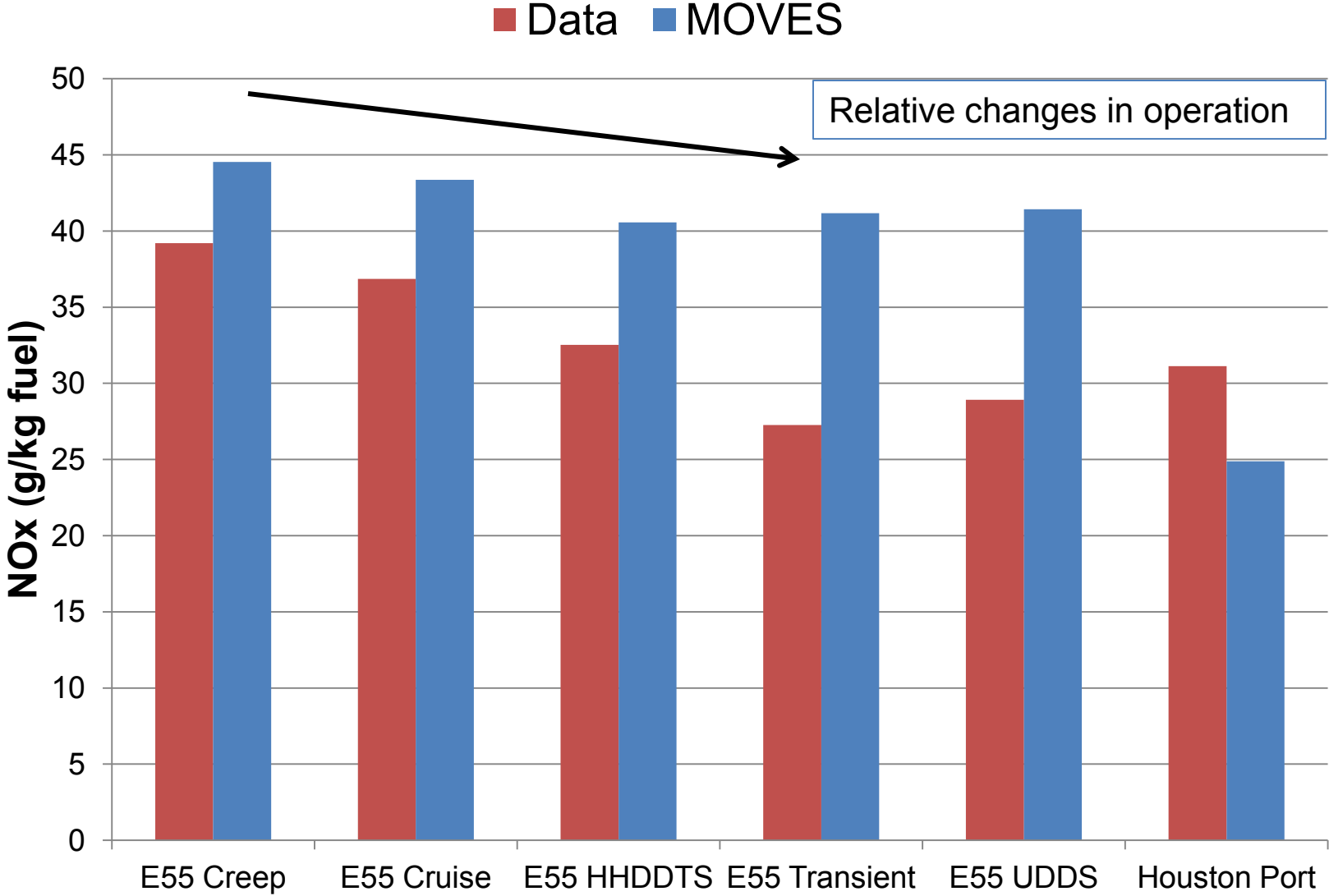
- **Sources of independent data**
  - Dynamometer (complete emission tests)
    - E-55/59 Research Program (2001-05): ~250 tests
    - multiple cycles covering range of operation
  - Remote Sensing
    - EPA/TCEQ/HGAC Houston Port Drayage Project (2009-10): ~3,200 hits at low speed/accel
  - Portable Emissions Measurement System (PEMS)
    - In-Use Compliance Program
    - Houston Port Drayage Project
- **Comparing to MOVES**
  - MOVES2010a run with age distribution, operating mode distribution and meteorology to match each independent data source
  - Fuel-specific rates based on MOVES total energy output
  - Diesel HD Trucks
  - Running NO<sub>x</sub>



# Emission Rate Evaluation: HDD NOx



# Heavy-Duty Fleet Average Rates: NOx



# In-use compliance data

- Data collected by manufacturers during normal operation and use
- Focused on monitoring NTE events
- ~5 engines tested per family
- Within useful life (< 450,000 miles)
- MY: 2005-2009
  - Engine families certified using AB & T were excluded from the analysis to allow direct comparison to MOVES rates

Number of Trucks Analyzed				
MY	HHD	MHD	LHD	
2005	35	15	10	
2006	25	18	5	
2007	21	27	21	
2008†	16	10	-	
2009	22	36	4	

† excludes vehicles using AB & T for HHD

# Houston Port Drayage Project

- Collected emissions and activity data on HD drayage trucks using PEMS and PAMS in 2009-10
- Trucks selected for PEMS testing based on RSD scores<sup>1</sup>
- Generally higher mileage (> useful life)

Model Year	Number of Trucks with PEMS
1989 and prior	1
1990	-
1991-1997	10
1998	3
1999-2002	13
2003-2006	10

<sup>1</sup> "Development of real-world data for MOVES – The Houston Drayage Characterization Study", proceedings from 21<sup>st</sup> CRC On-Road Vehicle Emissions Workshop, March 2011

# Data summarized by MOVES operating mode bins

- Allows “in the wild” PEMS data to be compared directly across program/vehicle/trip, and with MOVES rates
- Constructed based on vehicle speed and Scaled Tractive Power (STP)
  - STP = update of VSP for heavy trucks

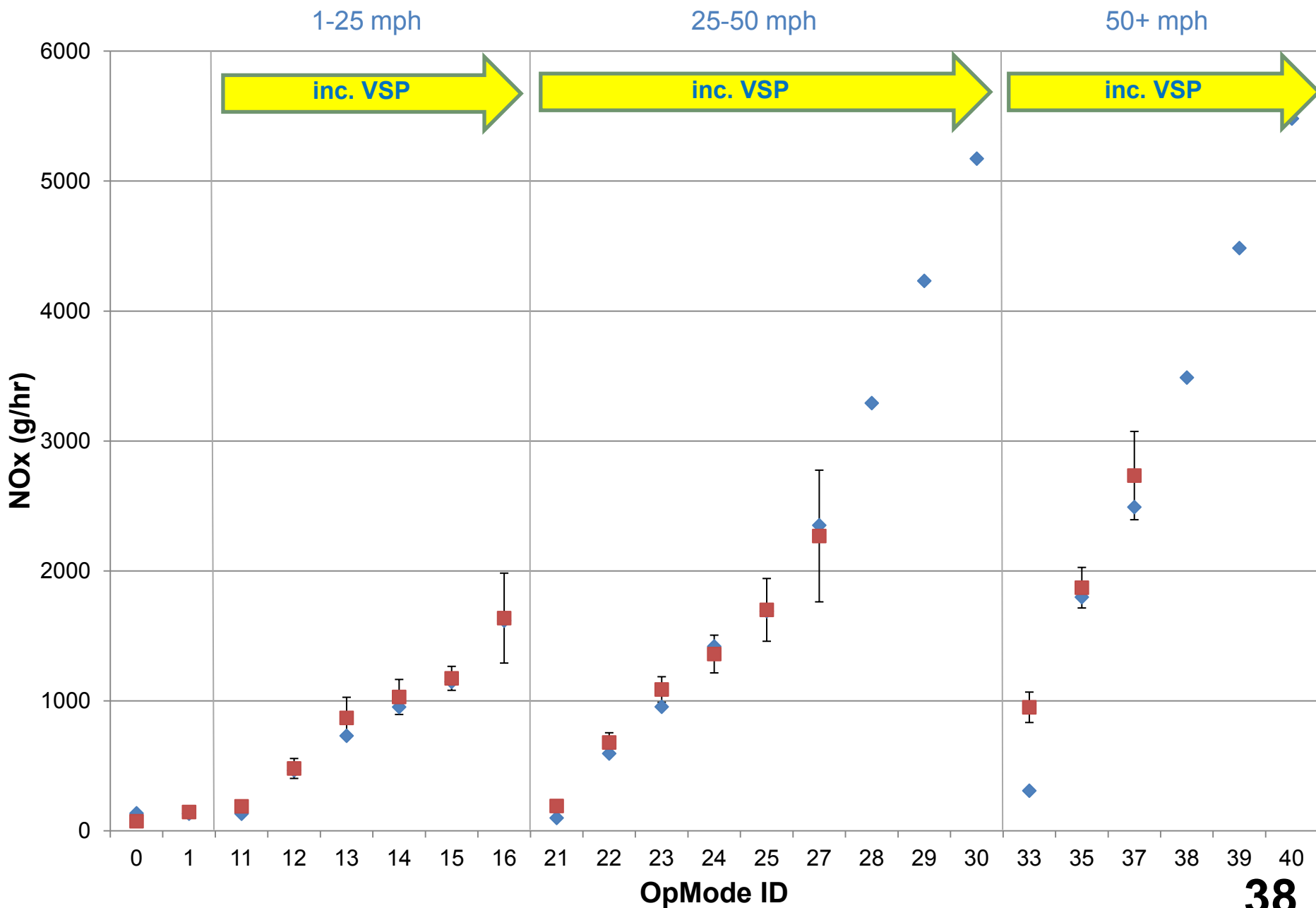
$$STP = \frac{P_{axle}}{f_{scale}}$$

$$P_{axle} = \eta_{driveline} (P_{eng} - P_{loss,acc})$$

Regulatory Class	Power scaling factor ( $f_{scale}$ )
MHD, HHD, Bus	17.1
LHD	2.06

# Houston Drayage vs. MOVES: HHD MY 1991-1997

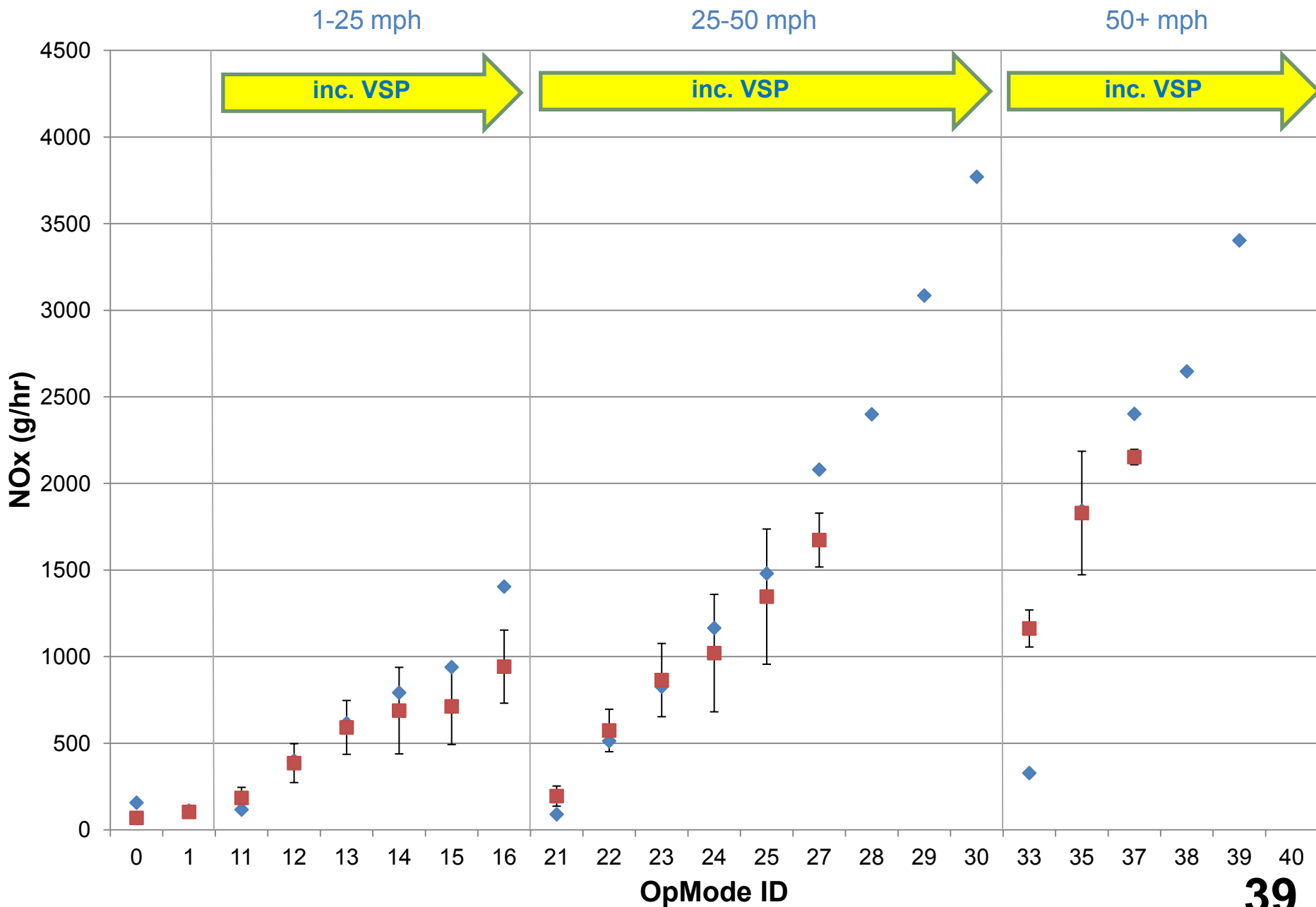
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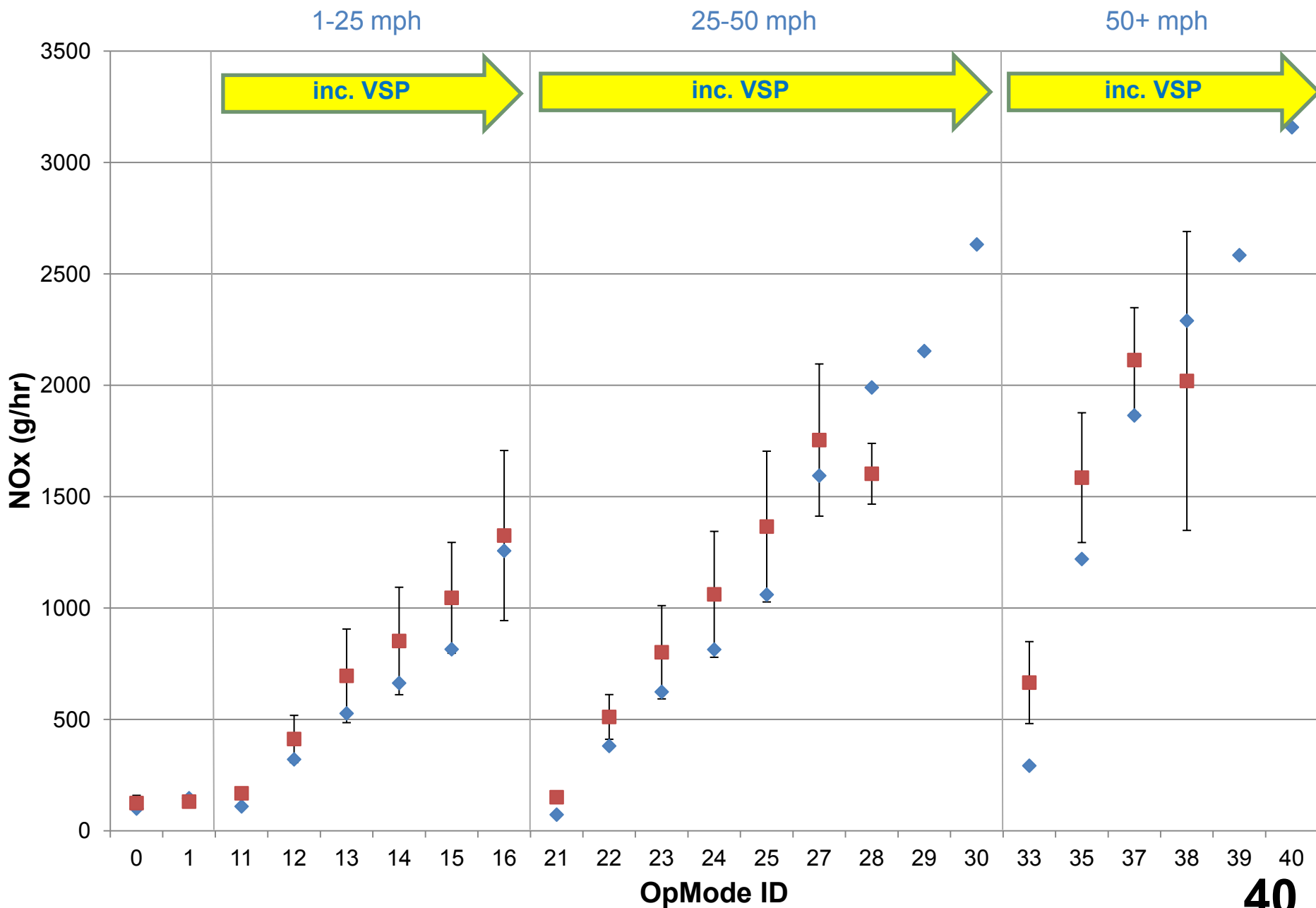
# Houston Drayage vs. MOVES: HHD MY 1998

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# Houston Drayage vs. MOVES: HHD MY 1999-2002

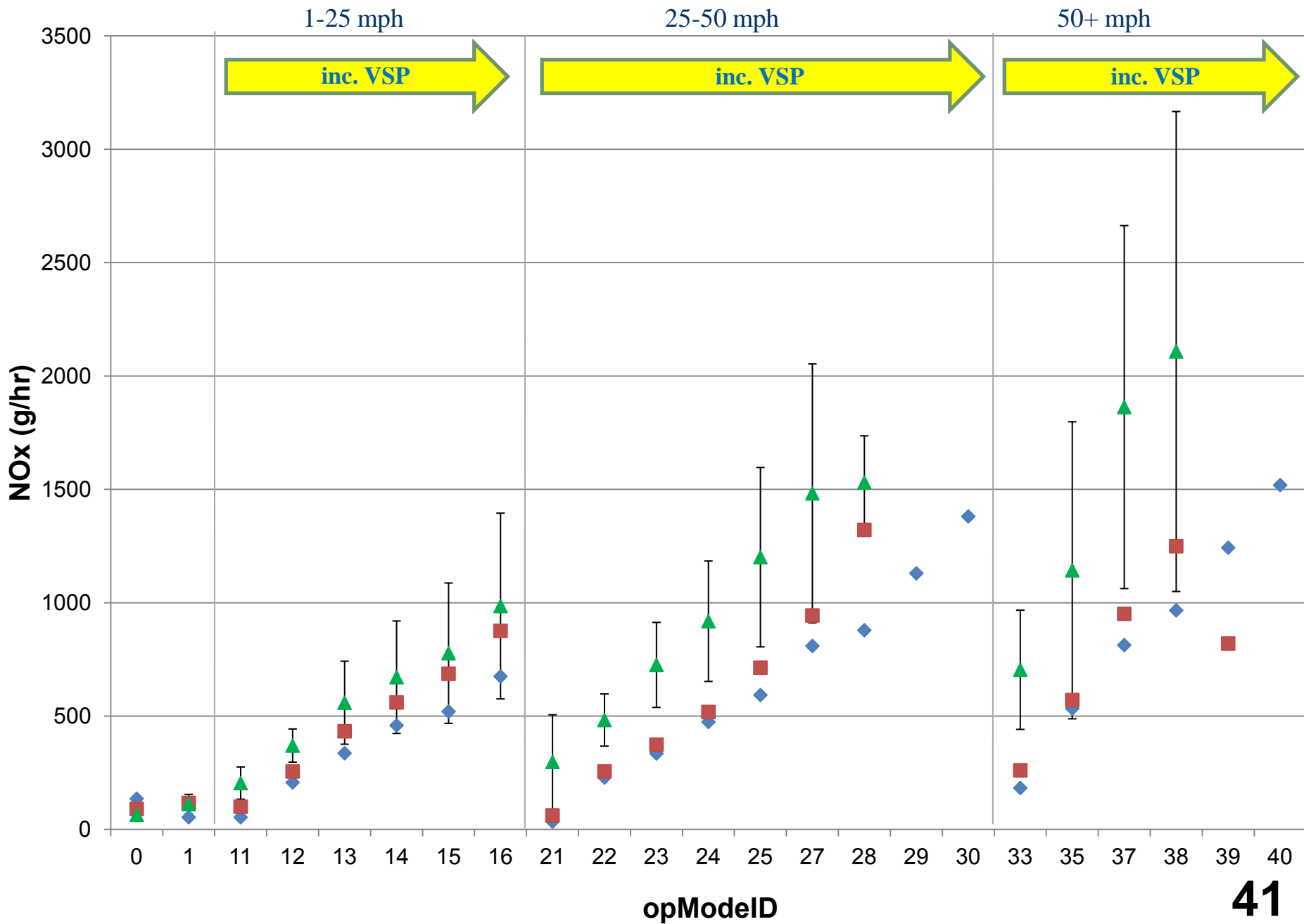
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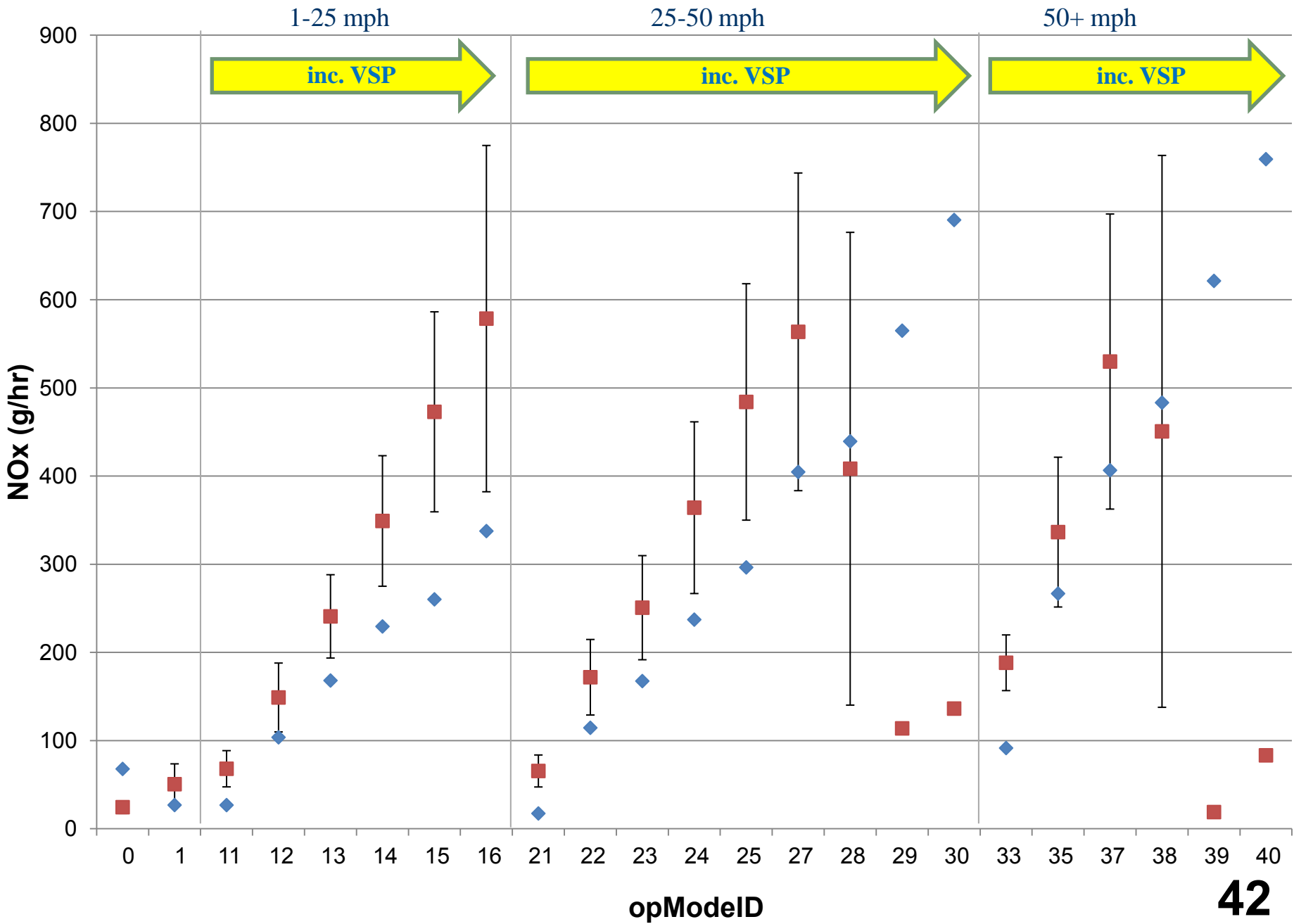
# Houston Drayage vs. MOVES: MY 2003-2006

◆ MOVES    ■ Compliance Data    ▲ Drayage



# Compliance Data vs. MOVES: HHD NOx MY 2007-2009

◆ MOVES ■ Compliance Data



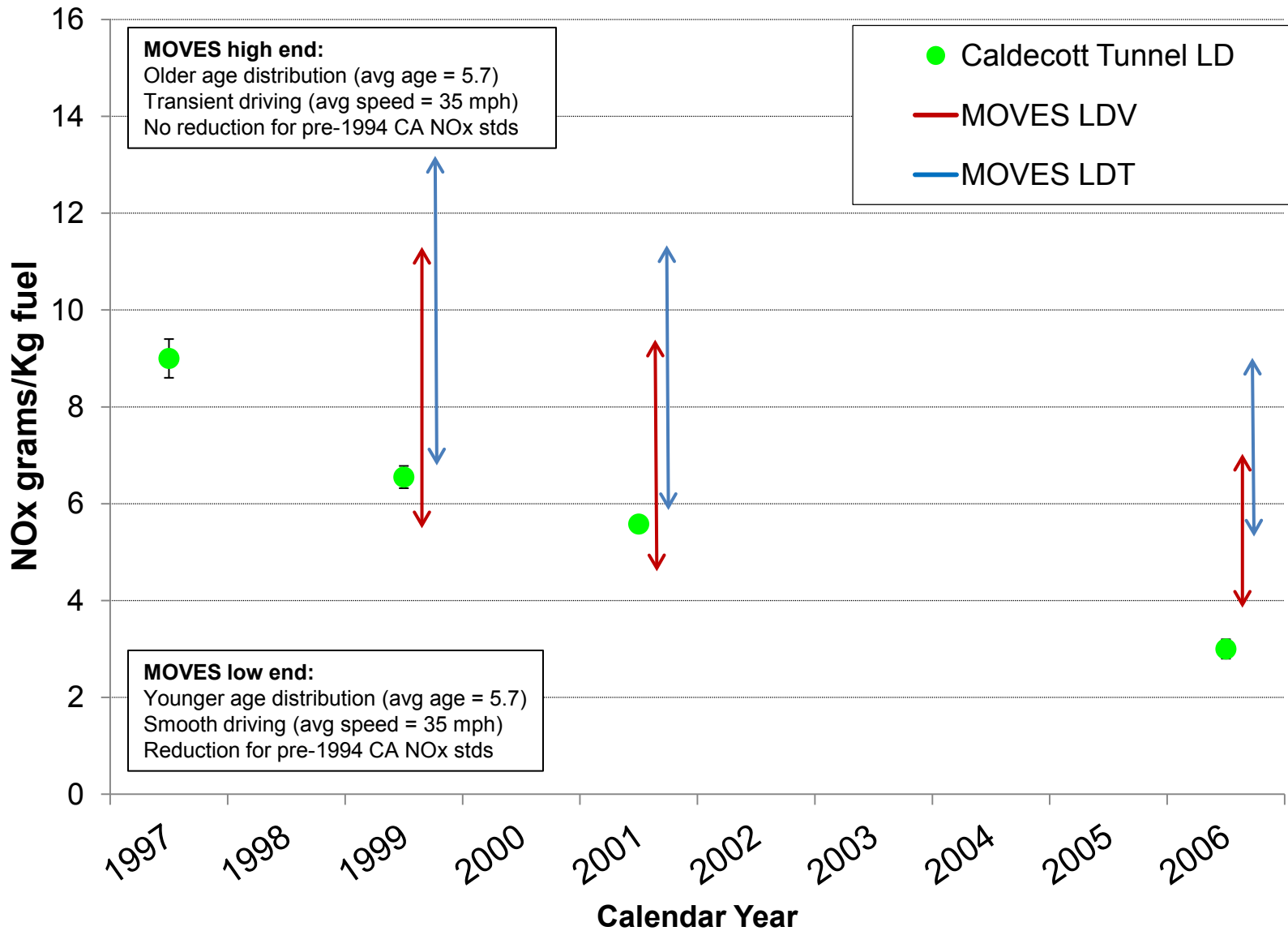
# Comparison to Tunnel & Roadside Monitoring Studies

- **Caldecott Tunnel (Bay Area, CA)**
  - LD and HDD NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2006; compared to previous years too
  - Ban-Weiss et. al, “Long-term changes in emissions of nitrogen oxides and particulate mater from on-road gasoline and diesel vehicles”  
*Atmospheric Environment* 42:220–232 (2008)
- **Borman Expressway (outside Chicago)**
  - Derived HDD PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from roadside monitor in 2004/5
  - Soliman and Jacko, “Development of an Empirical Model to Estimate Real-World Fine Particulate Matter Emission Factors: The Traffic Air Quality Model”, *J. Air & Waste Manage. Assoc.* 56:1540-1549 (2006)
- **MOVES run to approximate conditions based on information reported in the studies**

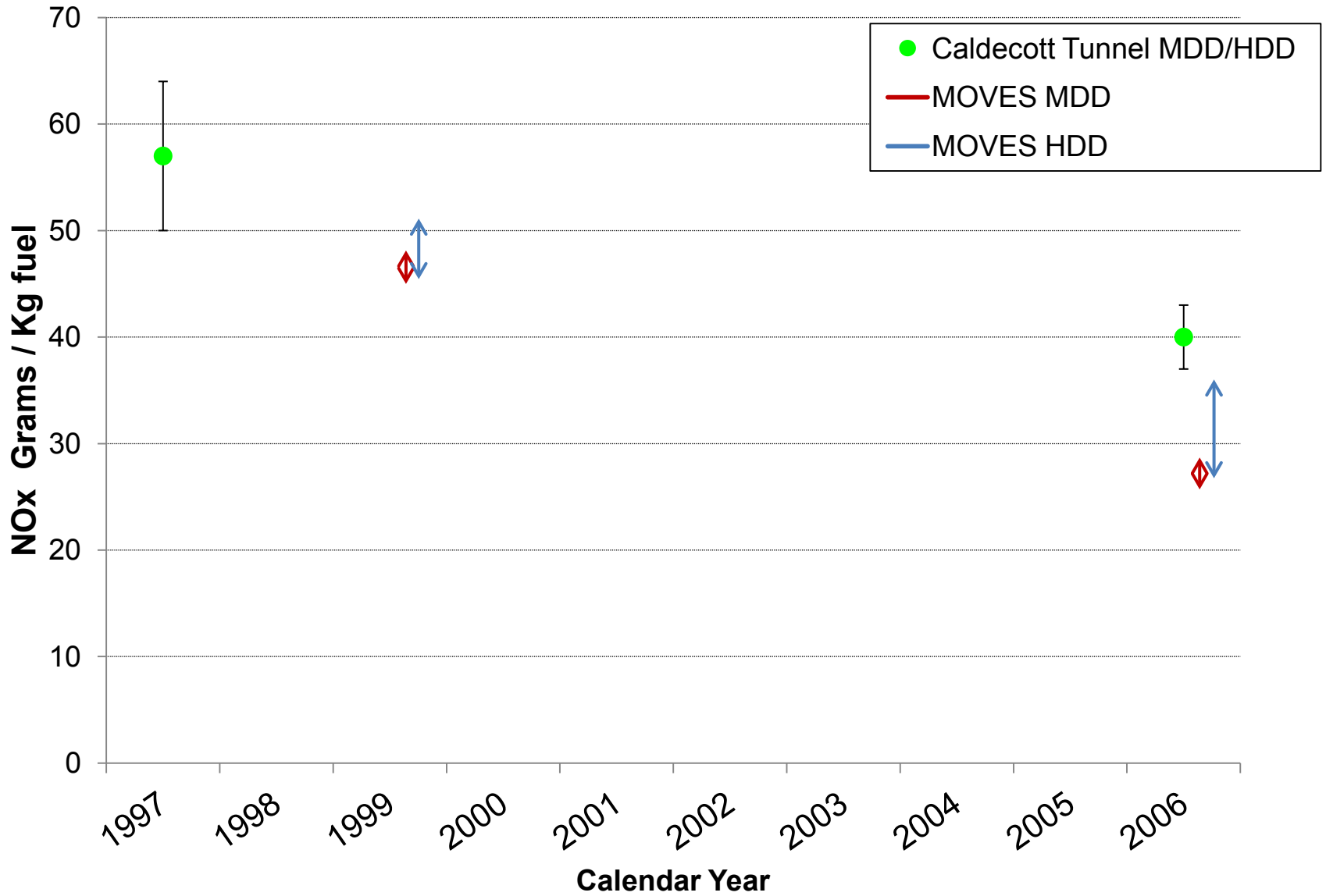
# Uncertainties in Tunnel & Roadside Monitoring Comparison

- **Don't know specific driving patterns**
  - Used average speed distribution reported in paper
  - Modeled range of accel/decel behind these average speeds
- **Don't know details of vehicle mix or age distribution**
  - Modeled range of age distribution based on average age (5.7 years)
  - Showing vehicle classes separately (LDV & LDT...MHD & HHD)
- **Estimating emissions in CA based on non-CA fleet**
  - Modeled CA LEV program for MY 1994+ LD
  - Sensitivity case for lower LD NOx standards pre-1994 MY
  - Not accounted for:
    - 30 ppm fuel introduced ~10 years earlier in California
    - More stringent California aftermarket catalyst requirements
- **Default fuel, meteorology and I/M program used**

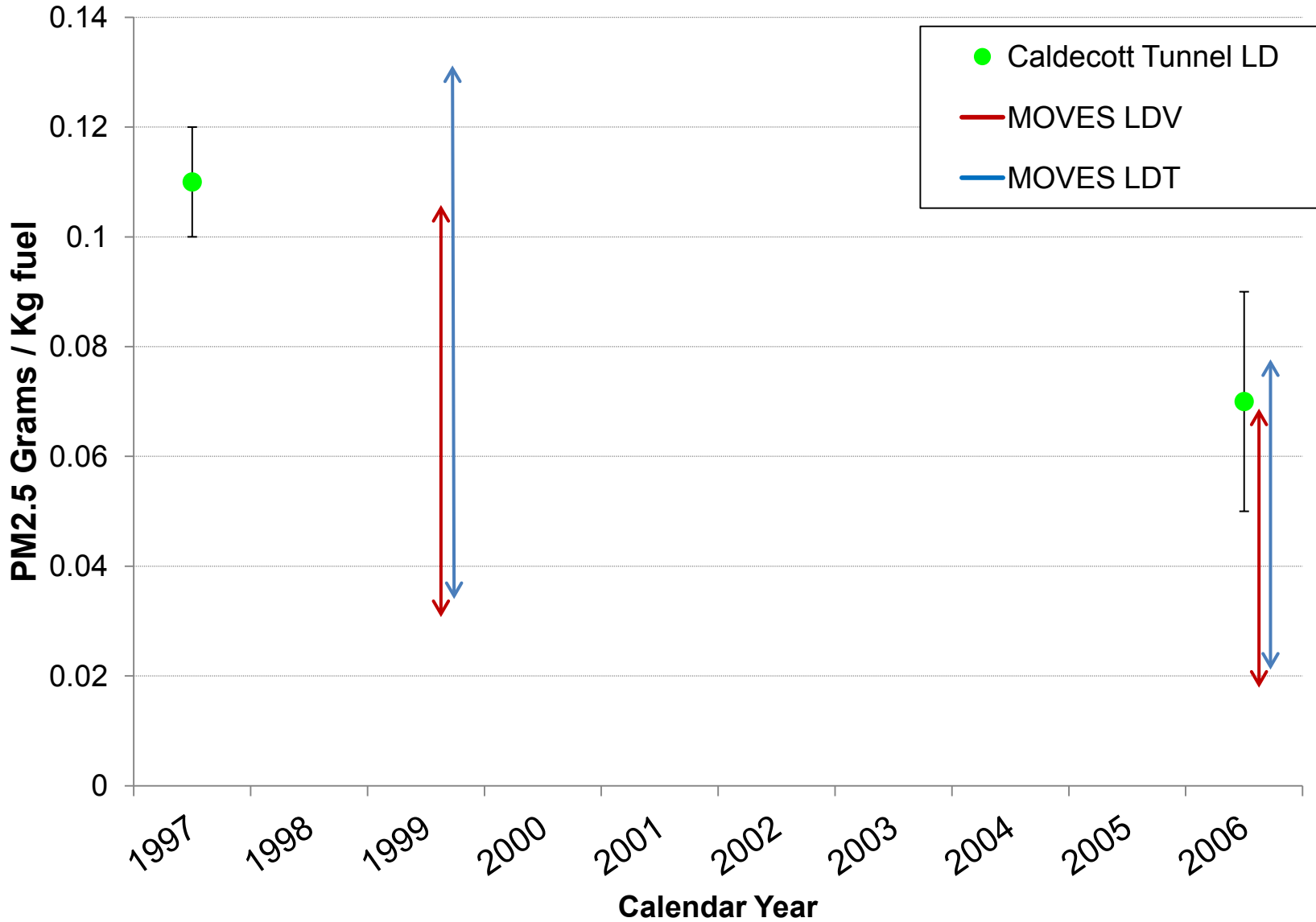
# MOVES LD NOx vs. Tunnel Results



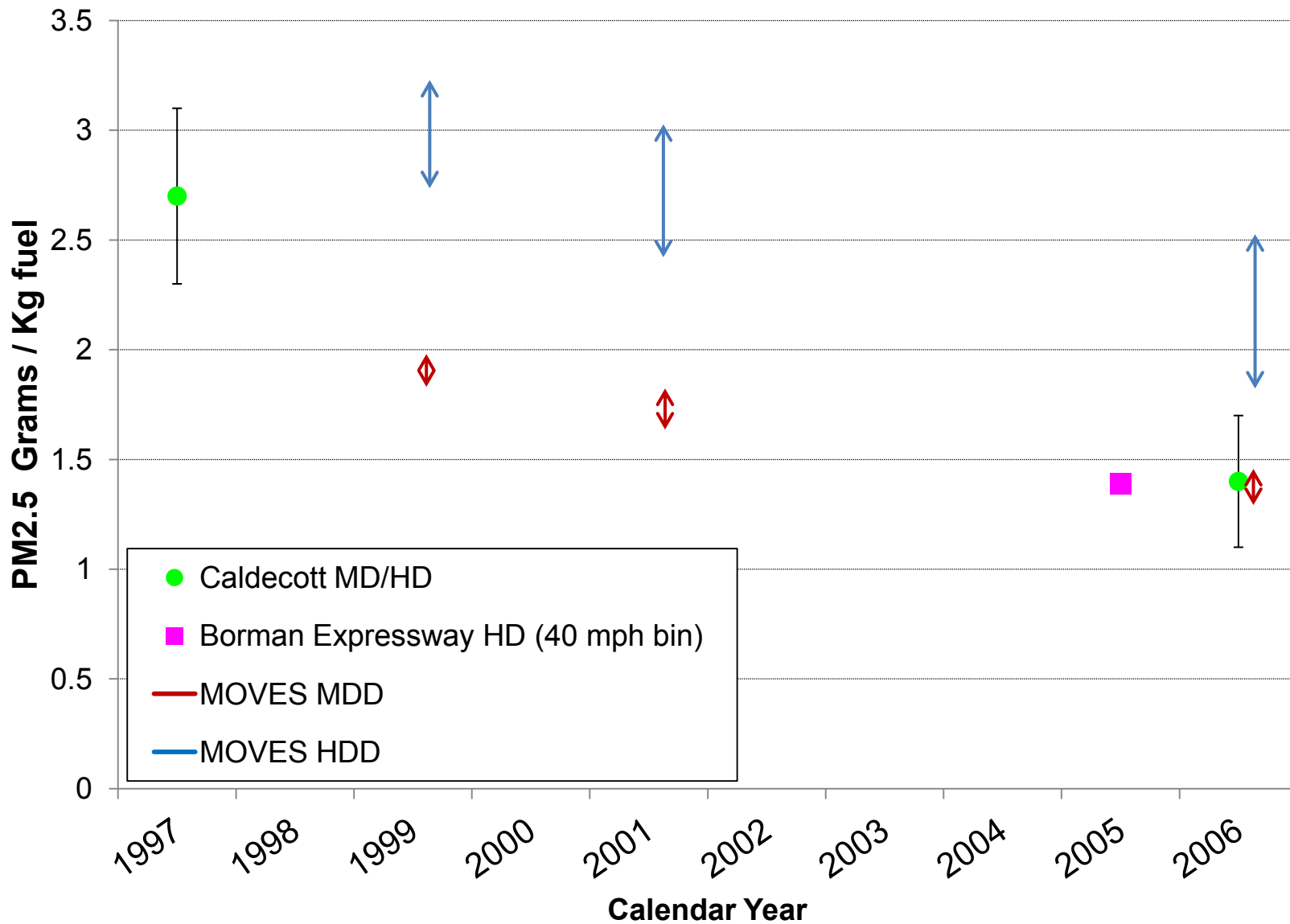
# MOVES HDD & MHD NOx vs. Tunnel Results



# MOVES LD PM<sub>2.5</sub> vs. Tunnel Results



# MOVES HHD & MHD PM<sub>2.5</sub> to Tunnel & Roadside Results





# On-Road Vehicle Emissions in a Southern California Traffic Tunnel

## Project Team

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University of Denver  
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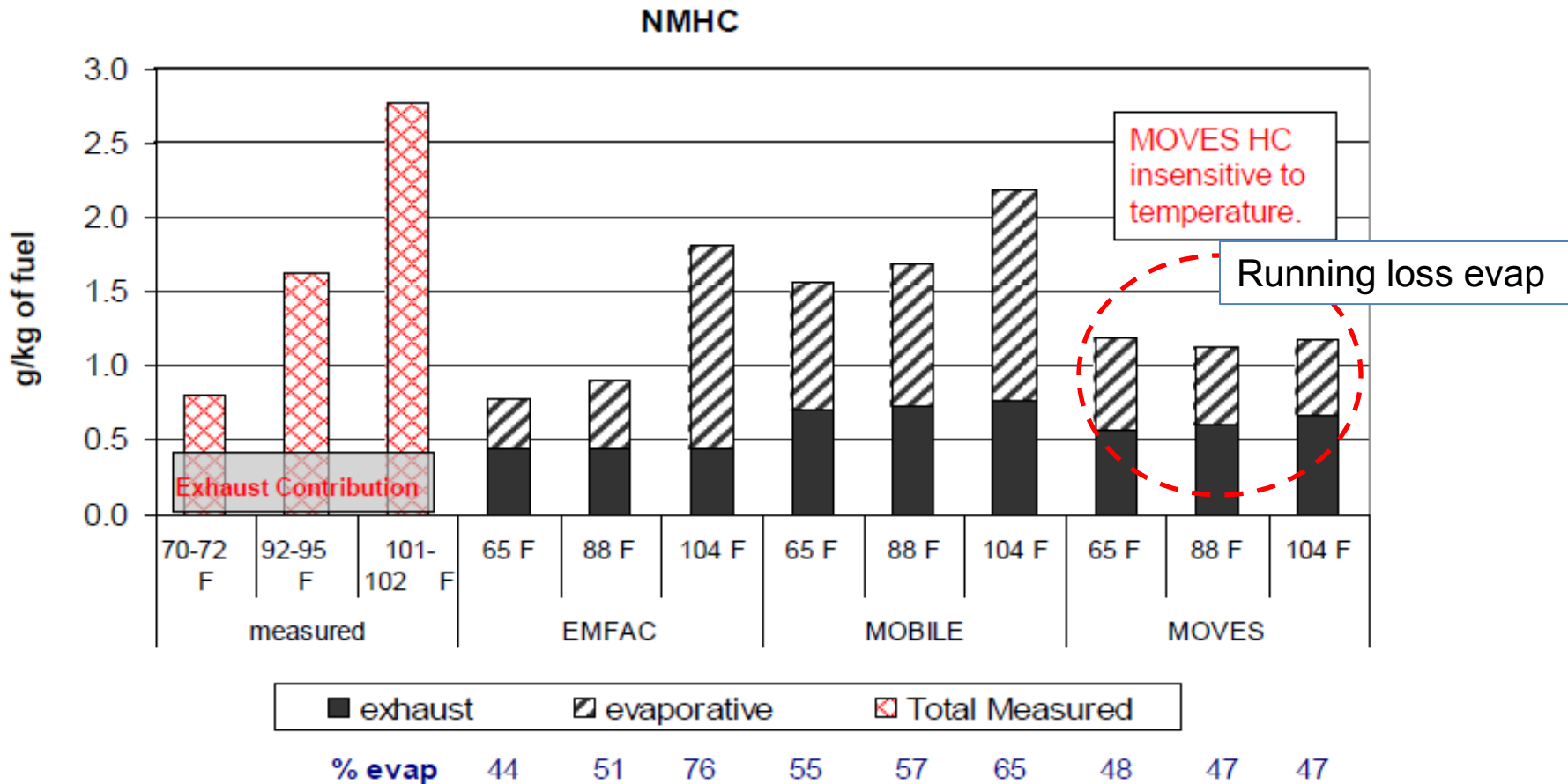
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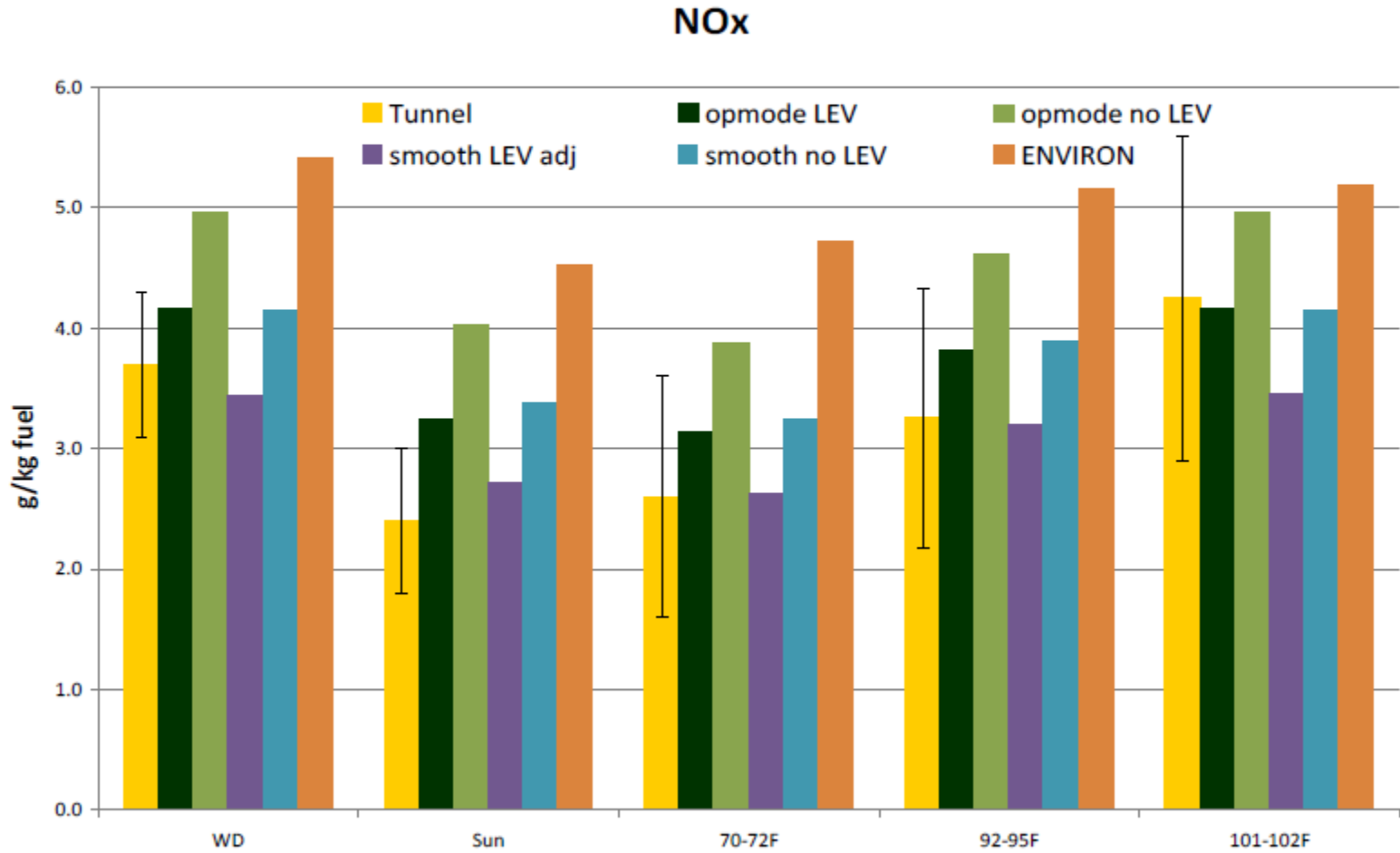
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# Temperature Sensitivity of NMHC Emission Factors



# Variations in MOVES NOx EFs with driving cycle and LEV adjustments



from material provided by John Koupal, U.S. EPA Office of Transportation & Air Quality

# CHANGES IN ON-ROAD DIESEL VEHICLE EMISSIONS IN CALIFORNIA

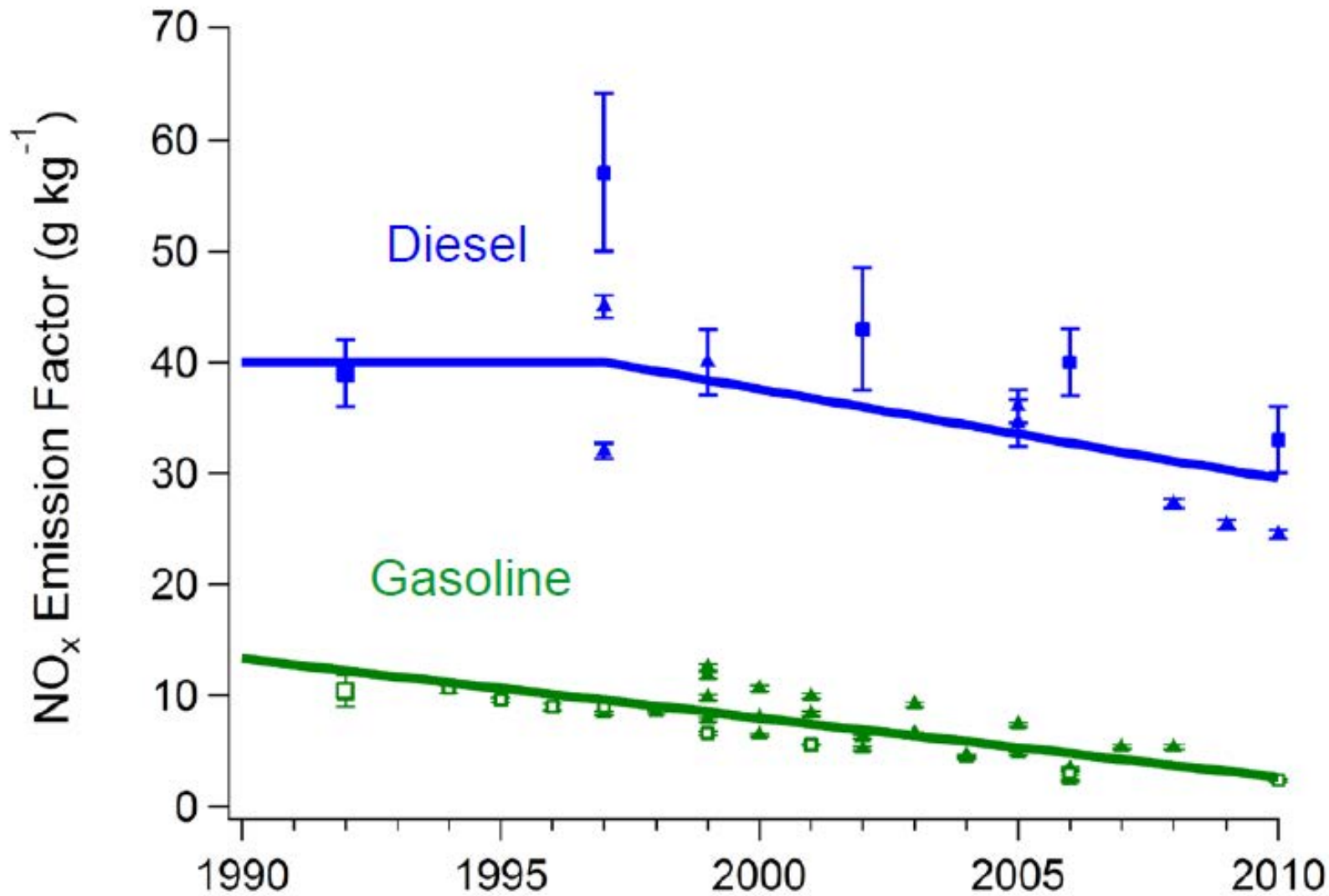
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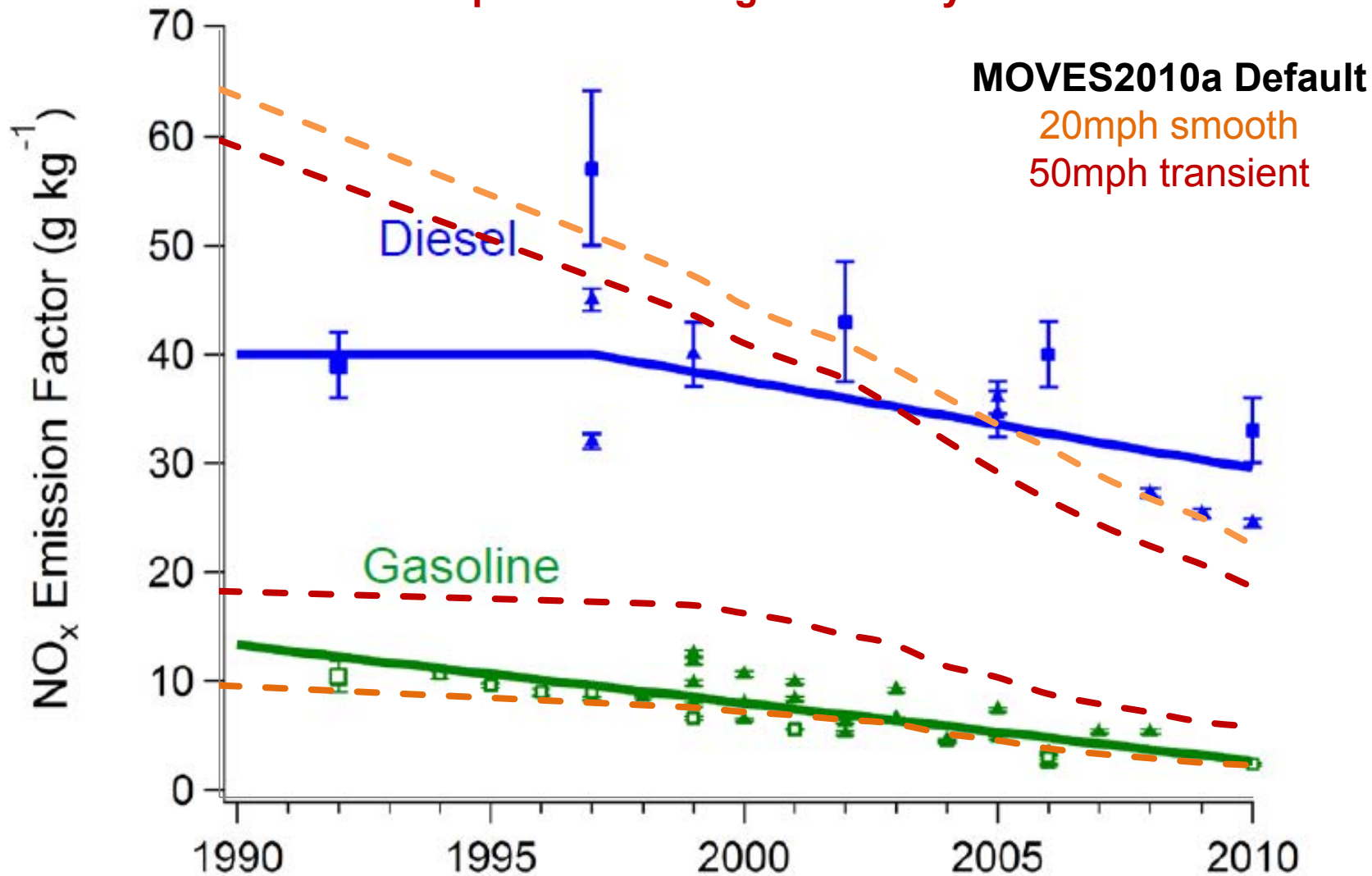
# On-Road Vehicle NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Factors



Dallmann and Harley (*JGR* 2010)  
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# On-Road Vehicle NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Factors

MOVES prediction range added by EPA



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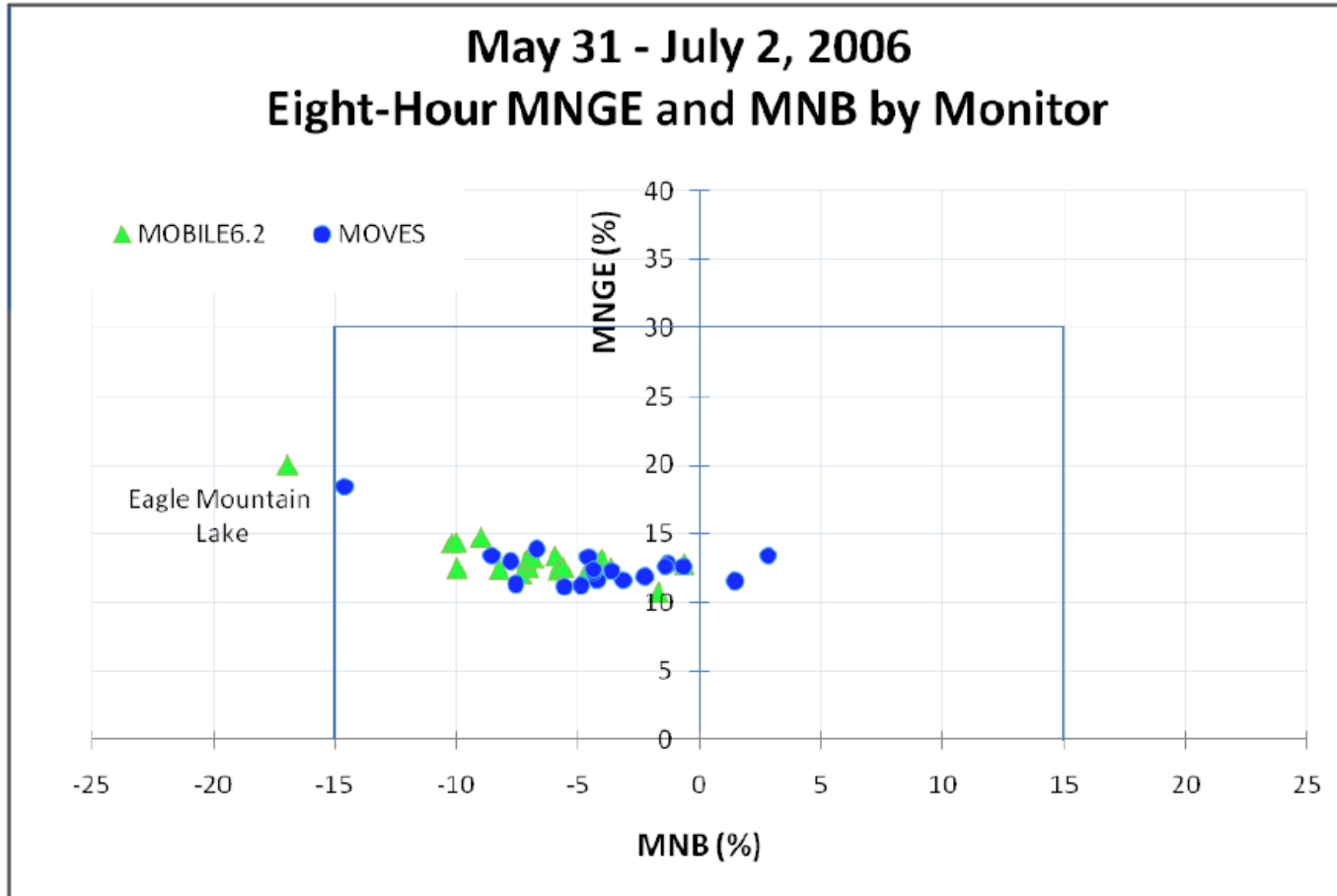
Speed range chosen to bound speeds typical in tunnel/RSD studies. Does not account for specific age distributions, vehicle operation, control programs, or fuels in each study

# Air Quality Model (CMAQ) vs. Monitor Evaluations Using MOVES

- **Heavy Duty GHG Rule (U.S. EPA)**
  - Compared 8-hour daily maximum ozone on monitors across U.S.
  - Normalized bias range -4 to +7% ; Normalized error within 15%
- **Simon, et. al, 2011 CMAS Conference (U.S. EPA)**
  - MOVES resulted in less NO<sub>x</sub> bias than MOBILE6 in Northeast during periods of cleanest onroad signal (urban/winter/am)
- **Kota, et. al, TRB Paper No. 12-4438 (Texas A&M)**
  - MOVES resulted in less O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> bias than MOBILE6 for majority of monitor sites in Houston area
- **Boyer, Dallas-Fort Worth Attainment Demonstration (TCEQ)**
  - MOVES resulted in less O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> bias than MOBILE6 across Dallas-Fort Worth area

# TCEQ Evaluation

## 2006 Base Case Evaluation



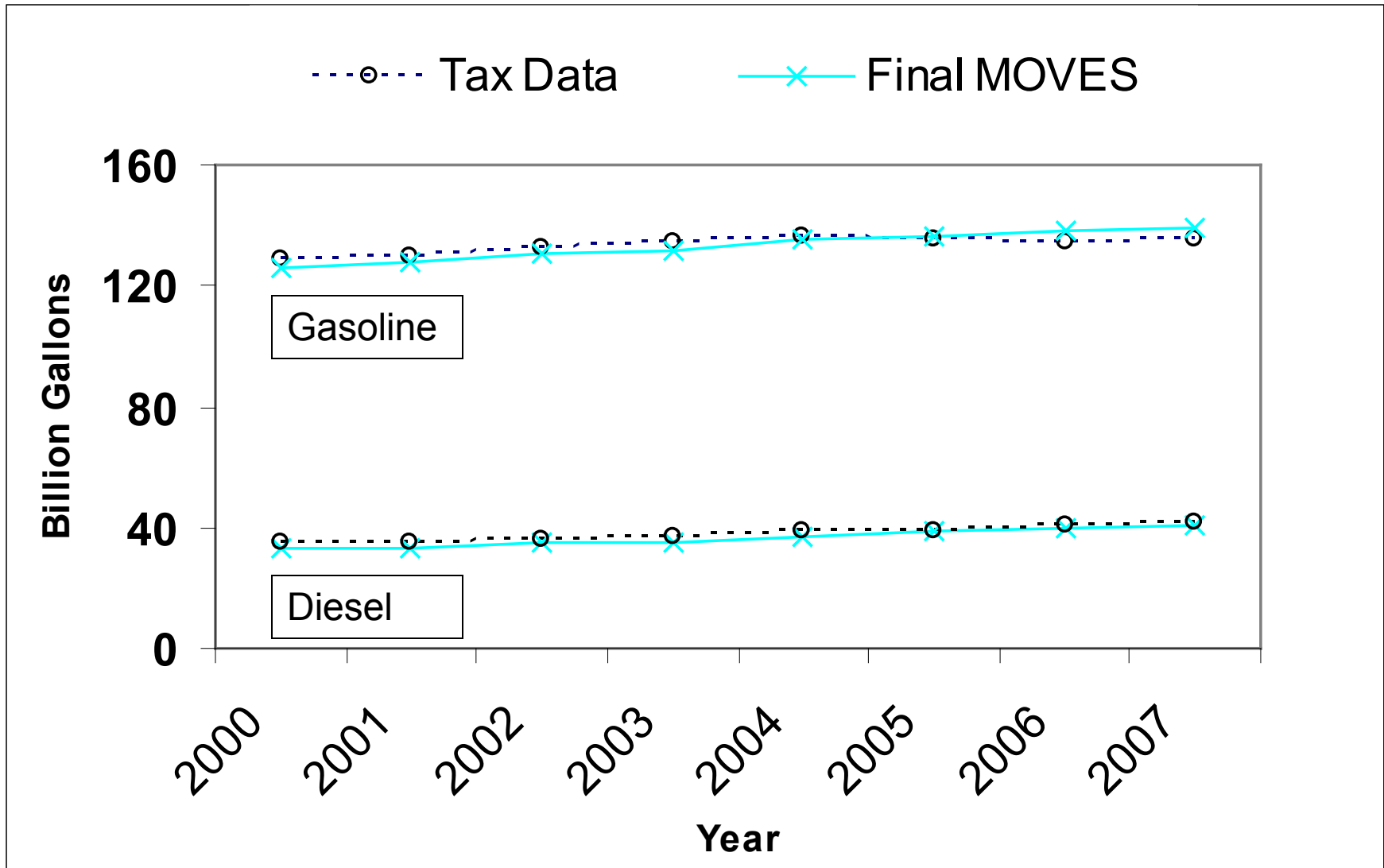
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MOVES

MOBILE6.2



# Comparison of MOVES-based Fuel Consumption vs. Tax Data



# Summary

- **EPA has evaluated MOVES2010a predictions using several methodologies**
- **Emission rate comparison generally favorable**
  - Does not show systematic bias for NO<sub>x</sub> or HC
  - Atlanta and Kansas City results suggest MOVES CO may be too high at high speed/accel conditions
- **Tunnel comparisons show consistent trends over time**
  - Uncertainties in driving patterns, vehicle and age mix affect comparison
  - Differences in gasoline sulfur between CA and rest of U.S. may affect LD NO<sub>x</sub>
  - MOVES results compare well with tunnel and roadside PM<sub>2.5</sub> results
- **Air quality model evaluations using MOVES show low bias, improved performance vs. MOBILE6**
- **Evaluation work is ongoing – will inform improvements for next version of MOVES, and research needs**