MOVES Sensitivity Analysis:

The Impacts of Temperature and Humidity on Emissions

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MOVES model

- **Facilitates estimation of emissions under user-defined conditions**
  - by replacing national defaults with local inputs
  - through County-Data Manager (CDM)
- **MOVES input parameters:**
  - Meteorology – temperature and humidity
  - Vehicle population
  - Age distributions
  - Vehicle miles travelled (VMT)
  - Average speed distributions
  - Road type distributions
  - Ramp fractions
  - Fuel supply
  - I/M program parameters

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Meteorology data

- **MOVES' default meteorology database**
  - hourly temperature and humidity
  - every county in the country
  - 30 year averages from the National Climatic Data
- **Affect estimates of emissions via**
  - temperature adjustment
  - humidity correction factor for NOx
  - air conditioning adjustment – function of temperature, humidity
- **For SIP and regional conformity analysis, use of local meteorology data encouraged**
- **Thus, understanding the degree to which temperature and humidity affect emissions results is crucial**

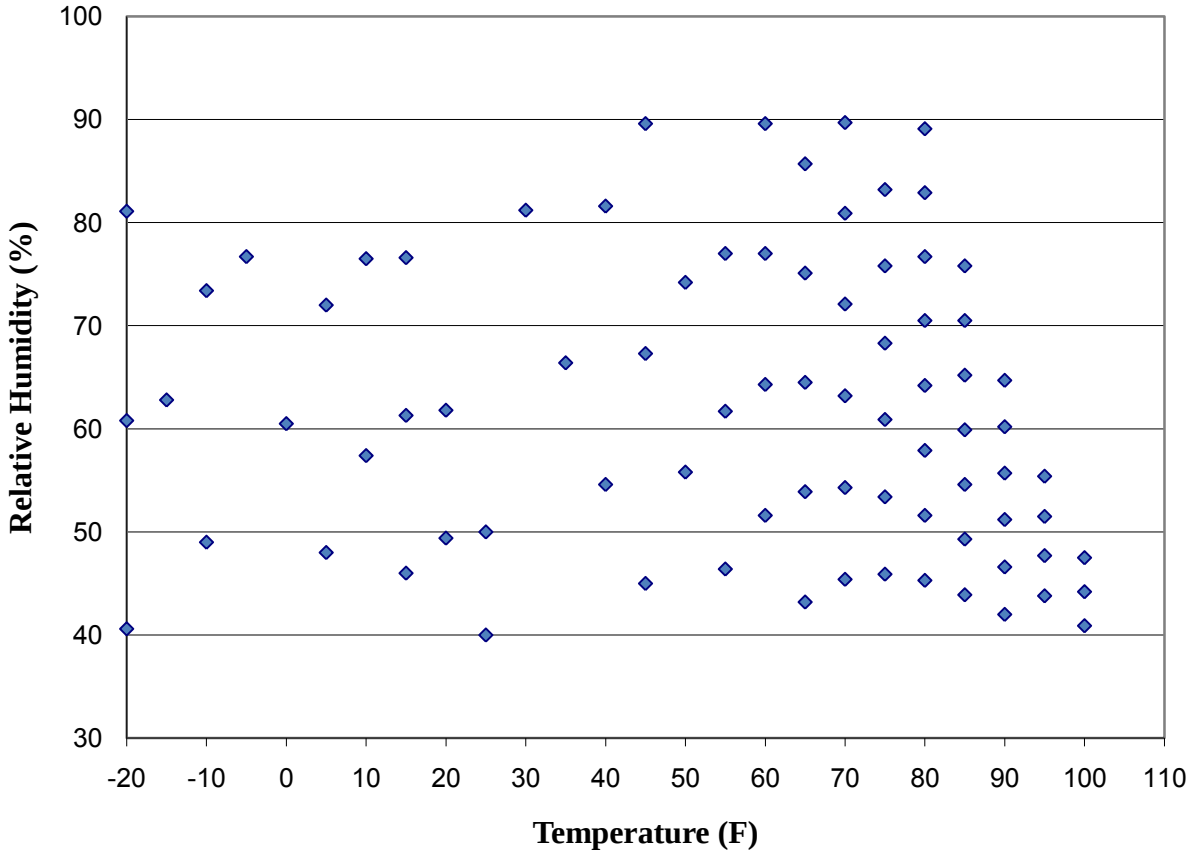
MOVES run

- **MOVES2010a**
- **“National” scale**
- **Gasoline and diesel**
- **All vehicle types, all road types**
- **Pollutants**
  - Hydrocarbons (HC)
  - Carbon monoxide (CO)
  - Oxides of nitrogen (NOx)
  - Total particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$)
- **Emissions processes**
  - CO, NOx, and PM2.5: cold starts and running
  - HC: cold starts, running, and evaporative

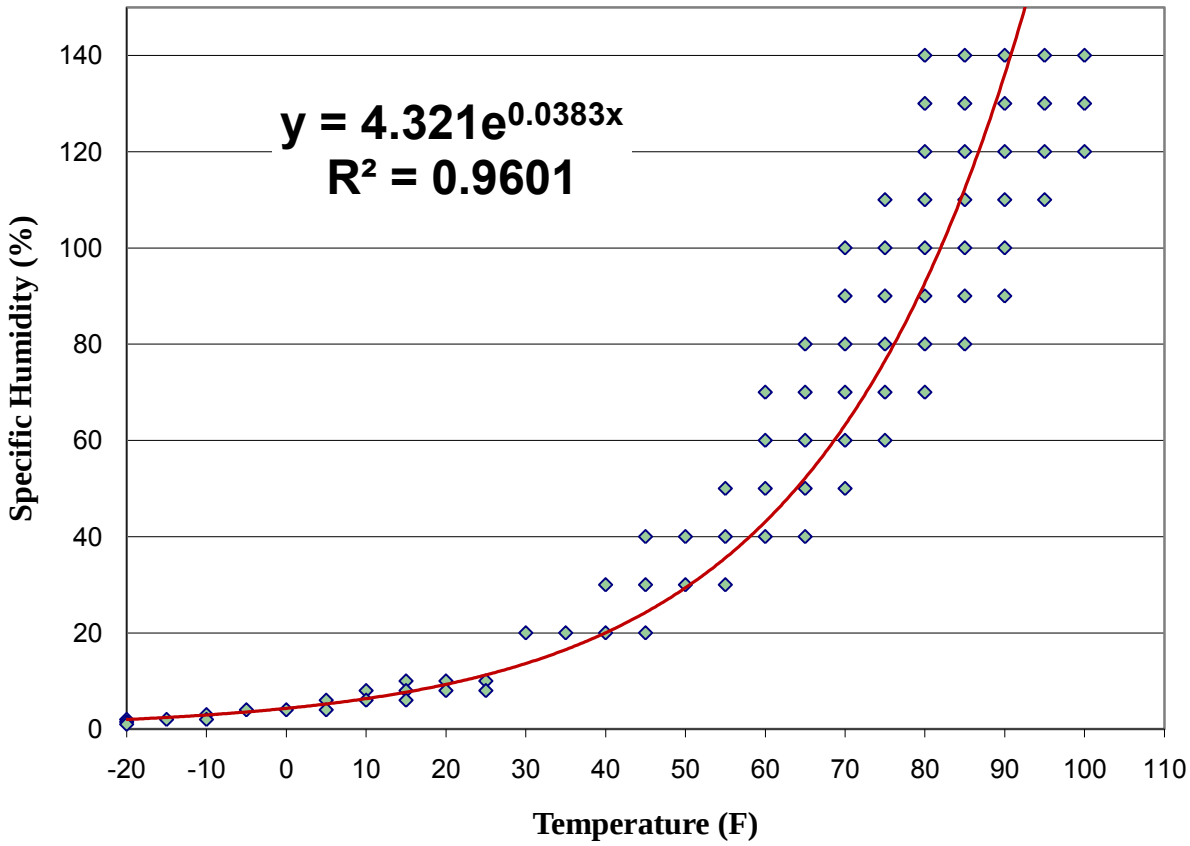
Methods

- **Humidity**
  - MOVES default relative humidity
    - from 11.5 to 95.3 percent
  - Analysis
    - from 0 to 100 percent in increments of 10
    - at a given temperature between 25 to 100 F
- **Temperature**
  - MOVES default temperature
    - from -24.5 to 107.5 F
  - Analysis
    - from -40 to 120 F in increments of 10 degrees
  - the relationship between temperature and humidity examined to isolate the effect of temperature

Temperature vs. Relative Humidity



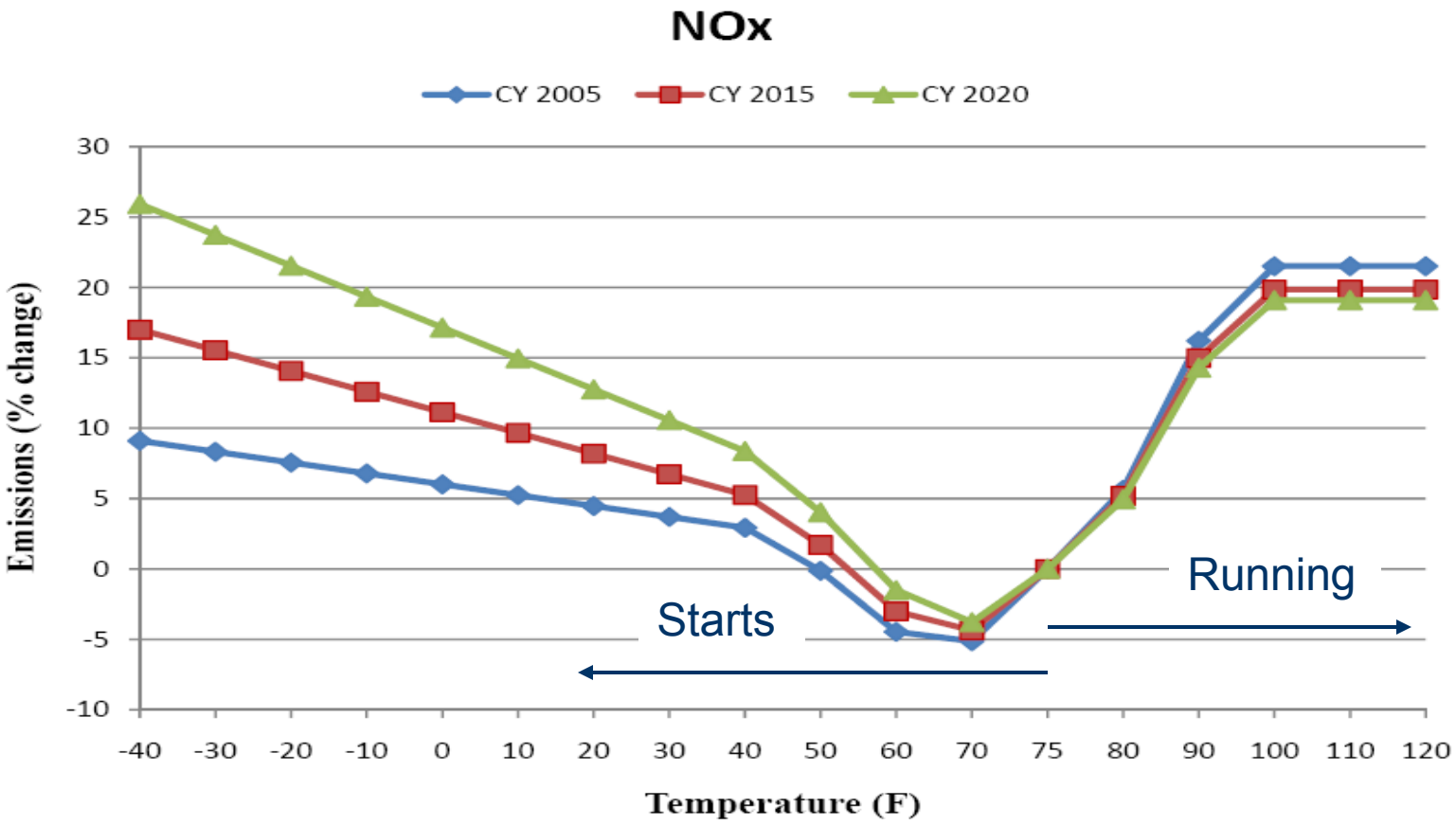
Temperature vs. Specific Humidity



Results

- Aggregate emission estimates of all vehicle types, processes, and road types
- Percent change in emissions in relation to incremental changes in temperature and humidity
- Base temperature: 75 F
- Base humidity: zero percent

Temperature - Gasoline



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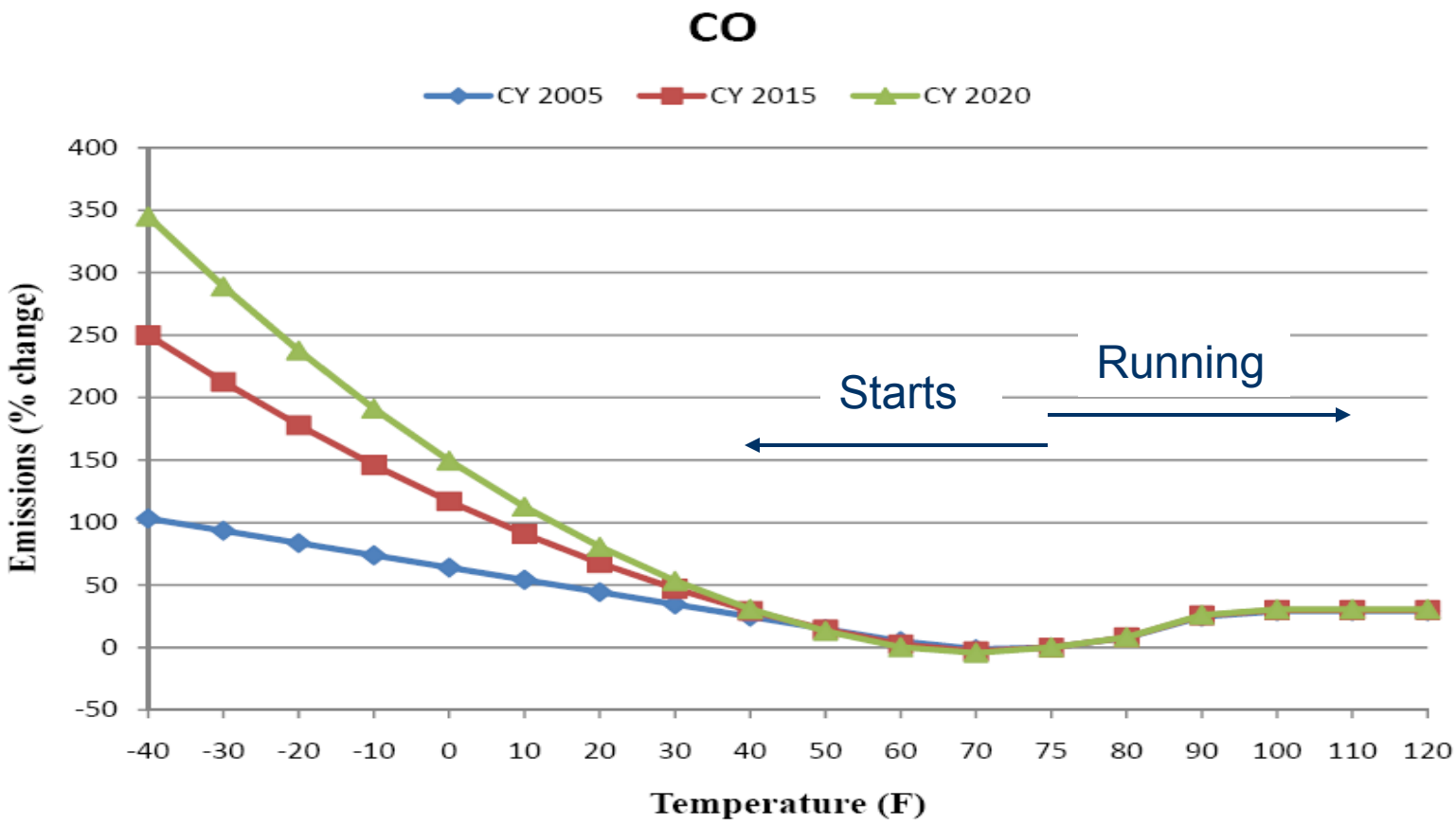

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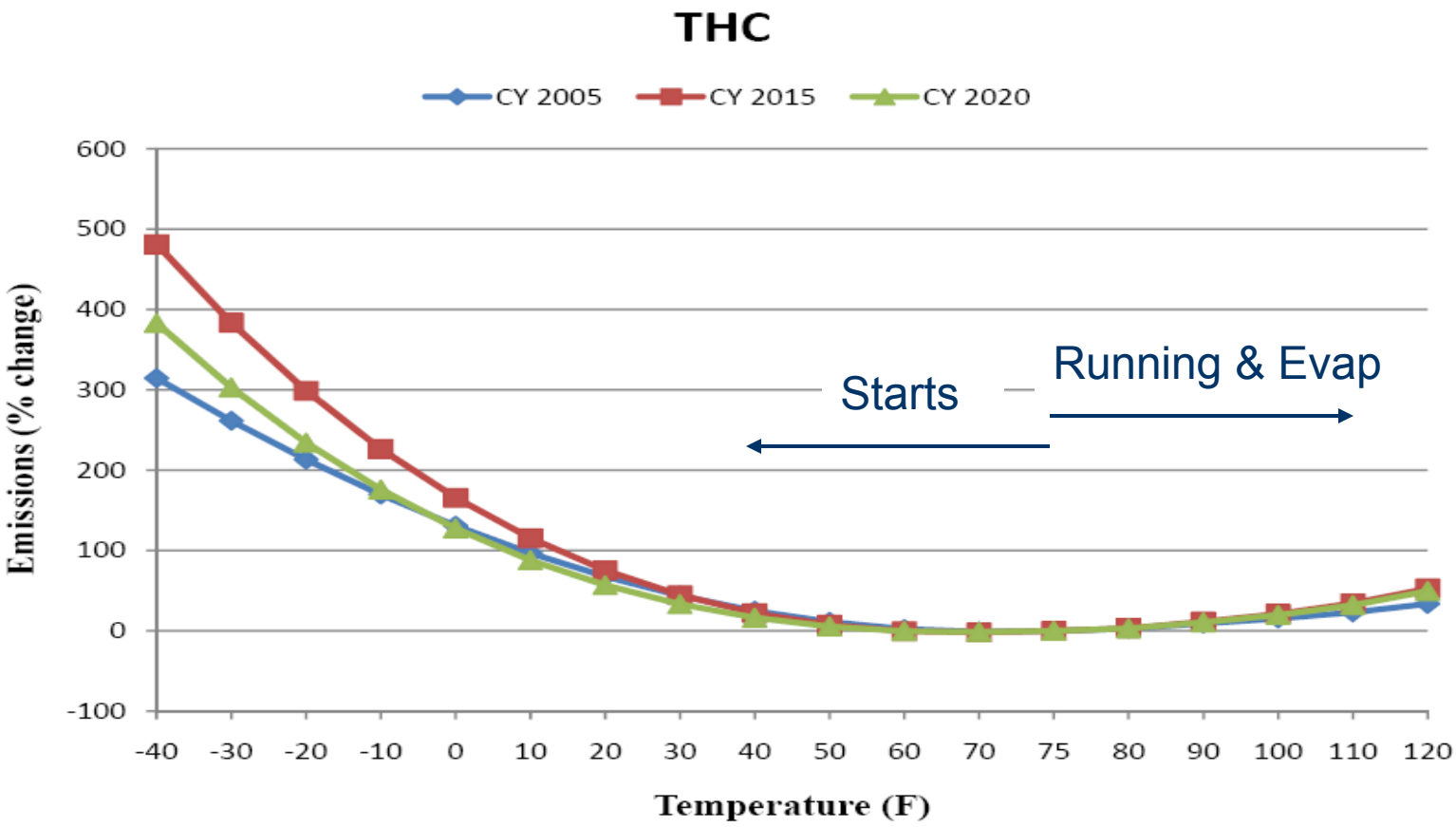

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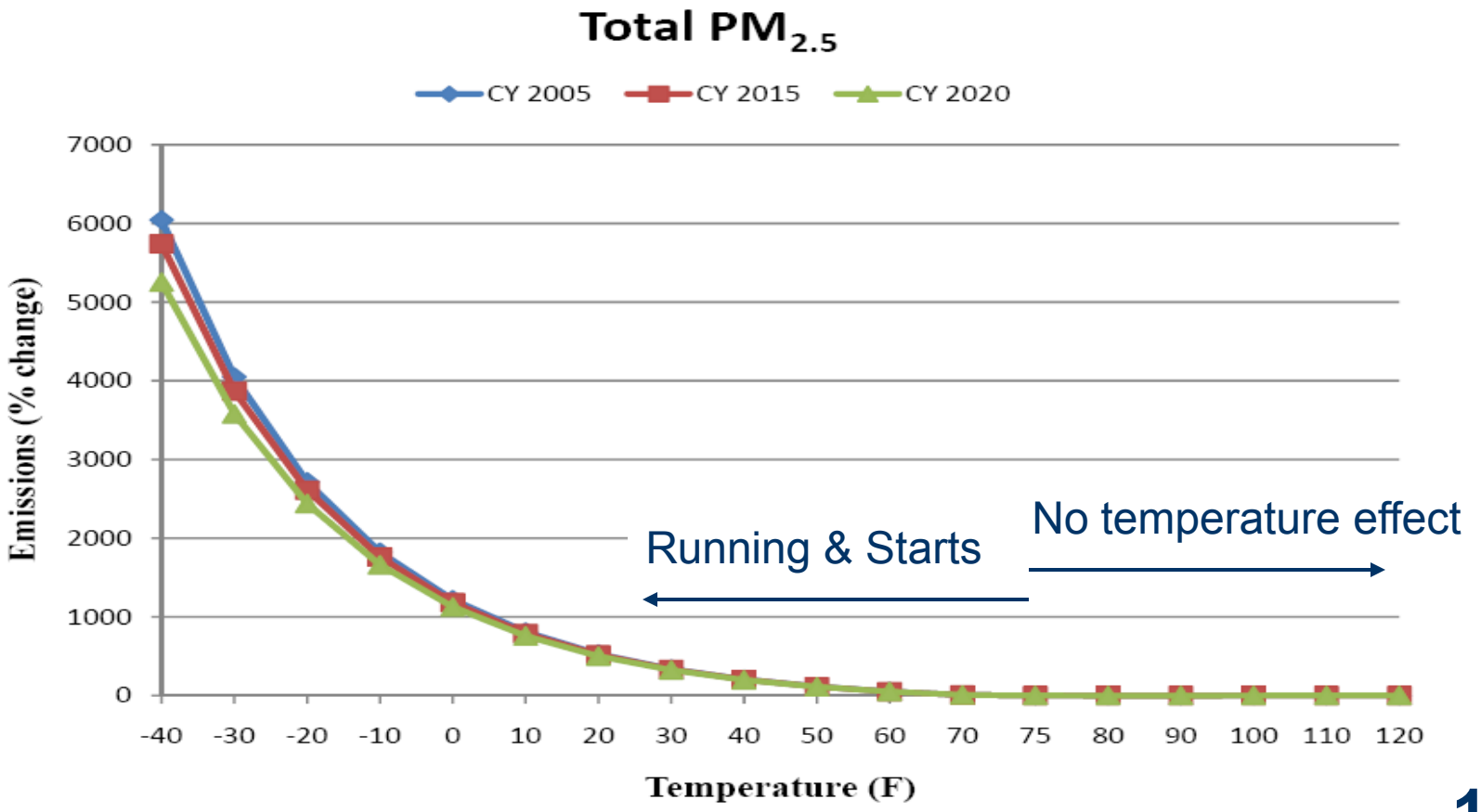

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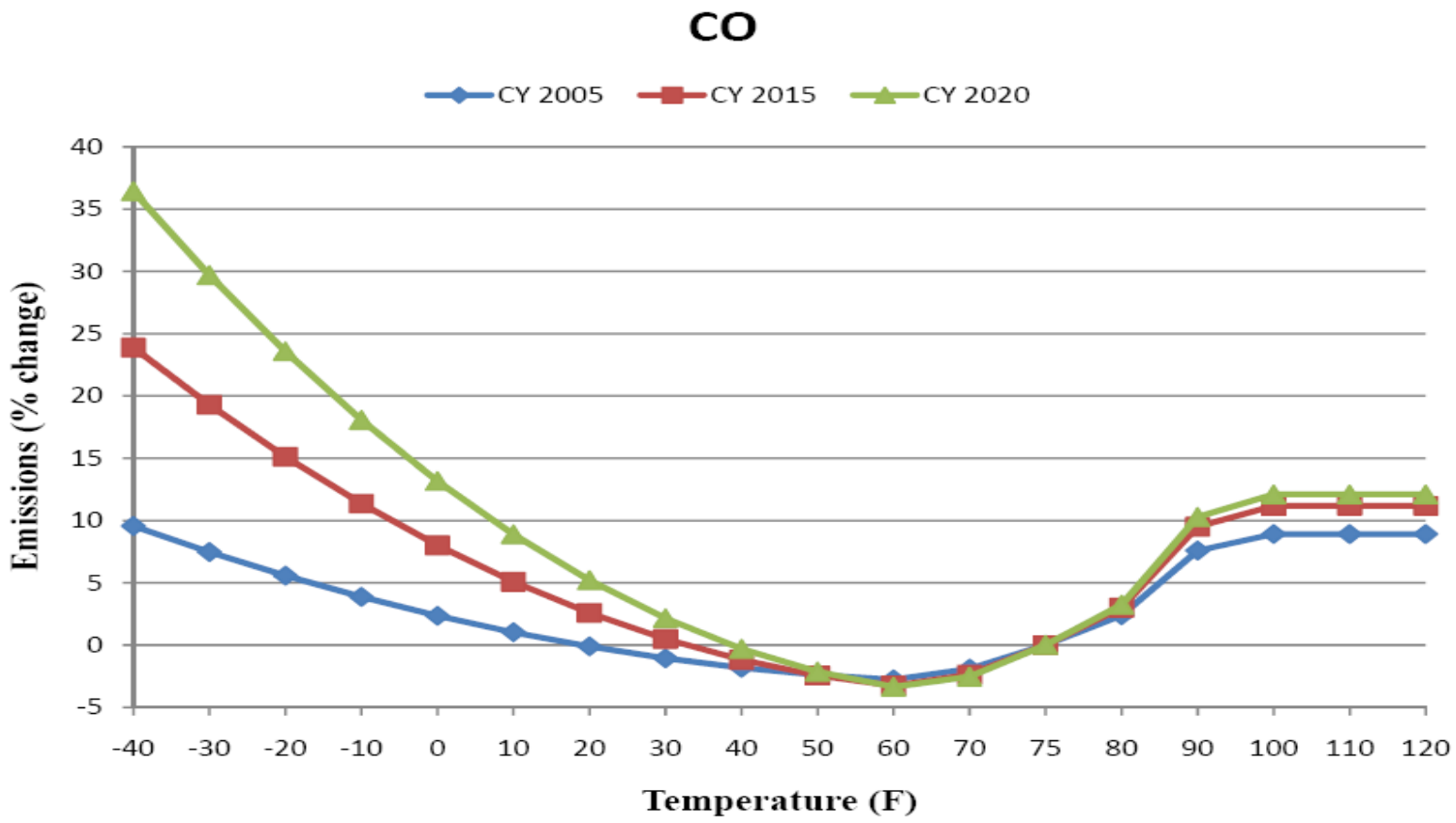

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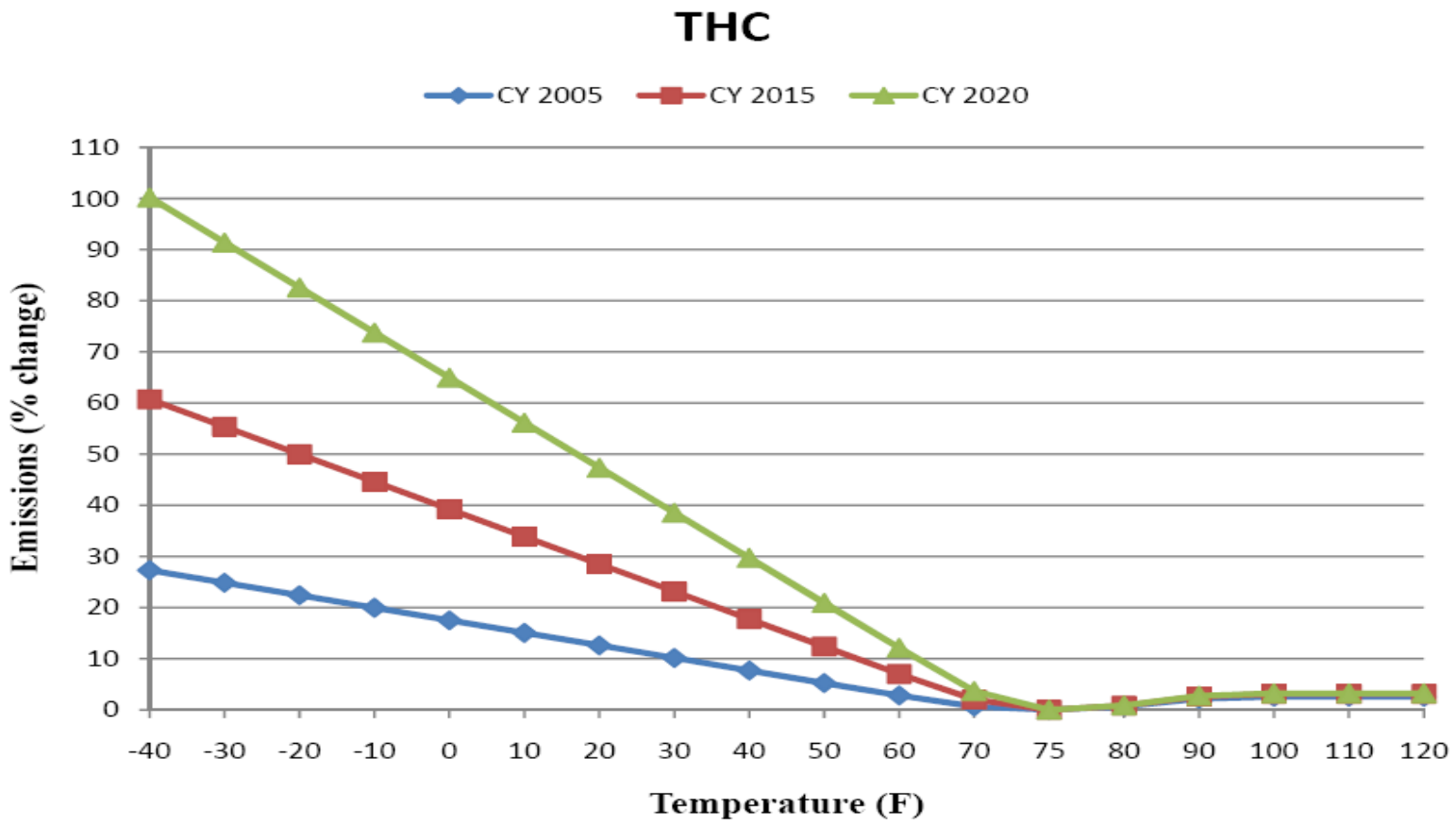

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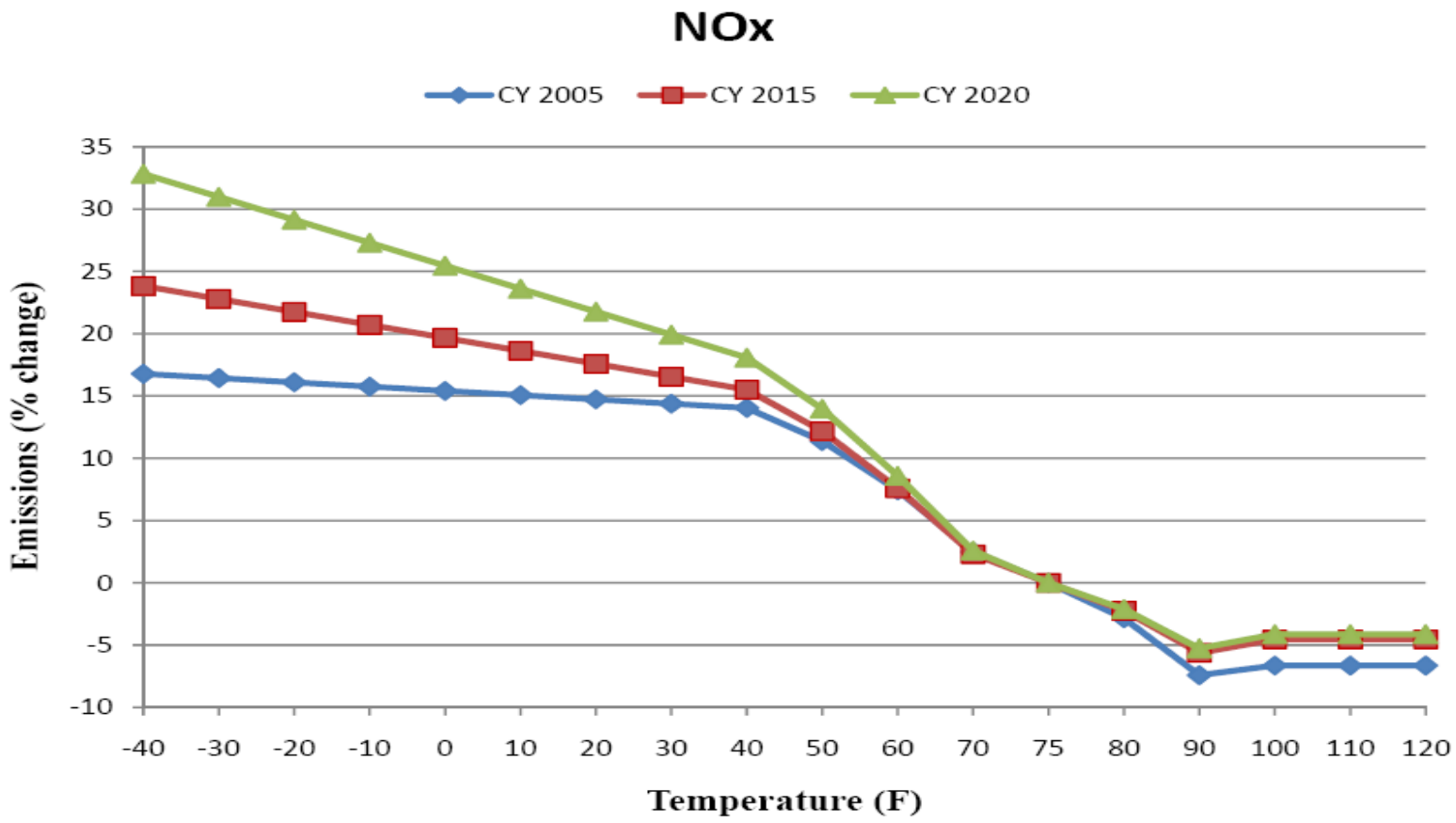

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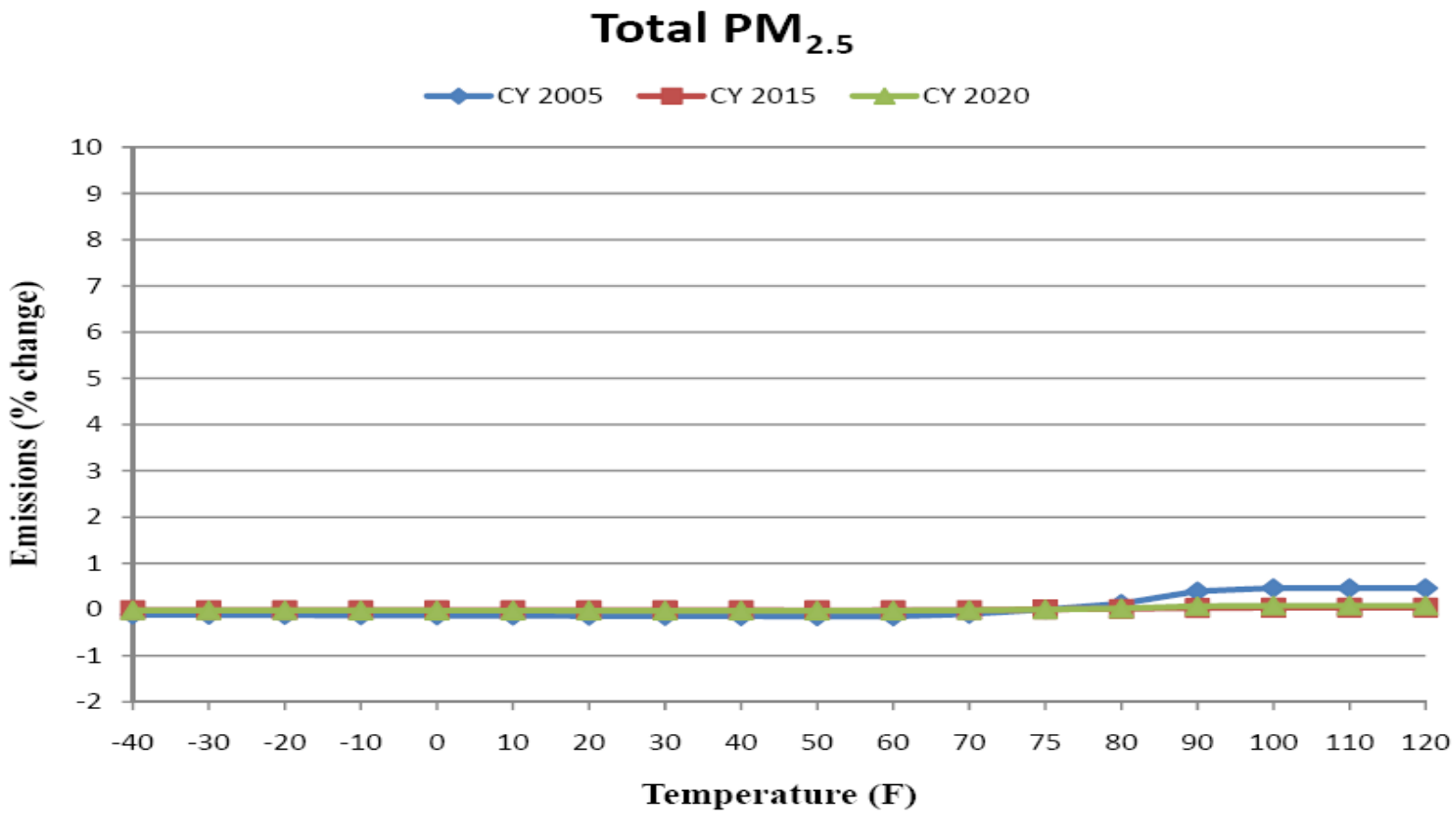

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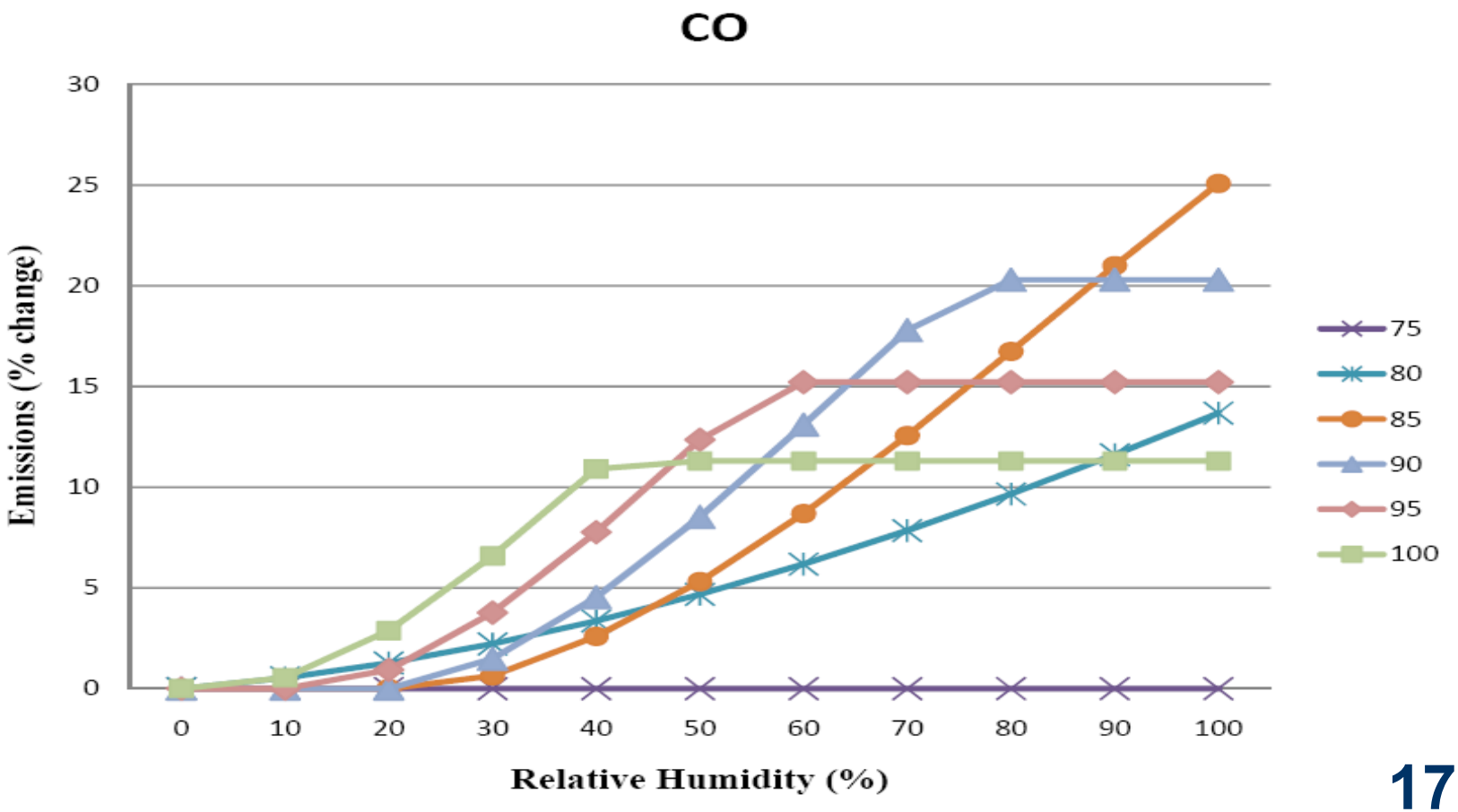

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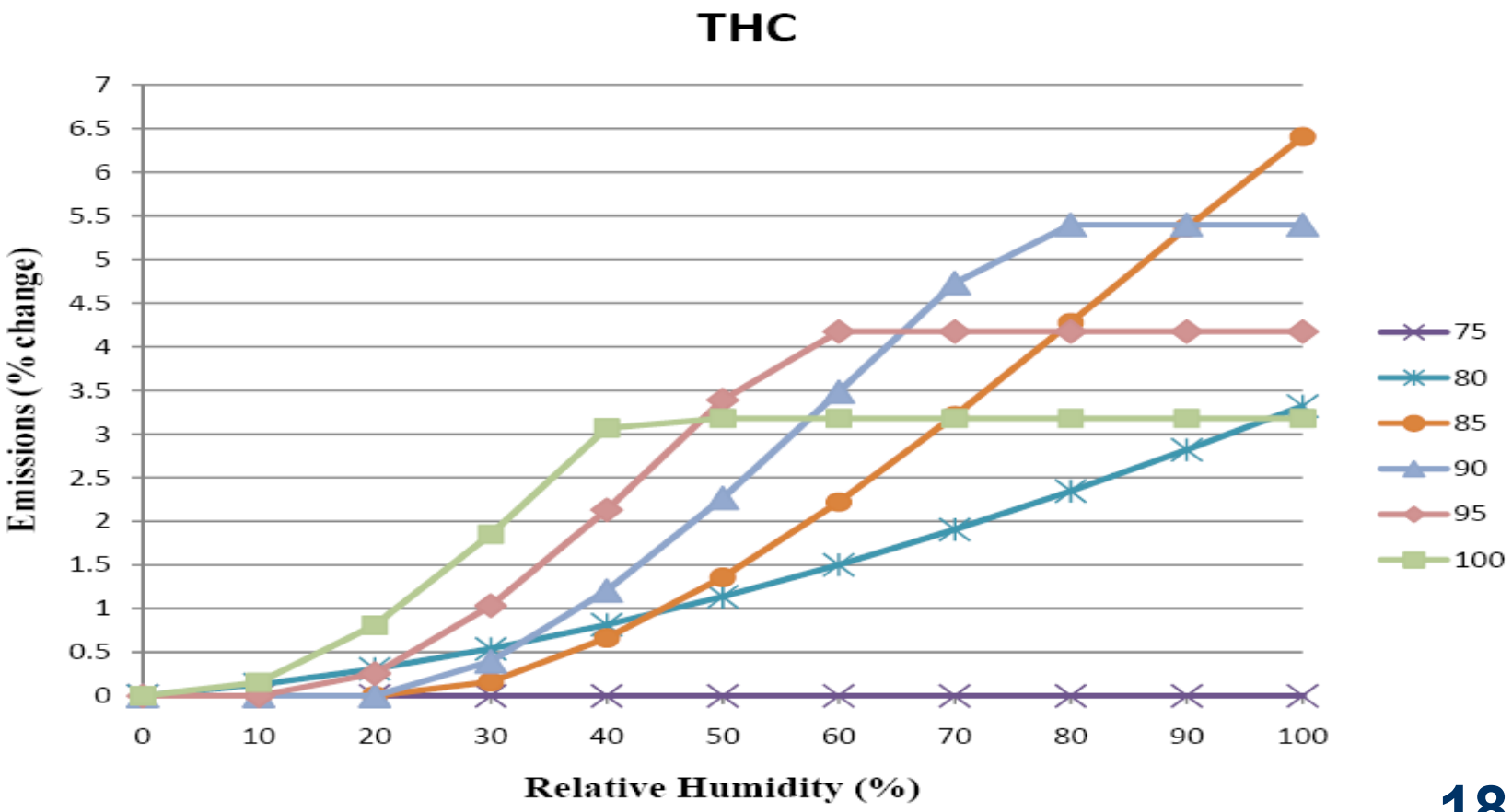

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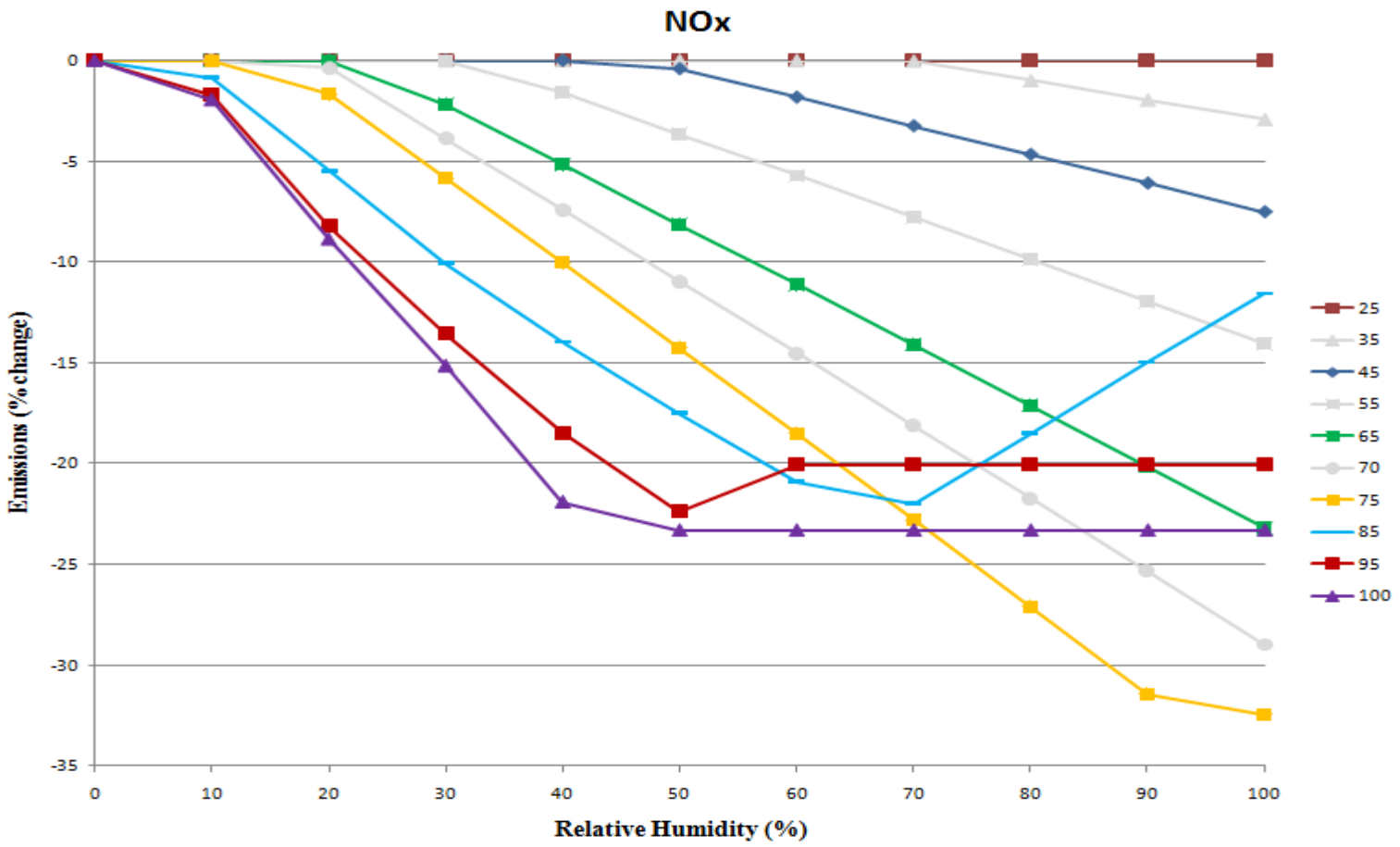

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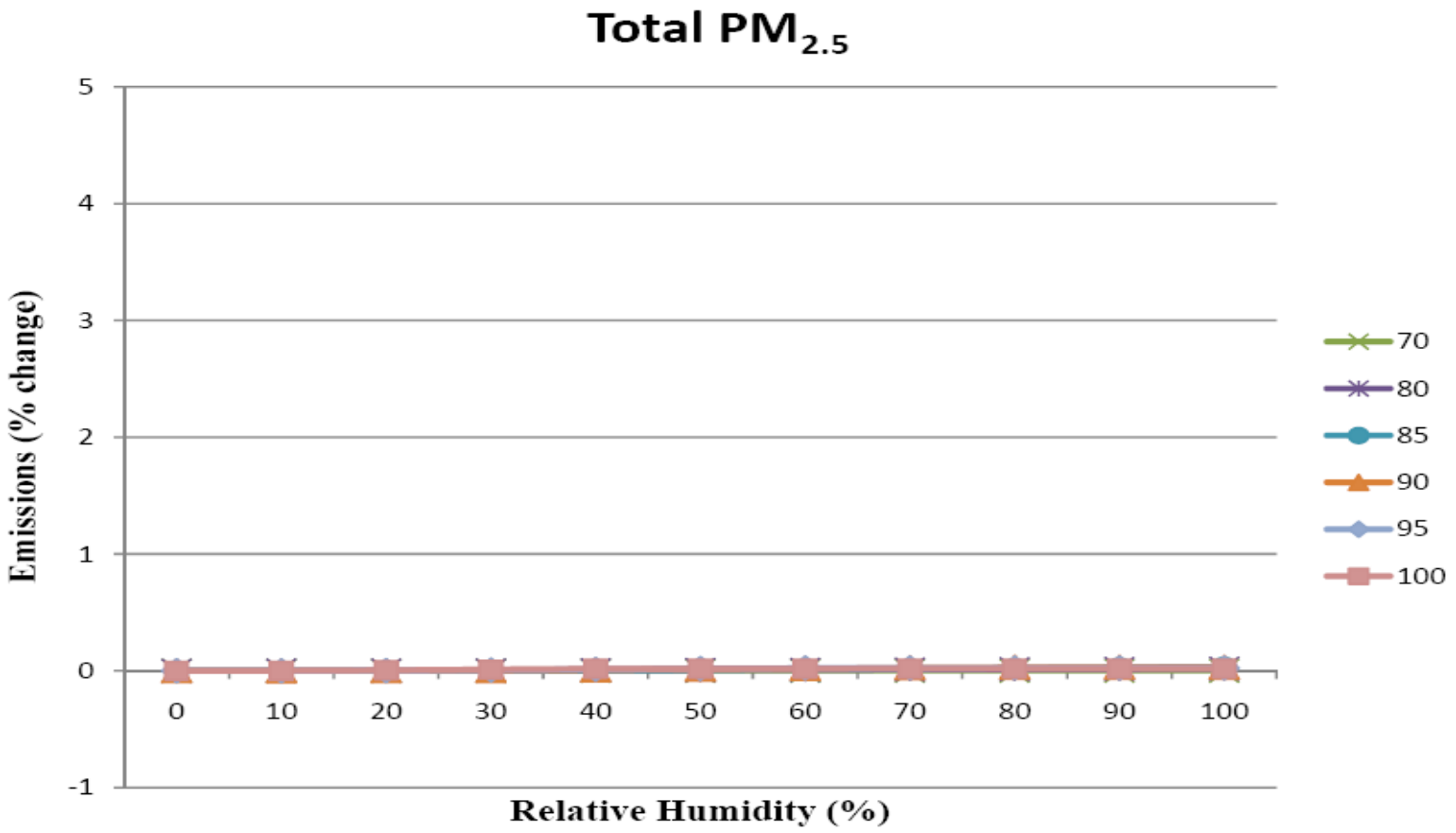

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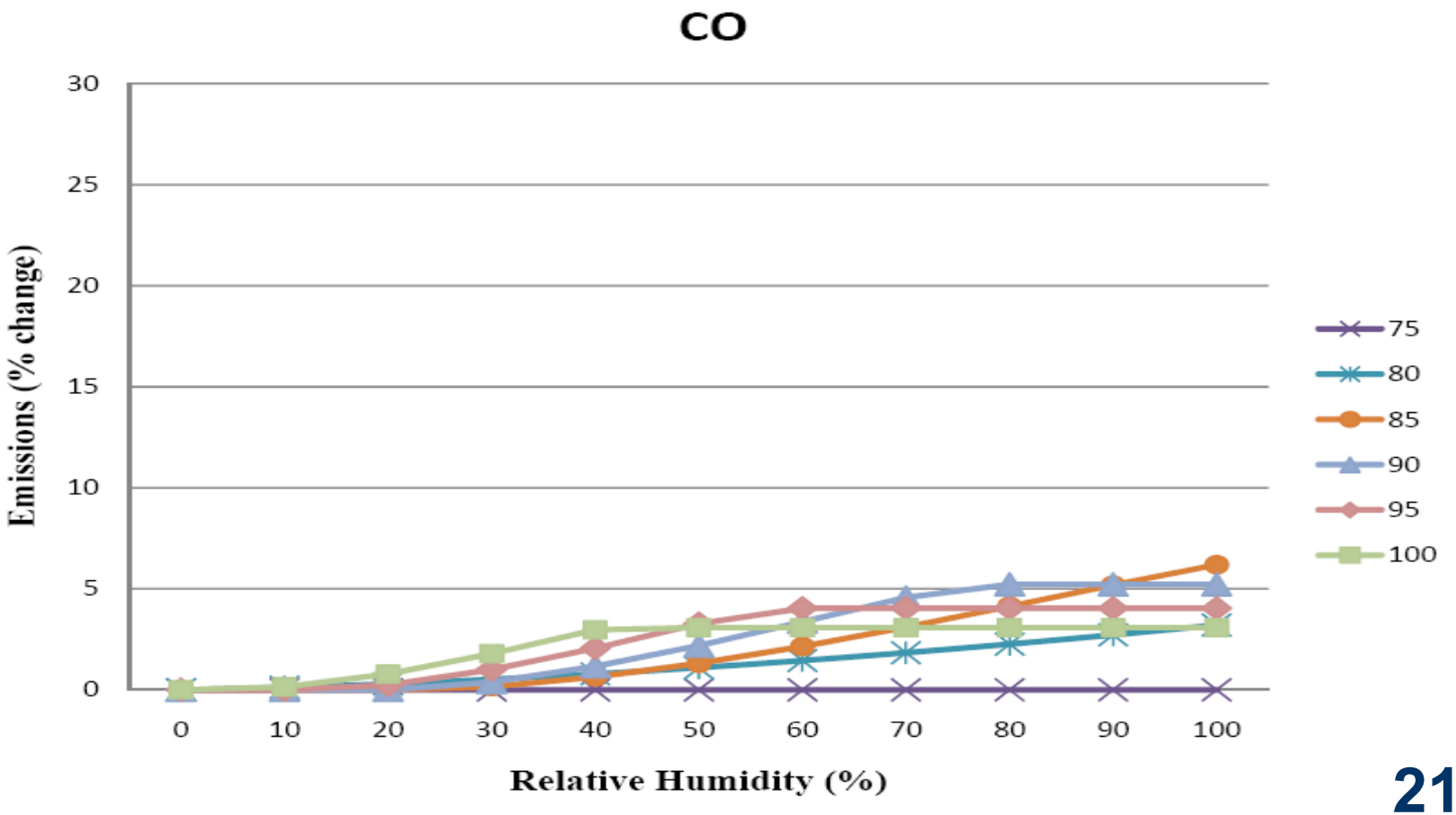

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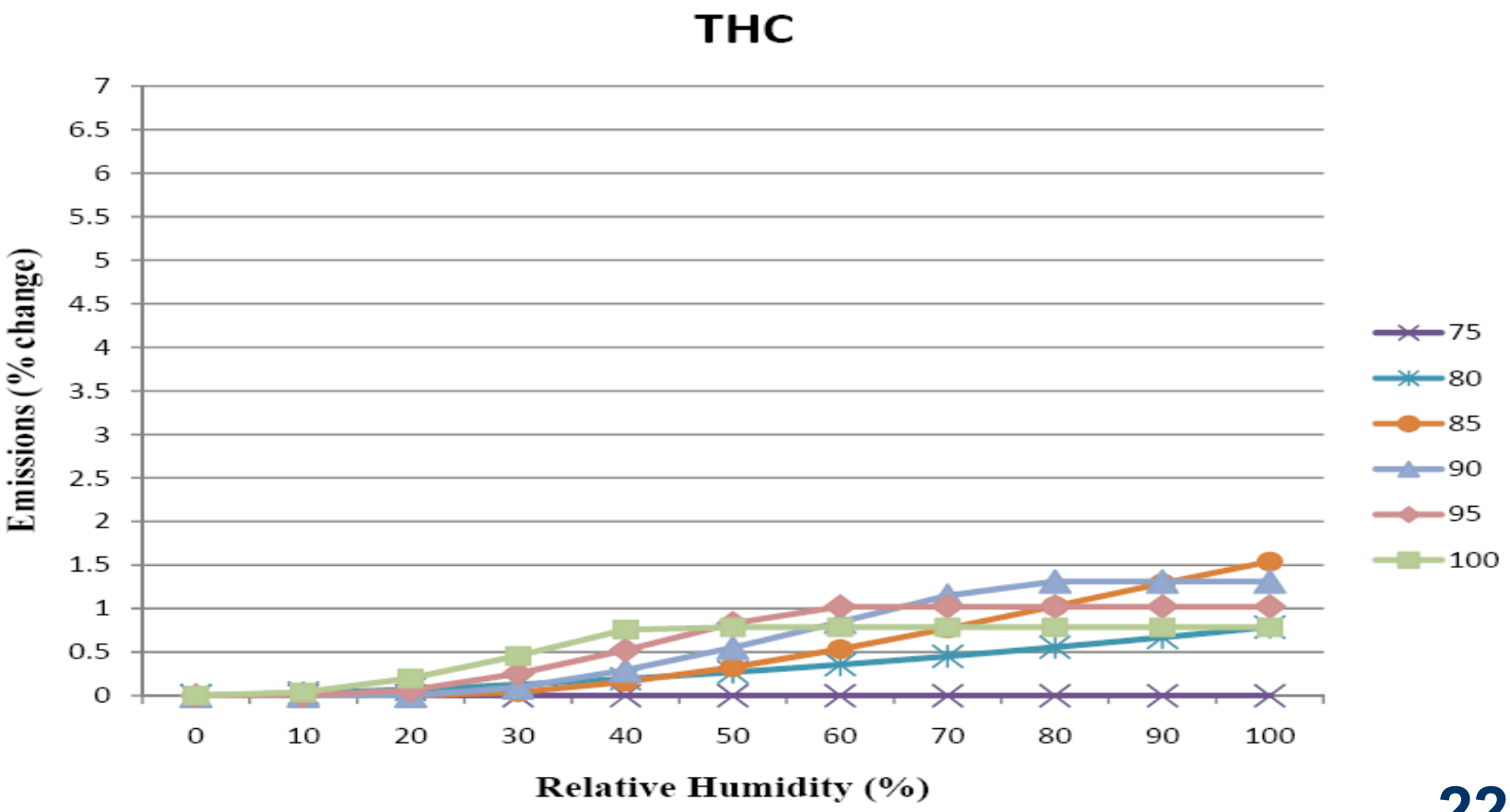

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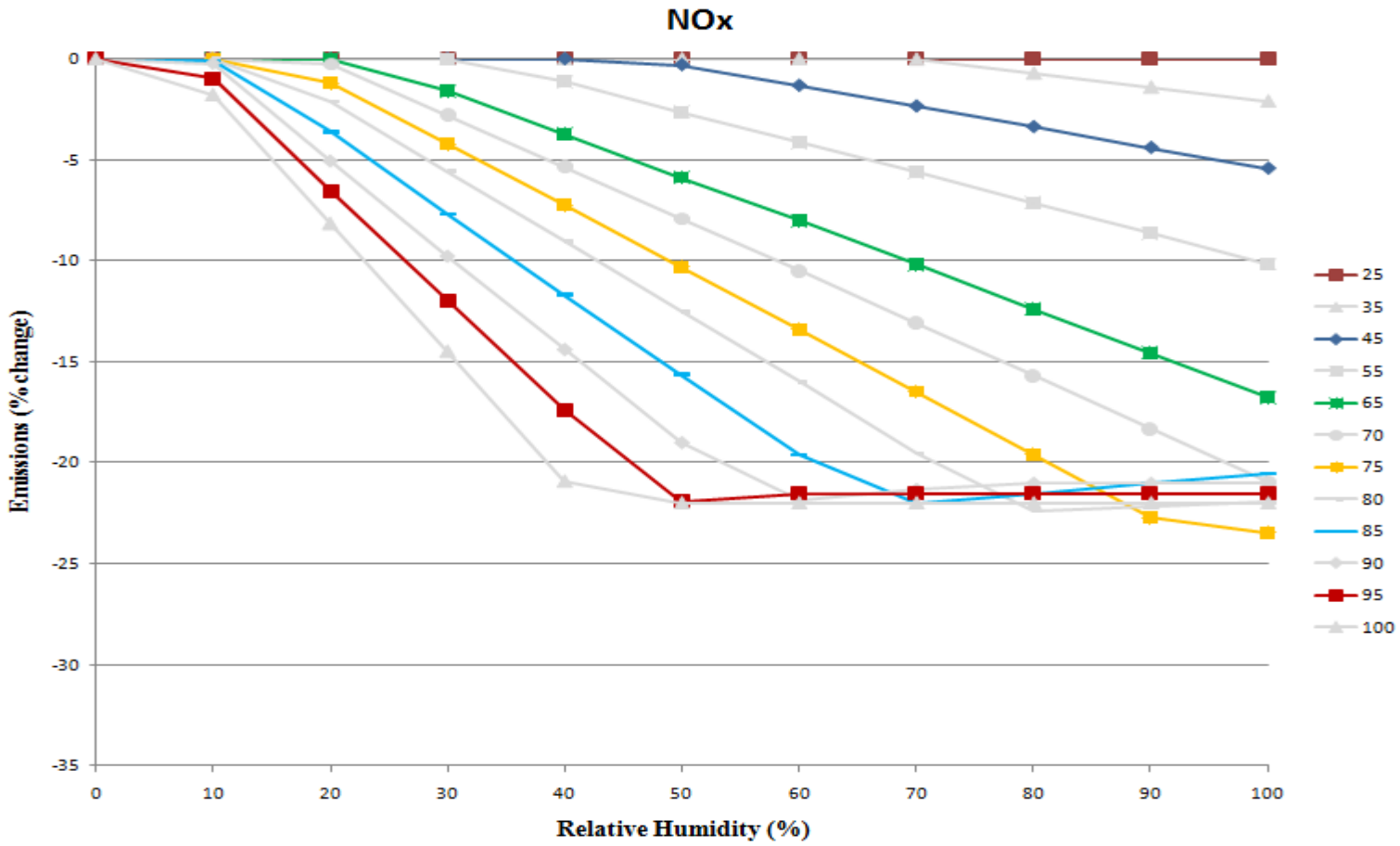

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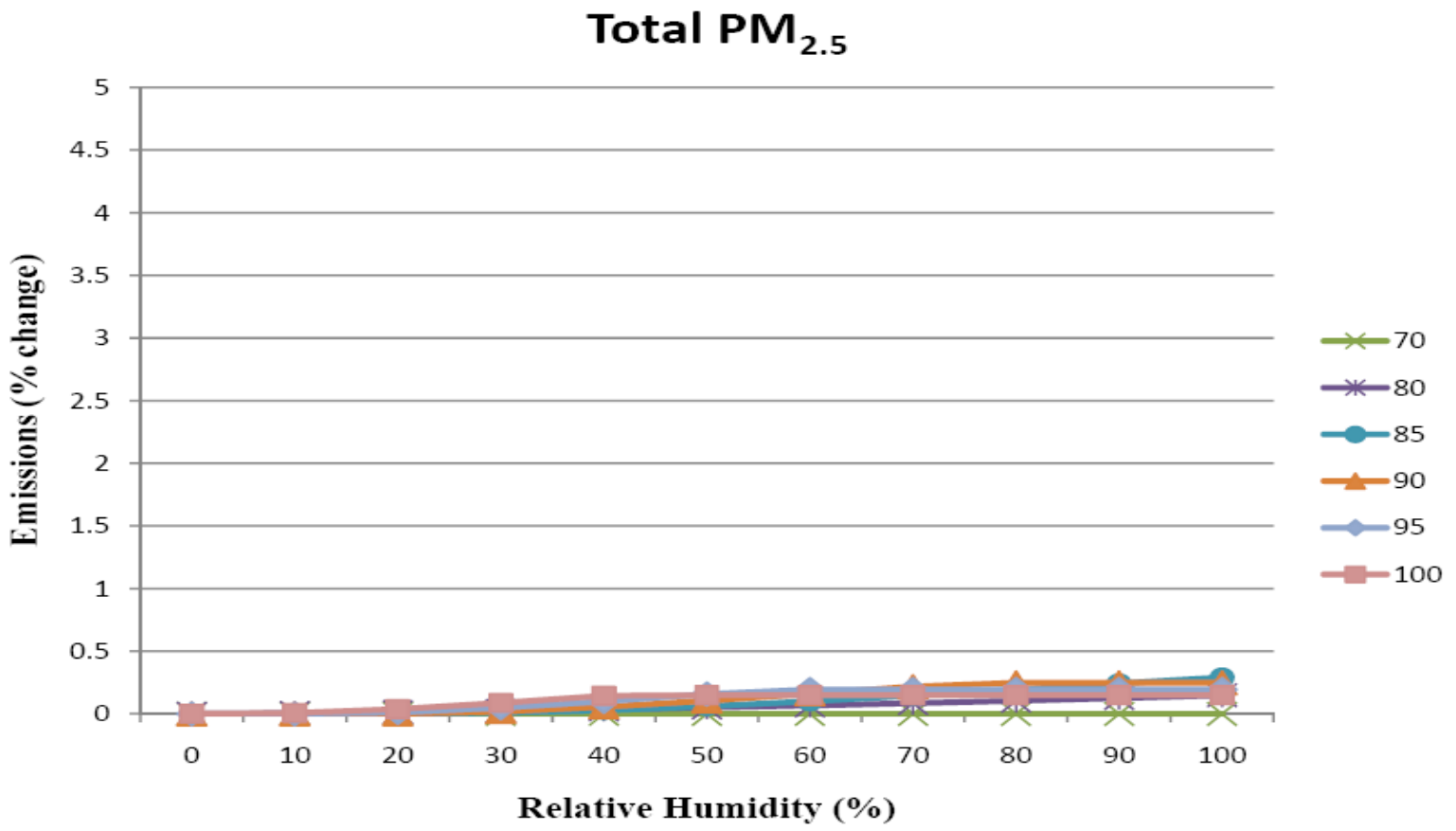

Summary

- **Temperature**
  - substantial impact on MOVES' estimates of emissions
    - especially for cold temperatures
  - by fuel type
    - magnitude of impact greater for gasoline vehicles than diesel
    - gasoline
      - PM2.5: most sensitive
      - HC and CO: highly sensitive
    - diesel
      - HC: most sensitive
      - PM2.5: not sensitive
  - by calendar year
    - as vehicles get cleaner, sensitivity to temperature increases

Summary (cont'd)

- **Humidity**
  - by pollutant
    - HC and CO
      - sensitive for temperatures above 75 F
    - NOx
      - sensitive for temperatures above 25 F
      - exhibit increased sensitivity with increasing humidity
    - PM2.5
      - Not responsive to changes in humidity for both gasoline and diesel
  - by fuel type
    - gasoline vehicles more sensitive than diesel
  - by calendar year
    - sensitivity does not vary (within 1 percent)

Conclusion

- Emissions inventories can be estimated more accurately if the impacts of temperature and humidity on emissions are considered
- Results emphasize the importance of obtaining accurate local meteorological data

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