



# emep msc-w: Progress in 2023/2024

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# MSC-W activities 2023/2024 presented at this TFMM

1. Ozone - Importance of European, non-European and CH<sub>4</sub> mitigation, update
2. Source-receptor methodologies: brute force vs sensibilities (local fractions)
  
3. **Evaluation of modelled versus observed NMVOC compounds at EMEP sites in Europe** Yao Ge (Today at 14:30)
4. **Primary Biological Aerosol Particle (PBAP) modelling in EMEP.** Gunnar Lange. (Tuesday 11:30)

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# Ozone - Importance of European, non-European and CH<sub>4</sub> mitigation

- What is it possible to achieve for ozone by 2050 by
  - reducing CH<sub>4</sub> emissions
  - reducing European emissions
  - reducing emissions outside of Europe (ROW)
- What can be achieved compared to 'no further policy' (CLE)?
- What is new compared to TFHTAP/TFMM work:
  - Gothenburg Protocol Review emission scenarios (CLE, MFR, LOW)
  - Including new indicators for ozone such as Peak Season MDA8
  - **Including other indicators such as POD<sub>3</sub>crop and SOMO35**
  - **Meteorological variability**

## Why CH<sub>4</sub>?

*CH<sub>4</sub> is considered to be included in a revised Gothenburg protocol*

How?

- Global EMEP MSC-W model runs for 2015, 2050 (CLE, MFR, LOW) and in addition with CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations changed -> **Boundary and initial conditions**
- European EMEP MSC-W model runs for 2015, 2050 (CLE, MFR, LOW) and CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations

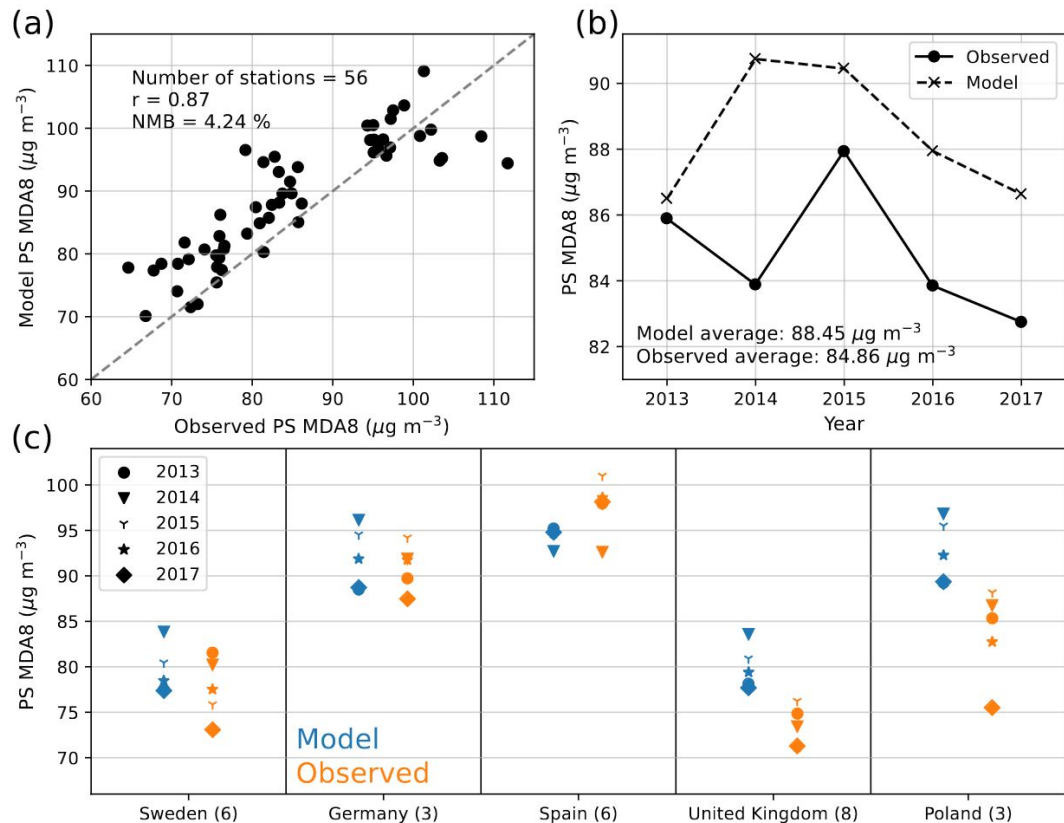
## 2050 LOW scenario -

*Ambitious global action on air pollution and methane, including non-technical measures*



Simulated ozone concentrations in the future and the impact of European NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC, Rest of World (ROW) NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC and CH<sub>4</sub> emission mitigation

# Meteorological variability and model performance

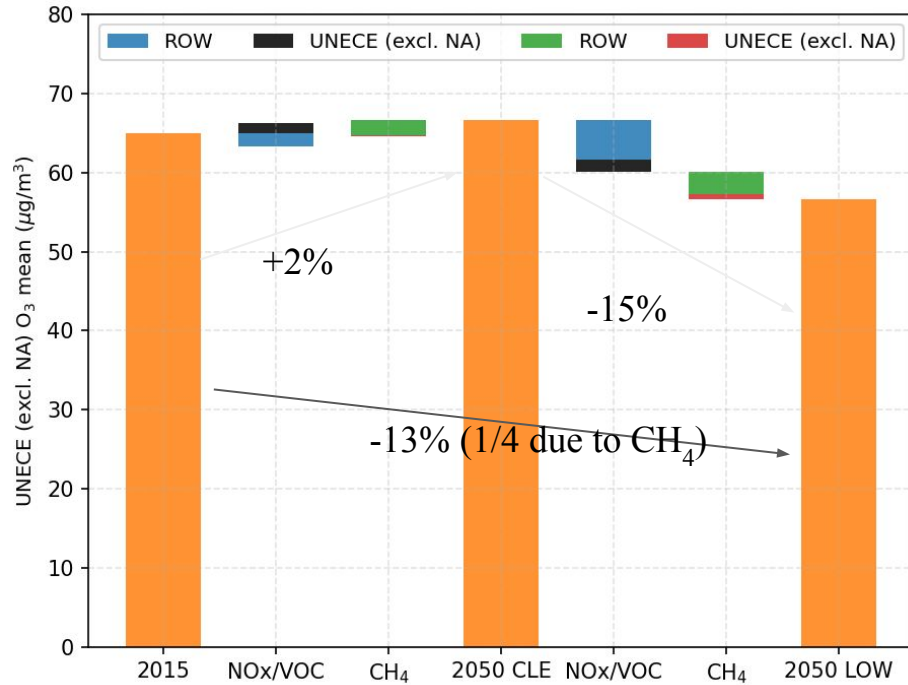


**Figure 2.** Modelled versus observed peak season MDA8 across Europe. Panel (a) shows five-year averaged values at each of the 56 stations, with panel (b) showing the annual values averaged over all stations. Panel (c) shows the yearly averages for Sweden, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Poland, with the number in brackets indicating the number of stations in each of the countries.

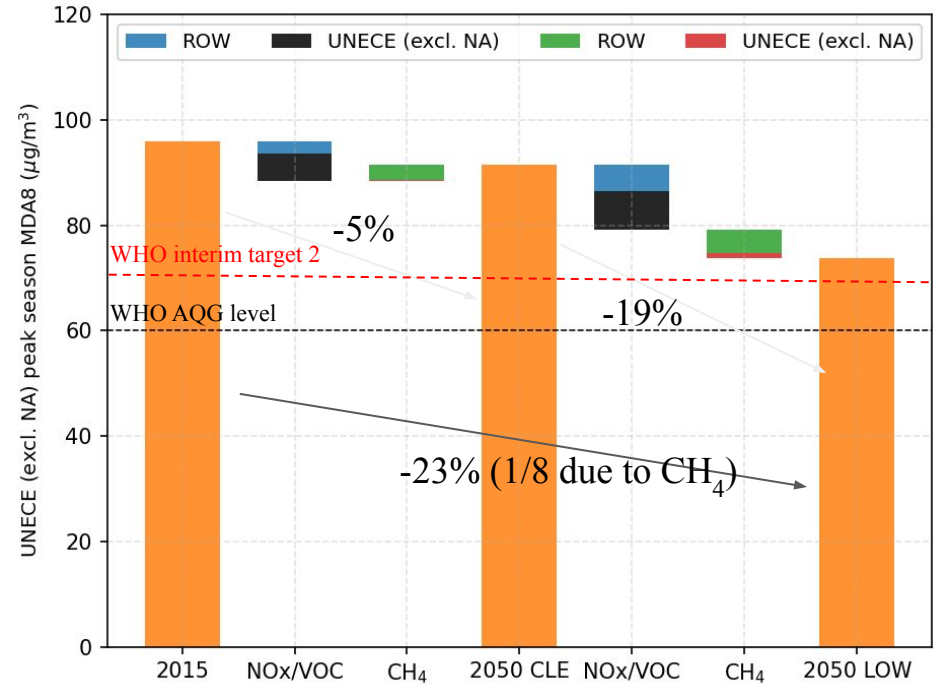
The EMEP MSC-W model is:

- reproducing MDA8 well for the 5-year average
- able to model and span the meteorological variability (compare well to observations for 'high' and 'low' MDA8 years)

- Substantial reductions can be achieved, but WHO AQG levels not attained even in LOW
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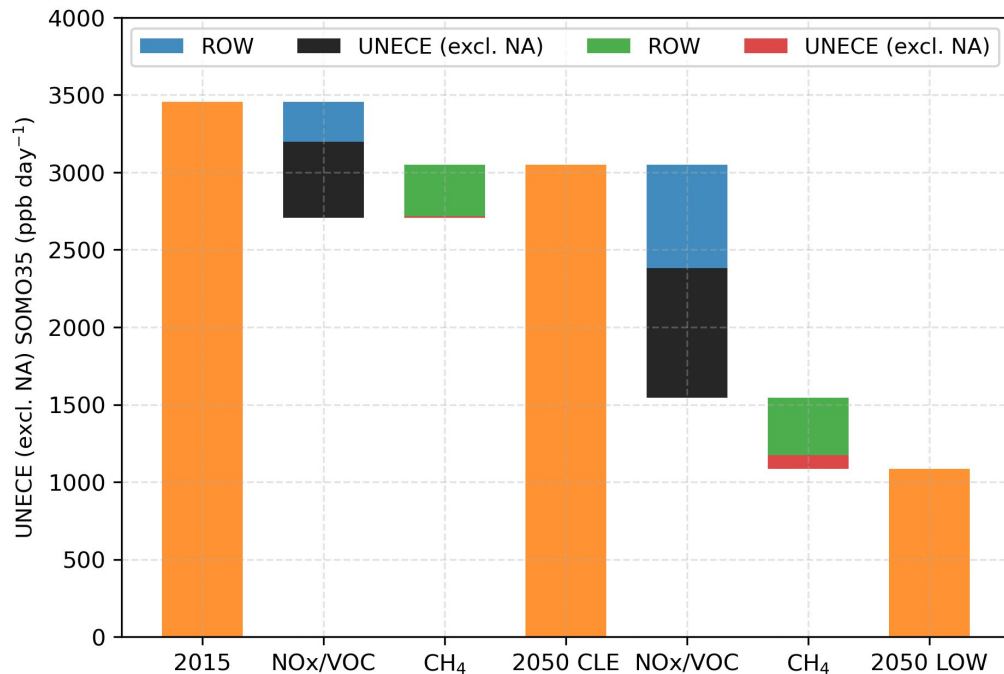


Ozone mean, population weighted

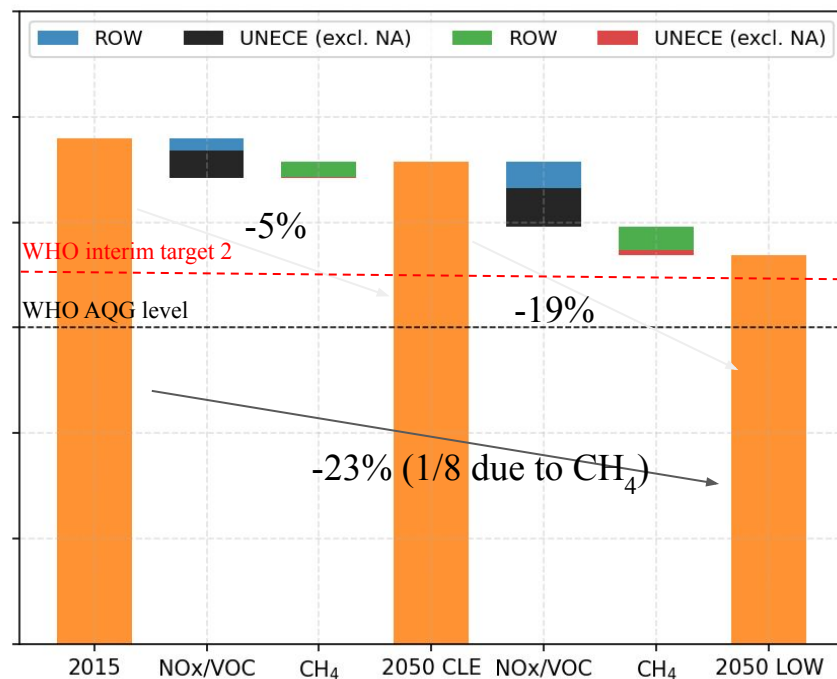


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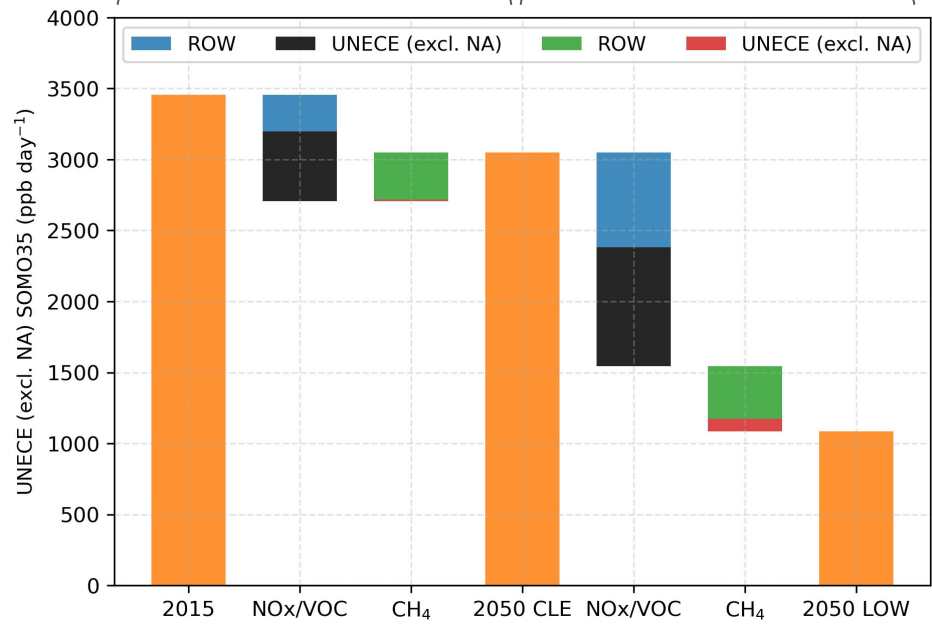
**SOMO35, population weighted**



**Peak season MDA8, population weighted**

Effect of NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC in Europe (black) and rest of world (blue)

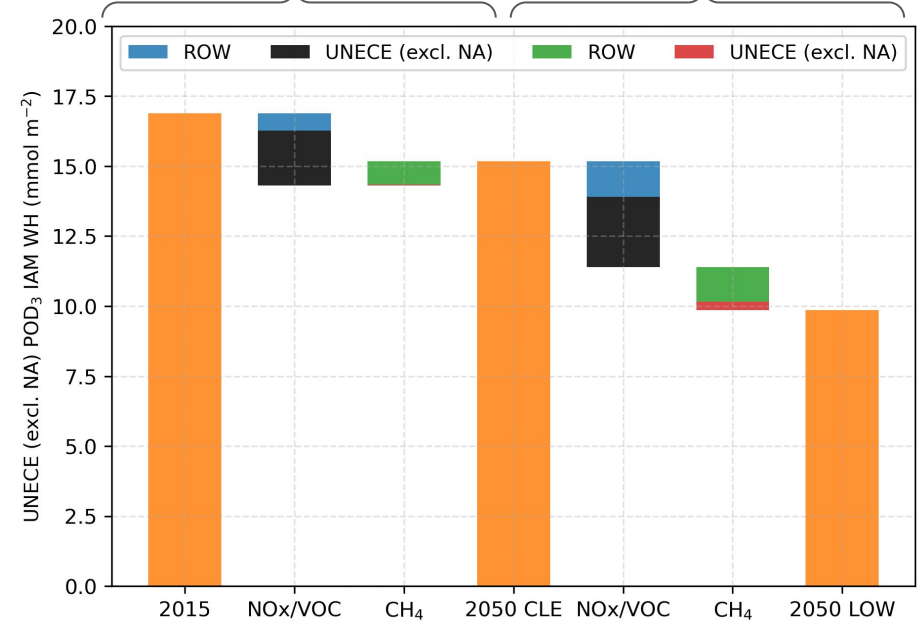
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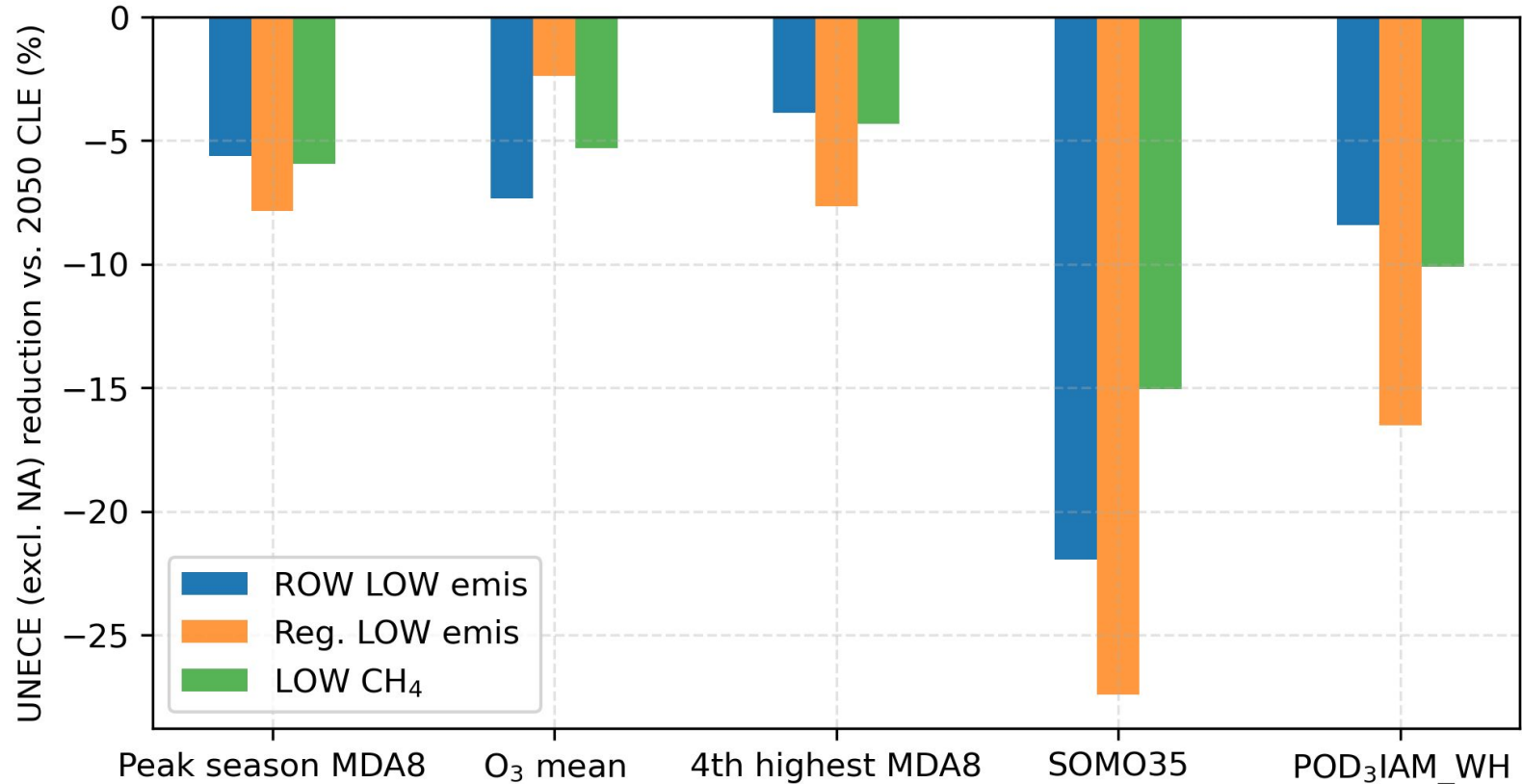
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POD3 (crop area)

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# 2050 LOW versus 2050 CLE



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# Next steps

- Participate in the upcoming TFHTAP exercise - EMEP MSC-W model as one of the 'ensemble members'
- Submit paper:-)



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**Van Caspel, W,**  
Klimont, Z, Heyes, C.  
and Fagerli, H. Role  
and potential of  
methane mitigation to  
reduce surface ozone  
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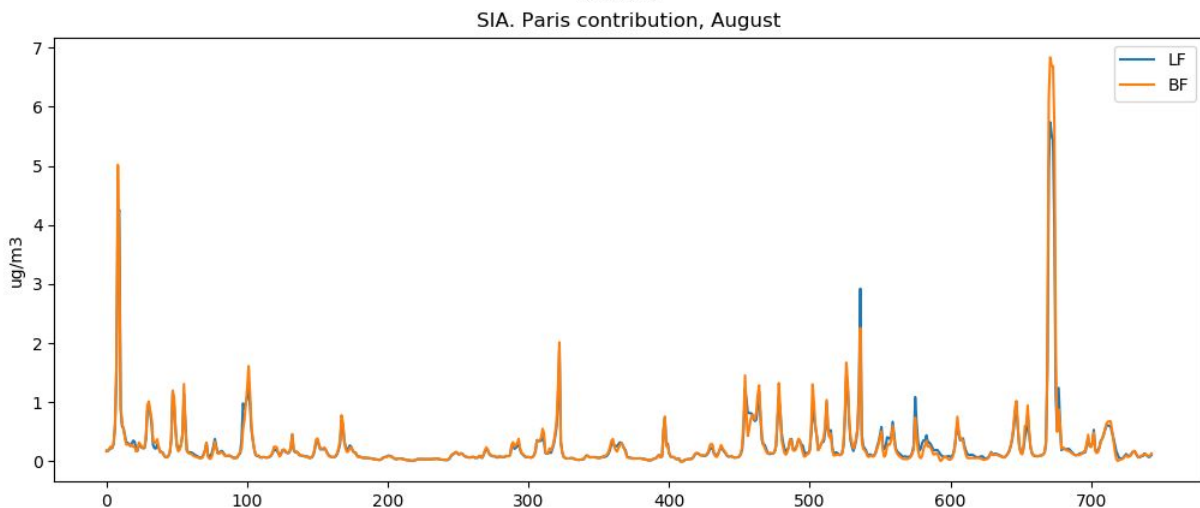
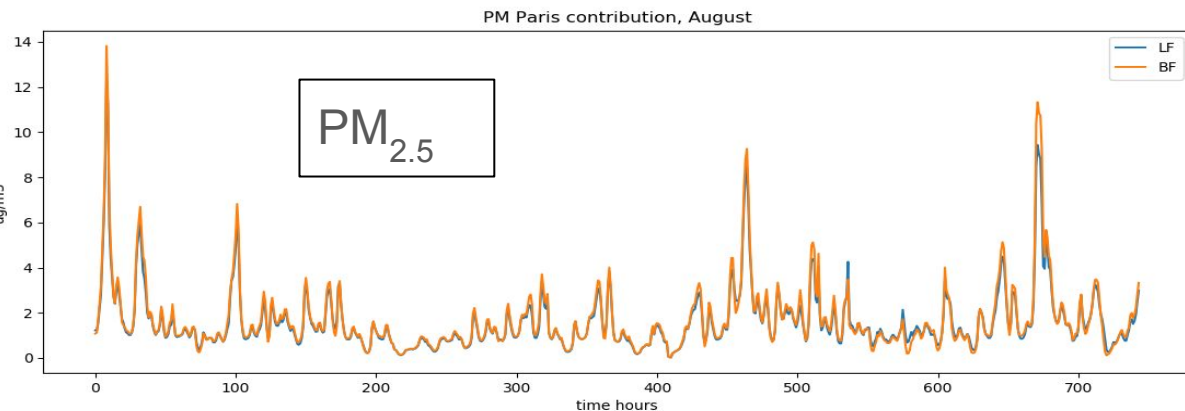
# Source-receptor methodologies: brute force and sensibilities (local fractions) and their applicability

What is Local Fraction?

- Originally developed to give the fractions of pollutants from local sources. Used for downscaling (uEMEP)
- A technical method to track a large number (10 000 s) of pollutant sources (efficiently)
- New: can track pollutants through chemical reactions (non linear species can be tracked)
- Gives the **sensitivity** to (small) changes in emissions
- For example  $\partial O_3 / \partial E_{k\_NOx}$ , how much Ozone changes for changes in NOx emissions in region k.
- For linear species Brute Force (BF, 15% reductions) and LF are in principle identical

P. Wind et al, 2020. Local fractions – a method for the calculation of local source contributions to air pollution, illustrated by examples using the EMEP MSC-W model (rv4\_33).<https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-13-1623-2020>

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The LF method has been implemented & tested for:

- PPM
- deposition of S and N
- O<sub>3</sub>
- NO<sub>2</sub>
- MDA8

**NEW** (partly tested):

- SOMO35
- SIA (Secondary inorganic aerosols)
- SOA (Secondary organic aerosols)
- BVOC (Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds)
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> including water
- POD is being implemented

# Comparison of LF and BF

- Source receptor calculations for 2021 with EMEP MSC-W model and LF method was set up identically to the Brute Force (BF) calculations done this year

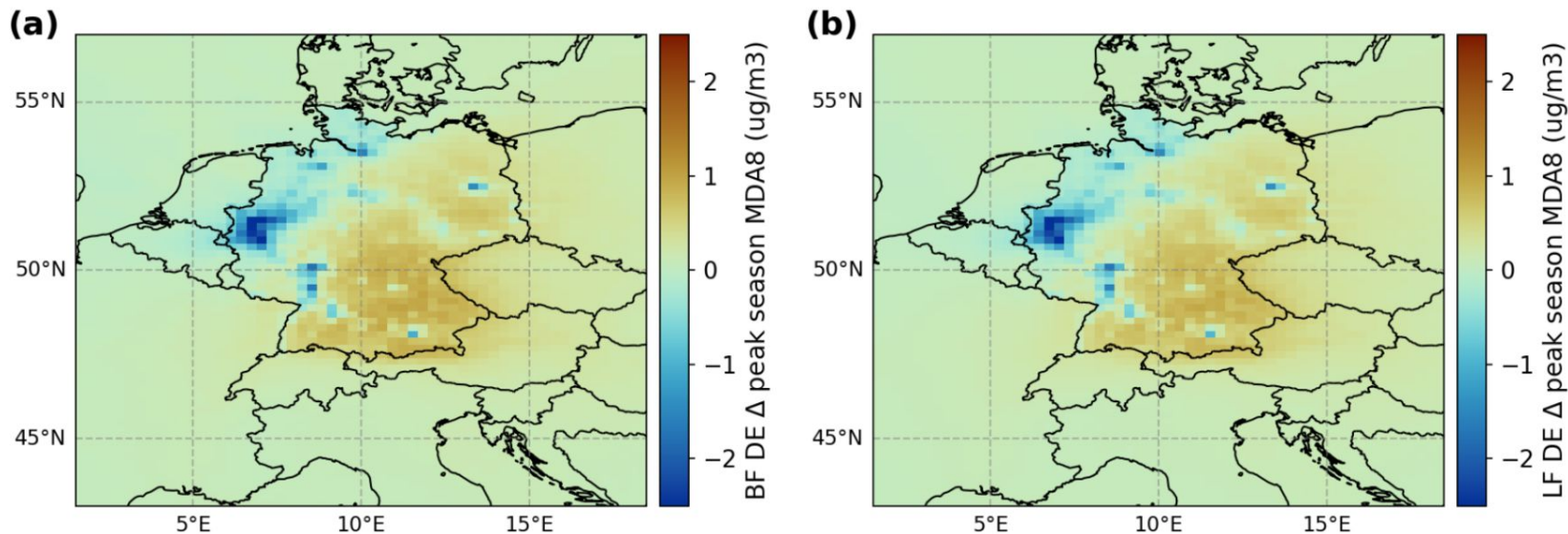
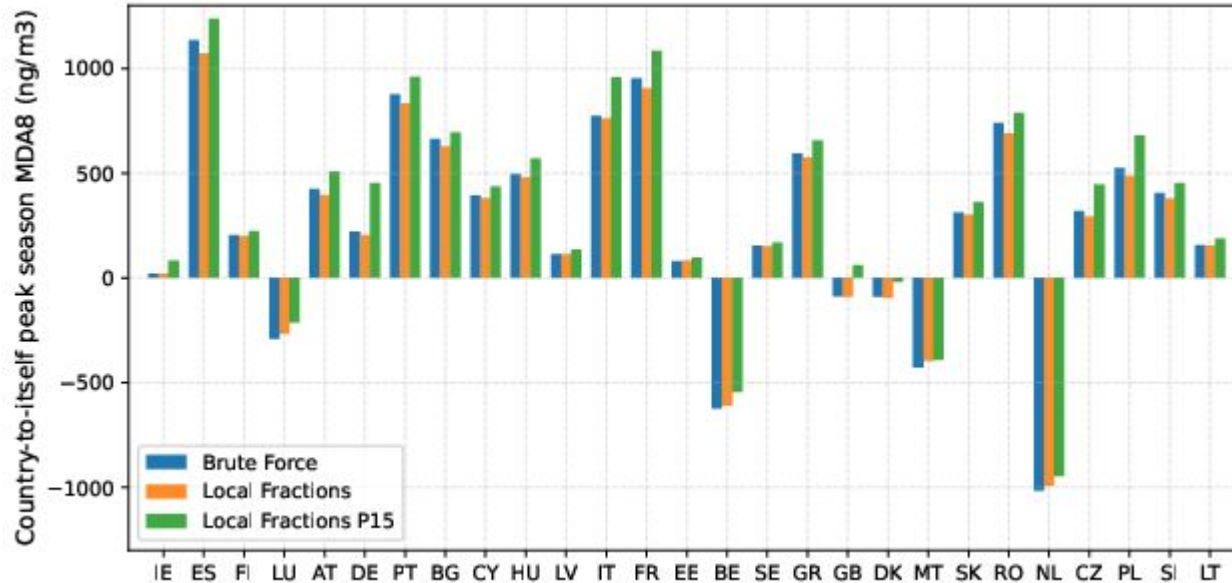


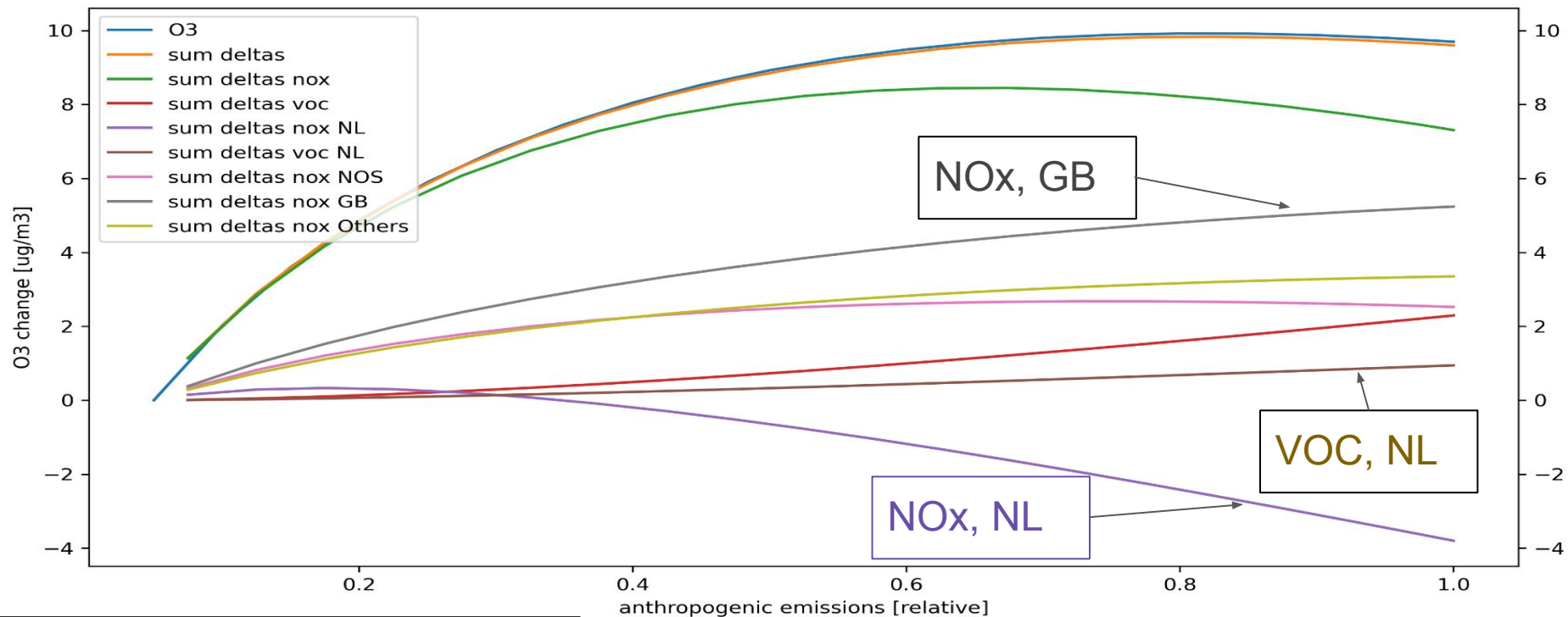
Figure 5.1: Comparison of the impact of a 15% NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction from Germany (DE) on peak season MDA8 calculated using the BF (a) and LF (b) methods.

# Country-to-itself contributions to Peak season MDA8 in 2021 (with 15% NO<sub>x</sub> emis reductions)



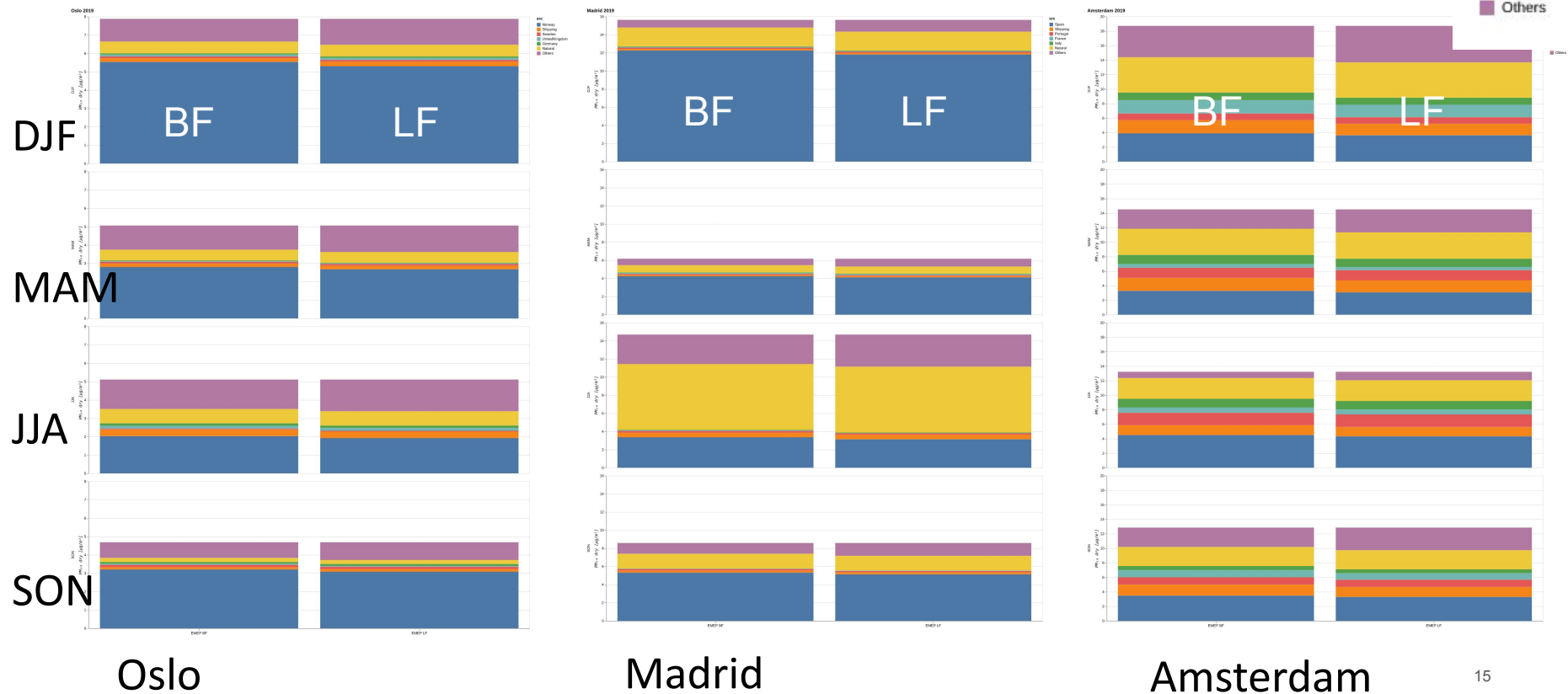
- Local Fractions: results (derivatives) calculated at 100% emissions
- Local Fractions P15: results (derivatives) calculated at 85% emissions
- BF and LF gives similar results (difference usually smaller than non-linearity)

# O<sub>3</sub> concentrations, July, due to NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC reductions, NL

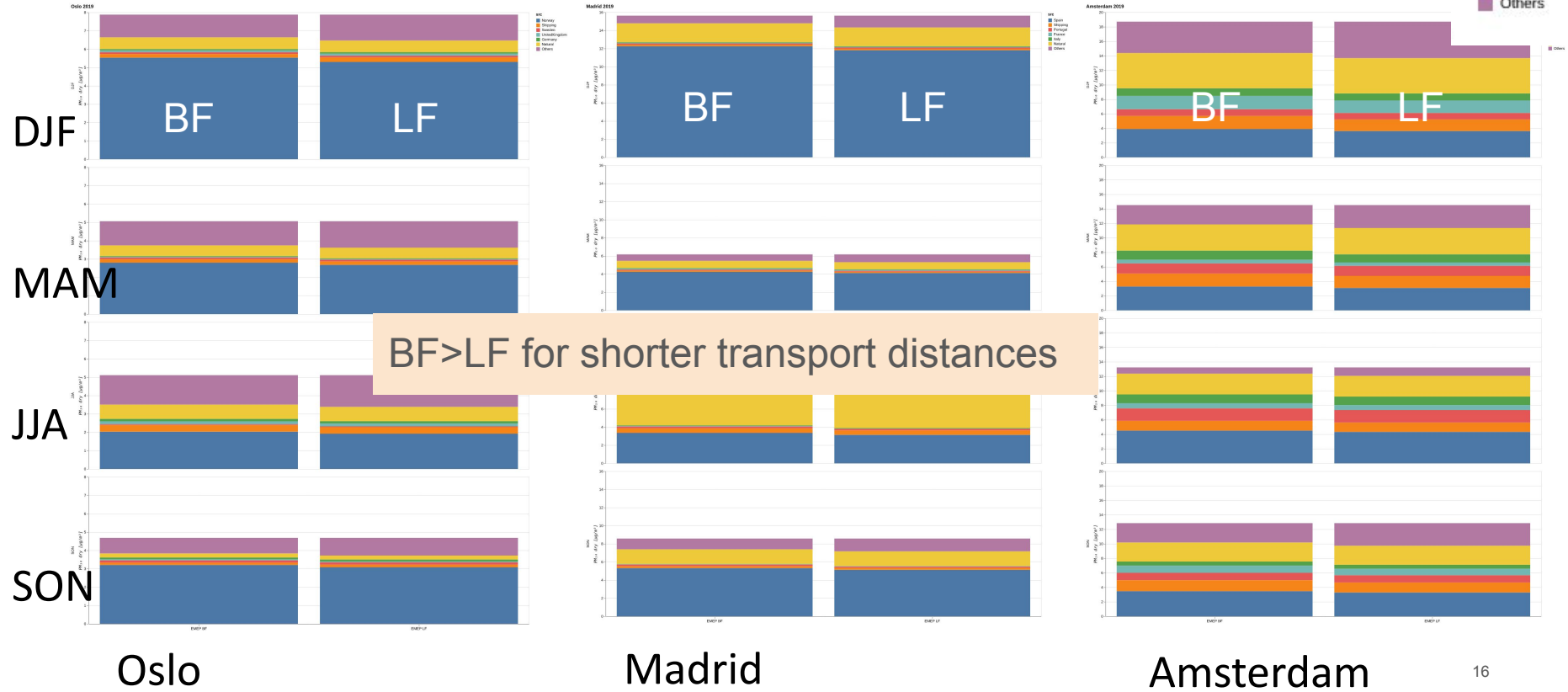


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# Results for country-to-city, PM<sub>10</sub>(dry)



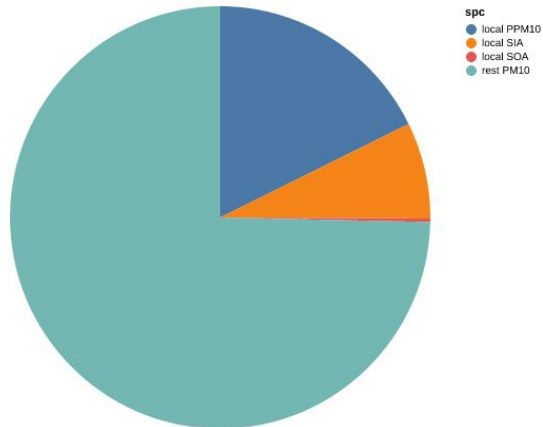
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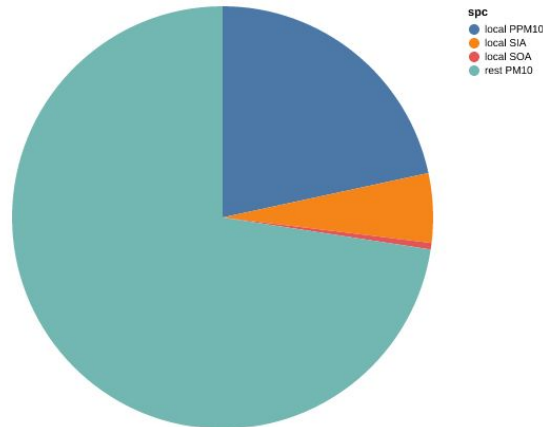


# Is the 'local=PPM' approximation valid on a yearly basis?

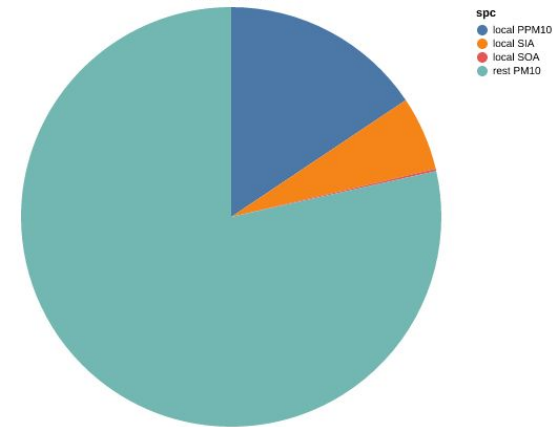
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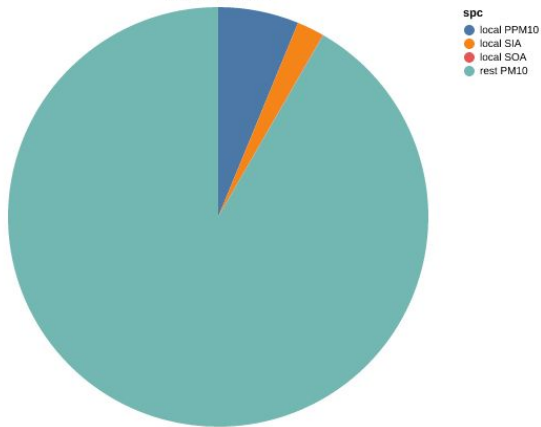
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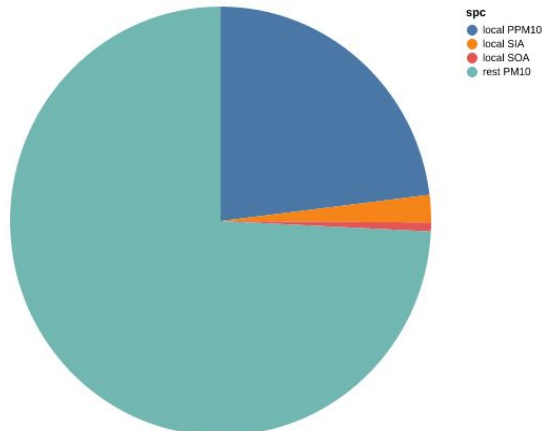
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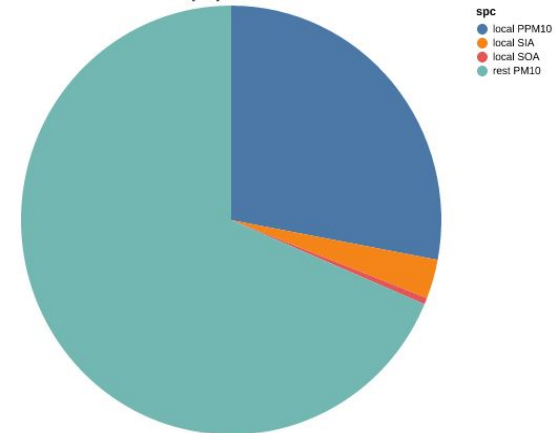
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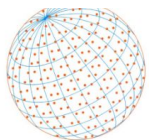


Ljubljana 2019



# Summary

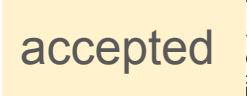
- Local Fractions allow to compute the concentration/emissions relationship over a large emission range **very efficiently**
- **Differences due to advection larger than non-linearities**
- Work now and further:
  - Include more relevant indicators (e.g.  $O_3$ max, POD, SOMO35, MDA8)
  - Investigate non-linearities, e.g. vary levels of emissions
  - Work with CIAM about  $O_3$  inclusion in GAINS - optimization for GP revision
  - Compare methodologies, e.g. TFHTAP
- Working on how to use and present all this information



# Trends in Air Pollution in Europe

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**Abstract.** Atmospheric volatile organic compounds (VOC) constitute a wide range of species, acting as precursors to ozone and aerosol formation. Atmospheric chemistry and transport models (CTMs) are crucial to understanding the emissions, distribution, and impacts of VOCs. Given the uncertainties in VOC emissions, lack of evaluation studies, and recent changes in emissions, this work adapts the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme Meteorological Synthesizing Centre – West (EMEP MSC-W) CTM to evaluate emission inventories in Europe. Here we undertake the first intensive model-measurement comparison of VOCs in two decades. The modelled surface concentrations are evaluated both spatially and temporally, using measurements from the regular EMEP monitoring network in 2018 and 2019, and a 2022 campaign. To achieve this, we utilised the UK National Atmospheric Emission Inventory to derive explicit emission profiles for individual species and employed a ‘tracer’ method to produce pure concentration profiles. We compare the use of two European inventories: those for 2019 and 2022 use CAMS



# Sub-grid variability and its impact on exposure in regional scale air quality and integrated assessment models: application of the uEMEP downscaling model.

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activities



# Additional products from reporting 2023 (2024)



## EMEP MSC-W model runs for 1990-2022

available (33 years!) with updated emissions (by CEIP) and a consistent model version. Available from [https://emep.int/mscw/mscw\\_moddata.html](https://emep.int/mscw/mscw_moddata.html)

Will redo 1990-2023 with updated emissions from CEIP this summer

NB: 'Condensables' consistent from 2005

Online model evaluation (and observation assessment) on AeroVal:

[https://aeroval.met.no/evaluation.php?project=emep&exp\\_name=2023-reporting&station=ALL](https://aeroval.met.no/evaluation.php?project=emep&exp_name=2023-reporting&station=ALL)





# Scenarios for the Gothenburg Protocol review

- Available on web from [https://emep.int/mscw/2022GP\\_review\\_scenarios.html](https://emep.int/mscw/2022GP_review_scenarios.html)

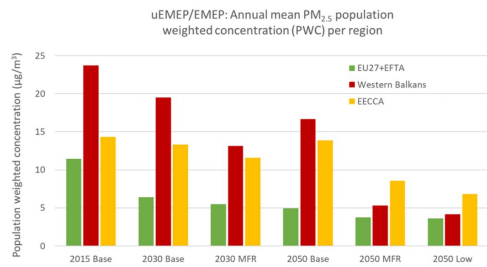


Figure 4.44: Calculated population weighted concentrations (PWC) for the 3 regions and for all scenarios using uEMEP for PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

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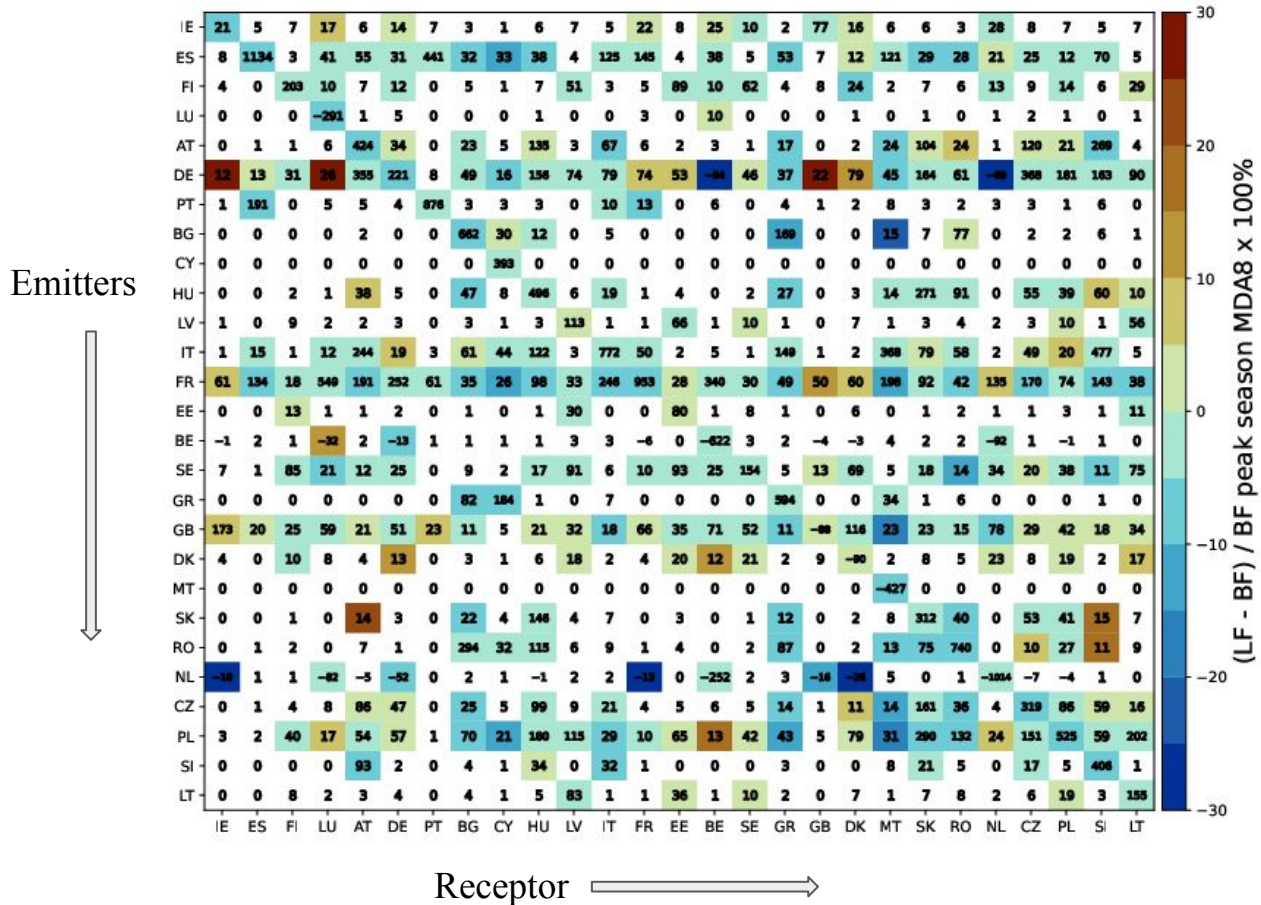
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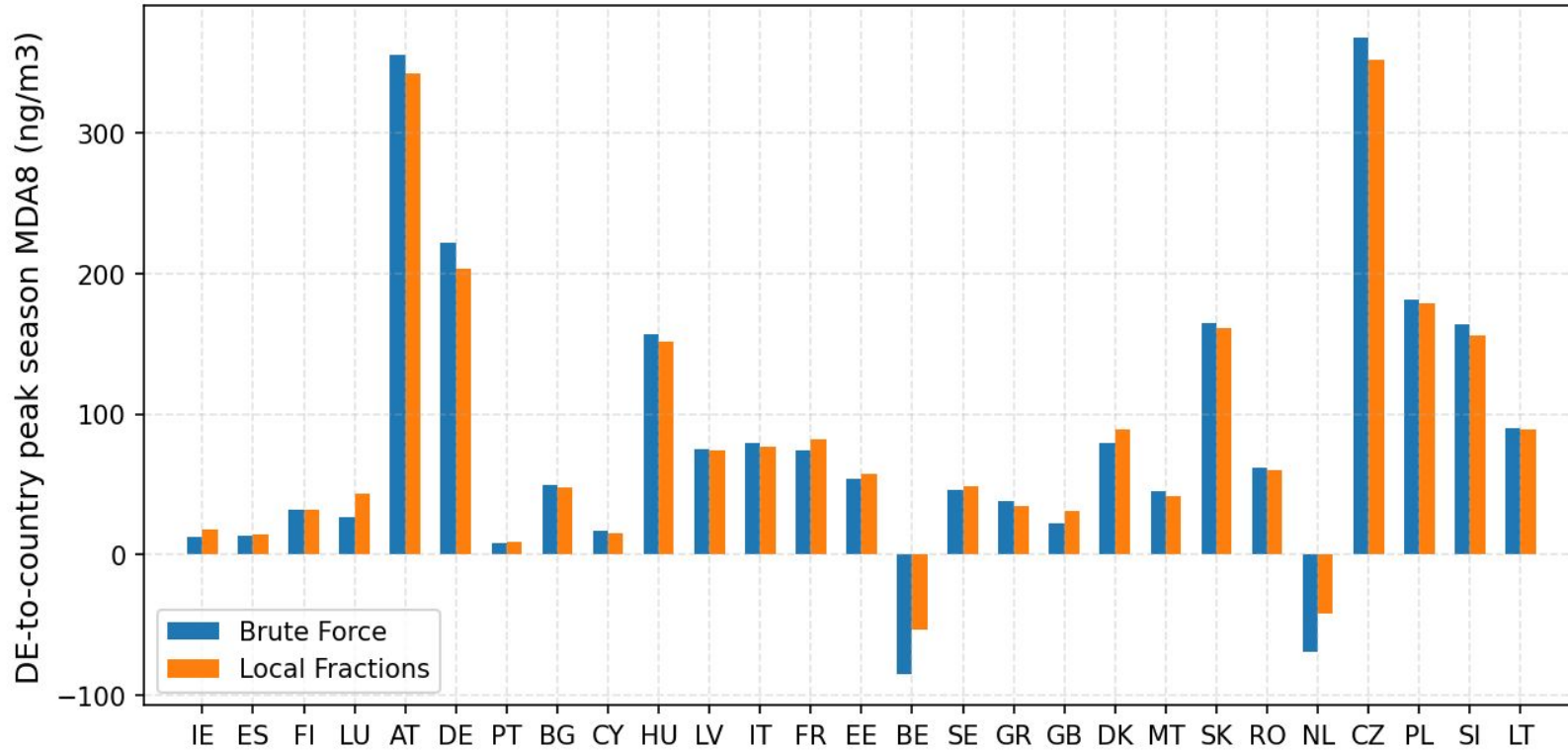
# Blame matrix for peak season MDA8



**Numbers:** Contributions for a 15% NOx reduction (BF)  
**Colours:** Percentage difference



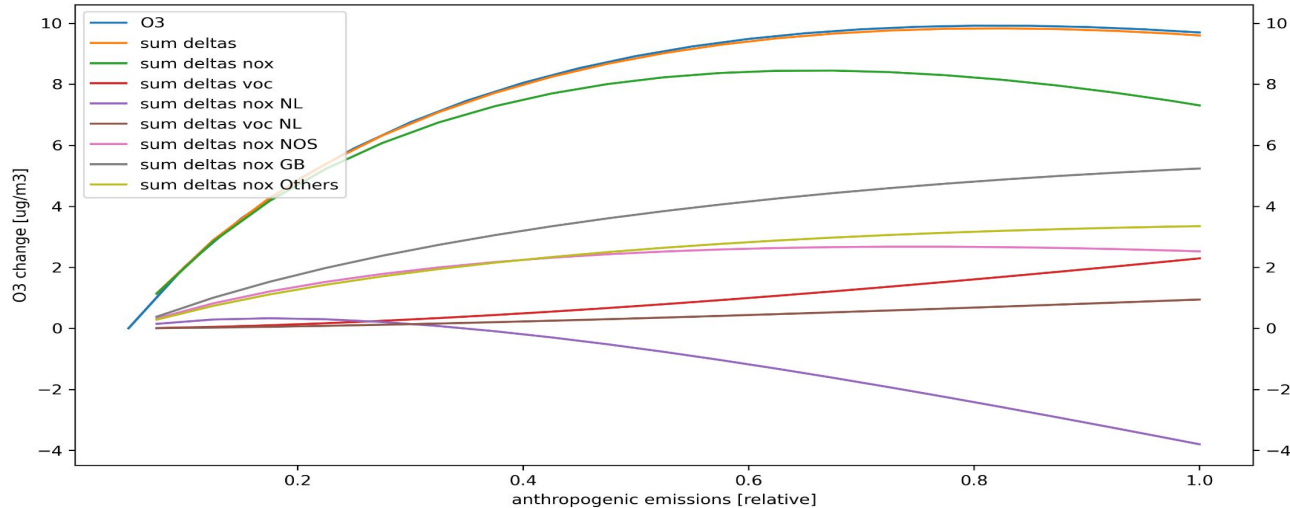
# DE to countries



Very small absolute differences that can be explained

## 1.1.1.6 Update GAINS for simulating O<sub>3</sub> response to reduction of precursor emissions

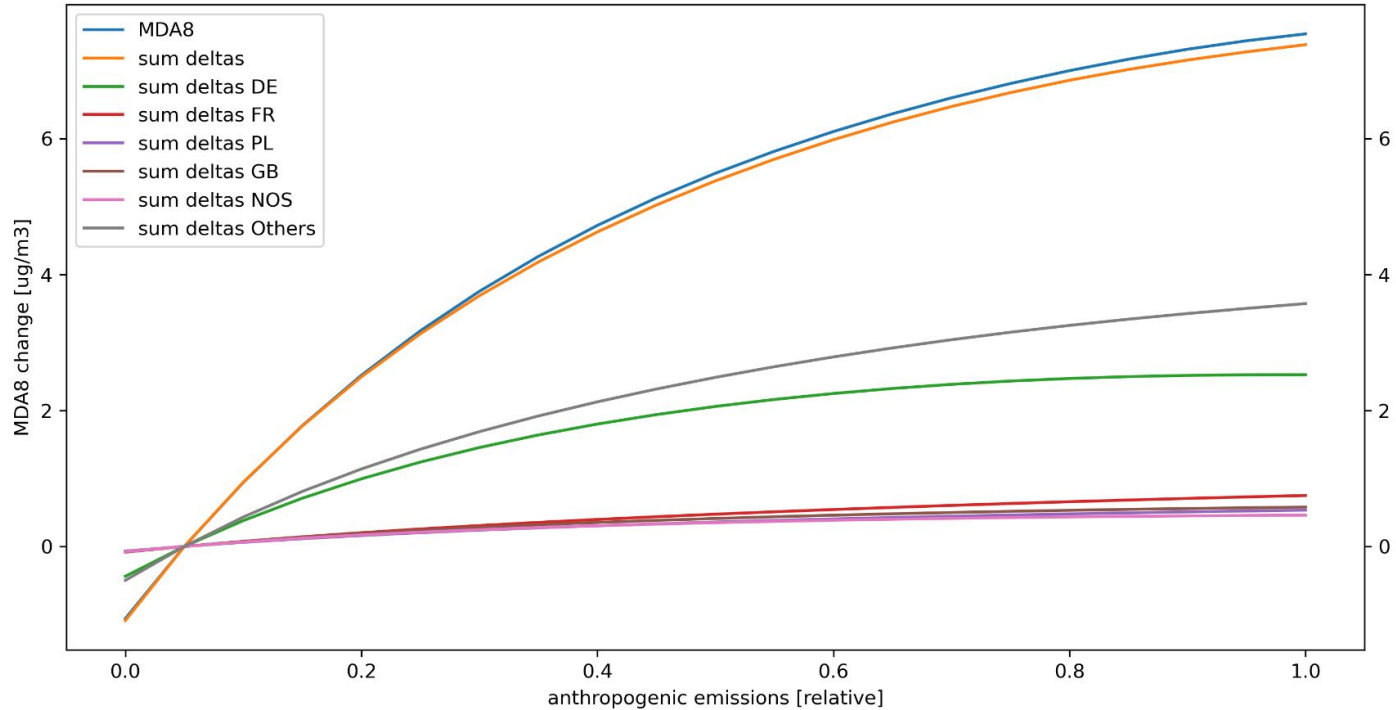
### O<sub>3</sub> concentrations, July, due to NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC reductions, NL



- The local fraction method has been tested and compared to BF
- When and how far can we assume linearity?
  - (How large reductions - which regimes, NO<sub>x</sub> vs VOC etc)
- Which indicators should we focus on for GAINS?
  - Peak season MDA8?
  - SOMO35?
  - POD3\_crop?
  - other?

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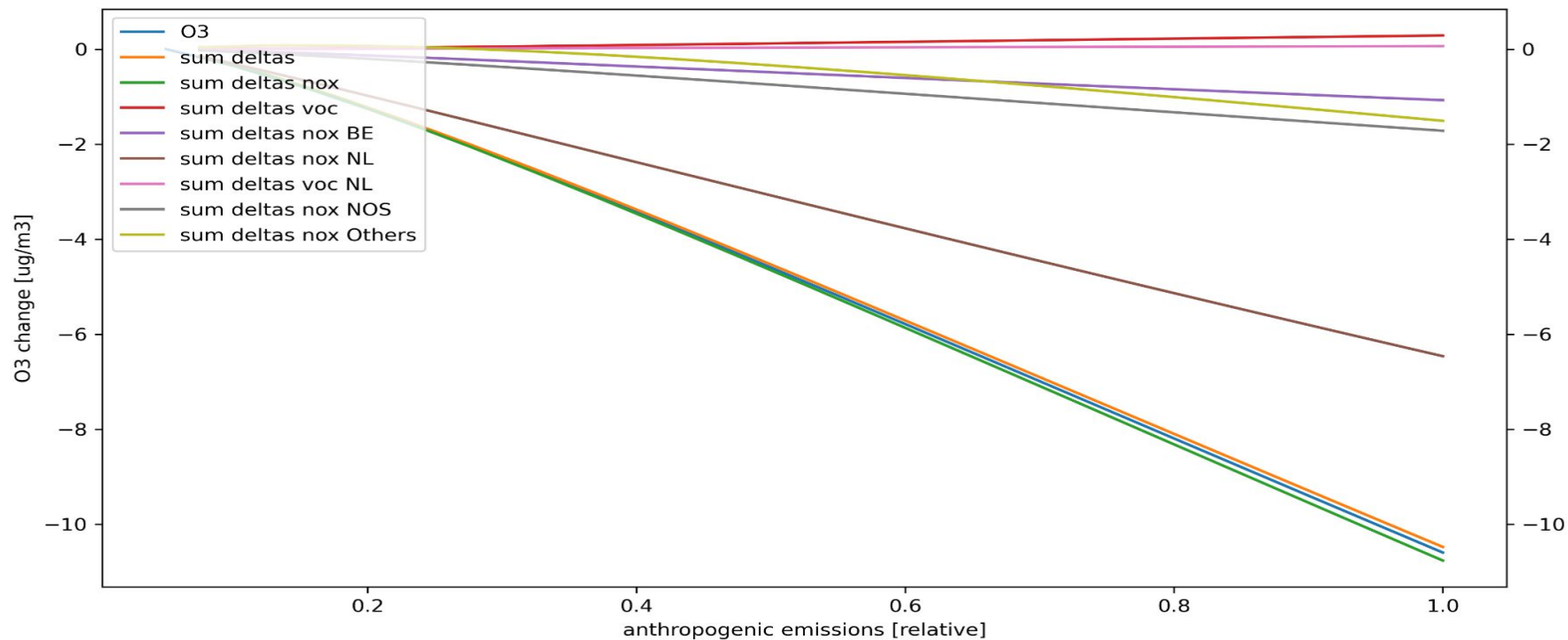
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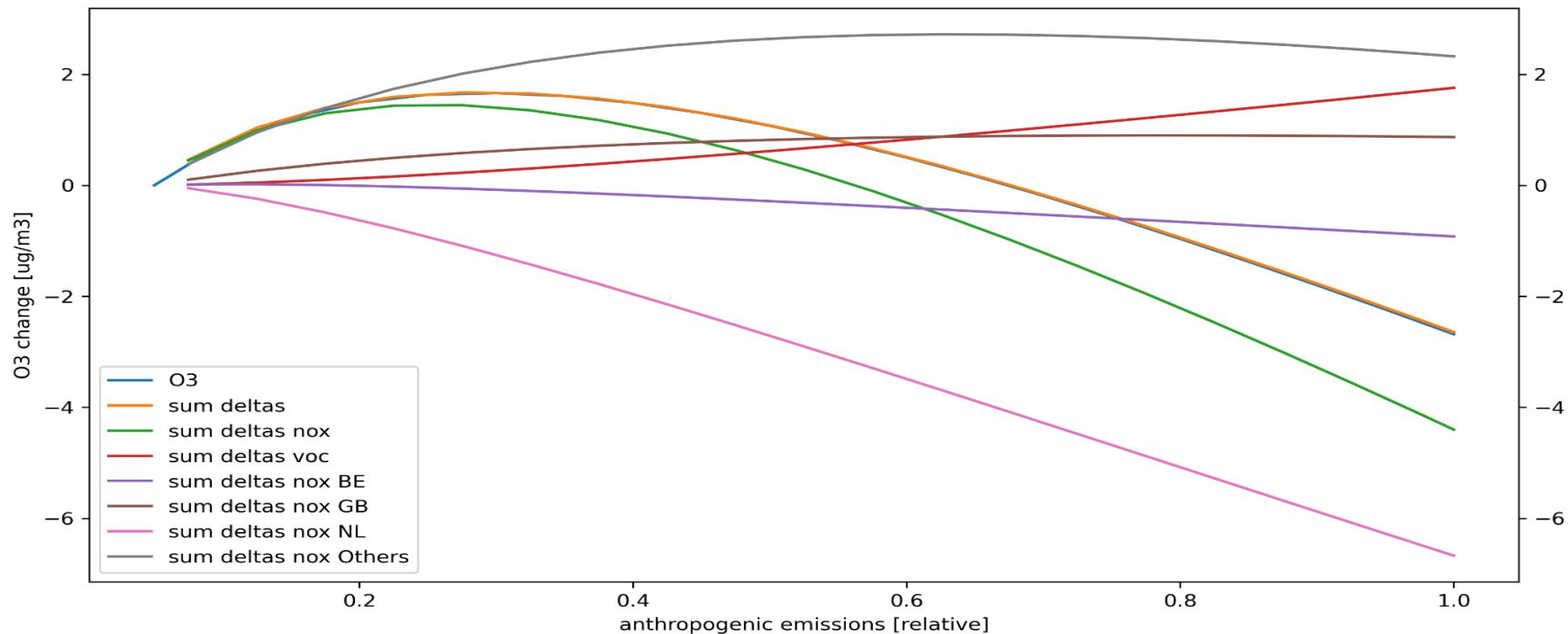
# NL O<sub>3</sub> concentrations, Feb

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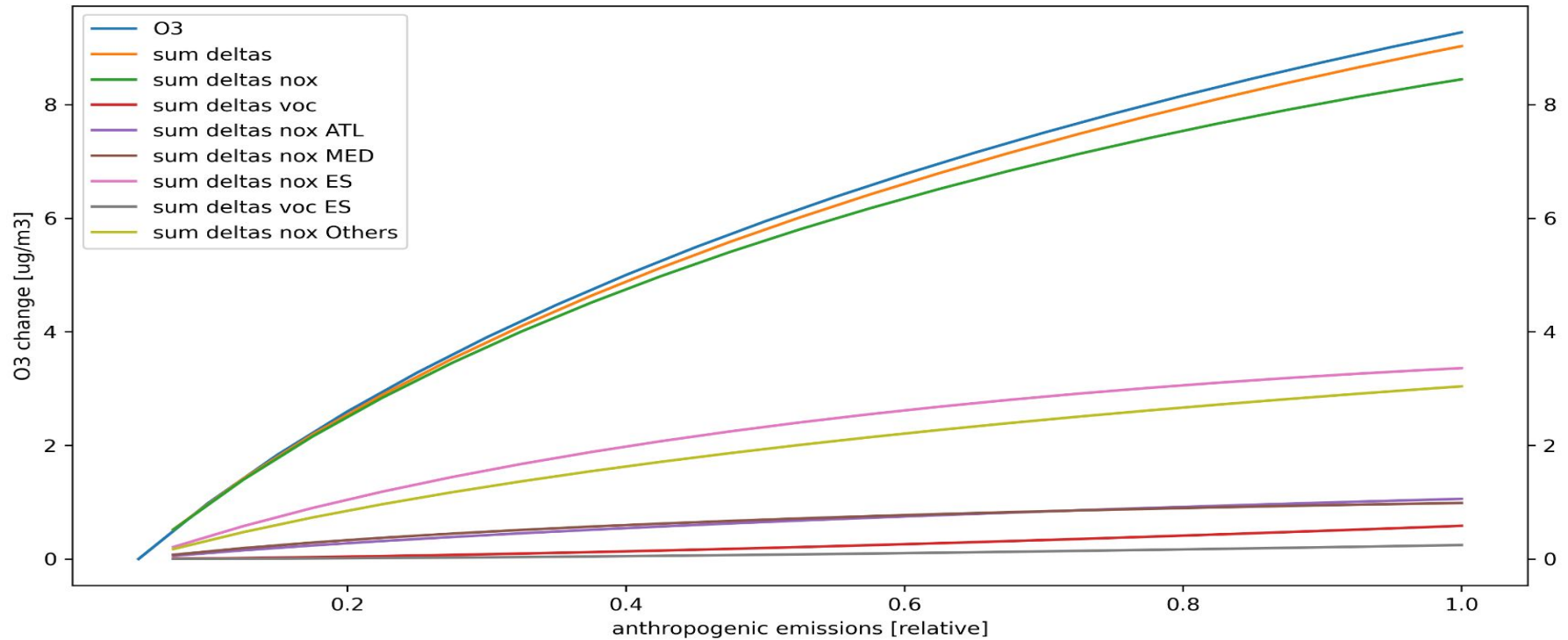
# NL O<sub>3</sub> concentrations, one year

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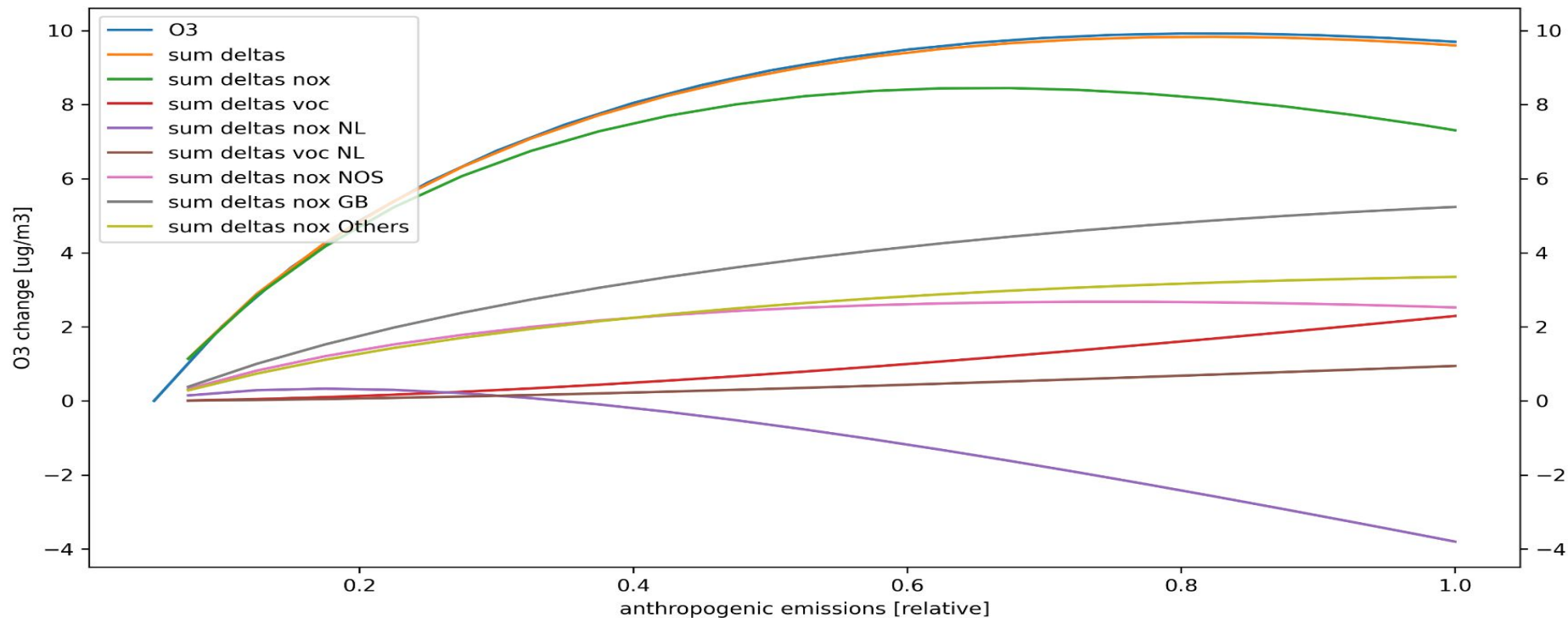
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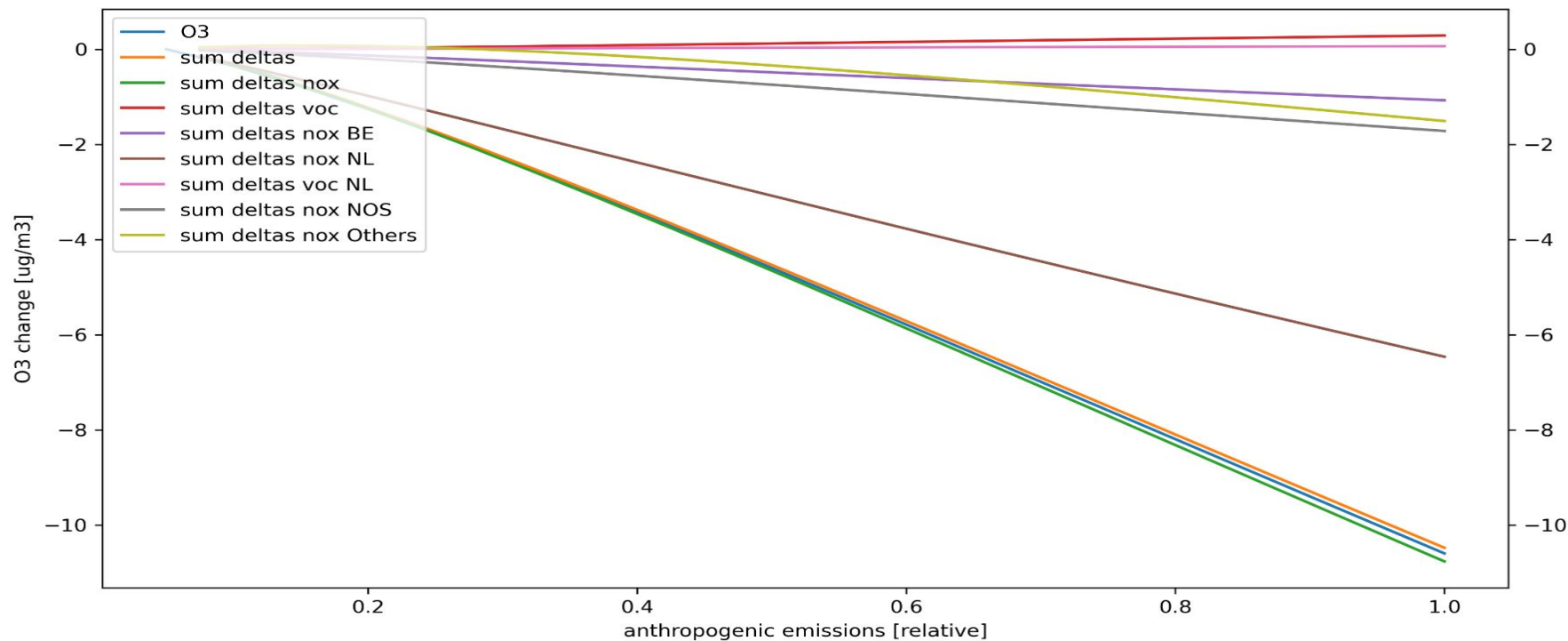
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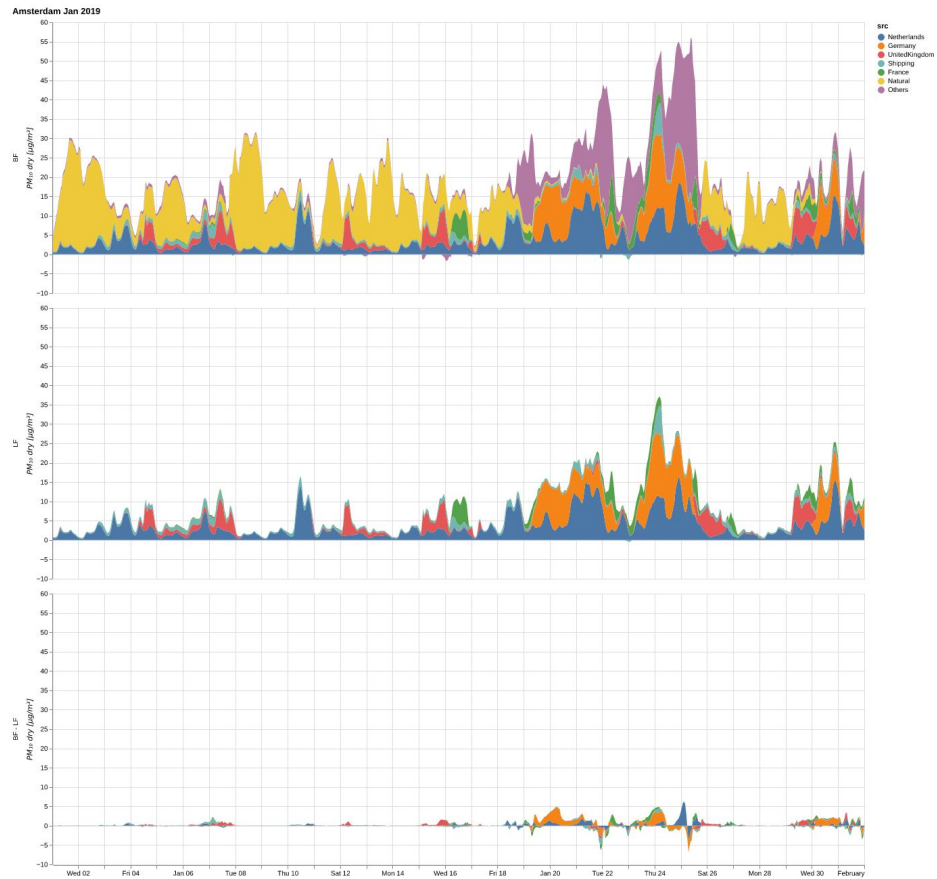
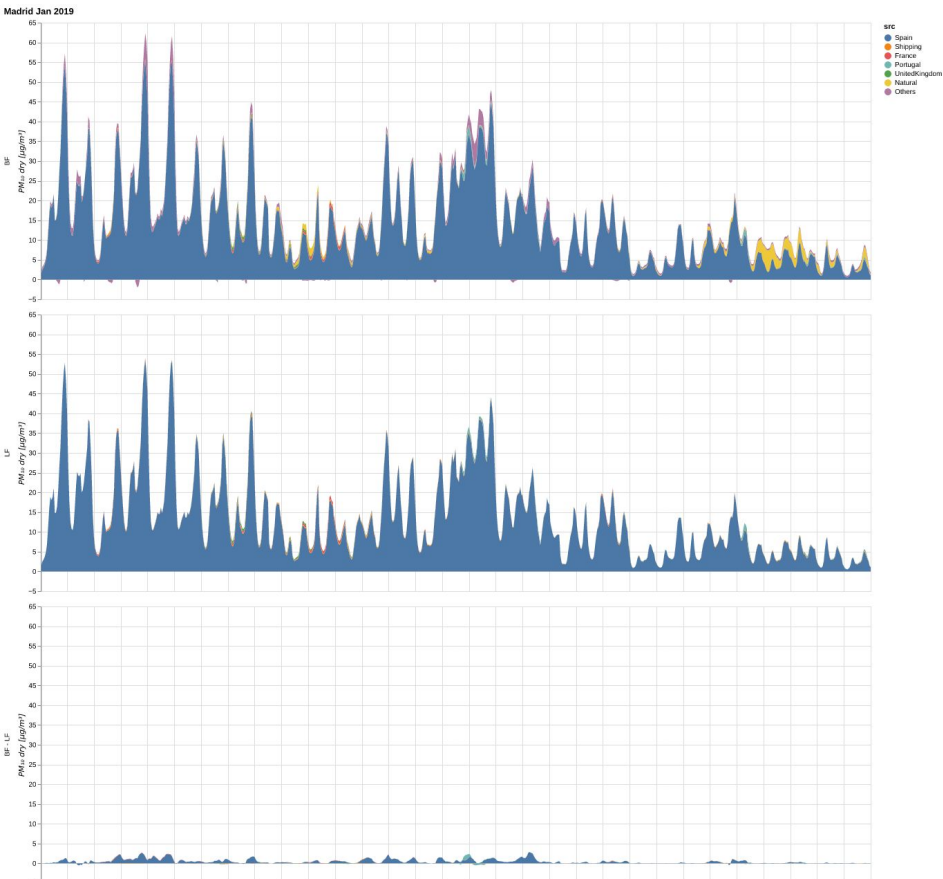
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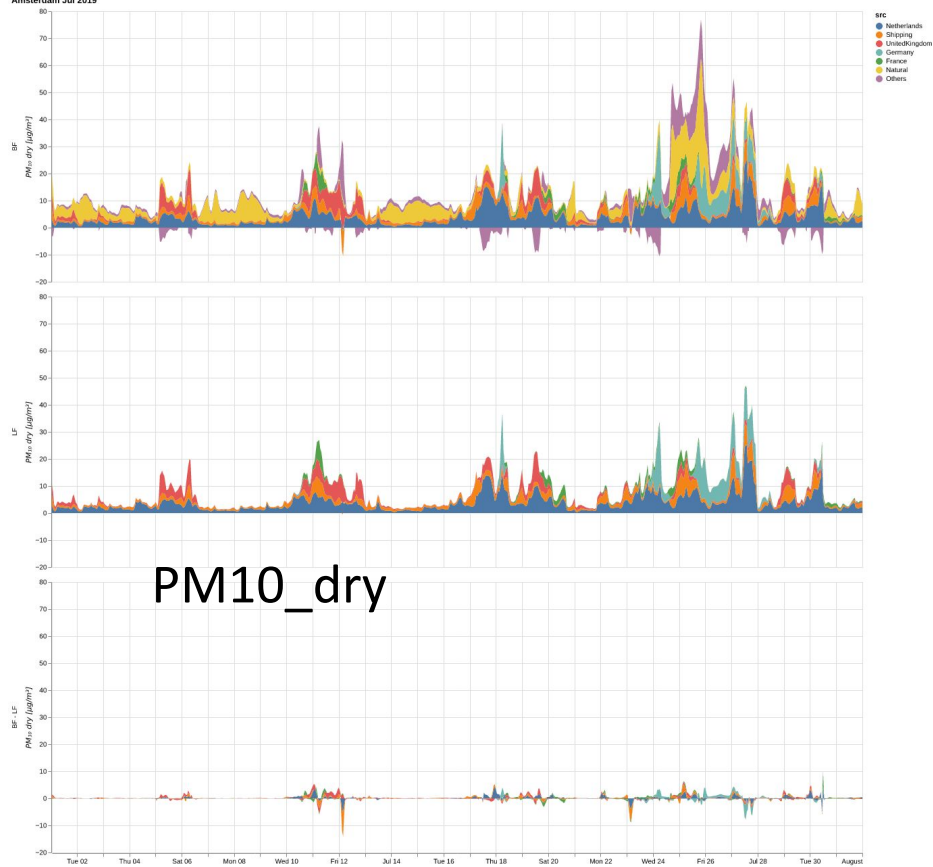


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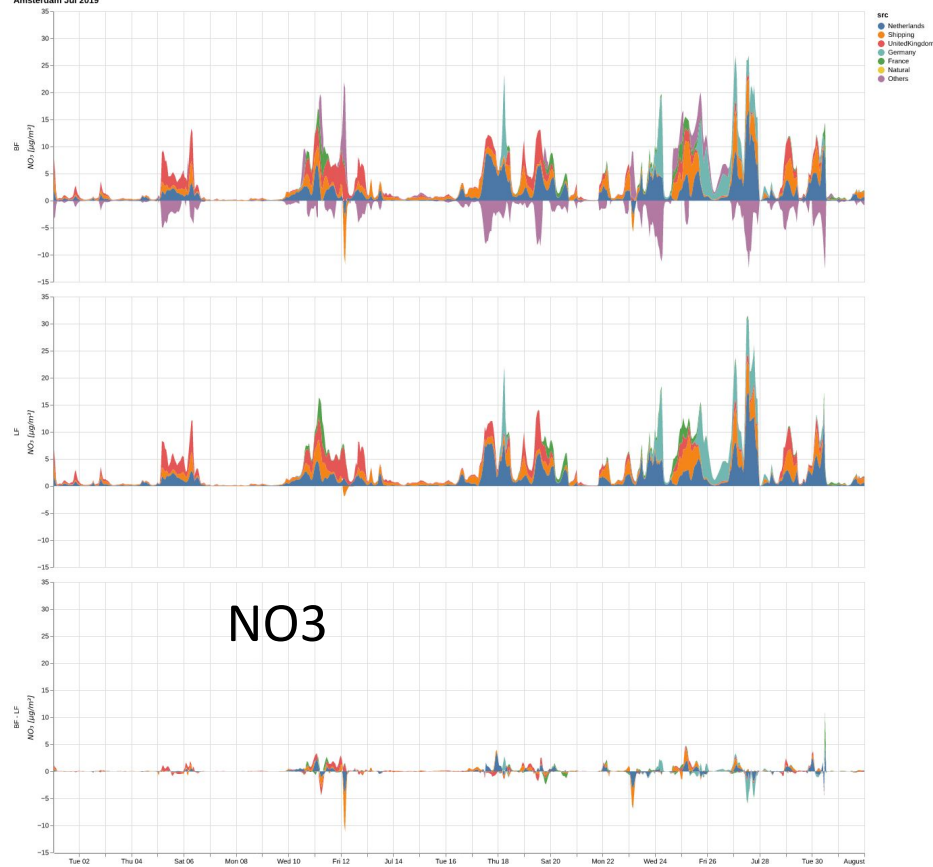


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## WP elements for MSC-W 2024/2025

- **Scenario assessment relevant for a potential GP revision using multiscale GAINS and EMEP/uEMEP**
- **Focus on EECCA and West Balkan countries** (trends, spatial distribution, projections, assessments including use of satellite data). (MSC-W, CIAM, CEIP)
- **Assess the importance of global LOW scenario** (including CH<sub>4</sub> pledge) for European O<sub>3</sub> 2030-2050 and other relevant (CH<sub>4</sub>) scenarios (also in co-operation with TFHTAP)
- Review of methodologies: **brute force & sensibilities** (local fractions) and their applicability (including IAM)
- Work on the **inclusion of ozone** in IAM (GAINS), importance of agricultural NMVOC
- Evaluation EMEP/MS-CW model against **in-situ VOC measurements** from IMP 2022 and EMEP network (and HCHO from satellites)
- **Condensable organics/OC** (make better use of the EMEP/ACTRIS/COLOSSAL campaign and other data to understand sources), (MSC-W, CCC, TFMM)
- Contribute to TFHTAP exercise on CH<sub>4</sub> (?), Fires (TFHTAP, MSC-W)
- Increased cooperation with WGE (use of observational data from ICP Forest, use of uEMEP for effects related work)