

# Urban Scale Modelling and Personal Exposure

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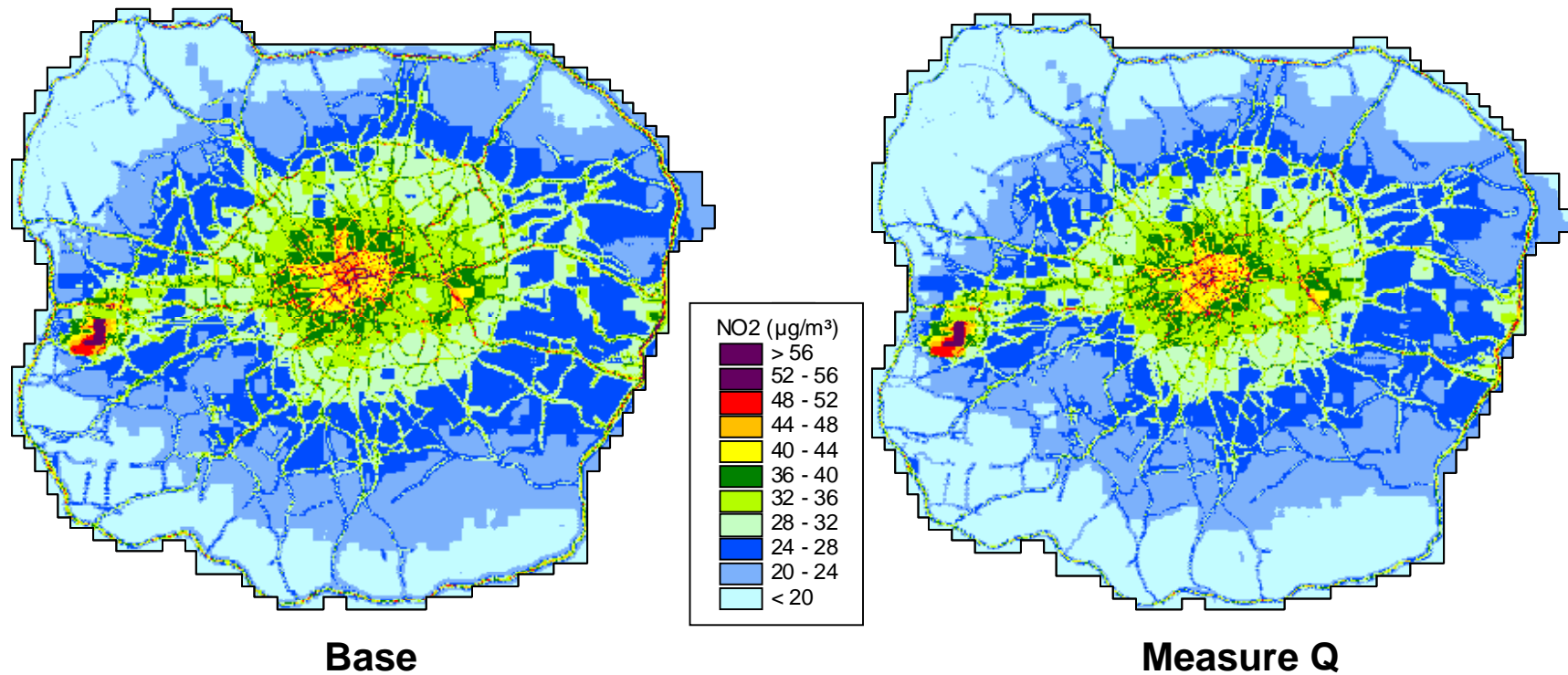
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# **‘EXPOSURE’ IN LONDON**

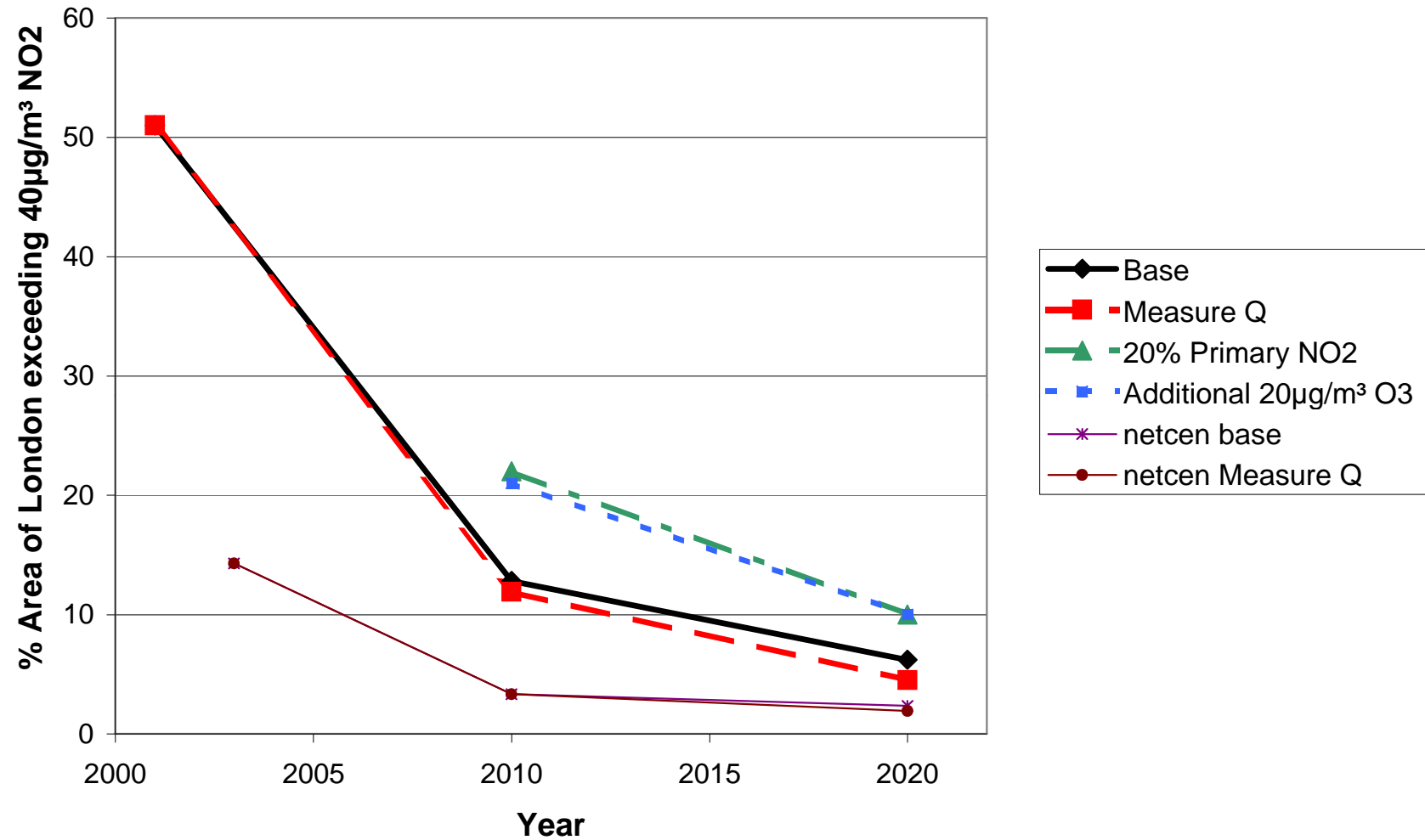
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## Example from Air Quality Strategy Review - annual average NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations calculated using ADMS-Urban

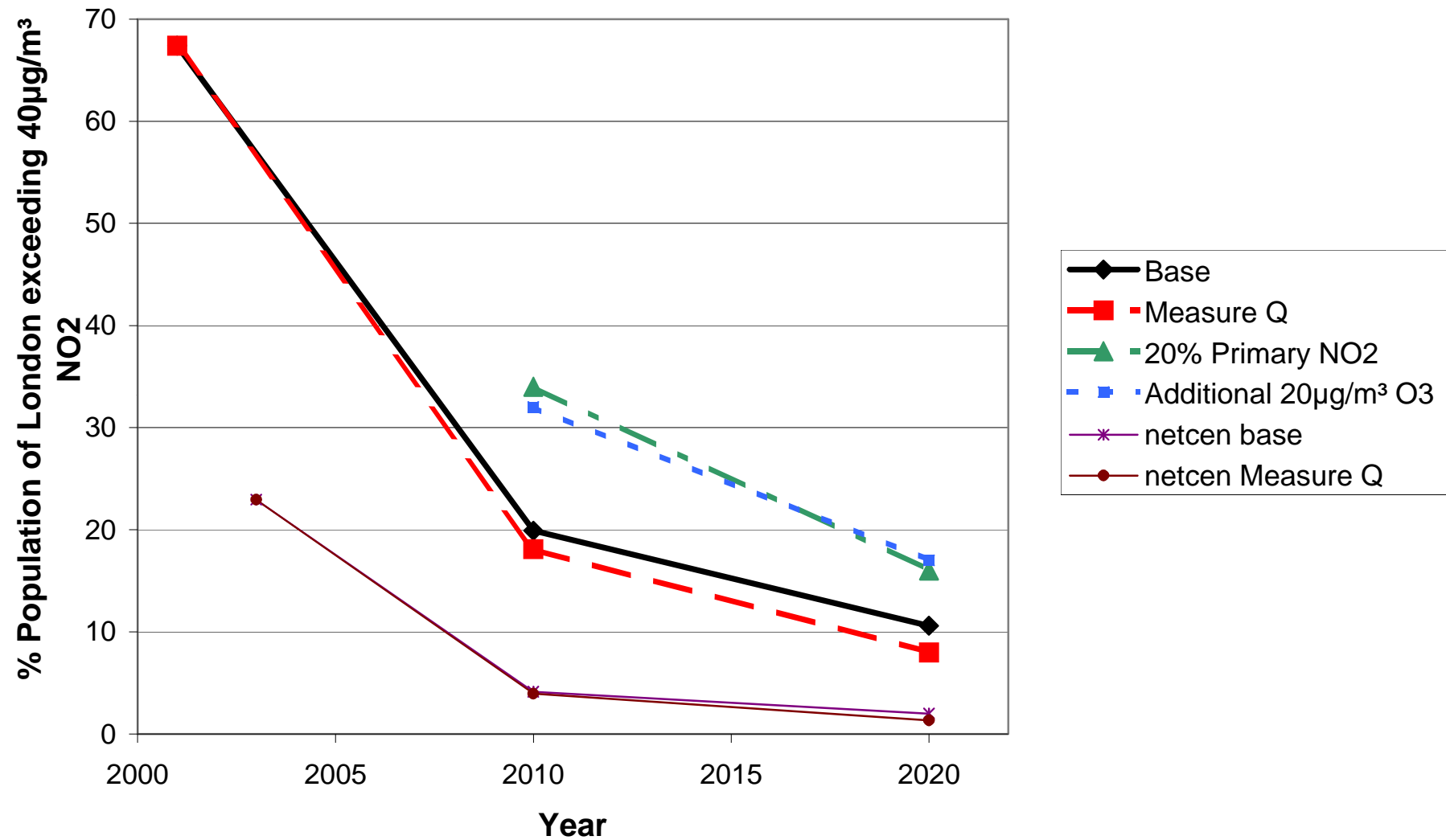
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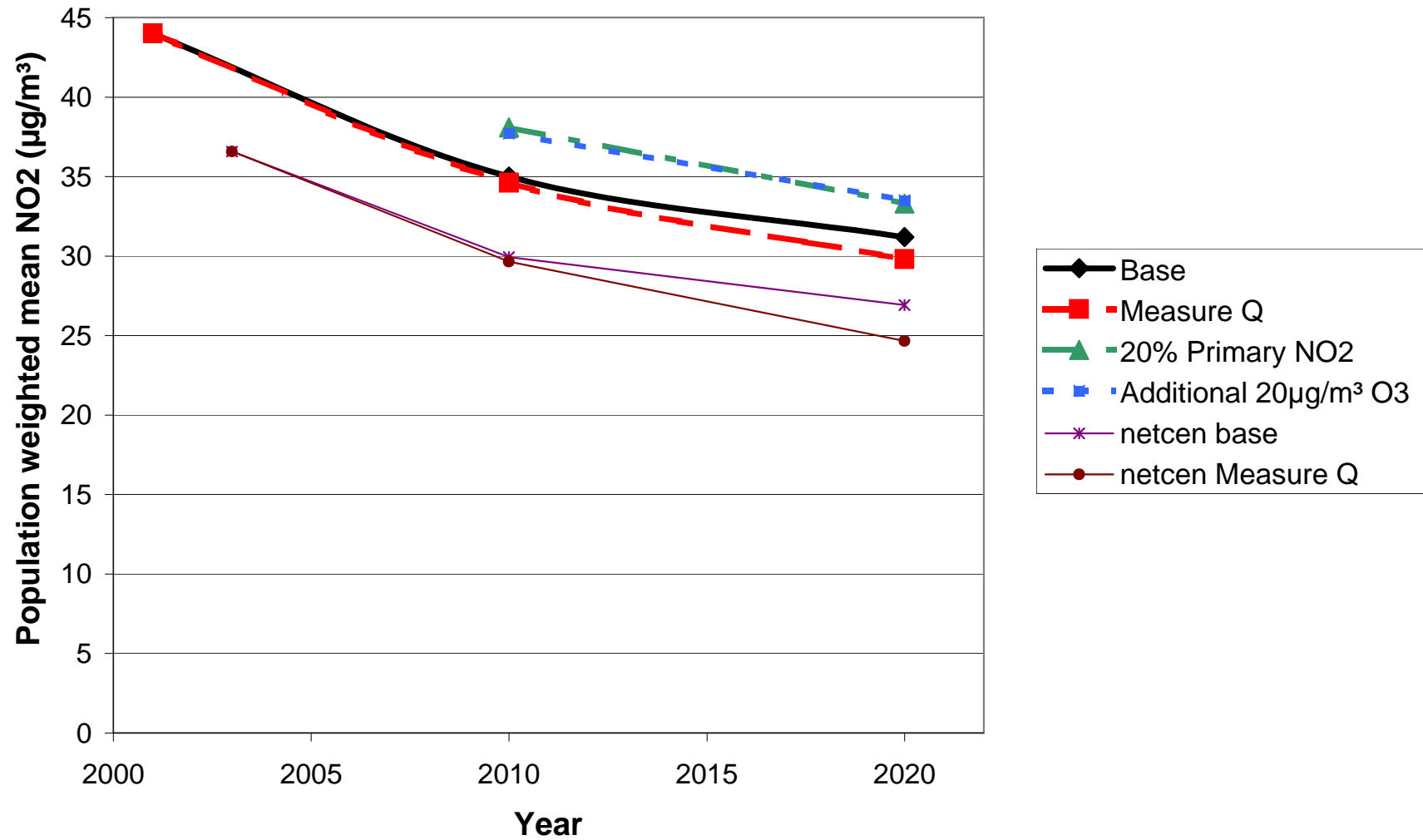
# Area of London exceeding $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ $\text{NO}_2$



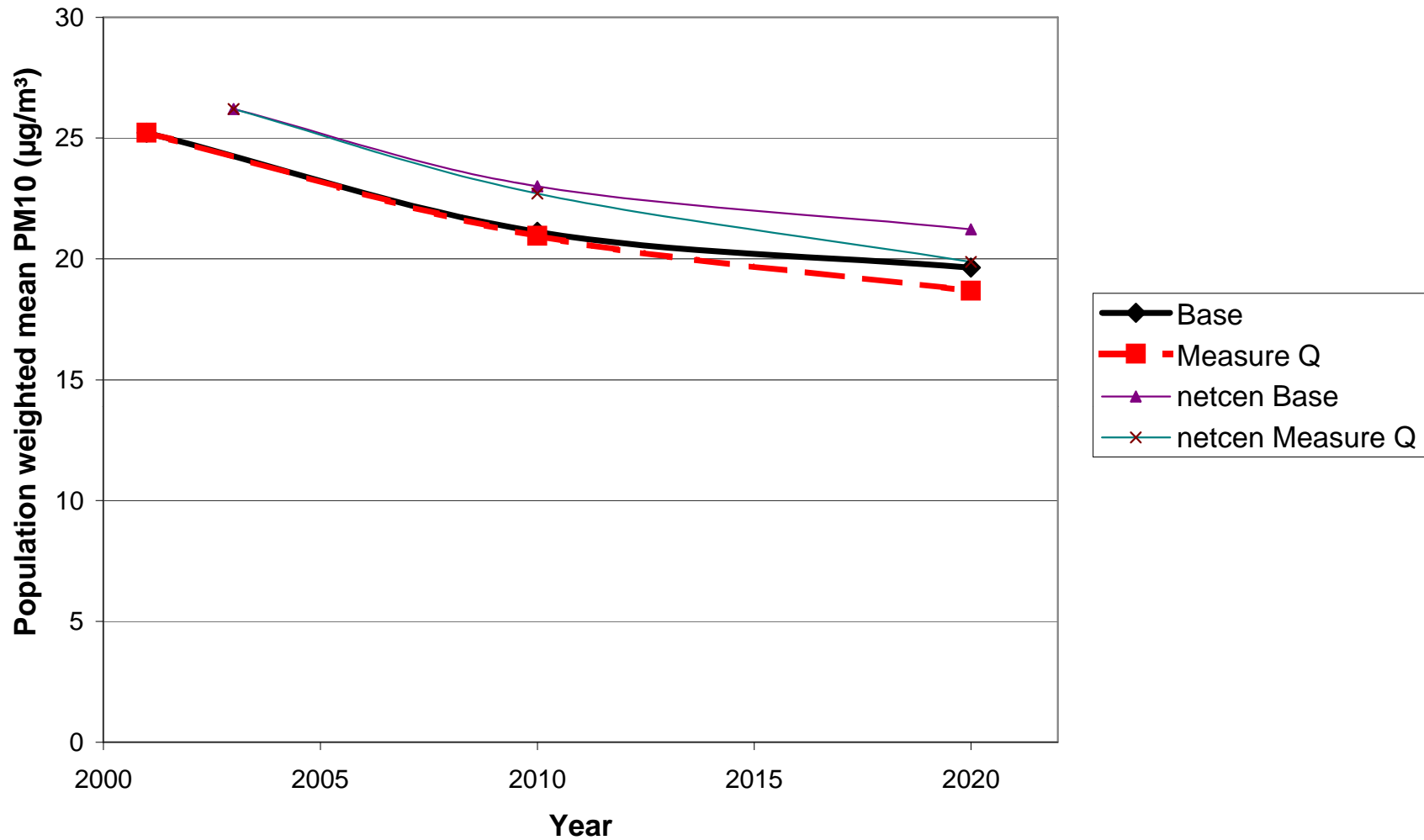
# Population of London exceeding $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ $\text{NO}_2$



# Population weighted mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations



# Population weighted mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations



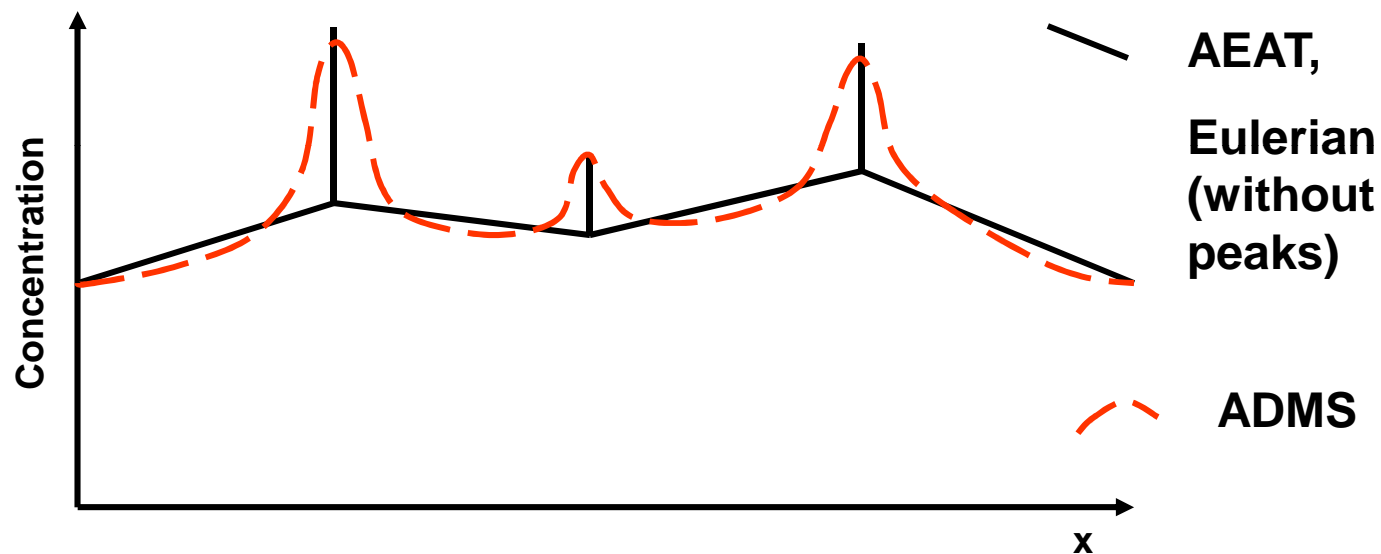
Similarly for PM<sub>2.5</sub>



# Model resolution effects

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- ADMS-Urban *cf* AEAT *cf* Eulerian model



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# MESSAGE PROJECT

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# MESSAGE

- **M**obile **E**nvironmental **S**ensing  
**S**ystem **A**cross **G**rid **E**nvironments



- Collection and analysis of information from  
'complex' environments (urban air quality)

<http://www.message-project.org>

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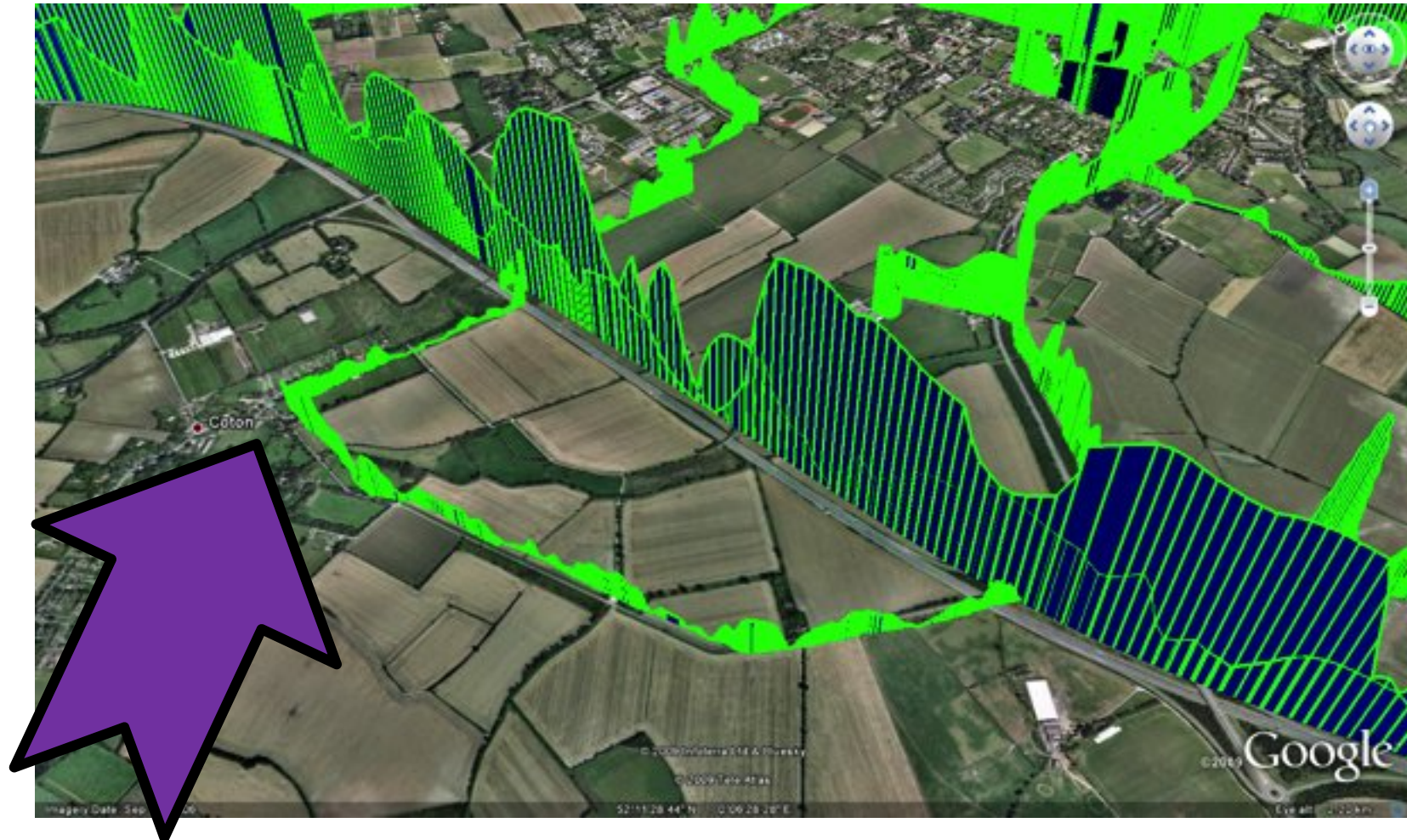
(Prof. Rod Jones)





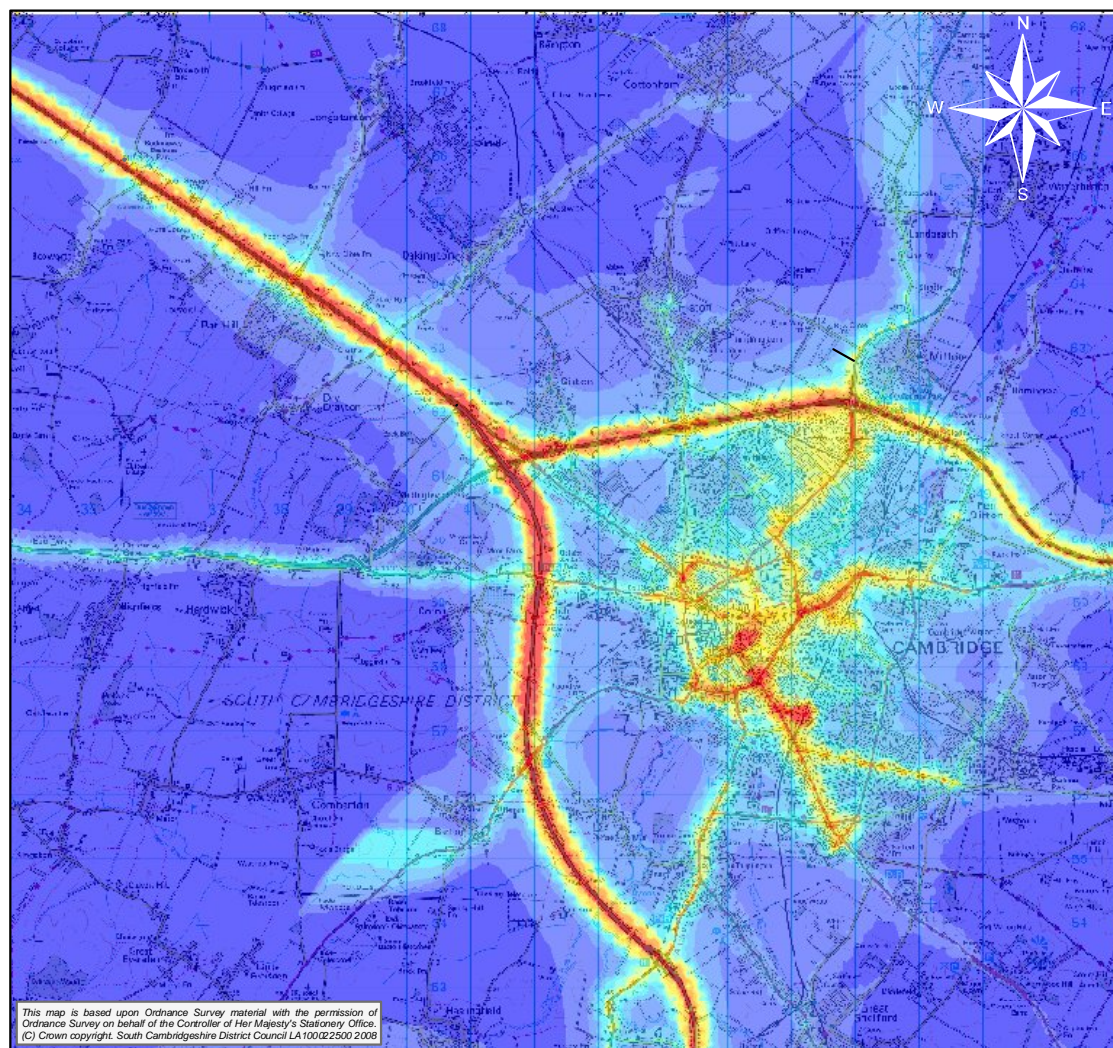
# NO<sub>2</sub>: car vs bike – rural road vs motorway

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# Calculated Annual average NO<sub>2</sub> Cambridge - ADMS-Urban



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration  
(µg/m<sup>3</sup>)



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Cambridge City Council  
& South Cambridgeshire  
District Council

Predicted annual average  
NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for the  
2006 scenario

Figure 10.7

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# EU GENESIS Project

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- **GENESIS: GENeric European Sustainable Information Space for Environment**, is an EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Project.
- **Objective:** *providing Environment management and Health actors with an efficient solution based on **advanced ICT** to constitute **collaborative information networks, integrating existing systems**. The proposed solution is based on a **thematic-neutral and open “information system set up framework” made of Web services, portal components and toolkits**. This framework can be easily customized for various thematic fields e.g. air quality, water quality, and deployed in many contexts (Regional, European,...)*
- **CERC** are working with **Imperial College** (Gioia Mosler at St. Mary's Hospital) and John Gulliver at the **University of the West of Scotland** on an air quality thematic that considers local scale air quality, different target groups and delivery modes e.g. web, GIS.



# EU GENESIS Project

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- The air quality thematic will involve
  - **STEMS**: development of the STEMS system and deployment of STEMS functionality within GENESIS or as a web publishing service.
  - Input data are:
    - Air quality concentration – from ADMS-Urban
    - Origin destination data, part of census data, on SOA (super output area) level, refers to e.g. home and work destinations of people in the UK
    - "National Time Use Survey" & "National Travel Survey" as a basis for time-activity data (origin-destination data available only for very big areas). The time interval is 10 minutes.

# EU GENESIS Project

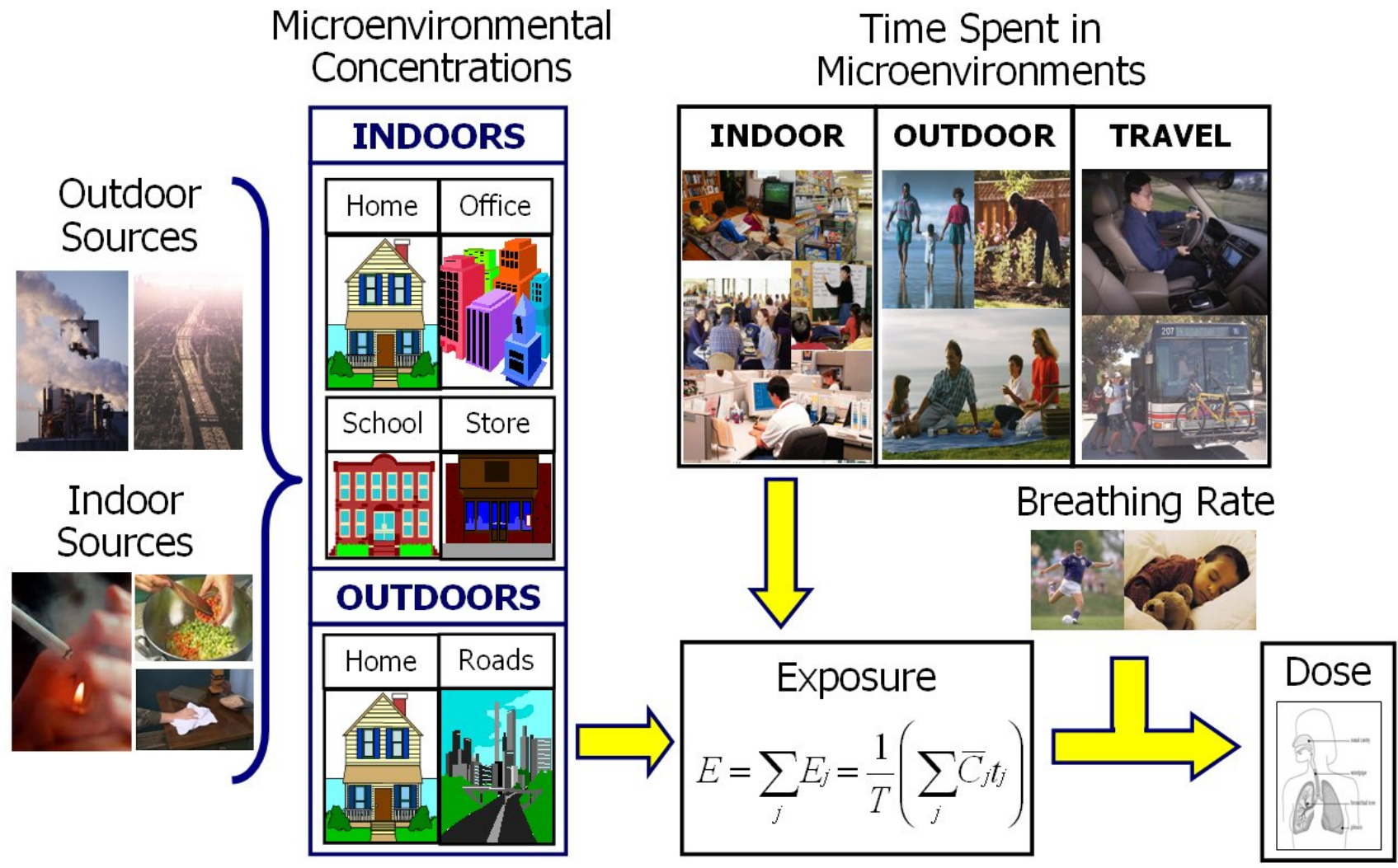
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- The air quality thematic will use the following in STEMS:
  - **Bradford:** Data from Born in Bradford (BiB) - **time activity sheets** and samples (approx 44 diaries), questionnaire information, personal and other monitoring data
  - **London:** Personal monitoring campaigns starting mid-2010 to investigate:
    - different transport modes
    - the variation in one transport mode at one route between days or times of the day
    - different daily routines and routes
  - **ADMS-Urban/airTEXT:** will be used to calculate the high spatial and temporal scale concentrations
  - **Project ongoing**

# **US EPA WORK ON EXPOSURE**

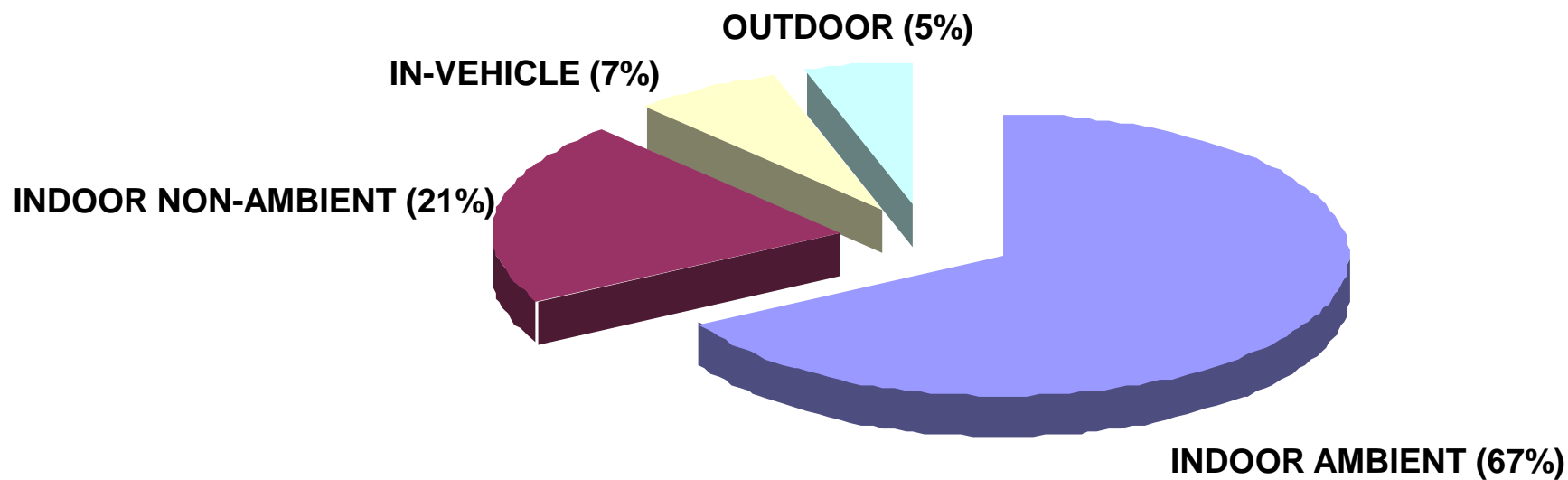
# US EPA work on Exposure (Haluk Ozkaynak)

- Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation (SHEDS) Model for Air Pollutants



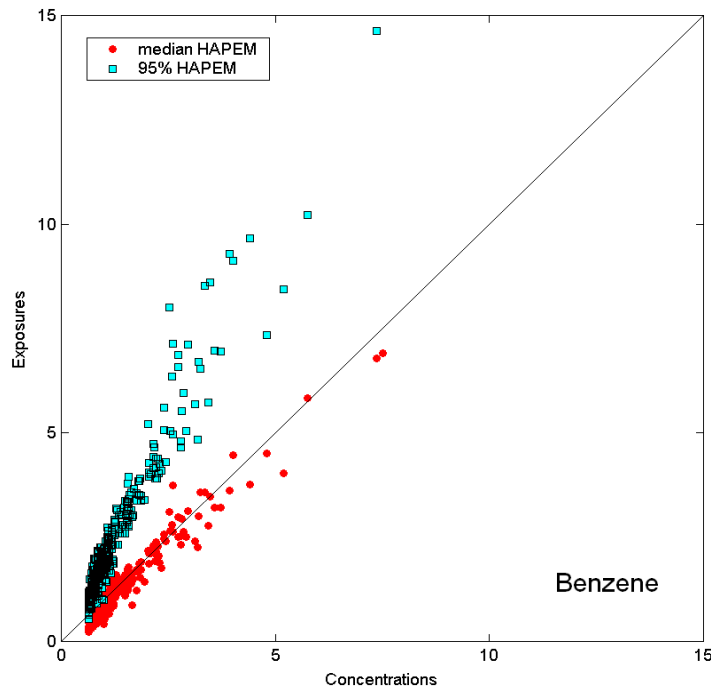
# US EPA work on Exposure

- Predicted PM<sub>2.5</sub> Exposures by Ambient and Non-ambient Sources: Philadelphia Case Study

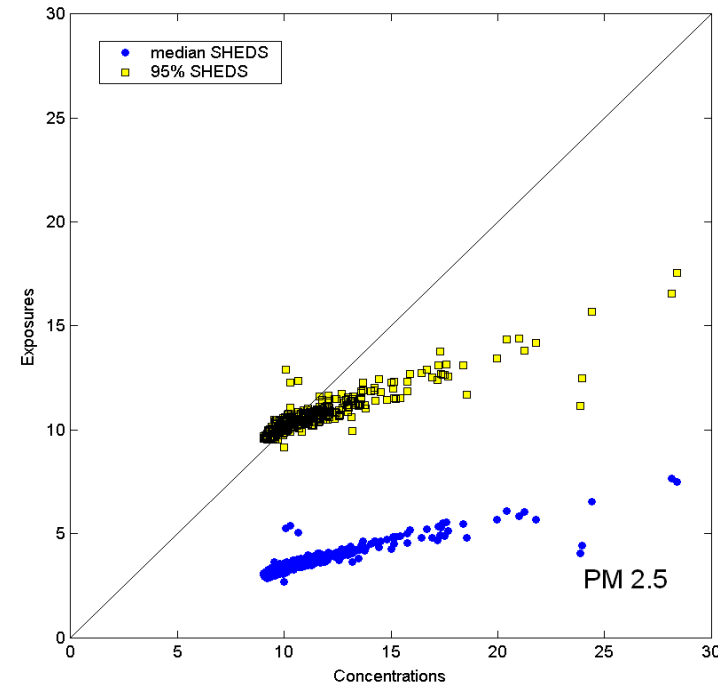


# US EPA Work on Exposure

## Exposures are different from concentrations



**Benzene from HAPEM**



**PM2.5 from SHEDS**

- Benzene typically infiltrates readily indoors - median exposures are similar to ambient concentrations
- Population subgroups have higher exposures due to elevated residential outdoor levels near roadways estimated by HAPEM model
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> penetrates less efficiently indoors, thus personal exposures to PM<sub>2.5</sub> ranges between 40 to 100 % of ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration values (from SHEDS model)

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# HEATHROW AIRPORT

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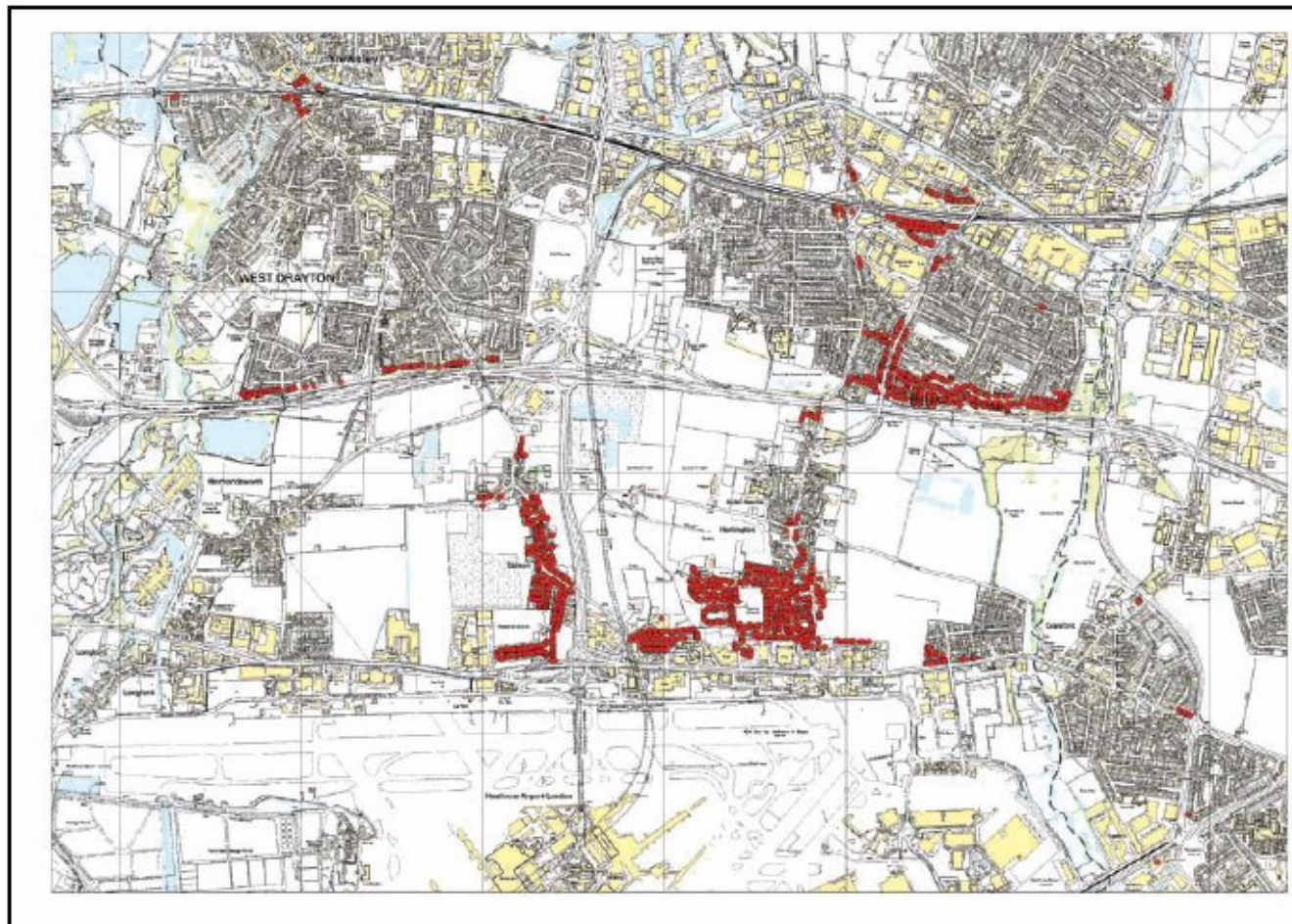


# Heathrow

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- From Population Exposure report (DfT consultation)

Figure 2.6 – Location of discrete receptor modelling points

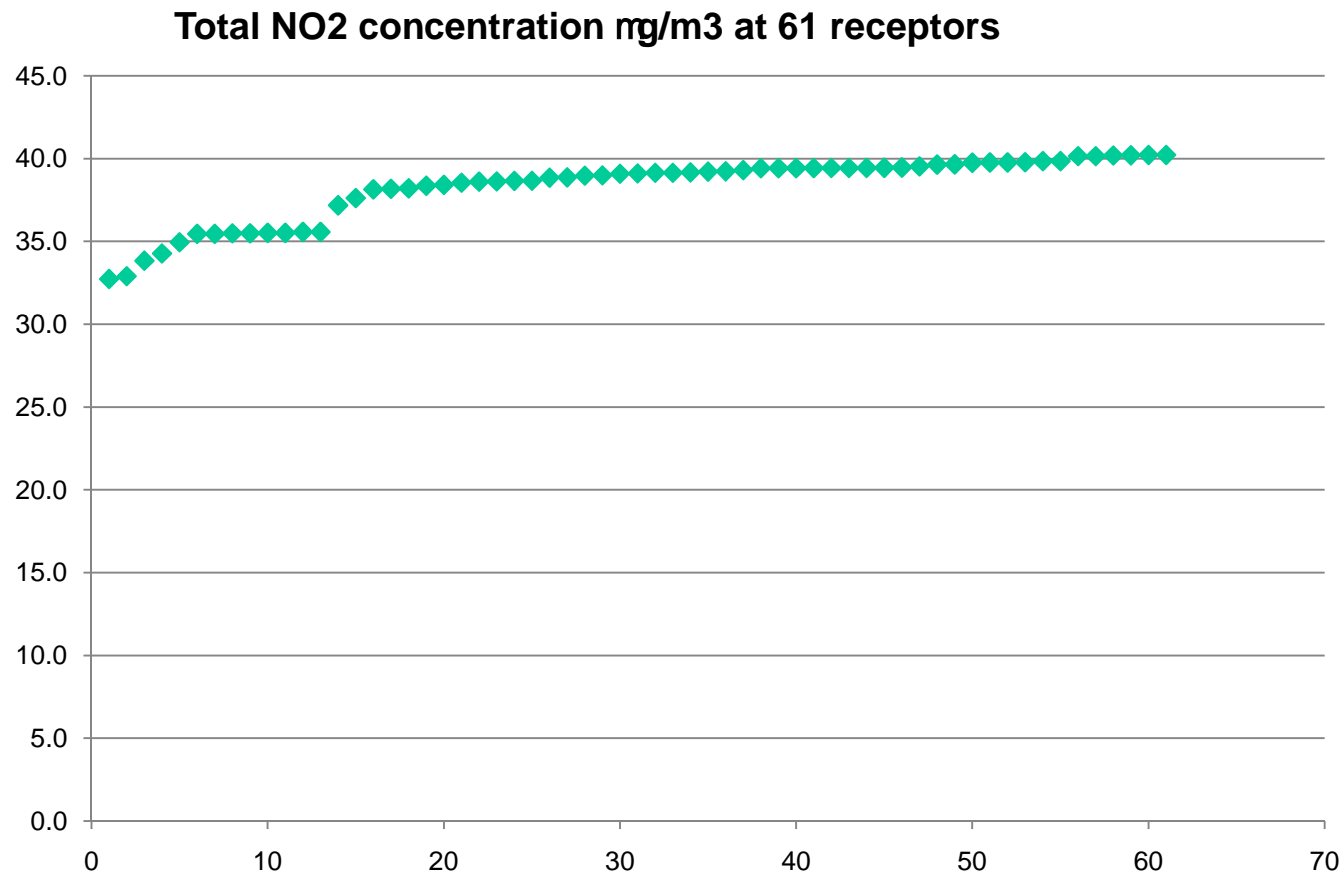




# Heathrow

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- Heathrow 2015 scenario, concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> at top 61 properties



# Conclusions/Implications

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- Exposure Calculations – do we mean exposure?
- AQ Directive – ‘reduce *exposure* in urban areas by an average of 20%’
- Exposure model required to be used in conjunction with air quality model

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