

# Contributions of Non-tailpipe Emissions to PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> near Highways

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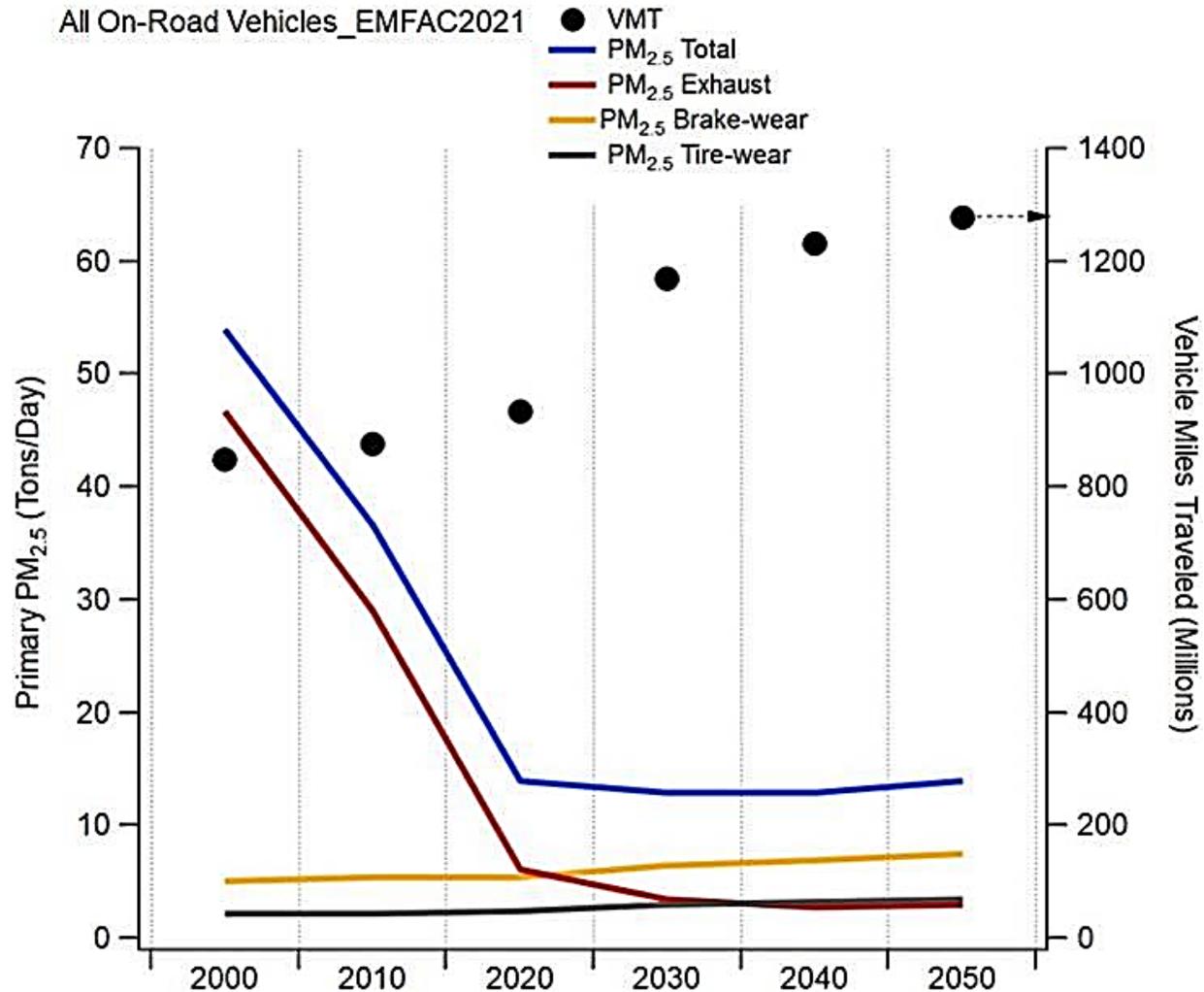
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- Results and discussion
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  - Source apportionment
- Takeaways

# Non-tailpipe emissions are becoming a larger fraction of total vehicle emissions



# Study Objectives

- Characterize PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> concentration and compositions near highways.
- Seek source markers for non-tailpipe emissions.
- Conduct source apportionment analysis to determine contributions of non-tailpipe particles to PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>.

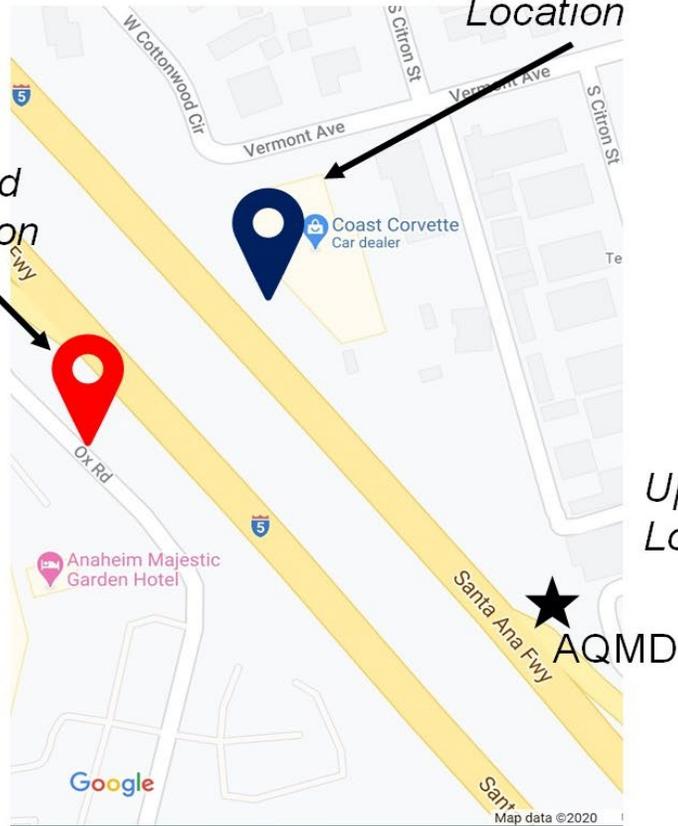


# Samples were taken from both sides of highways

I-5 Anaheim

Downwind Location

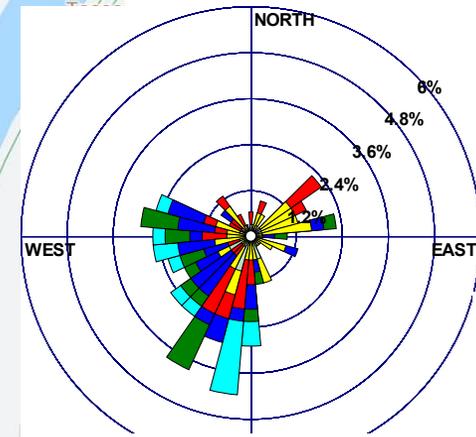
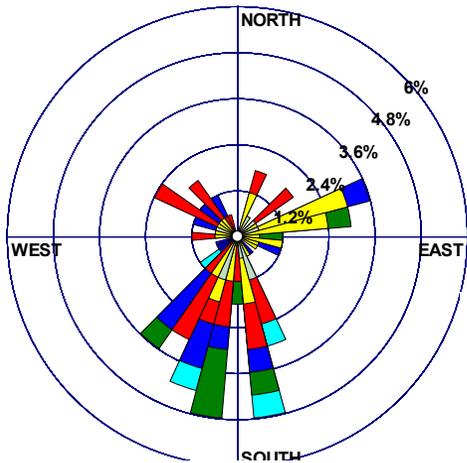
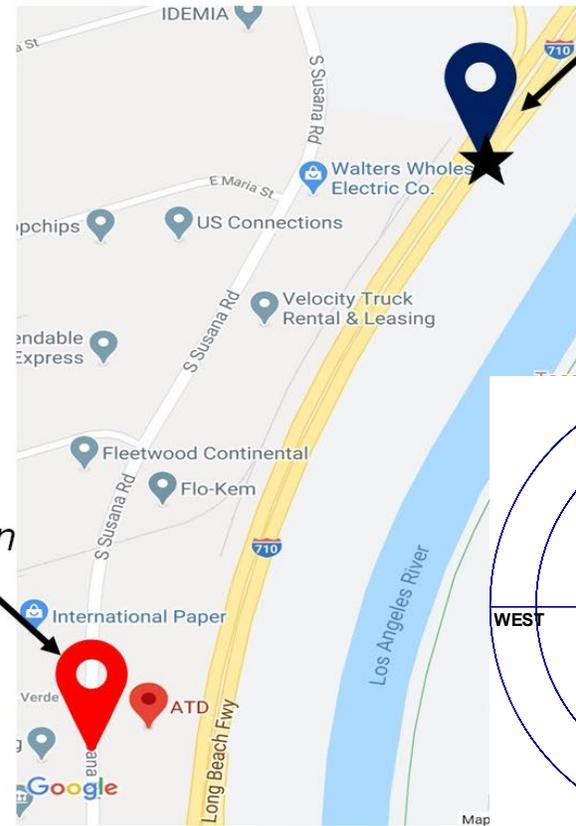
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I-710 Long Beach

Downwind Location

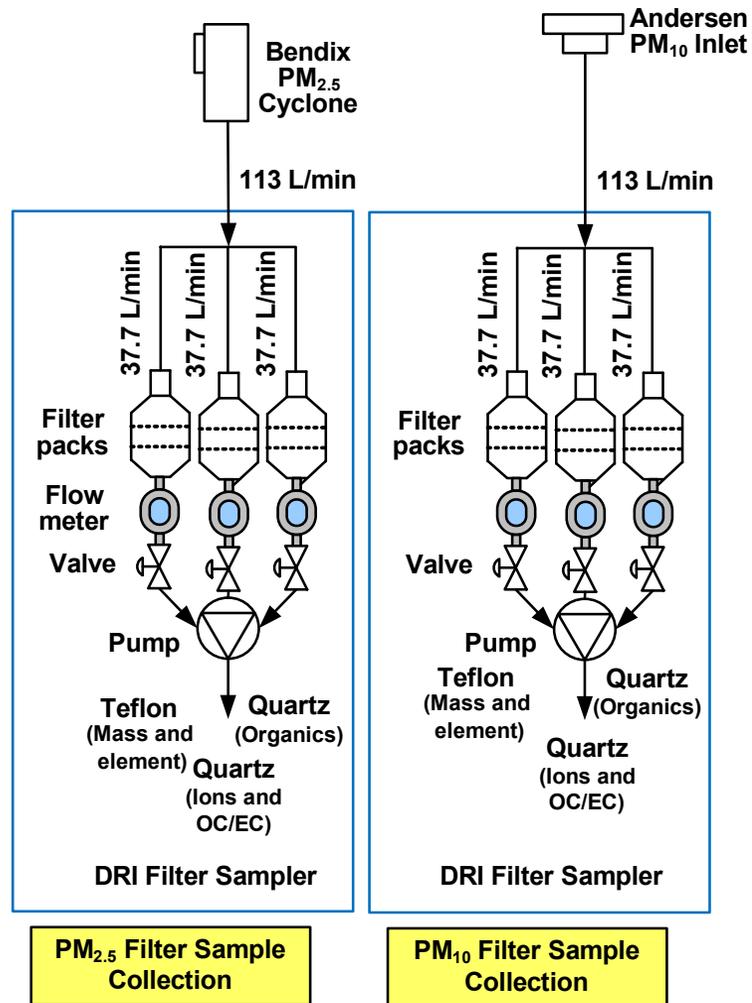
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Wind Speed (0.1 m/s)



# PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> filter pairs were collected upwind and downwind of highways



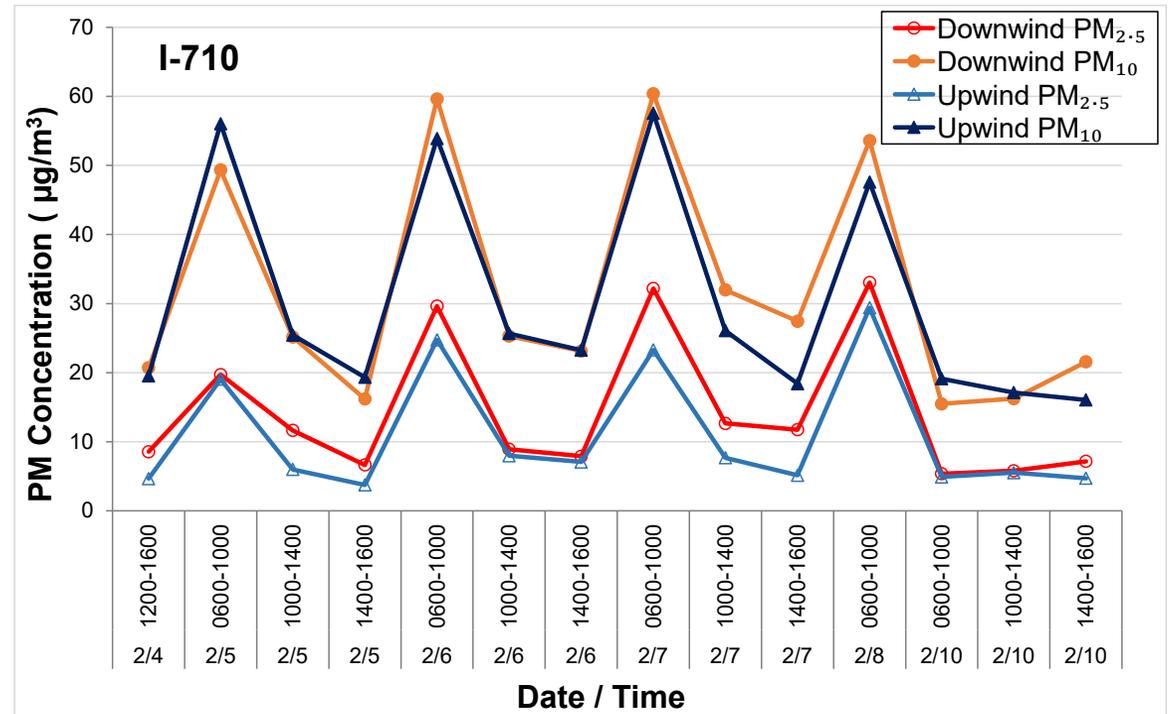
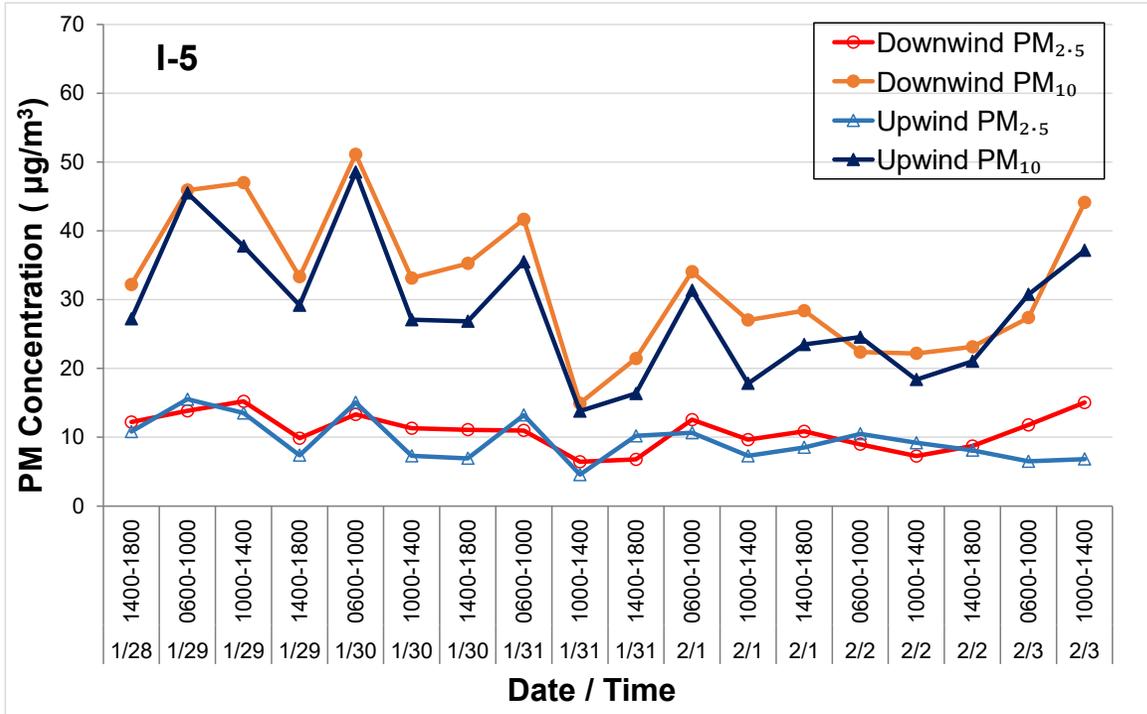
Typical sampling periods:

- 0600-1000; 1000-1400; 1400-1800
- 1/28/2020–2/3/2020 (I-5); 18 sets
- 2/4/2020–2/10/2020 (I-710); 14 sets
- A total of 128 filters.

# Filters were analyzed for source markers

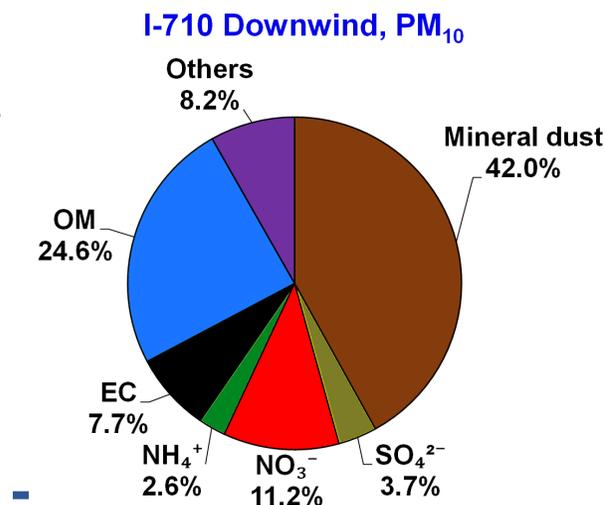
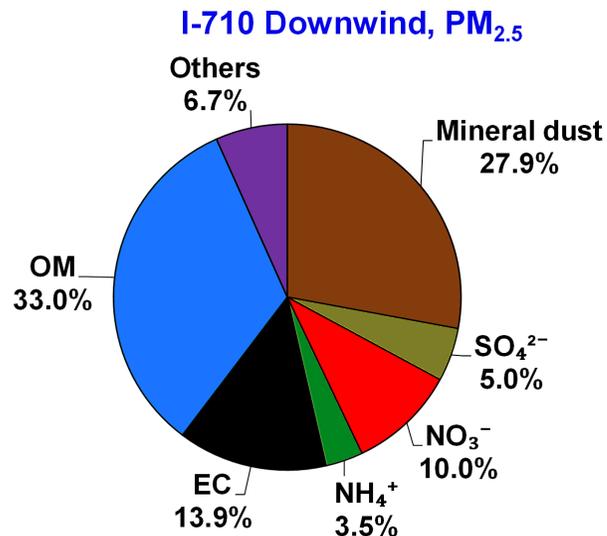
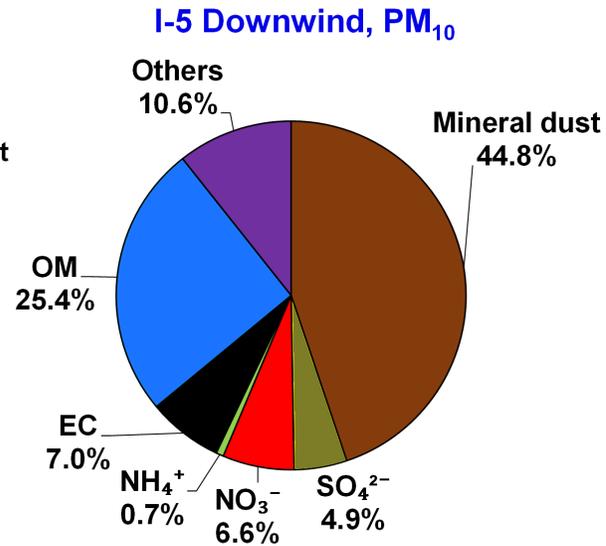
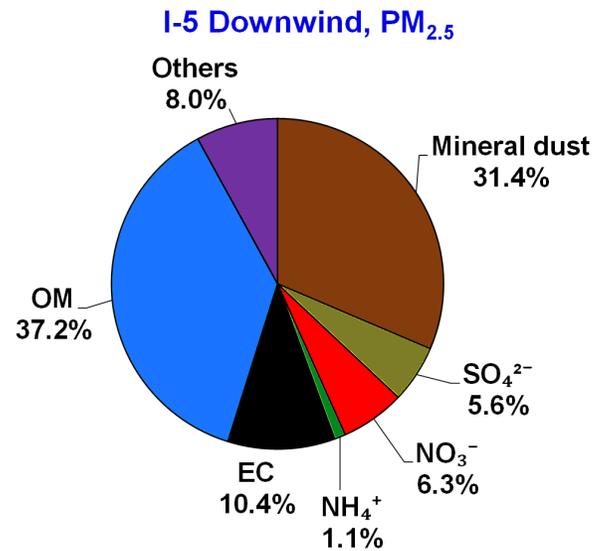
Measurement Method	Species	Potential Markers
Gravimetry	PM mass	
X-ray Fluorescence (XRF)	Elements from sodium (Na) to uranium (U)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mineral dust: Al, Si, Ca, and K;</li> <li>Brake wear: Cu, Sb, Ba, Fe, Zr, Mo, and Sn;</li> <li>Tire wear: Zn;</li> <li>Concrete road wear: Ca and S</li> </ul>
Thermal/Optical Analysis	Organic, elemental carbon (OC and EC) and thermal fractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tailpipe emissions</li> </ul>
Ion Chromatography	Water soluble ions Cl <sup>-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , and Ca <sup>2+</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary salt: Cl<sup>-</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup></li> <li>Secondary salts: NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup></li> <li>Biomass burning: K<sup>+</sup></li> </ul>
Thermal desorption GC/MS	Nonpolar organics, including PAHs alkanes, cycloalkanes, hopanes, steranes, phthalates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tire wear: alkanes (C<sub>34</sub>-C<sub>36</sub>)</li> <li>Tire wear: pyrene, benzo(ghi)perylene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and dibenzopyrenes</li> <li>Motor oil emissions: hopanes and steranes</li> </ul>
pyrolysis-GC/MS	Rubber markers, including styrene, isoprene, butadiene, dipentene, and vinylcyclohexene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NR: isoprene, dipentene</li> <li>BR: butadiene, vinylcyclohexene</li> <li>SBR: styrene, butadiene, vinylcyclohexene</li> </ul>
Ultra-performance liquid chromatography (UPLC)	Benzothiazole and derivatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tire wear</li> </ul>

# PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations were 2-3 times those of of PM<sub>2.5</sub>; Up/downwind differences were small



Average PM Concentrations (µg/m³)				
Site	Upwind PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Upwind PM <sub>10</sub>	Downwind PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Downwind PM <sub>10</sub>
I-5	9.56	28.47	10.88	32.49
I-710	11.00	30.37	14.36	31.87

# Mineral dust and carbon were major PM components



Main composition:

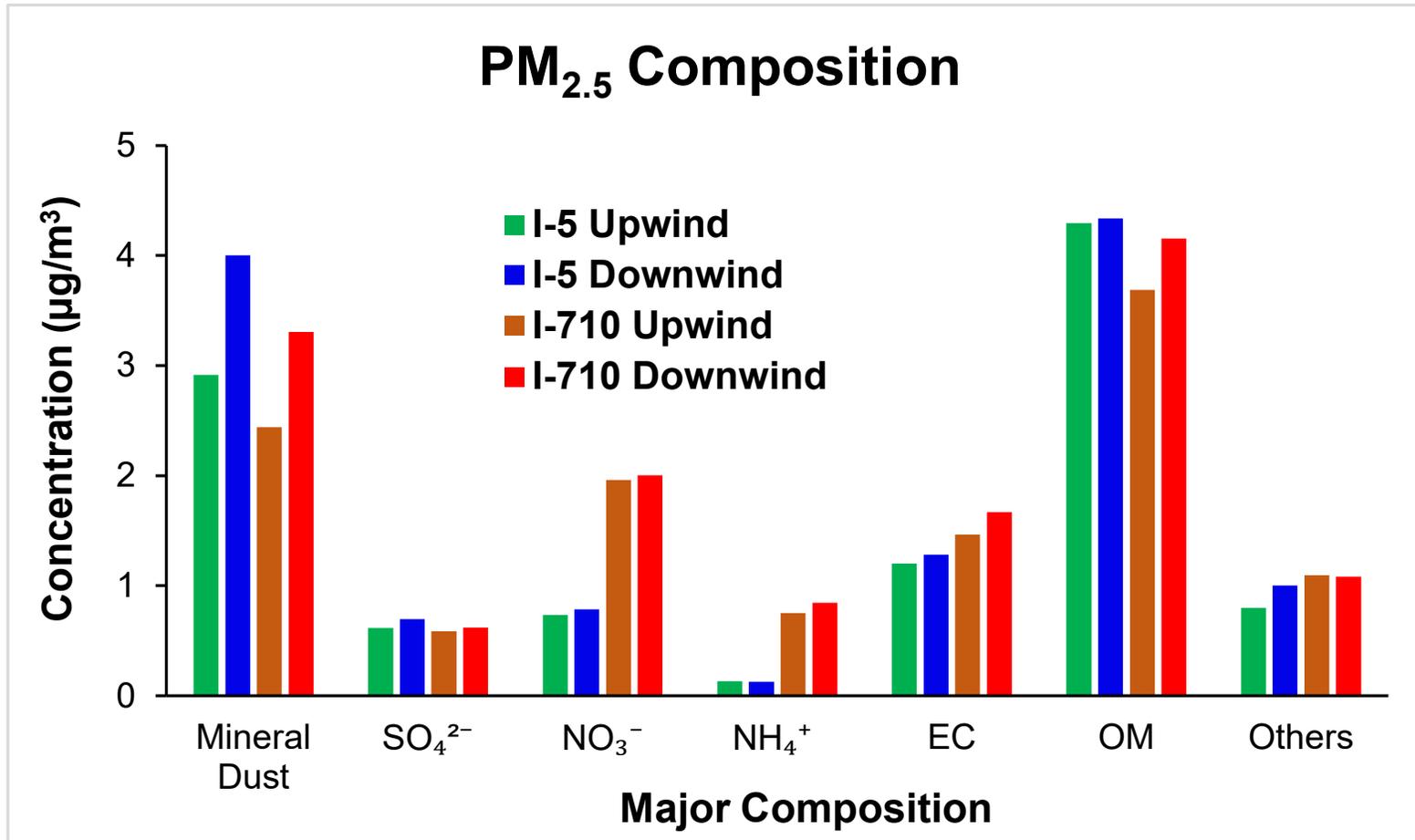
- PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Organic matter (OM; ~30–40%), mineral dust (~30%), and elemental carbon (EC; ~10–15%)
- PM<sub>10</sub>: mineral dust (>40%), OM (~25%); coarse NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> due to Cl replacement
- More OM and EC% in PM<sub>2.5</sub> than PM<sub>10</sub>; more dust and others (elements and ions) in PM<sub>10</sub>

\*  $OM = 1.2 \times OC$

\*  $Mineral\ dust = 2.2 \times Al + 2.49 \times Si + 1.63 \times Ca + 2.42 \times Fe + 1.94 \times Ti$

(Chow et al., 2015)

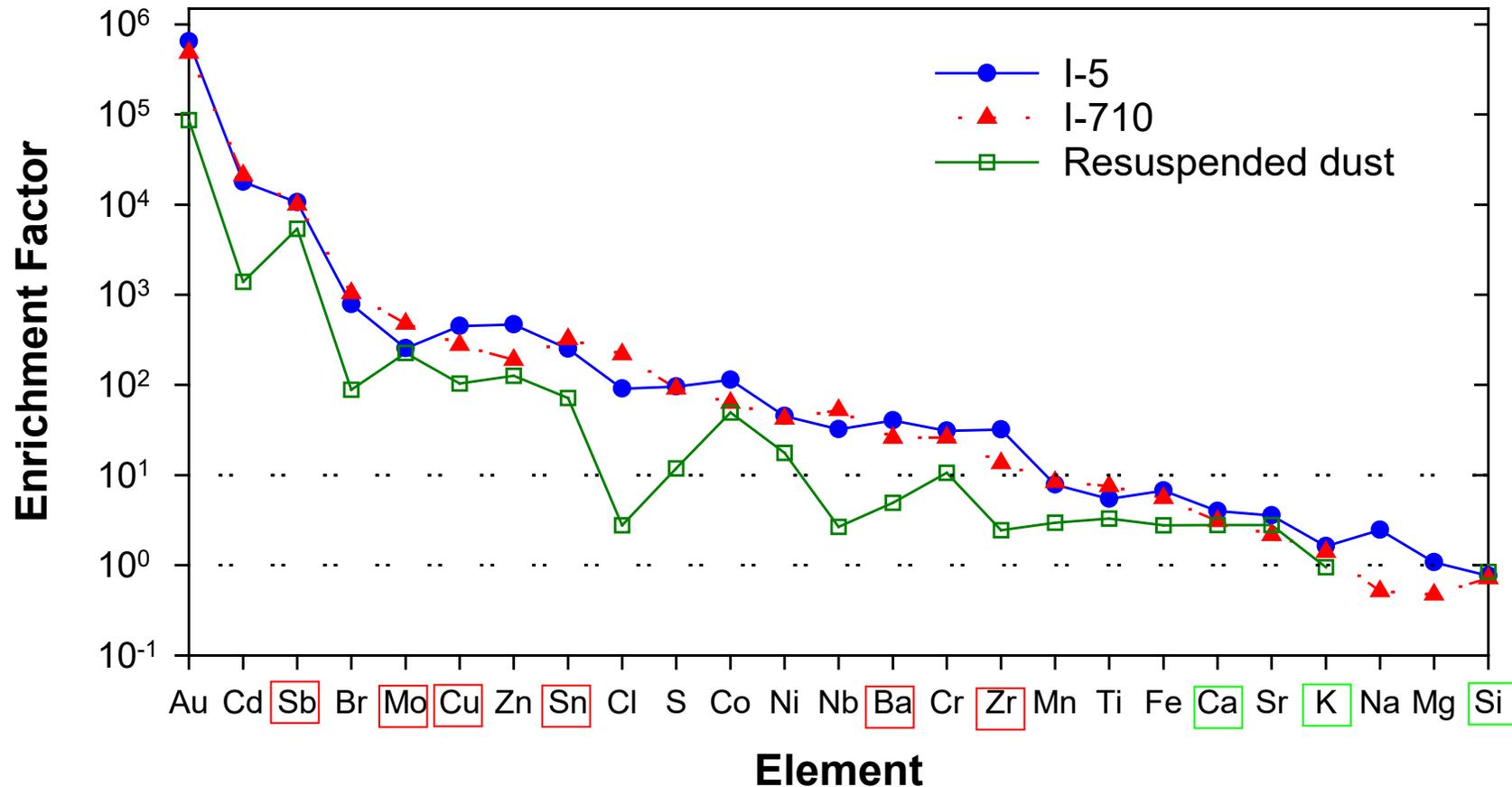
# Differences were found between upwind/downwind and I-5/I-710



- Downwind > Upwind
- EC is ~20% higher at I-710 than I-5
- SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> is similar → regional distribution
- NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> are much higher at I-710, due to two high NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> events



# Vehicle-wear related elements were enriched



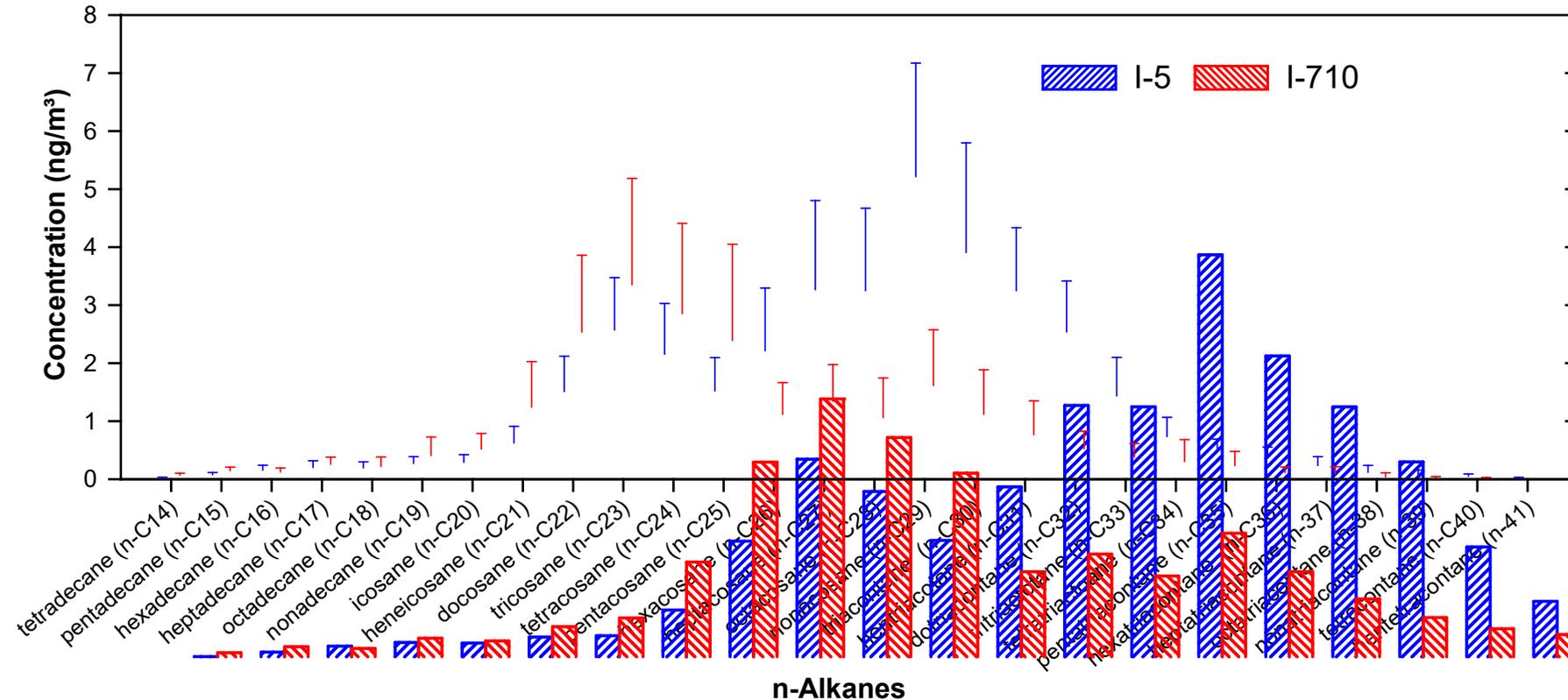
Enrichment Factor  
 $= (X/Ref)_{\text{sample}} / (X/Ref)_{\text{UCC}}$

- X = element of interest
- Ref = reference element (Al)
- UCC: the Earth's upper continental crust

\*  shows wear-related elements

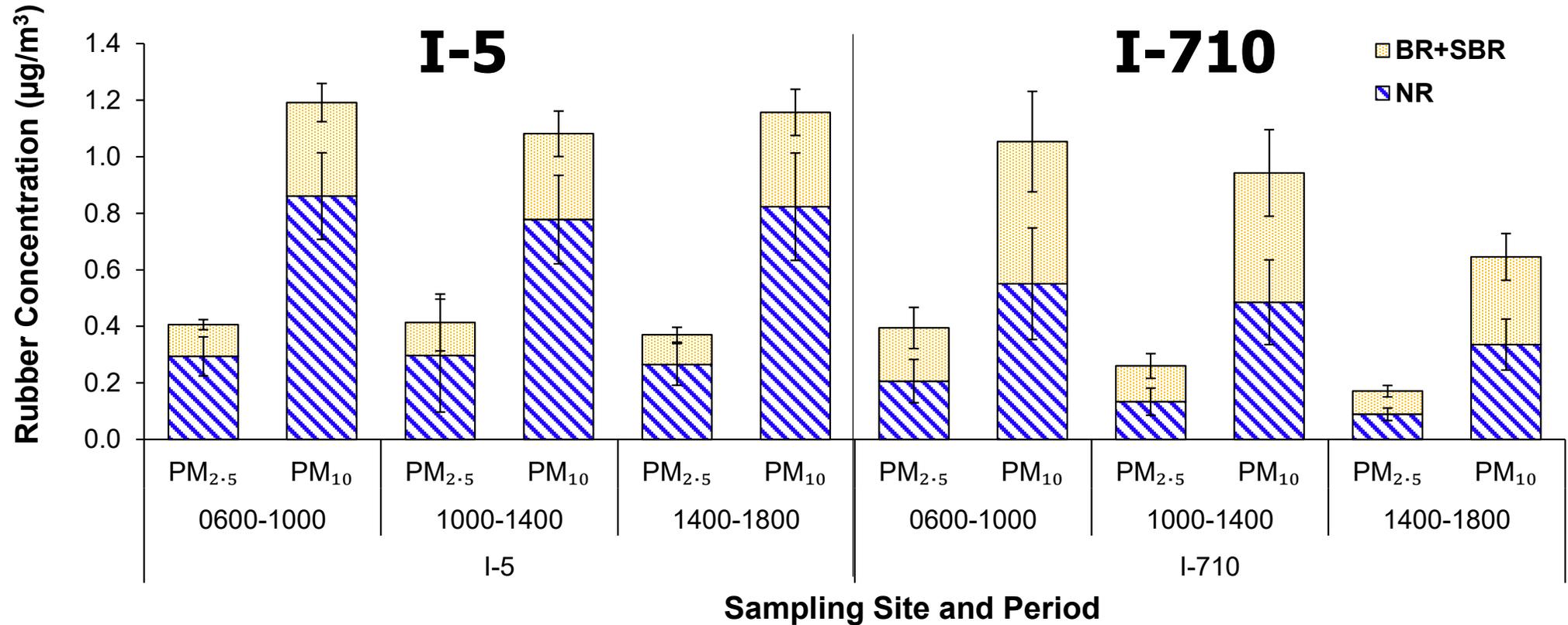


# n-Alkanes indicate sources from lubricating oil and unburnt diesel fuel



- I-5 n-alkanes were dominated by lubricating oil ( $C_{\max} = 29$ )
- I-710 shows increased contributions from unburnt diesel fuel ( $C_{\max} = 23$ ).

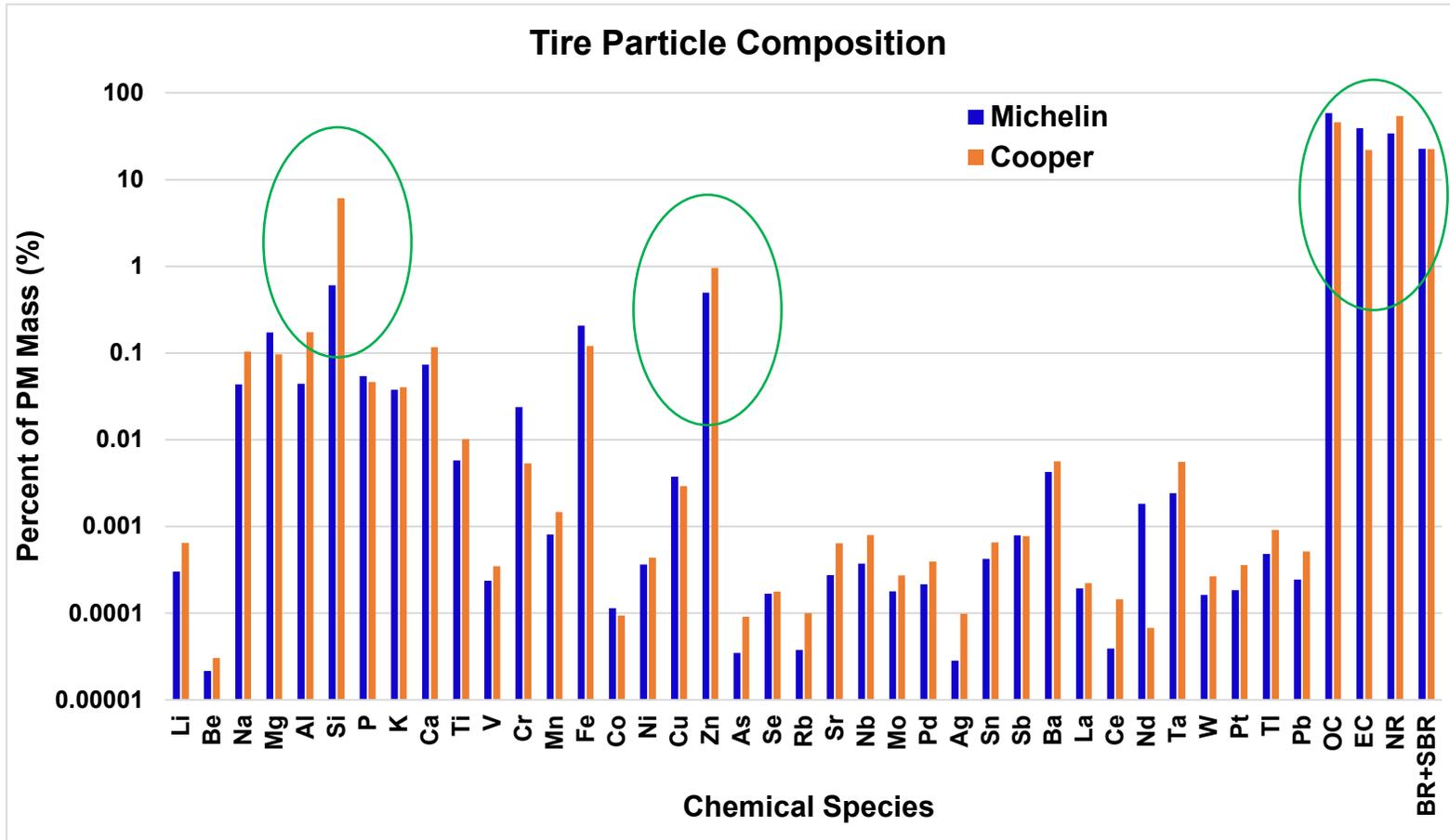
# Tire tread was ~8.0% (I-5) and 5.5% (I-710) of $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10}$



- Over half of the rubber is in coarse PM (2.5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Natural rubber concentrations at I-5 were higher than I-710

NR: natural rubber  
 BR: butadiene rubber  
 SBR: styrene-butadiene rubber

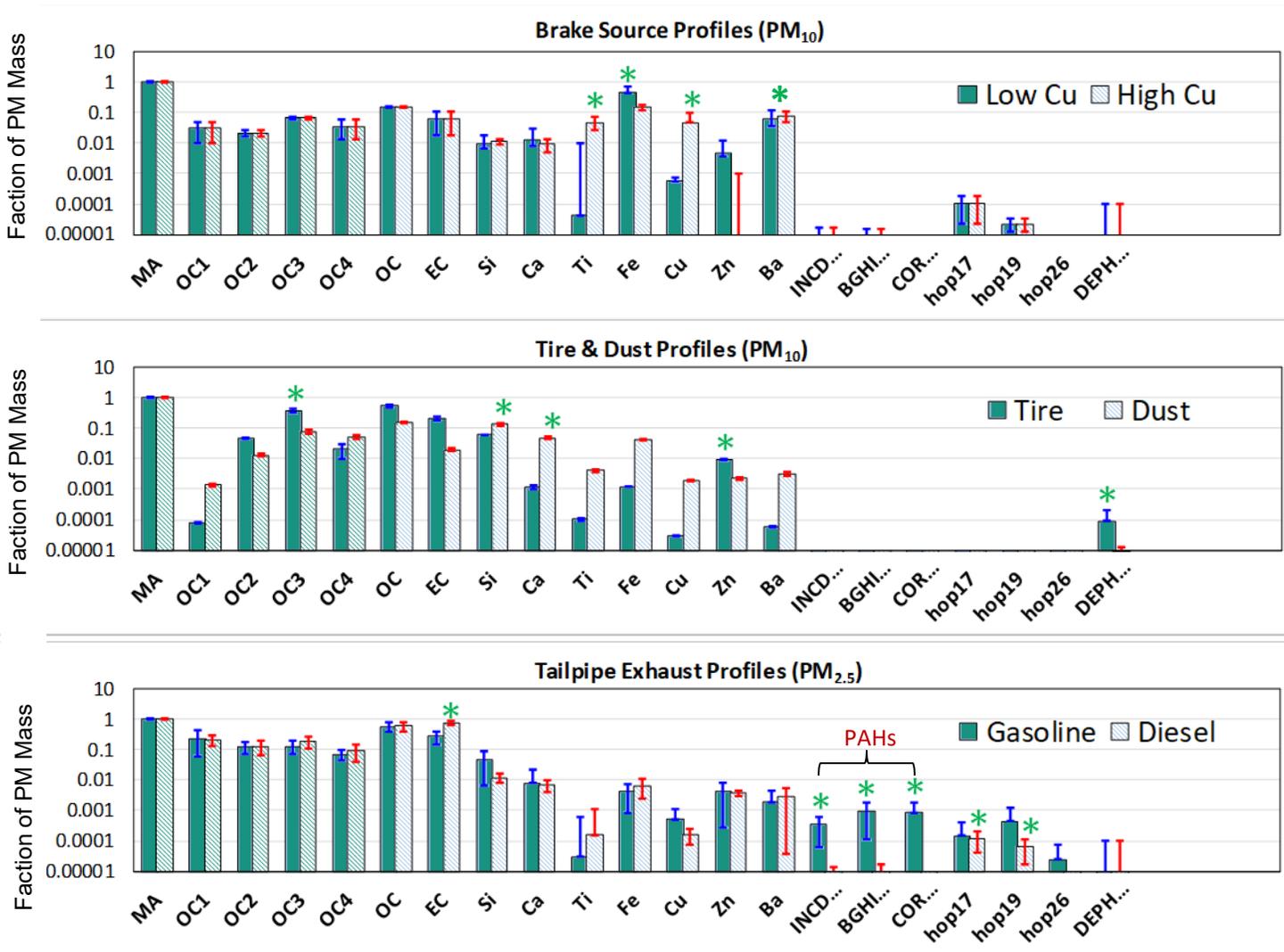
# Different tire manufacturers show different elemental and organic abundances



Mass Percent (%)						
Composition	Si	Zn	OC	EC	NR	BR+SBR
Michelin	0.6	0.5	59	39	34	23
Cooper	6.1	1.0	46	22	54	23

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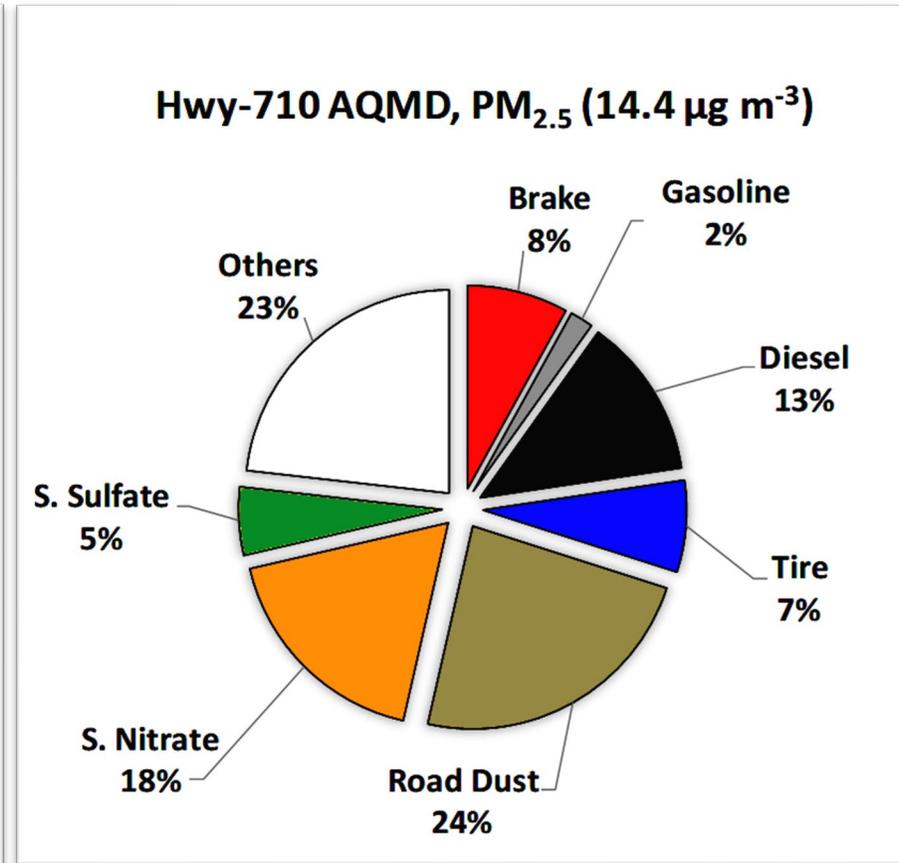
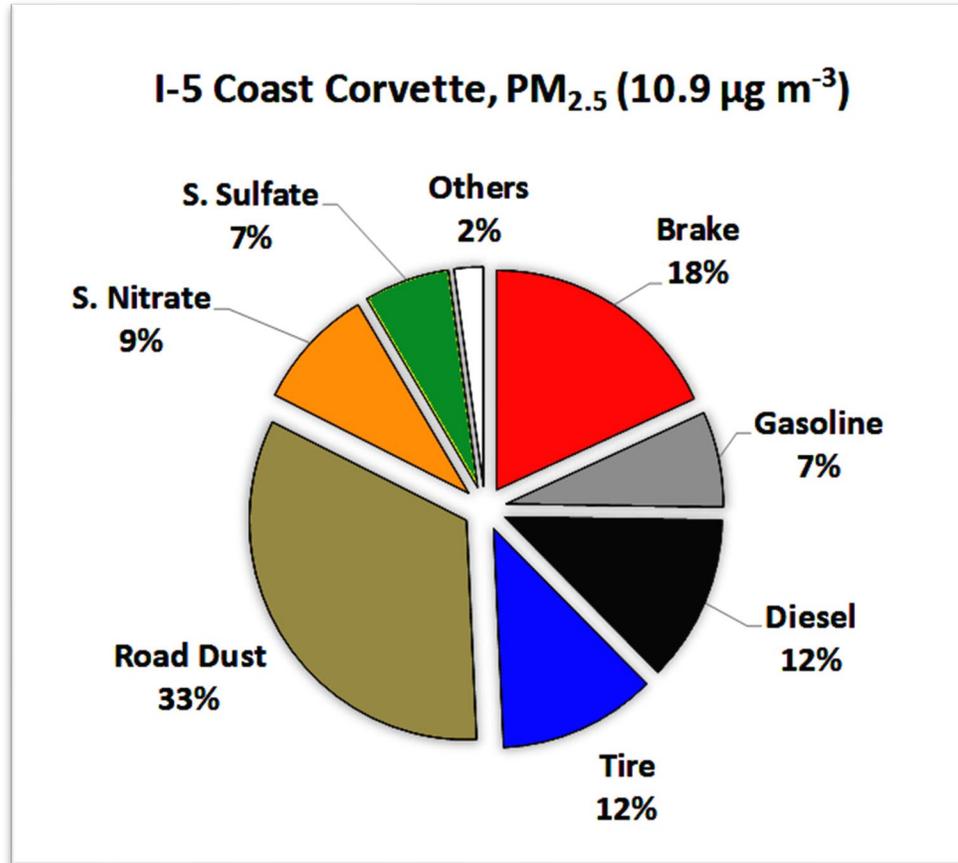
# Examples of Source Profiles Explored



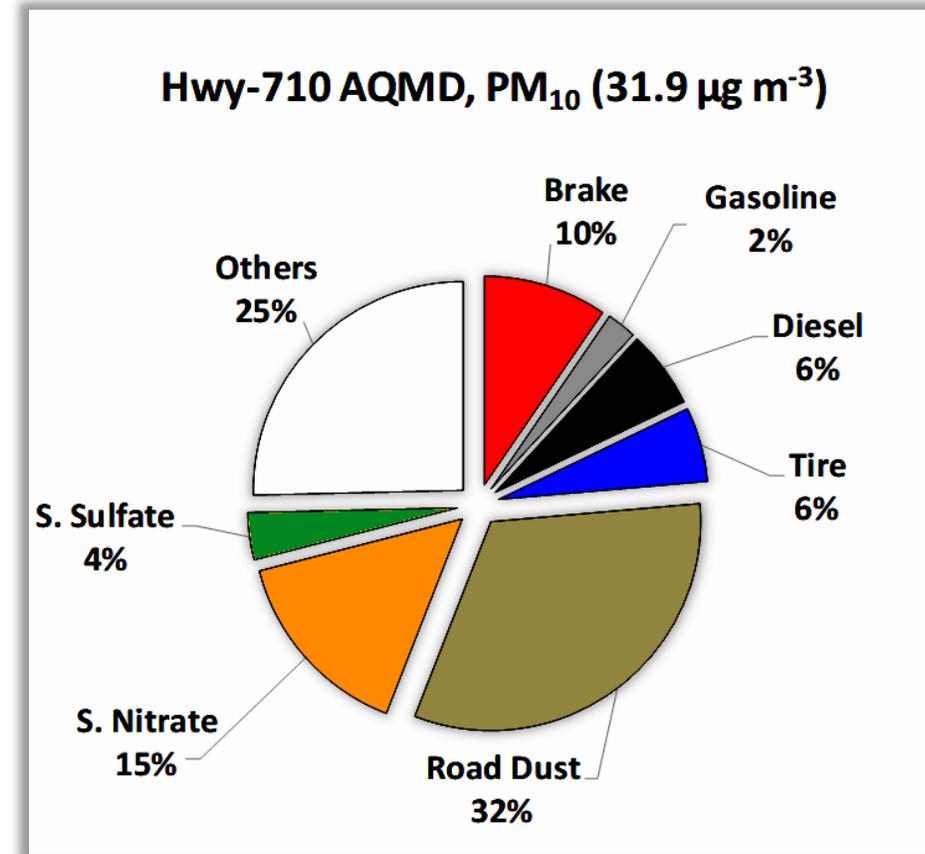
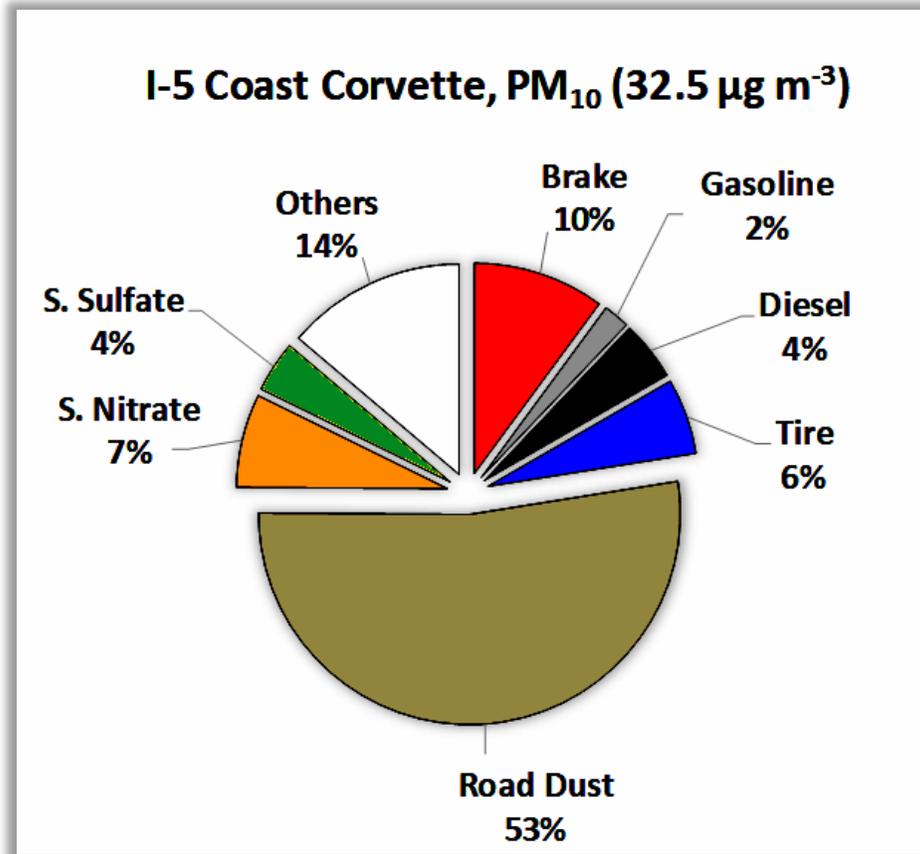
- Brake profiles: Dynamometer studies (CRPAQS, 2004; CARB, 2020)
- Tire profiles: Tire dust collected in the lab and analyzed by DRI
- Dust profiles: Dust samples collected at monitoring sites, and analyzed after resuspension by DRI
- Exhaust Profiles: Dynamometer studies (Gas-Diesel Split Study 2001, CARB database)

**\*Potential markers for each profile marked**

# (Brake + Tire wear) $\geq$ (Gasoline + Diesel) in $PM_{2.5}$

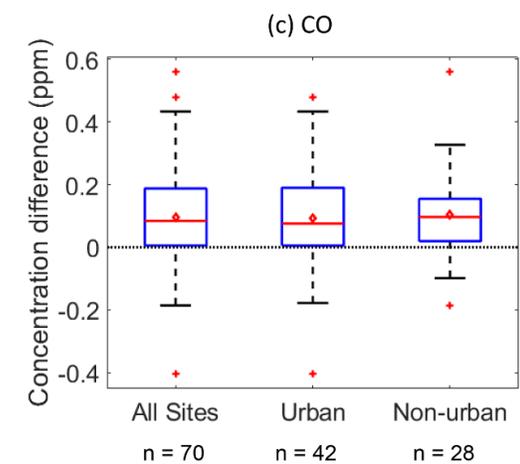
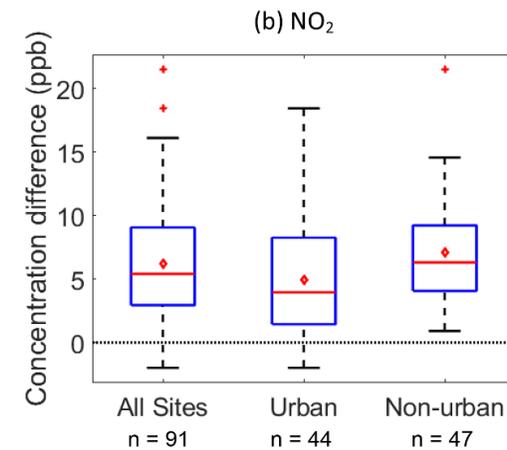
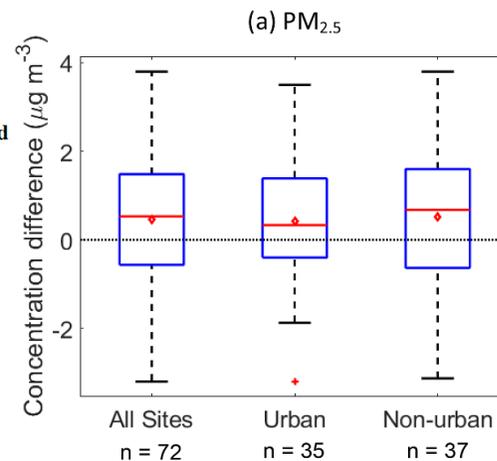
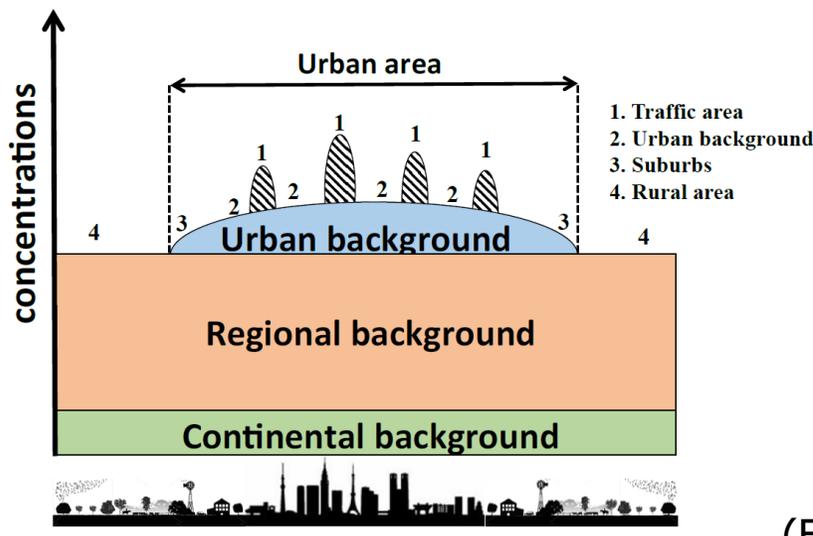
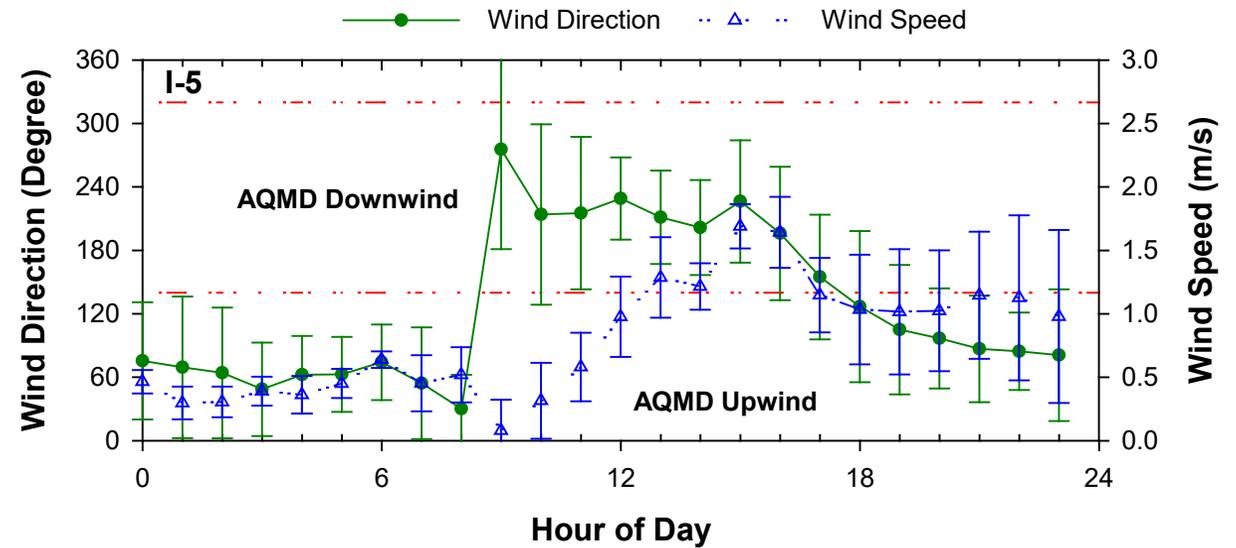


# (Brake + Tire wear) $\geq 2 \times$ (Gasoline + Diesel) in $PM_{10}$



# Challenges in upwind/downwind sampling

- Varying wind and vehicle induced turbulence
- Small differences between upwind and downwind  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  concentrations
- Interferences from other sources



# Takeaways

- Average concentrations of near-road  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  were 10-15 and  $\sim 30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , respectively.
- Higher concentrations of EC, PAHs, and lower molecular weight n-alkanes were found near I-710 than I-5, likely due to more diesel vehicles.
- High correlations were found for elements with common sources, such as markers for brake wear (e.g., Ba, Cu, and Zr) and road dust (e.g., Al, Si, K, and Ca ).
- For  $PM_{2.5}$ , non-exhaust (brake + tire) contributions exceeded exhaust (diesel + gasoline) for I-5 (29–30% vs. 19–21%); they were comparable for I-710 (15–17% vs. 15–19%).
- For  $PM_{10}$ , the non-exhaust contributions were 2 – 3 times the exhaust contributions.

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