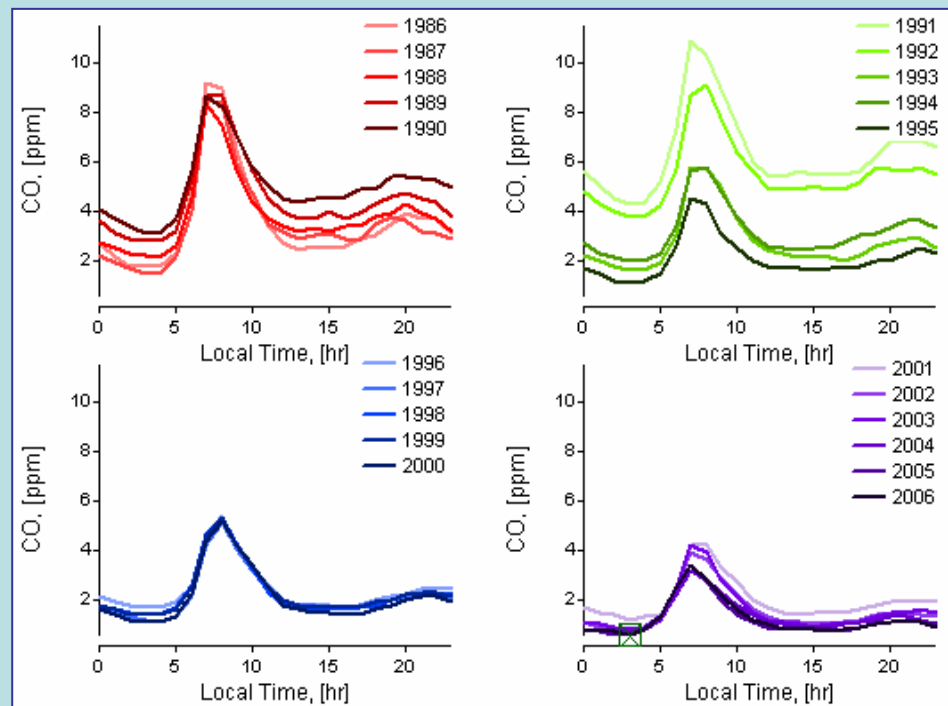


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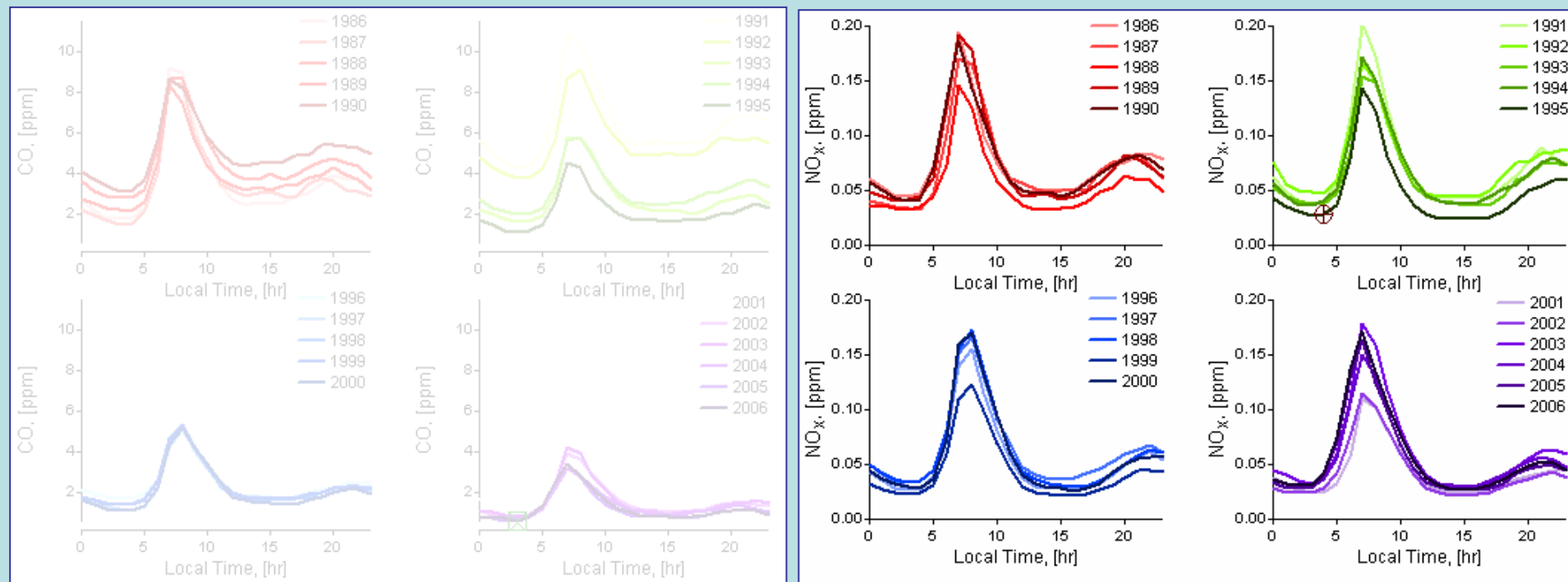
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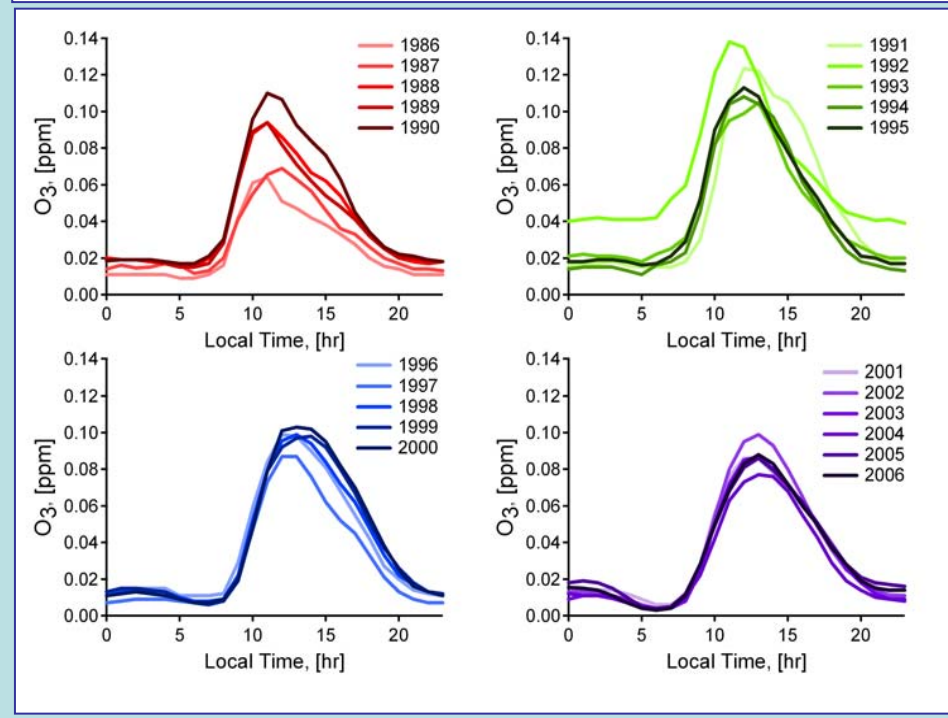
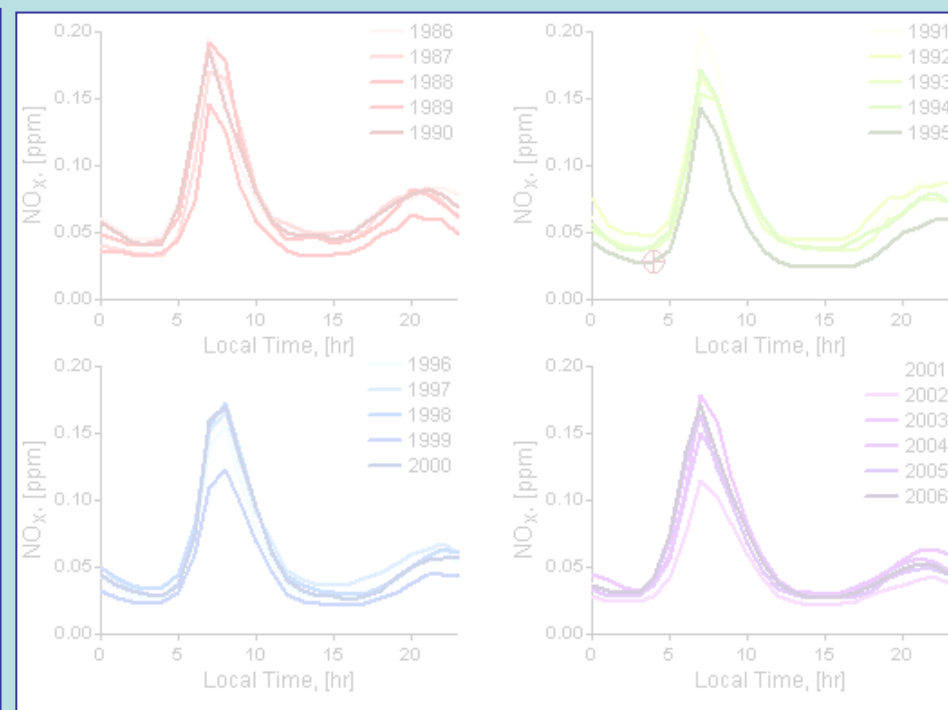
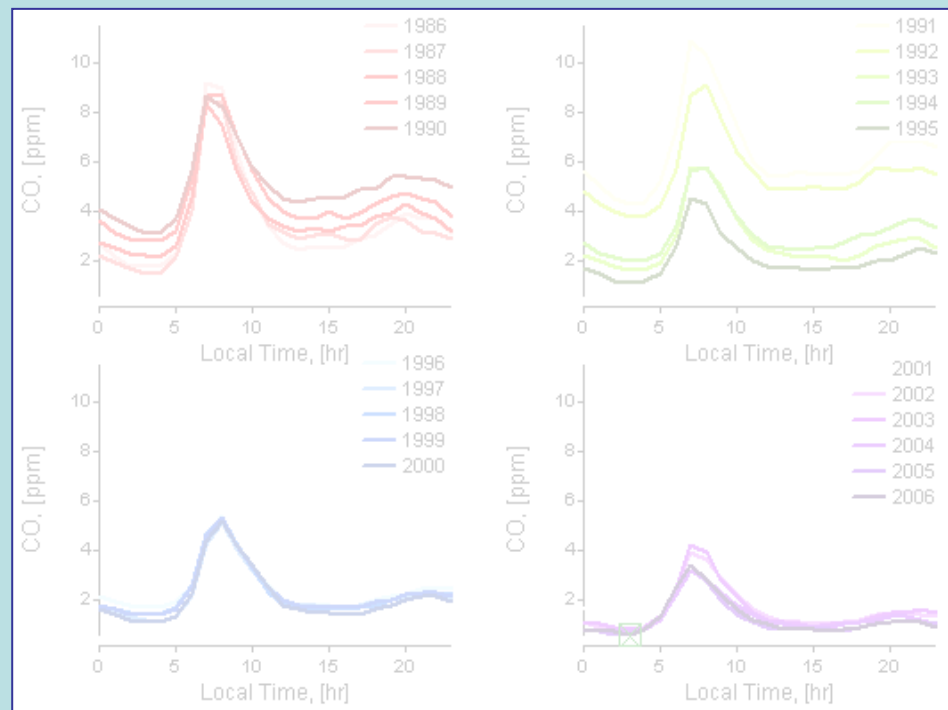
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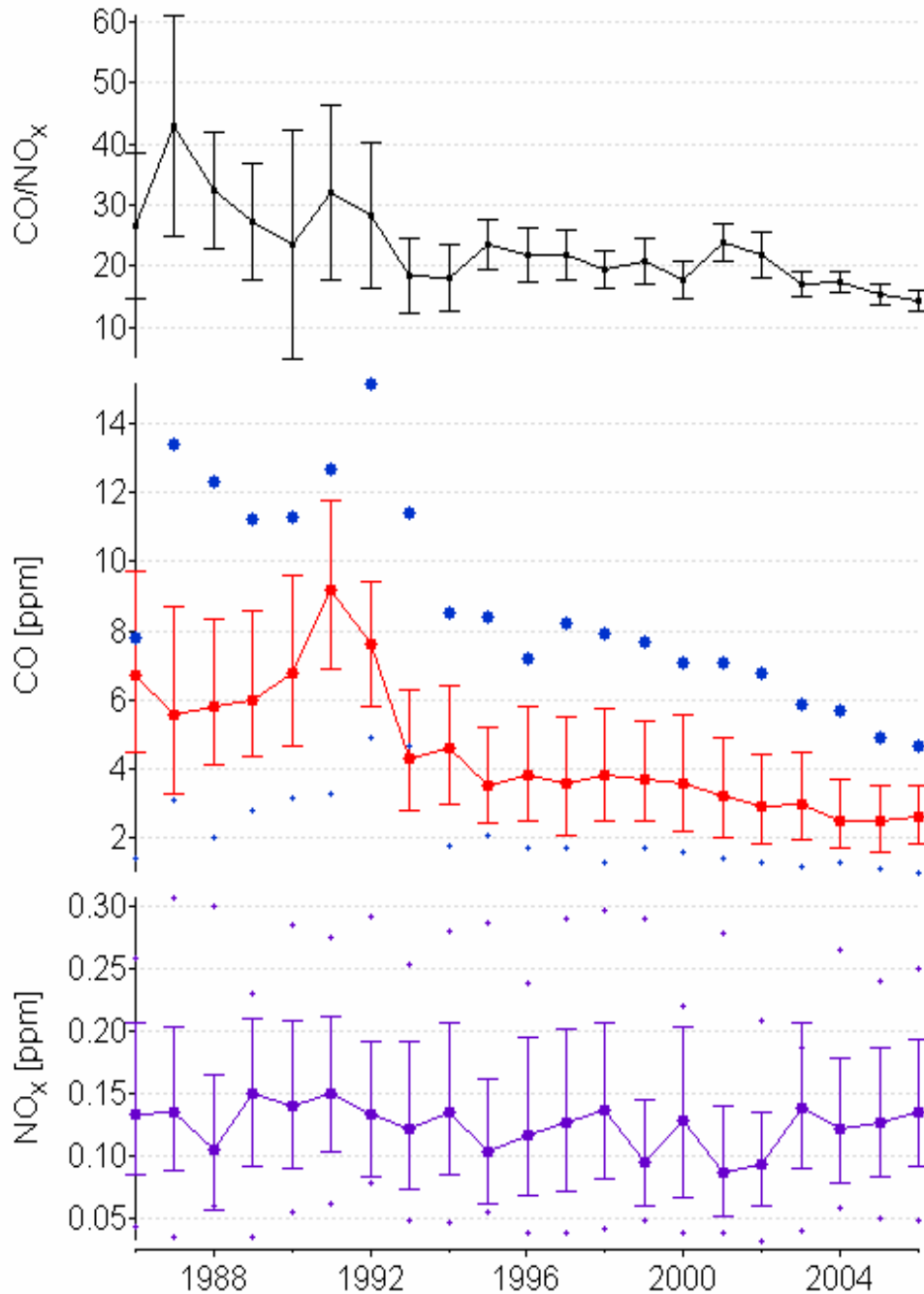


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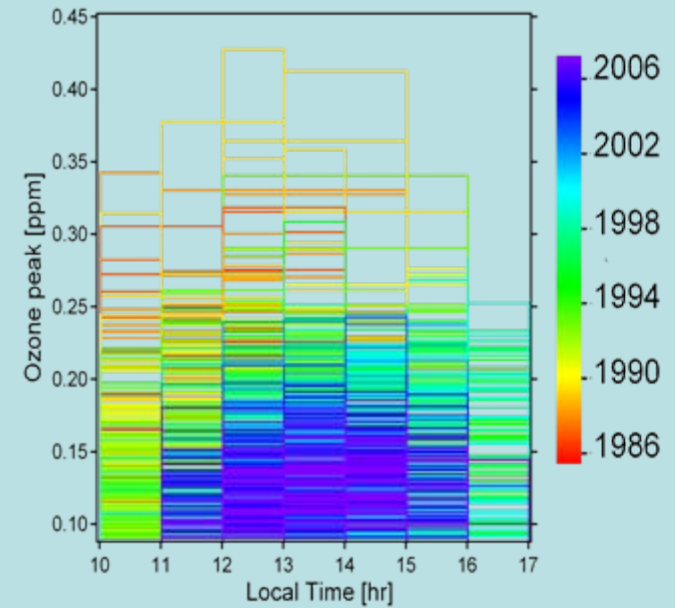
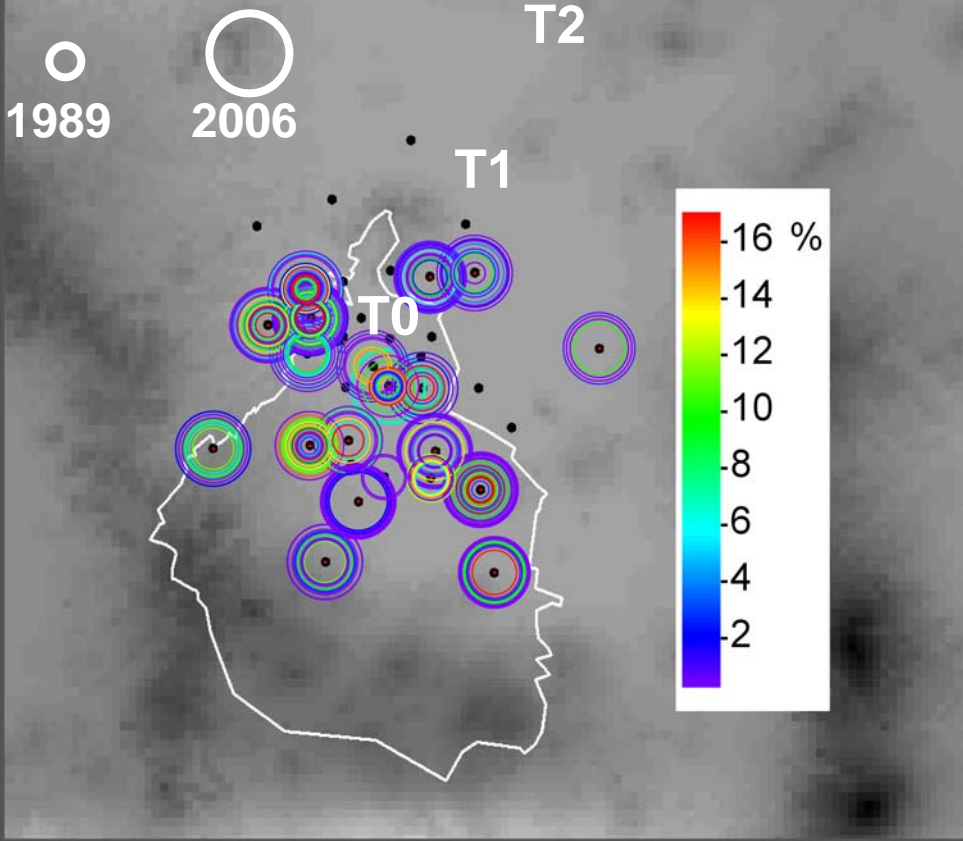
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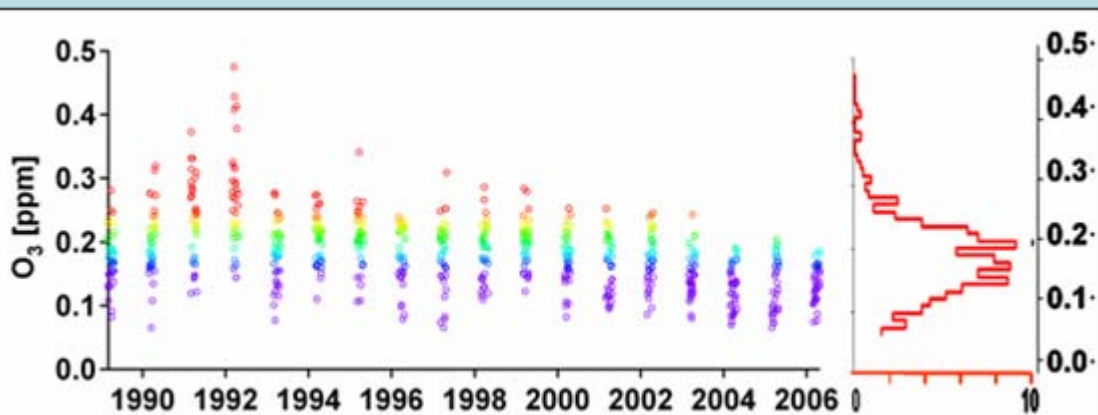
Implications for Mobile emission sources:

- Downward CO/NO_x
- Downward VOC/NO_x
- Little or not change in NO_x emissions
- Reduced CO variability
- No change in NO_x variability



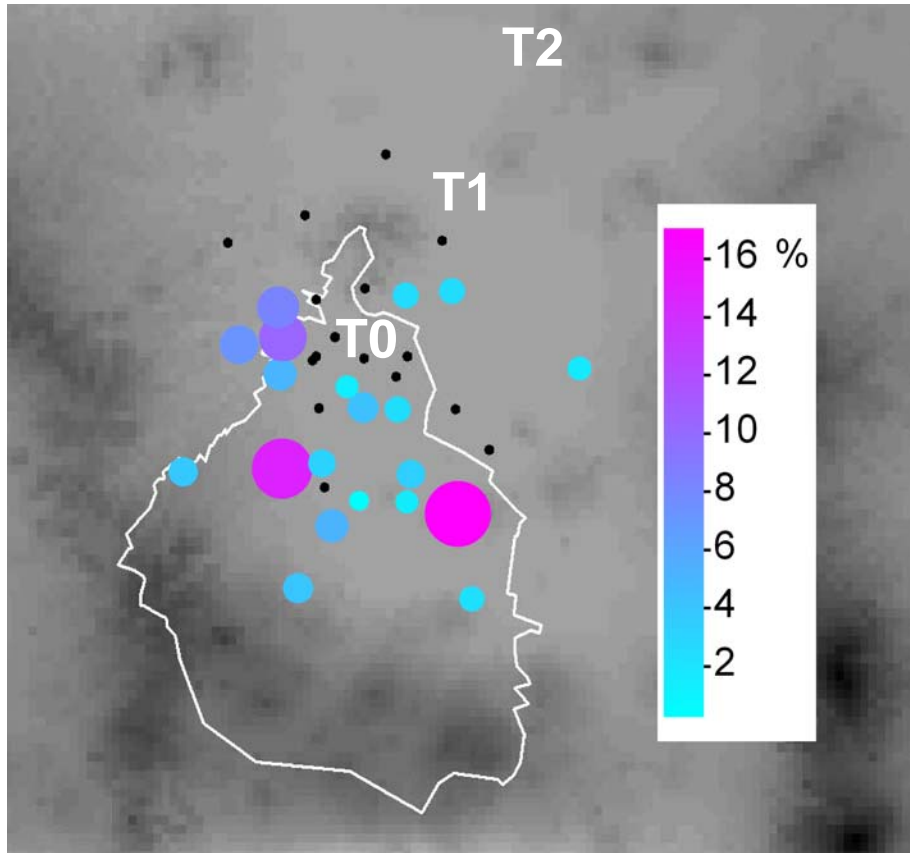
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- ❖ Reduction and time delay of the O_3 peak, but high concs. persist.
- ❖ Evidence of 3 high freq. locations of O_3 peak -likely correlated with prevalent wind patterns during Mar-Apr.
- ❖ “core-to-skirt” effect of the location of the O_3 peak suggesting that RAMA can be blinded to the “real” O_3 peak.

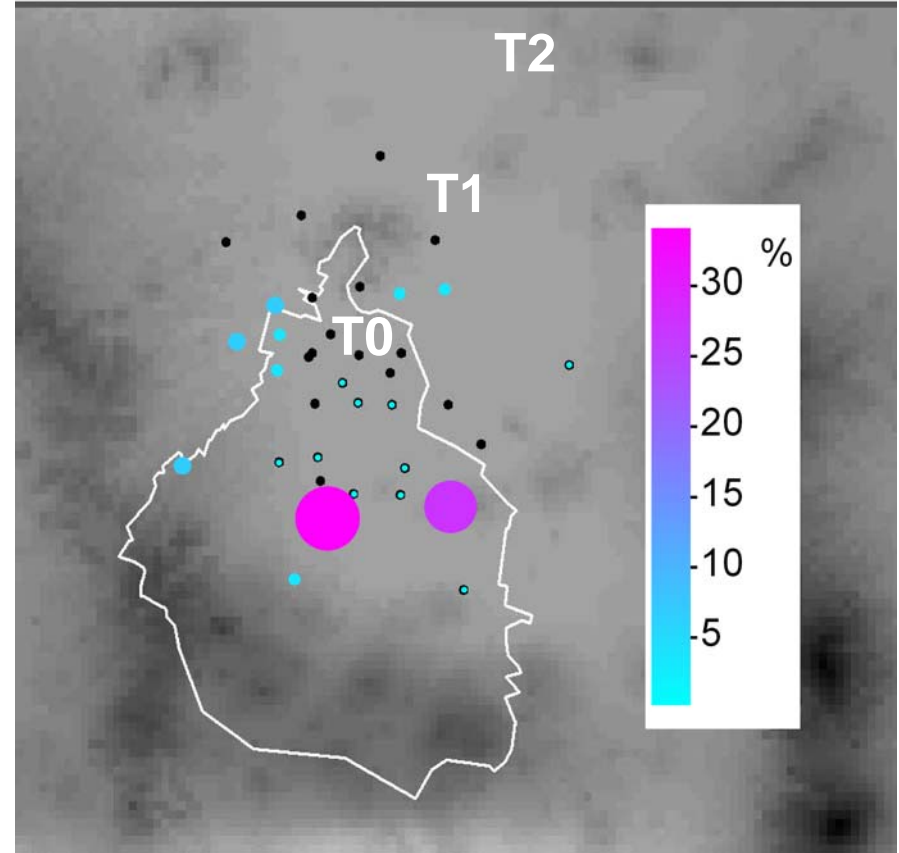


Frequency of O₃ peak localization

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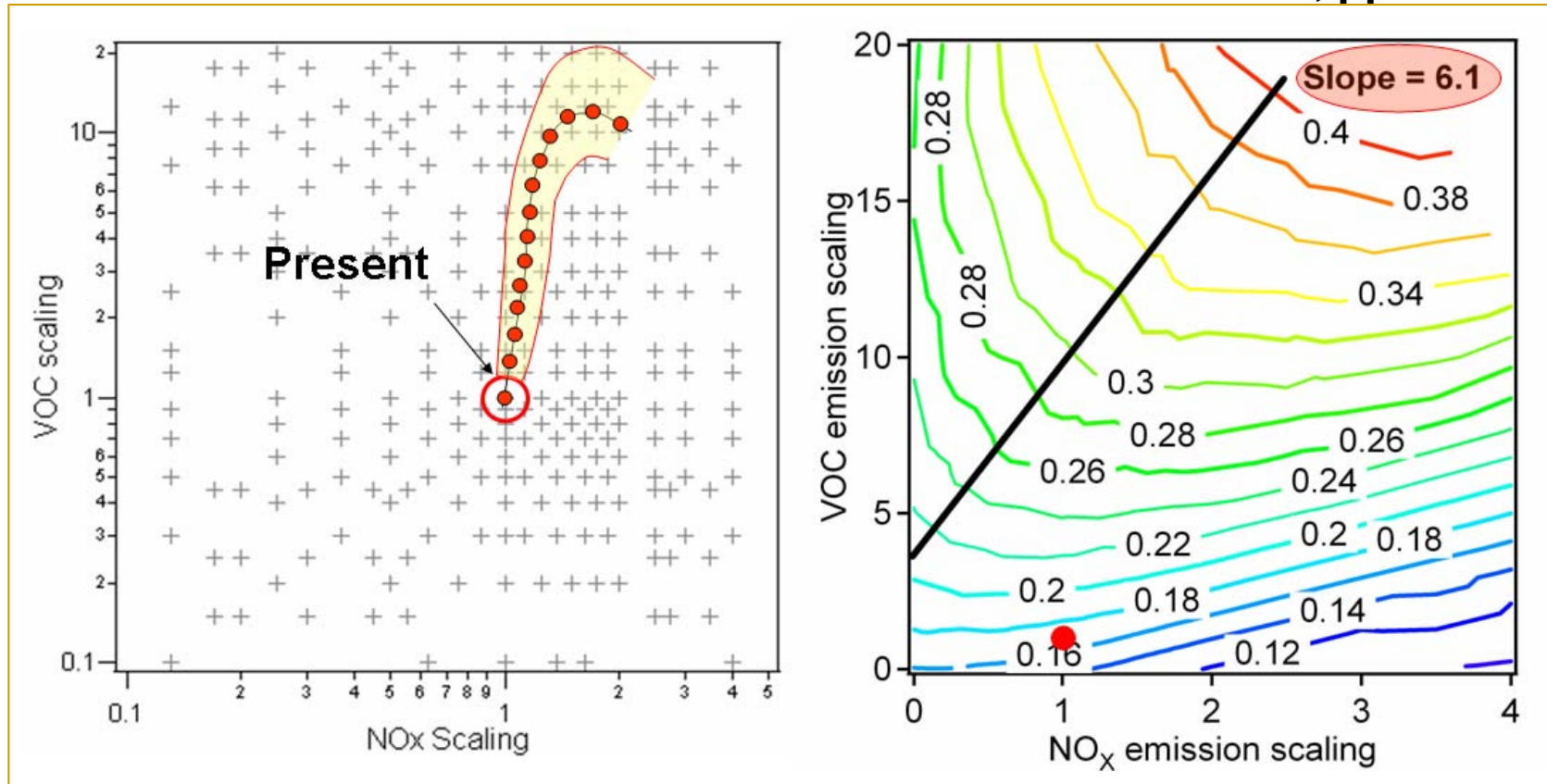


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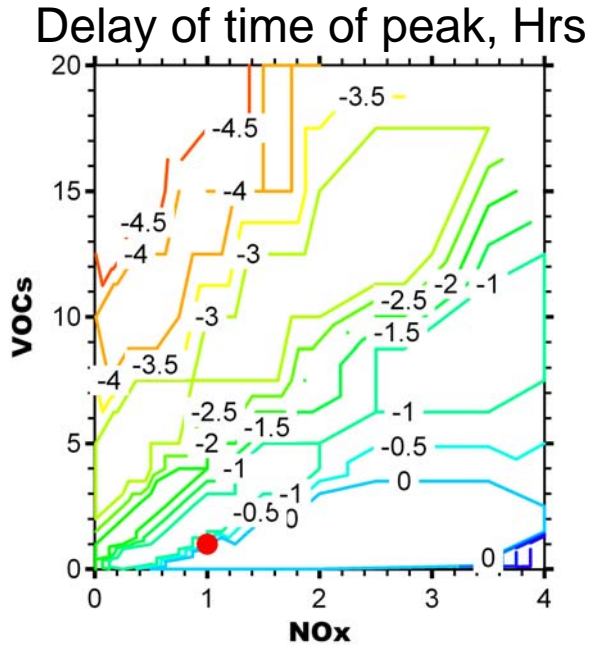
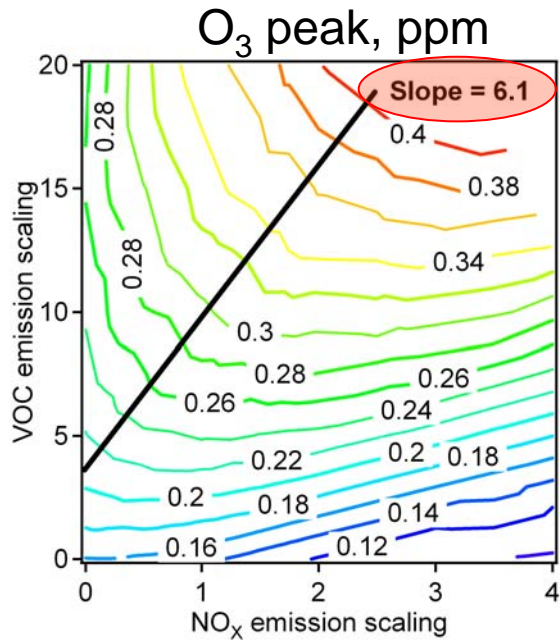
MODEL SENSITIVITY

PEAK OZONE, ppm



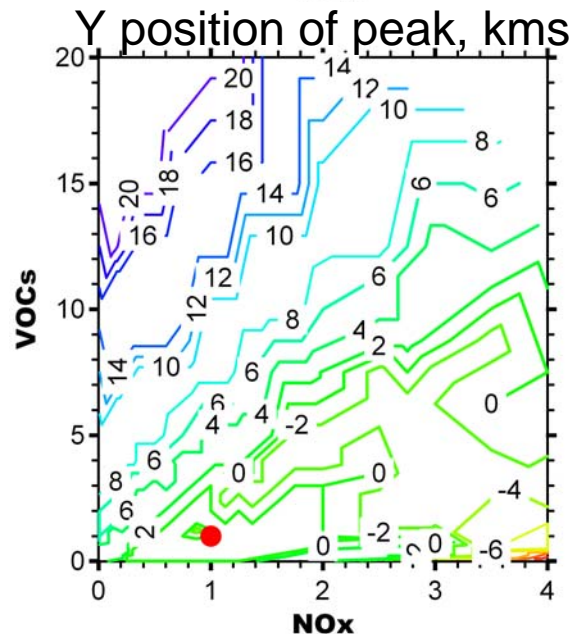
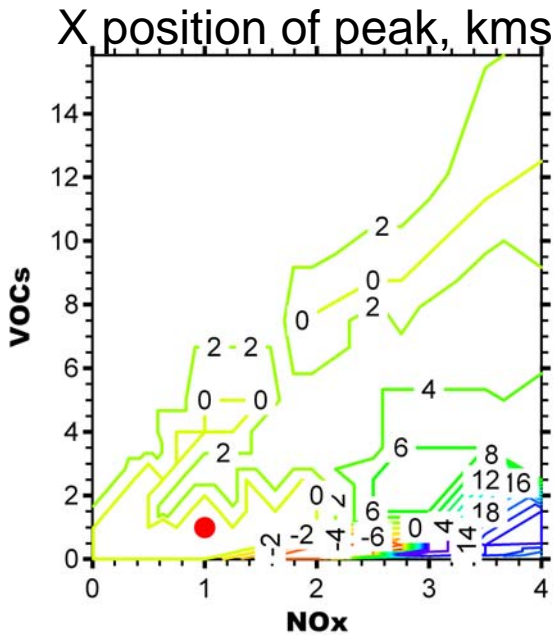
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MODEL SENSITIVITY



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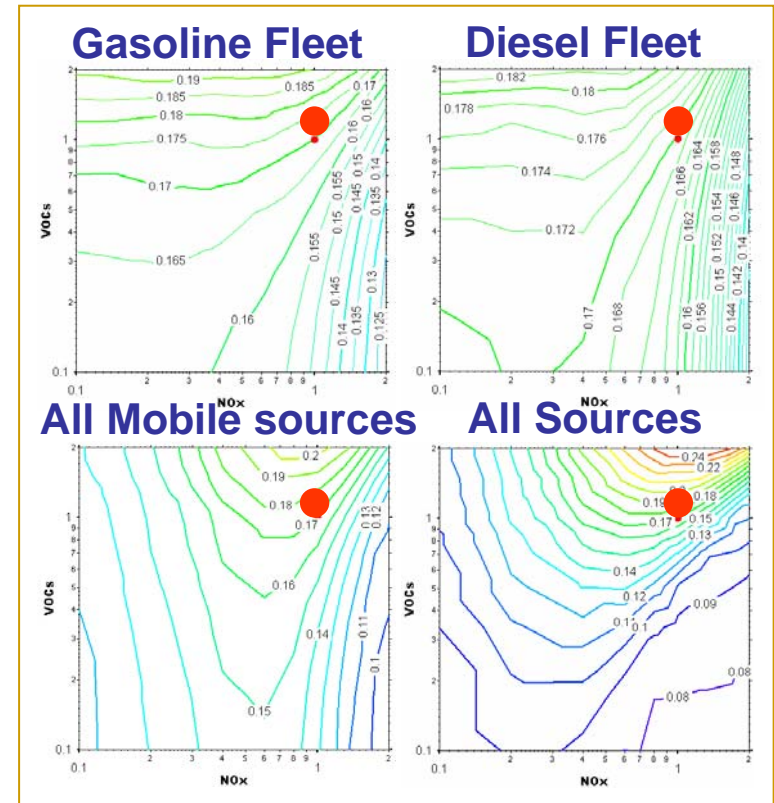
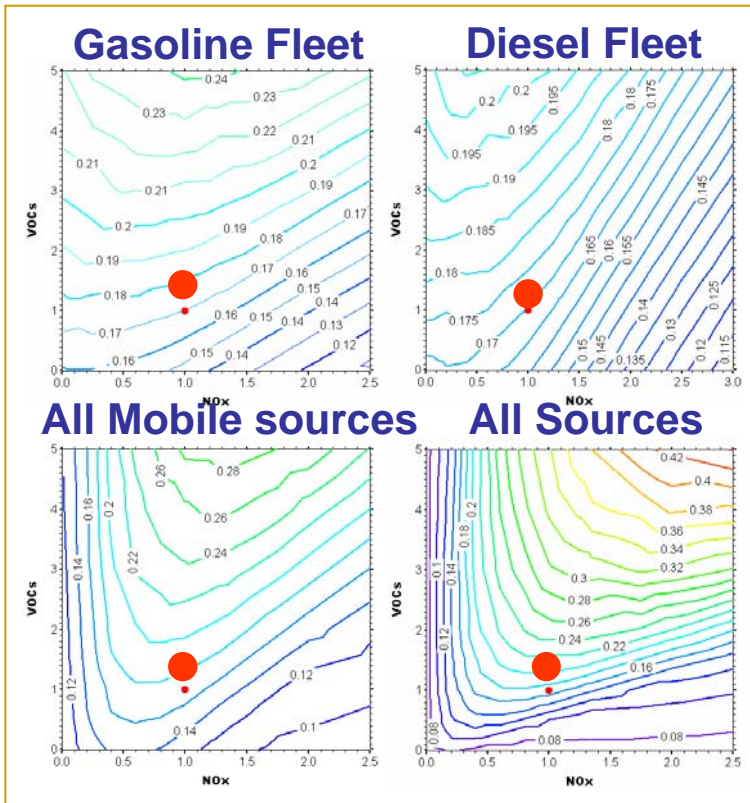


Reproduced “core-
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Is RAMA blinded to
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FUTURE



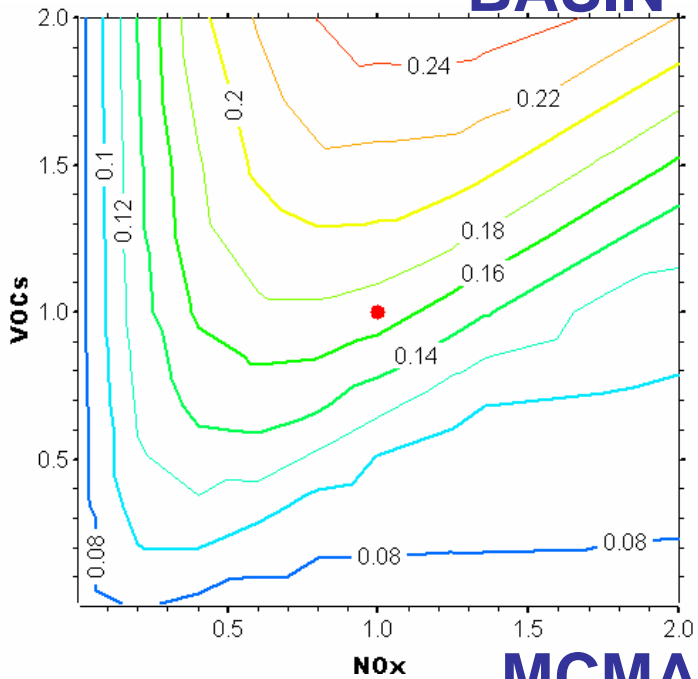
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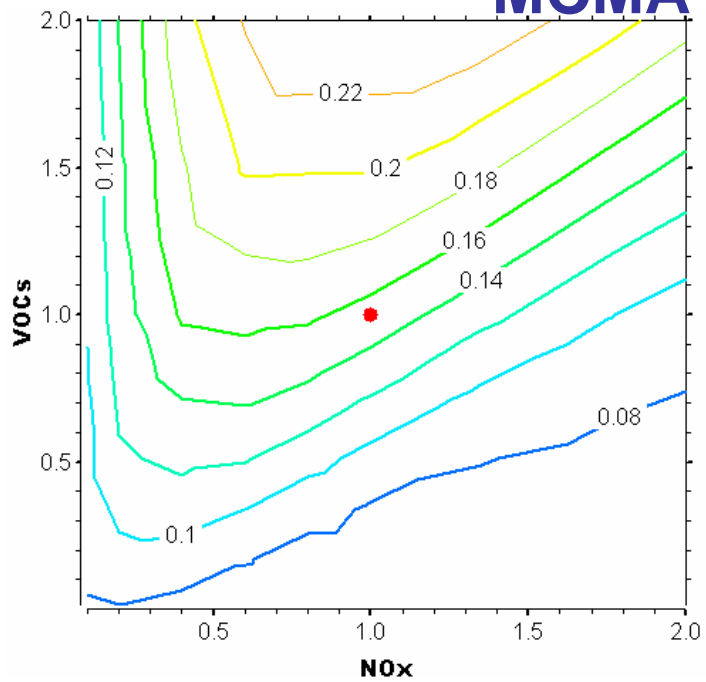
CONCLUSIONS

- ❖ Historical perturbations in mobile emission sources account for most of the:
 - Primary and secondary pollutant trends
 - “breathing effect”
 - “core-to-skirt effect”
 - Time delay in O₃ peak
 - ❖ CO/NO_x trends suggest a large reduction of VOC/NO_x ratio largely linked to mobile sources.
 - ❖ Results suggest a current modest VOC sensitivity regime.
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