

Air Quality issues in Sri Lanka



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Air pollution

What is Air Pollution? - Presence of hazardous unwanted trace gases/substances in the atmosphere

In general , sources of Air pollution can be categorized as natural or anthropogenic -human- related emissions that degrade the atmosphere.



Causes of Air Pollution in Sri Lanka

- *Vehicular Emissions*
- *Open Burning of refuse/solid waste;
Tires*
- *Fossil fuel powered power plants*
- *Resuspension of road side dust*
- *Industrial emissions*
- *Oil Refineries*
- *Agricultural activities*
- *Waste disposal and effluent
treatment*
- *Biomass burning*



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Criterion Air Pollutants present in Sri Lankan Cities

- SO_2
- *Particulate matter (PM 10, PM 2.5)*
- NO_x
- CO
- VOC
- *Ozone*
- *Etc*



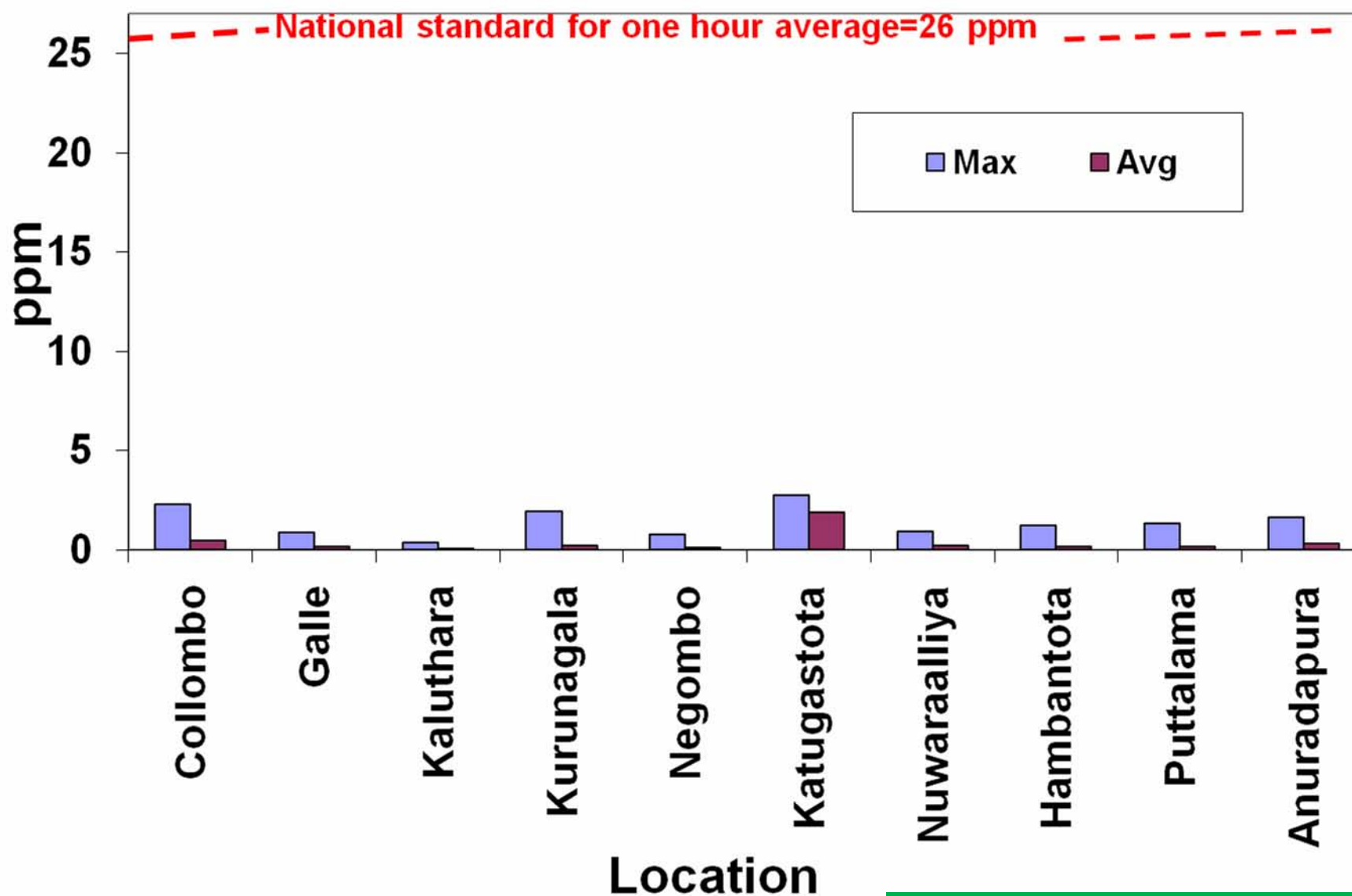
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Air Quality Status in Sri Lankan Cities

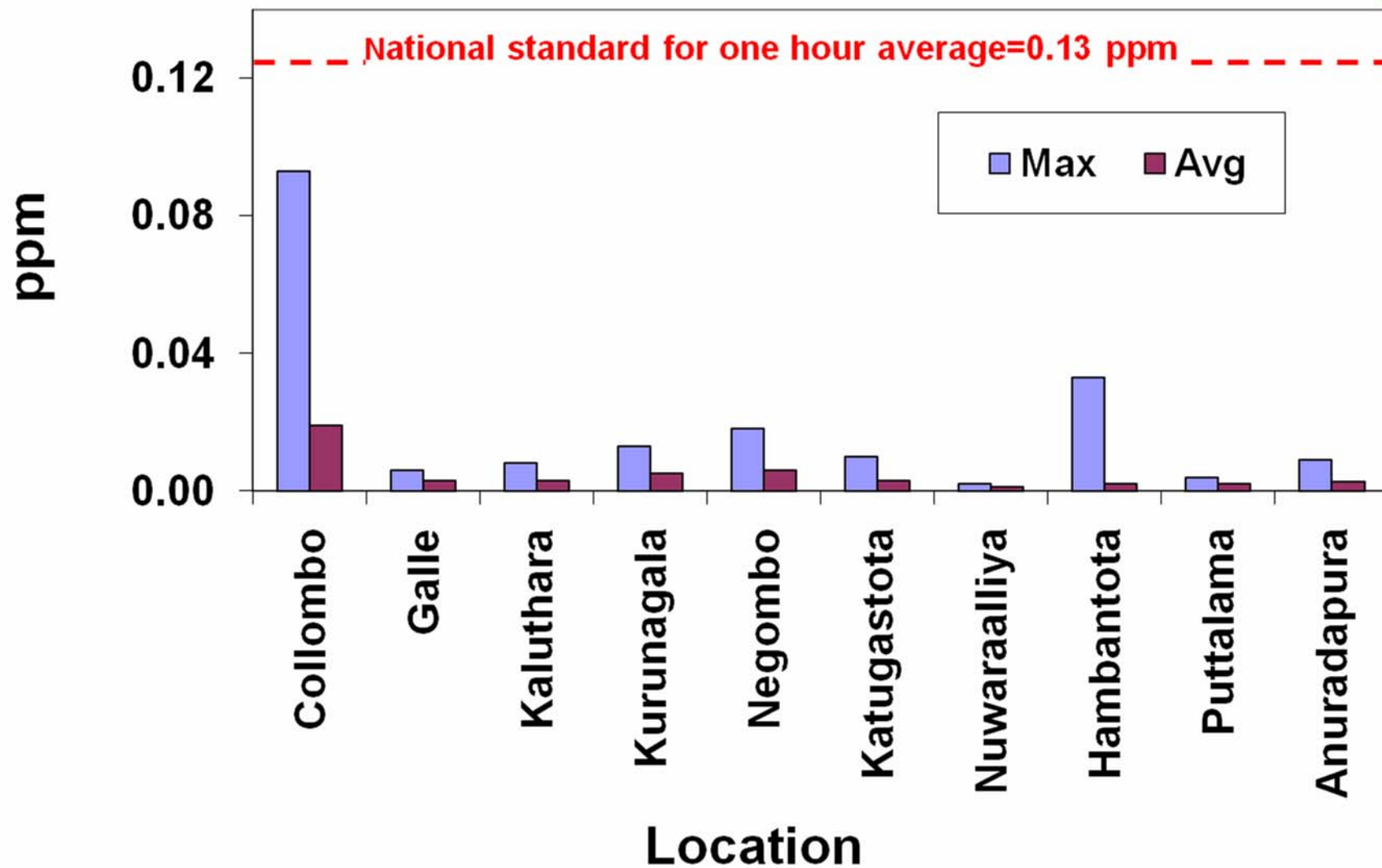


- *Monitoring started in 1996*
- *Following Parameters have being monitoring since 1996*
 - *Carbon monoxide*
 - *Sulfur dioxide*
 - *Nitrogen oxides*
 - *Ozone*
 - *Particulate Matter (PM_{10})*

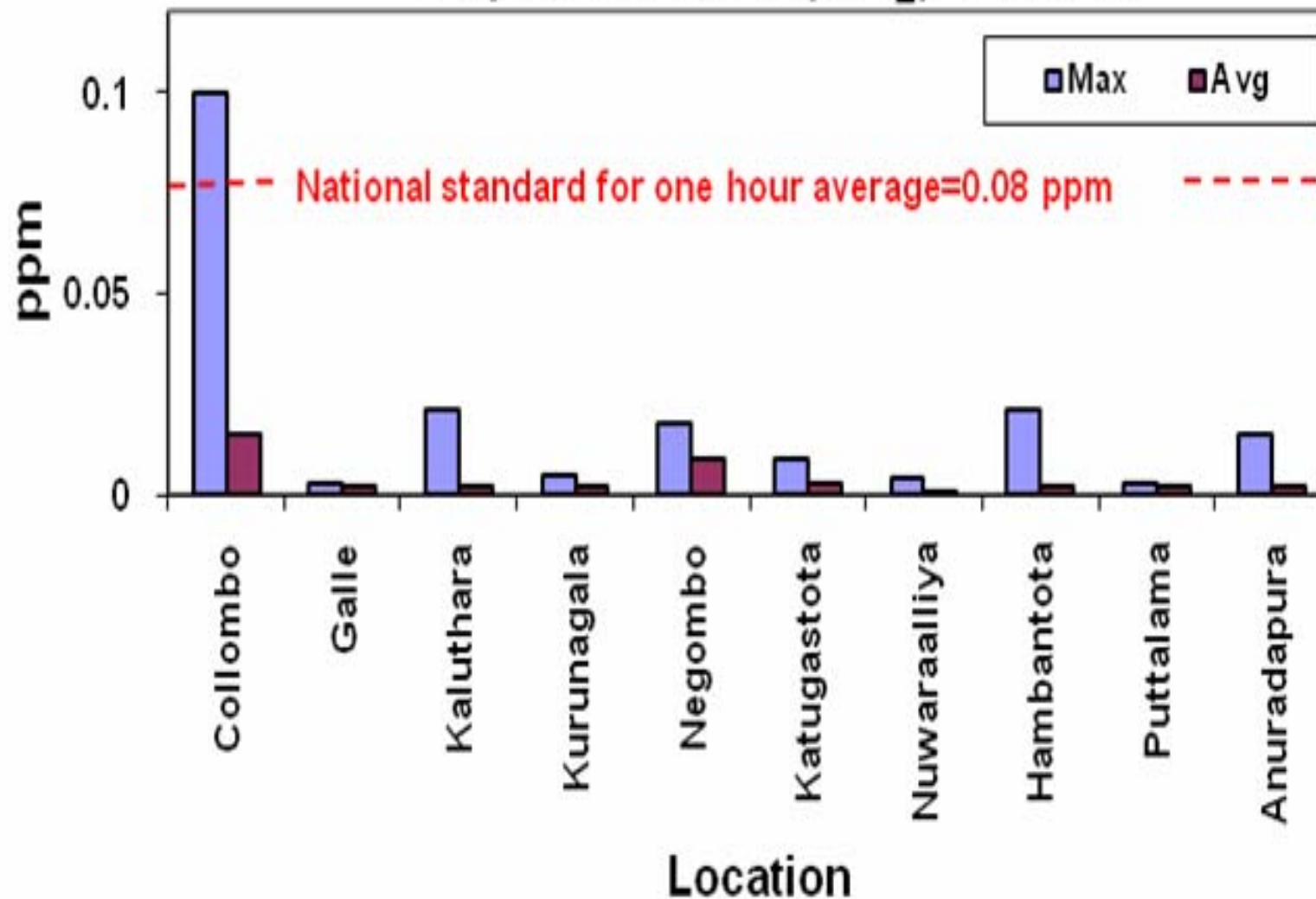
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Variation of One Hour Average Concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in 1999

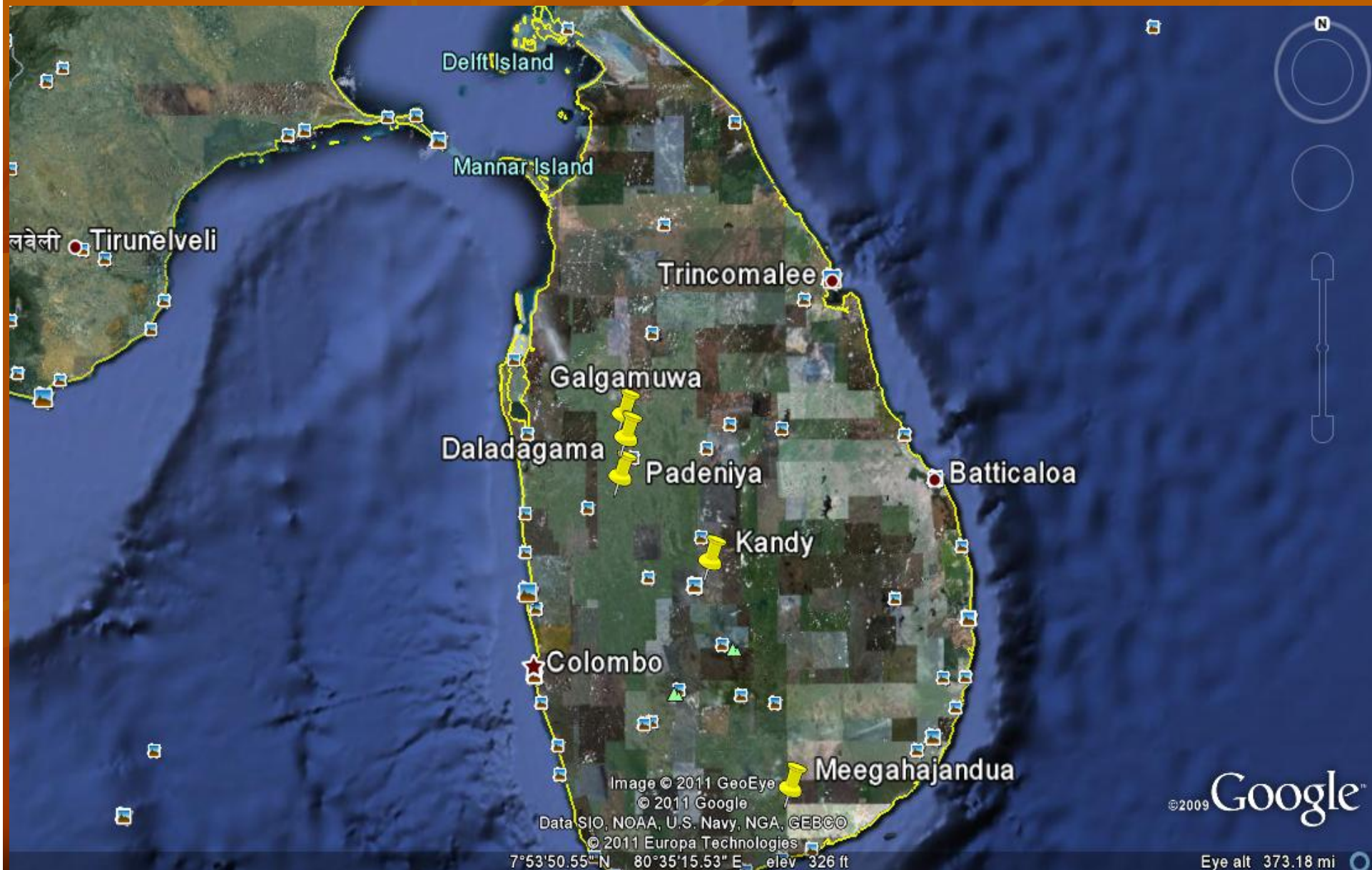


Variation of One Hour Average Concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide(SO₂) in 1999

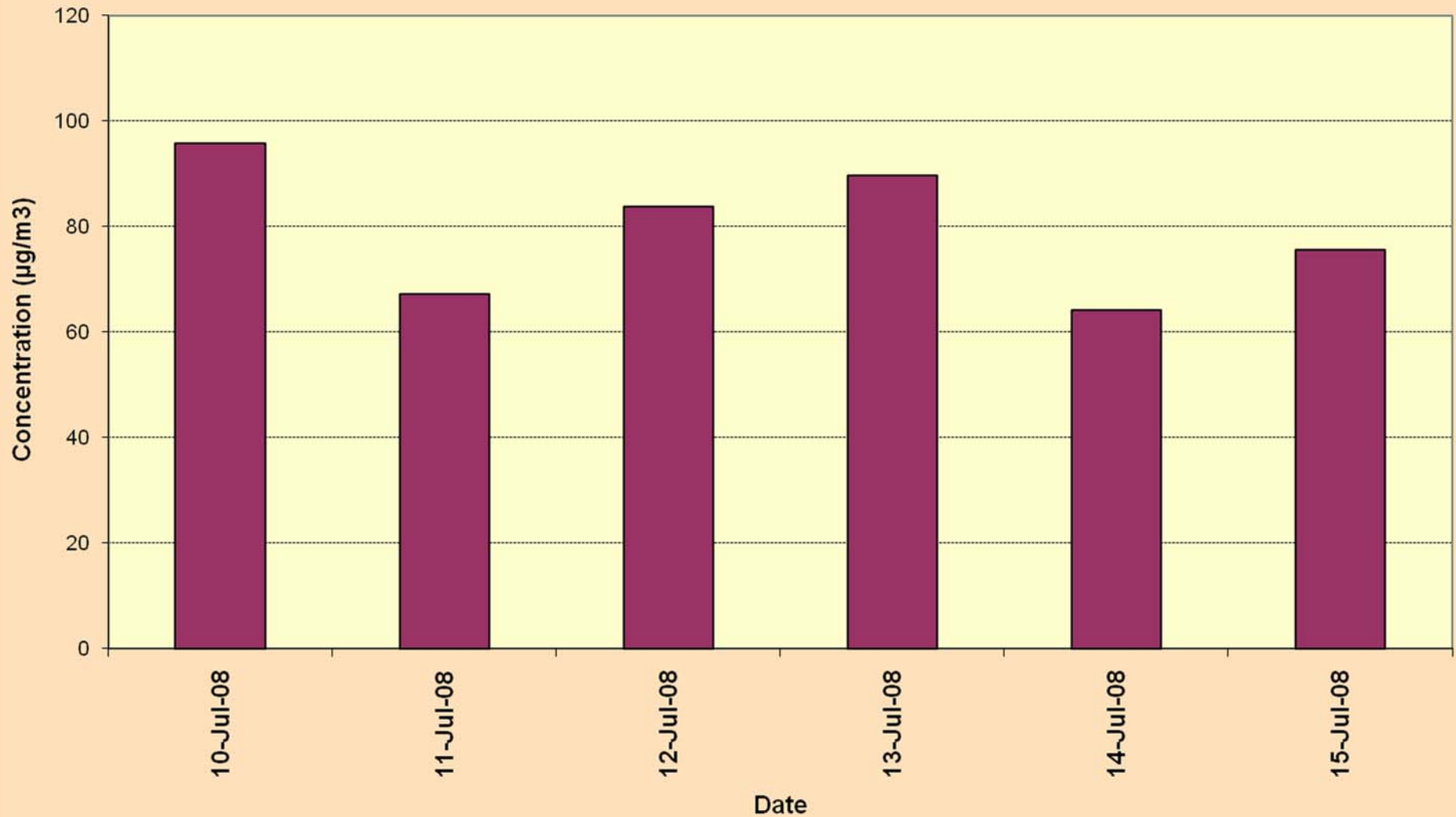


Recent air quality monitoring

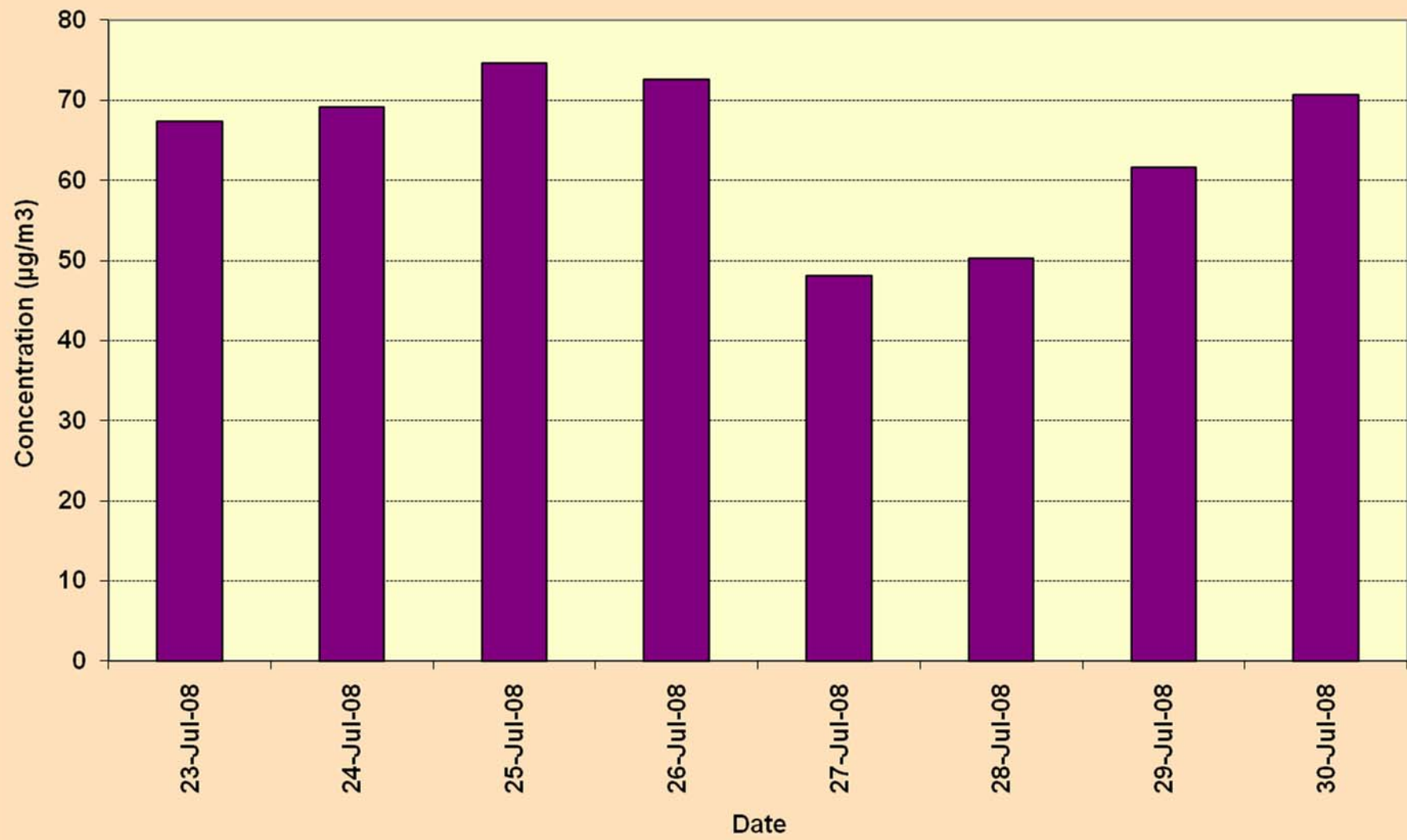
- Recent air quality measurements were done at some of the rural areas as well as urban areas for 24 hour durations and one week durations
- Kandy, Nugegoda (Urban), (One Week)
- Meegahajandura at Hambanthota District (Rural) (One week)
- Kerawalapitiya, Padeniya, Daladagama, Galgamuwa (24 hours)



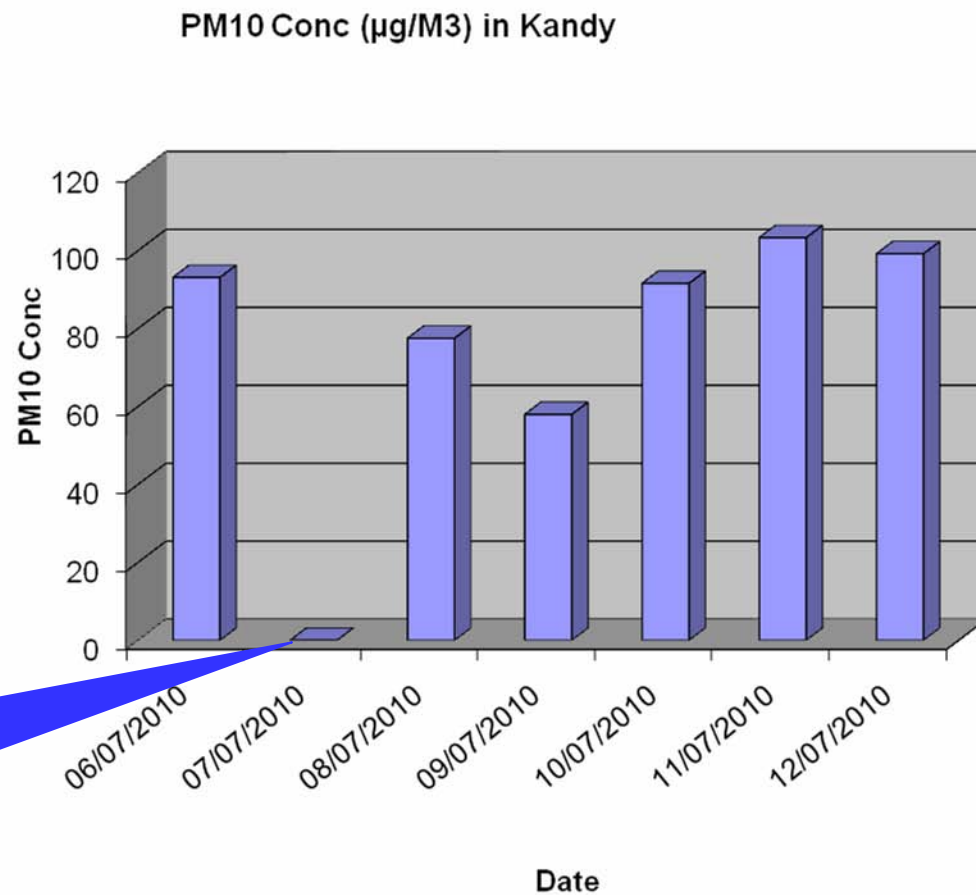
24 hour average concentrations of PM-10 at Nugegoda
(Near Supper Market) 2008



**24 hour average concentrations of PM-10 at Kandy City
(Torington Garden) 2008**



Variation of PM10 24 hour average concentrations in Kandy City 2010 (Torrington Park)

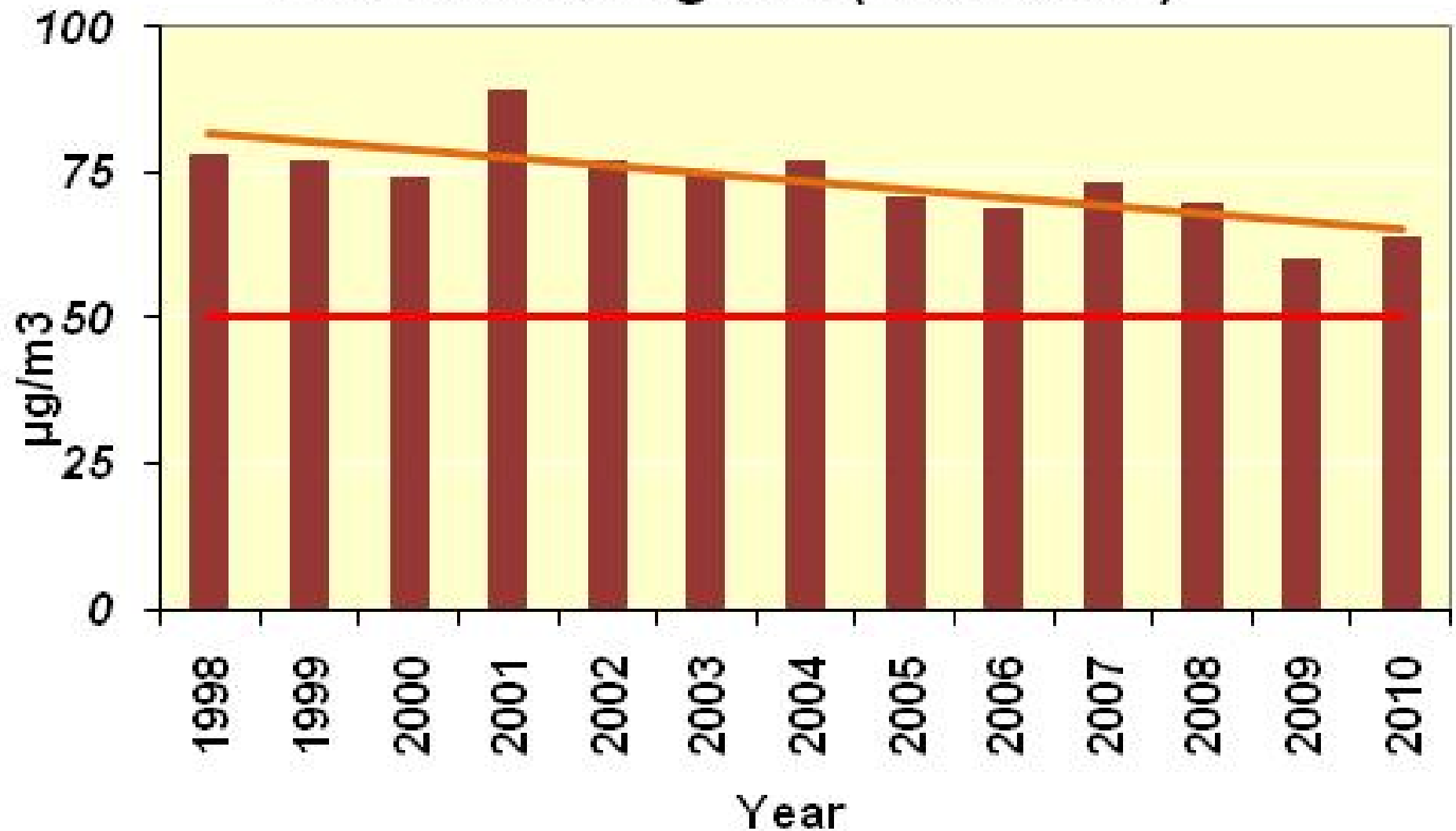


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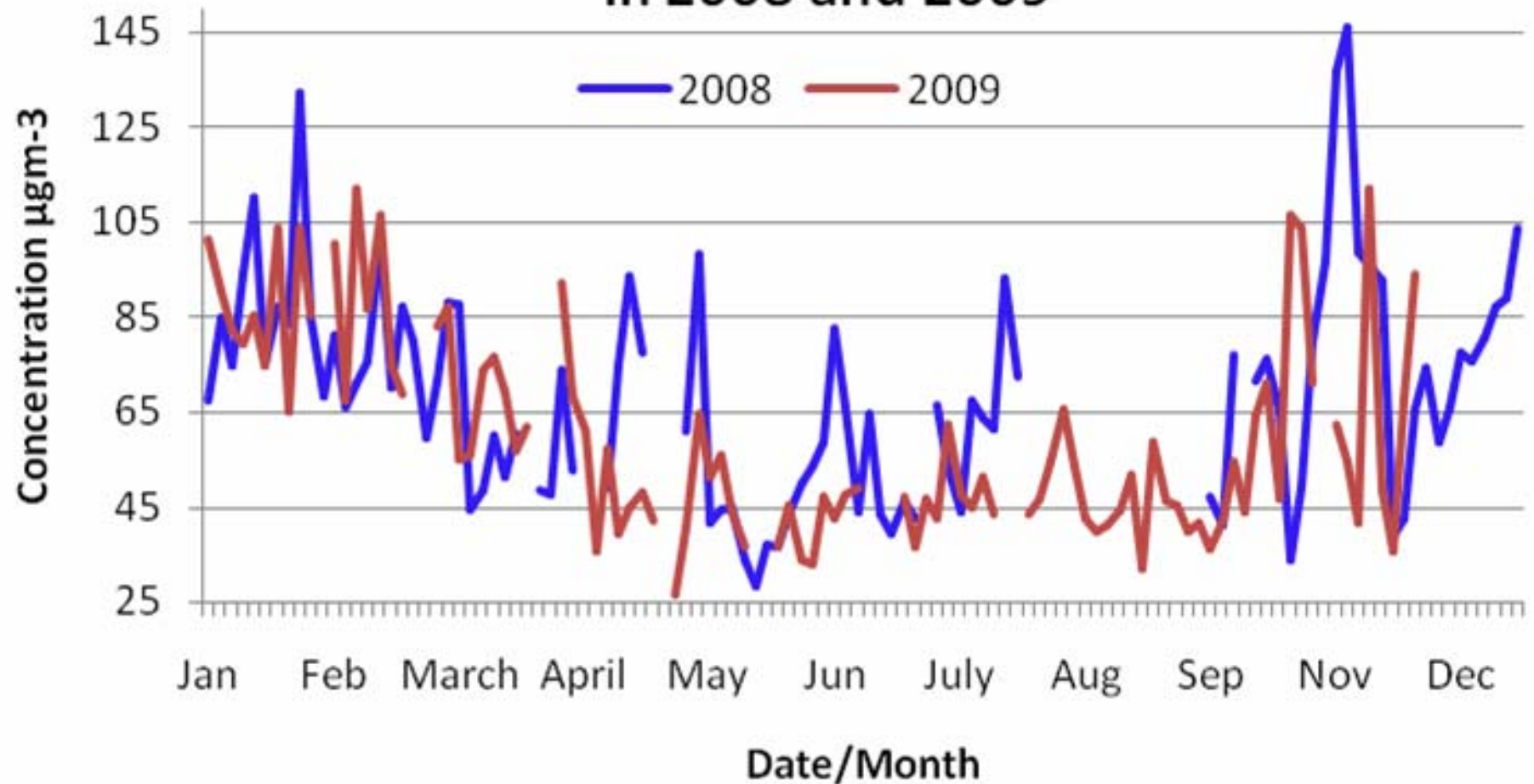
Table 1.

Parameter	Test Site Scores (Maximum during the measurement period) (μgm^{-3})	Sri Lankan Maximum Permissible Level (μgm^{-3})	WHO Recommended maximum permissible level (μgm^{-3})	Comments
Particulate matter (PM-10) 24 Hour Average	39	100	50	Below the National Standards as well as WHO guideline Values
Particulate matter (PM-2.5) 24 Hour Average	15	50	25	
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2)	17.7	250	200	
Sulfure Dioxide (SO_2)	19.6 (One Hour Average)	200		
	11.5 (24 hour average)		20	
Ozone (O_3)	49.3 (One Hour Average)	200		
	37.8 (8 Hour Average)		100	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1453.9 (One Hour Average)	30000	Not mentioned	

Annual averages of PM-10 at Colombo Fort Monitoring site (1998-2010)



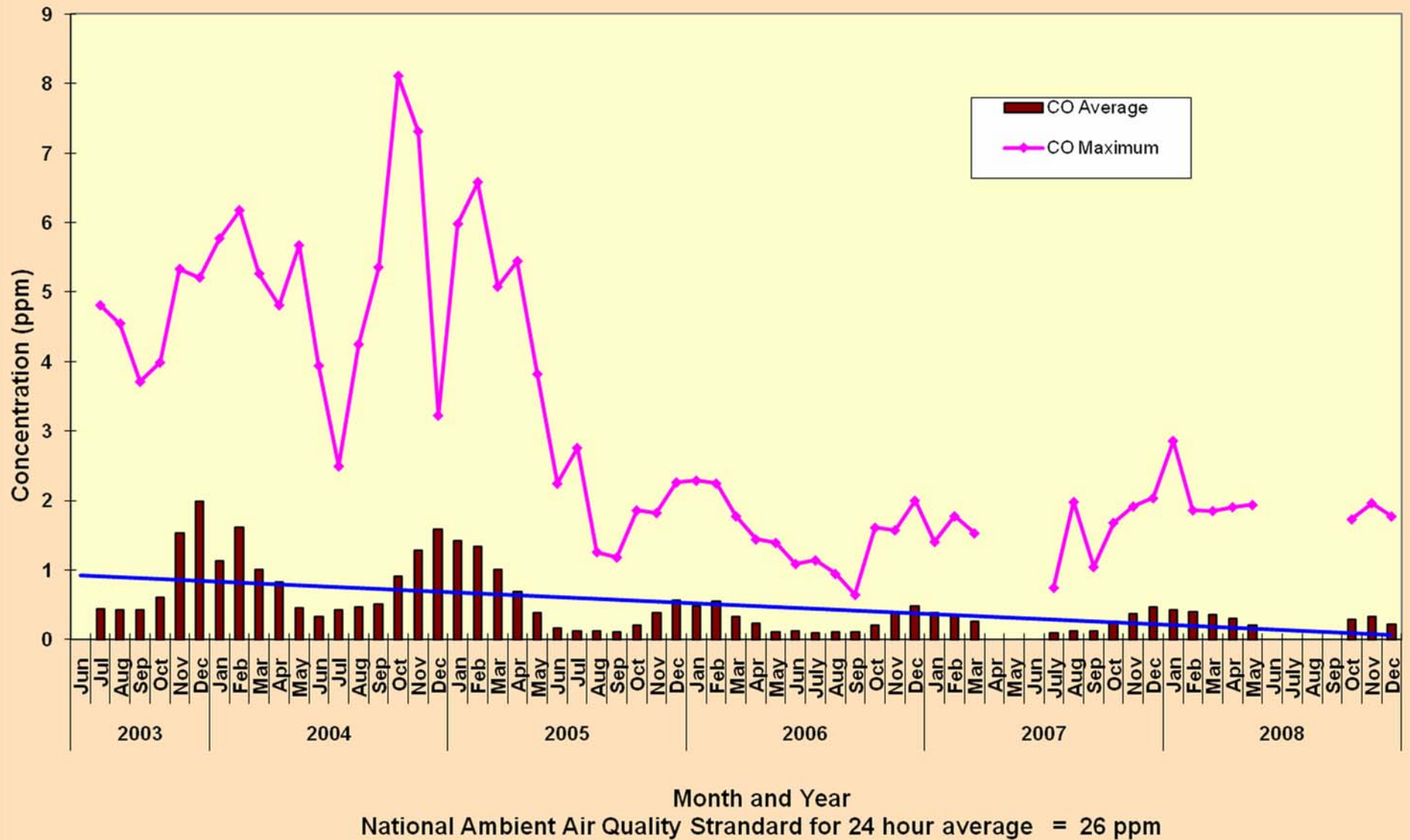
Variation of PM-10 Concentrations in 2008 and 2009



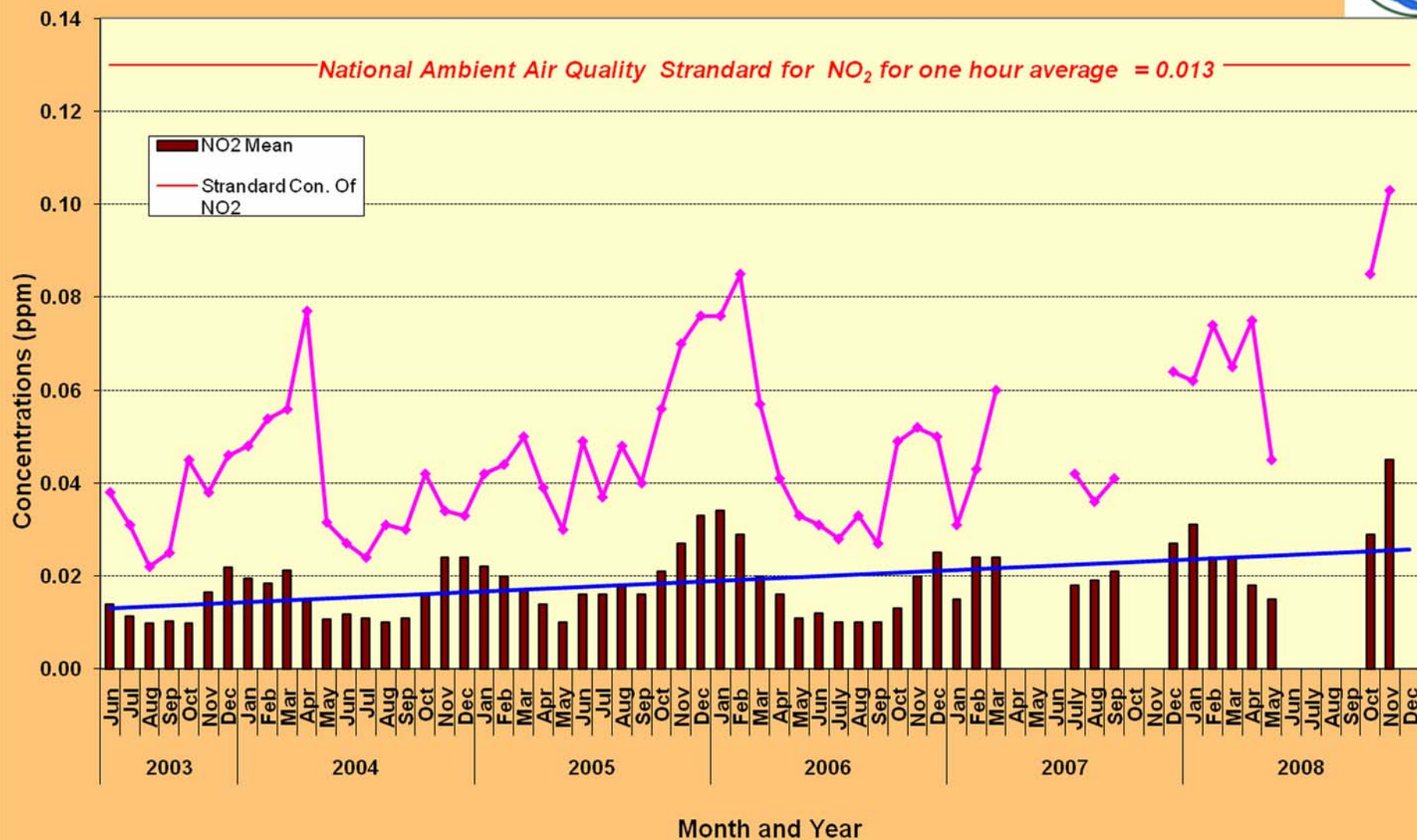


Carbon Monoxide Concentration

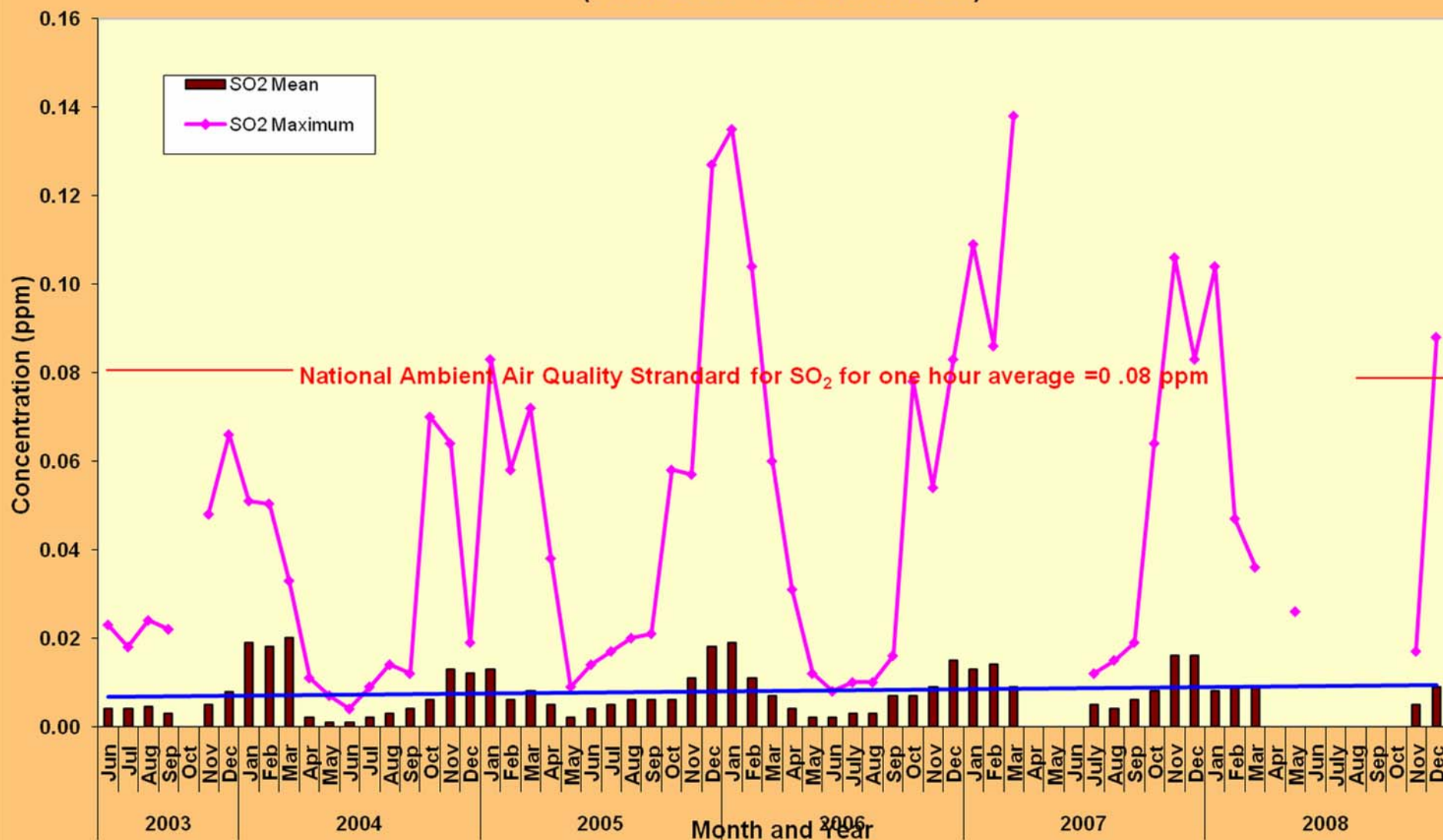
Monthly Mean and Maximum of one hour averages at Colombo Fort (June 2003 - December 2008)



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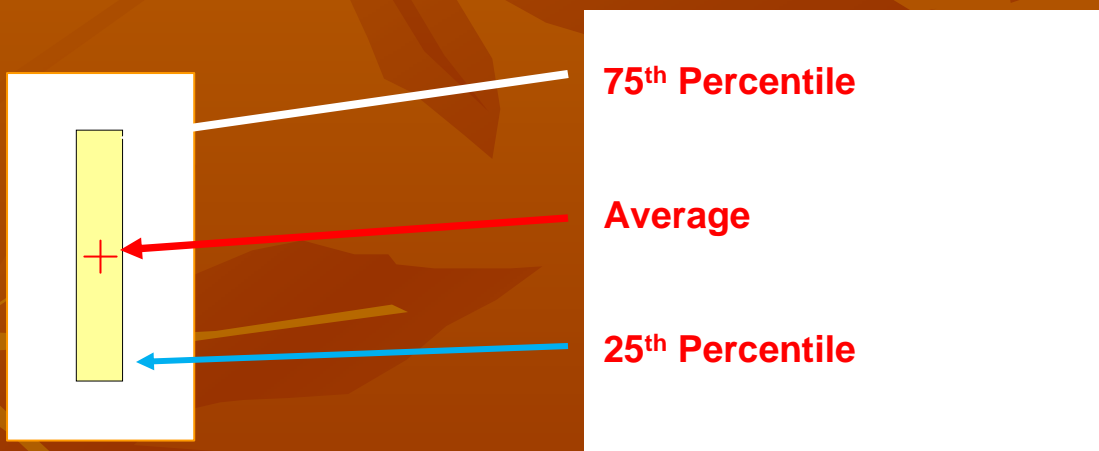
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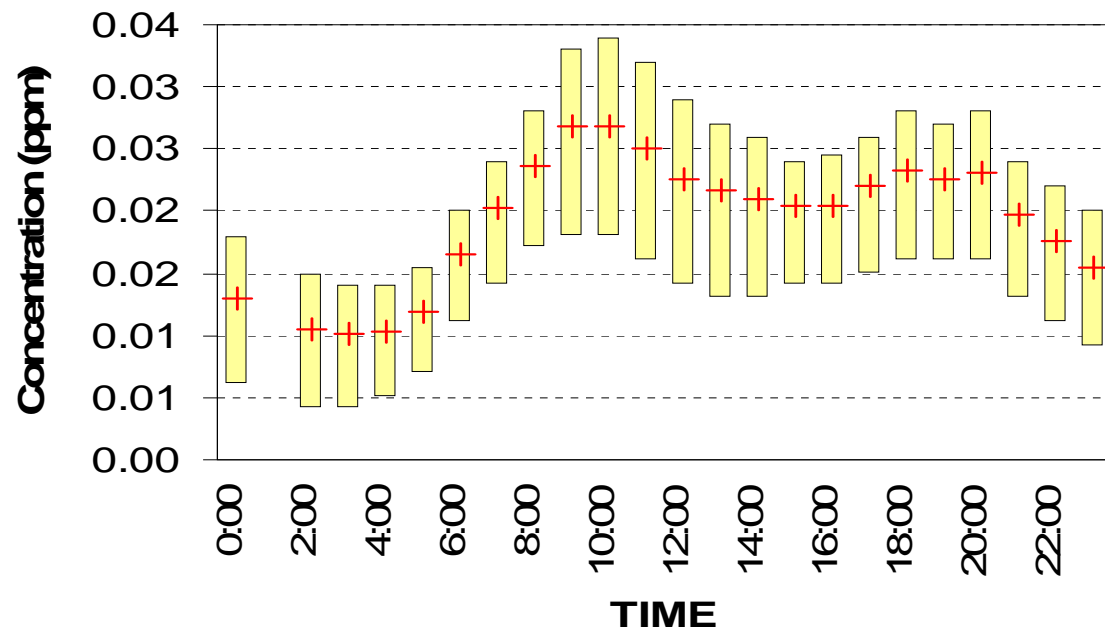
Variation of air pollutant concentrations with time and date

- ❖ The statistical parameters calculated with respect to the time and date were presented in graphical form to study the variation patterns during the day and the week.
- ❖ The statistical parameters of air pollutants are represented in these graphs in following format.

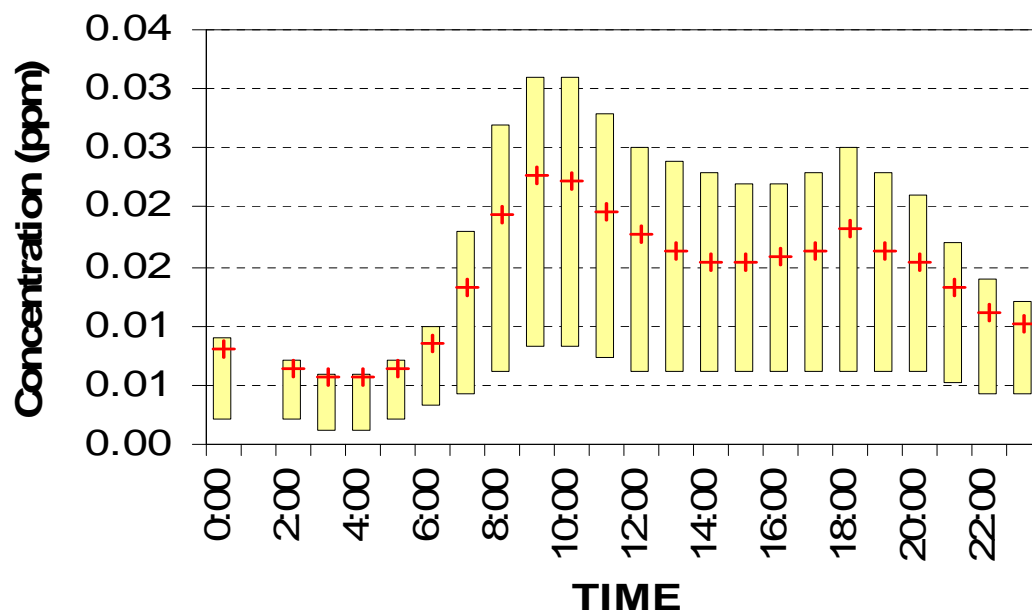


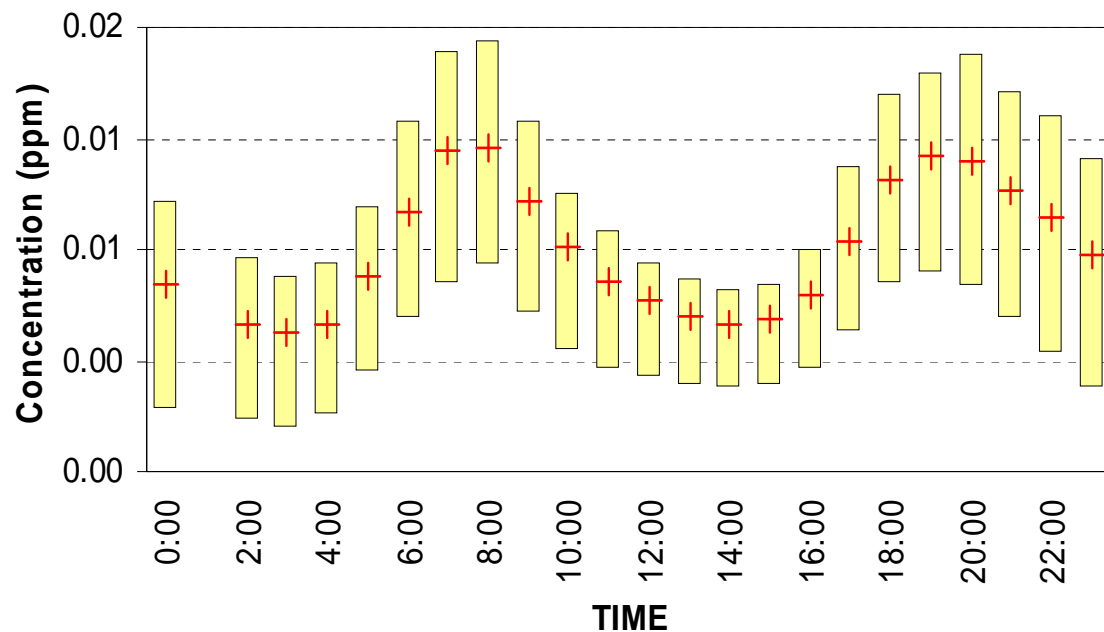


Variation of one hour averages of NO_2 concentrations with time at Colombo Fort monitoring station



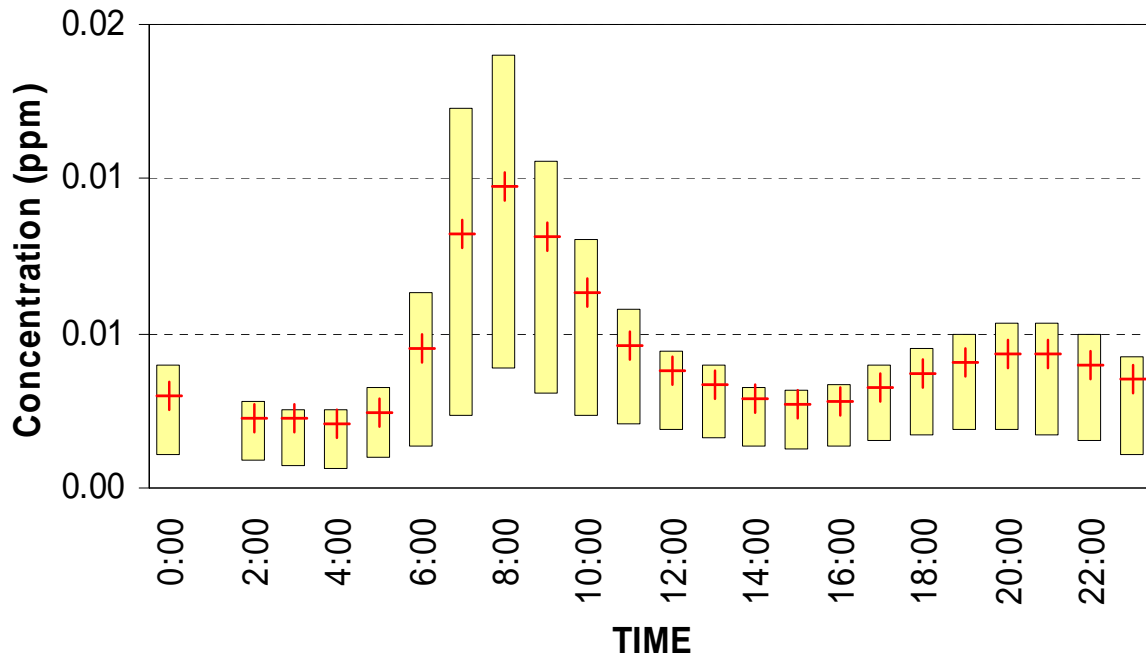
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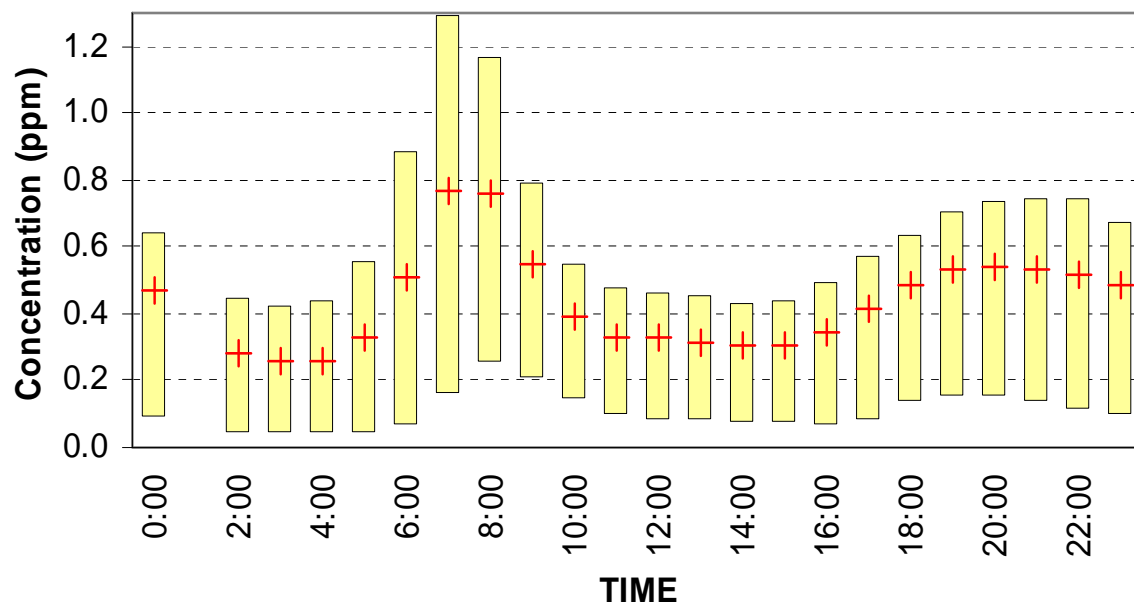




Variation of one hour averages of NO_2 concentrations with time at Colombo Meteorological Department monitoring station

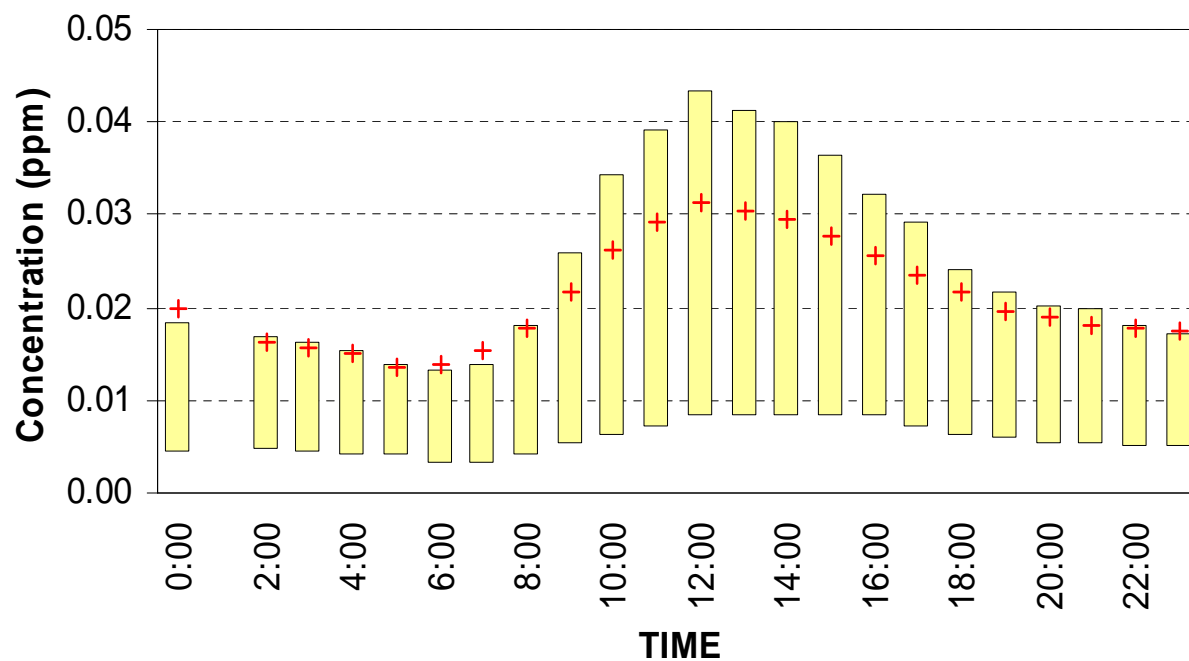
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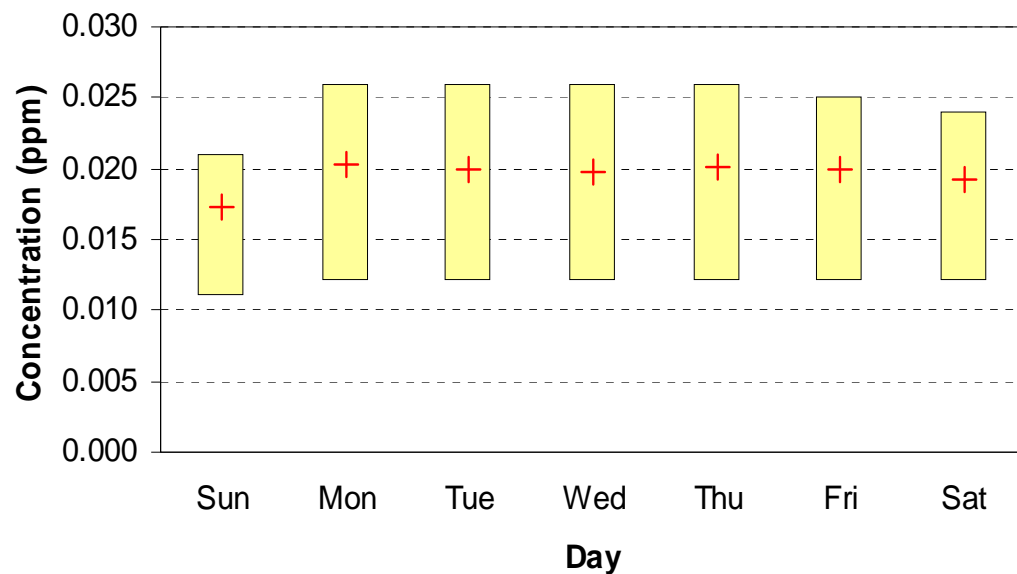


Variation of one hour averages of CO concentrations with time at Colombo Meteorological Department monitoring station

Variation of one hour averages of O_3 concentrations with time at Colombo Meteorological Department monitoring station

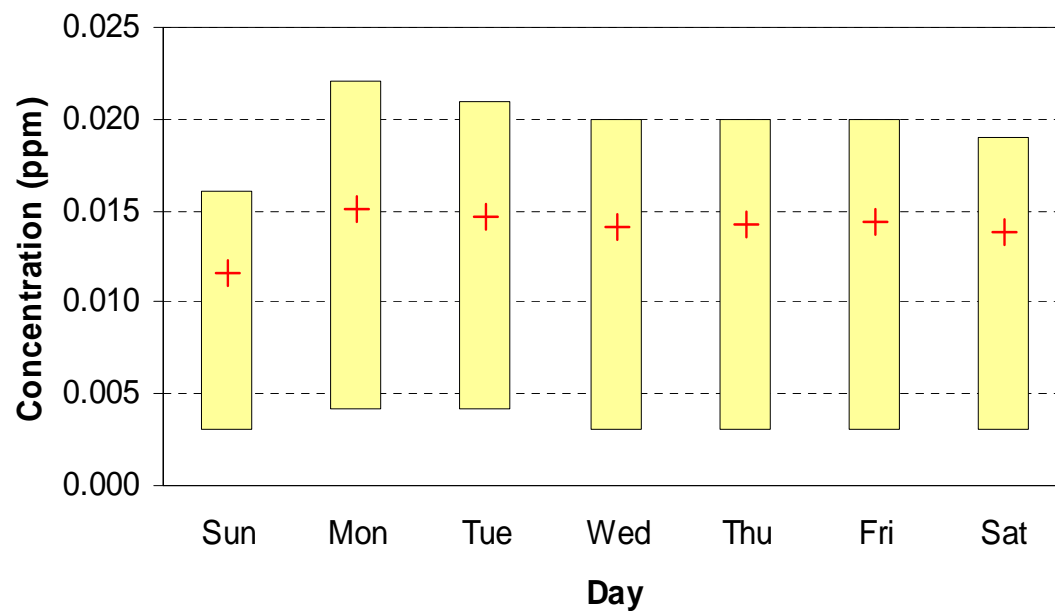


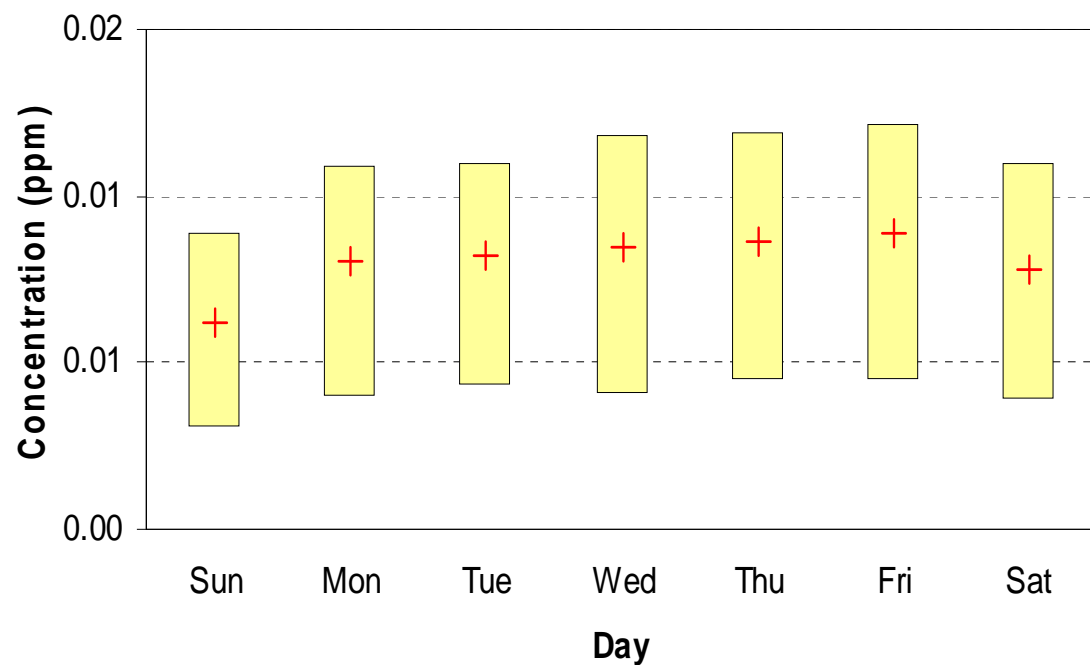
Variation of air pollutant concentrations with date



Variation of one hour averages of NO_2 concentrations with day at Colombo Fort monitoring station

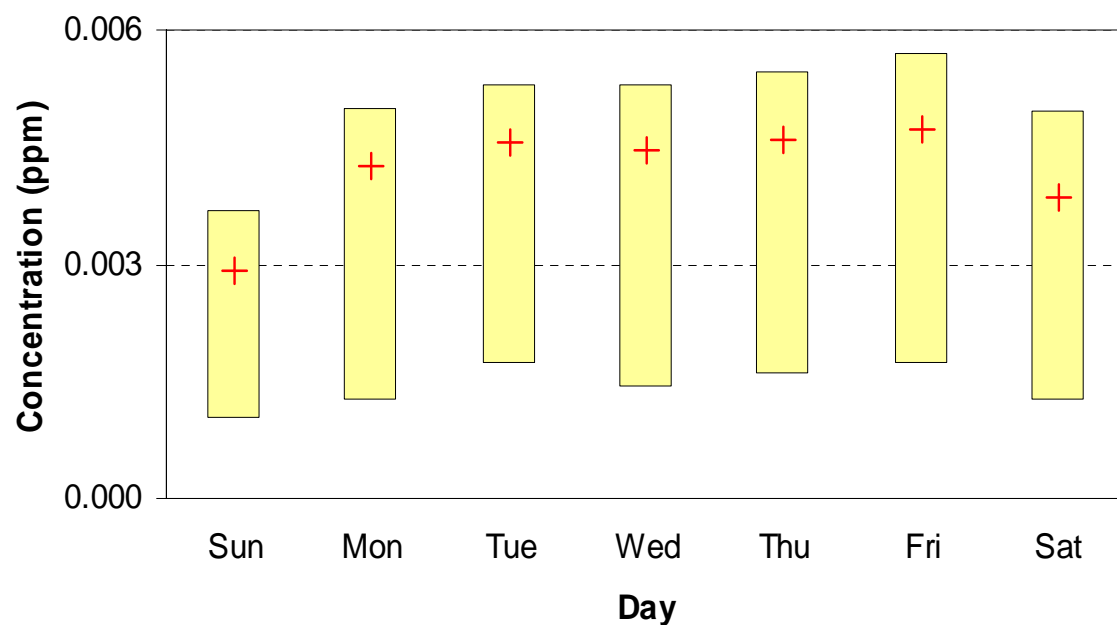
Variation of one hour averages of SO_2 concentrations with day at Colombo Fort monitoring station

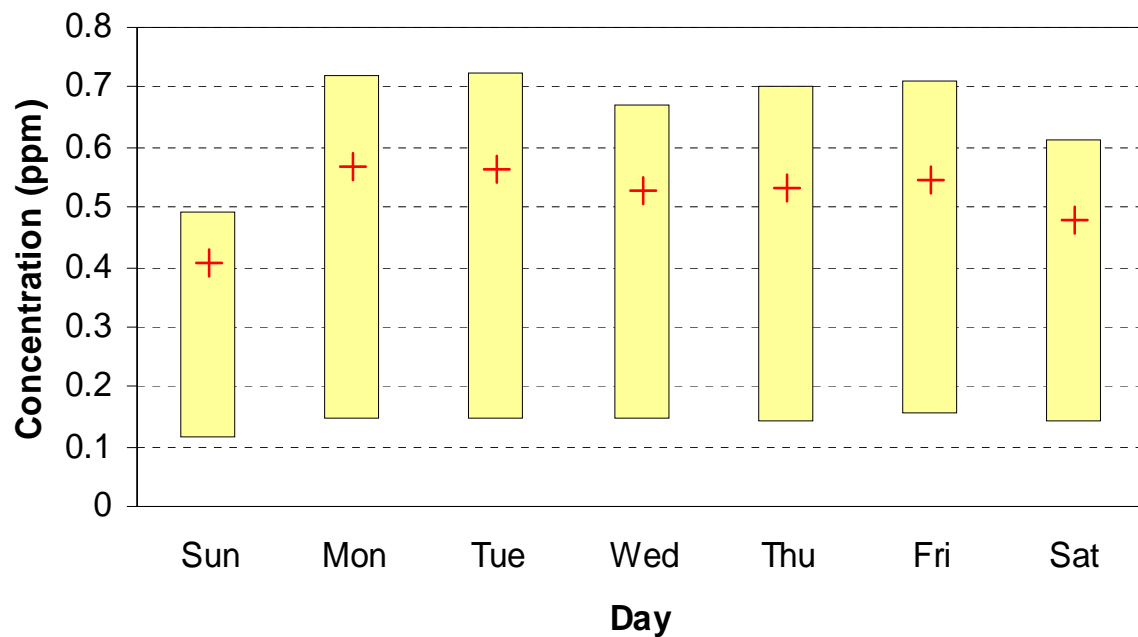




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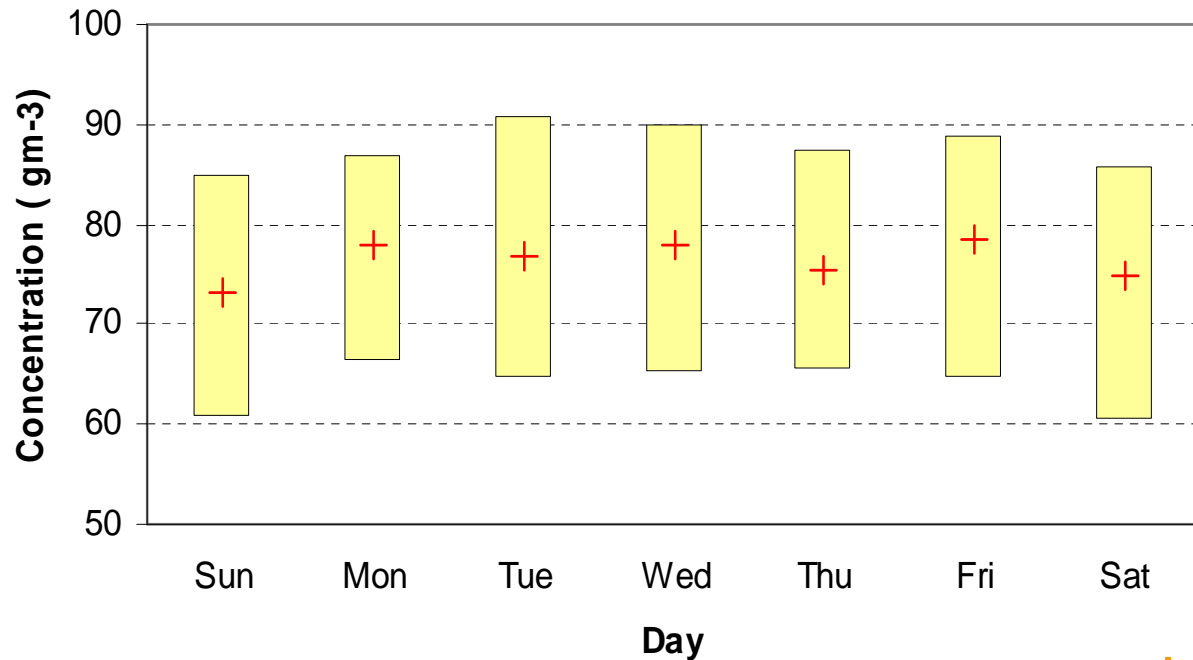
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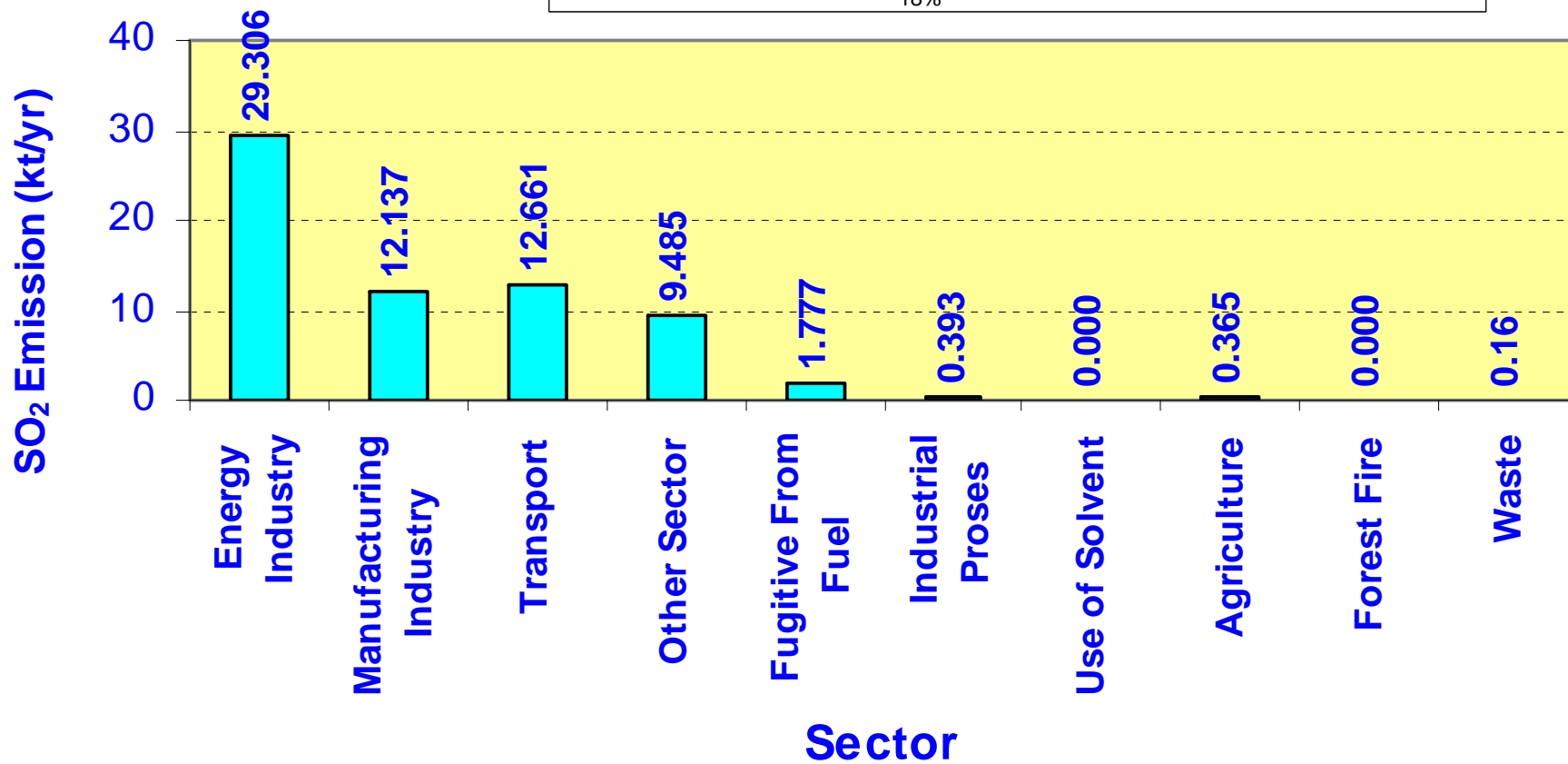
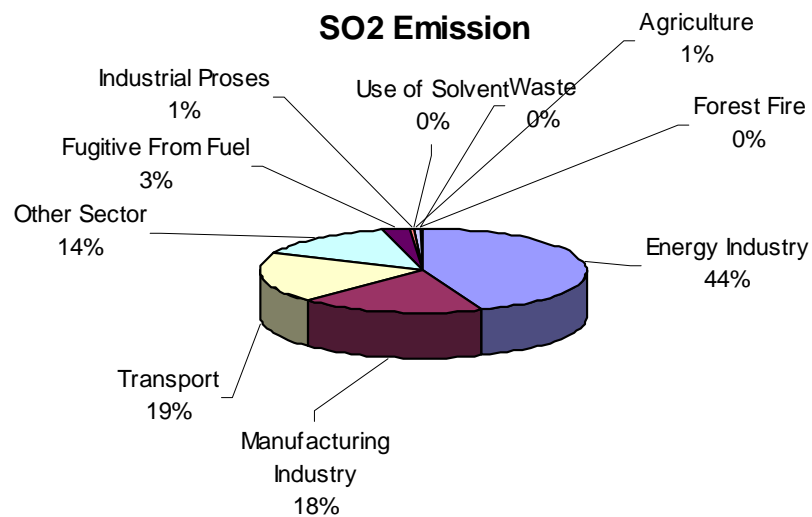


Variation of one hour averages of CO concentrations with day at Colombo Fort monitoring station

Variation of 24 hour averages of PM₁₀ concentrations with day at Colombo Fort monitoring station

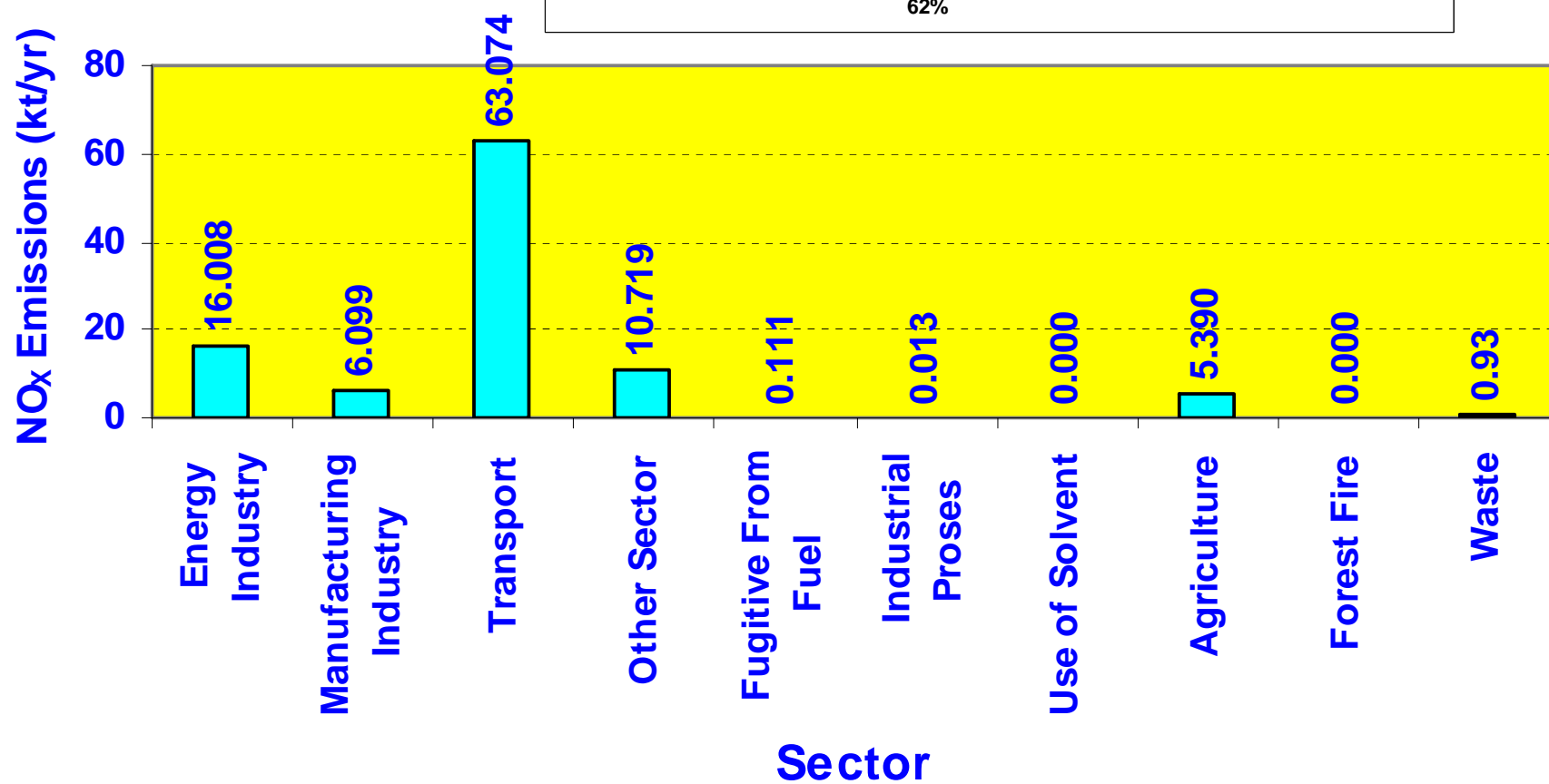
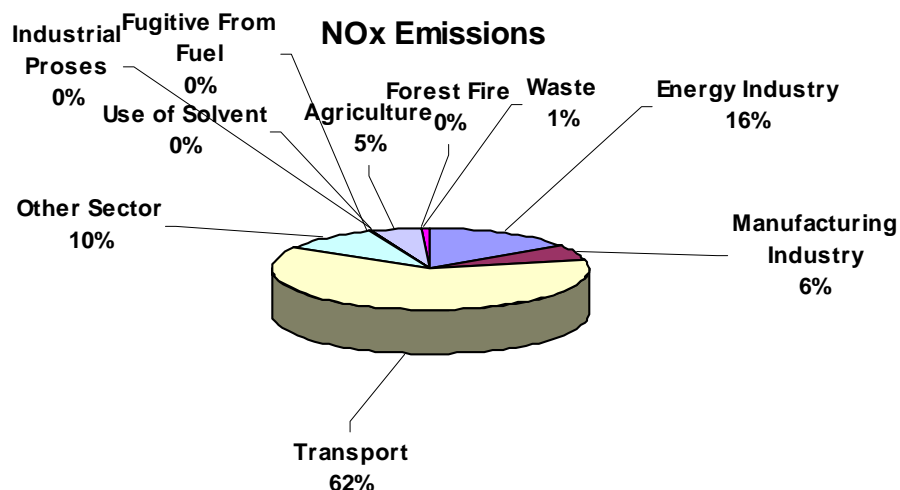


SO₂ Emission



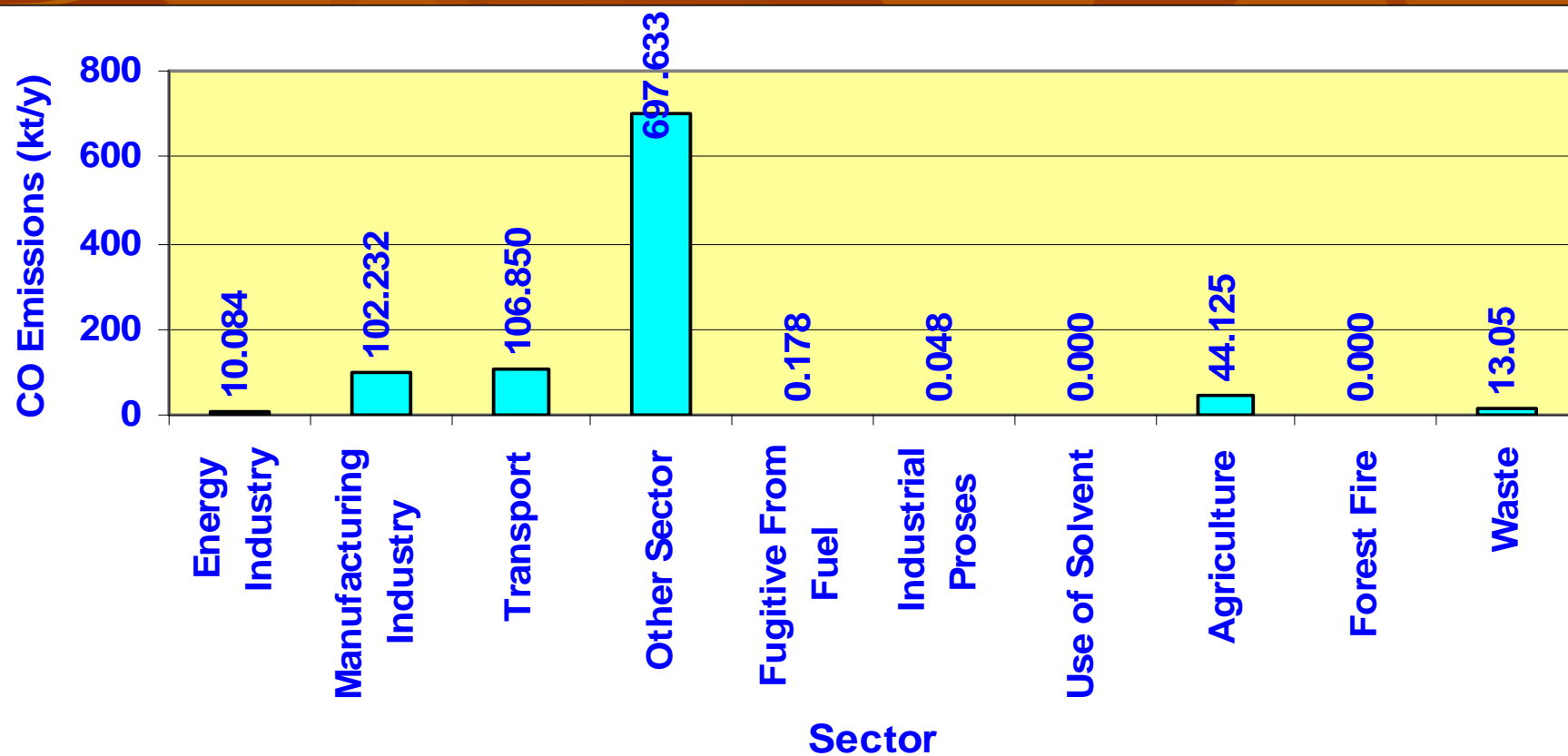
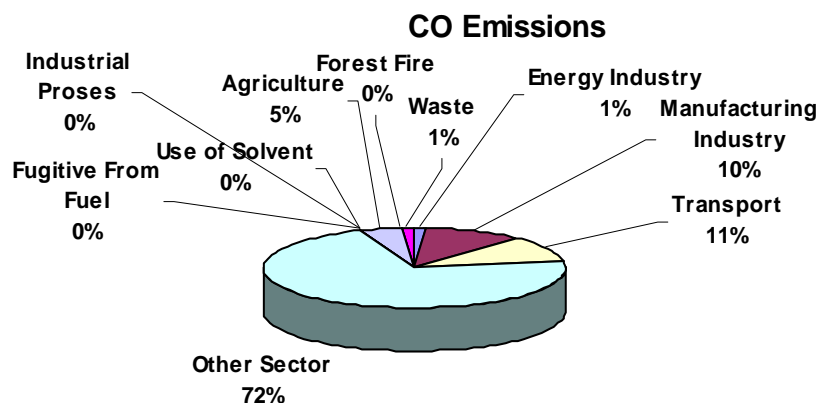


NO_x Emission

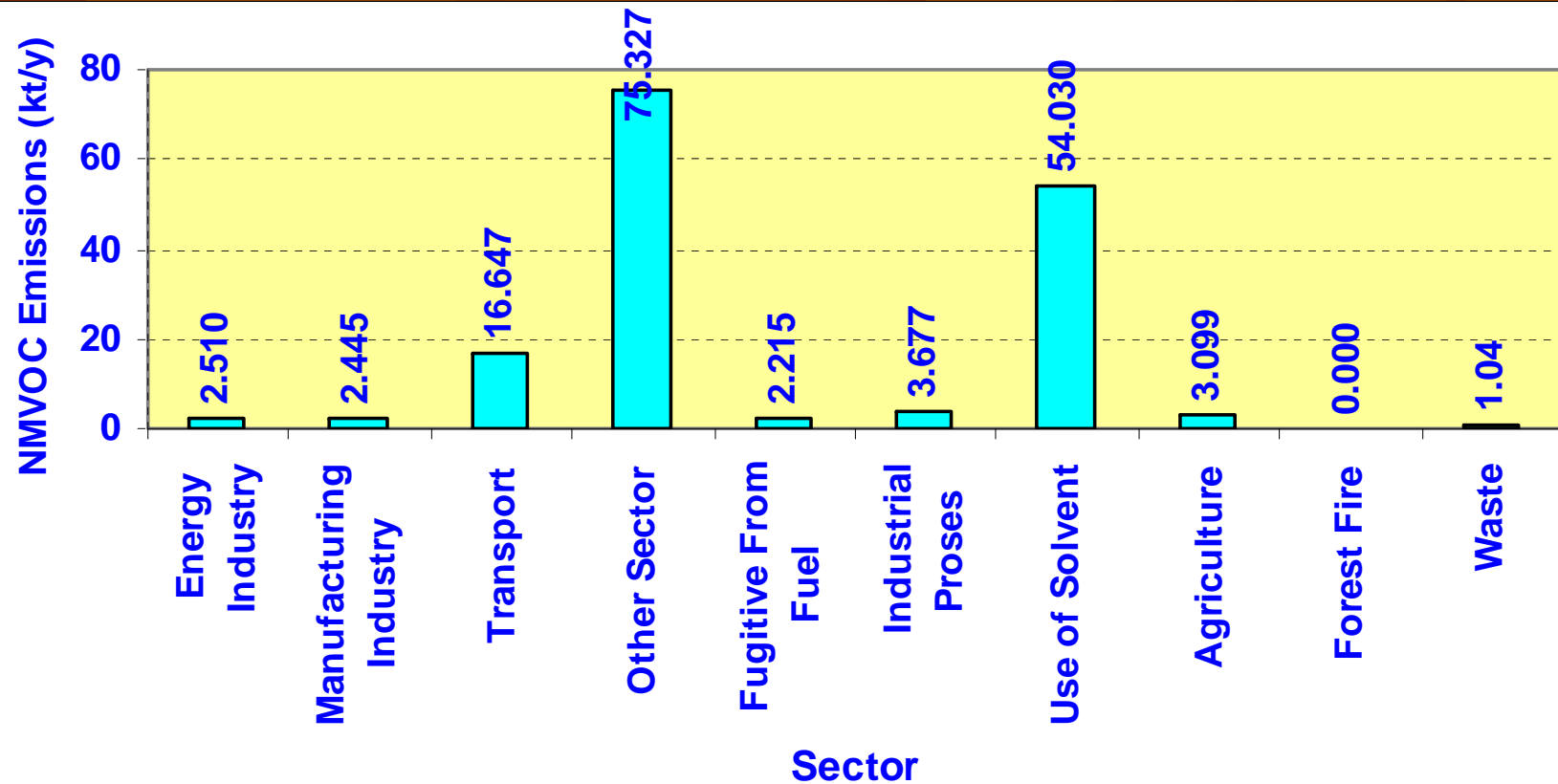
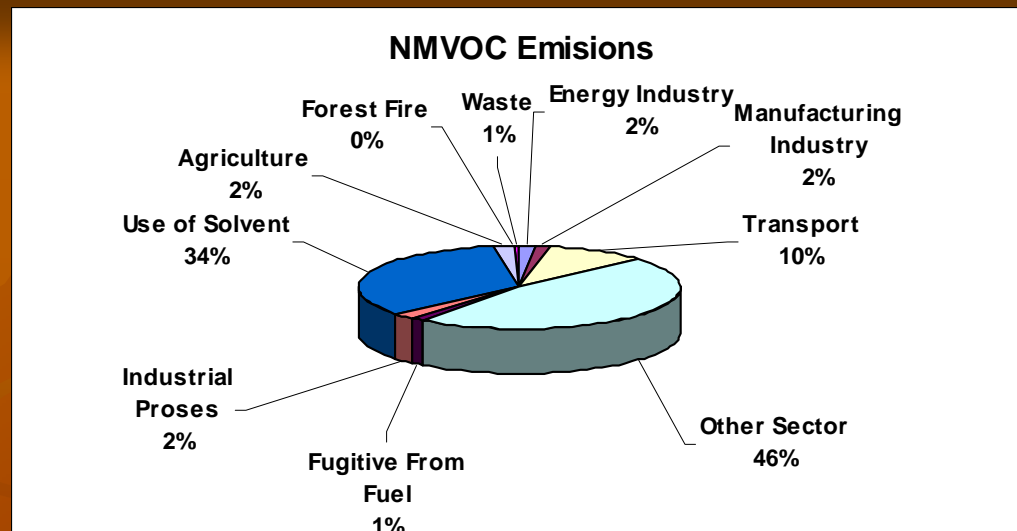




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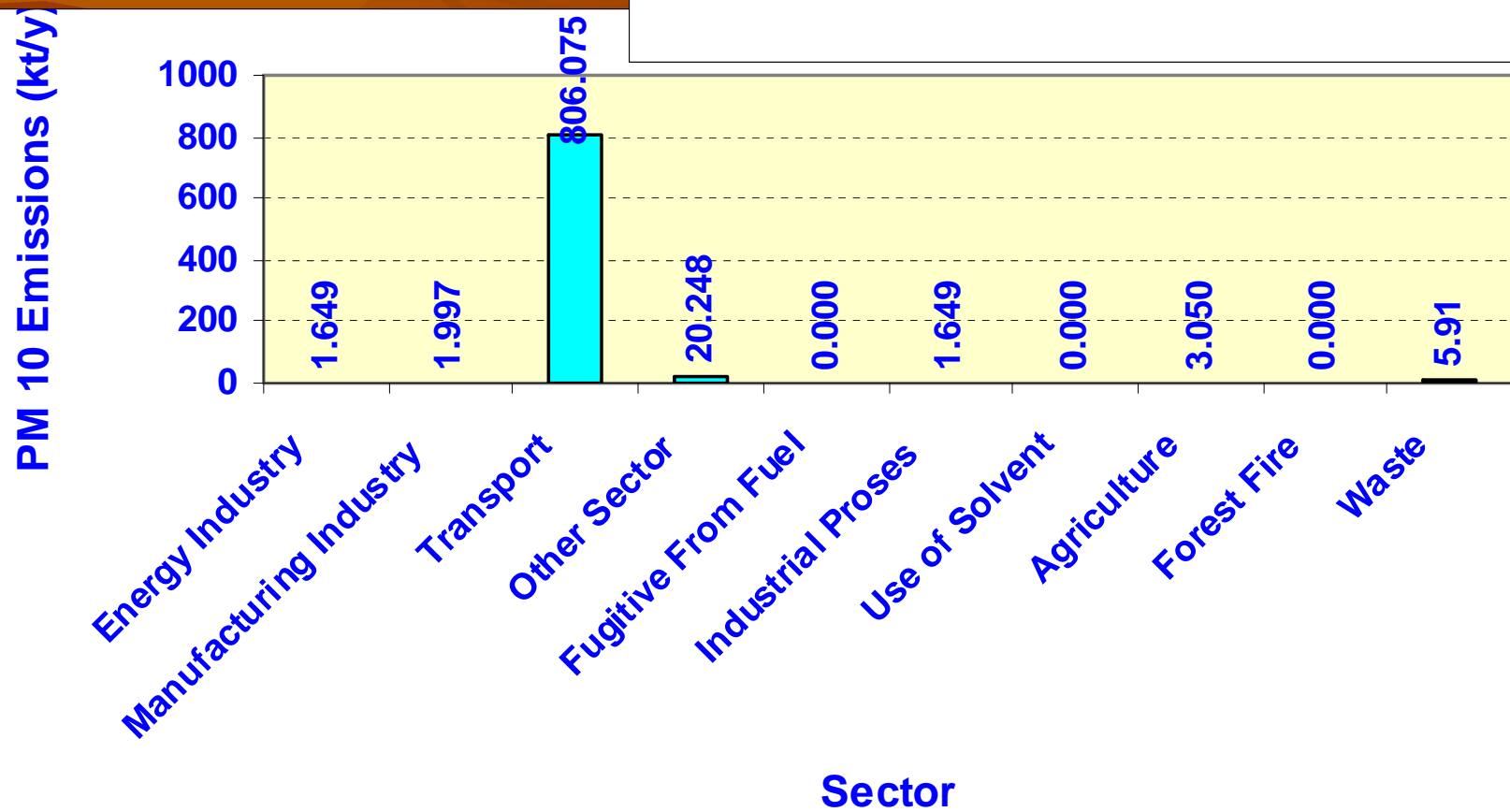
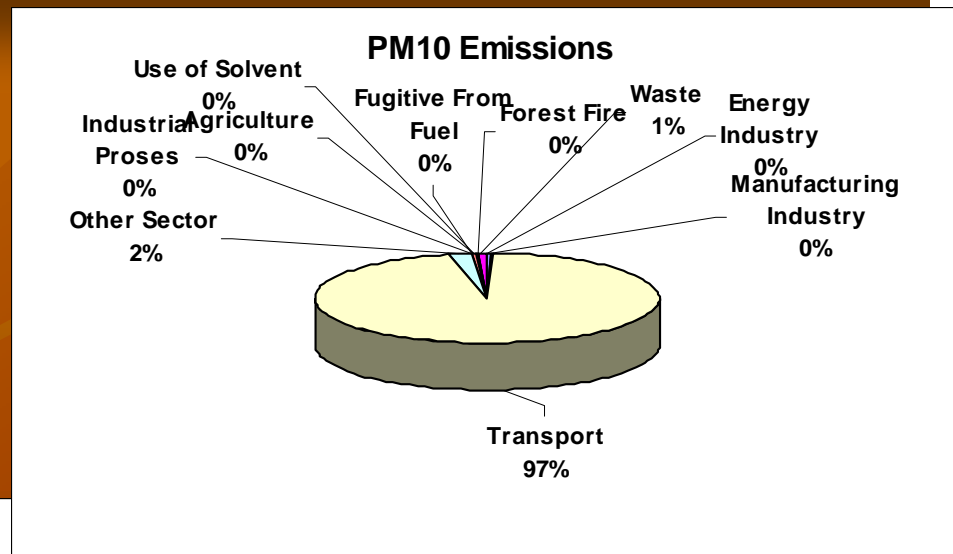


NMVOCEmission



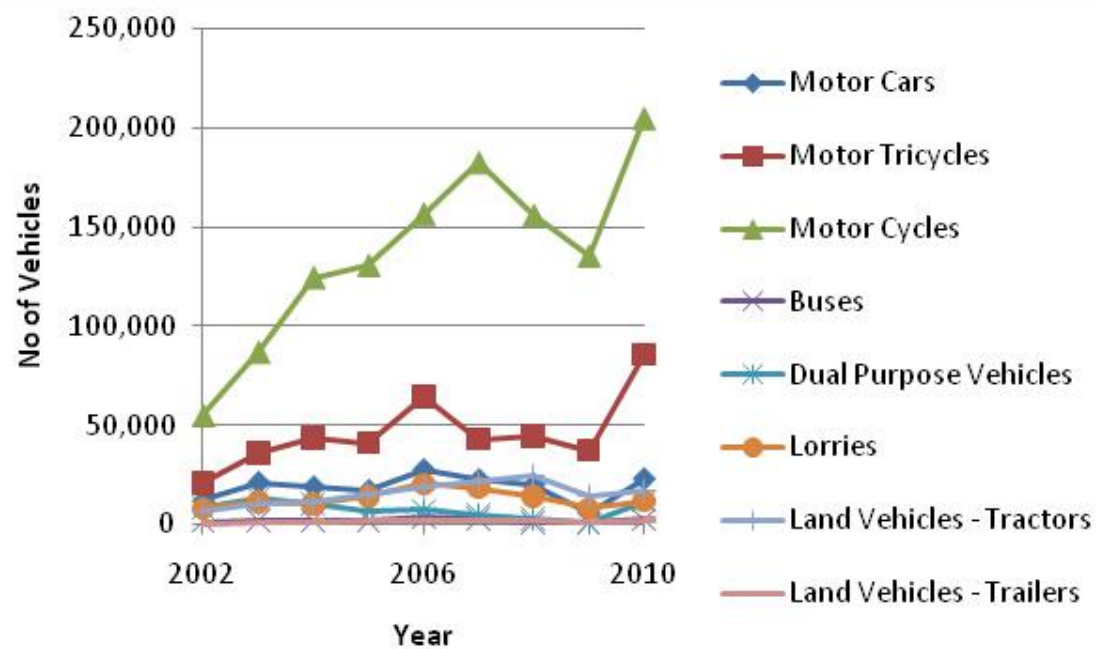
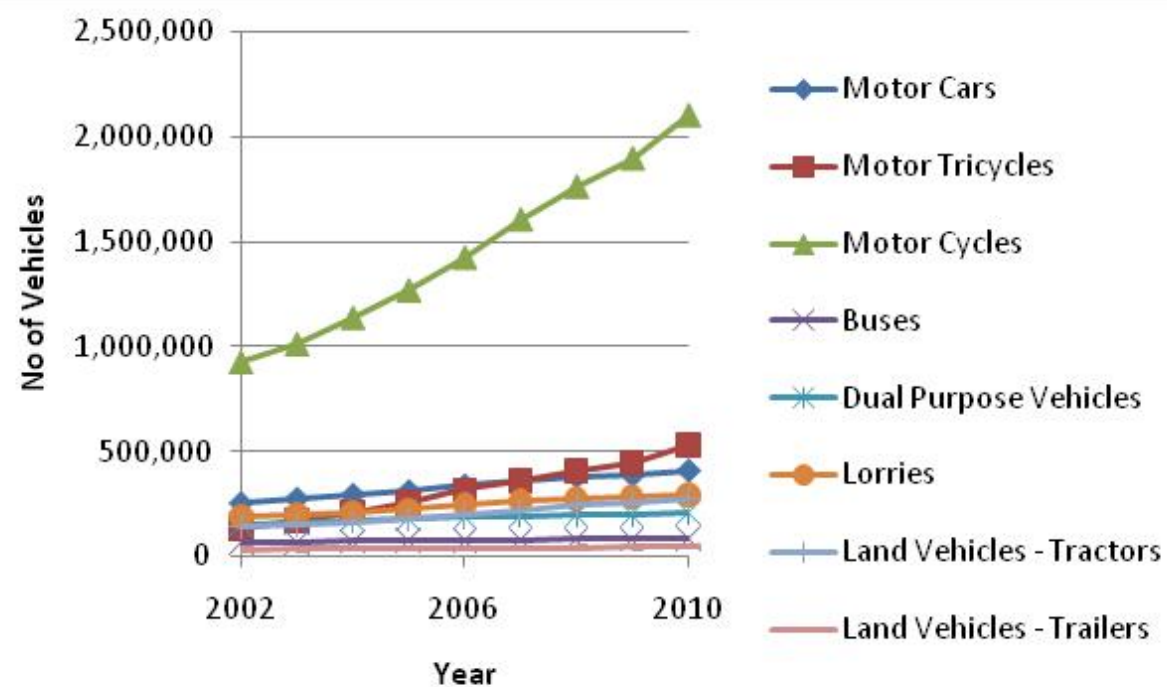


PM-10 Emission



Issues

- **Vehicular Emissions are the major contributor to Urban Air Pollution**
 - Increasing Traffic volume
 - Increasing traffic congestion
 - **Poor Inspection and Maintenance of vehicle**
 - **Poor quality of roads**
- are added burden
- Non availability of comprehensive set of islandwide air quality monitoring Data



One Example

Due to three wheelers

- Current Situation

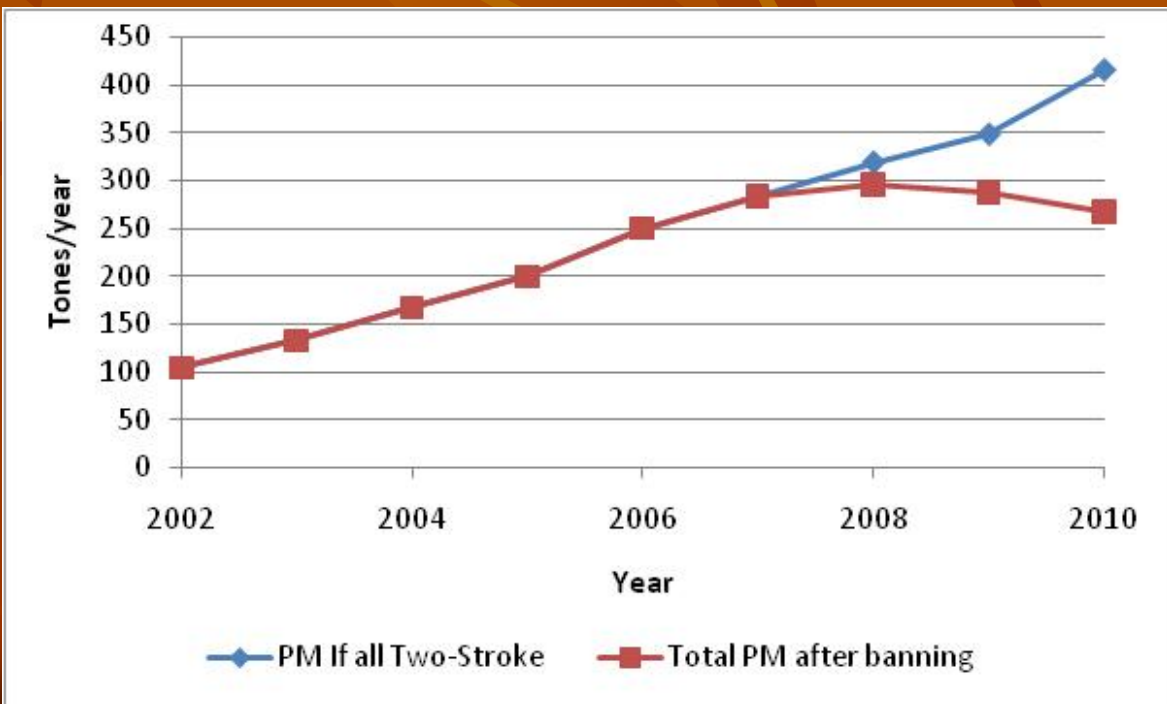
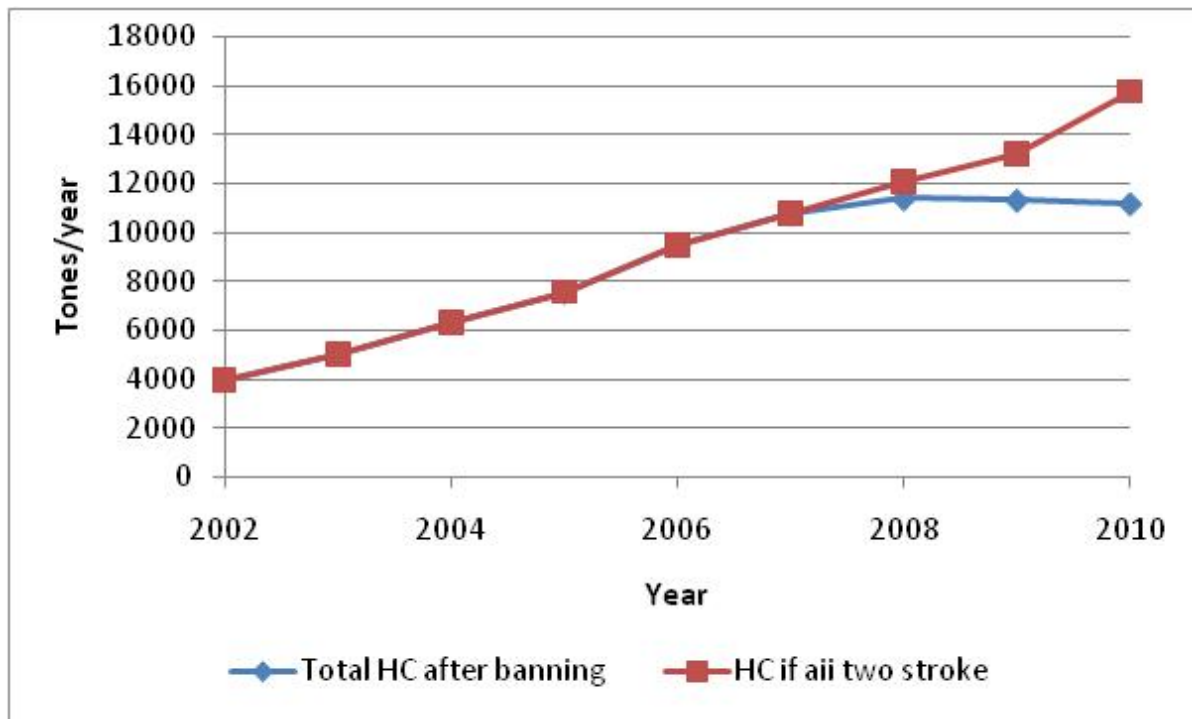
- Estimated HC around 8900 MT/Y

- Estimated PM around 259 MT/Y

- If not control rapid growth of Three Wheelers at year 2020

- Estimated HC around 16000 MT/Y

- Estimated PM around 3000 MT/Y



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