

## **BOTTOM-UP SMALL COMBUSTION PM EMISSIONS**

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# › OUTLINE

- › Short introduction and history
- › Approach for the updated Ref2 inventory
  - › Activity data
  - › Appliance types and technologies
  - › Emission factors
- › Preliminary results
- › Specific questions / discussion points

# INTRODUCTION

## WHAT ARE CONDENSABLES?

- FPM = Filterable Particulate Matter
- CPM = Condensable Particulate Matter
- TPM (Total Particulate Matter) is the sum of the two

Component	C* (at T=298 K)	Description
VOC	$C^* > 3.2 \times 10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Primary VOCs from fuel combustion, evaporation, vegetation
SVOC	$0.32 \mu\text{g m}^{-3} < C^* < 320 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Semi-volatile compounds, partition significantly between gas and aerosol phase
IVOC	$320 \mu\text{g m}^{-3} < C^* < 3.2 \times 10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Mixture of organics contributed by both primary emissions and photochemical oxidation of gas-phase organics

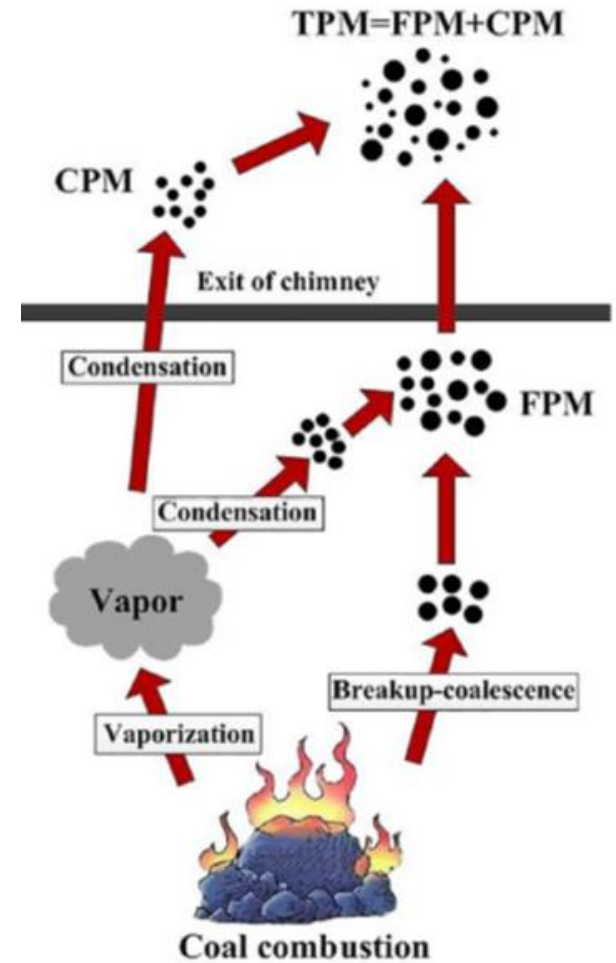


Fig. 1. Particle formation from coal combustion.

*CPM consists essentially of primary SVOC and IVOC and occurs from organic matter being volatilised by heat and subsequently only partly combusted*

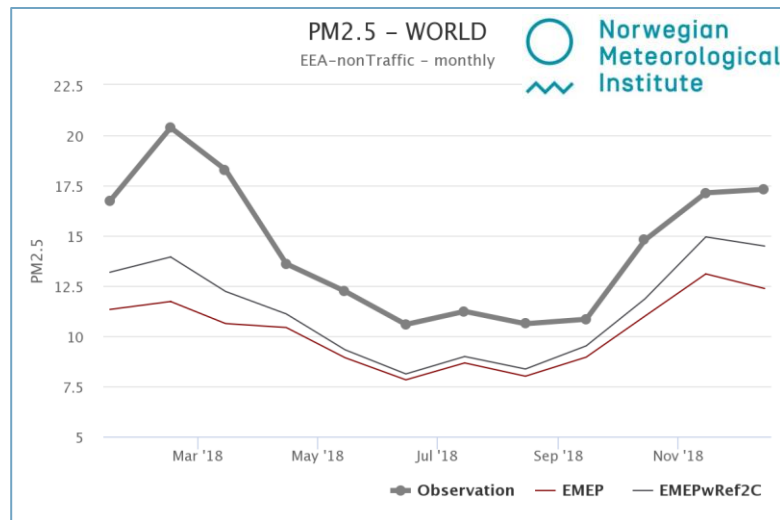
## › PROBLEMS IN CURRENT INVENTORIES

### RATIONALE FOR DEVELOPING REF2

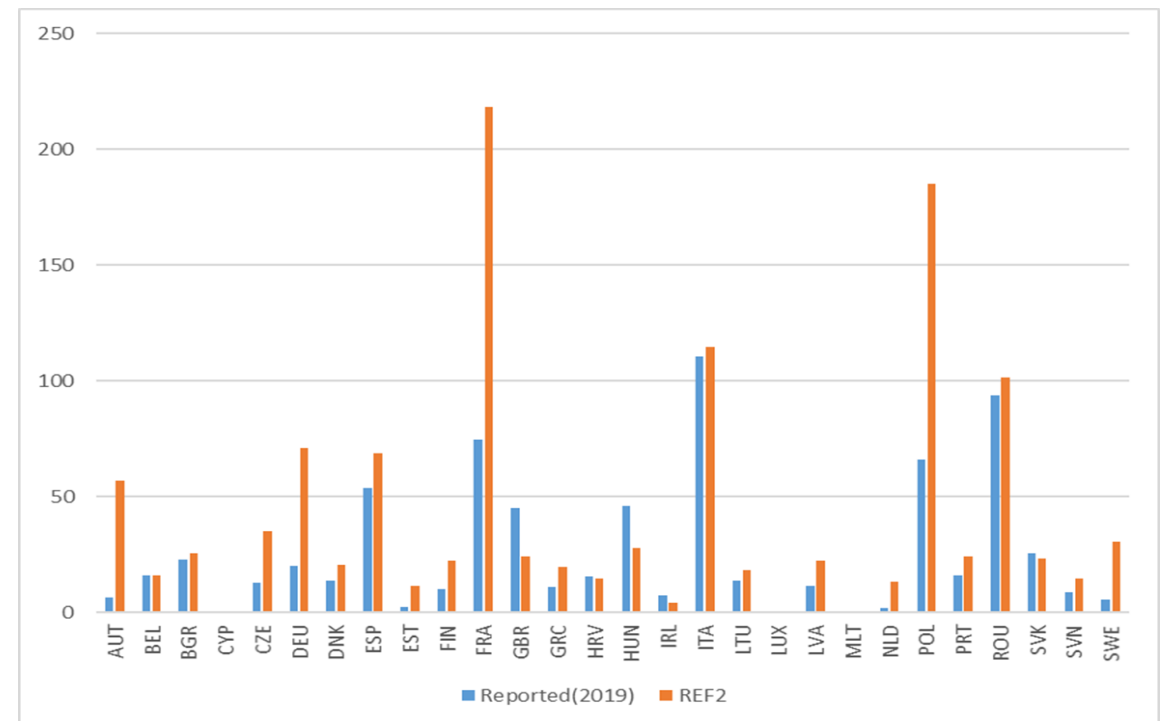
- › Condensable PM needs to be included in models that assess the (health) impacts of “real world” ambient PM (*this is what we are all exposed to!*)
- › Current emission inventories (in Europe as well as in individual countries) are a mix of “different PM’s” – dependent on measurement type or emission factor source, it may or may not include condensables
  - › No agreed common standard for measuring PM emission factors in Europe, hence different countries adopted their own standards
  - › Increasing recognition for the important role of condensables as part of ambient PM
  - › Increasingly countries start to include condensables as part of their official emission inventory
- › Necessary information is not always readily available, implementation takes time. Including condensables is not simply multiplying your emission inventory with a fixed factor but technology and cultural dependent
- › Politically also sensitive, large changes PM2.5 emissions will affect the pathway to reach NEC/Gothenburg ceilings and impact the distribution of abatement efforts across countries

# INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

- › First Ref2 inventory was set up for 2010 in 2016 to investigate potential role of condensables
  - › Rather simple approach (see what it does to AQ modelling) – originally part of Copernicus policy (CAMS71) project
  - › Using activity data (Eurostat), appliance type split (GAINS), emission factors [[Denier van der Gon et al., ACP, 2015](#)]
  - › Leads to better results (bias between model and measurements reduced) at overall European level (but not necessarily in each country)



- › Some smaller updates after this





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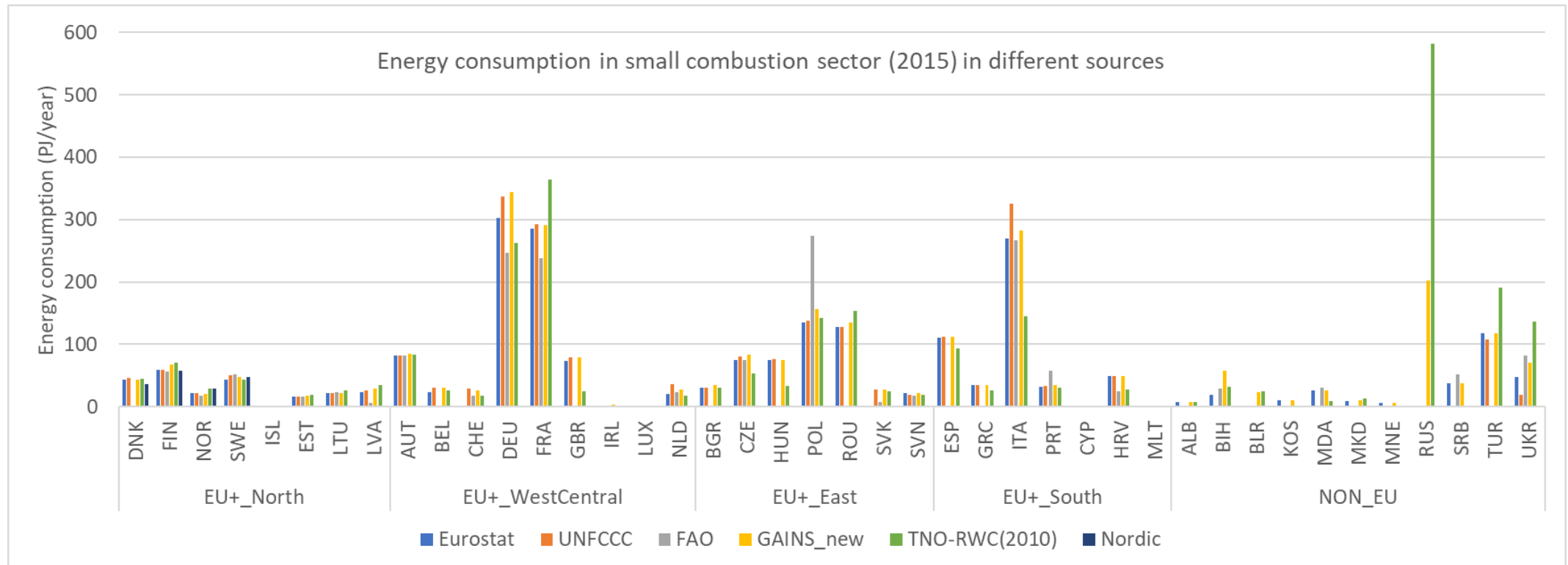
# NMR PROJECT

## APPROACH AND PREPARATORY WORK

- › Goal: Improve reliability of data for integrated assessment within the LRTAP Convention and EU Air Quality assessments – with focus on residential wood combustion
  - › Updated emission inventories for 2005-2018/19 (Ref2)
  - › Evaluation/improvement of emissions by comparison to other datasets, and of modelled results against observations
  - › New model calculations of PM trends and SR matrices
  
- › A full revision of the earlier Ref2 has been performed
  - › Activity data
  - › Emission factors (both with & without the condensable component to study this effect)
  - › Appliance type splits, abatement shares and efficiencies (largely based on GAINS)
  - › Developing different scenarios
  
- › Aim to produce best possible dataset based on currently available European-wide data sources and literature, but will remain uncertain!!

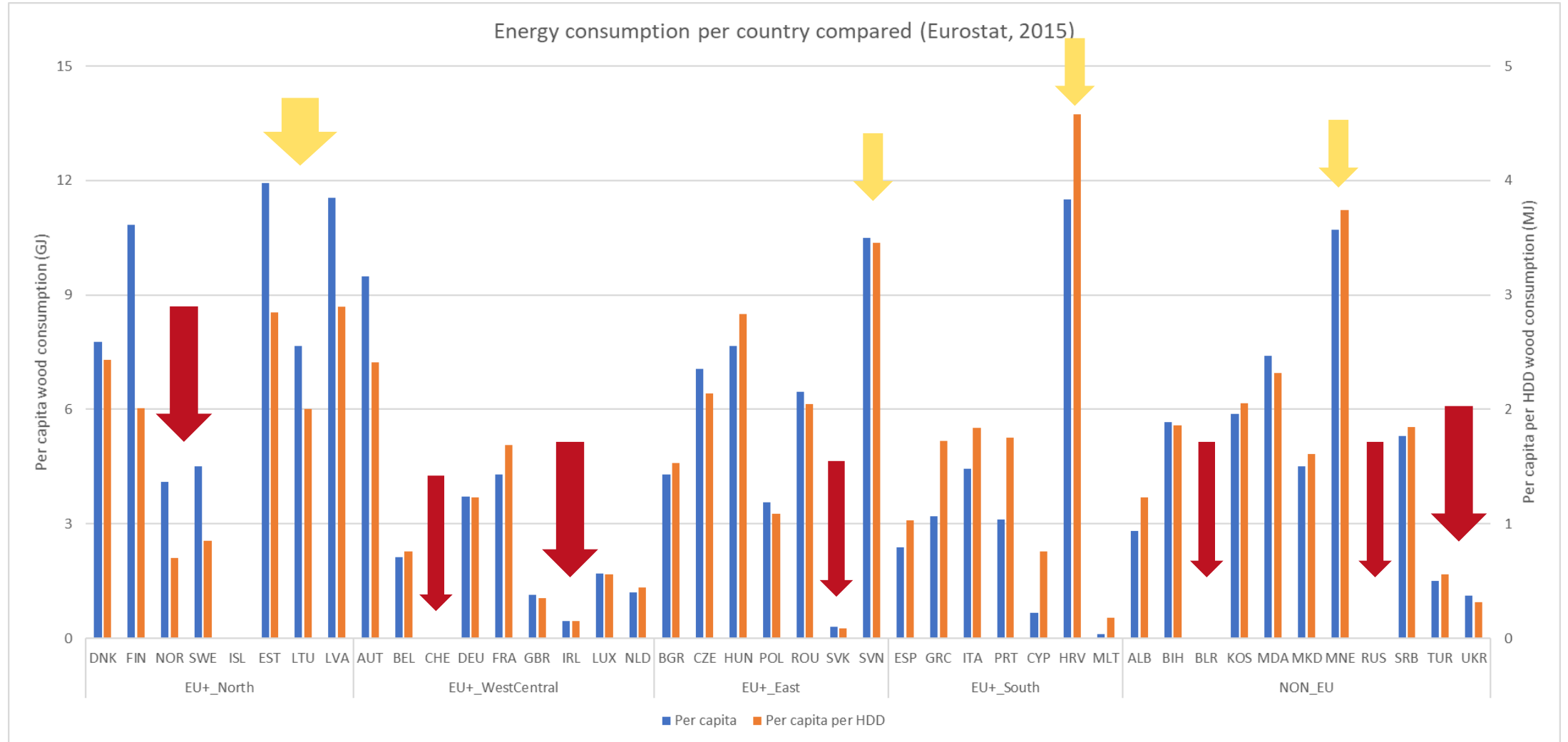
# ACTIVITY DATA

- › Wood consumption not always well represented in statistics
  - › Especially in rural areas, people harvest directly from forests for their own use; these numbers do not always end up in the statistics
  - › Assessment of official wood consumption figures needed before use incl. comparison of different sources



# WOOD CONSUMPTION PER COUNTRY

## ANALYSIS OF WOOD USE



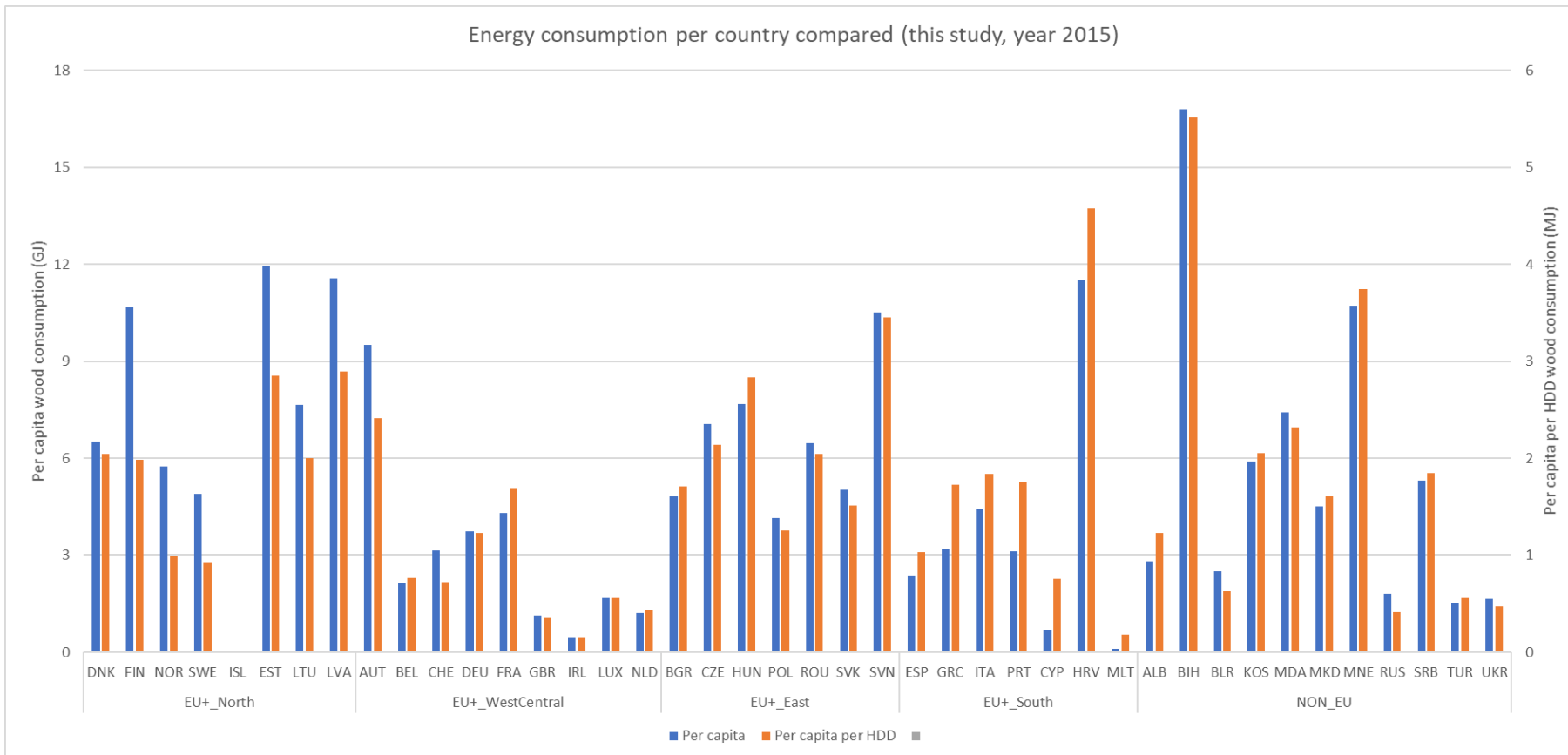
Wood use & population from Eurostat; HDD is country average calculated with CTM LOTOS-EUROS



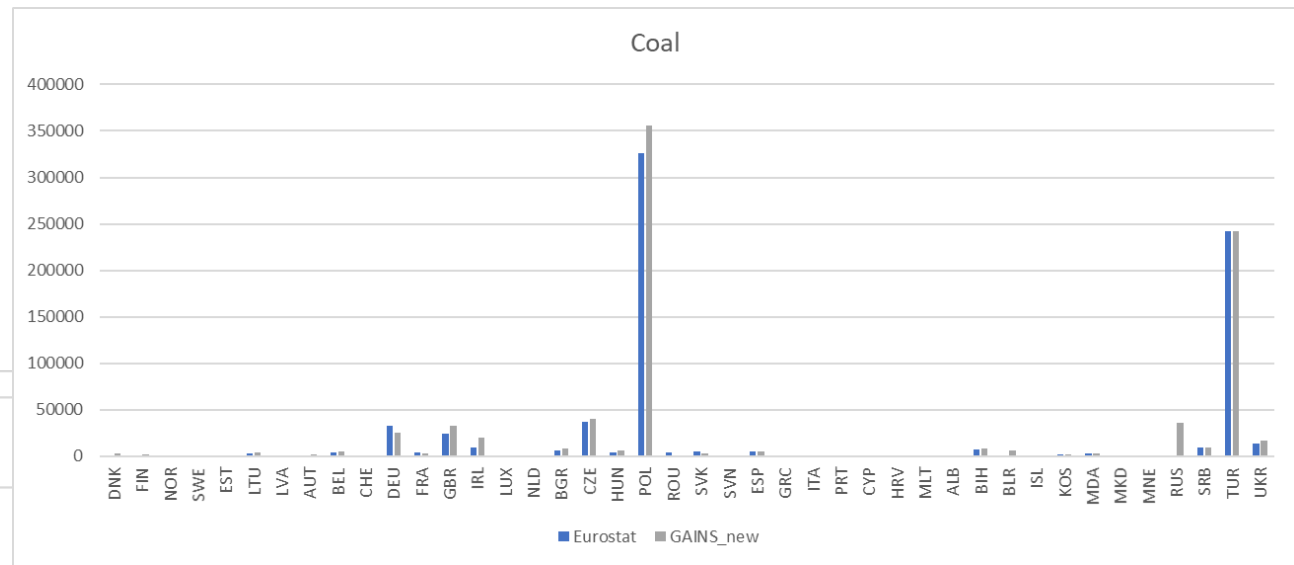
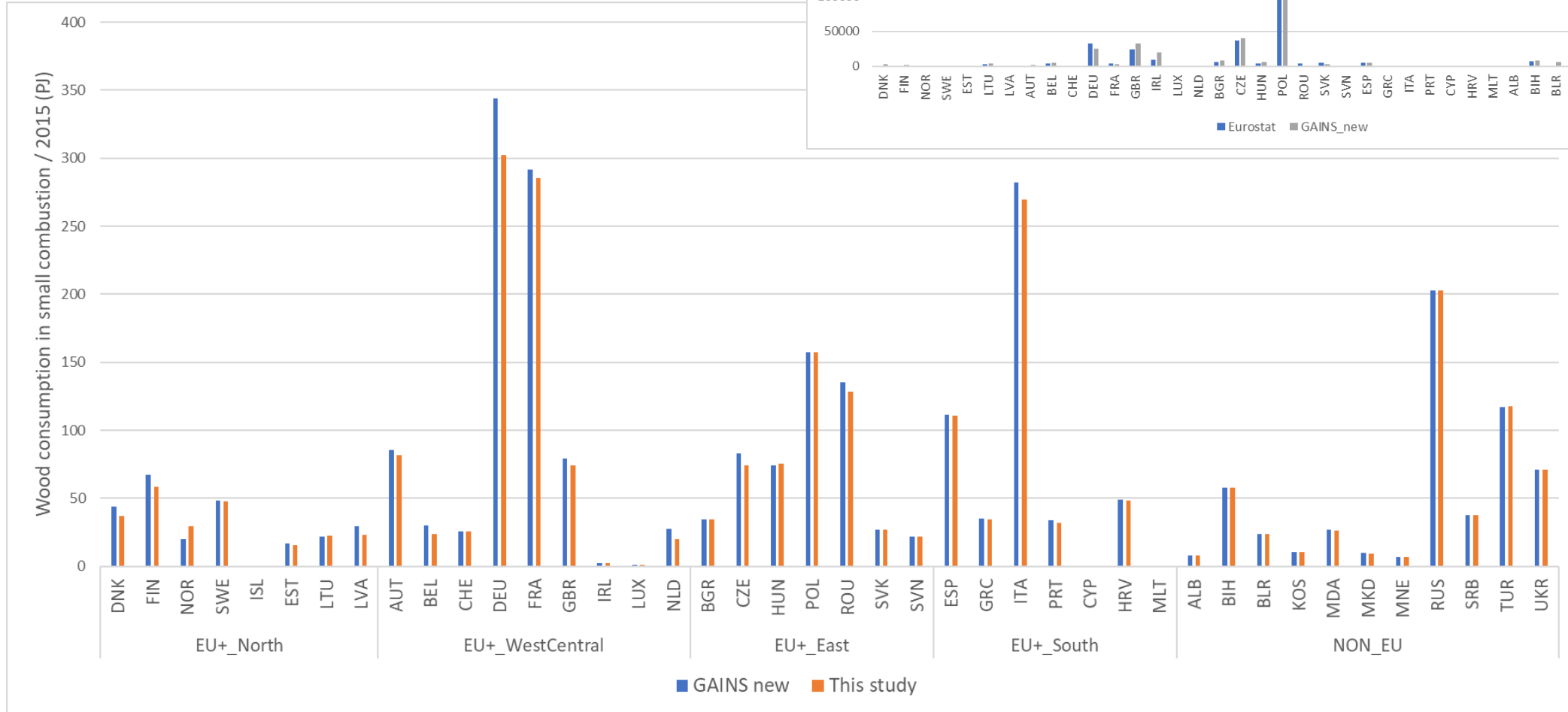
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## ANALYSIS OF WOOD USE

- › For selected countries Eurostat data were replaced with latest GAINS data for wood consumption
- › Some further corrections made in specific countries to fix time series consistency
- › Resulting energy consumption per country per HDD clearly shows that most of these apparent discrepancies remain – for many there could be good reasons while for others there may be under- (or over-) estimates



# FUEL CONSUMPTION DIFFERENCES WITH GAINS



# › APPLIANCE TYPES

- › Appliance type split taken from GAINS model
  - › Reflects GAINS estimates including country-specific updates
  - › Reviewed and updated in specific cases, e.g. France:

Year	ISO3	Sector	Fuel	Tech	Share
2015	FRA	Fireplace	Wood	Traditional	70%
2015	FRA	Fireplace	Wood	Improved	25%
2015	FRA	Fireplace	Wood	New	5%
2015	FRA	Small boiler	Wood	Improved	80%
2015	FRA	Small boiler	Wood	New	20%
2015	FRA	Small boiler	Hard coal	No control	90%
2015	FRA	Small boiler	Hard coal	New	10%
2015	FRA	Heating stove	Wood	No control	<del>1%</del> 22%
2015	FRA	Heating stove	Wood	Improved	<del>74%</del> 58%
2015	FRA	Heating stove	Wood	New	<del>25%</del> 20%

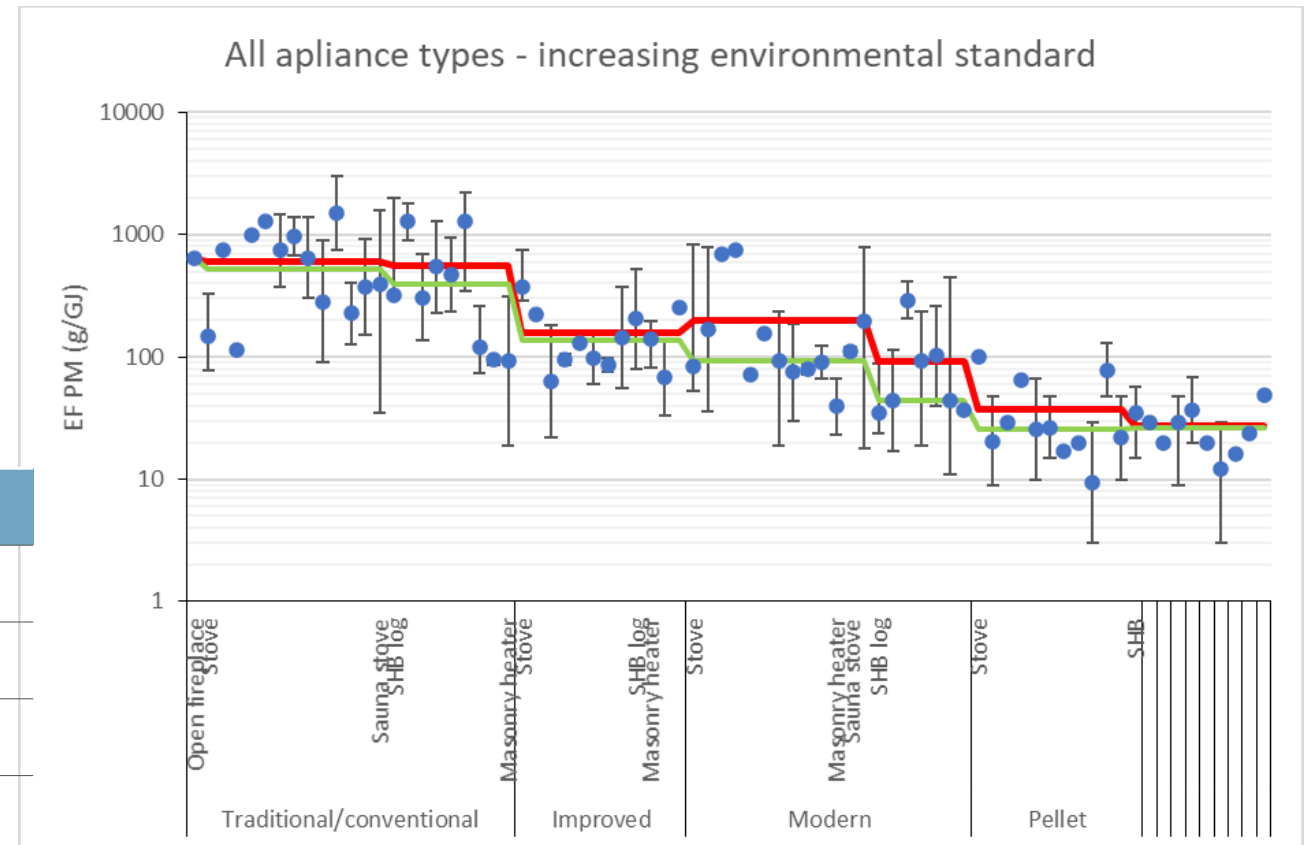


# › EMISSION FACTORS

- › Coal – use assessment of emission factors used in GAINS model as this is only really important in a couple of countries
- › For wood a new set of emission factors was developed
- › Literature values put together, median value taken
- › Improved/new fireplaces treated as improved/new stoves (no data)
- › Improved & new are not well-defined, so need to choose emission factors to span the range

## PM2.5 emission factors (g/GJ) for wood

Technology	Heating stove	Small boiler
Traditional	519	395
Improved	192	158
Modern	103	79
Pellet	26	35
Pellet + ESP	4	4



## › SCENARIOS

- › Goal of these scenarios is to allow the modelling study to see which would compare best to measurements (perhaps also country dependent), which might be useful to further refine emissions
  
- › Three scenarios defined
  1. Use of emission factors directly, with “ideal” conditions (full load, dry wood)
  2. Use for “typical” conditions (taking into “bad combustion”, explained in next slide): this is considered the most representative for real-world; the (default) Ref2 scenario
  3. Use of higher emission factors (back to literature survey: median of top-5 EFs [or top-3 if <10 sources])), in this scenario also the “typical” conditions are taken into account

# › BURNING CONDITIONS (“BAD COMBUSTION”)

- › Wood burning will not always follow best practice, especially when applied in small installations and with less-experienced users
- › Literature shows that the impact of using wood that is not completely dried, or partially loading of the combustion chamber may have a large impact on the emissions
  - › Especially for newer technologies, bad combustion practices may bring emission levels back to uncontrolled
- › Assessment of different literature sources for amounts of wet wood/part load was made
- › Impact on emission factors: up to ~80% higher for non-traditional stoves, for boilers lower impact
- › The additional emissions are considered all to be condensables

Table 19: Example calculation of emission factors (EF, mg/MJ) including bad combustion conditions where it is assumed that 70% is combusted under normal conditions (N:S), 5% use moist fuel and 25% is fired at part load

Traditional log wood boilers				
	EF N:S mg/MJ	ratio M/S Moist fuel / Standard fuel	ratio P/N Part load / Nominal load	Emission factors, including “bad combustion” according to example assumptions
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	320	1.5	4	568
EC	25	1.5	1	26
OC	120	1.5	4	213
CH <sub>4</sub>	75	1.5	3	114
NMVOOC	470	1.5	3	717
CO	3270	1.5	2	4169

Appliance	Assumptions
Fireplaces	15% wet wood, 25% part load (only for new/improved)
Single house boilers	15% wet wood, 10% part load
Stoves	15% wet wood, 25% part load

Investigation of real life operation of biomass room heating appliances – Results of a European survey



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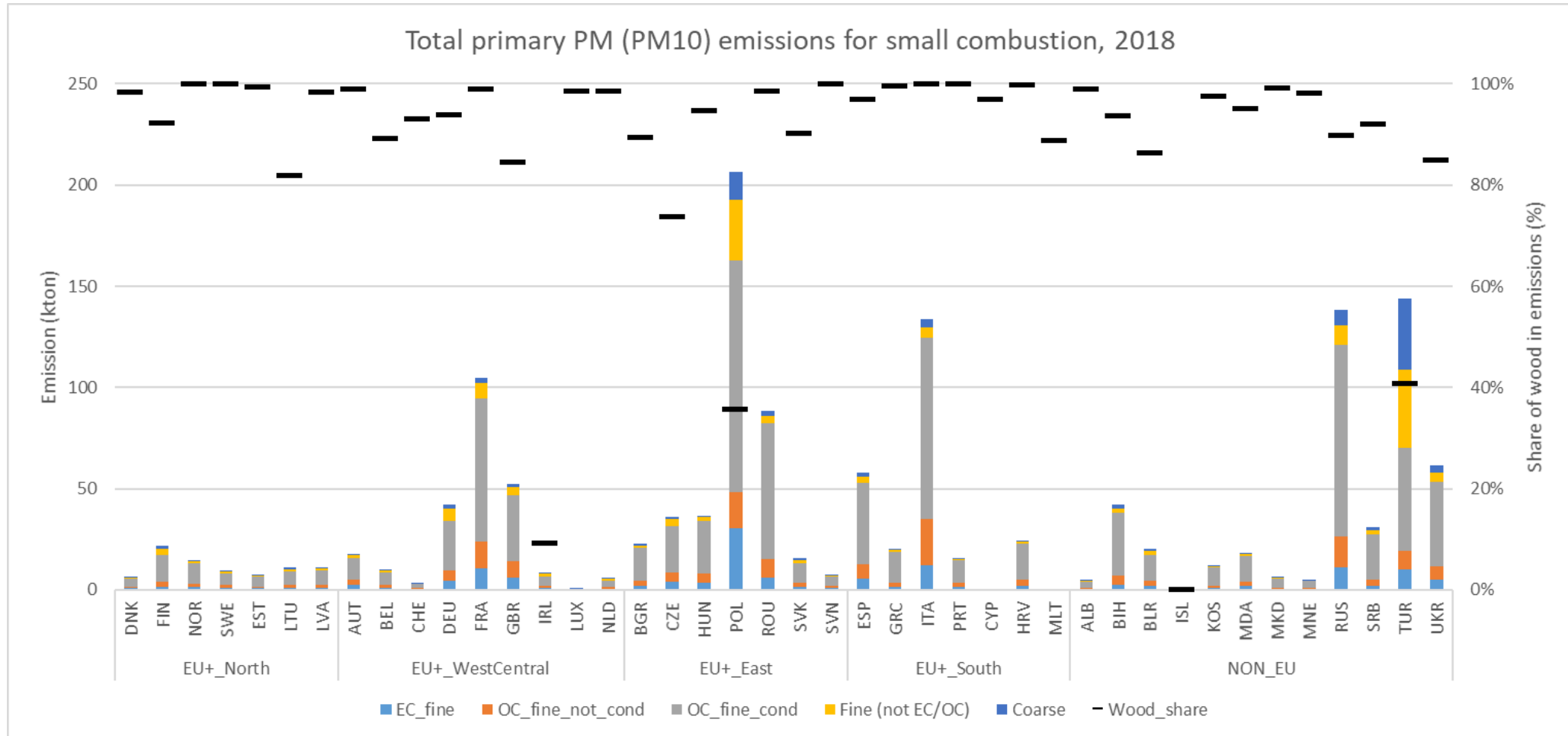
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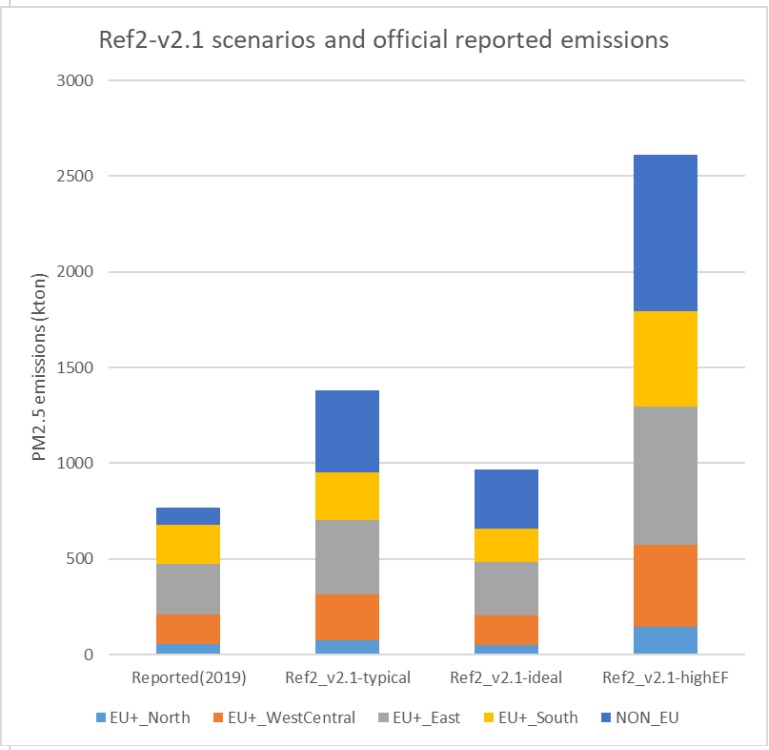
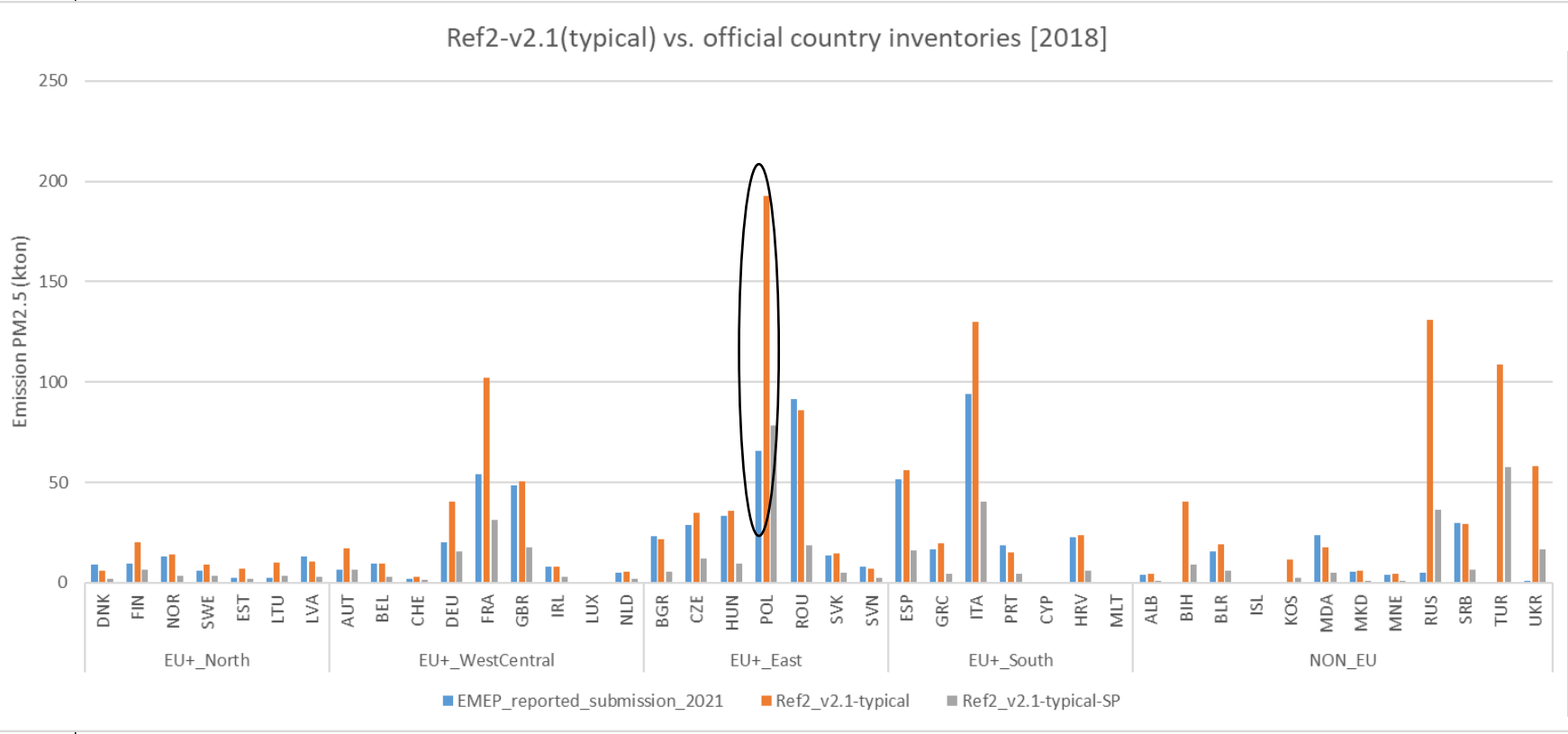
## TYPICAL SCENARIO



- More non-carbonaceous material with higher non-biomass share (mostly coal)
- Organic carbon split in filterable & condensable component

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

## SCENARIOS AND COMPARISON TO OFFICIAL INVENTORIES

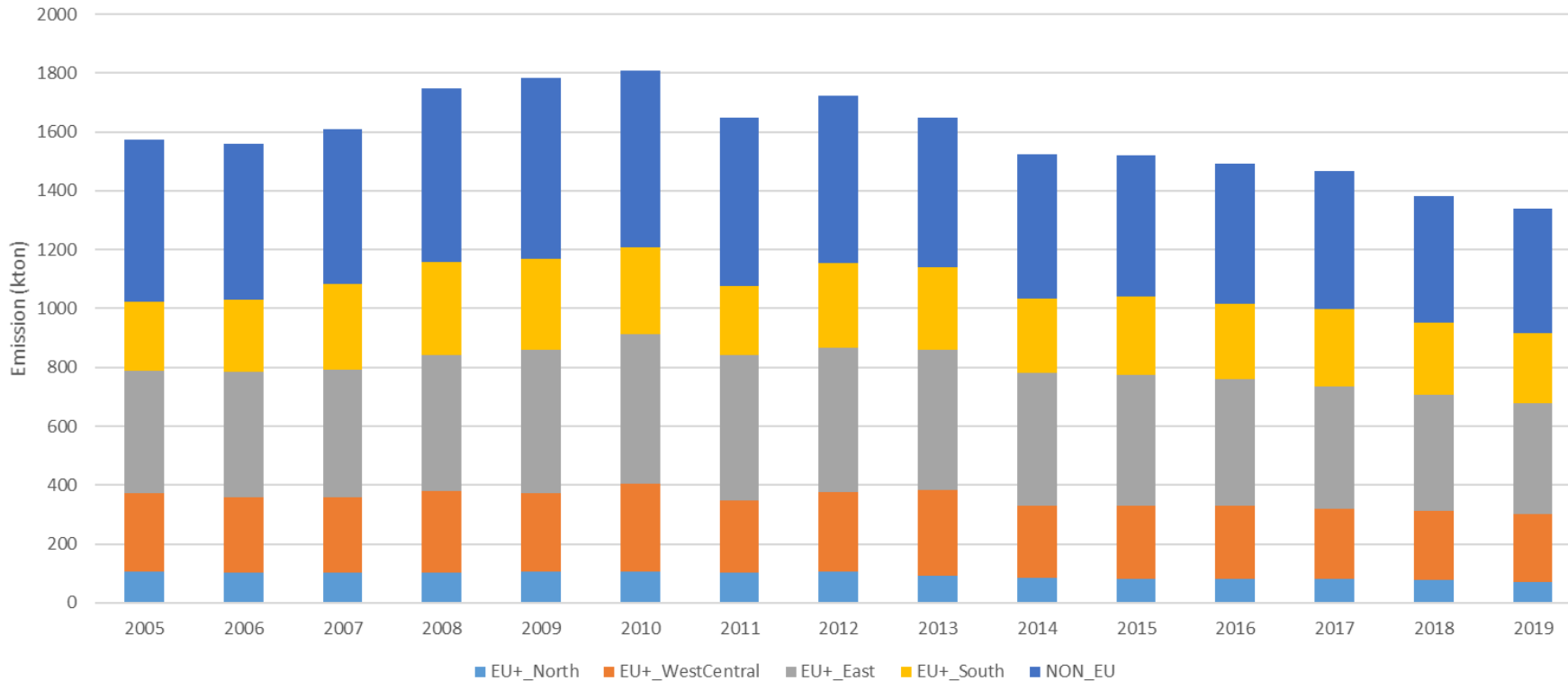




# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

## TYPICAL SCENARIO - TREND

PM2.5 emissions time series per country group (Ref2\_v2.1 result)



Emission trend per year	2005-2019	2010-2019
EU+_North	-2.3%	-3.6%
EU+_WestCentral	-1.0%	-2.5%
EU+_East	-0.6%	-2.9%
EU+_South	0.1%	-2.1%
NON-EU	-1.7%	-3.3%
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(based on submission 2021)

## › CONCLUSIONS

- › Condensables is an important topic for PM2.5, and it is important to account for condensables when assessing the impact of PM2.5 pollution => here focus on small combustion sector (but other sectors may be relevant!)
- › Literature emission factors are very variable (ranging over an order of magnitude is not uncommon)
  - › Related in part to local circumstances (fuel quality, burning conditions)
- › “Bad combustion” effect has a large impact on the emission factors (typical scenario ~ 40% higher compared to ideal case)
- › Comparison to countries shows a very diverse picture, in part related to the inclusion of condensables in the country inventories but also activity data/emission factors used
- › Trend shows an increase in emissions until ~ 2010, with decreasing emissions afterwards
  - › Trend in reported emissions is larger in North & West EU, but overall not very different for EU+ as a whole – but at country level this may be different
- › Updated emissions finalised just now, modelling simulations ongoing (D. Simpson, next talk!)
- › Results will be used to inform the Gothenburg Protocol review discussions but also to learn more about the issue itself
- › However... large ambition to resolve this, but this NMR-RWC project has limited effort & limited budget
  - › Progress is there, but significant uncertainties remain and much more improvements can be made...

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