

Bus passengers and drivers' exposure to Particle Matter: the case of National University of Colombia at Medellin Campus

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- CARÉ-Cities aspires to bring cleaner air to cities by building a knowledge exchange platform.
- To establish a multidisciplinary team for understanding emissions, penetrating low-cost pollution monitoring technology and exposure reduction strategies in selected ODA cities.
- To assess the commuters' exposure through collecting primary concentration data and evaluating different control scenarios



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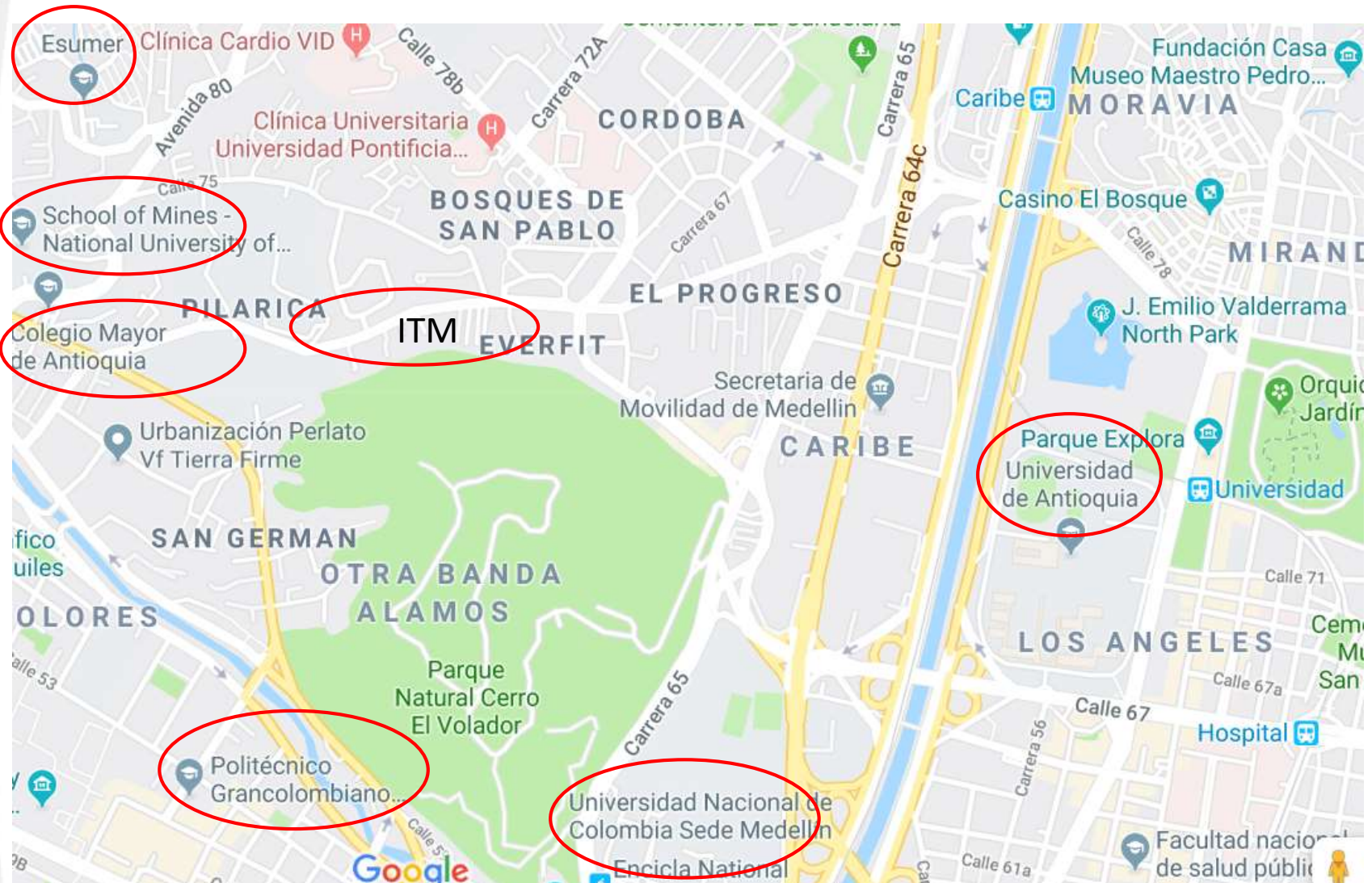
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Plan for car exposure trial studies

Time of the day	Setting 1 (runs)	Setting 2 (runs)	Setting 3 (runs)
Morning peak (MP; 7-9 am)	Window closed, Fan on (10)	Window closed, Recirculation (10)	Windows OPEN, Fan/recirculation off (10)
Off-peak (OP; 1-3 pm)	Window closed, Fan on (10)	Window closed, Recirculation (10)	Windows OPEN, Fan/recirculation off (10)
Evening peak (EP; 5-7 pm)	Window closed, Fan on (10)	Window closed, Recirculation (10)	Windows OPEN, Fan/recirculation off (10)

Motivation



Recurrent red alert episodes in March and October in Medellin

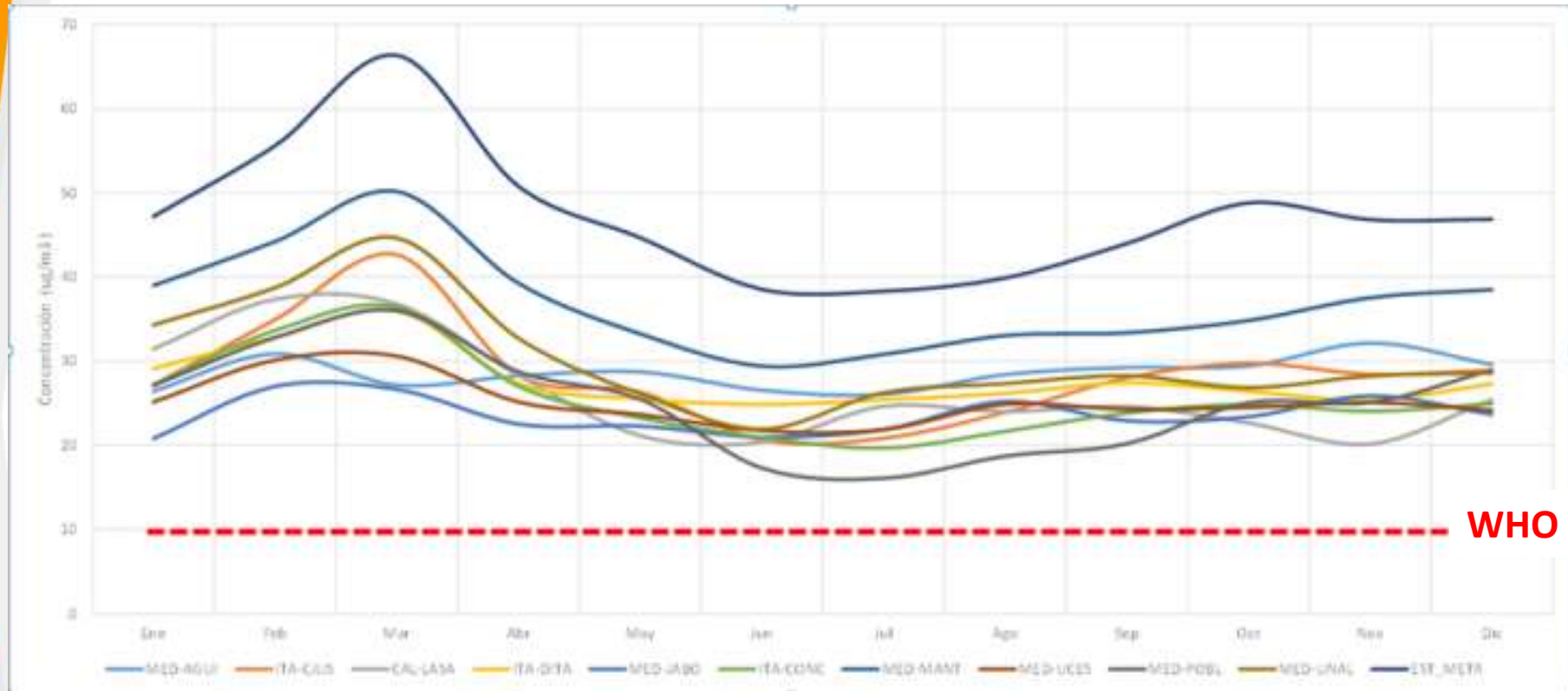


Figure 4. Average PM_{2.5} concentrations (µg · m⁻³) during the period 2008-2015

More than 80% of CO, NO_x, VOC and PM_{2.5} from mobile sources in Medellín

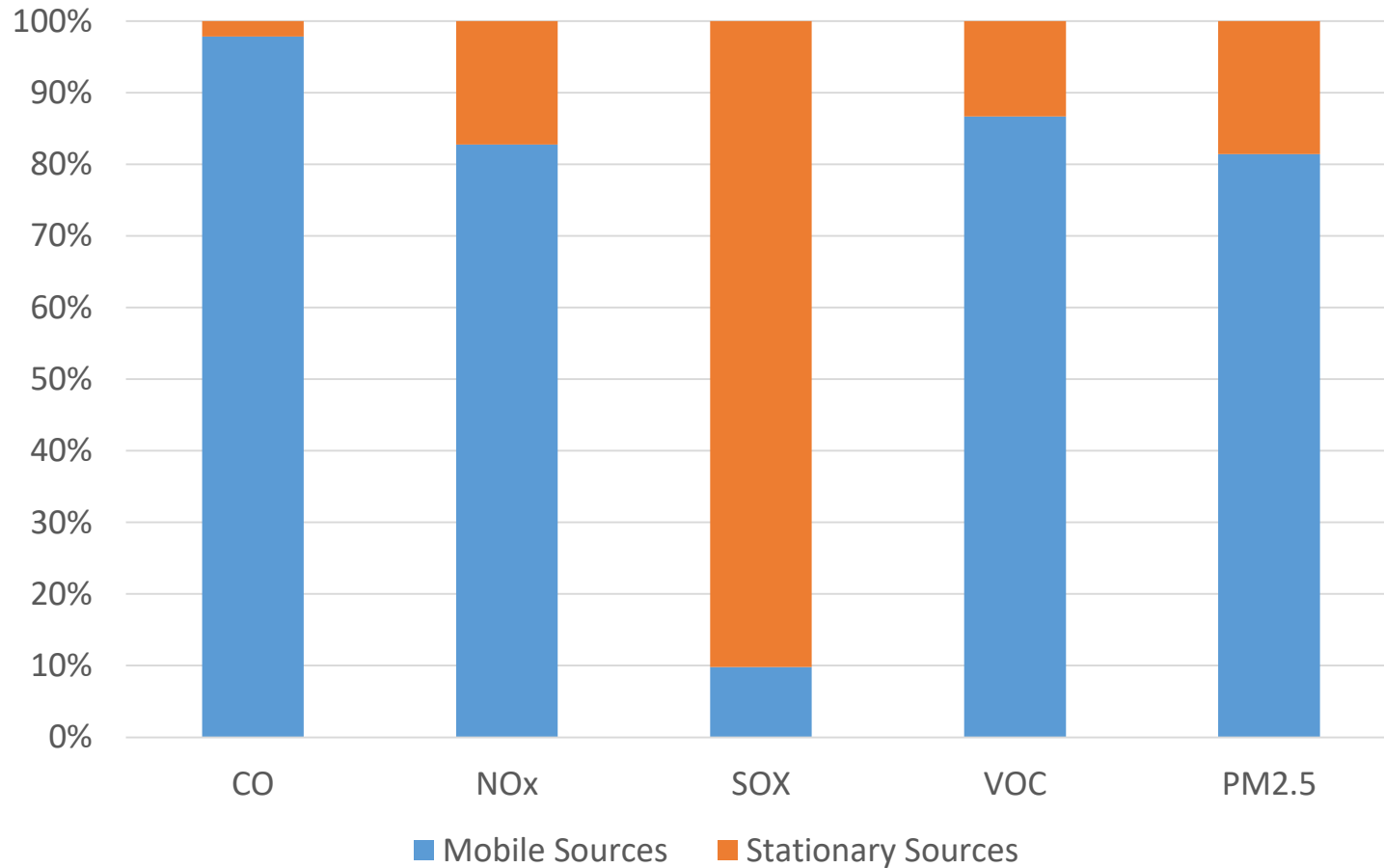


Figure 2. Distribution of total emissions by source at AMVA, 2016

Main sources of PM2.5 in Medellín

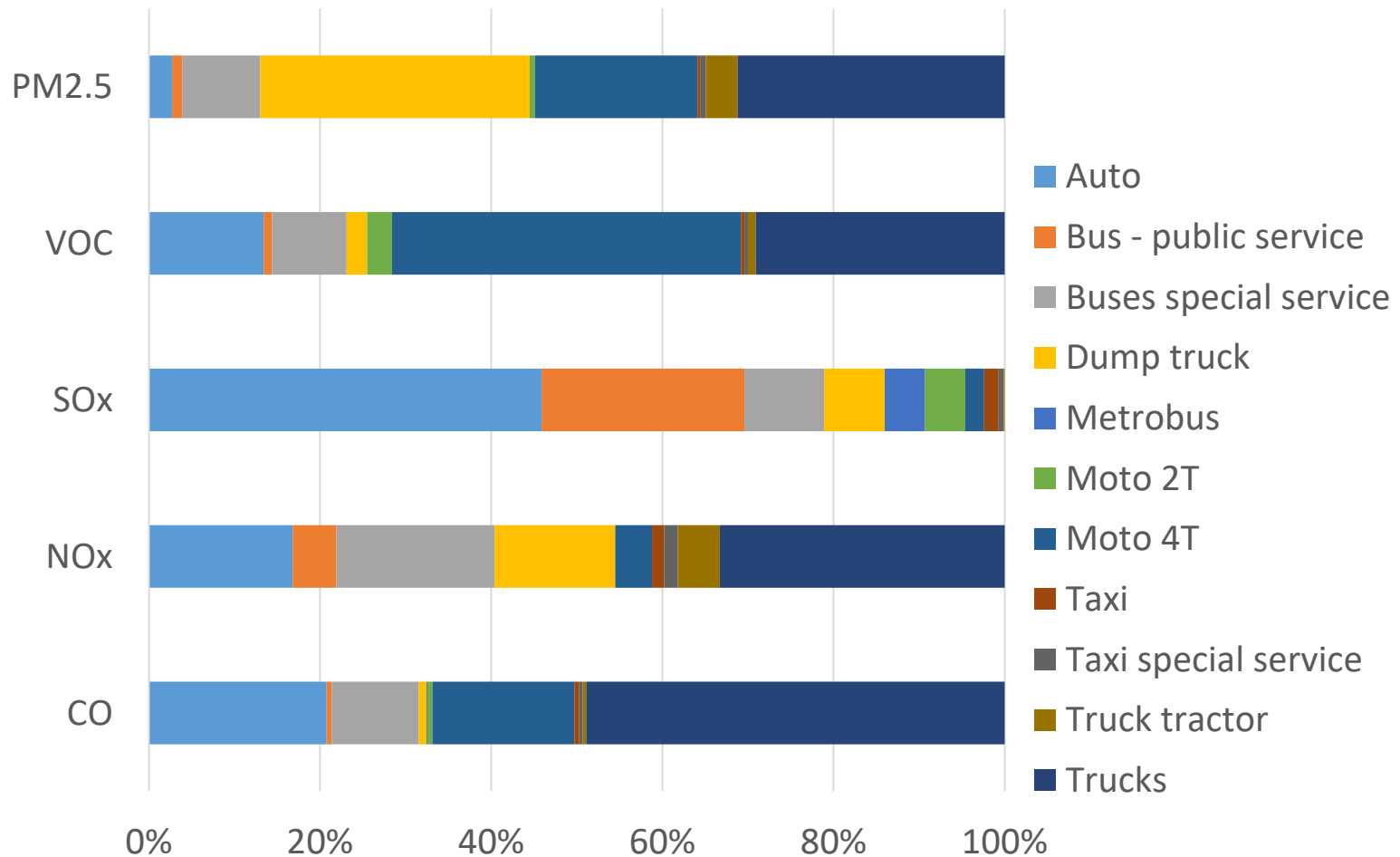


Figure 3. Emissions distribution by vehicle type, 2016

PM concentration in a route bus in Medellin



Figure 5. Route between Main campus and Faculty of Mines, Medellin.

	Ruta Main campus-Minas		Ruta Minas-Main campus	
	Peak hours	Off-peak hours	Peak hours	Off-peak hours
Measurement time	9-10 a.m.	5-6 p.m.	9-10 a.m.	5-6 p.m.
Route Average time	21 min 31 sec	9 min 43 sec	11 min 26 sec	10 min 37 sec
Number of measurements	14	13	13	12

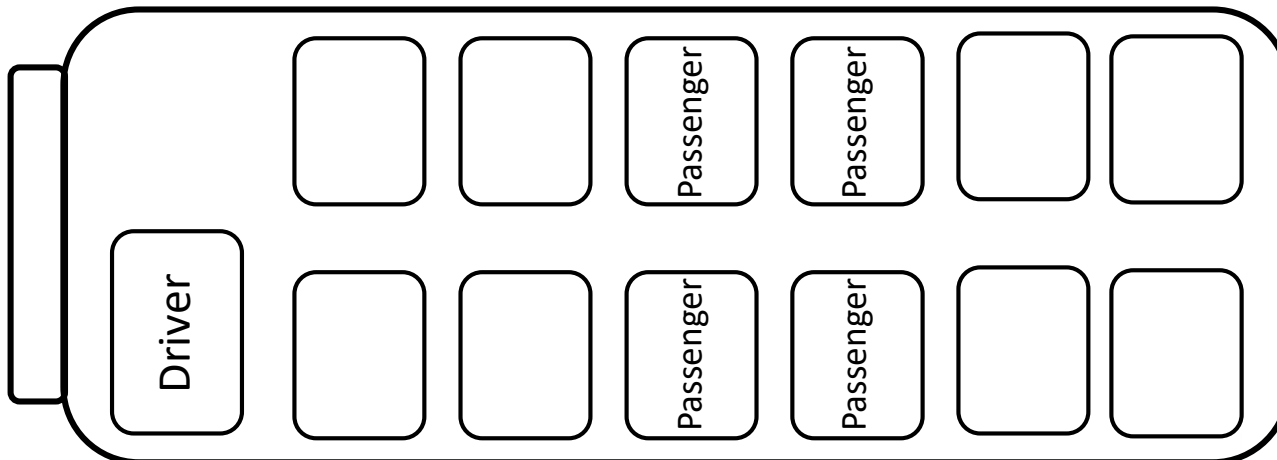


Figure 6. Buses for student transport at National University of Colombia in Medellín

Total number of buses: 11

Number of buses with closed Windows and AC: 2

Type of fuel: diesel



Portable Instrument used



Figure 7. Portable monitor Dylos DC1700-PM

- Dylos DC 1700-PM
- Measurement of PM2.5 and PM10
- 1-minute resolution

Recent studies using Dylos monitor:

- ✓ Kumar et al., 2018
- ✓ Marowaska est al., 2018
- ✓ Torkmahalleh et al., 2018
- ✓ Lim et al., 2018
- ✓ Yuchi et al., 2019

Is there an impact of passenger and driver location in PM concentration?

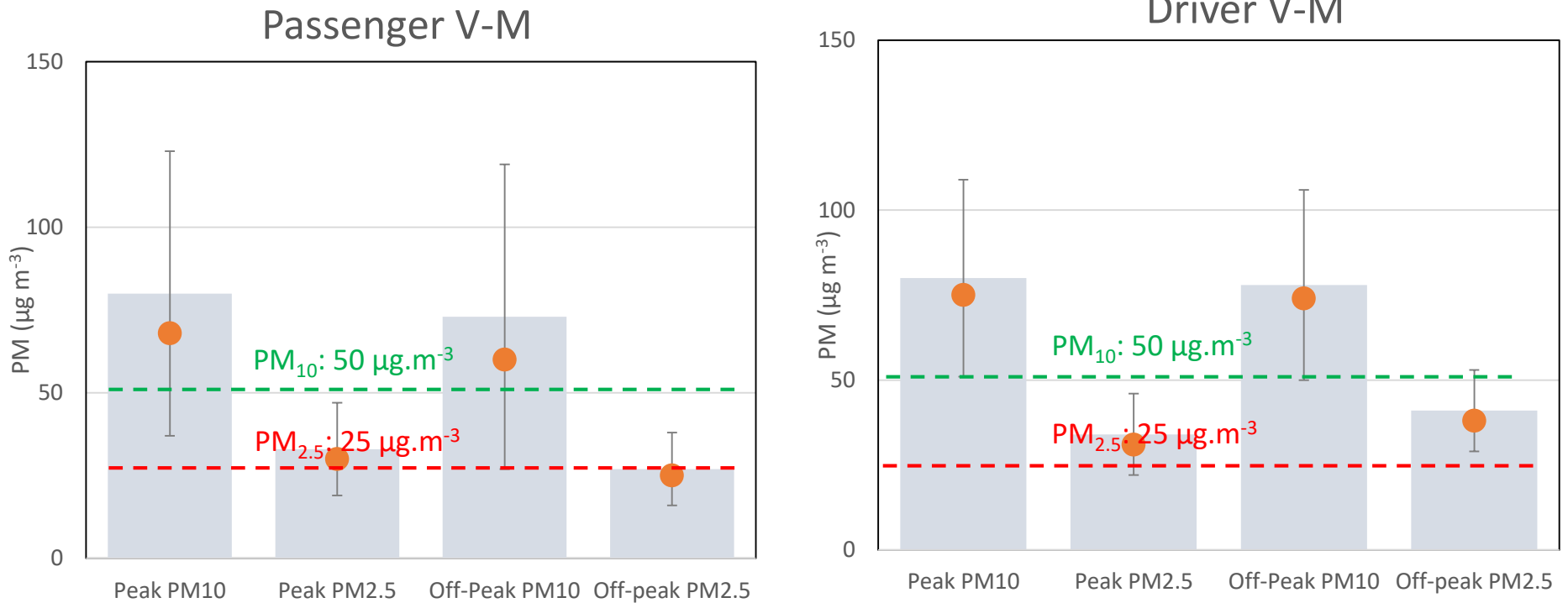


Figure 8. In-cabin concentration levels of PM for passenger and driver in the route Main campus (Volador) –Faculty of Mines

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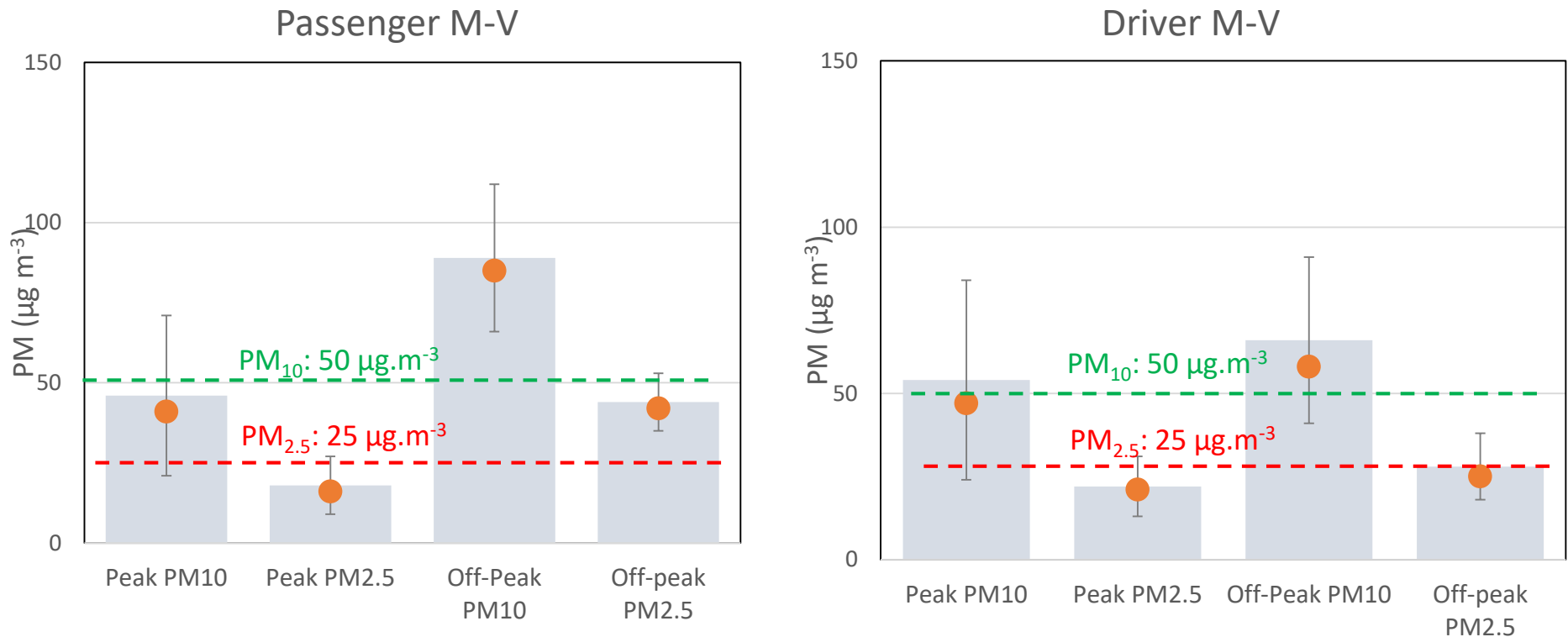


Figure 9. In-cabin concentration levels of PM for passenger and driver in the route Faculty of Mines- Main campus (Volador)

Conclusions and future work

- To include measurements of Carbon Monoxide for inside vehicle cabins
- Compare results with the Integrate transport system from de Aburrá Valley and other transport modes
- Include another routes in the city of Medellin.

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