# VOC emissions Chemical industry and Refineries Belgium

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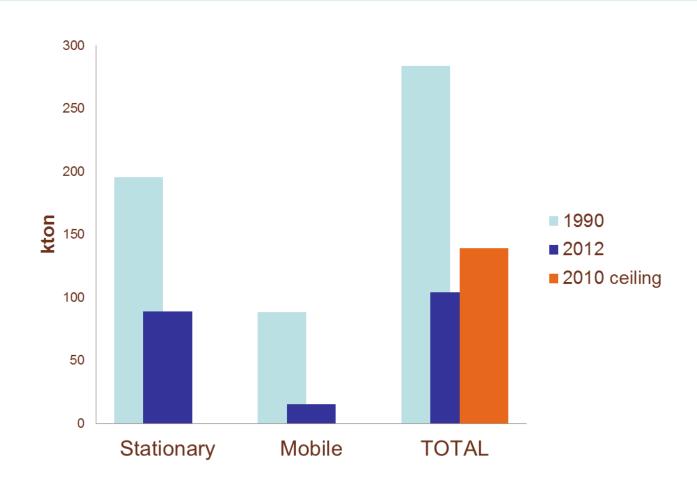
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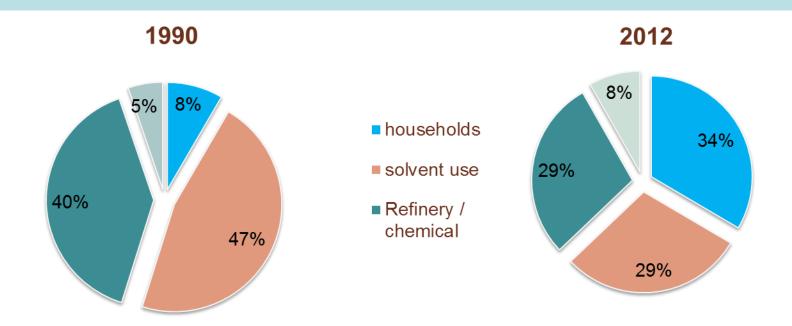
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### **VOC** emission inventory

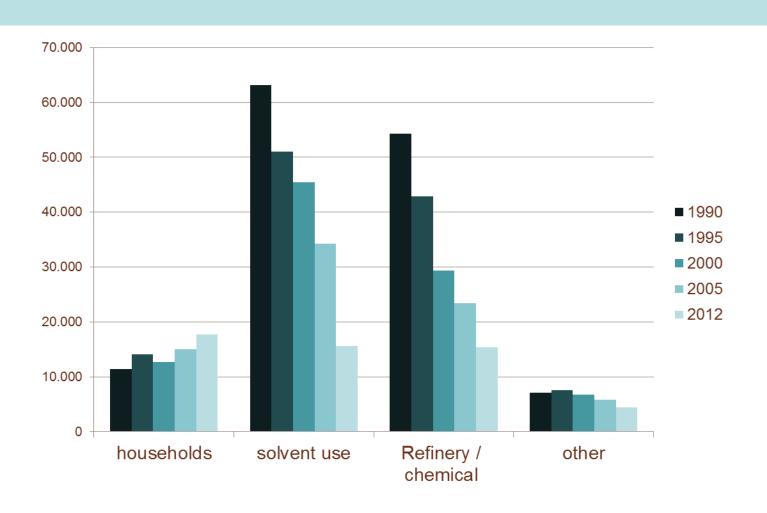


### **Stationary VOC sources 1990 vs 2012**



- Households: solvent use + heating (wood stoves!)
- Industrial solvent use: paint, oil extraction, ...
- Refinery / chemical: process installations + storage

### Evolution stationary sources: 1990 - 2012



### **Emission reduction measures: emissions from stacks**

### **General emission limit values for <u>stack</u> emissions:**

VOC	Mass treshhold	ELV
Class 1	100 g/h	20 mg/Nm3
Class 2	2000 g/h	100 mg/Nm3
Class 3	3000 g/h	150 mg/Nm3

+ extra ELV for specific processes

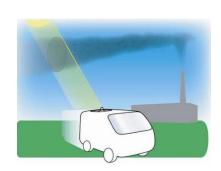
### **Emission reduction measures: diffuse emissions**

<b>Emission Source:</b>	Measures taken:	
Storage	Vapour return/destruction/recovery + Floating roof tanks	
Loading of ships, trucks,	Vapour return/destruction/recovery	
Leaks in proces equipment	Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR)	
Other	•••	

### **SOF** measurements Antwerp Harbour



# MEASUREMENTS OF VOC EMISSIONS AT PORT OF ANTWERP 2010





Jerker Samuelsson and Johan Mellqvist, FluxSense AB Antwerp, 13 December 2011

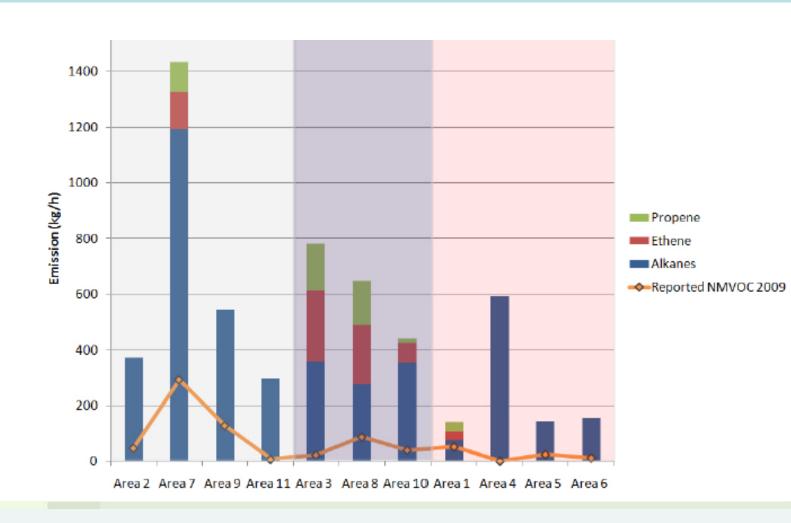


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### Discrepancy: reported versus SOF

# Possible reasons Different views!

- 1. SOF measurements are spot measurements: extrapolation needed.
- 2. Accuracy of SOF measurements
- 1. Accuracy of estimating methods: (1995 methodology)
- 2. Malfunctioning seals
- 3. Process equipment
- 4. Storage tanks (e.g. seals floating roof tanks)
- 5. Effectiveness of LDAR

### **Optical Gas imaging**

### Making VOC emissions visible

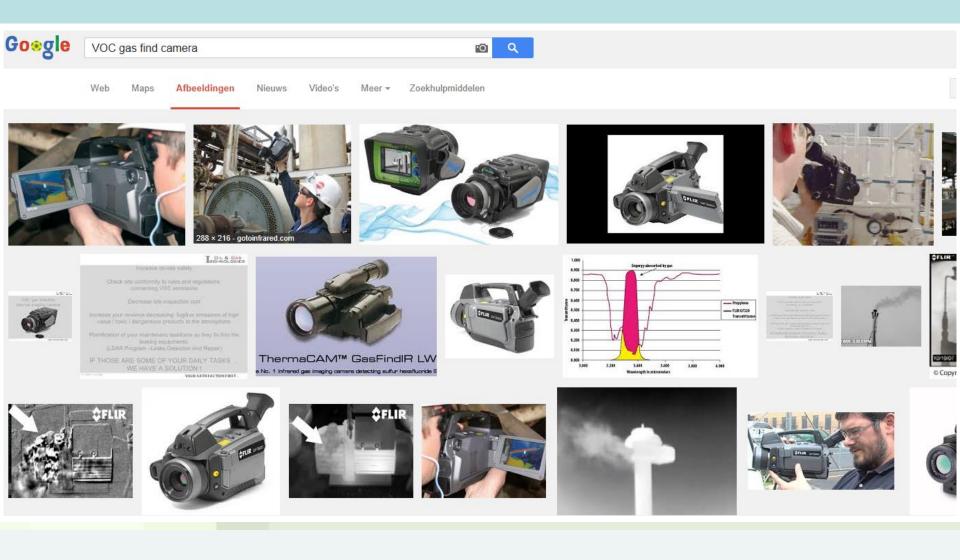
#### **LEAKS IN PROCESS EQUIPMENT**

20% of Leaks are not reachable with LDAR

LDAR: Labour intensive: targetted monitoring

#### **LEAKS ON STORAGE TANKS**

Many potential leaking points Malfunctioning seals



### Making VOC emissions visible



Normal "visible" sight



Camera "IR" sight





### Solution: combination of techniques

# BAT is to monitor diffuse VOC emissions to air from the entire site by using all of the following techniques:

- 1. LDAR
- 2. optical gas imaging techniques;
- 3. calculations of chronic emissions based on emissions factors periodically validated by measurements.

The screening and quantification of site emissions by periodic campaigns with optical absorption based techniques, such as differential absorption light detection and ranging (DIAL) or solar occultation flux (SOF) is a useful complementary technique.