EVALUATION OF MOBILE SOURCE EMISSIONS AND TRENDS USING DETAILED CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS

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A Highway Tunnel Laboratory

Vehicle emissions measured at Caldecott tunnel in SF Bay area:
Light-Duty Gasoline: 1994-97, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, <u>2010</u>
Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks: 1996-97, 2006, <u>2010</u>



Pollutant	Tunnel Measurement Method
CO ₂	Infrared absorption
Nitric Oxide (NO)	Chemiluminescense
NO ₂ , CO HCHO, C ₂ H ₄	Tunable infrared laser spectroscopy
PM mass & composition	Aerosol mass spectrometer
Black Carbon (BC)	Aethalometer
Light absorption & scattering (532 nm)	Photoacoustic spectrometer and reciprocal nephelometer
Light absorption (630 nm)	Multi-angle absorption photometer
Light extinction (630 nm)	Cavity attenuation phase-shift

On-Road NO_x Emission Factor Trends



Fuel Sales Trends, 1990-2010



McDonald et al. (JGR 2012)

National On-Road NO_x Emission Trends



McDonald et al. (JGR 2012)

Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (SP-AMS)



- Heated tungsten vaporizer combined with laser to vaporize organic and refractory aerosol (e.g., soot)
- Both vaporizers on at all times
- Operate in fast MS mode to capture individual truck plumes

Onasch et al. (AS&T 2012)

Sample AMS Data – Diesel Truck Plume



Capturing Individual Truck Exhaust Plumes



HDDT Emission Factor Distributions



(R = alkyl)

+10¹ 10⁰ Emission factor (g kg⁻¹) BC 10⁻¹ OA 10⁻² Zn +10⁻³ Phosphorus/ -4 10 Phosphate 10⁻⁵ 5 20 405060 80 90 95 99 10 1 Cumulative probability (%)

Dallmann et al. (ACP 2014)

Cumulative Contributions to Total Emissions from Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks



OA mass spectra similar for Gasoline and Diesel



GC-MS Analysis of Organic Compounds

Previous GC-MS analyses of vehicular OA emissions typically identify only a small fraction (~5%) of total mass.

We analyzed tunnel OA and liquid diesel fuel by photo-ionization mass spectrometry using vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) photons instead of electron ionization (EI).



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Electron Ionization (EI) versus Vacuum Ultraviolet (VUV) Ionization





Sample GC-MS Results for Tunnel OA



Worton et al. (ES&T 2014)

Chemical Composition of Tunnel OA



Worton et al. (ES&T 2014)

Diesel Fuel Speciation (Gentner et al. PNAS 2012)



Gentner et al. PNAS 2012)



Diesel Contribution to On-Road Emissions

Stabilized Running Emissions – as of 2010



Dallmann et al. (ES&T 2013) A review of urban secondary organic aerosol formation from gasoline and diesel motor vehicle emissions

Summarizes evidence, research needs, and discrepancies between topdown and bottom-up SOA estimation methods

Analyzes key inconsistencies between molecular-level understanding and regional observations



Discusses the effect of emission controls (e.g. exhaust aftertreatment technologies, fuel formulation) on SOA precursor emissions

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Key takeaways: Urban secondary organic aerosol formation from gasoline and diesel vehicle emissions

- Both gasoline and diesel vehicles are responsible for some urban SOA.
- The SOA yield of diesel exhaust in chamber studies is consistent with the SOA yield predicted from fuel components.
- SOA yields for older gasoline vehicles (pre-LEV, before 1994) are also consistent, but newer (LEV1+2) have greater observed SOA yields despite lower VOC (and IVOC) emission factors (w/ unidentified precursors).
- SOA from diesel vehicles is due to mix of aromatic AND aliphatic precursors. All explainable gasoline SOA is from aromatics.
- Aftertreatment of diesel exhaust: Diesel particulate filters (DPFs) with oxidation catalysts reduce SOA precursor emissions.
- There is no weekday/weekend variation in SOA in greater Los Angeles, so diesel trucks are determined to not be dominant contributors.

Future research priorities

- Real-world emissions: Realistic vehicle operating modes/cycles, and the lifetime efficacy of exhaust aftertreatment technologies
- Characterize the unspeciated ~30% of LEV-1/2 gasoline emissions
- Magnitude and composition of VOC emissions and SOA yields from emerging LEV-3 vehicles (starting 2017)
- Emerging fuels and fuel reformulation
- SOA yield studies on: precursor wall loses and understudied SOA precursors
- Multigenerational SOA formation after initial stages of oxidation
- Auto-oxidation of unsaturated, non-aromatic hydrocarbons
- Past and future changes in urban chemistry (incl. indirect effects of motor vehicle emissions on SOA formation chemistry)
- Modeling motor vehicle SOA with a better representation of the complex organic mixtures in vehicle emissions
 - Need comprehensive emissions data on VOCs, IVOCs, and SVOCs (diesel VOCs need to be included)

Emissions

Summary

On-road engines are important air pollution source

- In 2010, diesel was dominant on-road source of BC, POA, and NO_x
- Emission factor distributions are becoming increasingly skewed
 - High-emitting tail of distribution responsible for majority of running emissions

Novel approaches used to characterize emissions

- Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (SP-AMS)
 - BC, OA, zinc and phosphorus (lube oil additives) measured in individual truck plumes
 - POA mass spectra very similar for gasoline & diesel engine emissions & lube oil
- GC-MS analysis using Vacuum Ultraviolet (VUV) photons
 - EI analysis (70 eV) of diesel and lube oil leads to near-total fragmentation of parent molecular ions, and leaves most of the emitted HC mass unidentified ("UCM")
 - Use of softer (9-10.5 eV) photo-ionization preserves molecular ions; greatly enhances ability to identify and quantify organics present in diesel fuel and vehicle emissions

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