High spatial resolution vehicular emissions inventory for China using VEIN model

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Vehicular emissions are an important source of pollution in China. These and other anthropocentric emissions, with poor meteorological conditions enhance critic episodes of high concentrations of air pollutants (Wang S. and Hao J., 2012). Environmental policies seeks to improve air quality by diminishing and cutting emissions, making the emissions characterization of crucial importance. Even more, air quality modelers needs emissions inventories as inputs, which usually suffer of limited temporal and spatial representation and over simplification. Under these circumstances, it is not expected good air quality simulations. I other words, garbage-in, garbage-out.

This study aims to improve the temporal and spatial representation of vehicular emissions. This will be achieve using the VEIN model (Ibarra-Espinosa et al., 2017), initially with a top-down approach. The method and data is described as follows: stock vehicles will be obtained for 31 provinces (National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), 2016) considering vehicle survival pattern and average age of use of the fleet (HAO et al, 2011; Wang H. et al, 2012). NBS data is aggregated without discriminating taxis and motorcycles, therefore, the vehicular composition and activity will be obtained with the percentages of Wang H. et al, (2008): Passenger Cars (PC), Taxi, Motorcycle, Moped, Bus, Small Trucks, Medium Trucks and Heavy Trucks by type of fuel. Furthermore, we will divide traffic at peak and off peak hours and by Freeways, Arterial and residential roads, shown on Fig.1, in each province to obtain the representative speed in each case, based on the driving cycles obtained by Wang Q. et al, (2008). We will use Copert (Ntziachristos and Samaras, 2016) emissions factors inside VEIN correcting by chemical composition of fuel and deterioration factors. Cold starts and evaporative emissions will be obviously included. To ensure consistency with the emissions and fuel consumed on each province, activity will be calibrated in order that fuel consumption estimation or CO₂ estimations matches with statistics of automotive fuel sales or CO₂ emissions, depending on the availability of data. Top-down emissions will be spatially dis-aggregated by length of type of road from OpenStreetMap in each province as shown by Andrade et al, (2015).

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