A COMPARISON OF AEROSOL INSTRUMENTS TO REGULATED PM/PN EMISSIONS FROM GDI AND PFI VEHICLES

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Background and Motivation



Diameter, nm



- + Discrepancies have been reported between data collected by EEPS (and FMPS) and SMPS
 - Jeong and Evans 2009; Asbach et al., 2009; Zimmerman et al., 2014; and others.
- In general, particles larger than ~80 nm are undersized by EEPS using "Default" matrix
- + Resulting in:
 - Narrower size distribution
 - Smaller mean diameter
 - Reduced concentration of large particles (large particle "roll off")
- + Solution: New instrument matrices- empirically calibrated

Difference in measurement principle is cause for discrepancy

- + SMPS: Bipolar neutralizer- morphology independent
- + EEPS: Unipolar charger- higher charge state, morphology dependent
 - Unipolar charger necessary to achieve electrometer signal above background noise
 - Particle morphology dependent charging characteristics complicate charge state to particle size correlations
 - Challenge: distinguishing large particles with more charges from small particles with fewer charges



Bipolar versus unipolar charging

<u>Bipolar</u>

- + Used in SMPS
- + Dominated by ion diffusion
- + Largely independent of particle morphology
- + Predictable





<u>Unipolar</u>

- + higher charge than bipolar
- + ion diffusion *and* electrostatic forces
- + morphology dependent
 - surface area
 - capacitance
 - Agglomerates ~30% more charge^{1,2}
- + steady-state charge **unpredictable**

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Summary of alternative EEPS inversion matrices

- + Two new matrices developed by TSI and Xiaoliang Wang of Desert Research Institute (DRI) with the help of the University of Minnesota Center for Diesel Research (CDR)
 - Developed by empirically calibrating EEPS to SMPS
- + "Soot" matrix for agglomerates like engine exhaust
- + "Compact" matrix for compact (near spherical) aerosols
- + "Default" matrix developed in 2004 by Aadu Mirme of Tartu University
 - Based on theoretical and experimental data from different aerosol types



Development of EEPS matrices

- 1. Polydisperse aerosol generated
- 2. Monodisperse aerosol classified at EEPS primary channel diameters
- 3. Aerosol simultaneously measured with EEPS, SMPS, and CPC
- 4. EEPS data corrected for multiple charges
- 5. Inversion matrix, $H_{i,i}$ is determined.

 $I_j = H_{j,i}f_i + u_j$

Inversion matrix, $H_{j,I}$ relates particle size distribution, f_i to electrometer currents, I_j and offsets, u_j .



Comparison of Instrument matrices



SMPS and EEPS with Soot Matrix

Heavy-duty diesel engine

GDI vehicle



+ Soot Matrix Particle size distributions compare well to GDI vehicle, light duty diesel engine or heavy duty diesel engine



Soot inversion results in broader accumulation mode

- + Soot GSD =1.64 (agrees better with literature)
- + Default GSD = 1.52
- + Small shift in GMD
- + Particle number is largely unaffected



Soot inversion impact is same for GDI exhaust PM

- + Soot GSD =1.9 (consistent with SMPS)
- + Default GSD = 1.6
- + GMD and particle number largely unaffected



PM mass from EEPS vs gravimetric filter method



- + 6 GDI development vehicles run over FTP cycle
- + Effective density D_F = 2.3, r_0 = 2, d_0 = 20 nm
- + Average dilution of \sim 20 is not optimized for LEV III / Tier 3 levels

PM mass from EEPS vs Micro Soot Sensor

EEPS mass calculated from integrated size distribution and effective density





- ~70% correlation to Micro Soot mass continues to below 1 mg/mi.
- + Consistent with EC/OC measurements

Solid particle number from EEPS vs PMP method EEPS solid PN calculated by bimodal fit, fraction of accumulation mode above 23nm



+ Likely explanation for 40% overestimate is that some accumulation particles are mostly liquid.



Conclusions

- + New matrices developed for EEPS measurement of agglomerated particles based on empirical inversion.
- + New inversion agrees well with SMPS and literature data, resulting in broader size distributions relative to default
- + PM mass results with good correlation to gravimetric through integrated size distribution and mass mobility exponent of 2.3 for effective density
- + Solid particle number from accumulation mode is high by ~40%, likely from some being mostly liquid
- + Second-by-second capability of EEPS very useful for engine research, e.g. to investigate new combustion modes, cold start strategies, fuel effects, etc



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