

Surface Measurements of PM, VOCs, and Photochemically Relevant Gases in Support of DISCOVER-AQ.

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Motivation – Support NASA Discover-AQ





DISCOVER-AQ





Mobile Laboratory Instrumentation

- Basic instrumentation:
 - High-resolution marine GPS
 - RM Young meteorological station (T, P, RH, WS/WD)
 - RM Young translator (calculates true winds from vehicle motion and measured winds)
 - NO₂ photolysis rate
 - Common PC based data acquisition
 - Fore, aft, port, starboard, and sky cameras

Mission instrumentation (DISCOVER-AQ Houston):

- UH O₃, CO, CO₂, SO₂, NO, NO₂, NO_y, particle size distribution, PAH on soot
- Rice Aerosol composition (HR-ToF-AMS, Magee Scientific Mini Aethalometer),
- UH and Appalachian State VOCs (Ionicon PTR-MS)



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Battleship Texas





Texas City Dike





Tomball City Park





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RICE Trace Gas Data



and Maintenance Periods: 455 hrs of data (120 hrs (26%) on-



AMS Data



PM highest at night! Un-neutralized sulfate!



SO₂, CO, CO₂





 NO_v and O_3









PTr-MS



Gas Phase Diel





Modified Diesel

























Future Work

- Calculate ozone production rates for DAQ (Photochemical box modeling).
- OH and peroxy-radical sources and sinks (upwind vs downwind transects).
- Examine PM formation (relationship between oxygenated VOCs and PM)
- PM chemical speciation to investigate potential sources
- Relative Importance of Biogenic emissions on ozone and PM formation
- Generate emission factors for chemically resolved PM (g PM type/ L fuel) for diesel and gasoline vehicles.



Future Work

- Use emissions ratios of speciated PM-to NOx, and PM CO along with emission factors from literature to estimate chemically resolved, size dependent aerosol emission factors.
- Identify individual vehicle plumes in the data. Sort into speed, age, engine type bins.
- Calculate PM-to-NOx and PM-to-CO ratios using linear regressions.
- Use calculated ratio and literature emission factors to estimate PM emissions factors.
- Use PTRMs data and PM data with emissions maps and plume modeling to derive particulate emissions inventories for the refineries?



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