Single Particle Measurement with Event Trigger on a Mobile Platform

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Single Particle Study with AMS at CMU

Light-scattering AMS

H8-toluene SOA and D8-toluene SOA mixing experiments



D content = 46/(43 + 46)

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Single Particle Study with AMS at CMU

Event-trigger

D62-Squalane OA and diesel POA mixing experiment



Event trigger in the field

Center for Air, Climate, and Energy Solutions (CACES)

• Characterize spatial (intra-city, urban-to-rural, and inter-city) and temporal distributions of multiple air pollutant species





Urban Transect: OA concentration





5:Commercial site:Restaurants & Traffic6: Residential

- 7: Restaurants
- 8: Residential
 - &Restaurant
- 9: Residential by Highway



≤9.22
≤20.9
≤42.2

Interesting sub-grid variability







8:00-9:00 pm

	mass range	threshold
ROI1	mz 41-100	5ions
ROI2	mz 36	2ions



6600 events were collected

k-means clustering on all events





17 min

Gaucho Parrilla Argentina 4.8 ★★★★ 199 reviews · \$\$ South American Restaurant North























Organics ($\mu g m^{-3}$) ≤ 1.35 ≤ 1.93 ≤ 2.51 ≤ 3.09 ≤ 3.77 ≤ 4.56 ≤ 5.68 ≤ 9.22 ≤ 20.9 ≤ 42.2

Site 6 is 1000ft away from site 5 ~ 200 ft up ---residential

urban residential





Conclusion:

Single particle measurement with ET is able to capture some interesting particle features, help to identify dominant local sources and spatial pattern of particle mixing state.

Future works:

◆ Technical: better data processing: false positive, reducing sampling bias, ROI design...

◆ Science questions:

Have/will have single particle measurement in most (if not all) part of Pittsburgh

- 1. How variable are "background" clusters?
- 2. How fast do ambient particles mix?
- 3. What do people breath? ---couple with population density