Using low cost PM sensing to assess emissions and apportion exposure in Ghana

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PM2.5 exposure from REACCTING



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Is there a different way to check this exposure – source link?



Use real-time exposure data with proximity & location data.



The PM technology

- HAPEx Nano Monitor (~USD 119)
 - SHARP GP2Y10 sensor with infrared LED and phototransistor
 - Battery powered, 5 year life, 9024 sample storage





PM sensor considerations (crude DQOs)

- Relatively high lower-detection limits (8-15 μ g/m³) constraining applications
- Want to constrain bias: (1) between sensors and (2) through time
- ✓ Baseline sensor drift from lens fouling and/or artificial light common in field
- ✓ Light-scattering signal a function of many factors
 - ✓ mass concentration, relative humidity, chemical composition, particle albedo etc.
- Long term sensitivity drift in highly polluted environments



Baseline drift needs to be eliminated (homemade code)

HAPEx 126 P3 field



It is messy sometimes ...





More thoughts about comparing between two sensors ... Kitchen Area Measurements: Preliminary Data

 High precision among sensors for 48-hour mean readings with R² of 0.92





48-hour Mean Readings

Co-located HAPEx Sensor

But high time resolution helps find links with sources and activities ...



If you average, then you lose some information



Calibration of sensor signal to PM2.5 mass concentration ... Kitchen Area Measurements: Preliminary data

- Correlation between 48-hr gravimetric mass and mean HAPEx readings low (adj. R²~0.04)
- Other factors explain additional HAPEx variation
 - Particle albedo, EC/OC (adj. R²~0.79)
 - Temp
 - RH
 - CO, CO2 (modified combustion efficiency)









Direct emission measurements might be useful in a dynamic calibration, depends on DQO







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