

# Atmospheric emissions from road transportation in India

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## ABSTRACT

India has become one of the biggest emitters of atmospheric pollutants from the road transportation sector globally. Here we present an up-to-date inventory of the exhaust emissions of ten species. This inventory has been calculated bottom-up from the vehicle mileage, differentiating by seven vehicle categories, four age/technology layers and three fuel types each, for the seven biggest cities as well as for the whole nation. The age composition of the rolling fleet has been carefully modelled, deducting about one quarter of vehicles still registered but actually out-of-service. The vehicle mileage is calibrated to the national fuel consumption which is essential to limit uncertainties. Sensitivity analyses reveal the primary impact of the emission factors and the secondary influence of vehicle mileage and stock composition on total emissions. Emission estimates since 1980 are reviewed and qualified. A more comprehensive inspection and maintenance is essential to limit pollutant emissions; this must properly include commercial vehicles. They are also the most important vehicle category to address when fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions shall be contained.

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## 1. Emissions from road transportation in India rising

Emission inventories provide essential input data for modelling the atmospheric composition and subsequent impacts e.g. in terms of air pollution and radiative forcing. Particularly uncertain are emissions from countries in transition, for instance from India. This country has the second largest populations of the world and its gross domestic product has almost doubled between 1995 and 2005 (IMF, 2008). In the same period, the sales of motorised two wheelers and cars have almost tripled (SIAM, 2006 and 2008). This strong motorization has caused increasing concerns about local and long-range air pollution, its impacts on climate change and on the global demand for oil. Indeed, already by the year 2000, India was among the ten countries with highest exhaust pollutants from the road transportation sector (Borken et al., 2007) and road fuel consumption approximately doubled every ten years since 1980.

Due to this rapid growth and the related technological changes previous emission inventories quickly outdate. Here we present a comprehensive emission inventory for road transportation in India in the year 2005. It is based on a thorough review of available data, own literature and field research, and interviews with Indian experts. We construct a consistent data base for the running vehicle fleet, their average annual mileage, fuel efficien-

cies and emission factors; the data is differentiated by 7 vehicle categories, 3 fuel types and 4 age/technology levels for both the seven most populated cities as well as the whole nation. We have treated passenger and freight transport at the same level of detail and hence also included tractors as conventional means of rural transportation. Thus we go substantially beyond current knowledge with a finer differentiation of the vehicle technology, a larger scope of ten pollutants and the regional disaggregation while being consistent and up-to-date. This differentiation is necessary for any informed and quantitatively relevant action. Moreover, our bottom-up calculation serves to delimit uncertainties in regional and global emission inventories, and is necessary for modelling future changes.

## 2. Previous emission estimates

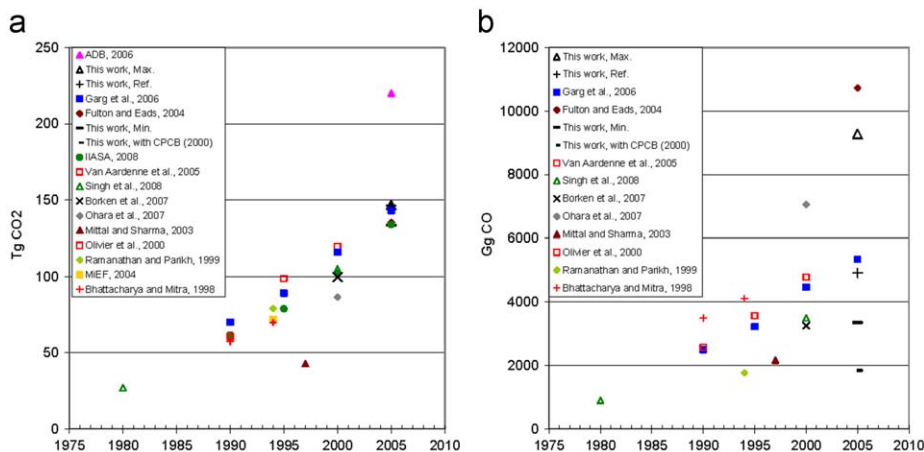
There are a number of estimates for emissions from road transportation in India. Details of reference years, methods and input data of the previous works are presented in Table 1. They take either fuel consumption or vehicle mileage as activity data, i.e. follow either the basic Tier 1 or the more sophisticated Tier 2 approach according to IPCC (1996). Various aspects and discrepancies become apparent in a closer inspection of the emission estimates: Road transport has at least doubled its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 57 to 70Tg in 1990 to 134 to 220Tg in 2005 (Fig. 1a). This growth rate is similar in all emission estimates, but a spread of about 10–20Tg in calculated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions has not

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**Table 1**  
Various estimates of road transport's emissions in India and implied emission factors.

Reference	Year	Group	Total estimates, Gg						g pollutant per kg CO <sub>2</sub>					
			CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	HC	NO	PM	SO <sub>2</sub>	CO	HC	NO <sub>x</sub>	PM	SO <sub>2</sub>	
ADB (2006)	2005	3	220,000				241							
This work, Max.		3	146,854	9258	2213	2545	444	55	63.0	15.1	17.3	3.0	0.4	
This work, Ref.		3	146,328	4909	1625	1981	274	55	33.5	11.1	13.5	1.9	0.4	
Garg et al. (2006)		1	143,000	5350		1696	2190	85	37.4		11.9	15.3	0.6	
Fulton and Eads (2004)		2	135,384	10722	2256	1665	201	79.2	16.7	12.3	1.5			
This work, Min.		3	133,879	3342	1187	1538	200	50	25.0	8.9	11.5	1.5	0.4	
This work, with CPCB (2000)		3	133,879	1840	812	1228	143	54	13.7	6.1	9.2	1.1	0.4	
IIASA (2008)		1	133,760			1260	144	164			9.4	1.1	1.2	
Van Aardenne et al. (2005)	2000	1	119,818	4775	1693	1324		888	39.9	14.1	11.1		7.4	
Garg et al. (2006)		1	116,000	4470		1380	2040	138	38.5		11.9	17.6	1.2	
Singh et al. (2008)		1	105,000	3500	712	1100			33.3	6.8	10.5			
IIASA (2008)		1	102,550			1082	122	211			10.5	1.2	2.1	
Borken et al. (2007)		2	99,594	3257	1033	1317	105	126	32.7	10.4	13.2	1.1	1.3	
Ohara et al. (2007)		1	86,379	7061	2840	1451		173	81.7	32.9	16.8		2.0	
Mittal and Sharma (2003)	1997	2	42,930	2163	1952		116	896	50.4	45.5		2.7	20.9	
Olivier et al. (2002)	1995	1	98,740	3561	1227	1113		753	36.1	12.4	11.3		7.6	
Garg et al. (2006)		1	89,000	3220		985	1970	243	36.2		11.1	22.1	2.7	
IIASA (2008)		1	78,820			1015	93	252			12.9	1.2	3.2	
Ramanathan and Parikh (1999)	1994	2	79,000	1769	648		33		22.4	8.2		0.4		
MiEF (2004)		1	71,892											
Bhattacharya and Mitra (1998)		IV	69,800	4107	1594				58.8	22.8				
Garg et al. (2006)	1990	1	70,000	2500		670	1690	201	35.7		9.6	24.1	2.9	
IIASA (2008)		1	61,670			861	70	197			14.0	1.1	3.2	
Olivier et al. (2002)		1	60,463	2570	928	658		440	42.5	15.3	10.9		7.3	
Bhattacharya and Mitra (1998)		IV	57,300	3493	1371				61.0	23.9				
Singh et al. (2008)	1980	1	27,000	900	203	300			33.3	7.5	11.1			

Studies are grouped on the basis of activity data and detail: (1) = fuel consumption and total road, (1 V) = fuel consumption and vehicle category, (2) = vehicle kilometre and vehicle category, (3) = vehicle kilometre and vehicle sub category.



**Fig. 1.** Exhaust emissions from road transportation in India 1980–2005 according to different author: (a) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; and (b) CO emissions.

narrowed with time, outliers excluded. Hence the uncertainty about the underlying transport activity, either measured as fuel consumed for road transportation or vehicle mileages has remained. In addition, the emission factors used vary considerably across the different studies; therefore, the resulting non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have a much larger span. CO emissions, for example, easily differ by a factor of two according to different calculations (Fig. 1b). There is no apparent systematic in the total pollutant emissions from various authors, though they use partly the same emission factors as input data. In part this is due to different assumptions about the share of traffic volume or the fuel respectively by vehicle category. The different calculations only concur that emissions have grown significantly over the past

decades. The question is how has been the most recent development and is it possible to narrow down the uncertainties?

### 3. Approach

Indian road vehicles have tremendously diversified in the past decade. There are uncontrolled vehicles all over the country as well as EURO III equivalent cars in the mega cities. Such a variety demands a Tier 2 approach. Furthermore our input data must be differentiated by technology layer for a differentiated analysis. However, a further differentiation as implemented in the authoritative and sophisticated European and North American

calculation methods (e.g. Ntziachristos and Samaras, 2000; Gkatzoflias et al., 2007; HBEFA, 2004; US-EPA, 2002) is quickly limited by the lack of representative or reliable data for India.

The technology layer in this work includes vehicle category, fuel type, operation (e.g. taxi and private use for passenger cars), engine type (two and four stroke) and emission control technologies. Driving conditions are defined by different road types (urban and rural).

The total emissions  $E$  of a pollutant  $p$  are calculated with the formula:

$$E_p = \sum_{g,t} \{(N_{v,g} \cdot S_{t,g}) \cdot KM_{t,g} \cdot \sum_r (D_{t,r} \cdot e_{t,r,p,g})\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $N$  is the number of circulating vehicles,  $S$  the share of sub vehicle category,  $KM$  the average annual distance travelled by vehicles in km,  $D_r$  the share of the average annual kilometre on road category  $r$ , and  $e$  the emission factor in g/km. The suffix  $v$  stands for the vehicle category,  $t$  the vehicle sub category,  $g$  the emission concept or age group.

This differentiation brings the emission calculation for Indian road transportation a step closer to the state-of-art modelling in industrialised countries. However a number of sophistications used there are here left out due to lack of data: A differentiation of emission behaviour e.g. by traffic situation or driving mode; a further classification of vehicles by weight or engine size; cold start effects and evaporative emissions.

All factors of the calculation are derived in the following: The rolling fleet, their annual mileage and average emission factors, each in the desired level of detail. Central values are derived based on literature, own research and plausible assumptions. The sensitivity for the results is analysed systematically later.

To group the fleet into layers of relatively homogenous emission behaviour, we use the following seven vehicle categories: Motorized two wheelers (M2W), motorized three wheelers (M3W), passenger cars and taxis (cars), busses and coaches, light duty trucks (LDT,  $\leq 3.5$  t GVW), heavy duty trucks (HDT,  $> 3.5$  t GVW), and tractors. Where applicable, each vehicle category is differentiated by up to three fuel types or engine concepts respectively: Spark ignition engines running on gasoline or compressed natural gas (CNG), or compression ignition engines running on diesel and CNG fuels. Motorized two and three wheelers are further differentiated by two stroke and four stroke engine. Each vehicle-fuel type combination is further differentiated by four age groups corresponding to the 5-years brackets of the Indian exhaust emission regulations: Until 1990; 1991–1995; 1996–2000 and 2001–2005. As mega cities and major metro cities have earlier introduction times (Mashelkar et al., 2002) as well as a different fleet composition and mileage, we model emissions in the seven cities with more than five million inhabitants (New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad) separately. For these 2 times 84 vehicle layers we derive exhaust emission factors for 10 compounds ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , NMVOC,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , primary PM,  $\text{PM}_{10}$ , BC and OC).

#### 4. Modelling the vehicle fleet and its age composition

Every motorised road vehicles in India needs to be officially registered; however the official registry represents the cumulative number of first registrations (Parikh and Radhakrishna, 2005). There is no de-registration of vehicles out of use nor are double registrations, e.g. after a change of the vehicle owner, deducted. In fact, the total registered number of vehicles is about 8% higher than the cumulated domestic sales between the years 1965 and 2005 (on the basis of TRW/MoSRT, 2005 and SIAM, 2006, 2008).

For the purpose of the emission calculation we however need to know the rolling fleet by age bracket, as mass emission limits (exhaust) have been introduced since 1991.

Here we construct the rolling fleet from the annual number of domestic sales, differentiated by vehicle category. A so-called survival function models the vehicles' finite service life. The survival rate, i.e. the fraction of vehicles survived in the fleet after a certain age, normally decreases with this age. The following expression provides the number of vehicles actually circulating on road ( $N$ ) for the year  $y$ :

$$N_{v,y} = 0.5 * D_{v,y} + \sum_{x=1965}^{y-1} D_{v,x} * S_{v,(y-x)}, \quad (2)$$

where  $D$  is number of vehicles sold (domestic) and  $S_{v,(y-x)}$  the survival rate of vehicle category  $v$  for age  $y-x$ . Only half of the vehicles aged less than one year are taken to model the rolling vehicle fleet in the middle of the reference year 2005. Sales since 1965 have been included to better estimate the age distribution of the fleet.

Zachariadis et al. (1995 and 2001) have shown that, for Europe, the survival rate for a vehicle category can be best described by a modified Weibull distribution, i.e.

$$S_{v,y-x} = P_v(y-x) = \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{(y-x) + a_v}{T_v} \right)^{b_v} \right] \text{ and } P_v(0) = 1, \quad (3)$$

where  $T$  is the characteristic service life of the vehicle,  $a/b$  the failure steepness and the suffix  $v$  the vehicle type. For the case with a high survival rate we set  $a = 0$ , while the case with low survival rate is represented by  $a = b$ . The parameters ' $a$ ' or ' $T$ ' and ' $b$ ' assumed for Indian vehicles are presented in Table 2. The survival rates modelled for heavy duty vehicles in India are presented in Fig. 2 as an example; they are compared to the survival functions used in Europe and the USA. The parameters for India are chosen to model in one case a longer and in the other case a shorter service life: A longer life of the vehicles could be explained by a sturdy mechanical frame and the fact that the vehicles are always repaired unless they have a fatal breakdown. A shorter service life compared to industrialised countries could be explained by heavier usage, higher accident rates and worse road conditions, all in all leading to more wear and breakdowns. The impact of a higher or lower estimate on the resulting emissions is analysed in the following.

According to our calculation only two thirds or maximum three quarters of the vehicles registered are actually circulating on the road (Fig. 3). The biggest absolute correction concerns motorized two wheelers, by far the most abundant vehicles in India: At least 10 million or up to 20 million units are not running any more on the road. The biggest relative correction however concerns busses and trucks: Only 53% and 58% of the registered numbers respectively are still running.

By age group, about 47%–53% of the vehicles still running were built after the year 2000 and about another 30% after 1995; 11%–14% were built between 1991 and 1995 and 6%–9% prior (Fig. 4). The sharp increase in vehicle sales in India during the last decade strongly reduces the relative importance of older vehicles; in consequence also the variability between higher or lower survival rates is low. All this reduces the demand of highly accurate scrappage information.

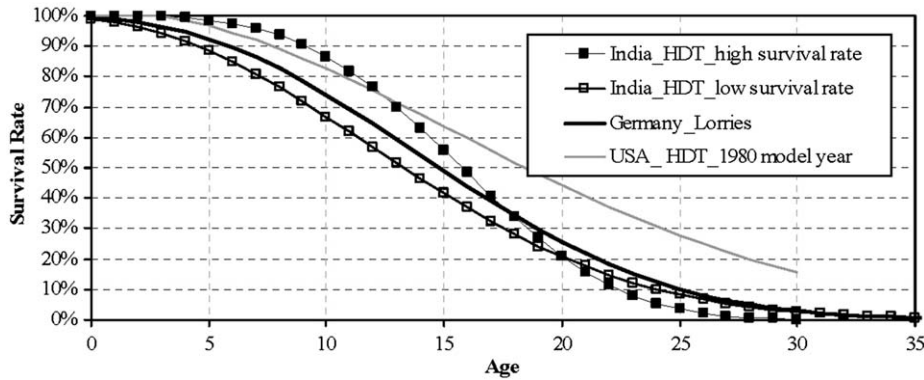
#### 5. Vehicle fuel efficiency

The average fuel efficiency per vehicle category relates with the annual mileage by the total fuel consumption. It is needed for a subsequent triangulation of the unknown mileage. Our values

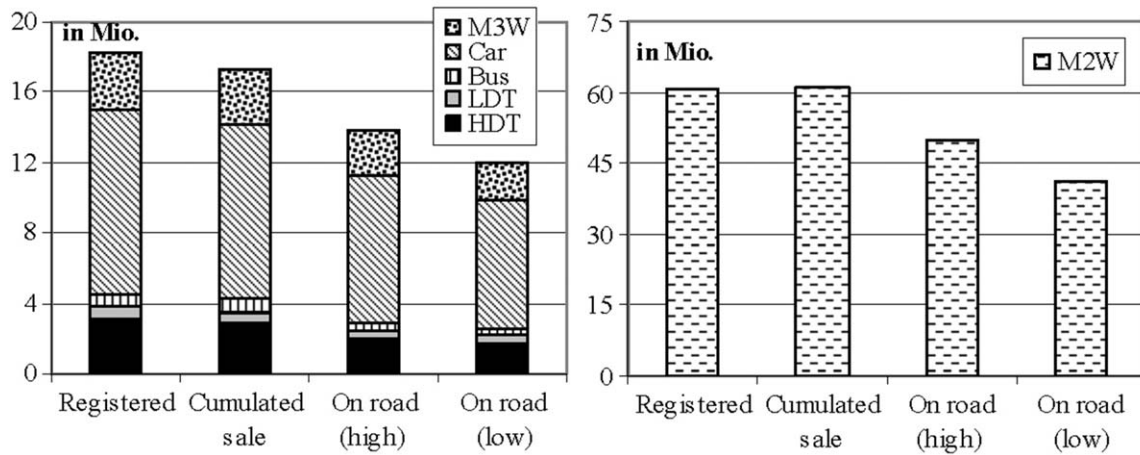
**Table 2**  
Parameters assumed for survival rates of vehicles in India.

Vehicle category	M2W		Car gasoline		Car diesel		Bus		M3W		LDT		HDT	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
b	1.99	2.55	2.03	2.64	2.39	2.64	2.29	3.21	1.94	2.04	1.99	1.99	2.29	3.44
T	15.83	18.23	19.75	23.04	20.85	24.14	18.28	17.37	15.75	17.50	18.67	20.54	18.28	17.55
Resulting average age (years)	5.73	6.55	6.34	7.10	5.92	6.69	7.46	7.62	5.78	6.41	4.08	4.29	7.78	7.96

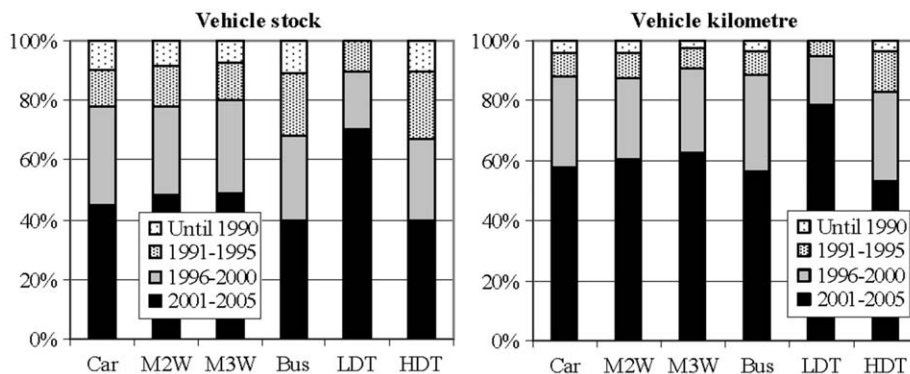
Low survival rate (SR):  $a = b$ ; high survival rate:  $a = 0$  (cf. Formula 3).



**Fig. 2.** Modelled survival rates for HDT for India and industrialised countries.



**Fig. 3.** Comparison of vehicles registered, cumulated sales, and modelled vehicles on road in India for y2005 (in mio.veh.).



**Fig. 4.** Age composition of vehicles on road and of vehicle kilometre in India in the year 2005.

**Table 3**

Average fuel efficiency by vehicle sub-category and average annual mileage by vehicle category in India in the year 2005.

Vehicle details <sup>a</sup>	Fuel efficiencies (g/km) in SAS literature <sup>b</sup>			Fuel efficiencies, This work (g/km)	Remarks for fuel efficiencies in this work	Annual mileage in Indian literature in 1000 km <sup>c</sup>		Modelled annual mileage in this work (in 1000 km)	
	Max.	Min.	Avg.			Max.	Min.	Mega cities	Rest of India
Car, G	88	52	73	77–81	Bottom-up calculation	15	7.5	9.3–12.2	9.2–10.4
Car, D	102	83	93	93	Diesel cars are mostly bigger (SUVs).				
Car, CNG				77	CNG scaled to gasoline				
M2W, G 2S	22	11	16	15–21	~SAS (Avg.–Max.)	10	3.5	6.5–8.1	5.4–6.4
M2W, G 4S	18	9	12	11–16	~SAS average–90% of Max.				
M3W, G 2S	67	21	35	26–38	120% of M3W 4S				
M3W, G 4S	36	21	29	22–32	Range (SAS).	44	19	36.9–46.6	27.0–30.0
M3W, D				20–34	CNG scaled to gasoline counterpart				
M3W, CNG				21–30					
Bus, D	272	189	238	238–286	SAS average–modelled Max.	100	30	39.1–57.78	55.6–62.5
Bus, CNG				218–262	Scaled to diesel counterpart				
LDT, D				96–100	Comparable to diesel cars	53	36	28.1–35.9	25.9–37.5
HDT, D	267	164	222	222–244	SAS average to +10%	86	30	40.3–47.3	53.1–59.6

<sup>a</sup> G = gasoline, D = diesel, 2S = Two stroke, 4S = Four stroke, M 2/3 W = motorized two/three wheeler.

<sup>b</sup> Studied literature on fuel efficiencies in the South Asian (SAS) region: Shrestha and Malla (1996) for Kathmandu; Mittal and Sharma (2003) for India and the year 1997; TERI (2001) for Delhi and 2000; Iyer (2006); Bose and Nesamani (2001) for Delhi; Padam and Singh (2001) for urban India; Karim (1999) for Dhaka and 1996; Singh (2006) and Iyer and Badami (2007) for India. Conversion factors from g/km to l/100 km = 0.1357 for gasoline and 0.1176 for diesel.

<sup>c</sup> Studied literature on average annual mileages of vehicle categories: for India–Singh (2006) for the year 2000, RiTES (1999) for 1995–1988, Mittal and Sharma (2003) for 1997, Fulton and Eads (2004) for 2000, Kapoor (2002) for 2001; for mega cities and metros: University of California Riverside (2004) for 2003 (Pune) and CPCB (2000) for Delhi and for 2005. Modelled average annual mileages in this work for the year 2005 are also aggregated by vehicle categories to compare with the figures in literature (e.g. mileage for M2W includes both 2S and 4S).

are within  $\pm 10\%$  of the reviewed literature (Table 3); extreme values are dismissed. A range is used to account for differing driving conditions, i.e. urban road, extra urban road and highways, and for the age composition of each vehicle category. This will be used in the sensitivity analysis below.

## 6. Triangulation of vehicle mileage with the total fuel consumed

No representative data exists for the annual vehicle mileage but must be inferred from a few observations. Given the vehicle fleet and its average fuel efficiency, then the vehicle mileage is constrained by the total domestic fuel consumption. The consumption figure for motor gasoline is usually better determined as there are few other usages unlike the case of diesel fuel, that could also be used for electricity generation, in agriculture and fishing etc. However, though it is not quantified, it is well known that fuel adulteration plays a non-negligible role in India. A total of 3.6 million tonnes of kerosene (about 39% of the total consumption), a highly subsidised household fuel for the poor, was diverted to fuel adulteration and black marketing in the fiscal year 2005–06 in India (ASSOCHAM, 2006). Industrial chemicals e.g. Naptha and recycled lubricants are also used for adulteration (CPCB, 2003). The official Indian data and IEA (MiPNG, 2004:198; IEA, 2007) suggest an almost constant diesel consumption (21–22 Mtoe) in India since 1996. As this is incompatible with the strong growth in vehicle stock, this number is dismissed. Garg et al. (2006) give a figure of 9 Mtoe gasoline and 44.5 Mtoe diesel consumption. Singh et al. (2008) estimate that 70% of the diesel is used for road transportation, i.e. resulting in about 31 Mtoe. We take these figures as indicative of the total consumption. Again a careful analysis is needed to decide between conflicting data.

The average vehicle mileage has been derived to be compatible with (i) the available literature (summarised in Table 3) and (ii) the estimated reference fuel consumption. This results in a total consumption of 9.8–10.3 Mtoe gasoline and of 34.2–37.7 Mtoe diesel. The excess to the reference amounts can be attributed

to the unrecorded and adulterated fuel. The excess gasoline also includes lubricants for two-stroke motorized two and three wheelers, which was about 2% of total gasoline used in the year 2000 (Singh et al., 2008). CNG/LPG consumption estimated by the model ranges from 0.51 to 0.58 Mtoe (about 1% of total fuel consumption). Our calculated fuel consumption is rather a lower limit of the actual consumption: Literature values for the annual vehicle mileage are often higher than we assumed, but none is based on up-to-date representative surveys.

The average vehicle mileage is allocated to the four age groups in each vehicle category (Baidya, 2008a for more details). The mileages change linearly with age in the reference case, in which the average annual mileage more or less falls in the mid point of age group 1996–2000. Two more rates of age-depreciation for the annual mileage are allocated for sensitivity analyses: (i) less skewed than the reference case and (ii) exponential. As older vehicles are driven less than younger ones, their shares in mileage are about half their share in stock. The contribution to vehicle kilometres are 54%–69%, 24%–29%, 5%–11% and 2%–6% by the age groups 2001–2005, 1996–2000, 1991–1996 and until 1990 (Fig. 6).

## 7. Deriving emission factors

Our classification aims to group vehicles with respect to similar emission behaviour on the one hand, while being constrained by the availability and reliability of the data on the other hand. Here we account for the following most important factors within each vehicle category: Fuel or engine concept, engine technology in terms of two or four stroke principle, the legislative emission standard or the emission control technology, the average maintenance or deterioration of engine and emission control system. The driving conditions are approximated by average speeds on urban and extra-urban roads. As vehicle characteristics and age, its maintenance and inspection, but also driving conditions differ; these factors have been derived separately for mega cities and the rest of the country.

**Table 4**  
Emission factors by vehicle category and age group in India outside 7 biggest cities <sup>(a)</sup> for the year 2005 (reference case).

in g/vkm	CO				HC				NO <sub>x</sub>				PM				CO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>
	A <sup>(b, c)</sup>	B <sup>(b)</sup>	C <sup>(b)</sup>	D <sup>(b)</sup>	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D		
Car, G(d)	2.72	14.30	19.31	42.00	0.45	1.96	3.32	4.35	0.69	0.98	1.80	1.93	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	242	0.080
Car, D(d)	2.72	3.00	4.05	15.00	0.17	0.74	1.11	1.11	1.00	1.10	2.77	2.77	0.19	0.46	0.77	1.03	237	0.149
Taxi, CNG	1.71	3.14	4.24	9.43	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	196	0.000
M2W, 2S	2.00	18.70	25.25	28.66	2.70	5.71	6.47	6.96	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.18	0.26	0.32	0.46	44	0.014
M2W, 4S	2.00	11.00	14.85	29.00	0.95	2.13	2.13	2.13	0.20	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.14	33	0.011
M3W, 2S	5.20	20.00	27.00	40.00	3.56	8.00	12.00	14.00	0.16	0.15	0.10	0.10	0.46	0.52	0.63	0.70	78	0.026
M3W, 4S	4.00	17.00	22.95	30.00	1.90	4.25	4.25	4.25	0.30	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.16	0.20	0.28	65	0.021
M3W, D (e)	3.60	5.00	6.75	20.00	0.17	0.74	1.11	1.11	0.50	0.55	1.39	1.39	0.20	0.70	0.90	1.00	76	0.048
M3W, CNG	2.05	3.77	5.09	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	52	0.000
Bus, D	4.50	5.50	7.43	12.70	1.55	3.70	3.70	3.70	12.00	13.49	13.49	19.00	0.59	1.49	2.48	3.30	757	0.476
Bus, CNG	3.60	4.40	5.94	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	557	0.000
LDT, D(e)	3.54	5.00	6.75	11.48	0.32	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.85	2.89	4.80	4.80	0.17	0.21	1.00	1.33	306	0.192
HDT, D	4.50	6.35	8.57	11.48	1.55	2.20	2.20	2.20	8.86	13.17	13.17	19.00	0.49	1.22	2.03	2.70	706	0.444
Tractor(f)	0.18				0.10				0.21				0.05				3	0.002

Vehicles manufactured: A = 2001–005, B = 1996–000, C = 1991–995, D = Before 1991.

G = gasoline, D = diesel, CNG = Compressed natural gas, 2S = Two stroke, 4S = Four stroke, M 2/3 W = motorized two/three wheeler.

Assumptions for estimating emission factors:

(a) 7 biggest cities have lower emission factors for the age groups A and B.

(b) For CO, HC, NO<sub>x</sub>, and PM: Higher range among the estimated values on the basis of (i) European emission factor databases HBEFA (2004) and BAU (1986) for comparable emission control technology (i.e. age group A, B, C and D), vehicle size, engine technology (for M2W) and vehicle speeds in India, (ii) limiting values in emission norms introduced in India, (iii) CPCB (2000), (iv) Faiz et al. (1996) and Kojima et al. (2000).

(c) For CO only: emission limits in "India 2000" are taken age group A, assuming stricter control for CO emissions and non-deterioration of emission control system in the youngest vehicles in the reference case.

(d) Cars include passenger cars, light passenger van, SUV and taxis.

(e) Emission factors for Diesel M3W and LDT are derived by comparing with diesel cars.

(f) Tractor emission factors (uncontrolled technology) in grams/kg diesel consumed, Source: IFEU (2004).

Emission factors for each vehicle sub-group have been derived for the four age groups, representing the time development of Indian emission standards. For urban roads, an average speed range of 13–23.5 km/h has been assumed for different vehicle types and driving conditions (based on University of California Riverside, 2004). The average speed of vehicles in the national and state highways of India (both are not expressways) ranges between 40–50 km/h. The emission factors are derived from the surveyed literature on emission measurement programs and emission factor estimations in the South Asian and South East Asian regions (Table 4 presents the emission factors as well as the assumptions. See Baidya, 2008a for the same for mega cities).

In terms of vehicle number and mileage, M2W and M3W built before 2001 form the most important category. They are without dedicated emission control, i.e. pre EURO, and mostly powered by two stroke engines. Emission factors for two-stroke M2W in a particular age group are weighted averages over the mix and emission factors of mopeds, two stroke scooters, and motorcycles. (Mopeds have exclusively two stroke engines of less than 50 cc. The majority of scooters and motorcycles have 75–125 cc engines). The same process has been followed for calculating the emission factors of four stroke scooters and motorcycles. Four stroke M2W and M3W represent a more advanced though somewhat more expensive engine concept. Most of them are younger (built after 2001), and complying with the (equivalent) EURO I norm. Hence, their emission factors are significantly lower.

HDT are the other important vehicle category for Indian road transport. Most of them are medium duty trucks up to the prescribed limit of 12 tons GVW; however heavy overloading is common. This, together with bad, congested or very mixed road conditions leads to slow driving speeds and high engine loads in many parts of the country. The annual mandatory fitness test is focused on basic mechanical and safety aspects. Adulteration of transport fuel also increases exhaust emissions, more importantly from new engines. Hence, all factors together result in high

unit emissions even for new vehicles and a high deterioration over time.

The fleet of passenger cars consists of a base of cars built before 1995 and a quickly growing stock of modern cars complying with the EURO I equivalent emission norm. Cars in the mega cities, where purchasing power is higher and car commuting preferred to public transport, are younger than in the rest of the country. For new vehicles we can therefore transfer emission factors from recent vehicles in Europe. For old(er) cars we have to apply emission factors for uncontrolled technology, which is comparable to vehicles in Europe before the emission regulations began. Hence for passenger cars, heavy duty vehicles and buses produced before 1991, we transfer emission factors representative of European vehicles of the mid to late 1970's, and for Indian vehicles of the nineties we transfer emission factors representative of European vehicles in the mid eighties (BAU, 1986), each with Indian road speeds. A medium level of enforcement in emission control legislation is assumed for new vehicles (age < 5 years) and in general a higher deterioration and/or less maintenance than under European conditions.

There are more than 2 million tractors in India. They are important road vehicles in the rural India, where about 740 million people live. Emission norms for tractors were introduced in October 2005 only. Therefore, emission factors for the uncontrolled emission technology are used for tractors.

In the year 2005, sulphur contents of on average 150 and 350 ppm (Gupta, 2001) are assumed for gasoline and diesel in mega cities, and of 500 ppm (ADB, 2008) and 1000 ppm, respectively for the rest of the country (double of the targeted value for diesel considering adulteration). CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emission factors are calculated on the assumption of complete combustion of the C and S atoms contained in the fuel. PM<sub>1</sub>, BC and OC are calculated as fractions of our own PM emission factor. We use the fractions as 0.86, 0.66 and 0.34 for PM<sub>1</sub>, BC and OC for diesel vehicles, 0.85, 0.34 and 0.36 for gasoline and 0.95, 0.05 and 0.79

for gasoline two-stroke vehicles respectively as proposed by Bond et al. (2004). CH<sub>4</sub> emission factors are derived as fractions of our hydrocarbon emission factors, which are highest for two stroke gasoline and CNG vehicles and lowest for diesel buses. They are 0.05 for passenger car, 0.03 for LDT and HDT, 0.02 for bus and 0.09 for M2W and M3W.

## 8. Total emissions from road transportation

The multiplication of all factors derived in the preceding chapters gives the total national emissions from road transportation in India in the year 2005. Motorised traffic consumed about 48.3 (+0.2/−4) Mtoe of motor fuels including about 8 Mtoe adulterated fuels, resulting in the emission of 146 (+0.5/−12) Tg CO<sub>2</sub>, 122 (+46/−28) Gg CH<sub>4</sub>, 4909 (+4349/−1567) Gg CO, 1503(+542/−410) Gg NMVOC, 1981 (+564/−443) Gg NO<sub>x</sub>, 55 (−5) Gg SO<sub>2</sub>, 274 (+169/−75) Gg PM, 241 (+148/−66) Gg PM<sub>10</sub>, 123 (+82/−34) Gg BC and 82 (+45/−23) Gg OC. Passenger transportation consumes about 39% of the total fuel (half of which is gasoline) but emits four fifths of CO and NMVOC, more than 90% of CH<sub>4</sub> and 64% of OC. Freight transportation runs entirely on diesel and emits three quarters of NO<sub>x</sub> and BC, 60% of PM and more than two thirds of SO<sub>2</sub>.

For each compound the relative contribution of each vehicle category is different (Fig. 5); this illustrates the importance of a differentiated approach. Grossly, one can distinguish a group of species related to the incomplete combustion typical for spark ignition engines, here CO, hydrocarbons and OC. About two thirds to three quarters of their total emissions stem from motorised two wheelers and three wheelers, though they account only for about half of total gasoline consumed. This reflects both the high usage and the high unit emissions from these vehicles. Diesel vehicles, burning at higher temperatures under excess of air, dominate emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and BC. Since three times more diesel is consumed than gasoline and its sulphur contents is also three times higher, diesel vehicles also dominate emissions of SO<sub>2</sub>. More precisely, it is heavy duty trucks and busses that determine the national total emissions. Tractors add another 10%, 18% and 22% of NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and BC, respectively in rural areas. These sizeable shares justify their inclusion in the emission calculation. Passenger cars have, despite their rapid growth, so far only a limited influence on the total emissions: They account for 12% of CO, 9% SO<sub>2</sub>, 5% hydrocarbons, 4% NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and BC and only 3% OC. Their shares are however significantly higher in the big cities, i.e. the country's economic centres (Appendix B1).

The big cities and their passenger vehicles have so far received most attention in India when it comes to pollutant emissions from road transportation. Here we present a first quantitative calculation of their shares relative to the national total: Vehicles in the seven mega cities together consume about 9% diesel, 27% gasoline, and 96% CNG/LPG of the national totals and emit 14% CO<sub>2</sub> and CO, 13% hydrocarbons, 9% NO<sub>x</sub> and OC, 8% PM, 7% BC and 6% SO<sub>2</sub>. Given that only 6% of the population lives there, these cities are clearly centres of transport activity. Thanks to more stringent emission norms and higher fuel quality, more modern vehicles, a different fleet mix, a high share of CNG use in busses, M3Ws and taxis as well as restrictions on HDT the related pollutant emission rates in the mega cities are not even higher. However, our calculation also points to the facts that (i) 85–90% of all pollutant emission rates are due to traffic outside the big metropolises, (ii) that trucks are a very important pollutant source, and (iii) that CNG and lower sulphur contents may be local solutions but have no significant impact at the national level.

Vehicles produced until 1995 drive 12% of total mileage, consume about 14% fuel and emit 32% CO, 26% hydrocarbons, 20% NO<sub>x</sub>, 30% PM and 8% SO<sub>2</sub> in the reference case (see Fig. 6 for the upper and lower shares). Vehicles built between 1996 and 2000 are the most important age group, since they are ill-maintained, uncontrolled but drive considerably higher than the older ones. They drive 28% of total mileage, consume 30% of the fuel and emit 47% CO, 43% hydrocarbons, 35% NO<sub>x</sub>, 38% PM and 16% SO<sub>2</sub>.

## 9. Sensitivity analyses

Our calculation is based on a number of assumptions as derived in the preceding chapters. However, only some are important for the resulting emissions. Here, we systematically check the influence of different plausible (i) stock assumptions, (ii) vehicle mileages, and (iii) vehicle emission factors.

Our reference case is defined by: (a) high survival rates for the vehicle stock, (b) a moderate decrease of annual mileage by age, and (c) moderate level of enforcement for 0–4 year's old vehicles (EURO 1 equivalent for the rest of the country and 50% EURO 2 equivalent in the mega cities). These assumptions result in a higher number of older vehicles in use and moderately stringent unit emissions. In the following we change one assumption at a time and leave all other parameters constant (Fig. 7):

- (i) Using a low survival rate as has been defined above, would correspond to a quicker breakdown or replacement of older

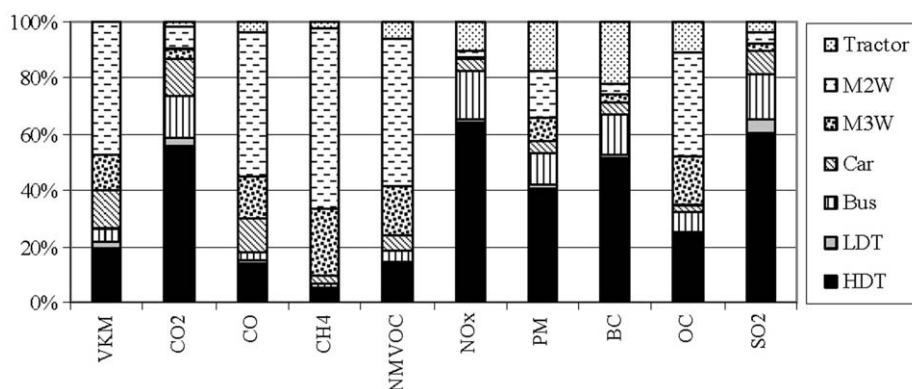


Fig. 5. Shares of vehicle kilometre and exhaust emissions by vehicle category in India in the year 2005 (reference case).

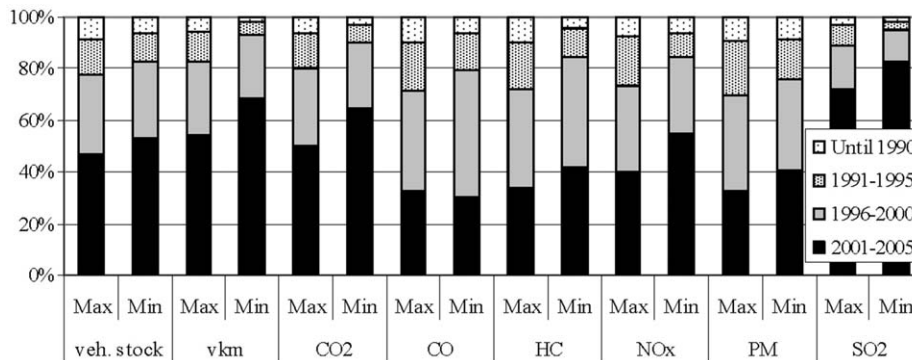


Fig. 6. Sensitivity of vehicle stock, vehicle kilometre, and emissions to the age composition in India in the year 2005 (maximum and minimum cases).

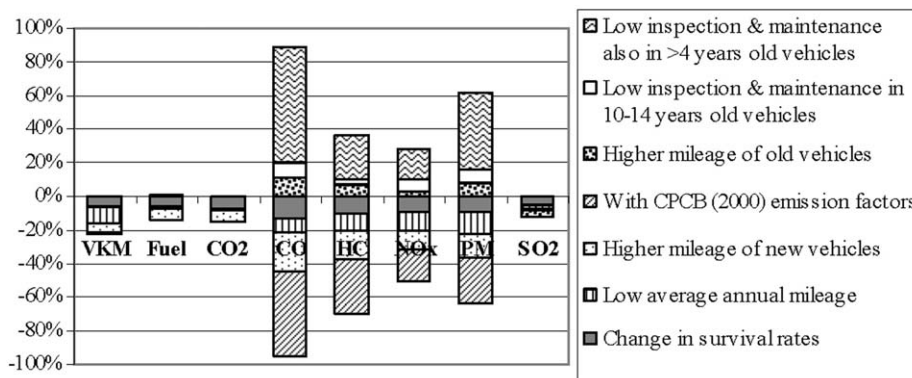


Fig. 7. Sensitivity of traffic volume, fuel consumption, and exhaust emissions to variations of input parameters with respect to the reference case for Indian road transportation in the year 2005.

vehicles. In consequence both the total stock number and the share of older vehicles would be lower, and hence the fleet average emission factor. When the same total fuel is consumed then a low vehicle survival rate results in lower total exhaust emissions. The difference to the reference case ranges from  $-5\%$  to  $-13\%$  across the compounds, depending on the vehicle mix.

- (ii) The uncertainty in the vehicle mileage is threefold: A lower average mileage would result in lower total fuel consumption and proportionally less exhaust emissions. We estimate the range from  $-1\%$  to  $-13\%$ . Keeping the average mileage per vehicle category fixed but assuming a higher mileage share of newer and less polluting vehicles, means less total exhaust emissions. Inversely, when the mileage share of older vehicles is higher than in our reference case, the resulting exhaust emissions will be higher. The uncertainty due to mileage variations is estimated as  $(-11\%, +3\%)$  for  $\text{NO}_x$  and up to  $(-23\%, +12\%)$  for CO. Again, the uncertainty is limited as this variation is constrained by plausibility and the total fuel available.
- (iii) The biggest uncertainty concerns the average emission factor. Assuming higher unit emissions from the oldest vehicles, i.e. modelling higher super-emitters, would increase CO emissions by about 9% but HC emissions by as low as 2%. The impact is only limited as the fleet and hence the average emission factor is dominated by the higher number of new vehicles. However, assuming less maintenance and a higher

deterioration across the whole fleet significantly affects the resulting total emissions:  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions may increase by 19%, while CO emissions might increase by as much as 68%. Inversely, assuming as low emission factors as CPCB (2000) for Delhi, i.e. a much higher level of maintenance in the whole country, would result in  $-20\%$  lower total  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $-51\%$  lower CO emissions. The overall variation in emissions is large as the vehicle emission factors are not constrained by anything, notably not by the fuel consumed. The high variations in CO and PM are due to large differences in the emission factors of vehicles until and after 2000, the first year of the more stringent EURO I equivalent emission norms; this concerns primarily M2W and M3W for CO and HDT and busses for PM (cf. Table 4). Hence the emission calculation for these pollutants is particularly sensitive to the assumptions.

In summary, the biggest uncertainty in total emissions is related to the uncertainty of the fleet average emission factors. For  $\text{NO}_x$  this range is lowest with about  $\pm 20\%$ ; the range is highest for CO with  $-51\%$  to  $+68\%$ . Hence, most care should be devoted to the determination of the average emission factor. As possible variations in the average mileage and the mileage distribution between the age groups are constrained by the available fuel, the resulting uncertainty is a factor of two to three lower. Therefore, our assumptions with respect to mileage are not critical. Similarly, the



uncertainty in modelling total stock and its age distribution has only a limited influence as long as the total fuel consumption and the related mileage is constrained by the national fuel balance. This justifies our assumptions and points again to the crucial role of fuel calibration. Inversely, emission inventories without a calibration to the national fuel balance will be prone to much higher uncertainties on top of the unavoidable uncertainty with respect to reference emission factors.

## 10. Results in the Indian context

On the basis of our detailed analysis we can now review the other emission calculations for Indian road transport (Table 1). Our value of 48.3 (+0.2/−4) Mtoe fuel consumption in the year 2005 is the highest; the estimates from *Fulton and Eads (2004)* and *Garg et al. (2006)* fall within this range, and consequently the calculated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions concur. The CO<sub>2</sub> estimate in *ADB (2006)* is surprisingly high. The emission factors for NO<sub>x</sub> lay for all sources within our uncertainty range. Far outside this range are the PM factor from *Garg et al. (2006)*, the CO factor from *Fulton and Eads (2004)* and the SO<sub>2</sub> emission factor from *IIASA (2008)*; we cannot confirm these estimates. The HC emission factor from *Fulton and Eads (2004)* must be higher than ours as it includes evaporative emissions.

To have more data we include emissions for the year 2000. We divide our values for the year 2005 by 1.37, the growth rate of the GDP of India between 2000 and 2005 (*IMF, 2008*). Thus, we derive indicative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 106 (+0.4, −9) Tg for the year 2000. Relative to this value, the estimates by *Garg et al. (2006)* and *Van Aardenne et al. (2005)* are about 10% higher, while *Ohara et al. (2007)* are more than 10% lower than our lower limit. Such values could only be justified if the transport volume growth had been much less (below 20%) or much higher (more than 55%) than the GDP growth, which both is implausible, besides being incompatible with each other. The CO<sub>2</sub> estimates by *IIASA (2008)*, *Singh et al. (2008)* and *Borken et al. (2007, 2008)* fall well within our range and can thus be confirmed. However, the emission factors used by *Singh (2006)* are slightly outside our lower limit for NO<sub>x</sub> and significantly too low for HC. Our average PM emission factor has increased as now higher emissions from gasoline two-stroke M2W and M3W, from diesel M3W, and notably from tractors are included, and a higher deterioration has been assumed than previously (*Borken et al., 2007, 2008*). *Ohara et al. (2007)* use emission factors for CO, HC and SO<sub>2</sub> well outside our upper range. Hence, despite a much lower activity rate as indicated by their CO<sub>2</sub> totals, their resulting CO, HC and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions for Indian road transport are even higher than our reference values. Likewise, the PM emission factors by *Garg et al. (2006)* and the SO<sub>2</sub> value by *Van Aardenne et al. (2005)* seem to refer to a very different vehicle technology and cannot be confirmed by our calculation here.

In this way our detailed bottom-up calculation can be used to cross-check other inventories, either from national, regional or global outreach, and point to the most important sources for discrepancy: The activity data in the first place, and the emission factors notably for CO, HC and to some extent also for PM and SO<sub>2</sub>. Vice versa, calculations for NO<sub>x</sub> are very consistent.

## 11. Summary

This bottom-up inventory brings the calculation of road transport's exhaust emissions in India one step further to a sophisticated modelling that is standard for industrialised countries. It lends itself for further improvement and differentia-

tion, but already provides novel quantitative detail. The average vehicle age is about 6 years for motorized two wheelers and motorized three wheelers, between 6 and 7 years for cars, and 7.5–8 years for busses and heavy duty trucks. In generalising, this situation is typical for a boom from relatively low levels as also encountered in China and South East Asian countries. The uncertainty in the age composition of the fleet translates to about 5–10% uncertainty in emission totals. This limited uncertainty reduces the need for a more accurate determination of the running fleet, as long as the total fuel consumption is relatively well known. A far bigger uncertainty stems from the large spread in emission factors.

If emissions of unburnt HC, OC and CO are to be reduced, the 2-stroke two wheelers are the most obvious target. Similarly, addressing NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and BC requires measures on trucks and busses. One way could be to enforce the mandatory inspections and to include a comprehensive emission testing. A nationwide, reliable system of inspection and maintenance would also be an important measure to control emissions from the fleet of younger vehicles that will still be in use for several years: High extra emissions result from a quick deterioration of their emission control system. We estimate a related reduction potential of 40% for NO<sub>x</sub> and up to 80% for CO emissions. As India continues with setting more and more stringent emissions norms for new vehicles, this will only have a lasting effect if accompanied by a reliable system of maintenance. The current inspection practice definitely needs to be made more comprehensive, for instance including trucks and busses. This requires a higher training of the people implementing it as much as it requires infrastructure and adequate financial, political and public support.

For fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trucks are the single most important vehicle category, followed by busses and the quickly growing car segment. If the growth shall be contained then the discussed fuel efficiency standards may be a good way provided they can be made stringent enough (cf. *Baidya, 2008b*). However, if they do not address commercial vehicles, they will leave out the dominant vehicle category. Furthermore, push and pull measures are needed to maintain and significantly improve public transport, the efficiency of the operation and of the transport system. However, with India's motorization taking off, this is hard to imagine.

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## Appendix

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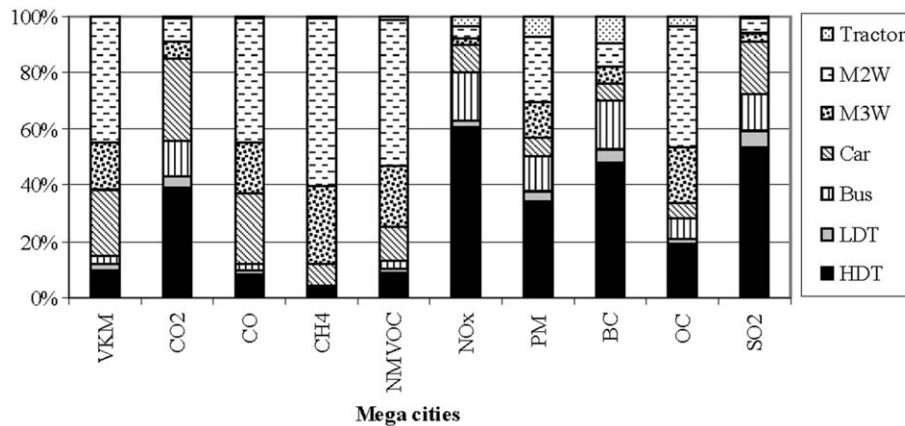


Fig. B1. Shares of vehicle kilometre and exhaust emissions by vehicle category in seven biggest cities in India in the year 2005 (reference case).

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