

# **Development of Link-Level Mobile Source Emission Inventories**



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## Overview

- **CONCEPT Emissions Model**
- **TDM Transformation Tool (T3)**
- **Networks Processed with T3**
- **CONCEPT Emissions Estimates**

## CONCEPT Overview

- **CONsolidated Community Emissions Processing Tool**
  - Open Source
  - Freely Available
  - Community Support & Enhancements
  - Balance Transparency and Performance
  - Database Management System
  - Quality Assurance – Intermediate Output

## **CONCEPT Overview**

- **Includes Major Emissions Sources**
  - Point Sources
  - Area Sources
  - On-road Mobile Sources
  - Non-road Mobile Sources
  - Biogenic Emissions
- **Supporting Modules**
  - Spatial Allocation
  - Speciation
  - CEM Emissions Processing
  - Growth & Control

## CONCEPT Overview

- **Unique Features**
  - Database Approach
  - Open Source
  - Tribal Processing
  - On-road Motor Vehicle Processing
  - Integration with GIS/Spatial Tools

## **TDM Transformation Tool (T3): What it Does**

- **Transforms Transportation Demand Model (TDM) Outputs for Input to CONCEPT**
- **Generates Emissions Modeling Inputs**
- **Outputs in RPO Data Exchange Protocol Format**
  - Network Definition, Link Coordinates
  - Activity Data (VMT, Speeds, Starts)
  - Speed Adjustment Instructions

## T3 Technical Approach

- **Follows CONCEPT Open Source Approach**
  - PostgreSQL Database
  - PL/pgSQL and perl Languages
- **Easy-to-Read XML Control File**
- **Accepts Various Input Formats**
- **Flexible Transformation Definition Files**
- **Simple to Add New Network Formats**

## T3 Data Inputs

- **Link Characteristics**
  - Endpoint coordinates and projection definition
  - Link volumes
  - Link speeds or free flow speeds
  - Facility class
- **Vehicle Trips by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)**



## Volume Data

- **Daily Average or Intra-Day Periods**
  - Off-peak, morning peak, mid-day, pm peak
  - Partial hours (e.g., 7:30am to 9:15am)
  - Overnight (e.g., 9:00pm to 6:00am)
- **All Vehicles or by TDM Vehicle Class**
  - T3 passes through vehicle class details
  - CONCEPT converts to eight MOBILE5 vehicle classes

## Speed Data

- **TDMs rarely output calculated speeds**
- **Generally have free flow speeds**
- **Adjust free flow speeds**
  - Volume/capacity ratio
  - Queuing algorithm
- **Adjustment must be done hourly (i.e., after temporal allocation)**
- **T3 passes speed adjustment instructions to CONCEPT**

## T3/CONCEPT Speed Adjustments

- **Three Options**
  - Volume-delay function (BPR curve)
  - Lookup tables by speed and volume/capacity ratio
  - Directly input post-processed speeds
- **BPR curves and lookup tables require capacities, free flow speeds, and hourly volumes**
- **CONCEPT generates hourly volumes using temporal profiles**

## T3/CONCEPT Speed Adjustments

Most common adjustment is BPR curve:

$$S_a = \frac{S_{ff}}{1 + \left[ A * \left( \frac{V}{C} \right)^B \right]}$$

- $S_a$  = actual link speed (mph)
- $S_{ff}$  = reported link free flow speed (mph)
- $V$  = total link volume (vehicles OR vehicles per hour)
- $C$  = total link capacity (vehicles OR vehicles per hour)
- $A, B$  = curve calibration coefficients

## T3/CONCEPT Speed Adjustments

- **Additional Options**
  - Volume/capacity ratio cap
  - Minimum speeds
  - A, B coefficients by speed buckets
  - Lookup tables by speed bucket and V/C ratio

## Facility Types

Urban/Rural		Roadway Type		Combinations		HPMS	MOBILE6
1	Rural	A	Interstate	1A	Rural Interstate	01	Freeway
2	Rural	B	Other Expressway	1B	N/A		
3	Rural	C	Ramp	1C	Rural Ramp	03	Ramp
4	Rural	D	Principal Arterial	1D	Rural Principal Arterial	02	Arterial
5	Rural	E	Major Arterial	1E	N/A		
6	Rural	F	Minor Arterial	1F	Rural Minor Arterial	06	Arterial
7	Rural	G	Major Collector	1G	Rural Major Collector	07	Arterial
8	Rural	H	Minor Collector	1H	Rural Minor Collector	08	Arterial
9	Rural	I	Collector	1I	N/A		
10	Rural	J	Local	1J	Rural Local	09	Local
2	Urban	A	Interstate	2A	Urban Interstate	11	Freeway
3	Urban	B	Other Expressway	2B	Urban Other Expressway	12	Freeway
4	Urban	C	Ramp	2C	Urban Ramp	13	Ramp
5	Urban	D	Principal Arterial	2D	N/A		
6	Urban	E	Major Arterial	2E	Urban Major Arterial	14	Arterial
7	Urban	F	Minor Arterial	2F	Urban Minor Arterial	16	Arterial
8	Urban	G	Major Collector	2G	N/A		
9	Urban	H	Minor Collector	2H	N/A		
10	Urban	I	Collector	2I	Urban Collector	17	Arterial
11	Urban	J	Local	2J	Urban Local	19	Local

## T3 Transformations

- **County Codes**
  - Include/exclude counties
- **TAZ to County Cross-Reference**
- **Facility Types**
- **HPMS Scaling**
- **Growth**
- **Flexible Dimensions**
  - By State, County, and/or Link

# Network Data Processed

State	Network	TDM	# Links
Illinois	CATS - Chicago Area	EMME2	32,341
Illinois	ILDOT Statewide	Generated from Observed	303,297
Indiana	MPO - Indianapolis	TransCAD	7,599
Indiana	NIRPC - Northwest Indiana	EMME2	9,023
Indiana	INDOT Statewide	TransCAD	31,181
Michigan	SEMCOG - Detroit Area	TransCAD	15,021
Michigan	MIDOT Statewide	TransCAD	9,227
Minnesota	MMC - Minneapolis St. Paul Area	TP+	20,898
Minnesota	MNDOT Statewide	Generated from Observed	4,402
Ohio	Nine Urban Areas	CUBE-TRANPLAN	3,723 to 25,424
Ohio	OHDOT Statewide	TransCAD	50,644
Wisconsin	SEWRPC - Milwaukee Area	TRANPLAN	17,054

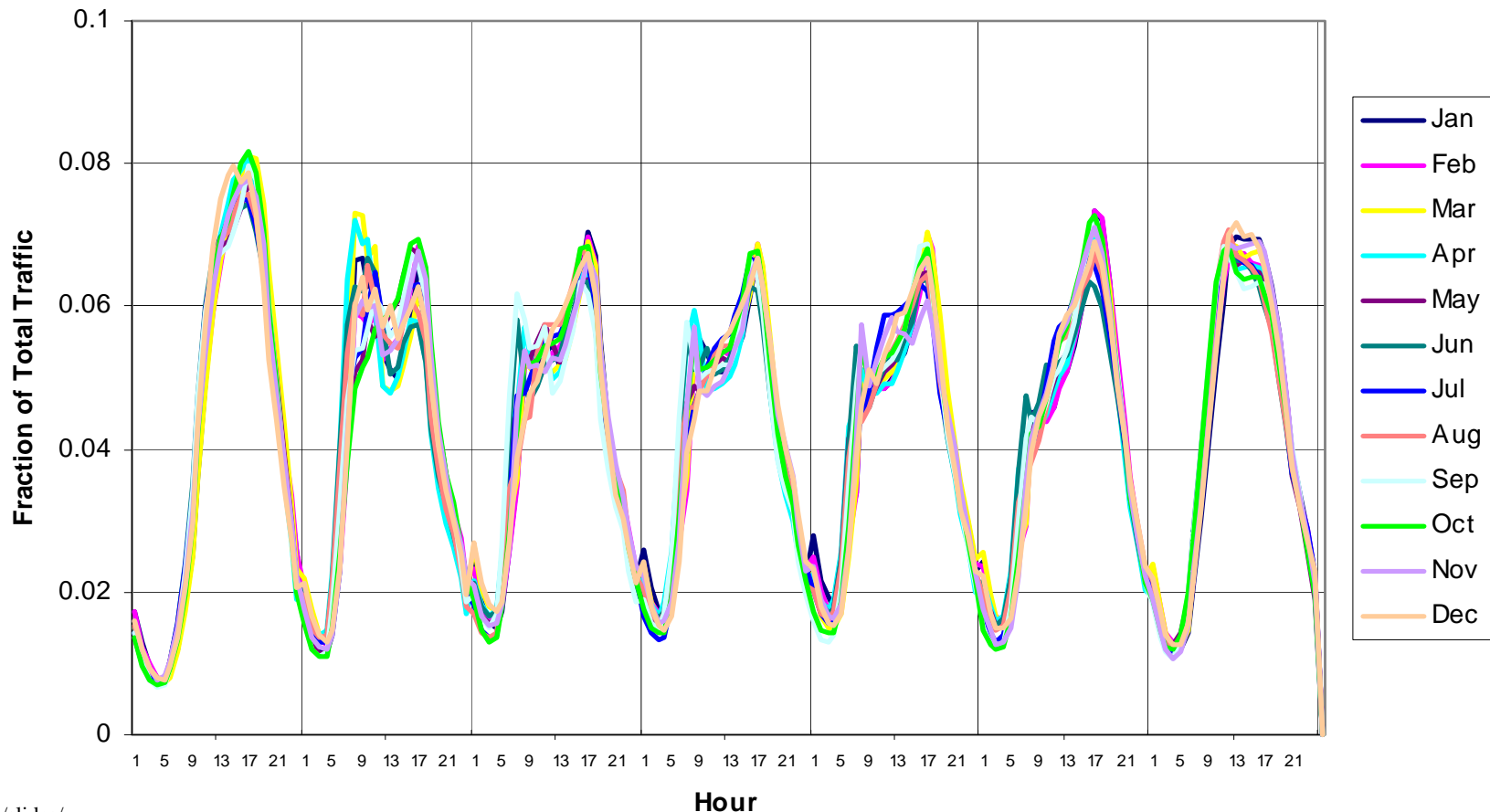


## **T3/CONCEPT Temporal Allocation**

- **T3/CONCEPT disaggregates volumes for multi-hour periods into hourly volumes**
- **Based on analyses of CY2002 automated traffic recorder (ATR) data**
- **Hourly total volume profiles developed by HPMS facility class, month, day of week**
- **Analyses performed for IL, MI, MN, and WI**

# Example Temporal Profiles for Total Vehicle Count

Illinois Hourly Profiles for Function Class 1

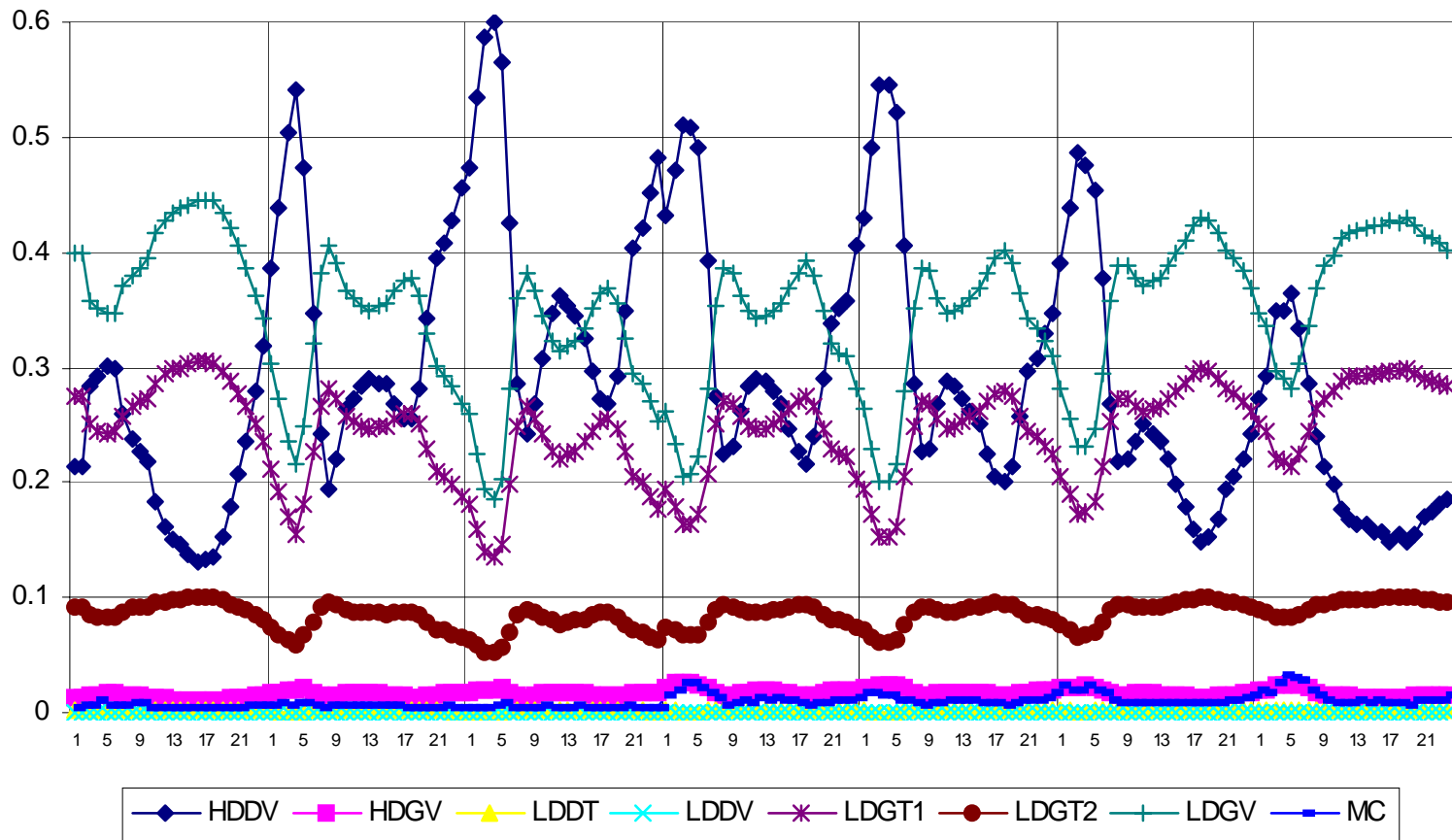


## **T3/CONCEPT Vehicle Mix Disaggregation**

- **T3/CONCEPT disaggregates grouped vehicle classes into eight MOBILE5 vehicle classes**
- **Based on analyses of CY2002 vehicle classification recorder data**
- **Hourly VMT mix profiles developed by HPMS facility class, month, day of week, hour of day**
- **Analyses performed for IL, MI, MN, and WI**

# Example Vehicle Mix Temporal Profile

Illinois Function Class 1, February  
Hourly Class Fractions Sunday through Saturday



# **CONCEPT Estimation of On-Road Motor Vehicle Emissions**

- **Temporal Allocation**
- **Speed Adjustment**
- **Spatial Allocation**
- **Vehicle Mix Profile Assignment**
- **Run MOBILE6**
- **Apply MOBILE6 Emission Factors**
- **Speciation**

## CONCEPT MOBILE6 Runs

- **Representative County**
- **Year, Season**
- **$\Delta$  Temperature (Bins)**
- **Road Type (Freeway and Arterial)**
- **Speed Bin**

## Diurnal Emissions

- **Pick common  $\Delta$  temperatures within representative county**
- **Use single actual hourly temperature profile to represent all cells with same  $\Delta$  temperature**
- **Correctly calculates diurnal emissions for that temperature profile**
- **Variation in temperature profile (wrt diurnals) likely small**
- **Use humidity profile for same cell**

## Start Emissions

- T3 reads number of vehicle origin trips by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)
- Trips are totaled by county and passed to CONCEPT (spatial surrogates are currently only at county level)
- Future versions of T3/CONCEPT will handle trips data at the TAZ level
- **Start emissions = # trip starts \* MOBILE6 start emissions factor**



## Michigan Statewide roadway network and gridded NO<sub>2</sub> link-level exhaust emissions for July 6, 2002, 8am-9am

