

1 **Response to reviewer #1**

2 In urban areas IVOCs are among the most important and yet least understood precursors to
3 secondary organic aerosols. Tunnel test is a widely adopted approach to characterize vehicle
4 emissions of air pollutants as it can obtain results representing real-world emissions with a large
5 number of driving vehicles involved. This study is the first tunnel test conducted to characterize
6 vehicular emission of IVOCs. As the field campaign was carried out in a very busy urban tunnel
7 with traffic flows of over 30,000 vehicles per day, the results from this study are valuable and
8 implicative for the emission reduction of IVOCs, which is of great importance for SOA to
9 further alleviate air pollution due to fine particles in urban areas. The data quality is good with
10 available QA/QC procedures, and the manuscript is well written and organized. I recommend
11 its publication in the form of “measurement report” in ACP after addressing the following
12 comments.

13 Specific comments:

14 Lines 75-79: the sentences are a little confusing, rewrite it.

15 **Response:** We have rewritten the sentences as:

16 “However, driving conditions significantly influence vehicular IVOCs emissions (Drozd et al.,
17 2018; Tang et al., 2021), therefore emissions of IVOCs under real-world driving conditions
18 may be quite different from that measured with chassis dynamometers.” (*Line 75-78*)

19 Lines 88-91: “For this reason, IVOC emission factors derived from vehicle tests in the US have
20 been used to update China’s emission inventories with the inclusion of IVOCs (Liu et al., 2017).
21 It is unknown whether the borrowed emission factors could well reflect the vehicular emissions
22 of IVOCs in China.”, consider to change as “As IVOC emission factors derived(Liu et al.,
23 2017), it is unknown.....”.

24 **Response:** Thanks. Revised as suggested. (*Line 87-89*)

25 Lines 125-126: “classify the vehicle types”, change to “classify vehicles into different fuel
26 types”.

27 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 124-125*)

28 Lines 129-131: “...a gas chromatography / mass selective detector (GC/MSD; Agilent, 7890

29 GC/5975 MSD, USA) with a capillary column (Agilent, HP-5MS, 30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm).”

30 Should be “...a gas chromatography / mass selective detector (GC/MSD; 7890 GC/5975 MSD,

31 Agilent Technologies, USA) with a capillary column (HP-5MS, 30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm,

32 Agilent Technologies, USA).”

33 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 128-130*)

34 Line 143: the retention time: the retention times; of n-alkane: of a n-alkane

35 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 142*)

36 Line 148: in the 11 bins.

37 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 147-148*)

38 Line 169: “occurs” à “occurred”.

39 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 168*)

40 Lines 171-172: “IVOCs detected in the second tube only accounted for 2.6 ± 1.4% of the total

41 in the two tubes, indicating no breakthrough during the sampling”: as 2.6% detected in the

42 second tube, why no breakthrough?

43 **Response:** We have revised “no breakthrough” as “negligible breakthrough”. (*Line 171*)

44 Line 181: of a given species.

45 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 180*)

46 Line 192: 76.3% on average.

47 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 191*)

48 Line 193: a percentage of: an average percentage of.

49 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 192-193*)

50 Line 204: change “diesel” to “DVs”.

51 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 203*)

52 Line 217 “<http://www.mee.gov.cn/>”: it just directs to the web site of MEE, but not to the specific

53 documents with the relevant information. Try to be more specific or you need cite other

54 appropriate references.

55 **Response:** Revised as suggested. The following link directly provides proportion of China III
56 or lower emission standard diesel vehicles in 2019.

57 (http://www.mee.gov.cn/xxgk2018/xxgk/xxgk13/202012/t20201201_810776.html) (*Line 216*)

58 Lines 225-226: “GVs still share a much larger portion than the China V and VI ones in the on-
59 road fleets (<http://www.mee.gov.cn/>).” Change to “.....ones in China’s on-road fleets
60 (<http://www.mee.gov.cn/>....)”, as mentioned above, the website address should be more specific
61 so that the readers can easily find information about fleet compositions in China.

62 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 225-226*)

63 Lines 231-233: “The speciated IVOCs consist of n-alkanes, b-alkanes and PAHs. Naphthalene
64 dominated the quantified PAHs, accounting for $56.82 \pm 1.21\%$ of total PAHs emissions.”
65 change to “Among the speciated IVOCs (Table S1), naphthalene dominated the quantified
66 PAHs, accounting for $56.82 \pm 1.21\%$ of total PAHs emissions.”

67 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 231-232*)

68 Line 243: bins.

69 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 243*)

70 Lines 244-245: “The mass ratios of IVOCs in each bin to the n-alkane in the same bin ranges
71 9.0-15.8 (Table S2). As n-alkanes are more easily and routinely quantified, the relationships
72 of...” rewrite to “The mass ratios of IVOCs to the n-alkane in the bins ranged 9.0-15.8 (Table
73 S2). As n-alkanes can be more easily and routinely quantified, the relationships of...”.

74 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 243-245*)

75 Line 248: consider changing to “as the results here were obtained for a fleet dominated by GVs”

76 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 247*)

77 Line 274: “totalled”: “totaled”

78 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 274*)

79 Line 291: “ontained in a tunnel”: “obtained from this study in a tunnel”

80 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 294-295*)

81 4. Conclusions and implications: in this part the authors present many emission estimates and
82 percentages, some of which cannot be directly figured out by the readers. Better added some
83 explanations in the supporting information about these.

84 **Response:** Thank you for the suggestions. As suggested, to make it more informative to readers,
85 we have added explanations in the Supporting Information as below:

86 **Text S4**

87 **Estimations of IVOCs emission**

88 Firstly, we used the mileage-based EF_{IVOCs} and the average vehicle fleet composition observed
89 in tunnel to calculate IVOCs emissions percentage of DVs and GVs (Table S4). Then, as
90 showed in Table S4, the fuel-based EF_{IVOCs} and fuel consumptions in China in 2019
91 (<http://www.mee.gov.cn/hjzl/sthjzk/ydyhjgl/>) were used to estimate IVOCs emissions from
92 diesel- and gasoline-fueled engines.

93 Table S4. Estimations of IVOCs emission from on-road DVs and GVs and from diesel- and
94 gasoline-fueled engines.

	Diesel vehicles	Gasoline vehicles
Mileage-based EF ($mg\ km^{-1}$)	62.79±18.37	13.95±1.13
Fleet composition	5%	95%
IVOCs emission percentages	19.1%	80.9%
	Diesel-fueled engines	Gasoline-fueled engines
Fuel-based EFs ($mg\ kg^{-1}$)	984.9±288.2	239.5±19.5
Fuel consumptions (Tg)	150	120
IVOCs emissions (Gg)	147.7	28.74

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96 Line 306: “revealed complex and different results”, it should be more specific.

97 **Response:** Thank you for the suggestions. As suggested, we added some sentences in revised
98 manuscript:

99 “our tunnel tests for on-road fleet revealed that although the ratios of IVOCs-to-POA and
100 IVOCs-to-NMHCs were comparable to that from previous chassis dynamometer tests, no
101 significant positive correlations were found between IVOCs and POA or NMHCs in our tunnel
102 measurements.” (*Line 308-311*)

103 Line 339: “on-road diesels are comparable to the non-road diesel engines” change to “on-road
104 diesel vehicles are comparable to that for non-road diesel engines”.

105 **Response:** Revised as suggested. (*Line 344-345*).

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107 **Response to reviewer #2**

108 General Comments:

109 In general the manuscript is well constructed and easy to follow. To my understanding,
110 less previous studies were focus on investigation of real-world IVOC fleet emissions,
111 this study showed that there are still some knowledge gaps between the real-world
112 situation and laboratory-based results of vehicular IVOCs emissions. However, besides
113 showing the measurement results and some relation analysis, there is a lack of in-depth
114 data analysis and discussion, which could be attributed to less supporting data from
115 other sources (only concurrent VOCs results were used, not even showed). Overall, the
116 manuscript is recommended to be published in the form of "measurement report" after
117 necessary revision.

118 Specific Comments:

119 Line 196-197: Here the Emission Factors (EF_{IVOCs}) for both GVs ($13.29 \pm 5.08 \text{ mg km}^{-1}$
120 veh^{-1}) and DVs ($21.40 \pm 5.01 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$) were determined from Equation (1).
121 Similar parameters were estimated by Equation (2) with different outcomes showed in
122 Line 205-206 ($13.95 \pm 1.13 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$ for GVs and $62.79 \pm 18.37 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$
123 for DVs). It is unclear that how to obtain these values directly from Equation (1). To
124 my understanding, the only affecting variable would be the vehicle count, but in this
125 case it is difficult to tell how much of EF_{IVOCs} are attributed to GVs and DVs,
126 respectively. Please explain.

127 **Response:** Thank you for the comments. There might be some misunderstanding.
128 Equation (1) was used to calculate the fleet-average emission factor of IVOCs (EF_{IVOCs}),
129 which ranged from $13.29 \pm 5.08 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$ to $21.40 \pm 5.01 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$. Based
130 on equation (2) (Ho et al., 2007; Kramer et al., 2020), the EF_{IVOCs} of GVs and DVs
131 could be derived via linear regression as $13.95 \pm 1.13 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$ and 62.79 ± 18.37
132 $\text{mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$, respectively. We have also modified this part of writing as below:
133 “Based on above equation (1), fleet-average EF_{IVOCs} (GVs + DVs) ranged from 13.29
134 $\pm 5.08 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$ to $21.40 \pm 5.01 \text{ mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$, with an average of 16.77 ± 0.89
135 $\text{mg km}^{-1} \text{ veh}^{-1}$ (Average $\pm 95\%$ C.I.)” (Line 195-197)

136 **References:**

137 Ho, K. F., Ho, S. S. H., Cheng, Y., Lee, S. C., and Yu, J. Z.: Real-world emission factors
138 of fifteen carbonyl compounds measured in a Hong Kong tunnel. *Atmos. Environ.*,
139 41, 1747-1758, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2006.10.027>, 2007.

140 Kramer, L. J., Crilley, L. R., Adams, T. J., Ball, S. M., Pope, F. D., and Bloss, W. J.:
141 Nitrous acid (HONO) emissions under real-world driving conditions from vehicles
142 in a UK road tunnel. *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 20, 5231-5248,
143 <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-20-5231-2020>, 2020.

144 Line 289-290: It is mentioned that there is a difference between the SOA_{IVOCs}-to-
145 SOA_{VOCs} ratio for DVs and GVs. Is it possible to differentiate this from your data set
146 (say utilizing the principle of Equation (2))?

147 **Response:** Thank you for the comments. According to the reviewer's suggestions, we
148 tried to use the principle of Equation (2) to resolve the SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratios for
149 DVs and GVs, which was shown in the following figure. Although the correlation
150 between SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratios and DVs fraction was not significant, SOA_{IVOCs}-
151 to-SOA_{VOCs} ratio of DVs (54.9) did present much higher value than that of GVs (6.82).
152 We also added this result to our revised manuscript as below:

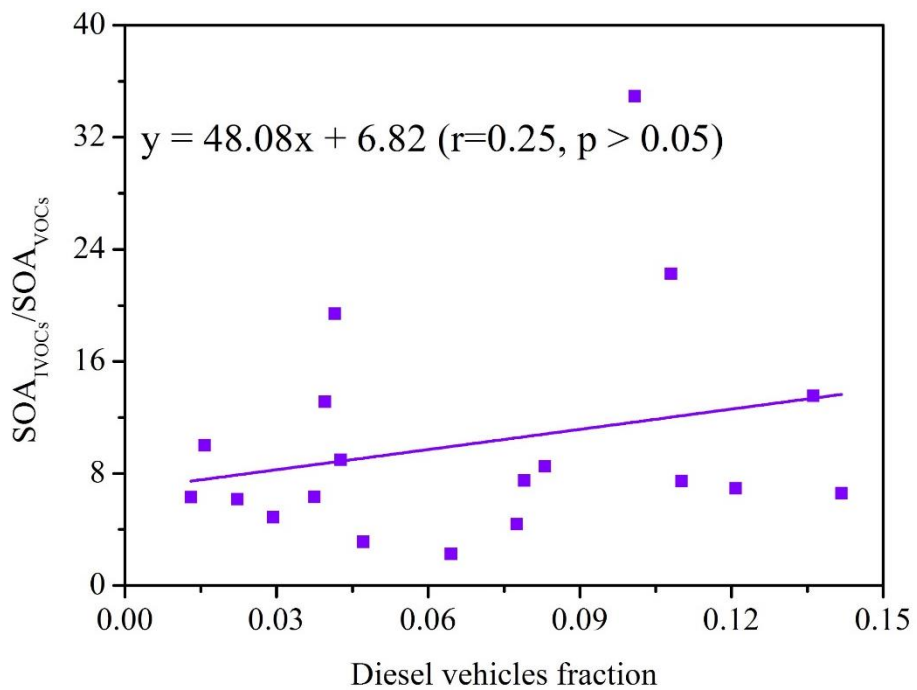
153 "Furthermore, we also resolved the SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratios for DVs and GVs via
154 liner regression (Text S3). As shown in Fig. S7, although the correlation between
155 SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratios and DV fractions was not significant, the DVs did present
156 much higher average SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratio (54.9) than that of GVs (6.82)." (*Line*
157 *290-294*).

158 **"Text S3**

159 Linear regression analysis of diesel vehicles fraction and SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratio

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$$R = R_{DV_s} \times \alpha + R_{GV_s} (1 - \alpha)$$

161 where R represents the fleet average SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratio calculated during the
162 campaign. R_{DVs} and R_{GVs} are the SOA_{IVOCs}-to-SOA_{VOCs} ratios for DVs and GVs,
163 respectively. α is the fraction of DVs in the total IVOCs-emitting vehicles traveling
164 through the tunnel." (*Supporting information*)



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166 Figure S7. Linear regression analysis of diesel vehicles fraction and SOA_{IVOCs}-to-

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SOA_{VOCs} ratio