
Fine-Grained Spatio-Temporal Particulate Matter Dataset From Delhi For ML based Modeling

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Abstract

1 Air pollution poses serious health concerns in developing countries, such as In-
2 dia, necessitating large-scale measurement for correlation analysis, policy rec-
3 ommendations, and informed decision-making. However, fine-grained data col-
4 lection is costly. Specifically, static sensors for pollution measurement cost sev-
5 eral thousand dollars per unit, leading to inadequate deployment and coverage.
6 To complement the existing sparse static sensor network, we propose a mobile
7 sensor network utilizing lower-cost $PM_{2.5}$ sensors mounted on public buses in
8 the Delhi-NCR region of India. Through this exercise, we introduce a novel
9 dataset comprising $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} measurements. This dataset is made pub-
10 licly available at <https://www.cse.iitd.ac.in/pollutiondata>, serving
11 as a valuable resource for machine learning (ML) researchers and environmen-
12 talists. We present two key contributions with the release of this dataset. Firstly,
13 through in-depth statistical analysis, we demonstrate that the released dataset
14 significantly differs from existing pollution datasets, highlighting its uniqueness
15 and potential for new insights. Secondly, we conduct a benchmarking exercise
16 (<https://github.com/sachin-iitd/DelhiPMDatasetBenchmark>), evalu-
17 ating state-of-the-art methods for interpolation, feature imputation, and forecast-
18 ing on this dataset, which is the largest publicly available PM dataset to date.
19 The results of the benchmarking exercise underscore the substantial disparities in
20 accuracy between the proposed dataset and other publicly available datasets. This
21 finding highlights the complexity and richness of our dataset, emphasizing its value
22 for advancing research in the field of air pollution.

23 1 Introduction

24 Air pollution has reached life-threatening levels in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), India [Tri-
25 pathi *et al.*, 2019; Mannucci and Franchini, 2017], which is one of the most densely populated urban
26 centers. The population of Delhi-NCR exceeds 46 million people [Nagar *et al.*, 2017] and it has been
27 reported that 50% of all children staying in this region suffer from irreversible lung damage [Chatterji,
28 2021; ORF, 2021]. *Particulate Matter (PM)* is especially dangerous, since our breathing cannot filter
29 out the ultra-fine particles. To mitigate the effects of air pollution, there is an urgent need to identify
30 causes of pollution and strategies to curb its spread. It is suggested Sahu *et al.* [2020]; Sutaria [2022]

31 to use one sensor per km² for better pollution analysis. The *Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)*
32 and *Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)* have only 81 realtime air pollution measurement
33 centers in Delhi-NCR Sutaria [2022] along with 65 manually monitored centers, which are thoroughly
34 inadequate Guttikunda *et al.* [2023]; ET [2022] to cover the vast geography of 55,000 km² NCRPB
35 [2018].

36 In the literature, several models have been proposed for predicting pollution levels at same/future time
37 points [Patel *et al.*, 2022; Gao and Li, 2021; Kurt *et al.*, 2008; Tsai *et al.*, 2018; Le *et al.*, 2020], and
38 identifying factors affecting pollution [Apte *et al.*, 2011; Google, 2014; Messier *et al.*, 2018; Apte *et*
39 *al.*, 2017; Alexeeff *et al.*, 2018]. There exists *interpolation models* [Qiao *et al.*, 2019; Rasmussen and
40 Williams, 2005; Hamilton *et al.*, 2017; Patel *et al.*, 2022] to reliably predict pollution levels at unseen
41 locations based on a sufficient number of pre-installed sensors. These models can improve with
42 fine-grained pollution data. The interpolation and forecasting models are *supervised* in nature and
43 hence can do better with more training data. Unfortunately, collecting pollution data using realtime
44 centers is highly expensive as each instrument costs thousands of US Dollars.

45 In this work, we aim to mitigate the problem of lack of sufficient data in a cost-effective manner. We
46 design a low-cost sensing mechanism (thoroughly compared in quality against high cost sensors)
47 that allows us to collect PM data over a subset of the Delhi-NCR region at a fine spatio-temporal
48 granularity. The key highlights and contributions of our work are:

49 **1. Quality dataset:** As it is not cost-effective to repeat even the low cost sensors per km², we
50 establish a low-cost vehicle-mounted PM sensing network and release the largest PM_{2.5} dataset from
51 one of the most polluted regions in the world. This dataset is shown to be as good as the data collected
52 from the few high-cost static-sensor deployed in the same region. As it is very challenging to collect
53 such dataset in a developing country due to constraints in infrastructure and government permissions,
54 we document our data collection experience briefly in the paper. (§ 3.2).

55 **2. Unique dataset:** This dataset complements the static sensor data available from the government
56 deployed instruments in important ways. The static sensors are located at the top of high towers to
57 get precise recordings of ambient pollution values, not affected by local sources. Our mobile sensors,
58 on the other hand, are installed in the bus driver’s cabin to measures the ground level pollution that
59 daily commuters breathe in. We also perform a thorough comparison with PM datasets available
60 from other parts of the world and establish that the released dataset is unique in terms of scale and
61 statistical characteristics. Hence, it can be of immense value to environmental think tanks. (§ 3.3).

62 **3. Utility for ML modeling:** Through extensive benchmarking using state-of-the-art Machine
63 Learning (ML) algorithms, we demonstrate the utility of this new dataset for modeling problems
64 using ML, like spatio-temporal interpolation, missing data imputation and forecasting. The dataset
65 is shown to be more challenging to model with ML algorithms, compared to previously available
66 datasets, as Delhi has much higher variance in PM across space and time. This dataset, therefore
67 opens opportunities for ML researchers for designing and benchmarking new ML algorithms, to
68 reduce the interpolation, missing data imputation or forecasting errors. (§ 4).

69 2 Related Work

70 Spatio-temporal (ST) interpolation involves predicting air quality at unmonitored locations in the
71 past and/or present time using training data observed from the sensors during the past and present
72 time. Zheng *et al.* [2013] developed a co-training-based approach for ST interpolation using PM_{2.5}
73 values captured every hour from ground stations of 4 cities in China which are converted to AQI
74 (Air Quality Index), along with meteorological and traffic data. Cheng *et al.* [2018] proposed an
75 attention-based hybrid model involving LSTM and dense layers and Patel *et al.* [2022] proposed a
76 domain-inspired non-stationary Gaussian process model for ST interpolation which can also be used
77 for ST forecasting. The two used 36 monitoring stations in Beijing with the collection time interval
78 of 1 hour (with the latter additionally using London data), alongside meteorological data.

79 Missing data imputation problem can be considered a variation of spatio-temporal interpolation where
80 observations on the spatio-temporal cube are missing at random and we want to impute the missing
81 data. Models that work for ST interpolation can mostly be adapted readily for this problem.

82 Spatio-temporal forecasting aims to predict air quality at a particular location in future using the past
 83 and current data available at all the installed sensors. Kurt *et al.* [2008] developed an online neural
 84 network based approach to predict air quality maximum 3 days ahead in time using 1 year PM_{10} data
 85 for 1 region in Turkey. Zheng *et al.* [2015] develop and deploy a machine learning based air quality
 86 forecasting system with the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection. Yi *et al.* [2018] develop
 87 a deep learning based approach to provide short-term, long-term air quality forecasts. The two
 88 used meteorological data along with pollution data generated every hour from 2,296 stations in 302
 89 Chinese cities, and converted these concentrations into corresponding (individual) AQIs according
 90 to Chinese AQI standards. Air quality forecasting was posed as a challenge in KDD2018, where
 91 Luo *et al.* [2019] presented a winning solution based on a combination of classical machine learning
 92 and deep learning models using the provided data from stations in Beijing and London. Gao and Li
 93 [2021] propose a graph-based LSTM model for air quality forecasting and evaluate on Northwest
 94 China hourly data from 32 china stations.

95 All these prior arts utilize the static ground stations Air Quality data for the analysis, which enforces
 96 a restricted spatial coverage. They also use meteorological data from the respective regions. There
 97 also have been studies on low cost sensors available in market for developed (EU) regions Karagulian
 98 *et al.* [2019] only. Also, a project about installing low cost sensors at different roadside locations
 99 Schneider *et al.* [2023] to complement the existing expensive static sensor network is done recently,
 100 but they kept the sensors at fixed locations. We are working on the PM data collected with mobile
 101 sensors, which is fine-grained and provides better spatio-temporal coverage, and our benchmarked
 102 models do not rely on other meteorological factors.

103 3 Dataset Description

104 3.1 Dataset Collection Challenges

105 Creating the mobile PM dataset (as a replacement for low cost static PM dataset and high-cost ground
 106 station PM dataset) required us to design and implement our own embedded platform, choosing
 107 and calibrating appropriate sensors for maximum accuracy at low cost. We opted to install our
 108 device in public buses, to utilize their pre-defined/fixed and frequent routes of travel. Packaging
 109 was challenging to securely mount the instruments in the public buses, avoiding theft and ensuring
 110 enough ambient air to measure PM. Cellular connectivity was intermittent as the buses traversed
 111 the city, requiring us to augment real time data transfer when signal was present, with local storage
 112 to save data when signal strength dropped. Finally, getting permissions from different government
 113 entities to instrument the public bus fleet needed strict safety certifications that our devices do not
 114 interfere with the electrical and mechanical functioning of the bus.

115 We mounted pollution tracking sensors on the permissible 13 public buses in Delhi for 3 months (Nov
 116 1st, 2020 to Jan 31st, 2021), in collaboration with Delhi Integrated Multimodal Transport System,
 117 after rigorous tests for automotive safety certification and appropriate permissions and letters of
 118 support from the Delhi Ministry of Transport and Delhi Pollution Control Committee. The inside
 119 of our custom-made instrument comprising (a) PM sensor measuring $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} and PM_1 , (b)
 120 GPS sensor to locate the bus, (c) 4G radio to communicate data from bus to server, (d) SD card for
 121 locally storing data when 4G signal is unavailable, (e) BME sensor BME [2023], a sensor especially
 122 developed for mobile applications and wearables, to record temperature and relative humidity and (f)



Figure 1: (a) Inside of our PM measuring IoT unit. (b) Mounting location in bus driver's cabin in non air-conditioned public bus (below the existing white box). (c) Mounted IoT unit in the bus (below the existing white box). (d) Government deployed static sensors installed in and around our bus trajectories, as location icons.

123 micro-controller to orchestrate the sense-store-communicate software (See Fig. 1a). The mounting
 124 location in the bus driver’s cabin, next to two open windows to allow enough air-flow (Fig. 1b-1c).
 125 Each bus commutes for 16-20 hours per day, and our instruments collect data at a fine granularity
 126 of 20 samples per minute. Overall, the bus trajectories cover 559 km², along the main arterial
 127 roads in North-West, North, North-East and South-East Delhi (Fig. 1d). The dataset has been made
 128 available at <https://www.cse.iitd.ac.in/pollutiondata/> with proper documentation,
 129 under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License CC-by4 [2013].

130 3.2 Data Quality Analysis

131 Fig. 2a plots PM_{2.5} values measured by two low cost PM sensors built by us (cost USD 30), and the
 132 same measured by an industry grade reference instrument TSI DustTrak (cost USD 9500), while all
 133 three instruments are placed close to each other. The plot shows hours of the day along *x*-axis and
 134 sensed PM_{2.5} values along *y*-axis, for 10 sample days Jul 21-31, 2021. This is after the deployment
 135 of the low cost sensors in the buses is over, and the sensors have been brought back to the lab. Fig. 2b
 136 shows the histogram of difference of hourly mean PM between DustTrak and one mobile sensor, and
 137 two low cost mobile sensors, for the same 10 days. While the cost gap between the instruments is
 138 huge, the gap between their sensed PM_{2.5} values, as seen in this graph, is negligible. This pattern has
 139 been observed consistently by us and other researchers [Zheng *et al.*, 2018; Cheng *et al.*, 2014; Gao
 140 *et al.*, 2015; Rai *et al.*, 2017; Jiao *et al.*, 2016; Zheng *et al.*, 2019].

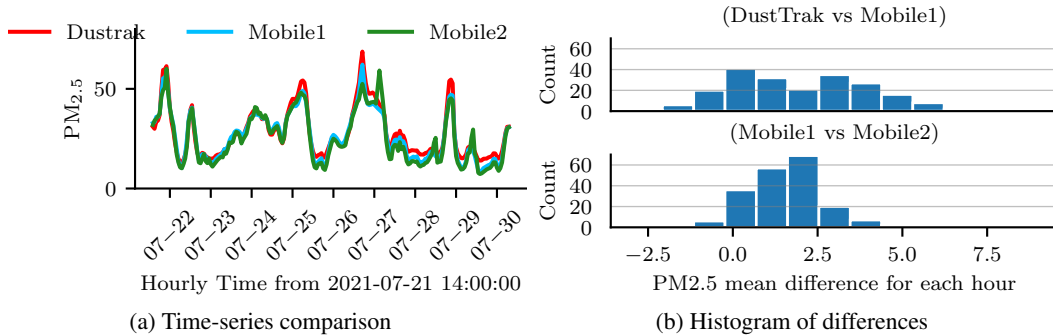


Figure 2: (a) PM_{2.5} values measured by our low-cost mobile PM sensors (USD 30) vs. TSI DustTrak (USD 9500) between Jul 21-31, 2021. (b) Histogram of pointwise differences of PM_{2.5} values measured by DustTrak and low cost mobile PM sensors. The values are almost identical.

141 We additionally compare the distribution of PM values recorded by our mobile sensors vs. those
 142 by the high-cost static sensors, deployed at sparse locations by CPCB and DPCC in Delhi-NCR.
 143 Fig. 3a(Left) shows hours of day along *x*-axis and average PM_{2.5} for that hour, as measured by
 144 reference grade static monitors, with standard-deviation bars along *y*-axis. Fig. 3a(Right) shows
 145 the same averaged over all bus mounted sensors. We select the static sensors that are within 1km of
 146 mobile sensor trajectory for each hour, and plot for 7 sample days. Fig. 3a reveal that both static and
 147 bus mounted sensors show similar PM distributions for each day, in spite of the difference in heights

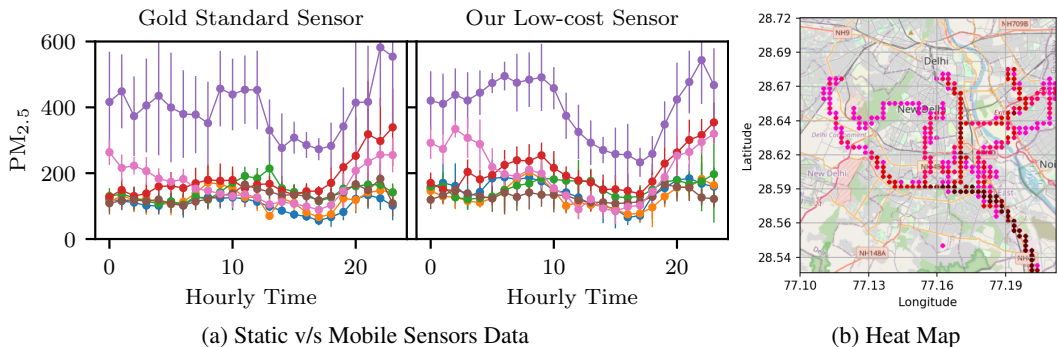


Figure 3: (a) Distribution of PM_{2.5} collected by our low-cost sensor and gold standard sensor over 7 random days. The distributions are similar across the two sets of instruments. (b) Heat Maps (darker locations contain more samples).

148 they have been installed at, and the difference in PM measurement technique. We see this agreement
 149 for the entire 3 months deployment period. The agreement between low cost mobile sensors, and a
 150 co-located high cost TSI Dusttrak, as well as reference grade static monitors, give us confidence to
 151 release the dataset to the research community.

152 **Heat Map:** During our analysis, we discovered variations in data availability across different
 153 timestamps and spatial locations. It was evident that certain timestamps were not available at all
 154 spatial locations. Furthermore, some spatial locations, which were situated along routes with fewer
 155 bus visits throughout the day, exhibited limited temporal samples. As illustrated in Fig. 3b, a typical
 156 day (Dec 15, 2020) demonstrated this pattern, where the outermost locations (depicted in light/pink
 157 color) contained samples from 4 hours duration within the 16.5-hour effective temporal window.
 158 Conversely, the darker/brown locations near the bottom right of the figure displayed a higher number
 159 of samples, ranging from 14 to 16.5 hours. These locations are associated with common bus routes
 160 that connect with the depot.

161 3.3 Dataset Novelty

162 Tables 1 and 2 summarize the statistics of the dataset. While vehicle mounted air pollution sensing
 163 has been conducted [Apte *et al.*, 2011; Google, 2014; Apte *et al.*, 2017; Alexeeff *et al.*, 2018; Guo
 164 *et al.*, 2016; Adams and Corr, 2019; Li *et al.*, 2012], our dataset is unique in characteristics and
 165 scale. Specifically, only two studies from Ontario, Canada [Adams and Corr, 2019] and Zurich,
 166 Switzerland [Li *et al.*, 2012] have made their datasets publicly available. The Zurich dataset does
 167 not include PM values. Compared to the Canada dataset, our dataset is 1000 times larger and has
 168 a significantly different distribution of PM values (See Tables 1 and 2). This is understandable as
 169 Delhi-NCR is an air pollution hotspot, whereas Zurich and Ontario have negligible PM levels. We
 170 also compare our dataset with a recent USA AQI dataset Bhattacharyya *et al.* [2022] collected from
 171 Air Quality Open Data Platform.

Table 1: Details of Delhi, India and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and USA datasets.

Metric	Delhi-NCR	Canada	USA
Total area	559 km ²	1138 km ²	54 cities
Total samples	12,542,183	46,080	35,596
Samples with PM2.5	12,542,183	12,154	35,134
Pollutants covered	PM ₁ , PM _{2.5} and PM ₁₀	CO, NO, NO ₂ , SO ₂ , O ₃ , PM ₁ , PM _{2.5} and PM ₁₀	CO, NO ₂ , SO ₂ , O ₃ , PM _{2.5} and PM ₁₀
Sensor source	Public bus	Commercial van	OpenDataPlatform
Monitoring days	91	114	668

Table 2: Statistical comparison of PM values in Delhi, Canada and USA datasets.

Metric	Delhi-NCR			Canada			USA	
	PM ₁	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM ₁	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5} AQI	PM ₁₀ AQI
Mean	120.35	207.92	226.11	12.15	15.08	46.45	31.15	17.67
Std-dev	57.27	114.36	123.86	9.02	12.87	97.36	17.11	11.00
Missing %	0	0	0	71.71	73.62	72.24	1.30	52.34

172 4 ML Modeling Benchmarks

173 In this section, we benchmark the machine learning problems of (1) spatio-temporal interpolation,
 174 (2) spatio-temporal data imputation and (3) spatio-temporal forecasting on the proposed and the
 175 Canada datasets. This benchmarking study serves two roles. First, it allows us to compare the
 176 complexities of the two datasets beyond just statistical characterization. Secondly, spatio-temporal
 177 interpolations, data imputations, and forecasting methods are crucial for environmental research,
 178 policy-making, and individual decision-making. They empower various stakeholders to gain a
 179 comprehensive understanding of air pollution, proactively address potential increases in pollution
 180 levels, and make informed choices to reduce personal exposure. In order to harness the full potential
 181 of spatio-temporal forecasting, interpolations, and data imputations, it is crucial to benchmark and
 182 evaluate the performance of algorithms designed to tackle these problems.

183 **4.1 Dataset Pre-processing and Evaluation Metrics for the Analysis**

184 To benchmark ML modeling algorithms, we process and split the data into two parts for *visible* and
 185 *held-out/hidden*. For the Delhi dataset, we focus on the data collected from Nov 12, 2020, to Jan 30,
 186 2021, excluding the initial days when there were fewer instruments on the buses and limited sample
 187 data. Additionally, we exclude the nightly data between 10 PM IST and 5:30 AM IST when buses
 188 remain stationary at a confined bus-depot. To facilitate analysis, we divide the geographical area into
 189 square spatial grids with a side length of 1 km. These grids are further converted into spatio-temporal
 190 cells with a time interval of 30 minutes. To obtain representative PM values, we compute the average
 191 of all samples within each spatio-temporal cell. Subsequently, we employ K -fold cross-validation to
 192 partition the data into K PM visible / held-out sets for each day. The results obtained from the Delhi
 193 dataset are denoted as *Delhi (Day)* in the generated plots.

194 Additionally, we utilize two open-sources PM datasets, from Hamilton in Ontario, Canada Adams
 195 and Corr [2019] and from USA Bhattacharyya *et al.* [2022]. For the Canada dataset, we process
 196 the data from 18 distinct days in the year 2015 using the same methodology. These results are
 197 presented as *Canada (Day)* in the respective experiments. As the data for Canada exhibits temporal
 198 sparsity, we project the data for each year onto a single day and treat it as equivalent to 11 days
 199 (from 2006 to 2016). The outcomes of this processing approach are depicted as *Canada (Year)*
 200 in the experiments. For the USA data, we use the available PM data across 54 cities from Jan 1,
 201 2019 to Dec 11, 2020, and the results are presented as *USA (Day)*. We benchmark the datasets on
 202 Nvidia DGX Workstation (with 4X Tesla V100 GPUs) and the benchmarking code is available at
 203 <https://github.com/sachin-iitd/DelhiPMDataSetBenchmark>.

204 **Notation:** We use T (consecutive) days data for the training and take the next day for test/evaluation.
 205 Fig. 4a denotes the various subsets of this $T+1$ days data as A, B, C and P. For a given fold, A is the
 206 visible set with 80% of all T train days data, B is the held-out set with the remaining 20% of the T
 207 train days data. $A \cup B$ forms the whole dataset for the T train days. C is the visible set with 80% of
 208 the test day data, P is the held-out set with the remaining 20% of the test day and $C \cup P$ forms the
 209 whole dataset for the test day. The exact number of locations in A, B, C and P change across the K
 210 folds. In Fig. 4b, we show set of A and B spatial locations in Delhi dataset for 3 PM to 4:30 PM on
 211 Dec 15, 2020.

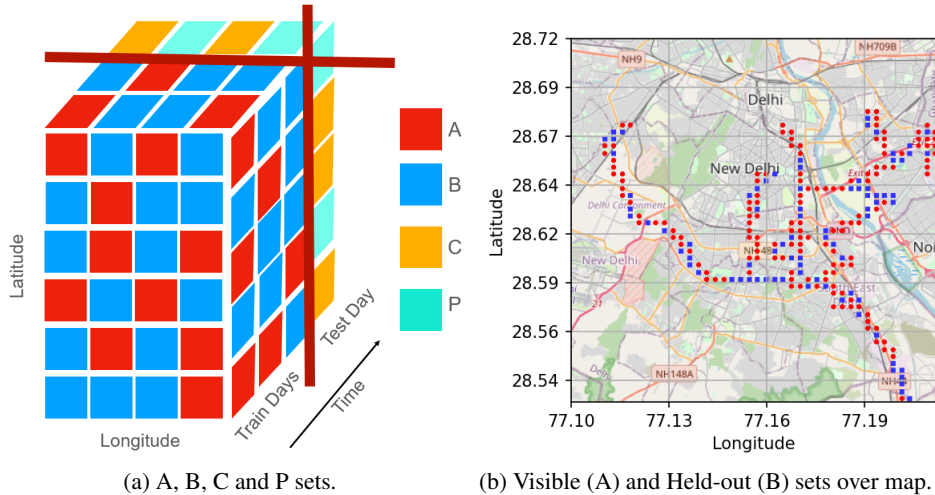


Figure 4: PM Data Splits.

212 **4.2 Formulation of different ML Prediction Problems**

213 **(a) Spatio-temporal Interpolation:** Given set of visible locations A and C where we have input
 214 features (latitude, longitude and time) and $PM_{2.5}$ available for $T+1$ days, we wish to estimate $PM_{2.5}$
 215 for a set of held-out locations P for the $T+1^{th}$ day using the input features (latitude, longitude and
 216 time). This approach is compatible to the scenario where we have data for some locations and we use
 217 interpolation algorithms to know the PM values at new locations.

218 The Loss is computed as follows:

$$RMSE(L'_p, L_p) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y'_i - y_i)^2} \quad (1)$$

219 where y'_i is the predicted and y_i is the true $PM_{2.5}$ value, and N is the total number of samples.

220 For each of the K folds, we separately compute RMSE of prediction over P for that fold, and then
 221 plot average with standard deviation bars over the K folds. The lower RMSE being the better.

222 **(b) Spatio-temporal Missing Data Imputation:** Given set of visible locations A and C where we
 223 have input features (latitude, longitude and time) and $PM_{2.5}$ available for $T+1$ days and a set of
 224 held-out locations B where we have input features (latitude, longitude and time) and $PM_{2.5}$ available
 225 for T days, we wish to estimate $PM_{2.5}$ for a set of held-out locations P for the $T+1^{th}$ day using the
 226 input features (latitude, longitude and time). This setting is compatible to the scenario where we
 227 have intermittent data missing throughout the day and we use interpolation algorithms to predict the
 228 missing points taking past and present data as input.

229 **(c) Spatio-temporal Forecasting:** Given a set of locations A and B where we have input features
 230 (latitude, longitude and time) and $PM_{2.5}$ available for T days, we wish to estimate $PM_{2.5}$ for a set of
 231 locations C and P for the $T+1^{th}$ day using the input features (latitude, longitude and time). As all the
 232 data is involved in training and evaluation, different splits from the K -fold are not required.

233 4.3 ML Algorithms Benchmarked in this Paper

234 **(a) Mean Predictor** is the simple mean value of all visible samples is used as the value of the held-out
 235 locations. The mean value of all visible $PM_{2.5}$ locations C is used as the value of the held-out $PM_{2.5}$
 236 locations P .

$$237 \text{mean} \leftarrow \frac{1}{|C|} \sum PM_{2.5}^c \quad \forall c \in C$$

$$238 PM_{2.5}^p \leftarrow \text{mean} \quad \forall p \in P$$

239 **(b) Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW)** is the weighted average value of all visible C samples in
 240 terms of distance, is used as the value of the held-out P locations.

$$241 PM_{2.5}^p \leftarrow \sum \frac{PM_{2.5}^c}{F(d_{cp})} \quad \forall c \in C \quad \forall p \in P$$

242 where F is a linear function on distance d .

243 **(c) Random Forest (RF)** is a non-linear model capable of modeling complex spaces. It is known
 244 to perform efficiently on non-linear regression tasks, using an ensemble of multiple decision trees,
 245 taking the final output as the mean of the output from all trees.

246 **(d) XGBoost (XGB)** iteratively combines the results from weak estimators. It uses gradient descent
 247 while adding new trees during training.

248 **(e) ARIMA** or Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average is a statistical time-series forecasting
 249 model that uses linear regression. It is configured using parameters (p, d, q) as: p is the number of
 250 lag observations included in the model, d is the number of times raw observations are differenced,
 251 and q is the size of the moving average window. We use ARIMA with parameters $(3, 1, 1)$.

252 **(f) N-BEATS** is Neural Basis Expansion Analysis for Time Series, a deep learning model for zero-shot
 253 time-series forecasting Oreshkin *et al.* [2020]. We use the code from Python library "Darts".

254 **(g) Non-Stationary Gaussian Process (NSGP)** is a gaussian processes based baseline taken from
 255 AAAI 2022 Patel *et al.* [2022]. It learns a non-stationary covariance Plagemann *et al.* [2008]
 256 for latitude and longitude and locally periodic covariance for time. In general, Gaussian process
 257 a.k.a. Kriging is a Bayesian non-parametric model known as the best unbiased predictor in spatial
 258 interpolation domain Rasmussen and Williams [2005]. It conditions on the training data and provides
 259 a posterior predictive distribution at the new locations with closed form equations. With only three
 260 tunable parameters, it is considered a strong baseline in spatial interpolation domain.

261 **(h) Graphsage** is a graph neural network model to learn and predict values at unknown spatio-
 262 temporal locations Hamilton *et al.* [2017]. We transform the PM data to a graph, and use Graphsage
 263 for interpolation and missing data imputation. Our graph formulation is available in Appendix A.

264 4.4 Observations and Inferences

265 Fig. 5, shows the RMSE for interpolation, using 5-fold cross validation for the two training config-
 266 urations ACT in Fig. 5a and C in Fig. 5b, for 3 training days. ACT uses the visible set from both
 267 training and test days, while C uses only the test day’s PM visible set. The missing data imputation
 268 plots are almost identical to the interpolation plots, so we omit these for space constraints.

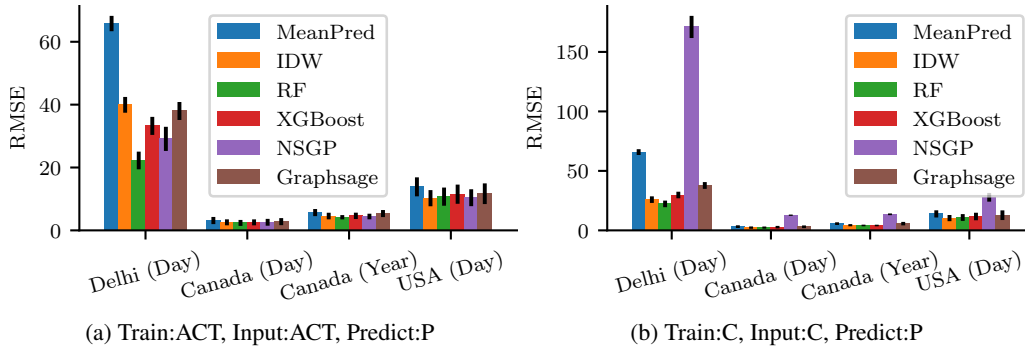


Figure 5: Interpolation RMSE. Training days’ data is used by ML model in (a) and not used in (b).

269 **Observation 1: Delhi dataset is harder to model.** All experiments over Delhi data show higher
 270 RMSE and all experiments over Canada and USA data show low RMSE, for both interpolation and
 271 forecasting, in Figures 5, and 6. This shows that Delhi data is more challenging for ML modeling,
 272 than the currently available PM datasets.

273 **Observation 2: Learning from data helps in modeling the Delhi dataset.** All ML based algorithms
 274 show significant improvement over Mean Predictor for Delhi data in Figures 5a, whereas improvement
 275 for Canada and USA data over Mean Predictor is not significant. In Fig. 5a, all ML algorithms exhibit
 276 less than 40 RMSE while Mean Predictor RMSE is 65.80 for Delhi data (best case improvement is ~ 27%
 277 and worst case sees no improvement, whereas for USA AQI data, improvement is within 16% - 26%.

278 **Observation 3: Traditional ML algorithms do as well as the recent models for the Delhi dataset.**
 279 Learning from data matters, as the ML based models do better than the mean predictor. But the recent
 280 complex Bayesian models like NSGP, and the neural network based models like Graphsage (for
 281 interpolation) and N-BEATS (for forecasting), do not outperform powerful traditional ML models
 282 like Random Forest. For instance, RF performs best for interpolation (RMSE 22.24 in Fig. 5), and
 283 XGBoost performs best for forecasting (RMSE 84.15 in Fig. 6).

284 **Observation 4: Historical training data adds no value for interpolation.** For the spatio-temporal
 285 interpolation problem, just using data from the visible set C from test day is enough to predict the
 286 held-out P data with low RMSE. For example, the RMSE for RF is similar (22.24) for test day only
 287 data C in Fig. 5b and with including train day data ACT in Fig. 5a. And XGBoost is better for C with
 288 RMSE 29.73 than for ACT with RMSE 33.24. NSGP is the only algorithm, which sees a huge jump
 289 in RMSE when not using training data from past days. Thus PM for a given day is mostly unrelated to
 290 PM on past days, and using historical training data has no significant impact on interpolation RMSE.

291 Fig. 6 shows RMSE of forecasting. Graphsage does not work in this setting as it requires a subset of
 292 test day’s data for edge formation to the data being predicted. So we drop Graphsage, and add two
 293 forecasting specific baselines: ARIMA and N-BEATS, that are not suitable for interpolation.

294 **Observation 5: Forecasting is a harder problem than interpolation.** Forecasting RMSEs are
 295 significantly higher than interpolation RMSEs. The best model in forecasting is XGBoost in Fig. 6
 296 with RMSE 84.15, whereas the best model for interpolation in Fig. 5 is RF with RMSE 22.24. Higher
 297 forecasting RMSE compared to interpolation also supports that previous day’s data has less impact on
 298 test day’s PM data. Hence forecasting using only past days’ data for an unseen future test day is hard.

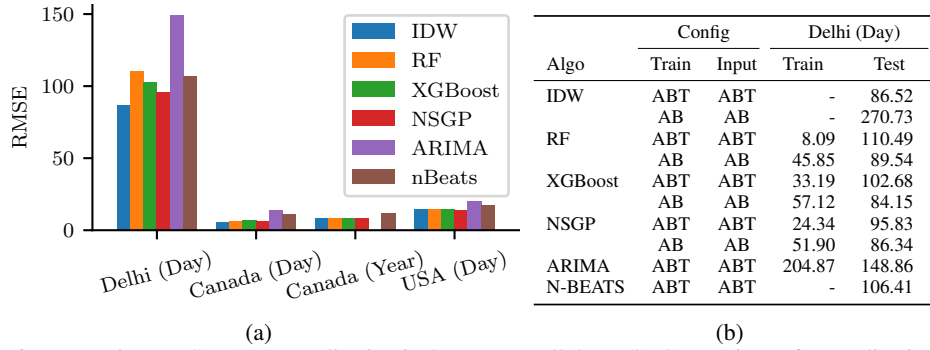


Figure 6: Forecasting RMSE. (a) Normalization is done across all days. (b) Comparison of normalization across all days (T) vs normalization over each day.

300 **Observation 6: How time is normalized affects forecasting accuracy.** In Fig. 6a, time normal-
 301 ization is done across days, i.e. time starts at 0 on first train day and increases to 1 till last train
 302 day. ARIMA / N-BEATS don't normalize the time directly, they take all PM values in a sequence
 303 corresponding to time from start to end. RF/XGBoost takes input in random sequence and hence
 304 takes the time as a state parameter, which can be normalized from start to end, or for each day.
 305 Table 6b compares this time normalization across days (T), to normalizing separately for each day.
 306 RF, XGBoost and NSGP show lower RMSE for separate normalization for each day, while IDW
 307 does better with normalization across days. This pre-processing step of time normalization therefore
 308 should be carefully decided based on the ML algorithm.

309 5 Conclusion and Future Work

310 Delhi-NCR, with its notorious air pollution problem, poses a significant health risk to its population
 311 of approximately 46 million individuals. In this paper, we present a novel PM dataset collected
 312 from this region using low-cost IoT devices deployed on public buses. This dataset serves as a
 313 valuable resource for environmental researchers and medical practitioners, offering insights into
 314 ground-level PM exposure for daily commuters and temporal variations in PM levels over days and
 315 weeks. Moreover, it provides a comprehensive view of spatial variations across different locations
 316 within the region.

317 Through thorough statistical analysis and benchmarking studies, we have established that the released
 318 dataset is distinct from any other existing pollution dataset. By comparing the performance of machine
 319 learning algorithms on the released dataset against the Canada dataset, we have demonstrated the
 320 significant differences in characteristics and challenges associated with the Delhi-NCR dataset.
 321 This highlights the need for specialized approaches and tailored solutions to address the unique
 322 complexities of air pollution in this region.

323 The availability of this low-cost mobile monitoring system has the potential to complement the
 324 expensive static sensor network in the city, empowering citizens to make informed decisions re-
 325 garding local PM levels. This includes determining the safety of engaging in outdoor activities,
 326 choosing appropriate protective measures such as face-masks or air purifiers, and selecting optimal
 327 commuting routes and transportation modes to minimize PM exposure. Such considerations are vital
 328 for safeguarding public health and promoting environmental sustainability.

329 In our future work, we aim to address the problem of recommending suitable locations for installing
 330 new expensive sensors effectively within budget constraints, a challenging task in a developing
 331 country like India. By leveraging the insights gained from this research, we strive to optimize the
 332 allocation of resources and enhance the efficiency of the monitoring network, further strengthening
 333 pollution mitigation efforts. To foster further advancements in the field of environmental sustainability,
 334 we release both the code and data associated with this study. This allows researchers to build upon our
 335 work, explore new avenues of inquiry, and contribute to the collective understanding and management
 336 of air pollution-related challenges.

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497 **Appendix**

498 **A Graphsage (with Graph formulation)**

499 We aim at learning universal weights, similar to GraphSAGE Hamilton *et al.* [2017], which will
500 signify the importance of a neighbour based on some known node values and edge weights. Here
501 we define node values as the value of the pollutant PM2.5 while the edges are created using latitude,
502 longitude and datetime features. Firstly, a graph is created from the train dataset, aggregating all
503 inputs within 500m and 30 minutes of each other into a single node. An edge is created between two
504 nodes if they lie within 2 hours of each other. The graph then goes through two graph-based layers to
505 learn the required weights where embeddings are learnt using the max and mean aggregation layers,
506 followed by 3 fully connected neural network layers to predict the final pollutant value.

507 Let $G = (V, E, \sigma, \mathcal{A})$ be a Directed Graph with V vertices/nodes, E edges, \mathcal{A} attributes and σ as the
508 label mapping, where

509 $\sigma : V \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$

510 \mathcal{L} being the set of PM_{2.5} values.

511 V corresponds to the spatiotemporal locations where PM_{2.5} values are known (S: Red) or desired (U:
512 Blue), i.e. $V=S+U$. E ($e \in E$) connects the V ($v \in V$) such that

513 $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \mid v_i \in S \wedge v_j \in (S \vee U)$ and $t_{ij} \leq TimeLimit$, where $t_{ij} = \text{abs}(v_i^t - v_j^t)$

514 The Graph G comprises of separate connected components for different days.

515 $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \mid v_i \in Day_p$ and $v_j \in Day_q \Rightarrow p = q$

516

517 Weight of each edge is inversely proportional to the spatial distance between the two nodes across the
518 edge.

519 $w_{ij} = \frac{1}{1+d_{ij}}$, if e_{ij} exists, where $d_{ij} = \text{haversine}(v_i, v_j)$

520 Edges exist from all S nodes to each U node. No S to S edges exist.

521 $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \mid v_i \in S$ and $v_j \in U \Rightarrow |e_{ij} \forall i| = |S| \forall j$

522 The graph G is of two types:

523 **Train Graph G_{Train} :** It is used for training Graphsage Neural Network.

524 $v \in Day_{Train} \Rightarrow v \in S \vee U \Rightarrow |v \in S| > 0$ and $|v \in U| > 0$

525 The RMSE loss on the nodes $v \in U$ is used for model training.

526 **Test Graph G_{Test} :** It is used for evaluating the trained Graphsage model on unseen test day data
527 (Day_{Test}) along with full data from known days.

528 $v \in Day_{Test} \Rightarrow v \in S \vee U \Rightarrow |v \in S| > 0$ and $|v \in U| > 0$

529 The v is formed by taking the corresponding PM_{2.5} label L and an indicator variable I .

530 $v_i = L_i | I_i$

531 $L_i \leftarrow PM_{2.5}, I_i \leftarrow 1 \forall v \in S$

532 $L_i \leftarrow 0, I_i \leftarrow 0 \forall v \in U$

533 The 2 layer mean-pool and max-pool model graphsage architecture is shown in Fig. 7.

534 The RMSE loss of the nodes $v \in U$ (or $v \in P$ in particular) is used as the reporting metric.

535 For Graphsage based evaluation, out the 80% training data in 5-fold cross validation, we use 40% as
536 *visible* set, 40% as *held-out* set, to manage edges between these two sets.

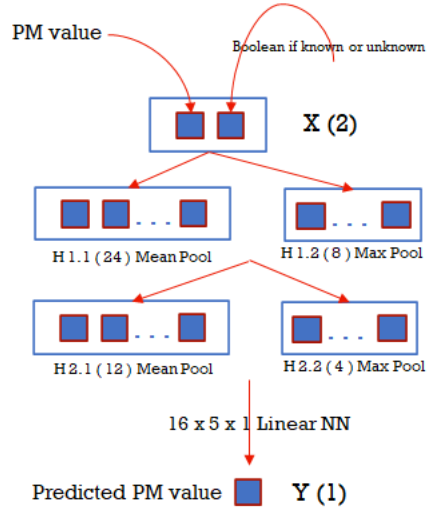


Figure 7: Graphsage model architecture.

537 B Complete ML Benchmarks

538 Table 3 shows the complete benchmark for Spatio-temporal Interpolation for different train and input
 539 configurations. An important subset of these benchmarks is presented in Fig. 5 and discussed in § 4.4
 540 in the main paper. The benchmarks for NSGP algorithm for some configurations for USA dataset
 541 (marked by * in Table 3) is in progress and cannot be completed yet due to resource constraints, for
 542 which we present the partial results and mark accordingly.

Table 3: Spatiotemporal Interpolation RMSE for different configurations (* denotes partial experiments).

Algo	Config		Delhi (Day)		Canada (Day)		Canada (Year)		USA (Day)	
	Train	Input	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
MeanPred	-	C	65.80	2.44	3.13	1.14	5.66	1.13	13.85	3.02
IDW	ACT	ACT	39.94	2.51	2.56	0.95	4.56	1.05	10.24	2.57
	AC	AC	351.73	2.85	2.66	0.95	7.33	1.61	23.21	5.29
	C	C	25.83	2.77	2.31	0.98	4.35	0.91	10.32	2.60
RF	ACT	ACT	22.24	2.81	2.37	0.95	4.18	0.68	10.73	2.89
	AC	AC	77.30	2.67	2.69	0.98	6.05	0.93	13.93	3.20
	C	C	22.25	2.77	2.34	0.89	4.12	0.68	10.82	2.85
XGBoost	ACT	ACT	33.24	2.87	2.55	0.95	4.62	1.01	11.51	3.05
	AC	AC	65.04	2.55	2.90	0.98	6.03	0.84	14.19	3.32
	C	C	29.73	2.76	2.71	1.05	4.09	0.67	11.66	3.16
NSGP	ACT	ACT	29.11	3.84	2.57	1.09	4.41	0.89	10.39	2.69
	ACT	C	194.96	1.63	13.02	0.72	14.68	0.63	*26.43	*3.08
	AC	AC	69.75	3.65	2.89	0.90	5.99	0.95	*12.65	*2.33
	AC	C	37.46	4.63	3.17	1.12	5.25	1.22	*21.02	*2.69
	C	C	170.99	9.31	12.74	0.55	13.51	0.72	27.81	3.67
Graphsage	AC	C	38.63	3.89	2.96	1.25	5.37	1.13	11.66	3.29
	C	C	38.68	4.12	3.13	1.24	5.68	1.46	12.75	4.06

543 Table 4 shows the complete benchmark for Spatio-temporal Missing data Imputation for different
 544 train and input configurations. Missing data imputation is briefly discussed in § 4.4 in the main
 545 paper. The benchmarks for NSGP algorithm for some configurations for USA dataset cannot be
 546 computed yet due to resource constraints. We will do this soon and update as applicable. As per our

547 understanding, this information will not impact the analysis presented so far. The traditional and
 548 powerful RF (Random Forest) algorithm outperforms all other algorithms and methods.

Table 4: Missing Data Imputation RMSE for different configurations.

Algo	Config		Delhi (Day)		Canada (Day)		Canada (Year)		USA (Day)	
	Train	Input	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
MeanPred	-	C	65.80	2.44	3.13	1.14	5.66	1.13	13.85	3.02
IDW	ABCT	ABCT	40.06	2.51	2.56	0.95	4.56	1.05	10.19	2.57
	ABC	ABC	399.44	1.14	2.69	0.93	7.92	1.47	68.63	8.00
RF	ABCT	ABCT	22.26	2.85	2.34	0.93	4.22	0.67	9.42	2.60
	ABC	ABC	78.90	2.71	2.70	0.96	6.21	0.96	14.09	3.13
XGBoost	ABCT	ABCT	33.46	2.87	2.53	0.91	4.63	1.02	10.23	2.74
	ABC	ABC	67.66	2.55	2.94	0.96	6.19	0.87	13.84	3.12
NSGP	ABCT	ABCT	29.06	3.64	2.52	0.95	4.40	0.85	9.62	2.46
	ABC	ABC	71.27	3.16	2.81	0.91	6.09	0.88		
	ABC	C	171.94	8.08	12.71	0.53	13.29	0.94		
	ABCT	C	194.98	1.55	12.90	0.60	14.58	0.68		
	ABT	C	195.86	3.00	13.03	0.61	14.68	0.95		
	AB	C	37.63	3.87	4.15	0.92	5.43	1.09		
Graphsage	ABC	C	38.53	2.94	3.15	1.30	5.46	1.11	11.78	3.56
	AB	C	38.48	2.86	3.13	1.25	5.41	1.08	11.59	3.15

549 Table 5 shows the complete benchmark for Spatio-temporal Forecasting for different configurations.
 550 A subset of these benchmarks is presented in Fig. 6 and discussed in § 4.4 in the main paper.

Table 5: Forecasting RMSE for different configurations.

Algo	Config	Delhi (Day)	Canada (Day)	Canada (Year)	USA (Day)
IDW	ABT	86.52	5.65	8.31	14.61
	AB	270.73	5.73	11.23	69.20
RF	ABT	110.49	5.90	8.45	14.23
	AB	89.54	6.11	10.80	14.58
XGBoost	ABT	102.68	6.69	8.23	14.25
	AB	84.15	6.51	9.84	14.52
NSGP	ABT	95.83	5.76	8.01	13.65
	AB	86.34	6.08	10.22	14.34
ARIMA	ABT	148.86	13.87	12.85	20.12
nBeats	ABT	106.41	10.88	11.84	17.05

551 NSGP Variance

552 Non-stationary GP models provides us with uncertainty (variance) values around the expected mean
 553 PM2.5 value for each expected spatio-temporal location. We find that the average variance value
 554 for Delhi dataset is huge as compared to Canada (Day) experiments. It is more challenging for a
 555 model or algorithm to correctly understand and predict the PM values for Delhi dataset. Even the
 556 USA dataset with data over a big region does not exhibit such complexity for the algorithms.

Table 6: NSGP Variance.

	Delhi (Day)	Canada (Day)	Canada (Year)	USA (Day)
Spatio-temporal Interpolation	118.73	17.29	72.94	76.34
Missing Data Imputation	142.51	20.34	113.37	72.58
Forecasting	77.38	19.96	60.89	59.76

557 **C Anova Tests Analysis for Low Cost Sensor**

558 In continuation to the data quality analysis presented in § 3.2, we performed Anova Tests over the
 559 data collected by DustTrak and our Low Cost Mobile sensor devices at the same location. ANOVA
 560 Navidi [2009], Analysis of Variance, is a strong statistical factorial technique which involves one
 561 dependent variable known as response variable and one or more independent variables known as
 562 factors. The factors have different levels called treatments. The ANOVA tests compare two types of
 563 variation, the variation between the sample means and the variation within the samples.

564 **Two-way ANOVA test between DustTrak reference sensor and our low-cost mobile sensor**

565 In relation to our low cost sensor scenario, the observed $PM_{2.5}$ values are dependent on the sensor
 566 *Type* (DustTrak vs Low Cost) and the time(*Day*) of observation. As we have two factors, we need to
 567 perform two-way ANOVA test. For the *Day* factor, we take the hourly $PM_{2.5}$ mean samples grouped
 568 over each day (24 hours) of observations.

569 **Two-way ANOVA tests three null hypotheses**

- 570 (a) the means of observations grouped by factor *Type* are same
- 571 (b) the means of observations grouped by factor *Day* are same
- 572 (c) there is no interaction between the two factors *Type* and *Day*

573 **Two-way ANOVA Assumptions**

574 We make the standard assumptions of completeness, balanced design, normal distribution, similar
 575 variance, and sufficient replicates per treatment for validating ANOVA hypotheses. We take one
 576 device per sensor *Type* and same number (11) of *Day* as treatments under the two factors, with each
 577 *Type* and *Day* containing $PM_{2.5}$ samples. Fig. 8 shows the box-plot diagram with similar standard
 578 deviation for the DustTrak and our Low cost mobile sensors.

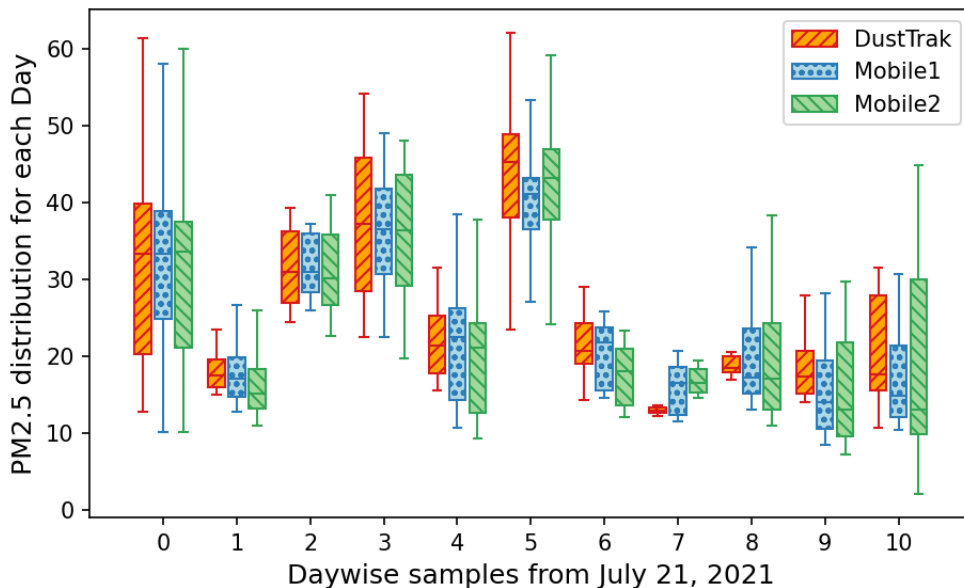


Figure 8: Mean and Standard Deviation for DustTrak and our Low Cost Mobile sensors.

Table 7: Two-way ANOVA test for DustTrak Reference Sensor vs Our Low Cost Sensor Mobile Sensor 1

Effect	Source	df	SumSq	MeanSq	F	p-value	Significance
Main	<i>Type</i>	1	197.84	197.84	2.36	0.1248	Holds hypo (a)
	<i>Day</i>	10	30204.98	3020.50	36.10	< 0.0001	Reject hypo (b)
Interaction	<i>Type*Day</i>	10	261.76	26.18	0.31	0.9778	Holds hypo (c)
Error	Residual	444	37147.11	83.66			

579 Interpreting two-way ANOVA results

580 Table 7 shows the two-way ANOVA test results for DustTrak and our Low Cost Mobile sensor. As
581 per Seltman [2018], the *SumSq* column represents the sum of squared deviations for each *Source* of
582 variation. Each *Source* has a *df* (degrees of freedom) which is a measure of the number of independent
583 pieces of information present in the deviations that are used to compute the corresponding *SumSq*.
584 Each *MeanSq* is a variance estimate and the *SumSq* divided by the *df* for that *Source*.

585 Each *F*-statistic is the ratio of two *MeanSq* values. For the main effects, *Type* and *Day*, the denomina-
586 tors are all MSE which are pure estimates of group variance, unaffected by the validity of the null
587 hypothesis. Each *F*-statistic is compared against its null sampling distribution to compute a *p-value*.
588 Interpretation of each of the *p-values* depends on the corresponding null hypothesis.

589 In the presence of an interaction (*Type*Day*), the *p-value* for the interaction is most important and
590 the main effects *Type* and *Day* *p-values* would be ignored if the interaction is significant. This is
591 mainly because if the interaction is significant, then some changes in both explanatory variables
592 (*Type* and *Day*) must have an effect on the outcome $PM_{2.5}$, regardless of the main effect *p-values*.
593 The null hypothesis for the interaction *F*-statistic supports an additive relationship between the two
594 explanatory variables, *Type* and *Day*, in their effects on the outcome $PM_{2.5}$. If the *p-value* for the
595 interaction is less than α (usually 0.05), then we have a statistically significant interaction.

596 As we have a non-significant interaction $F_{1,10} = 0.31$ with *p-value* = 0.9778 which is greater
597 than $\alpha = 0.05$, the null hypothesis (c) holds and the *p-values* for the main effects are valid for
598 consideration. So, we can see that the *Day* has a significant *p-value* and thus it rejects the null
599 hypothesis (b) meaning that there is impact of different *Day*'s observation on the observed $PM_{2.5}$
600 sample. This outcome aligns with a common understanding regarding the varying pollution across
601 different days.

602 The analysis for the main effect sensor *Type* is more encouraging. It has a non-significant *p-value*
603 = 0.1248 which holds the null hypothesis (a) that the means of the observations of the two device
604 *Types*, DustTrak and our Low Cost Mobile sensor, are same. Hence, our Low Cost Mobile device can
605 be effectively used to collect $PM_{2.5}$ observations in place of the expensive DustTrak sensors.

606 One-way ANOVA test between DustTrak reference sensor and our low-cost mobile sensor

607 Though the two-way ANOVA results hold for the main effects, we still perform one-way ANOVA
608 test for the main effect *Type* (DustTrak vs Low Cost) for the observed $PM_{2.5}$ values. We ignore the
609 *Day* factor in this analysis, so the $PM_{2.5}$ samples are only attributed with the *Type* factor. One-way
610 ANOVA tests for the hypothesis (a) as of two-way ANOVA and with the standard assumptions of
611 normal distribution and similar variance.

612 Table 8 presents the results for one-way ANOVA, which too shows *Type* factor to have a non-
613 significant *p-value* = 0.2445 which holds the null hypothesis (a). Hence with similar means of the
614 observations, our Low Cost Mobile device can replace the expensive DustTrak sensors.

Table 8: One-way ANOVA test for DustTrak Reference Sensor vs Our Low Cost Sensor Mobile Sensor 1

Effect	Source	df	SumSq	MeanSq	F	p-value	Significance
Main	<i>Type</i>	1	197.84	197.84	1.36	0.2445	Holds hypothesis (a)
Error	Residual	464	67613.85	145.72			

615 **Two-way ANOVA test for our Low Cost device replaceability**

616 We also show that our Low Cost Mobile devices are replaceable by each other. We perform two-way
617 ANOVA tests between our Low Cost Mobile devices and the results are presented in Table 9.

Table 9: Two-way ANOVA test for Our Low Cost Sensor Mobile Sensor 1 vs 2

Effect	Source	df	SumSq	MeanSq	F	p-value	Significance
Main	<i>Type</i>	1	145.65	145.65	1.65	0.1991	Holds hypothesis (a)
	<i>Day</i>	10	31204.66	3120.47	35.43	< 0.0001	Reject hypothesis (b)
Interaction	<i>Type*Day</i>	10	148.46	14.85	0.17	0.9982	Holds hypothesis (c)
Error	Residual	450	39632.11	88.07			

618 As the *p-value* for the interaction is non-significant, main effects are valid. Likewise *Day* factor rejects
619 hypothesis (b) and importantly *Type* factor holds hypothesis (a), allowing our Low Cost devices to
620 replace each other as applicable.

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D Letters of Approval / Certifications from authorities

D.1 ICAT EMC certification

ICAT EMC certification of our instrument verifying that it doesn't interfere with the bus's electro-mechanical properties.



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TEST REPORT

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1.0 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CUSTOMER : Computer Science Department IIT Delhi
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New Delhi INDIA
CUSTOMER REFERENCE : CCDCSDIOHEMC70648; Dated: 17-07-2019

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF TEST PROPERTY :
DUT Name : Aerogram
Model Name : Aerogram
Voltage system: 24V DC
Part No. : 01
Drawing No : EzioMotiv – V1.0

3.0 DATE OF RECEIPT OF TEST PROPERTY: 03-09-2019

4.0 CONDITION OF SAMPLE: Sample received in good condition.

5.0 TEST OBJECTIVE: To conduct tests as mentioned in Sr. No. 13 on DUT as per AIS004 - Part 3 as amended up to April 2015.

6.0 TEST METHOD: As per AIS004 - Part 3 as amended up to April 2015.

7.0 ANY DEVIATION OR EXCLUSION FROM TEST METHOD: NA

8.0 FUNCTIONAL VERIFICATION: DUT was powered on with 27 V DC (24 V DC system) for all tests as per AIS 004-3 as amended up to April 2015. Performance was observed by monitoring data strings before and after each test and during the test, and power LED of the device was monitored.

9.0 CONCLUSION: The component mentioned in Sr. No. 2 above meets the requirements as per AIS004 - Part 3 as amended up to April 2015.

10.0 TEST DESCRIPTION: EMC/EMI testing as per AIS004 - Part 3 as amended up to April 2015 on the DUT.

11.0 DATE OF PERFORMANCE OF TEST: 09-09-2019 ; 10-09-2019

12.0 LOCATION OF TEST: ICAT EMC LAB, Manesar

13.0 TEST RESULTS:

Sr. No.	TEST TITLE	SAMPLE ID	REF. STD.	OBSERVATIONS/RESULTS
1	Radiated Emission	ICAT/EMC/70648/01	AIS004- Part 3: 2009 as amended up to April 2015	Refer Annexure-I
2	Radiated Immunity			Refer Annexure-II
3	Conducted Transient Emission			Refer Annexure-III
4	Conducted Transient Immunity			Refer Annexure-IV

Refer Annexure-V for test setup photographs.

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14.0 CLASSIFICATION OF FUNCTIONAL STATUS:

CLASSIFICATION OF FUNCTIONAL STATUS AS PER (A.4) ANNEX-A, ISO 7637-2:2004:	
CLASSES	DESCRIPTION
<u>CLASS A</u>	All functions of the device/system perform as designed during and after the test.
<u>CLASS B</u>	All functions of the device/system perform as designed during the test. However, one or more may go beyond the specified tolerance. All functions return automatically to within normal limits after the exposure is removed.
<u>CLASS C</u>	One or more functions of a device/system do not perform as designed during the test but return automatically to normal operation after the exposure is removed.
<u>CLASS D</u>	One or more functions of a device/system do not perform as designed during the exposure and do not return to normal operation until exposure is removed and the device/system is reset by simple 'operator/use' action.
<u>CLASS E</u>	One or more functions of a device/system do not perform as designed during and after exposure and cannot be returned to proper operation without repairing or replacing the device/system.

15.0 LIST OF EQUIPMENTS USED IN THE TEST AND CALIBRATION DETAILS:

Lab ID	Name of Instruments	Manufacturer	Model (S. No.)	Calib. due date
Radiated Emission				
ICAT/EMC/TR - 01	EMI Test Receiver	Rohde and Schwarz	ESU-8 (100290)	03/05/2020
ICAT/EMC/EPA-01	External Preamplifiers	TDK RF Solutions	PA-02-001-100 (121054)	03/05/2022
ICAT/EMC/OFBA-04	Biconical Antenna with polarization adaptor	TDK RF Solutions	PBA2030 (130818)	09/05/2021
ICAT/EMC/OFBA-05	Broadband Log periodic Antenna	TDK RF Solutions	PLP 3003 (130830)	09/05/2021
ICAT/EMC/AN-01	LISN	Schwarzbeck	NNBM8124 (8124-649)	03/05/2022
ICAT/EMC/AN-02		Schwarzbeck	NNBM8124 (8124-650)	03/05/2022
Radiated Immunity				
ICAT/EMC/SG-01	Signal Generator	Agilent Technologies	N5183A-520 (50140523)	29/04/2022
ICAT/EMC/SG-03		Agilent Technologies	SMB100A (103955)	30/04/2022
ICAT/EMC/AN-01	LISN	Schwarzbeck	NNBM8124 (8124-649)	03/05/2022
ICAT/EMC/AN-02		Schwarzbeck	NNBM8124 (8124-650)	03/05/2022
ICAT/EMC/CIP-02	Current injection probe	FCC	F-140 (130055)	-
ICAT/EMC/OFBA-07	V Log Array Antenna	TDK RF Solutions	VLA-8001 (130835)	-
ICAT/EMC/OFBA-10	Horn Antenna	TDK RF Solutions	ATH800M5GA (0337348)	-
ICAT/EMC/PM-01	RF Power Meter	Agilent Technologies	N1914A (MY50000499)	30/04/2022
ICAT/EMC/PM-03		Agilent Technologies	N1912A (MY54010017)	30/04/2022
ICAT/EMC/AMP-01	Amplifier	AR	500W1000A (0335094)	-
ICAT/EMC/AMP-02		AR	2500A225, Sr. No. 338773	-
ICAT/EMC/AMP-03		AR	500T1G2 (0336388)	-
ICAT/EMC/APS-01	Average Power sensor (9kHz-6GHz)	Agilent Technologies	E9304 (S.No. MY51020021)	30/04/2020
ICAT/EMC/APS-02		Agilent Technologies	E9304 (S.No. MY51030004)	30/04/2020
ICAT/EMC/PS-01	Power Sensor (50MHz-18GHz)	Agilent Technologies	N1921A (MY53380017)	30/04/2020
ICAT/EMC/PS-02		Agilent Technologies	N1921A (MY53380020)	30/04/2020
ICAT/EMC/FP-06	Field Probe	AR	FL7018 (0334718)	30/09/2020
Conducted Transient Emission				
ICAT/EMC/PG/05	Voltage drop simulator	EM test	VDS 200N100	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/DSO/01	Digital Storage Oscilloscope	EM test	DSO9254A	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/AN/01	Single line artificial network	EM test	AN 200N100	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/SW/01	Electronic switch	EM test	BS 200N100	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/MR/01	Matching resistor for transient generators	EM test	CAISO	21/01/2020
Conducted Transient Immunity				
ICAT/EMC/PG/02	Ultra-Compact Simulator	EM test	UCS 200N100	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/PG/05	Voltage drop simulator	EM test	VDS 200N100	21/01/2020
ICAT/EMC/PG/05	Load dump simulator	EM test	LD200N	21/01/2020

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Annexure – I

1.0 Measurement of Radiated Emissions:

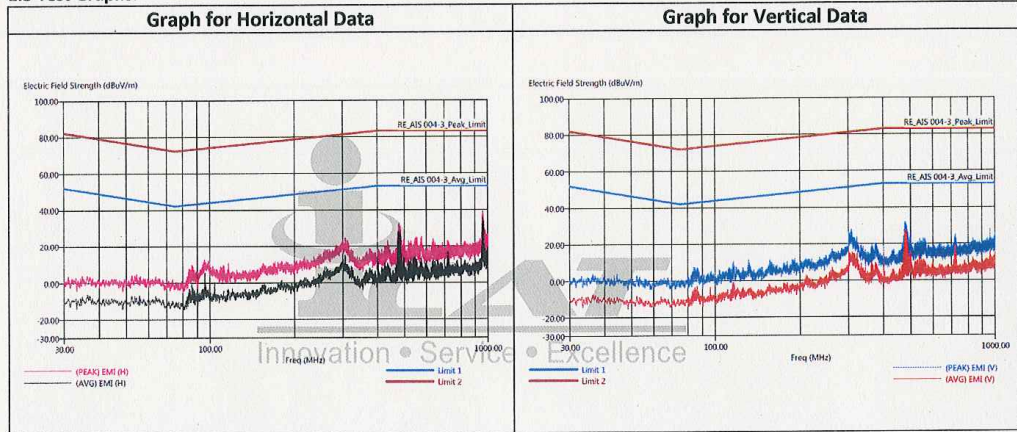
1.1 Test Condition:

Operating Condition	Powered ON
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1.2 Test Specifications:

Frequency Range	30MHz - 1000MHz
Step Size	50kHz
Bandwidth	120kHz
Measurement time	5ms
Antenna	30MHz - 300MHz: Bi-conical antenna, 300MHz - 1000MHz: Log-Periodic antenna
Antenna Polarization	Horizontal and Vertical
Antenna Location	In front of centre of harness
Antenna Distance	1 meter
Detector	Peak and Average
Harness length	1700mm

1.3 Test Graphs:



1.4 Test Requirements:

Radiated Emissions measured should be within limits defined in AIS004- Part 3: 2009 as amended up to April 2015.

1.5 Test Observations /Results:

Radiated Emissions measured are within limits.

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Annexure – II

2.0 Radiated Immunity Test:

2.1 Bulk Current Injection (BCI):

2.1.1 Test Condition:

Operating Mode	Powered ON
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2.1.2 Test Specifications:

Frequency Range	20MHz – 80MHz
Step Size	5%
Current Severity Level	60mA
Dwell Time	2s
Harness length	1700mm
Current probe position	150mm from DUT
Test Method	Substitution (open loop)
Modulation	Amplitude modulation with 1 kHz modulating frequency and 80 % modulation depth.

2.1.3 Test Observations /Results:

S. No.	Frequency Range	Modulation	Acceptance Criteria	Observation/Result
1.	20MHz to 80MHz	Amplitude Modulation (AM)	No deviation in performance of DUT should be observed during test	No deviation observed

2.2 Absorber Lined Shielded Enclosure (ALSE) method:

2.2.1 Test Condition:

Operating Mode	Powered ON
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2.2.2 Test Specifications:

Frequency Range	80MHz – 2000MHz
Step Size	80-400MHz: 5%, 400-2000MHz: 2%
Field Severity Level	30V/m
Dwell Time	2s
Harness length	1700mm
Antenna	80MHz – 1000MHz: V log array antenna, 1000MHz – 2000MHz: Horn antenna
Antenna Polarization	Vertical
Antenna Location	80MHz – 1000MHz: in front of centre of harness, 1000MHz – 2000MHz: in front of DUT
Antenna Distance	1 meter
Test Method	Substitution
Modulation	80MHz – 800MHz: Amplitude modulation with 1 kHz modulating frequency and 80 % modulation depth 800MHz – 2000MHz: Pulse modulation: Ton: 577µs, period: 4600µs

2.2.3 Test Observations /Results:

Sr. No.	Frequency Range	Modulation	Antenna Polarization	Acceptance Criteria	Observation/Result
1.	80MHz to 800MHz	Amplitude Modulation	Vertical	No deviation in performance of DUT should be observed	No deviation observed
2.	800MHz to 1000MHz	Pulse Modulation			
3.	1000MHz to 2000MHz	Pulse Modulation			

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Annexure – III

3.0 Measurement of Conducted Transient Emissions:

3.1 Test Condition:

Operating Condition	Powered ON
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3.2 Test Observations/Results:

24V System

Sr. No.	Supply Polarity	Limits as per AIS 004:Part 3	Observation	Results
Fast transient				
1.	DUT ON to OFF	Positive: +150V Negative: -400V	Positive Transient: No Significant Transient Negative Transient: No Significant Transient	Within Limits
2.	DUT OFF to ON		Positive Transient: 42.0 V Negative Transient: No Significant Transient	Within Limits
Slow transient				
3.	DUT ON to OFF	Positive: +150V Negative: -400V	Positive Transient: No Significant Transient Negative Transient: No Significant Transient	Within Limits
4.	DUT OFF to ON		Positive Transient: 43.32V Negative Transient: No Significant Transient	Within Limits

Annexure – IV

4.0 Immunity to Transient Disturbances Conducted along Supply Lines as per AIS 004-3 as amended up to April 2015 following ISO 7637-2:2004:

4.1 DUT Condition:

Operating Condition	Powered ON
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4.2 Test Requirements and Observations/Results:

24V System:

Test Pulse	Severity Level	Acceptance Criteria	Achieved Class	Observations	Results
Pulse 1	III	Class C	Class C	Reset Observed during pulse injection	Satisfactory
Pulse 2a		Class B	Class A	No deviation in performance observed	Satisfactory
Pulse 2b		Class C	Class C	Reset Observed during pulse injection	Satisfactory
Pulse 3a		Class A	Class A	No deviation in performance observed	Satisfactory
Pulse 3b		Class A	Class A	No deviation in performance observed	Satisfactory
Pulse 4		Class C	Class C	Reset Observed during pulse injection	Satisfactory
		Class C	Class C	Reset Observed during pulse injection	Satisfactory

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Annexure – V

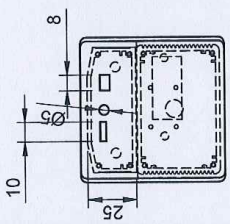
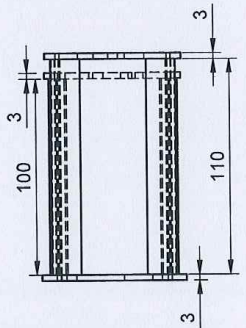
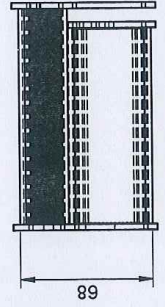
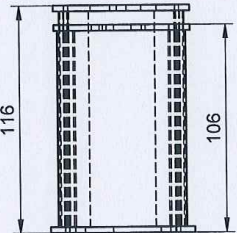
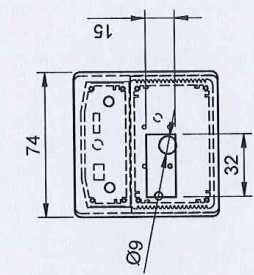
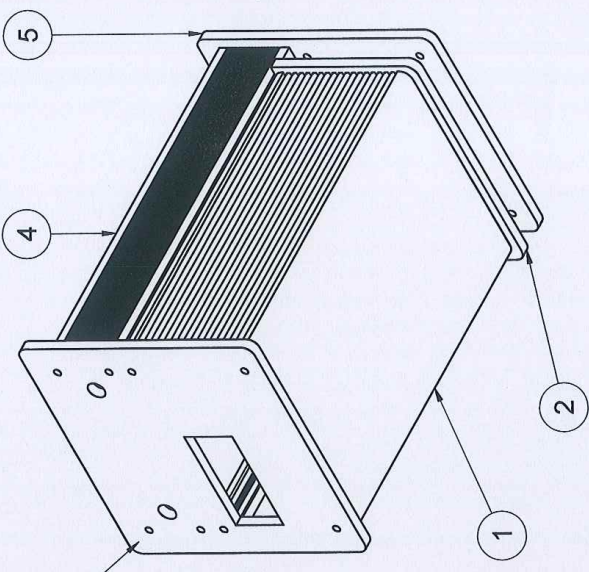
5.0 Test Setup and Test Circuitry:

Radiated Emission	
Radiated Immunity	
Bulk Current Injection	Conducted Immunity
Conducted Transient Emission	
Setup for Fast Transient	Setup for Slow Transient

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3	1	PI_usb_plate		Acrylic
4	1	Stm32_case		Steel
5	1	Pms7003_plate		Acrylic



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D.2 Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) letter of support



Ref: DIMTS/TP/2018/2756

Dated: June 21, 2018

To,
Department of Science & Technology
Delhi -

Subject : Letter of Support for the Proposed Research study.

On behalf of DIMTS, we will extend our support to Profs Pravesh Biyani and Rijurekha Sen for their research proposal related to "Vehicle mounted Particulate Matter (PM) sensing in Delhi-NCR".

DIMTS runs more than 1600 non air-conditioned cluster buses on various routes in the Delhi region. We will facilitate the use of some of the vehicle fleet as needed by the researchers for pilot studies as they build and test their vehicle mounted sensing system.

Pollution being a pressing problem in Delhi-NCR, partnering with this research effort in a meaningful way will be very exciting for DIMTS.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Samir Sharma
Vice President - Transport Planning

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D.3 Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) letter of Support



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IIT Delhi, Hauz Khaz,
New Delhi-110016

Subject- Support Letter for Vehicle Mounted Low Cost PM Monitoring in
Delhi

Madam,

With reference to your E-mail and telephonic discussion this organization is interested to know feasibility of Vehicle Mounted Low Cost PM Monitoring in Delhi and willing to share data generated by DPCC Ambient Air Quality Network to assess error percentage of Low Cost System.



(Dr. M. P. George)

Scientist
Dr. M. P. GEORGE
Scientist

D.4 Delhi Ministry of Transport (MOT) Permission

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
(CLUSTER & DTC SECRETARIAT)
5/9, UNDER HILL ROAD, DELHI – 110 054

No. F.10/STA/Policy /Tpt./ 2011/ 333/40631

Date: 17/08/2020

To

The CEO,
Delhi Integrated Multi Modal Transit System Ltd.,
8th Floor, Block-1, Delhi Technology Park,
Shastri Park, Delhi-110053.

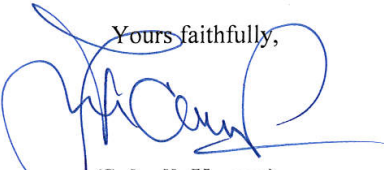
Subject: Request for permission to install pollution sensing units in Cluster buses as a part of R&D Project by IIT, Delhi.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter no. DIMTS/Road Transport/2019/4398, dated 05.11.2019, on the abovementioned subject. DIMTS had requested for a formal approval to install pollution sensing units in 10 Cluster buses by CSE IIT, Delhi.

In this context, I am directed to convey the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Transport) for installing of pollution sensing units in 10 Cluster buses of the Kushak Nalah Depot by CSE, IIT Delhi.

Yours faithfully,


(Subodh Kumar)
Deputy Commissioner
(Cluster & DTC Sectt.)

Copy to:

1. Dy. Commissioner (PCD) with reference to U.O. NO. 23(1471)/CAP/TPT/PCD/ 2018/ 1595/87542 dated 26.11.2019.
2. Ms. Rijurekha Sen, Assistant Professor, CSE, IIT, Delhi.
3. M/s. Indraprastha Logistics Pvt. Ltd, 80/2, Ground Floor Govindpuri Kalkaji New Delhi-110019

D.5 Letter of funding: SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH BOARD (SERB), INDIA

FILE NO. IMP/2018/001481
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH BOARD (SERB)
 (A statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India)
 5 & 5A, Lower Ground Floor
 Vasant Square Mall
 Plot No. A, Community Centre
 Sector-B, Pocket-5, Vasant Kunj
 New Delhi-110070

Dated: 29-Mar-2019

ORDER

Domain: Information & Comm. Technology
 Subject: Financial Sanction of the research project titled "Scalable Spatio-Temporal Measurement and Analysis of Air Pollution Data for Delhi-NCR using Vehicle-Mounted Sensors" under the guidance of Dr. Rijurekha Sen, Department of Computer Science, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, DELHI-110016 and by Dr. Pravesh Biyani, Assistant Professor, Ece Dept, Indraprastha Institute Of Information Technology and by Dr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department Of Computer Science And Engineering, Indian Institute Of Technology Kanpur and by Dr. Sayan Ranu, Assistant Professor, Computer Science And Engineering, Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi - Release of 1st grant.

Sanction of Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) is hereby accorded to the above mentioned project at a total cost of Rs. 12746800/- (Rs. One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only) with break-up of Rs. 5500000/- under Capital (Non-recurring) head and Rs. 7246800/- under General (Recurring) head for a duration of 36 months. The items of expenditure for which the total allocation of Rs. 12746800/- has been approved are given below:

S. No	Head	Total (in Rs.)
A	Non-recurring	
1	Equipment -> Laptop -> Server -> Sensors	5500000
A'	Total (Non-Recurring)	5500000
B	Recurring Items	
1	Recurring - I : (Manpower) Recurring - II : (Consumables, Travel, Contingencies) Recurring - III : Scientific Social Responsibility	3888000 2200000 0
2	Recurring - IV : (Overhead Charges)	1158800
B'	Total (Recurring)	7246800
C	Total cost of the project (A' + B')	12746800

2. Sanction of the SERB is also accorded to the payment of Rs. 5500000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh only) under 'Grants for creation of capital assets' and Rs. 2415000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifteen Thousand only) under 'Grants-in-aid General' to IRD, Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi being the first installment of the grant for the year 2018-2019 for implementation of the said research project.

3. The expenditure involved is debit to Fund for Science & Engineering Research (FSER)
This release is being made under Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT-2). (PAC Information & Communication Technology)

4. The Sanction has been issued to Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi with the approval of the competent authority under delegated powers on 28 March, 2019 and vide Diary No. SERB/F/13078/2018-2019 dated 28 March, 2019

5. Sanction of the grant is subject to the conditions as detailed in Terms & Conditions available at website (www.serb.gov.in).

6. Overhead expenses are meant for the host Institute towards the cost for providing infrastructural facilities and general administrative support etc. including benefits to the staff employed in the project.

7. While providing operational flexibility among various subheads under head Recurring-II, it should be ensured that not more than Rs. 450000 under Travel and Rs. 450000 under Contingency should be spent.

8. As per rule 211 of GFR, the accounts of project shall be open to inspection by sanctioning authority/audit whenever the institute is called upon to do so.

9. The sanctioned equipment would be procured as per GFR and its disposal of the same would be done with prior approval of SERB.

10. The release amount of Rs. 7915000/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand only) will be drawn by the Under Secretary of the SERB and will be disbursed by means of RTGS transaction as per their Bank details given below:

Account Name	IRD ACCOUNTS IITD
Account Number	10773572600
Bank Name & Branch	STATE BANK OF INDIA IIT BRANCH, IIT HAUZ KHAS, NEW DELHI - 110016
IFSC/RTGS Code	SBIN0001077
Email id of A/C Holder	arird@admin.iitd.ac.in
Email id of PI	riju@cse.iitd.ac.in

11. The institute will furnish to the SERB separate Utilization certificate (UCs) financial year wise to the SERB for Recurring (Grants-in-aid General) & Non-Recurring (Grants for creation of capital assets) and an audited statement of

accounts pertaining to the grant immediately after the end of each financial year.

12. The institute will maintain separate audited accounts for the project. A part or whole of the grant must be kept in an interest earning bank account which is to be reported to SERB. The interest thus earned will be treated as credit to the institute to be adjusted towards further installment of the grant.

13. The project File no. IMP/2018/001481 should be mentioned in all research communications arising from the above project with due acknowledgement of SERB.

14. The manpower sanctioned in the project, if any is co-terminus with the duration of the project and SERB will have no liability to meet the fellowship and salary of supporting staff if any, beyond the duration of the project

15. As this is the first grant being released for the project, no previous U/C is required.

16. The institute may refund any unspent balance to SERB by means of a Demand Draft favoring "FUND FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH" payable at New Delhi.

17. The organization/institute/university should ensure that the technical support/financial assistance provided to them by the Science & Engineering Research Board should invariably be highlighted/ acknowledged in their media releases as well as in bold letters in the opening paragraphs of their Annual Report.

18. In addition, the investigator/host institute must also acknowledge the support provided to them in all publications, patents and any other output emanating out of the project/program funded by the Science & Engineering Research Board.

Monika Agarwal
(Dr. Monika Agarwal)
Scientist E
ms.imprint@gmail.com

To,
Under Secretary
SERB, New Delhi

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to: -

1.	The Principal Director of Audit, A.G.C.R. Building, IIrd Floor I.P. Estate, Delhi-110002
2.	Sanction Folder, SERB, New Delhi.
3.	File Copy
4.	<p>Dr. Rijurekha Sen Department of Computer Science Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, DELHI-110016 Email: riju@cse.iitd.ac.in Mobile: 919810591052</p> <p>Dr. Pravesh Biyani ECE Dept Indraprastha Institute Of Information Technology</p> <p>Dr. Arnab Bhattacharya Department Of Computer Science And Engineering Indian Institute Of Technology Kanpur</p> <p>Dr. Sayan Ranu Computer Science And Engineering Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi (Start date of the project may be intimated by name to the undersigned. For guidance, terms & Conditions etc. Please visit www.serb.gov.in.)</p>
5.	IRD, Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi (Receipt of Grant may be intimated by name to the undersigned)
6.	Secretary, Department of Science & Technology Ministry of Science and Technology Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110016 Email: dstsec@nic.in
7.	Secretary (Higher Education) Ministry of Human Resource Development Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi- 110 001 Email: secy.dhe@nic.in

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