

# Mathematical Appendix: Vehicular Emissions Monte Carlo Model

## A. Problem Definition

We estimate the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from conflict-related vehicular activity across scenarios, with explicit treatment of uncertainty in activity levels, fuel use, emission factors, and campaign phasing. Let vehicle classes be indexed by  $c \in \{1, \dots, C\}$  (e.g., aircraft, tanks, trucks), days by  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ , and scenarios by  $s \in \{A, B, C\}$ .

## B. Emissions Identity

For class  $c$  on day  $t$  in Monte Carlo iteration  $i$ :

$$E_{c,t}^{(i)} = A_{c,t}^{(i)} F_c^{(i)} \gamma_c^{(i)}. \quad (1)$$

Here  $A_{c,t}^{(i)}$  is activity (km driven or hours flown),  $F_c^{(i)}$  is fuel consumption per unit activity (L/km or L/h), and  $\gamma_c^{(i)}$  is the emission factor (kg CO<sub>2</sub>/L). Daily and cumulative emissions are

$$E_t^{(i)} = \sum_{c=1}^C E_{c,t}^{(i)}, \quad (2)$$

$$E^{(i)} = \sum_{t=1}^T E_t^{(i)}. \quad (3)$$

## C. Uncertainty Sources

We treat  $A_{c,t}$ ,  $F_c$ , and  $\gamma_c$  as random variables:

$$A_{c,t}^{(i)} \sim \text{Dist}_{s,c,t}(\theta), \quad (4)$$

$$F_c^{(i)} \sim \text{Dist}_F(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2), \quad (5)$$

$$\gamma_c^{(i)} \sim \text{Dist}_\gamma(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2), \quad (6)$$

where  $\theta$  are scenario-specific parameters (means, variances, autocorrelation or clustering).

## D. Phase Length Sampling via Dirichlet Distribution

To encode conflict tempo, the horizon  $T$  is partitioned into  $K$  phases with lengths  $(L_1, \dots, L_K)$  satisfying  $\sum_{k=1}^K L_k = T$ . We first draw phase proportions

$$(p_1, \dots, p_K) \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K), \quad (7)$$

and set  $L_k = \lfloor p_k T \rfloor$  with a final adjustment so that  $\sum_k L_k = T$ . Within phase  $k$ , activity is drawn from class-specific distributions,

$$A_{c,t} | t \in \text{phase } k \sim \text{Dist}(\mu_{c,k}, \sigma_{c,k}^2). \quad (8)$$

Dirichlet concentration controls structure:  $\alpha_k = 1$  yields a uniform prior over partitions;  $\alpha_k > 1$  favors equal-length phases;  $\alpha_k < 1$  induces unequal partitions with bursts and lulls.

## E. Monte Carlo Estimator

For  $i = 1, \dots, N$  iterations:

1. Sample  $(A_{c,t}^{(i)}, F_c^{(i)}, \gamma_c^{(i)})$  and a phase partition  $(L_1, \dots, L_K)$  via the Dirichlet scheme.
2. Compute  $E^{(i)}$  and  $\{E_t^{(i)}\}_{t=1}^T$ .

Point and interval estimates are

$$\hat{E} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E^{(i)}, \quad (9)$$

$$CI_p = \text{Quantile}_p\left(\{E^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N\right), \quad (10)$$

$$\hat{E}_t = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E_t^{(i)}. \quad (11)$$

## F. Variance Decomposition

A pragmatic variance decomposition attributes variability to activity, fuel rates, emission factors, and phase lengths:

$$\text{Var}(E) \approx \text{Var}_A(E) + \text{Var}_F(E) + \text{Var}_\gamma(E) + \text{Var}_L(E), \quad (12)$$

where  $\text{Var}_L(E)$  arises from Dirichlet-sampled phase lengths. Empirically,  $\text{Var}_A(E)$  and  $\text{Var}_L(E)$  dominate the total.

## G. Scenario Specification

Each scenario  $s$  specifies

- number of phases  $K_s$  and Dirichlet parameters  $\alpha_s$ ,
- per-phase activity parameters  $\{(\mu_{c,k}, \sigma_{c,k}^2)\}_{c,k}$ ,
- (optionally) correlation or autoregression within phases.

Outputs include distributions of  $E^{(i)}$ , daily trajectories  $E_t^{(i)}$ , and credible bands.

## H. Equivalence Metrics

Totals can be normalized for comparability:

$$E_{\text{cars}} = \frac{E}{E_{\text{car}}}, \quad E_{\text{trees}} = \frac{E}{E_{\text{tree}}}, \quad E_{\text{phones}} = \frac{E}{E_{\text{phone}}}, \quad (13)$$

where denominators are benchmark annual or lifecycle quantities.

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