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**Performance Characterization of Low-Cost Sensor Observations  
During Long-Term Deployments in North Carolina and Rural  
Malawi**

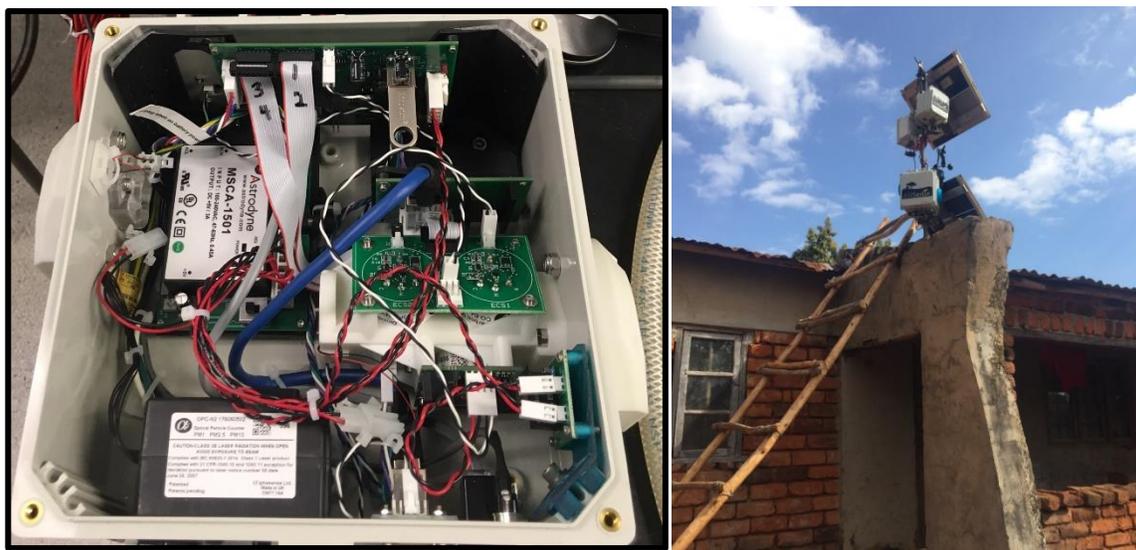
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28 **S1 Details of monitoring equipment**

29 The ARISense sensor package is shown in Figure S1; see Cross et al. (2017) for full description. Version 2.0 added a  
30 GSM cell module and replaced the Ox-B421 with the Ox-B431 sensor (Alphasense Ltd., UK). The ARISense sensor  
31 packages used AC or DC power and drew 3 – 4 W on average. In rural Malawi, units relied on a DC power system of  
32 four 9-Watt solar panels and four 12,000mAh rechargeable batteries; batteries were in a separate weather-proofed  
33 housing with a single bus connected to the ARISense unit. Raw data were sampled every 60 seconds, integrated, and  
34 stored as daily data files on an internal USB drive. During deployment in Malawi, data files were periodically sent via  
35 email or uploaded to a shared Google Drive by an on-site local assistant using an Android phone.

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**Figure S1:** Image of ARISense (Version 1.0) interior (left), including integrated circuit board and internal data logging system. Image of ARISense in deployment setting (right) with solar panel power system mounted at Village 2 site in Mulanje, Malawi.

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39 The MicroPEM uses a proprietary software to provide real-time mass concentration estimates from the nephelometer.  
40 We did not apply any correction factors and the internal slope was set to 1. The filters were equilibrated in a climate-  
41 controlled weighing chamber for 24 hours ( $22 \pm 2$  °C,  $35 \pm 2.5$  % RH) and charge neutralized with Polonium and  
42 electrostatic ionization sources prior to pre- and post-weighing on an ultramicrobalance (Mettler Toledo UMX-2, 0.1  
43  $\mu\text{g}$  readability). Field handling blanks (N= 3) were collected in Malawi and were used to correct the gravimetric  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$   
44 concentrations. During field data collection, the filters were stored in sealed containers and were wrapped in foil to  
45 minimize exposure to light. The filters were stored in a refrigerator while in Malawi (when possible) and in the freezer  
46 after returning to the U.S. While in transit, the filters were at ambient temperature. The field blank-corrected  
47 gravimetric filter mass concentrations were used to post-correct the nephelometer readings.

48 **S2 Details of pre-collocation in North Carolina**

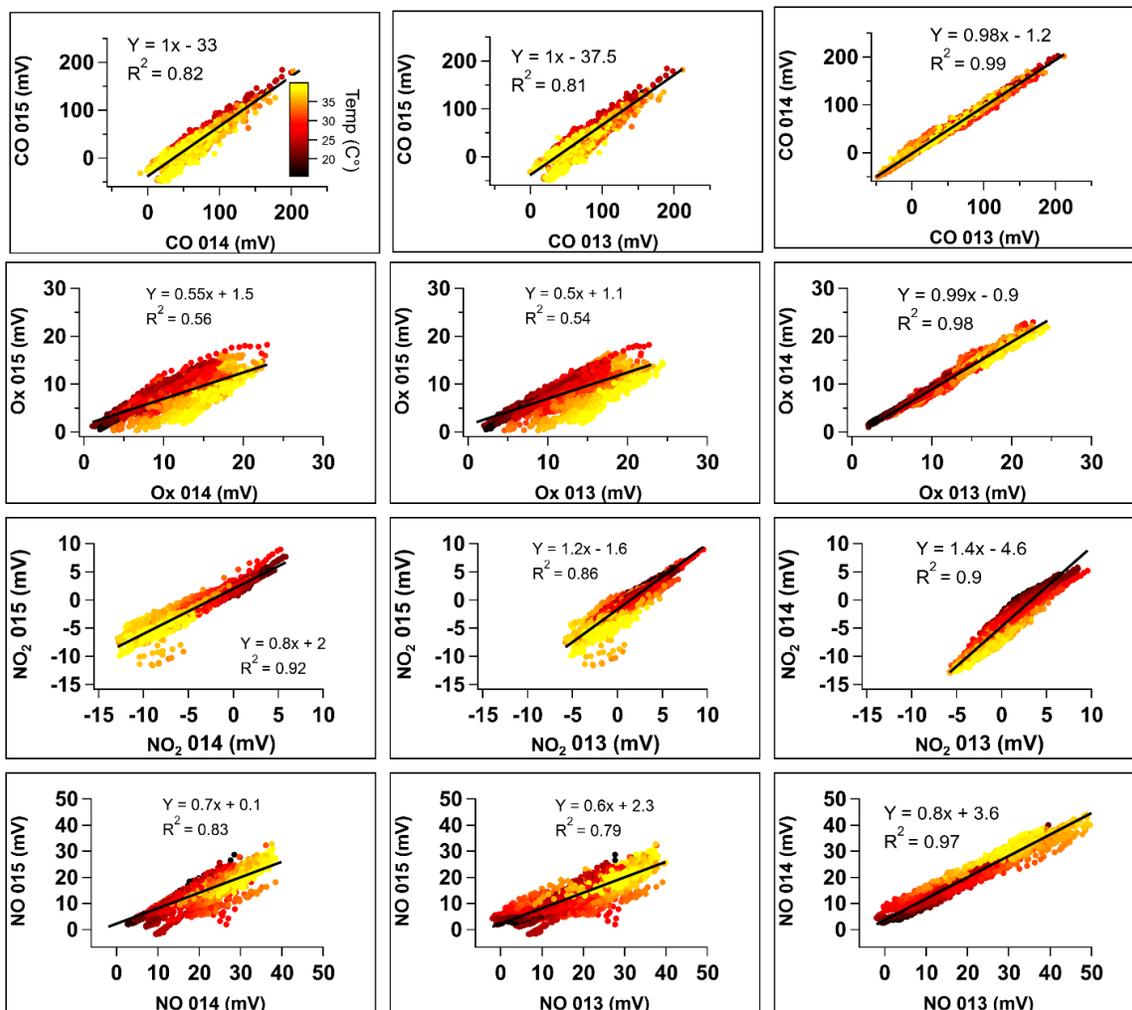
49 This study was conducted in 2017, before standardized protocols were developed. The variable collocation periods  
50 used in this study were constrained by equipment malfunction, limited field personnel in Malawi, and international  
51 travel timelines. Recent U.S. EPA guidelines for supplemental air sensor performance assessment suggest 1) a  
52 minimum of 30 days (720 hours) of collocation, 2) two collocations during two different climatic seasons OR at two  
53 different sites, 3) a 24-hour averaging interval for the sensor and reference data, and 4) a 75% completeness  
54 requirement (Duvall et al., 2021a, b).

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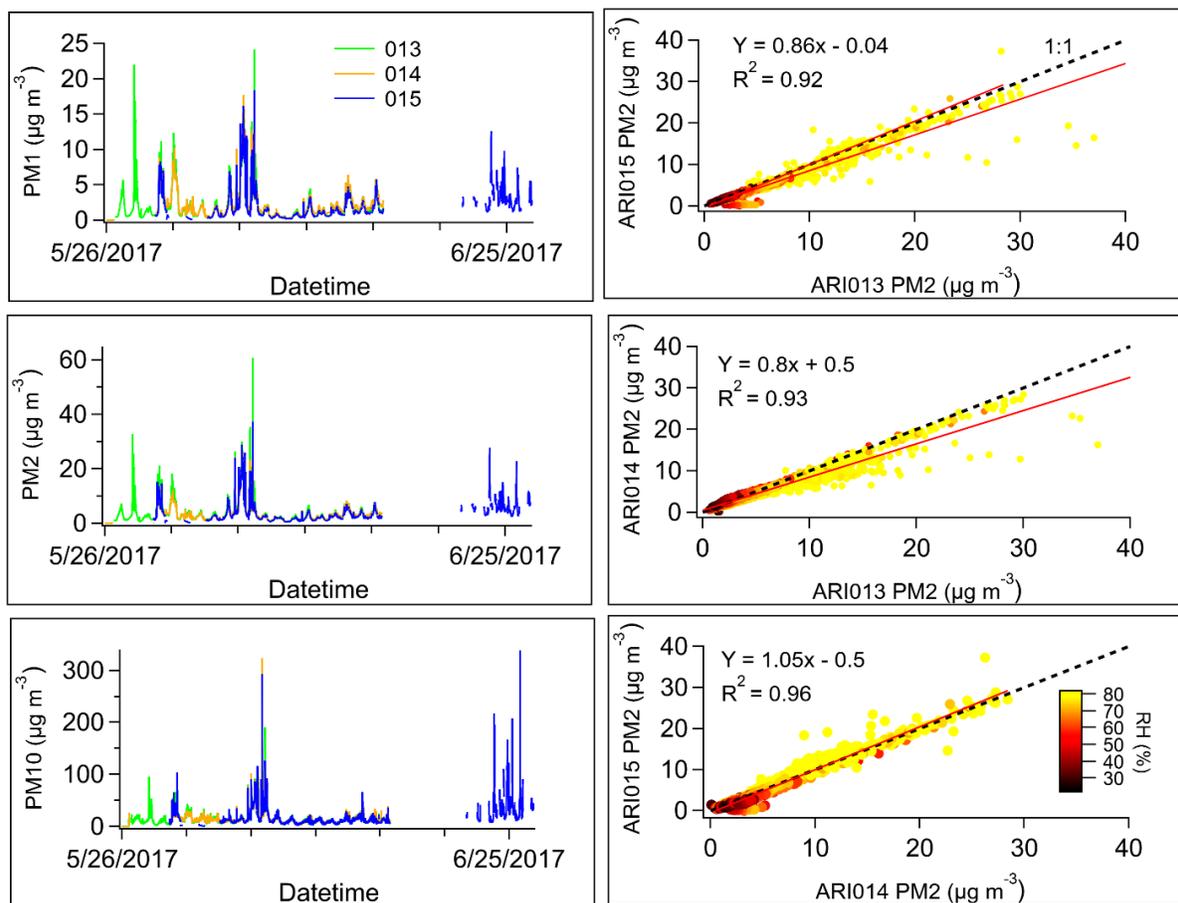
57 **Figure S2:** Image of ARISense at reference monitoring site (left) and Google Earth aerial image of location of  
58 Triple Oak monitoring site, Morrisville, North Carolina, 27560 USA. Image source: © Google Earth 2021. Google  
59 Earth Version 9.143.0.0 (May 1, 2018). *NC Collocation Site, Durham, NC, USA*. 35.865°N, 78.820°W. Borders and  
60 labels; places layer. Accessed: August 19, 2021. NC DEQ link to data available from:  
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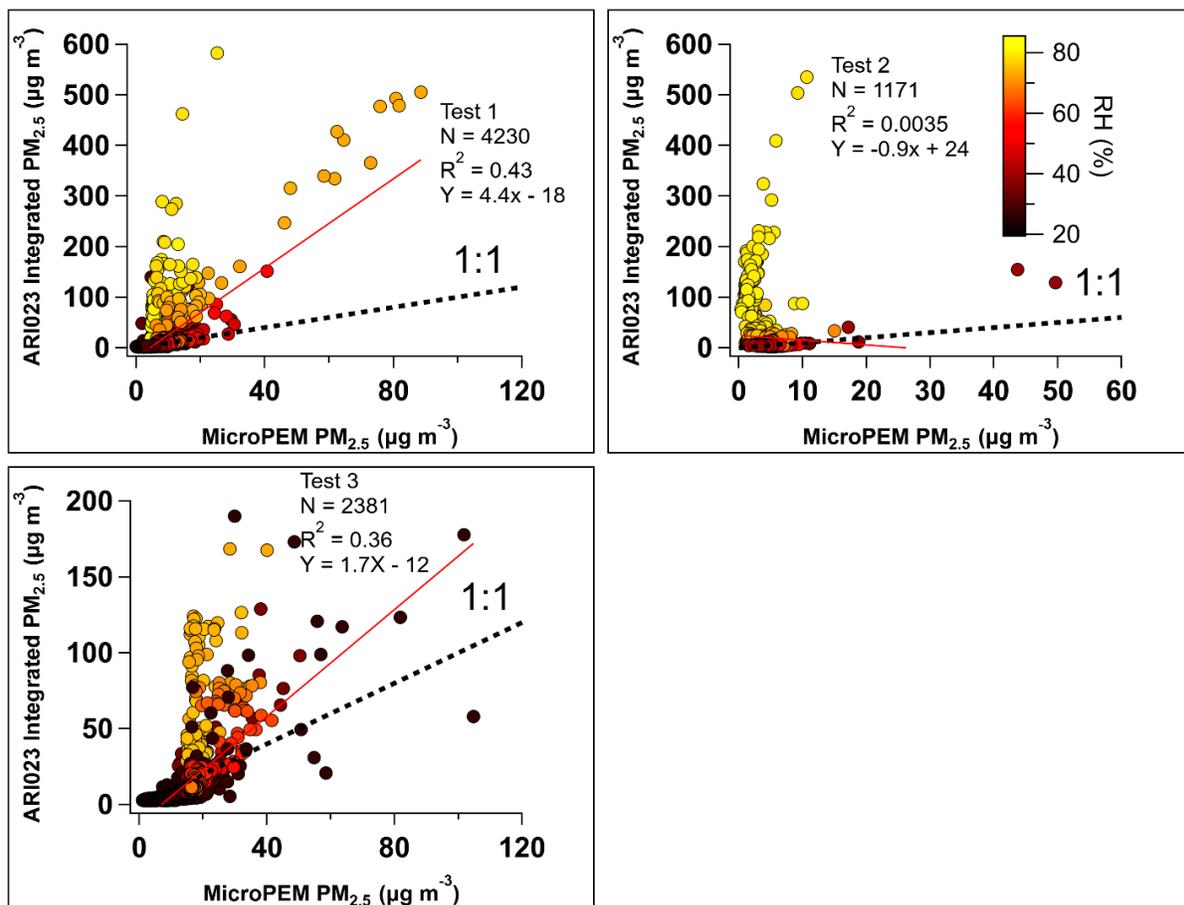
**Figure S3:** Scatter plots of raw differential voltage data from each gas sensor (rows) in each monitor pair (columns) during pre-collocation in NC. Linear fit coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ) and the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ) are shown for each monitor-monitor gas sensor pair. Data points are colored by ambient temperature.

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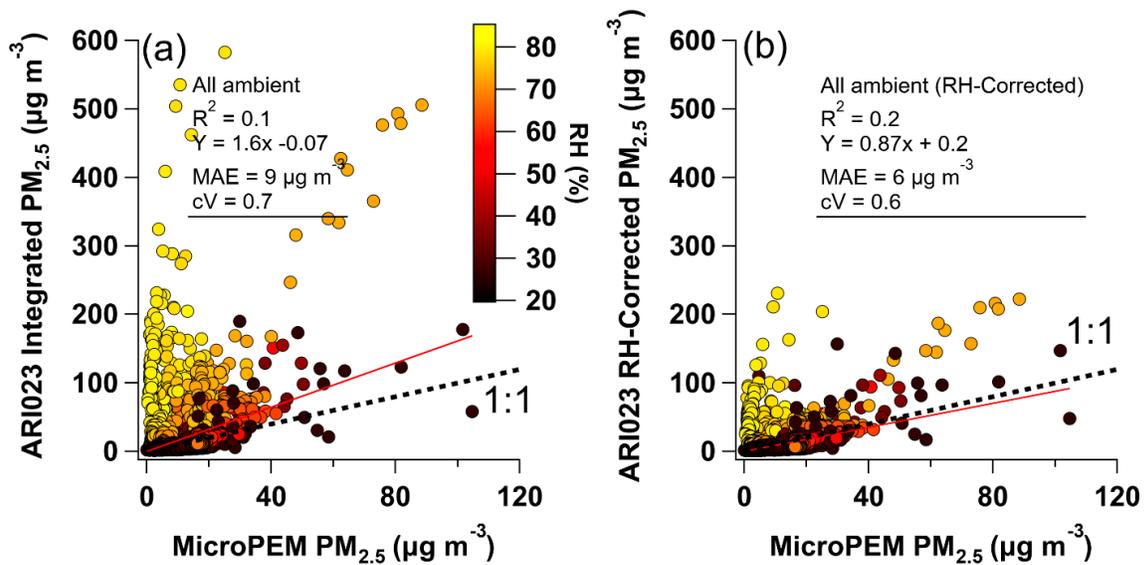
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**Figure S4:** Time series of PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> mass concentration measurements from ARI013, ARI014, and ARI015 during pre-deployment collocation in North Carolina (left); Line color indicates ARISense unit number. Scatter plots of PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration measurements from ARI013, ARI014, and ARI015 (right). Point color indicates relative humidity conditions. Linear regression coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ), fit line (red line), and the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ) are shown for each paired comparison; A one to one comparison line is shown as the dotted black line.

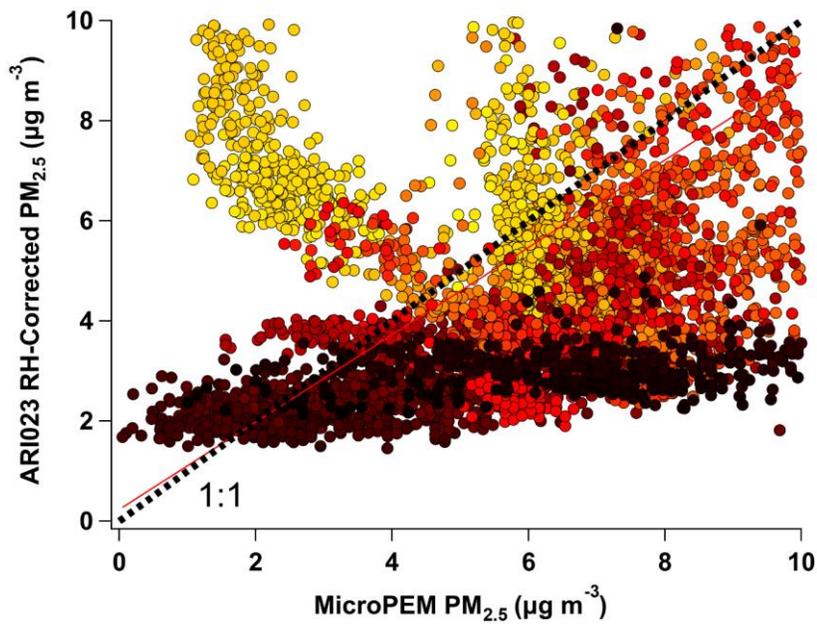


**Figure S5:** Scatter plots of uncorrected PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration measurements from the Alphasense OPC-N2 sensor in ARI023 compared to measurements made by the mass-corrected MicroPEM nephelometer during collocation in Malawi. Three tests were conducted over 130 hours. Point color indicates relative humidity conditions. Linear regression coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ), fit line (red line), and the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ) are shown for each paired comparison; A one to one comparison line is shown as the dotted black line.



**Figure S6:** Scatter plots of (a) uncorrected and (b) RH-corrected  $PM_{2.5}$  mass concentration measurements from the Alphasense OPC-N2 sensor in ARI023 compared to measurements made by the mass-corrected MicroPEM nephelometer during collocation in Malawi (1-min resolution). Point color indicates relative humidity conditions. Linear regression coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ), fit line (red line), the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ), mean absolute error (MAE), and the coefficient of variation (cV) are shown for each paired comparison; A one to one comparison line is shown as the dotted black line.

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**Figure S7:** Zoom of Figure S6b.

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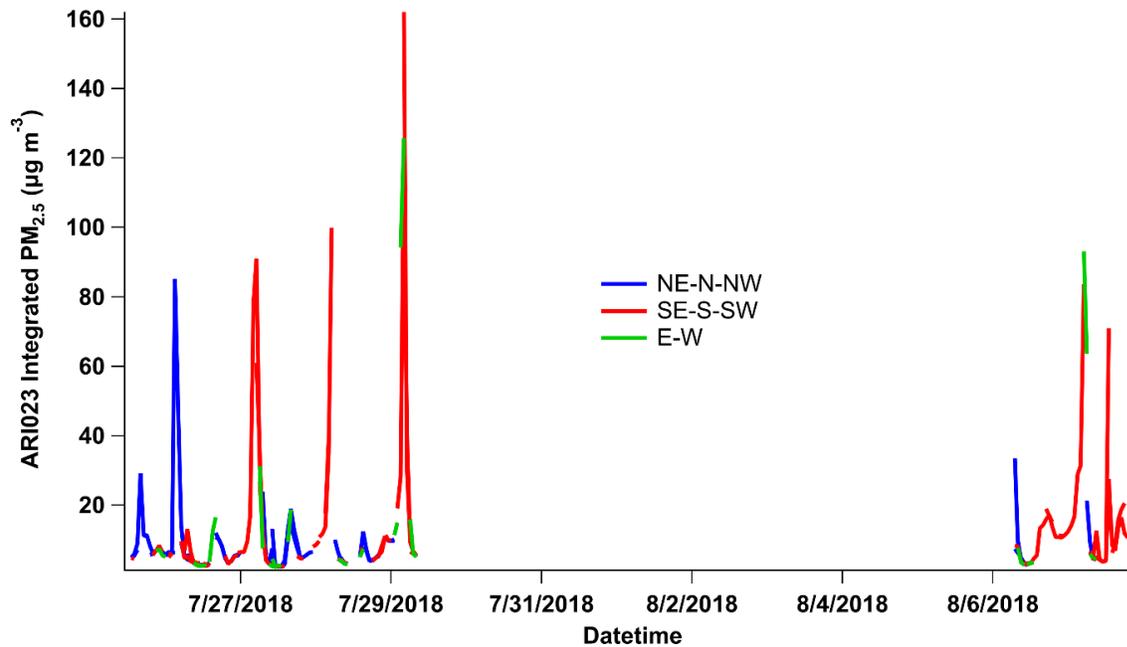
70 **Table S1:** (Top) Metrics from the MicroPEM and OPC-N2 observations (with and without RH-correction) during  
 71 collocation for three averaging intervals. Metrics for RH-corrected, 1-hr averaged data stratified by ambient  
 72 concentration (as measured by MicroPEM), RH, and wind direction are given in subsequent tables below.

Averaging Interval	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
1 min	1.6	-0.07	0.1	9.0	0.7
1 hr	0.7	8.5	0.03	8.7	0.6
24 hr	-0.9	24	0.2	8.5	0.5
1 min RH Corrected	0.87	0.2	0.2	5.8	0.6
1 hr RH Corrected	0.43	4.3	0.06	5.4	0.6
24 hr RH Corrected	-0.27	11	0.1	4.2	0.5

Concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
0-5	-2.2	14	0.064	4.1	0.33
5-10	1.3	-1.2	0.025	4.7	0.16
10-15	0.5	4.8	0.004	8.5	0.11
15-20	1.3	-11	0.016	9.3	0.04
20-105	0.38	3.1	0.174	16.8	0.36

RH (%)	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
10 to 20	0.47	0.5	0.356	6.2	0.67
20 to 30	0.53	0.7	0.725	3.8	0.89
30 to 40	0.45	1.4	0.629	3.7	0.59
40 to 50	0.53	1.6	0.432	4.2	0.53
50 to 60	0.47	2.1	0.379	4.9	0.50
60 to 70	0.61	0.5	0.307	5.2	0.47
70 to 80	0.19	9.7	0.005	7.1	0.60
80 to 90	1.2	8.9	0.025	11	0.37

Wind direction	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
N	0.41	2.5	0.125	3.31	0.55
NE	0.57	0.7	0.489	3.83	0.69
E	0.51	5.2	0.057	6.12	0.84
SE	0.41	4.8	0.042	5.80	0.75
S	0.31	5.3	0.042	5.91	0.63
SW	0.45	2.7	0.148	4.09	0.62
W	0.40	2.9	0.267	3.00	0.70
NW	0.62	1.2	0.342	3.38	0.61



**Figure S8:** Times series of ARISense 023 un-corrected PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration during collocation in Malawi. Spikes in the time series are associated with widespread biomass cookstove use during the morning (5-7 AM). Data are colored by wind direction. Cookstove activity was largely associated with southerly winds.

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76 **Table S2:** Performance metrics of PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration measurements from the Alphasense OPC-N2 (ARI023)  
 77 compared to the mass-corrected MicroPEM nephelometer during collocation in Malawi. The number of data points in  
 78 all three scenarios are identical, but the assumed kappa value, applied as part of an RH-correction algorithm, is  
 79 different. This RH-correction algorithm is based on the kappa value and ‘shifting’ the bin cut-offs (Di Antonio, et al.  
 80 2018). In this case, the assumed density is held constant, and the kappa value is changed.  $\kappa = 0.6$  is the empirical value  
 81 which achieved the best agreement between an OPC-N2 and reference data in the UK (Di Antonio (2018)).  $\kappa = 1$   
 82 indicates an aerosol mixture with appreciable amounts of inorganics (theoretical value, based on Petters &  
 83 Kreidenweis (2007)).  $\kappa = 0.15$  was reported to be the continental average value for Africa, based on Pringle et al, 2010  
 84 and Pope et al, 2018 (modelled and observed). Data are 60-min averaged.  $R^2$  = Coefficient of Determination, Cv =  
 85 Coefficient of Variation, MAE = Mean Absolute Error.

Kappa	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
0.15	0.589	5.44	0.051	6.54	0.59
0.6	0.41	4.31	0.068	5.42	0.59
1	0.32	3.57	0.076	5.40	0.59

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88 **Table S3:** Performance metrics of PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration measurements from the Alphasense OPC-N2 (ARI023)  
 89 compared to the mass-corrected MicroPEM nephelometer during collocation in Malawi. The number of data points in  
 90 all scenarios are identical, but the assumed kappa value, applied as part of an RH-correction algorithm, and the  
 91 assumed density is different in each. This RH-correction algorithm is based on the kappa value and ‘shifting’ the bin  
 92 cut-offs (Di Antonio, et al. 2018). Species data ( $\kappa$  and density) based on Hagan & Kroll (2020) & Petters &  
 93 Kreidenweis (2007). Data are 60-min averaged.  $R^2$  = Coefficient of Determination,  $C_v$  = Coefficient of Variation,  
 94 MAE = Mean Absolute Error.

Aerosol source type	Kappa	Density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Slope	Intercept	R <sup>2</sup>	MAE	Cv
Ammonium Nitrate	0.67	1.72	0.42	4.17	0.076	5.32	0.59
Dust	0.03	2.6	0.58	5.88	0.044	6.85	0.59
Wildfire	0.1	1.58	1.02	11.8	0.033	12.7	0.59
Background	0.25	1.45	0.35	5.84	0.025	6.69	0.59

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#### 96 **S4 Description of assessment metrics**

97 **Table S4:** EPA recommended performance metrics and target values for low-cost gas (ozone) and particle sensor  
 98 evaluation. Adapted from Tables ES-2 (Duvall et al., 2021a, b). We use Mean Absolute Error in place of (RMSE).

Performance Metric		O <sub>3</sub> Target Value	PM <sub>2.5</sub> Target Value
Precision	Standard deviation (SD) <b>OR</b>	≤ 5 ppbv	≤ 5 μg m <sup>-3</sup>
	Coefficient of Variation (CV)	≤ 30%	≤ 30%
Bias	Slope (m)	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.35
	Intercept (b)	-5 ≤ b ≤ 5 ppbv	-5 ≤ b ≤ 5 μg m <sup>-3</sup>
Linearity	Coefficient of Determination (R <sup>2</sup> )	≥ 0.80	≥ 0.70
Error	Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)	≤ 5 ppbv	RMSE ≤ 7 μg m <sup>-3</sup> <b>or</b> NRMSE ≤ 30%

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100 The correlation between estimated and true concentrations is assessed using the true predictive correlation coefficient  
 101 or the “Coefficient of Determination”. For  $n$  measurements,

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$$103 \quad R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (c_{true,i} - c_{estimated,i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta c_{true,i})^2} \quad (1)$$

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105 where  $c_{estimated,i}$  is the measured concentration as measured by the ARISense monitor,  $c_{true,i}$  is the corresponding  
 106 actual concentration as measured by the reference instrument, and

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$$108 \quad \Delta c_{true,i} = c_{true,i} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{true,j} \quad (2)$$

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110 The error in the ARISense measurements compared to the reference measurements is assessed using the mean absolute  
111 error (MAE):

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$$113 \quad MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |c_{estimated,i} - c_{true,i}|}{n} \quad (3)$$

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115 To assess precision:

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$$117 \quad CV = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta c_{estimated,i}^2}{n}}}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{estimated,j}} \quad (4)$$

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$$121 \quad \Delta c_{estimated,i} = c_{estimated,i} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{estimated,j} \quad (5)$$

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123 To assess bias, we fit a linear regression model to compare the slope and intercept:

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$$125 \quad c_{estimated} = m * c_{true,i} + b \quad (6)$$

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127 where  $m$  is the slope and  $b$  is the y-intercept.

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129 To estimate the interval for the average diurnal OPC-N2 measurements we applied a Box-Cox transformation (Box  
130 and Cox, 1964) to the linear regression model:

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$$132 \quad c_{estimated}(\lambda) = (c_{estimated}^\lambda - 1)/\lambda \quad (7)$$

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134 with  $\lambda = -0.14$  to obtain an error term in the linear regression model independent of  $c_{true}$  and normally distributed,  
135 with zero mean and constant variance. Interval estimates for future OPC-N2 measurements were calculated as  
136 prediction intervals:

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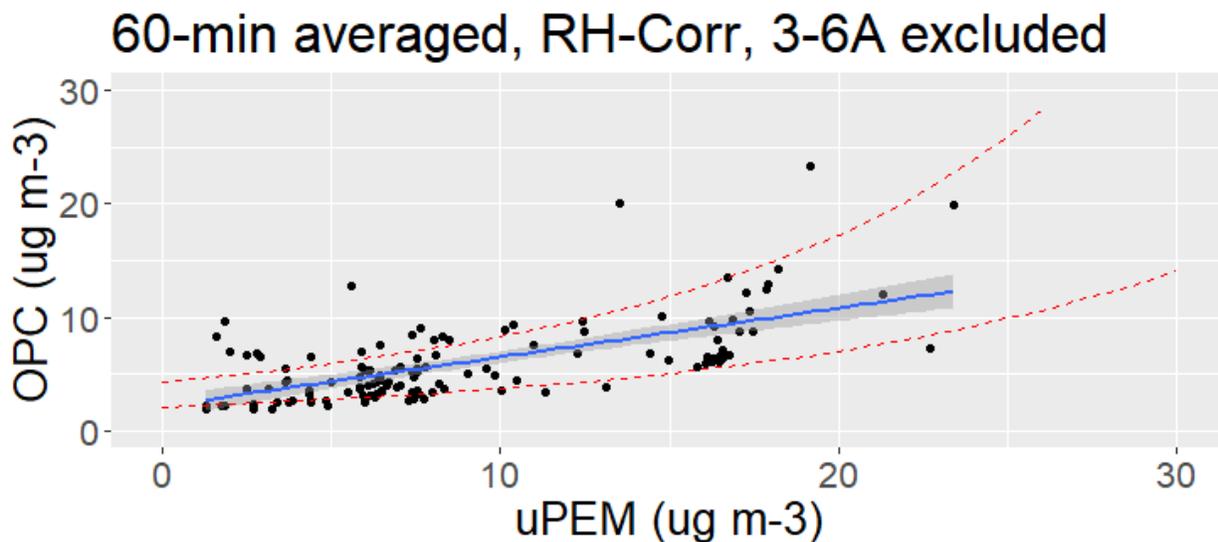
$$138 \quad c_{estimated}(\lambda) \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (c_{estimated,i} - c_{true,i})^2 * \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \left(\frac{\Delta c_{true}(\lambda)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta c_{true,i})^2}\right)^2\right)} \quad (8)$$

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140 where  $t$  is the t-statistic value for a given level of significance  $\alpha$ . The prediction intervals were reverse-transformed  
141 and used to estimate the range for future to  $c_{estimated}$  measurements. The ARI023 MicroPEM measurements were  
142  $c_{true,i}$  and OPC-N2 were  $c_{estimated}$ . Outlying observations occurring between 3-6 AM were excluded for the fit to

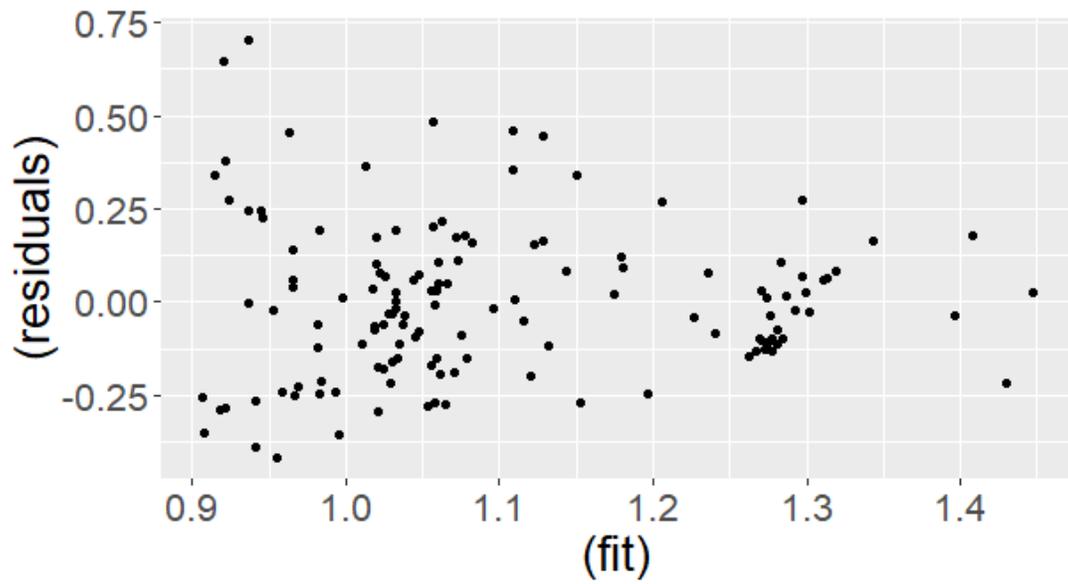
143 converge due to high ambient RH conditions (> 75%) coinciding with periods of fresh, biomass emissions from nearby  
144 morning cooking activity. The analysis was completed in R (version 3.6.0) using RStudio (version 1.2.5042) with  
145 MASS (version 7.3-51.4) and ggplot2 (version 3.3.2) libraries.

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147 To calculate the prediction intervals for ARI013, ARI014, and ARI015, we used collocation data from the ARI023  
148 Alphasense OPC-N2 deployed in 2018 to the Village 2 site in Malawi (Figure S8). We surmise the results from the  
149 collocation data of ARI023 can be extrapolated to the 2017 ARI013-ARI015 data set for the following reasons: a) this  
150 is the best-available in situ collocation data for our specific deployment conditions and source aerosol, b) we observed  
151 highly similar responses from the Alphasense OPC-N2 units in ARI013, ARI014, and ARI015 during collocations ( $R^2$   
152 > 0.9), and c) we only aimed to report low confidence level (1-sigma) prediction intervals with our measurements.  
153 There are caveats to this approach; review studies have reported low repeatability and reproducibility across  
154 Alphasense OPC-N2 units (Rai et al., 2017), but several studies have reported high inter-unit agreement with a CV  
155 around 0.2 (Bulot et al., 2019; Crilley et al., 2018; Badura et al., 2018).

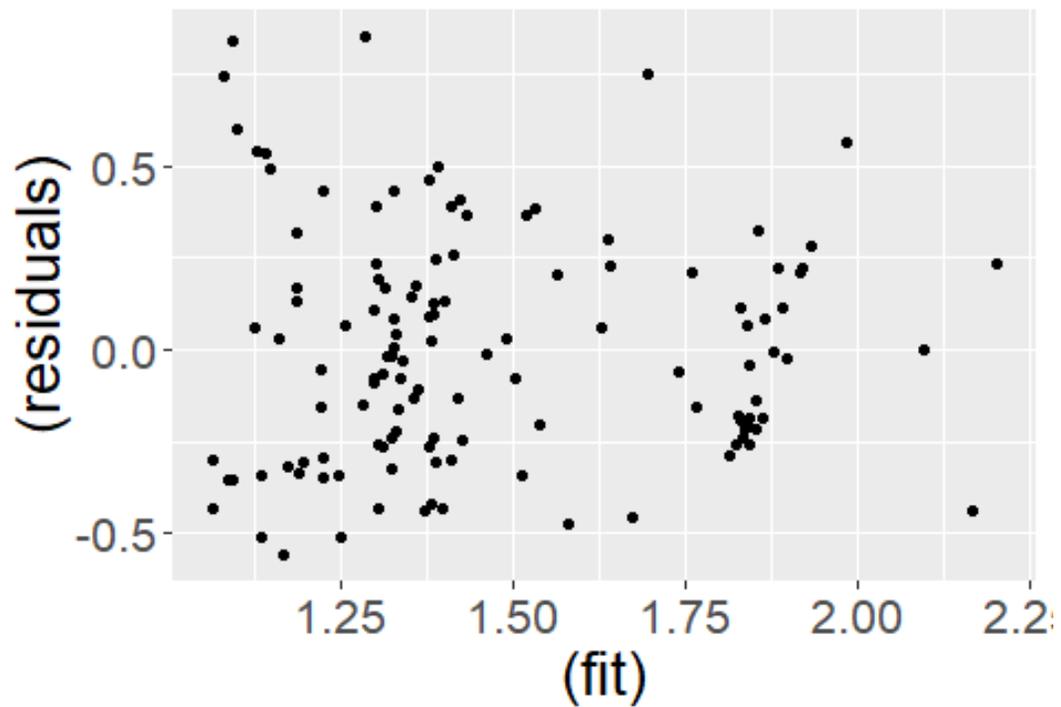


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157 **Figure S8:** Alphasense OPC-N2 RH-corrected  $PM_{2.5}$  mass concentration versus MicroPEM  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration data  
158 used for the linear model; Fit line shown in blue, grey shaded area indicating 68% confidence interval in slope; Dotted  
159 red lines indicate 68% prediction interval upper and lower limits calculated from the linear model. Data are 60-min  
160 averaged. Data collected from 3-6 AM (morning cooking periods) were removed for the fit to converge.

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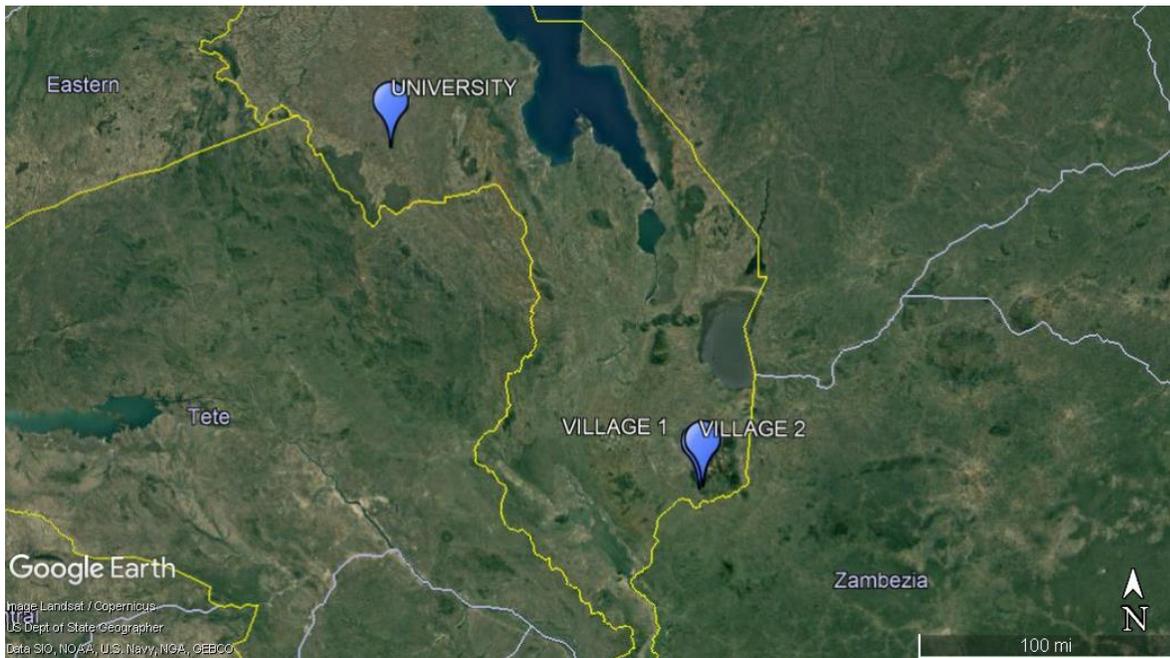
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162 **Figure S9:** RH-corrected OPC-N2 PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration (1-hr averaged) linear model residuals and fit range.

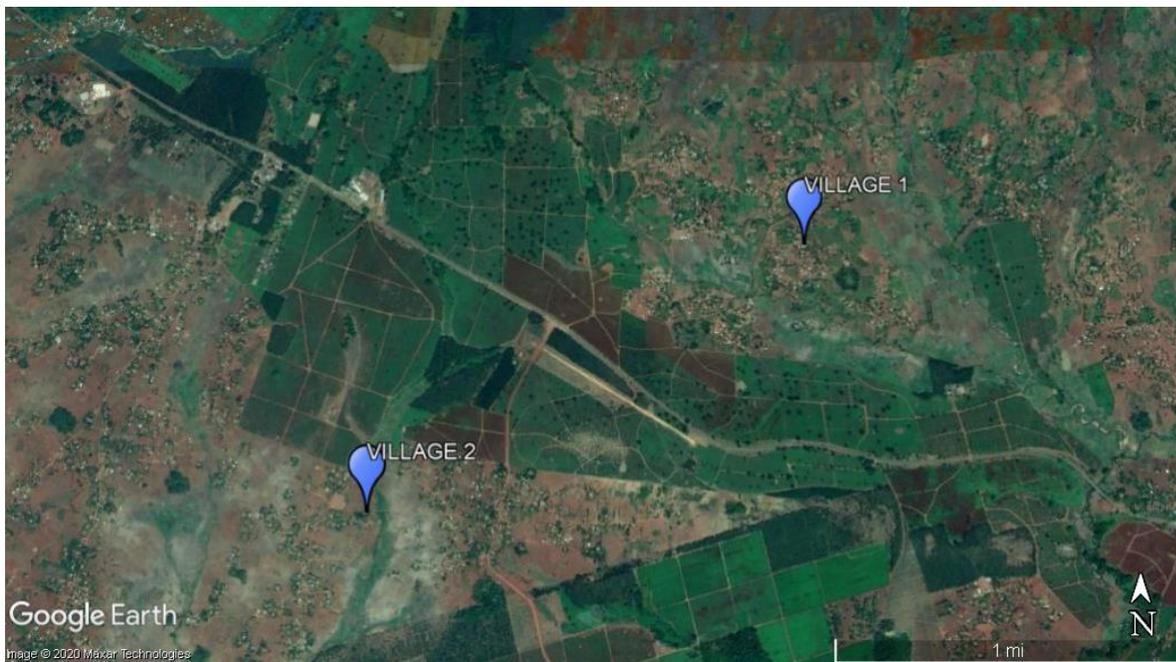
163 Residuals = difference between OPC-N2 and MicroPEM measurements; (a) raw data, and (b) box-cox transformed

164 data with outliers occurring from 3-6 AM LT (the morning cooking period) excluded.

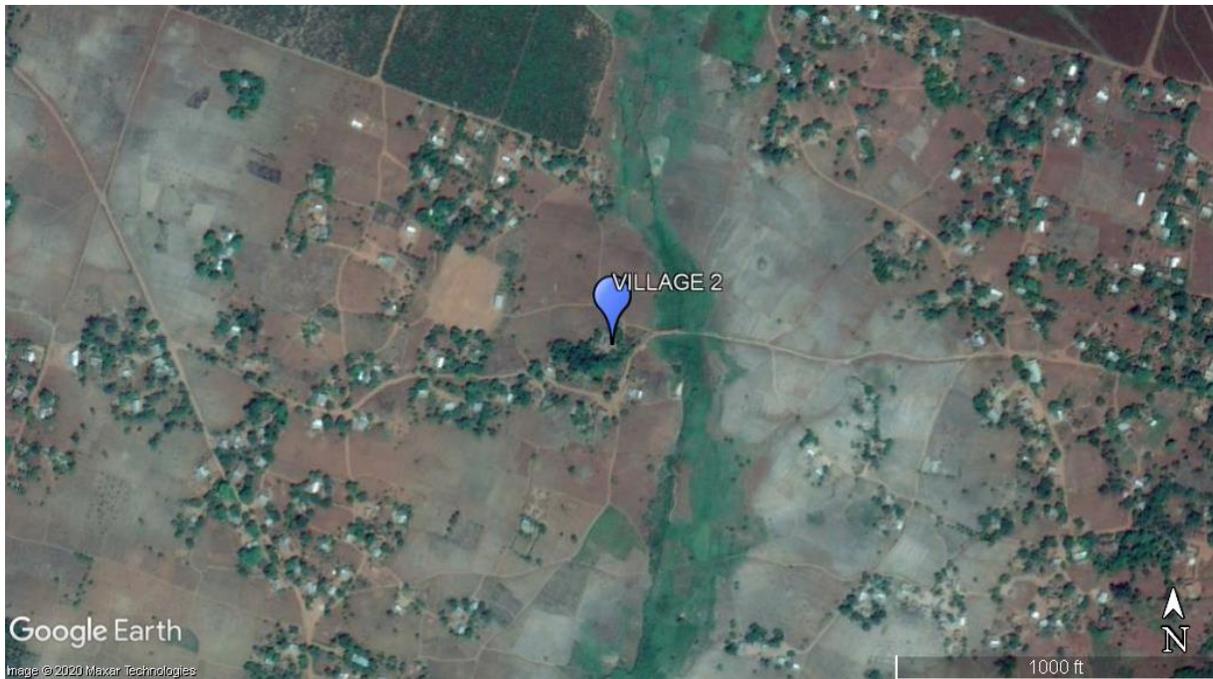
165 **S5 Details of Malawi Deployments**



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167 **Figure S10:** Satellite map of Malawi, blue markers indicate ARISense monitoring sites. Image source: © Google  
168 Earth 2020. Google Earth Pro Version 7.3.4.8248. *University, Village 1, and Village 2, Malawi, Southeastern Africa.*  
169 Borders and labels layer. Accessed: June 5, 2020.

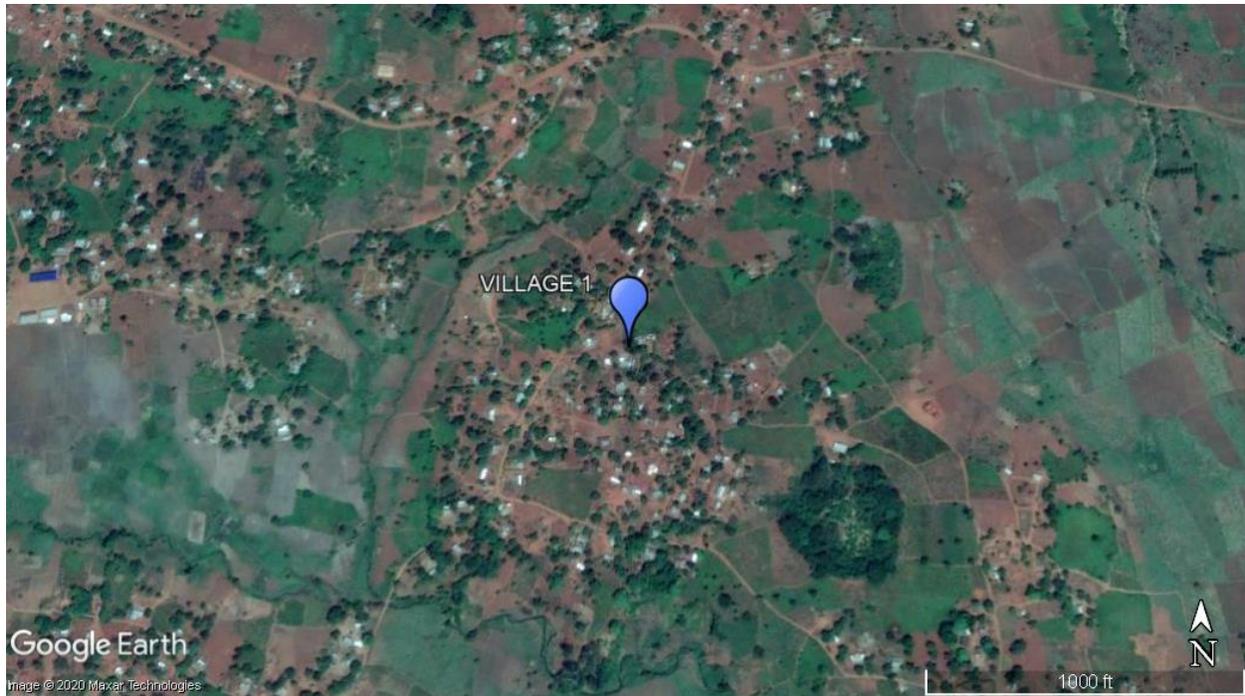


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171 **Figure S11:** Satellite image of Mulanje “Village” sites, blue markers indicate ARISense monitoring sites. Image  
172 source: © Google Earth 2020. Google Earth Pro Version 7.3.4.8248. *Mulanje, Malawi.* Borders and labels layer.  
173 Accessed: June 5, 2020.



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175 **Figure S12:** Satellite image of Village 2 (1000ft scale), blue markers indicate ARISense monitoring sites (ARI013).  
176 ARI013 was deployed to the Village 2 site and was mounted on the roof of the residence of the village chief (4 m  
177 above ground) in the Mikundi village of Mulanje, Malawi for 382 days from 6 July 2017 to 23 July 2018. Image  
178 source: © Google Earth 2020. Google Earth Pro Version 7.3.4.8248. *Mikundi village, Mulanje, Malawi*. 36.056°S,  
179 35.535°E, eye elevation 626 m. Borders and labels layer. Accessed: June 5, 2020.



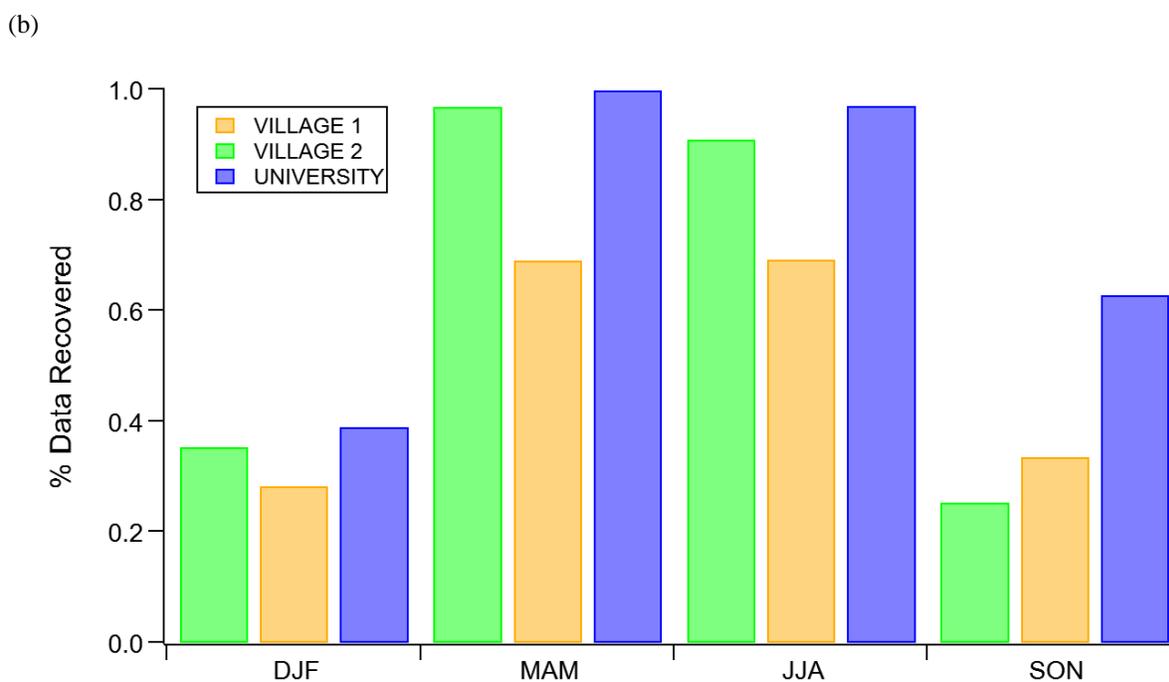
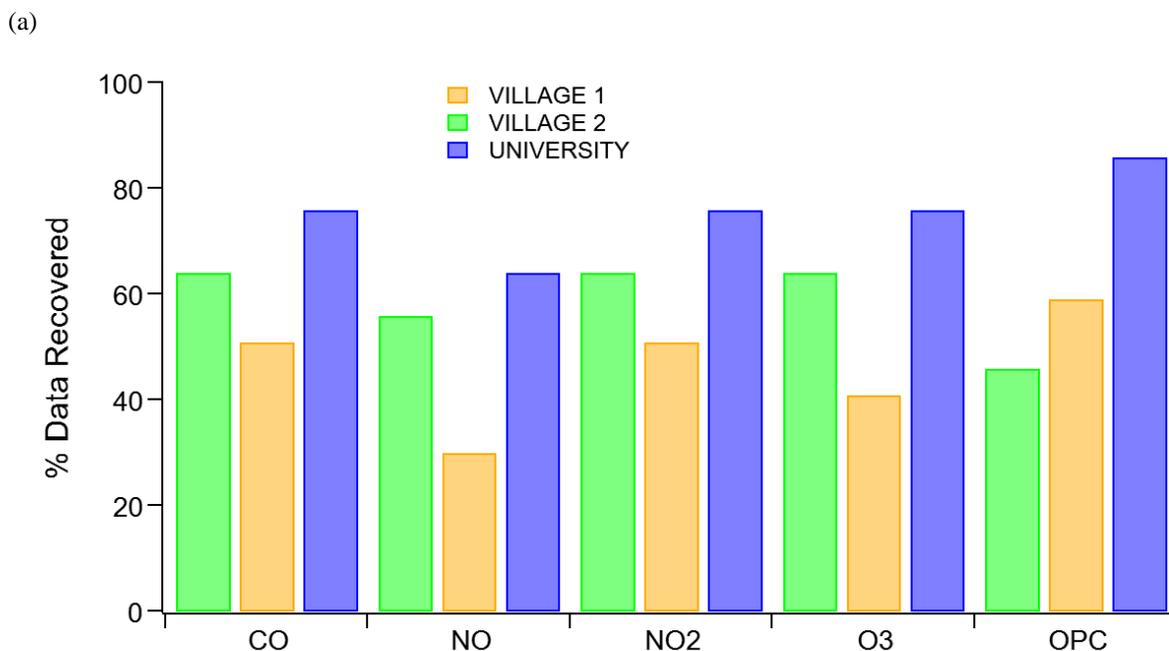
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181 **Figure S13:** Satellite image of “Village 1” (1000ft scale); blue markers indicate ARISense monitoring sites (ARI014).  
182 ARI014 was deployed to Village 1 site and was mounted on the roof of the residence of the village chief (4 m above  
183 ground) in the Makaula village of Mulanje, Malawi for 384 days from 11 July 2018 to 30 July 2018. Image source: ©  
184 Google Earth 2020. Google Earth Pro Version 7.3.4.8248. *Makaula village, Mulanje, Malawi*. 16.045°S, 35.555°E,  
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187 **Figure S14:** Satellite image of “University” (1000ft scale), blue markers indicate low-cost monitoring sites (ARI015).  
188 ARI015 was deployed to the University site and was mounted on the roof of an office building (7 m above ground) at  
189 the Bunda College of Agriculture in the Lilongwe University of Agricultural and Natural Resources near Lilongwe,  
190 Malawi for 382 days from 25 June 2017 to 13 July 2018. Image source: © Google Earth 2020. Google Earth Pro  
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 194 **Figure S15:** Data recovery rate (%) for the 1-year deployment for each ARISense monitor at their respective sites; (a)  
 195 shows data recovery by sensor type where CO = carbon monoxide, NO = nitric oxide, NO2 = nitrogen dioxide, O3  
 196 = ozone, and OPC = Optical Particle Counter, (b) shows data recovery by season (using the Temperature sensor data  
 197 recovery rate) where DJF = December-January-February, MAM = March-April-May, JJA = June-July-August, and  
 198 SON = September-October-November.

199 **S6 Details of remote sensing data**

200 MOPITT and MERRA-2 data were obtained for the Village and University sites. The ARI015 data (University) was  
 201 located far enough away and was dissimilar enough from the “Villages” data to be kept separate (Fig. S18).

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203 **Table S5:** NASA Giovanni information used to obtain MOPITT observations for two locations in Malawi.

	<b>Data product</b>	<b>Spatial Resolution</b>	<b>Temporal Resolution</b>	<b>Date Range</b>
<b>MOPITT (satellite observation):</b> The Measurement of Pollution in the Troposphere (MOPITT) sensor launched aboard Terra satellite	Time Series, Area-Averaged of Multispectral CO Surface Mixing Ratio (Daytime/Descending) monthly ()	1°	Monthly	2017-07-01 to 2018-07-31
	<b>User Bounding Box ("Villages")</b>	<b>User Bounding Box ("University")</b>	<b>Data Bounding Box ("Villages")</b>	<b>Data Bounding Box ("University")</b>
	35.5555°, -16.0451°, 35.5555°, -16.0451°	33.7744°, -14.18°, 33.7744°, -14.18°	36°, -16°, 36°, -16°	34°, -14°, 34°, -14°

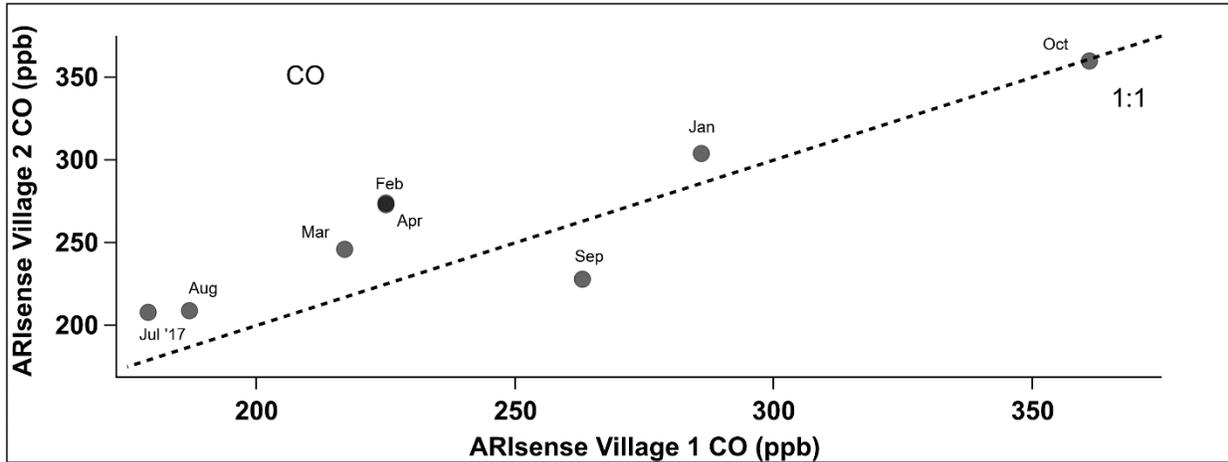
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205 **Table S6:** NASA Giovanni information used to obtain MERRA-2 observations for two locations in Malawi.

	<b>Data product</b>	<b>Spatial Resolution</b>	<b>Temporal Resolution</b>	<b>Date Range</b>
<b>MERRA-2 (global atmospheric reanalysis):</b> The Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications, Version 2 (MERRA-2); MERRA-2 Model M2TMNXCHM v5.12.4	Time Series, Area-Averaged of CO Surface Concentration (ENSEMBLE) monthly 0.5 x 0.625 deg. [MERRA-2 ()]	0.5° x 0.625°	Monthly	2017-07-01 to 2018-07-31
	<b>User Bounding Box ("Villages")</b>	<b>User Bounding Box ("University")</b>	<b>Data Bounding Box ("Villages")</b>	<b>Data Bounding Box ("University")</b>
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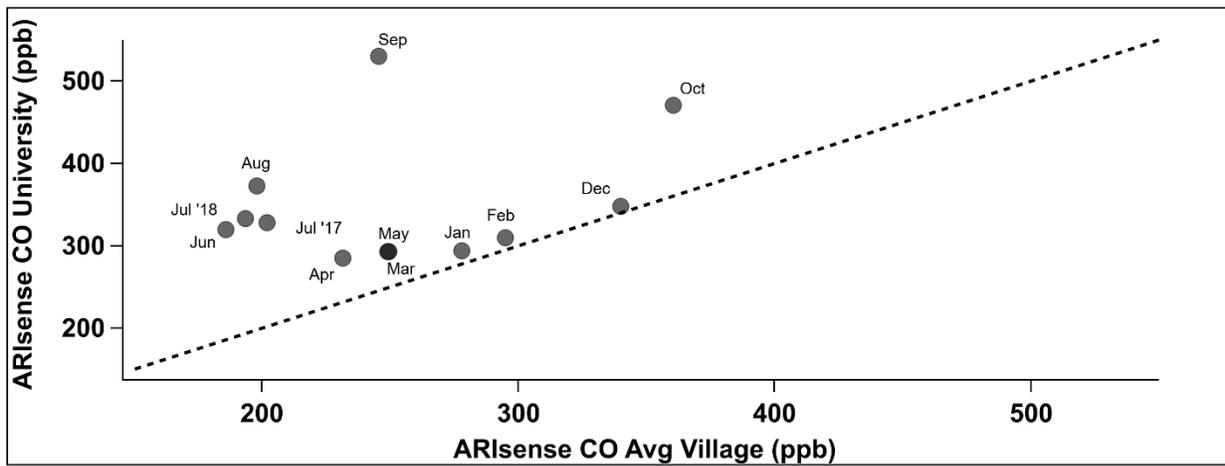
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209 **Figure S16:** Scatter plot of Village 2 (y-axis) and Village 1 (x-axis) monthly mean CO concentration (calibrated with  
 210 the kNN Hybrid model). A one-to-one line is shown as the dotted black line.

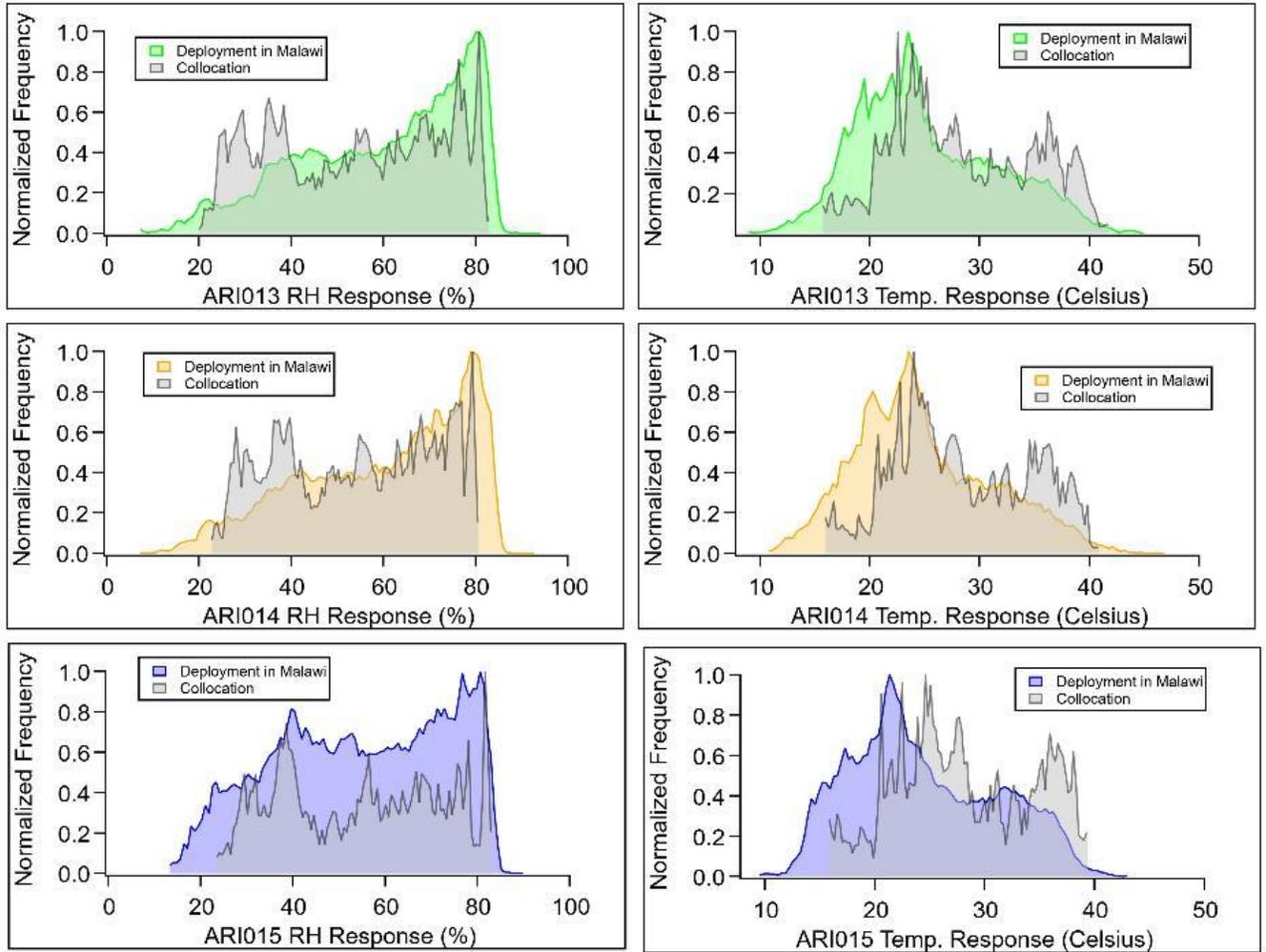
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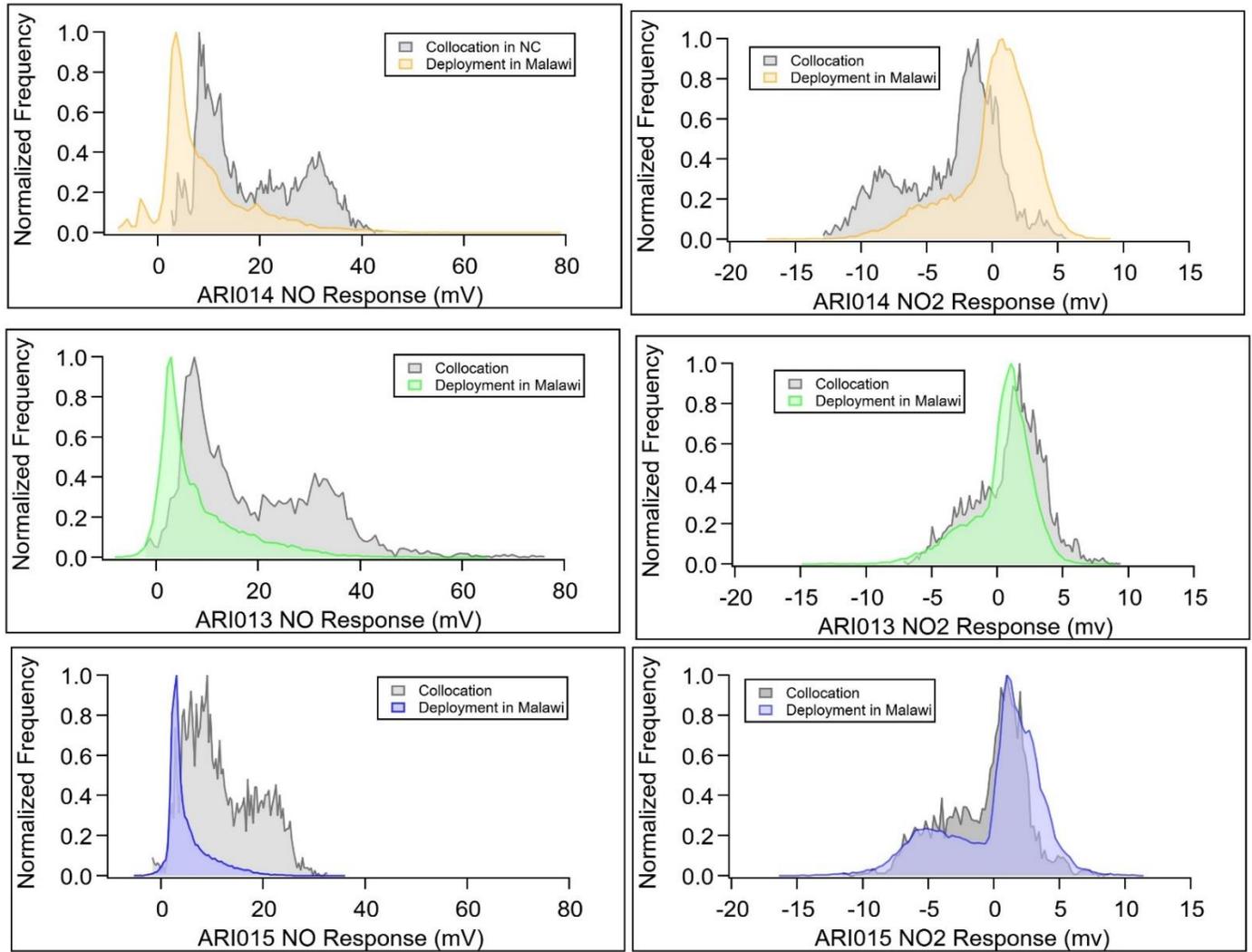
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213 **Figure S17:** Scatter plot of University (y-axis) and Village (average from Village 1 and 2) (x-axis) monthly mean CO  
 214 concentration (calibrated with the kNN Hybrid model). A one-to-one line is shown as the dotted black line.

215 **S7 Comparison of NC collocation and Malawi deployment**



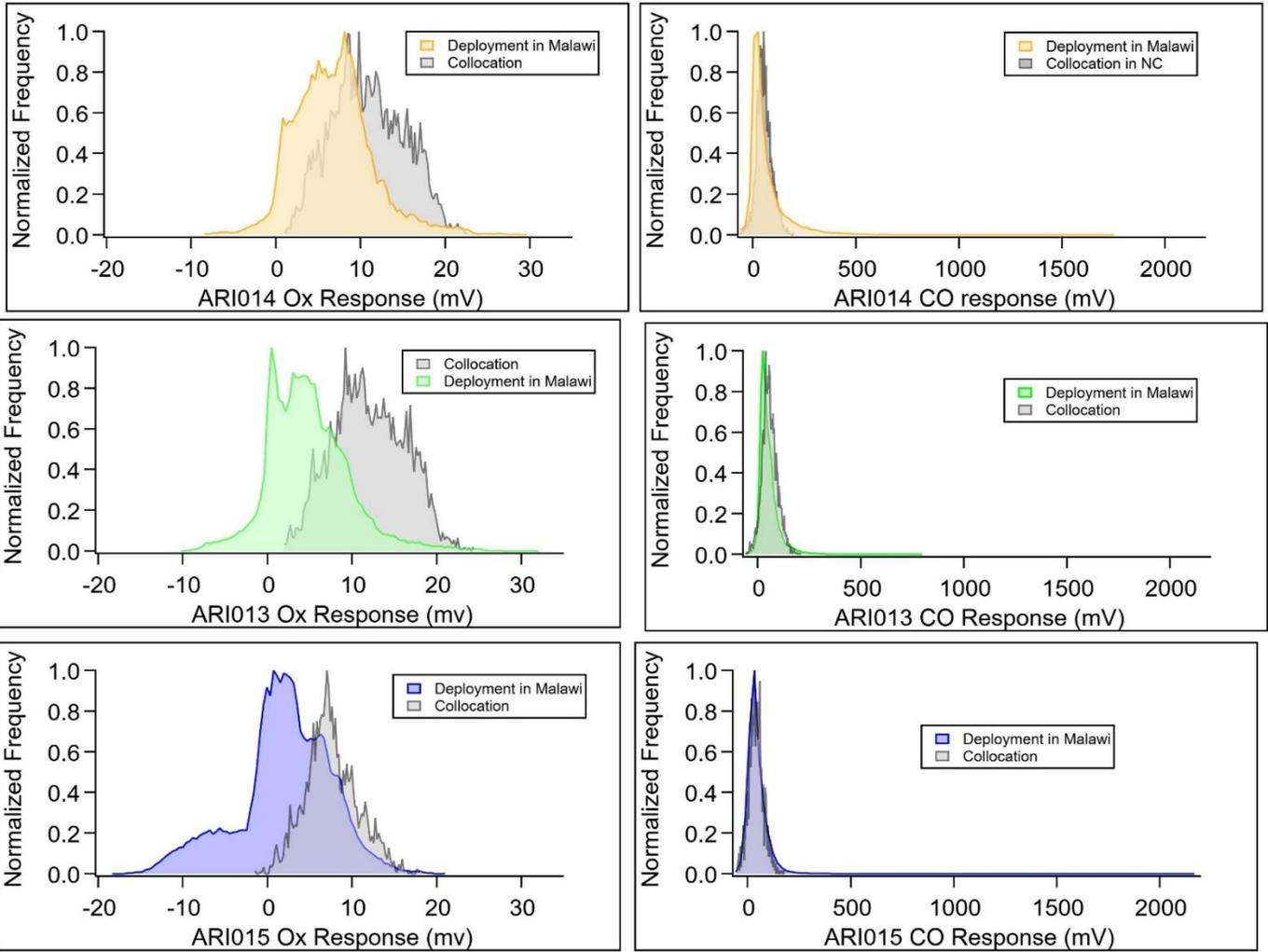
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217 **Figure S18:** RH (left) and Temperature (right) normalized frequency histograms for the collocation (grey) and  
218 deployment (color) environments for all three ARISense monitors. Histogram color indicates ARISense unit number  
219 in deployment environment.



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221 **Figure S19:** NO (left) and NO<sub>2</sub> differential voltage (right) normalized frequency histograms for the collocation (grey)  
 222 and deployment (color) environments for all three ARISense monitors. Histogram color indicates ARISense unit  
 223 number in deployment environment.

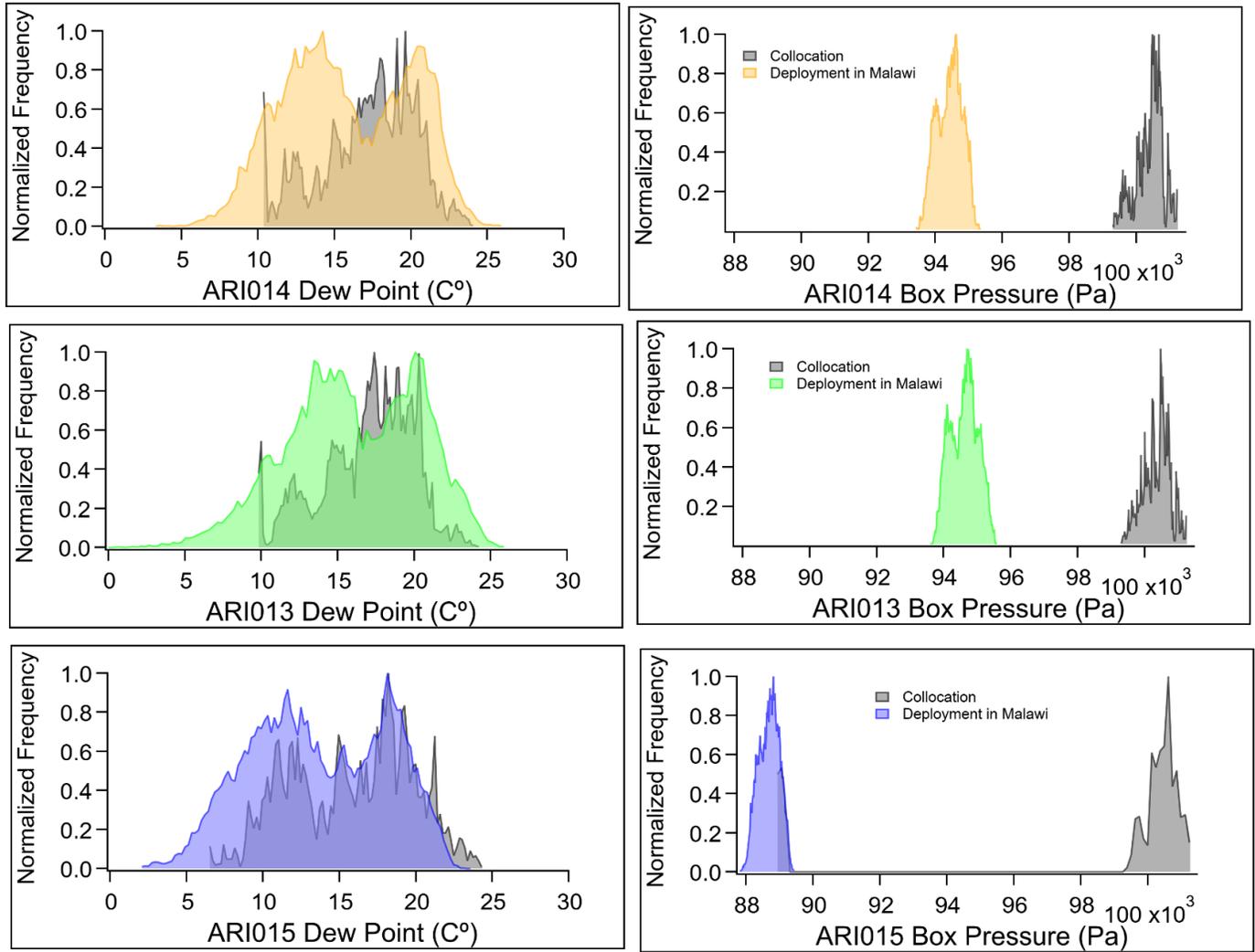
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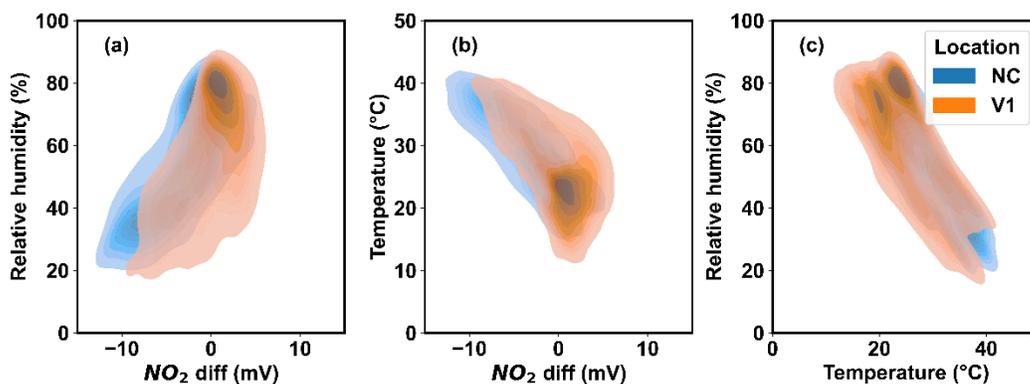
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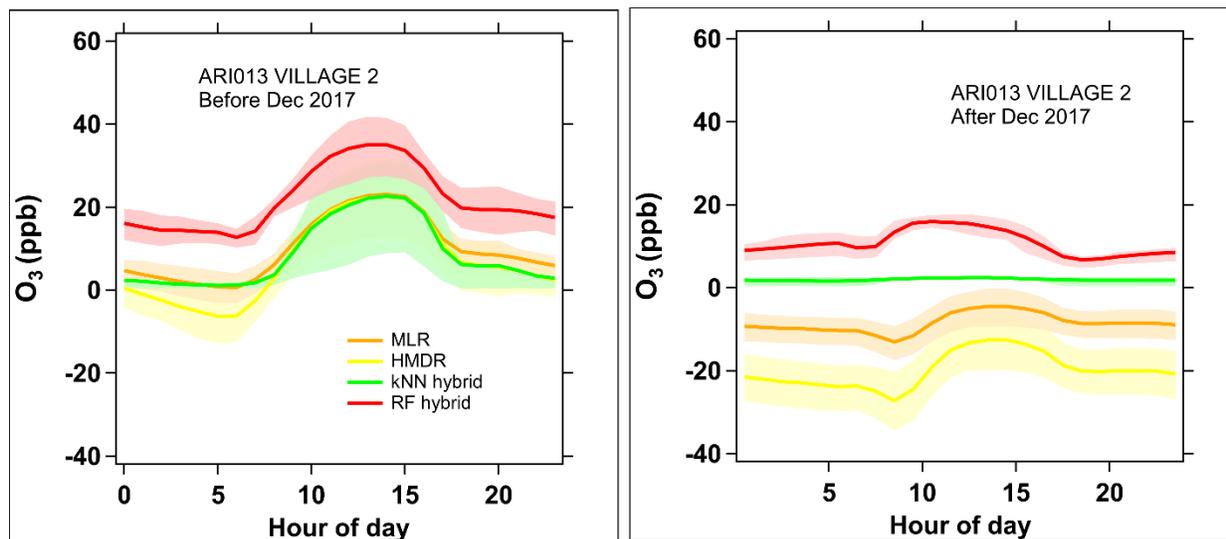
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231 **Figure S21:** Dew point (left) and pressure (right) normalized frequency histograms for the collocation (grey) and  
 232 deployment (color) environments for all three ARISense monitors. Histogram color indicates ARISense unit number  
 233 in deployment environment.



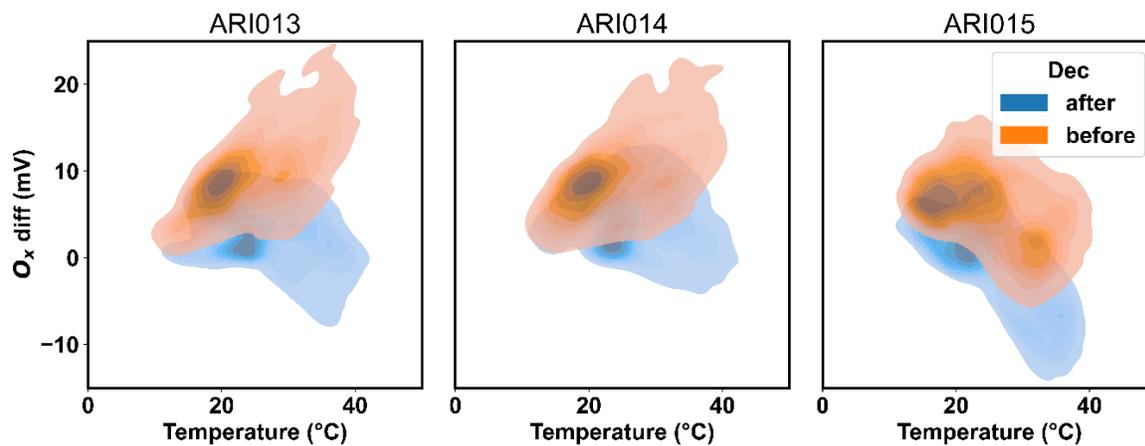
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 235 **Figure S22:** Bivariate distributions of ARI014 NO<sub>2</sub> differential voltage, RH, and T data collected during collocation  
 236 (blue) and deployment (orange) made using kernel density estimation. NC = North Carolina, V1 = Village 1.

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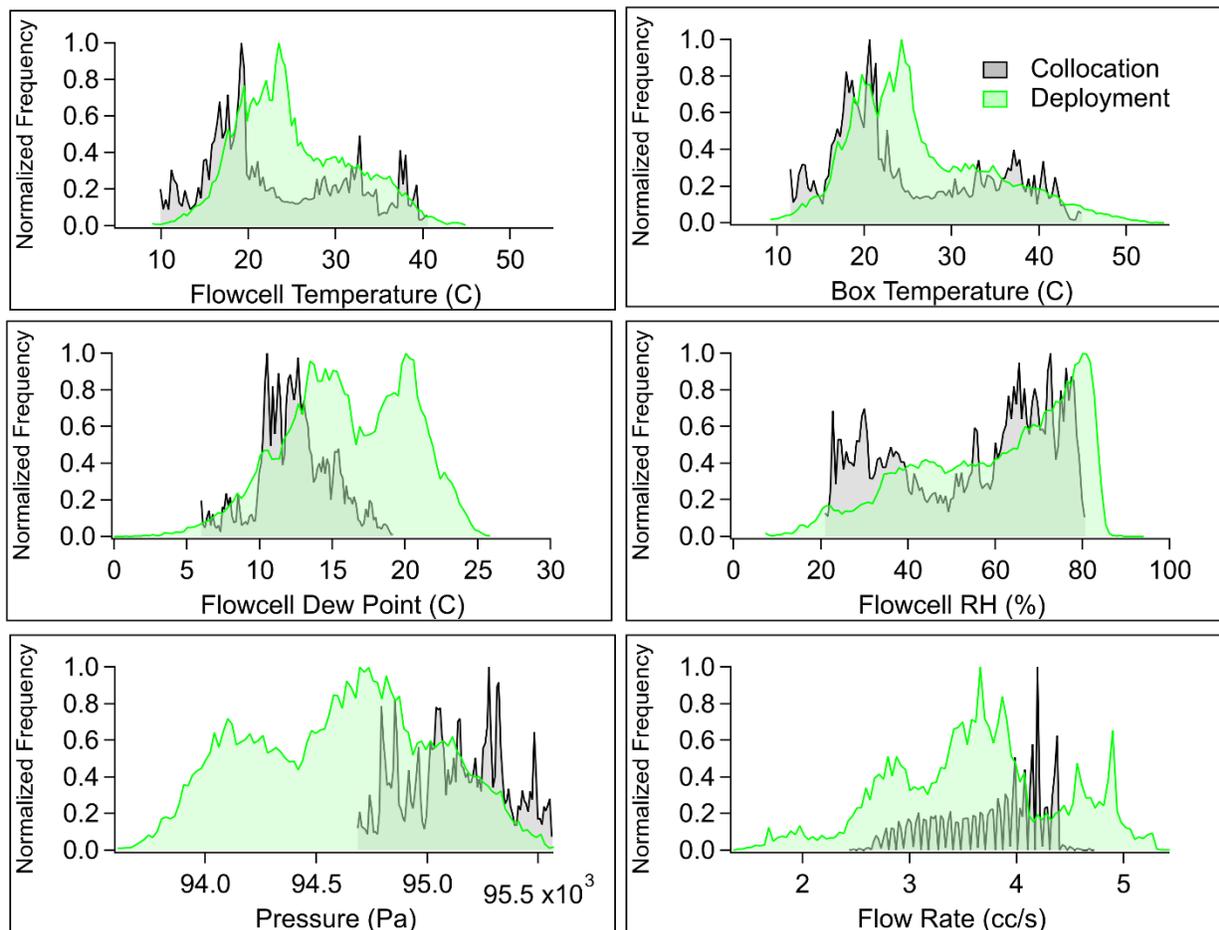


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 239 **Figure S23:** Diurnal trends of calibrated ozone data from ARI013 (Village 2 site) before Dec 2017 (left) and after  
 240 Dec 2018 (right). Thick line indicates hourly mean, shaded region indicates interquartile range. Midnight is the zero  
 241 hour. Line color indicates model type. Hours are in local time.

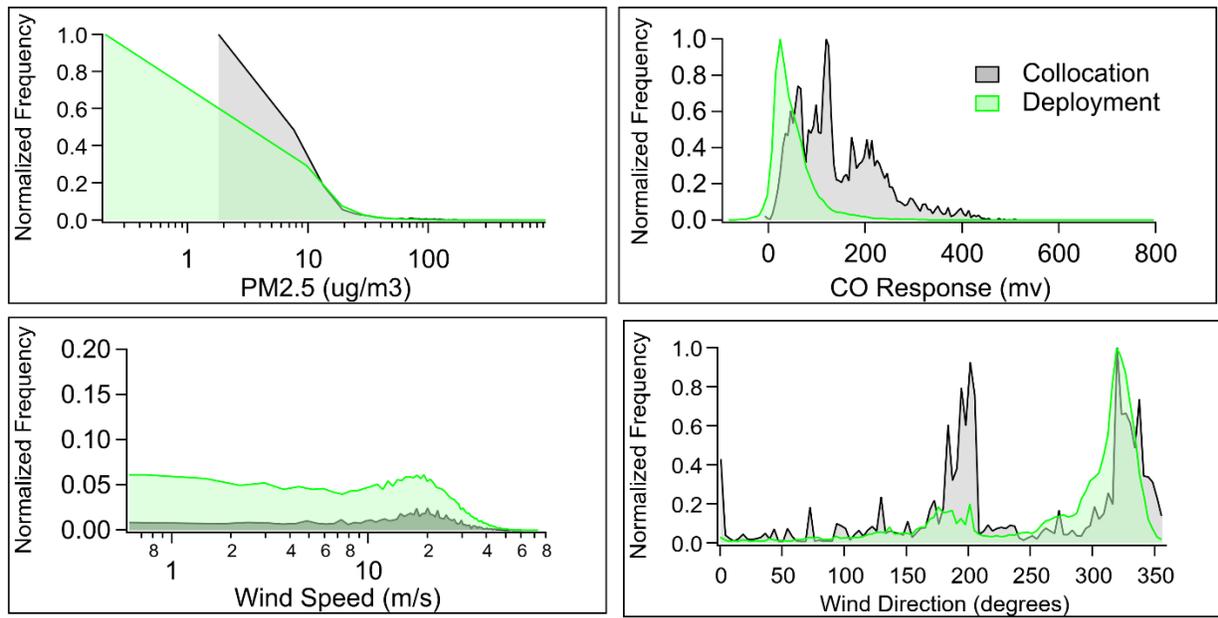
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 244 **Figure S24:** Bivariate distributions of  $O_x$  voltage and temperature data collected during the first half of deployment  
 245 (July-November 2017 - orange) and in the second half of deployment (December 2017-July 2018 – blue) for each  
 246 ARISense monitor using kernel density estimation.



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 249 **Figure S25:** ARISense temperature (flow cell and box), dew point, relative humidity, pressure and flow rate  
 250 normalized frequency histograms for the 130-hour ARI023 OPC-N2 collocation (grey) in Malawi and the 1-year  
 251 deployment in Malawi (ARI013 in green.)



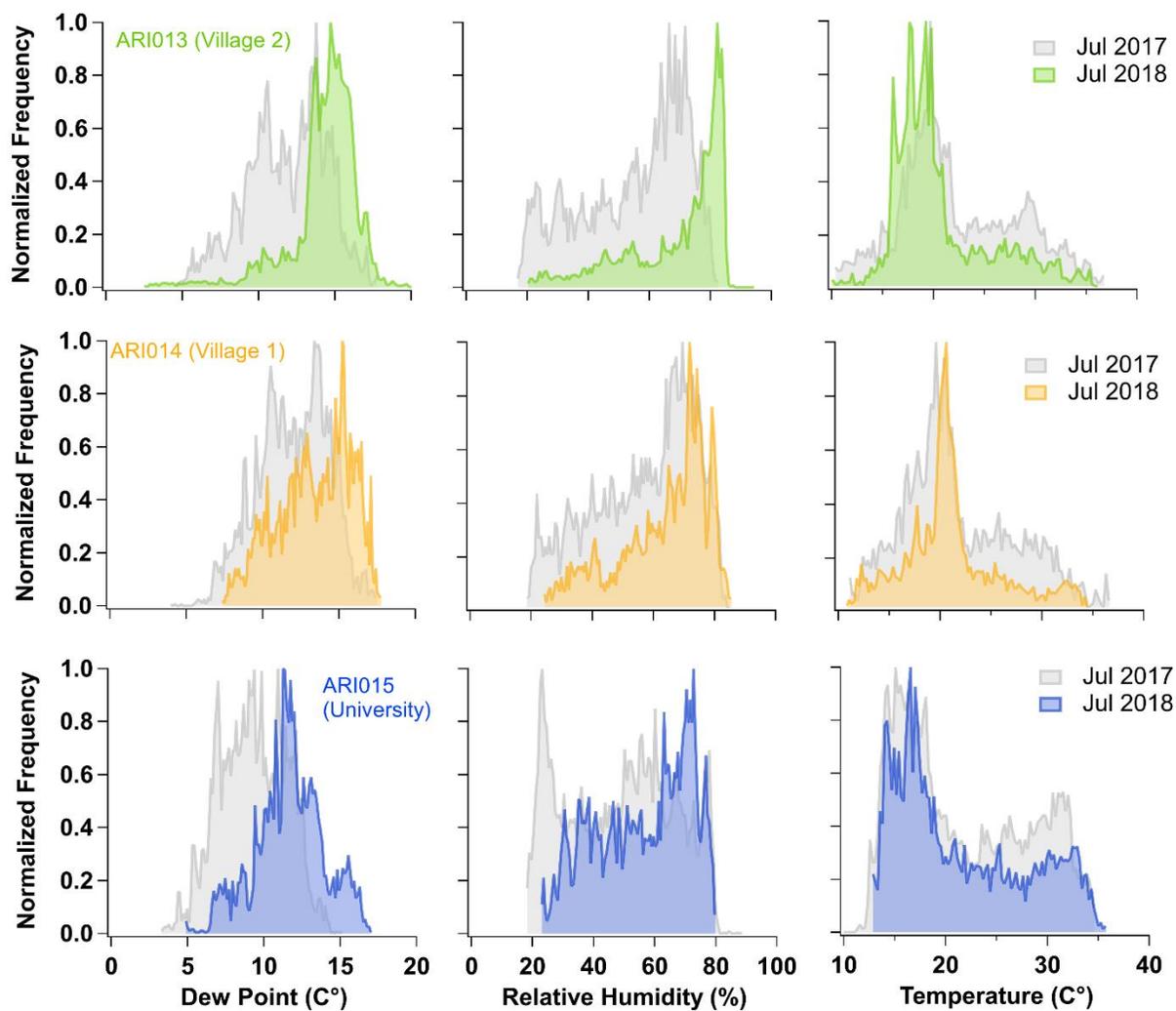
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253 **Figure S26:** CO differential voltage, PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration, wind speed, and wind direction normalized frequency  
 254 histograms for the 130-hour OPC-N2 collocation (ARI023 in grey) in Malawi and the 1-year deployment in Malawi  
 255 (ARI013 in green).

256 **S9 Comparison of first and last month of deployment data**

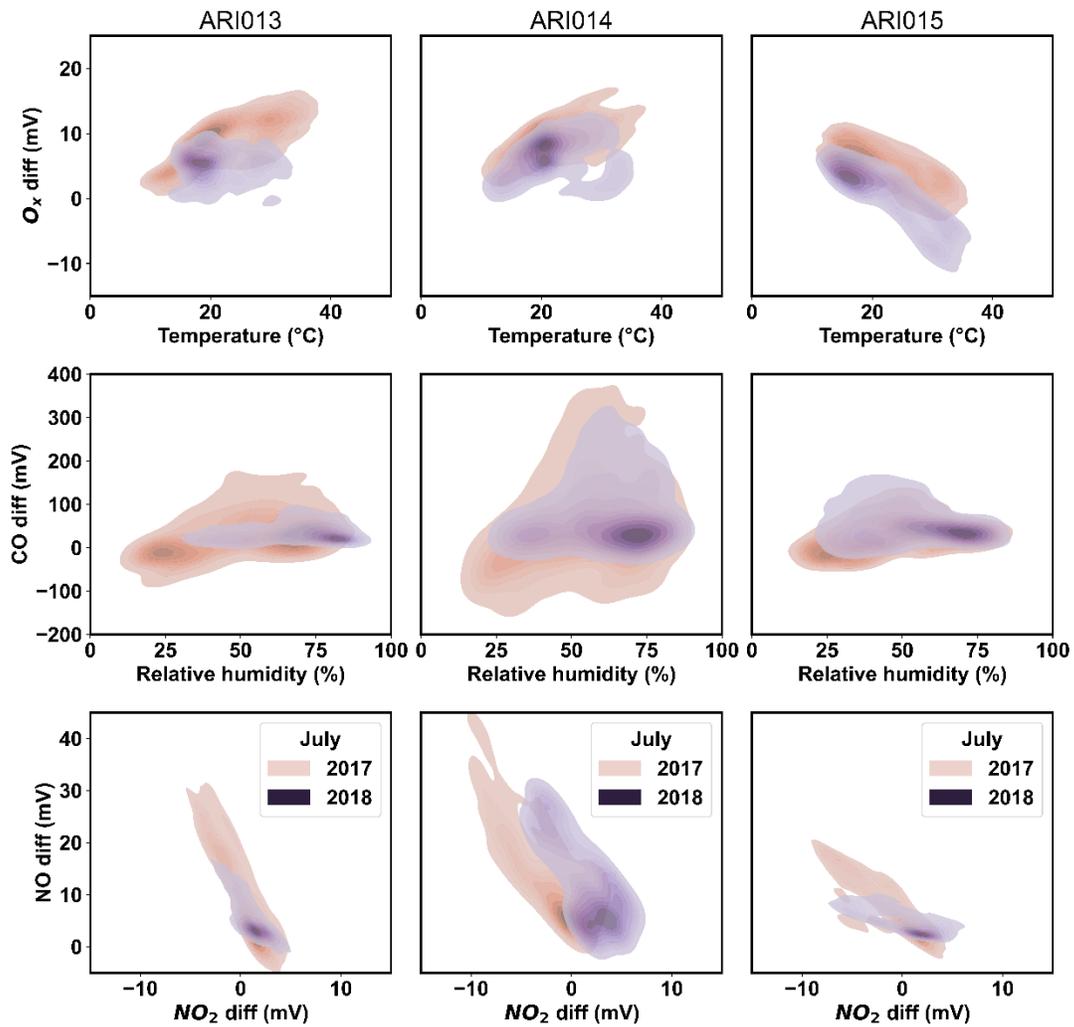
257 Histograms of T and RH from July 2017 and July 2018 suggest the range in conditions was the same for both years,  
 258 particularly for temperature (Fig. S28). However, for the Village 2 site, the average and maximum RH were higher by  
 259 10-15% in July 2018 compared to July 2017. Further, the mean temperature was 2° cooler in 2018. Conversely, at the  
 260 University site in 2018, the average RH was 6% higher, while the minimum RH was 5% lower, compared to 2017  
 261 suggesting more variable environmental conditions in the second year. However, for the Village 1 and University  
 262 sites, the mean temperatures were identical for both years.

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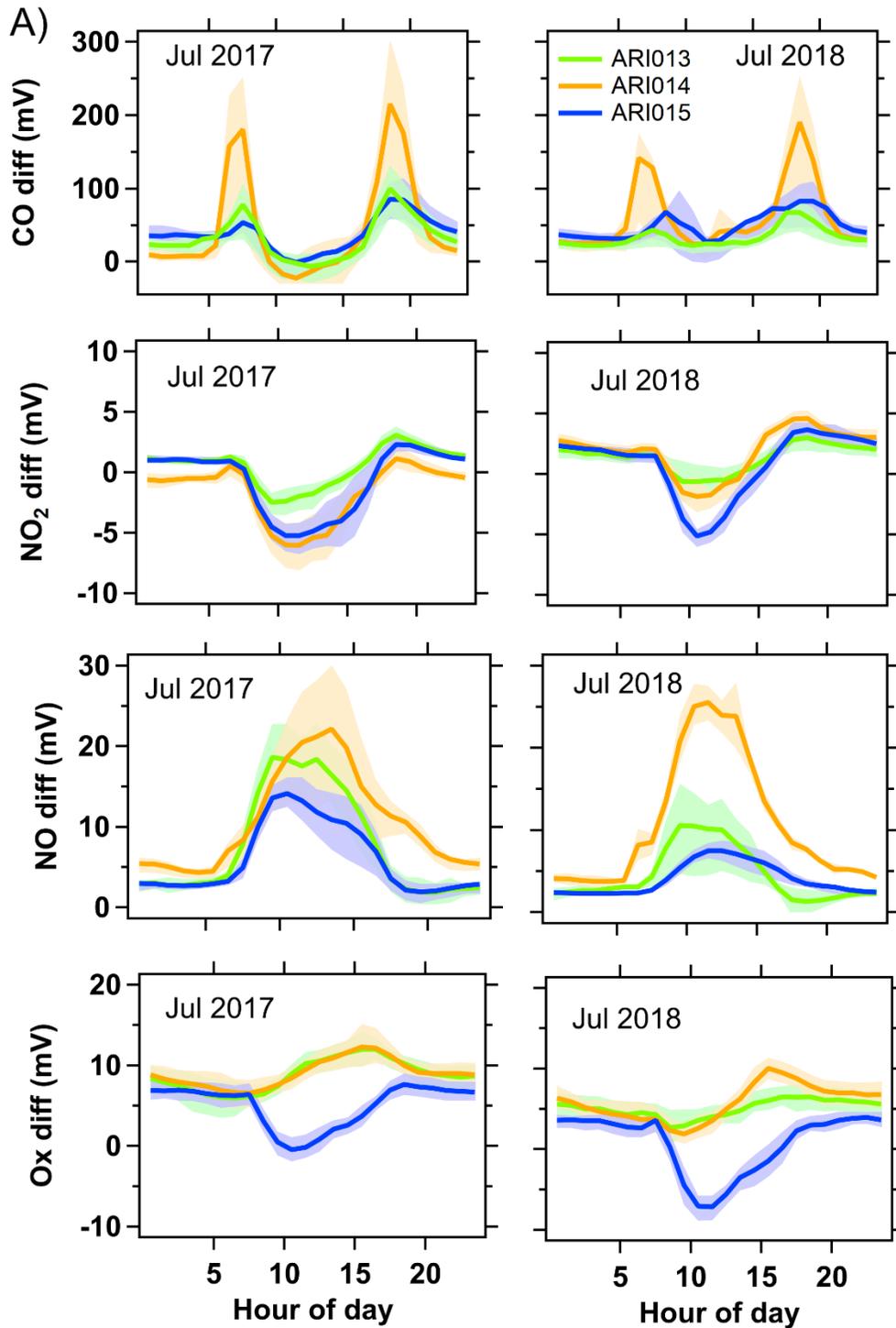
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265 **Figure S27:** Dew point (left), RH (center), and temperature (right) normalized frequency histograms from the first  
 266 month of deployment (grey) and last month of deployment (colored) for ARI013, ARI014, and ARI015 at their  
 267 respective deployment sites.



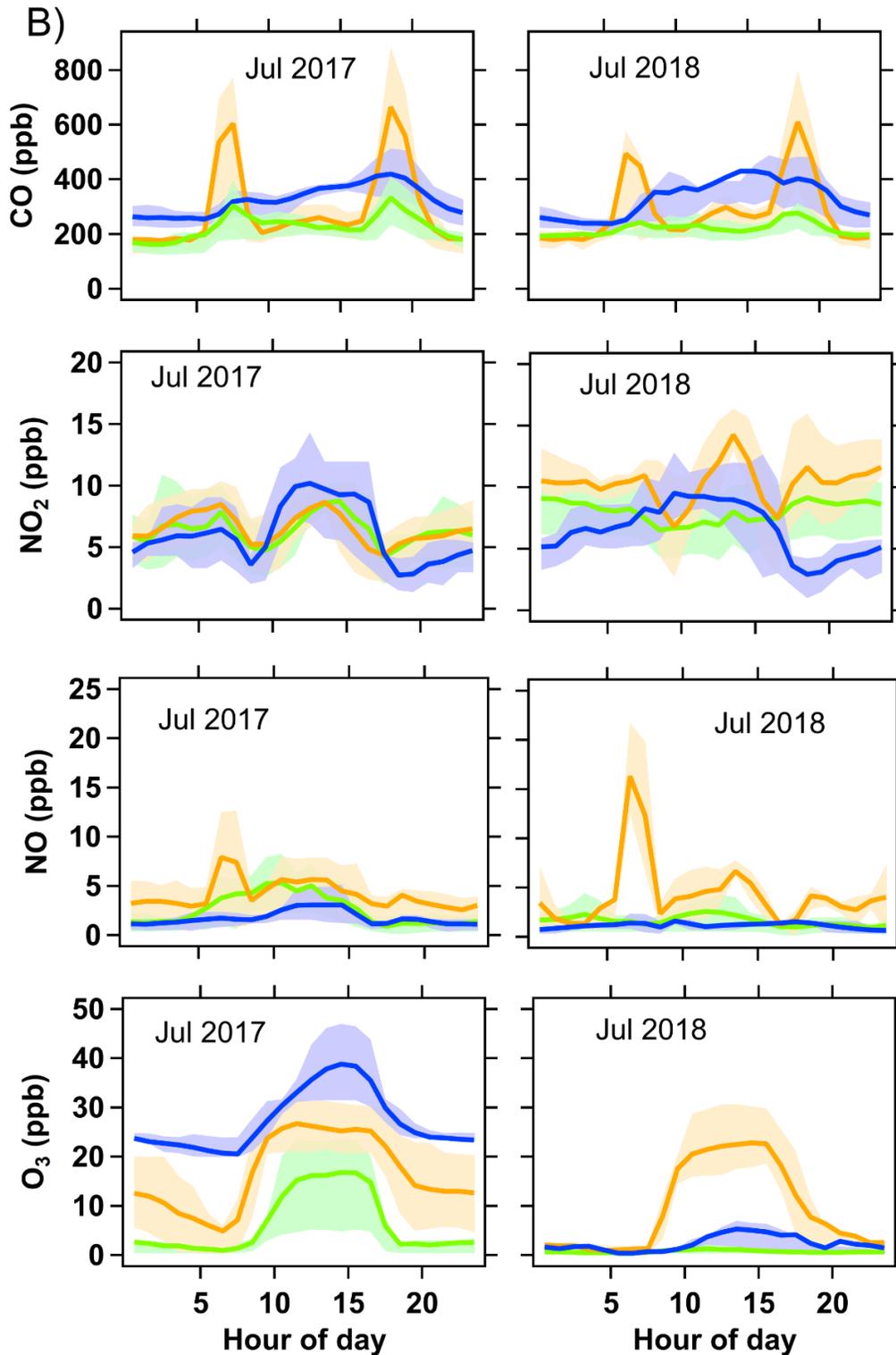
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269 **Figure S28:** Bivariate distributions of data collected during the first month of deployment (July 2017) and data  
 270 collected one year later in the last month of deployment (July 2018) for each ARISense monitor using kernel density  
 271 estimation.



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273 **Figure S29:** Diurnal trends of raw, uncalibrated voltage readings from July 2017 (left) and July 2018 (right), for each  
 274 ARISense at each respective monitoring location. Thick line indicates hourly mean, shaded region indicates  
 275 interquartile range. Midnight is the zero hour. Line color indicates sensor.



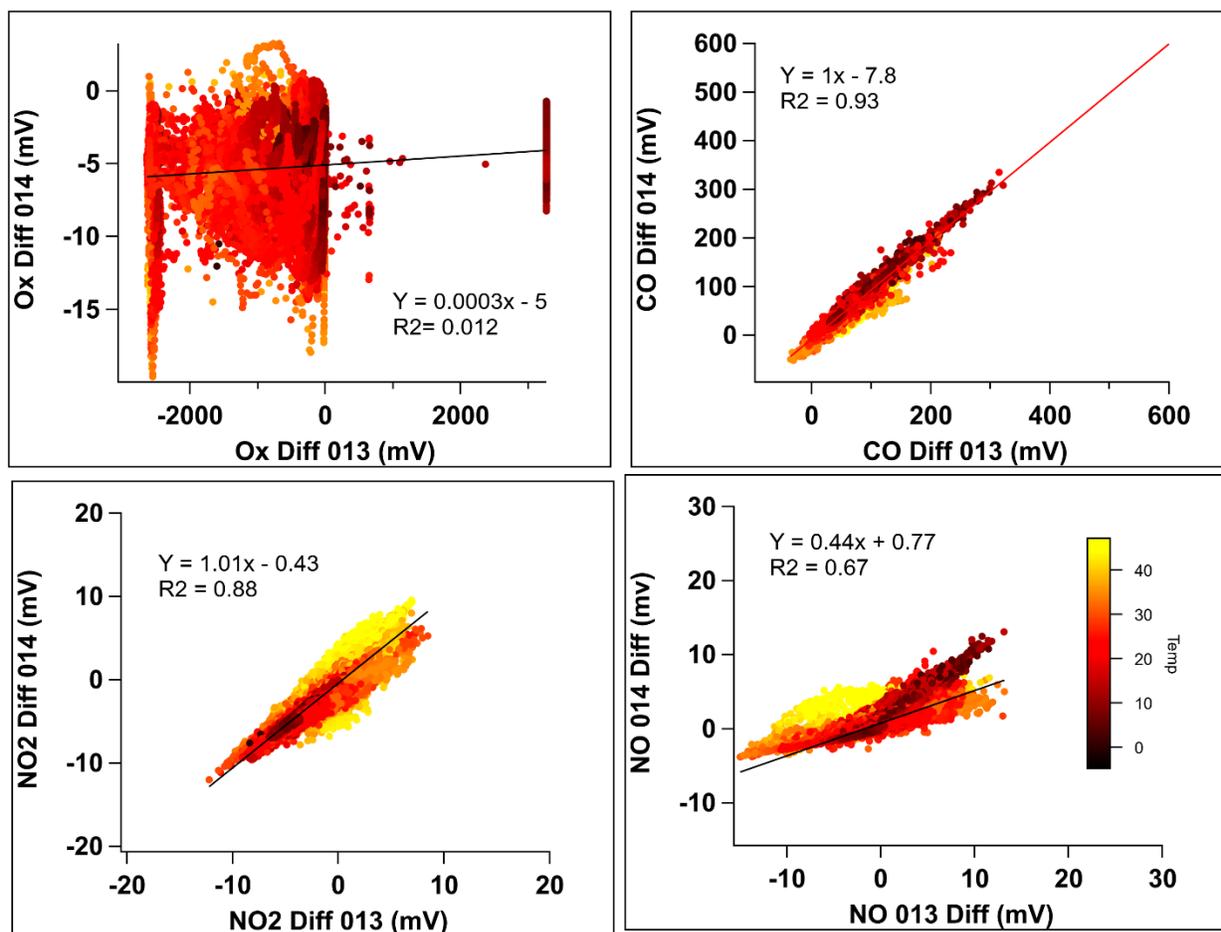
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277 **Figure S30:** Diurnal trends of kNN-hybrid model calibrated concentration readings from July 2017 (left) and July  
 278 2018 (right), for each ARISense at each respective monitoring location. Thick line indicates hourly mean, shaded  
 279 region indicates interquartile range. Midnight is the zero hour. Line color indicates sensor.

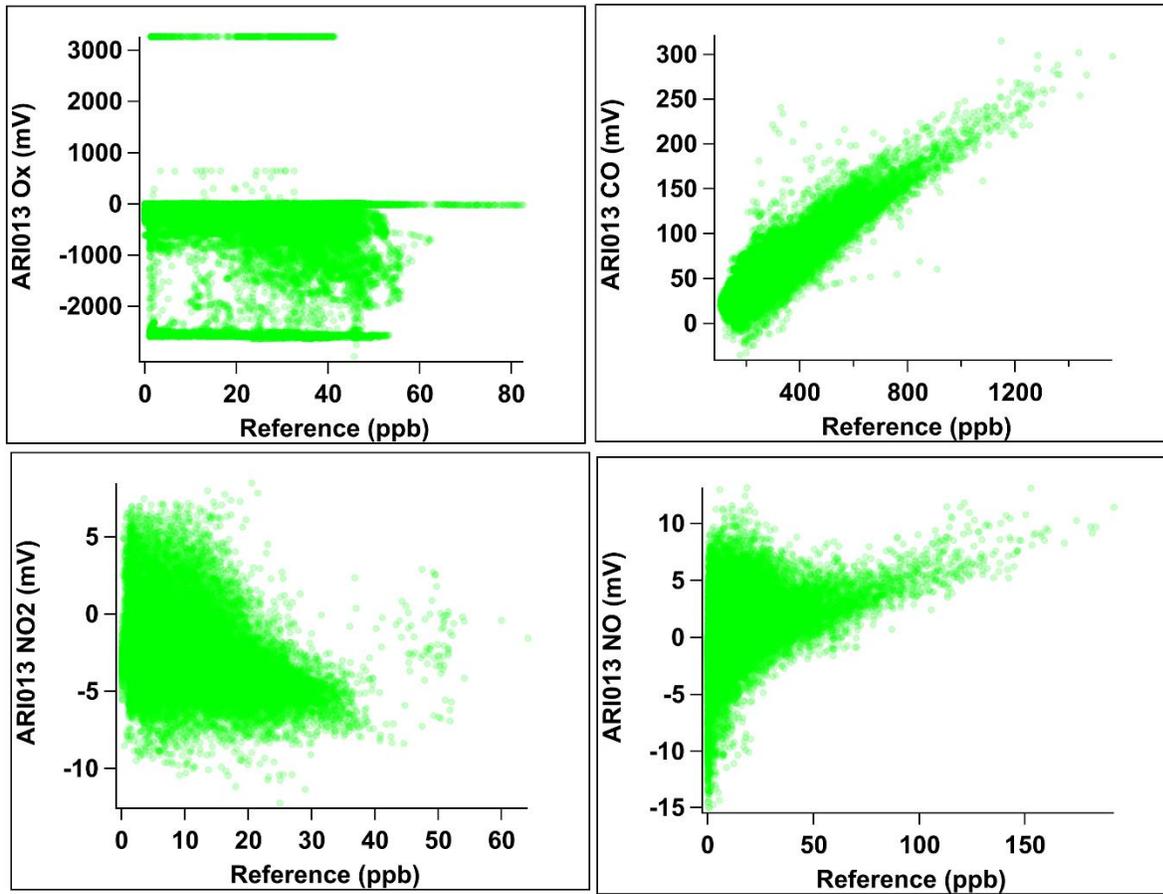
280 **S10 Details of high-concentration biomass burning emission experiments**

281 Emissions measurement equipment, described in Champion and Grieshop (2019), placed near the source measured  
282 mean CO concentrations of 50-300 ppb and maximum CO concentrations of 200-3800 ppm. The ARISense were  
283 placed further away (3-8 m) from the source. CO sensors saturated (at 5 ppm) for much of the testing period.  
284 Depending on the source type, these experiments ranged from 20-48 hours. ARI013 was used for 3 experiments (75  
285 hours total) and ARI014 was used for 4 experiments (100 hours total).

286 **S11 Details of Post-Deployment Collocation in North Carolina**

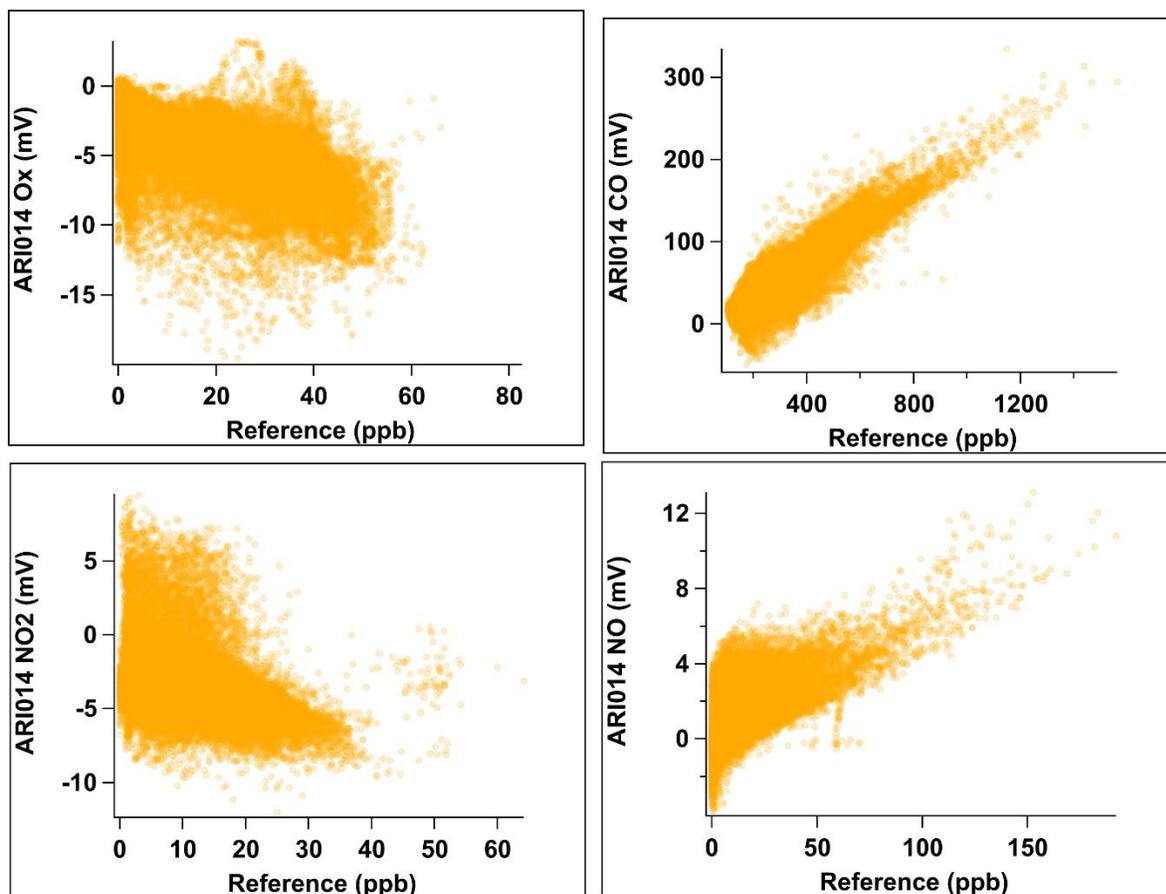


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288 **Figure S31:** Scatter plots of raw differential voltage data from each gas sensor in ARI014 (y-axis) and ARI013 (x-  
289 axis) measured during post-collocation in North Carolina. Linear fit coefficients and Pearson correlation coefficients  
290 are shown for each monitor-monitor gas sensor pair. Data points are colored by ambient temperature.

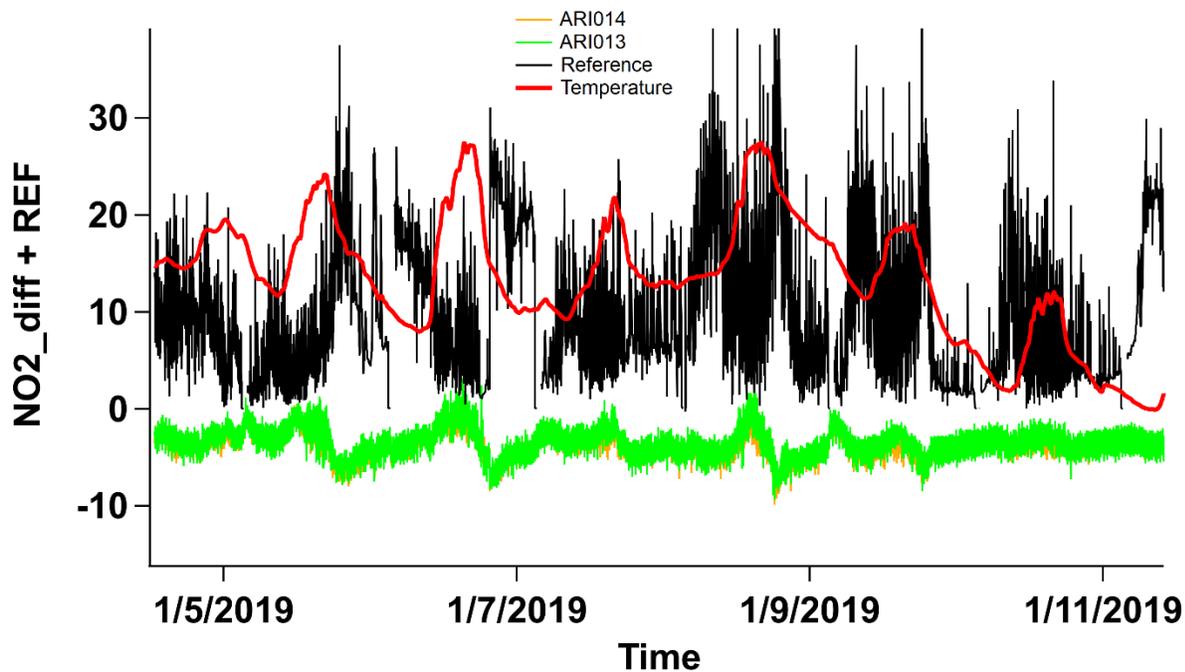


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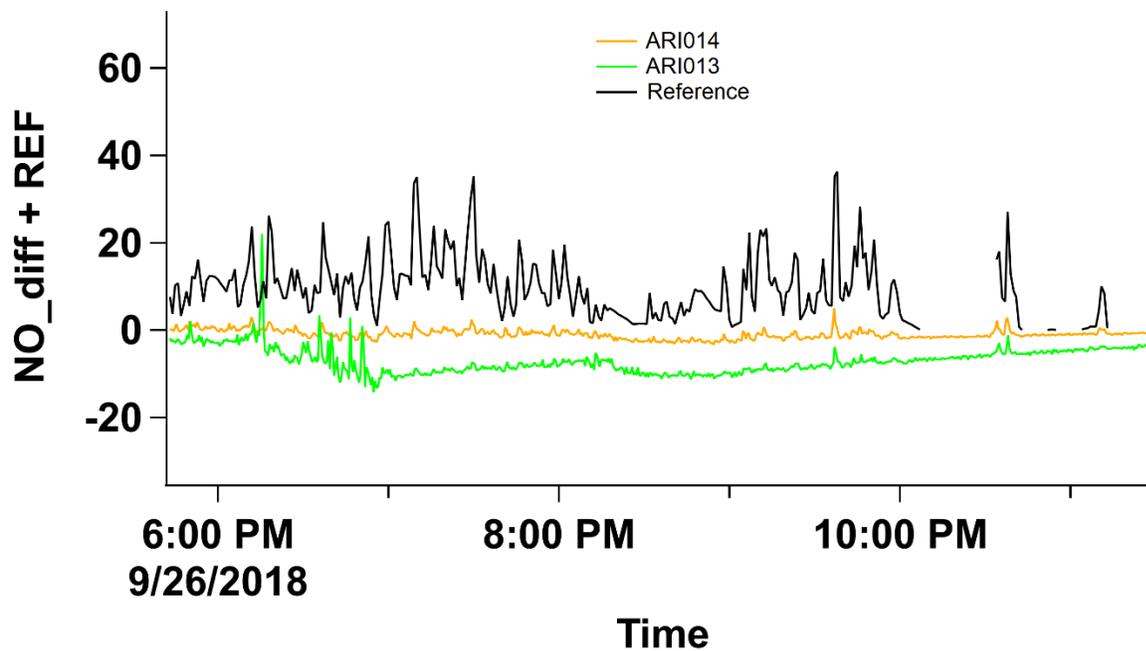
292 **Figure S32:** Scatter plots of raw differential voltage data from each gas sensor in ARI013 (y-axis) compared to  
293 reference data (x-axis) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina.



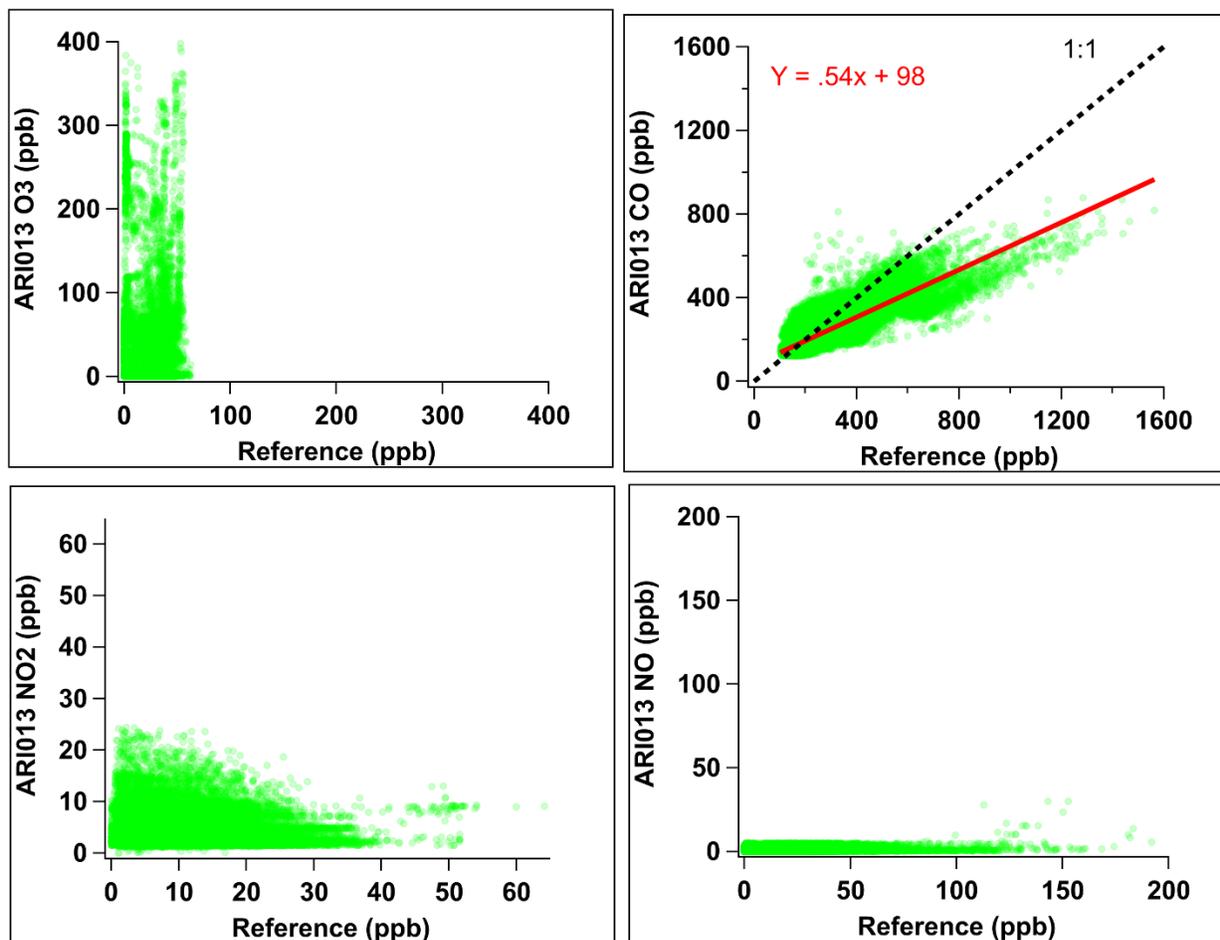
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295 **Figure S33:** Scatter plots of raw differential voltage data from each gas sensor in ARI014 (y-axis) compared to  
296 reference data (x-axis) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina.



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 298 **Figure S34:** Time series of raw NO<sub>2</sub> differential voltage data from ARI013 and ARI014, NO<sub>2</sub> reference data (black),  
 299 and temperature (red) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina.



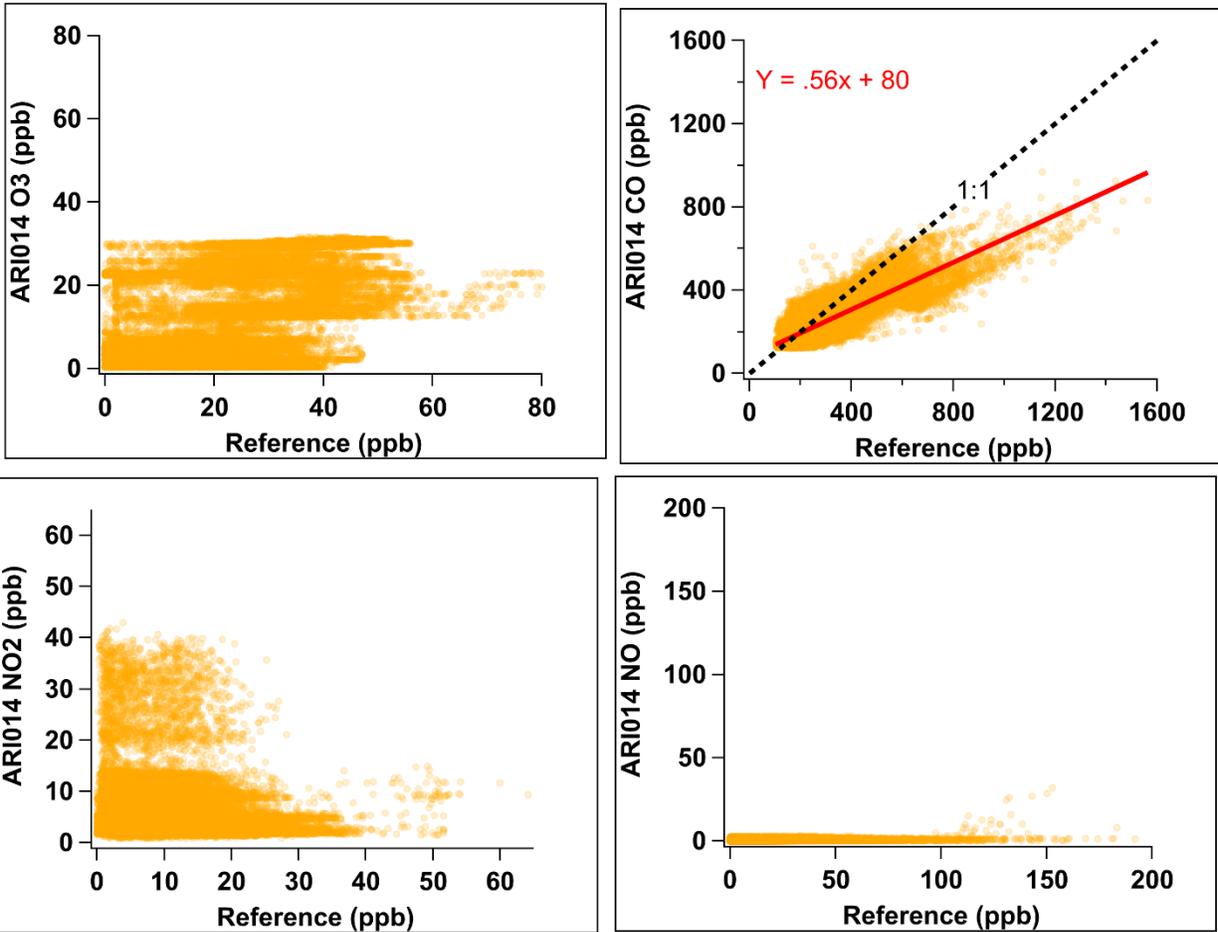
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 301 **Figure S35:** Time series of raw NO differential voltage data from ARI013 and ARI014 and NO reference data  
 302 (black) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina.



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 304 **Figure S36:** Scatter plots of kNN-calibrated data from each gas sensor in ARI013 (y-axis) compared to reference data  
 305 (x-axis) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina. Linear regression coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ), fit line  
 306 (red line), the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ) are shown for each paired comparison; A one to one comparison line  
 307 is shown as the dotted black line.

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311 **Figure S37:** Scatter plots of kNN-calibrated data from each gas sensor in ARI014 (y-axis) compared to reference data  
 312 (x-axis) during post-deployment collocation in North Carolina. Linear regression coefficients ( $y = mx + b$ ), fit line  
 313 (red line), the Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ ) are shown for each paired comparison; A one to one comparison line  
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326 **Table S7:** Performance metrics for ARISense 013 and 014 during post-deployment collocation with reference  
 327 instruments in NC. Values are shown for each of the four gas sensors and for each calibration model assessed in this  
 328 study.  $R^2$  = Coefficient of Determination, MAE = mean absolute error, CO = carbon monoxide, NO = nitric oxide,  
 329 NO<sub>2</sub> = nitrogen dioxide, O<sub>3</sub> = ozone.

<b>Final Round (Post collocation)</b>	<b>ARI013</b>		<b>ARI014</b>	
	<b>MAE (ppb)</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>MAE (ppb)</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>CO</b>				
HDMR	100.	0.25	105.	0.22
MLR	100.	0.25	105.	0.22
kNN Hybrid	68.6	0.57	72.2	0.55
RF Hybrid	67.7	0.55	73.6	0.51
QR	143.	-0.45	142.	-0.38
<b>NO</b>				
HDMR	28.0	-4.14	23.9	-2.46
MLR	13.5	-0.39	16.0	-0.69
kNN Hybrid	11.4	-0.39	11.6	-0.43
RF Hybrid	10.4	-0.12	10.8	-0.10
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>				
HDMR	10.7	-2.27	9.29	-1.91
MLR	13.6	-4.05	13.4	-4.58
kNN Hybrid	6.97	-0.72	7.31	-1.06
RF Hybrid	5.72	-0.31	5.61	-0.19
<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>				
HDMR	45.5	-28.7	82.6	-42.0
MLR	32.4	-8.94	49.3	-13.5
kNN Hybrid	26.9	-7.00	12.4	-0.15
RF Hybrid	58.0	-962.	16.1	-0.80

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