COMPARISONS OF URBAN AND RURAL $PM_{10-2.5}$ AND $PM_{2.5}$ MASS CONCENTRATIONS AND SEMI-VOLATILE FRACTIONS IN NORTHEASTERN COLORADO

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Response to Reviewers

Anonymous Referee #1

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Overview

1. Comment:

This work consist in the interpretation of the time and spatial variation of the concen- trations of fine (PM2.5) and coarse (PM2.5-10) particulate matter during a three years period at four urban and at two background sites in Denver. Levels of PM are ob- tained from the measurements carried out with TEOM and FDMS instruments. These measurements permitted to estimate the semi volatile PM. Concentrations obtained at each site were correlated with the other monitoring sites. A higher homogeneity was observed for PM2.5 whereas the spatial distribution of the coarse fraction showed a higher dependence on the distance to the source and on the wind direction and speed. Relative humidity was also fount to differentially influence levels of fine and coarse PM.

Thus, for RH >50%, levels of PM coarse tend to decrease whereas PM fine tends to increase. The method used is sound, although the correlation between the instruments used is not showed.

2. Response:

We appreciate the reviewer's careful reading and summary of our paper.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

No changes.

1. Comment:

However, the wok presented here seems not to be a novel con- tribution. Thus, the work is similar to that previously published by the authors in 2012 about 1 year monitoring. The present paper extends the study period to 3 years and includes also the semi volatile fraction as derived from TEOM measurements, covering a number of sites. But, most of the conclusions obtained were presented before in the mentioned paper.

2. Response:

The reviewer is correct that the current manuscript follows up on work presented in Clements et al. (2012), but is not correct in suggesting this is therefore not a novel contribution. Clements et al. (2012) presented results and analysis of data from approximately the first year of our three-year measurement study. The current work presents results and analysis from the full three-year effort. Thus comparison of the three-year monitoring results with those from the first year is itself a novel contribution, and is important for determining whether results from the initial year are or are not representative for a longer time period. The new paper presents and discusses all results in light of the longer measurement record and other new information, and does not repeat results or conclusions from the prior paper. The fact that in some cases the findings are similar to those from the earlier work is in itself a new insight, as the robustness of the shorter record with regard to monthly and seasonal patterns could not be assessed without the longer monitoring campaign.

Furthermore, the current paper goes well beyond the earlier one in numerous respects. In particular, the current paper includes analysis of the semi-volatile fractions of PM2.5 and PM10-2.5, which were not examined in our earlier work. In fact, little prior work has been documented in the literature to examine the assumption that PM10-2.5 is mostly non-volatile. The current paper also includes analysis of associations of PM2.5 and PM10-2.5 with gas-phase pollutants, vehicle counts, and additional meteorological variables, which were not available earlier. We also examine how our findings compare with and are informed by other recent literature that had not been published at the time of our earlier study.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

No Changes.

Minor comments

1. Comment:

Introduction: As regards for the impact on health of the PM2.5-10 fraction you should refer to Stafoggia et al. (2013). These authors demonstrated that “PM2.5 and PM2.5–10 were positively associated with cardiovascular and respiratory admissions in eight Mediterranean cities Stafoggia M, et al. 2013. Short-term associa- tions between fine and coarse particulate mat- ter and hospitalizations in Southern Eu- rope: results from the MED-PARTICLES project. Environ Health Perspect 121:1026– 1033; http://dx.doi.org/10.1289/ehp.1206151

2. Response:

We appreciate the reviewer’s highlighting Stafoggia et al. (2013) and agree that it is a valuable contribution to the literature on associations between PM in different size fractions and hospital admissions. However, for brevity we did not intend to provide a comprehensive review of the epidemiologic literature on health effects of PM2.5 and PM10-2.5. Instead, the introduction to our paper provides a point of entry into this literature by citing the seminal review article on the topic (Brunekreef and Forsberg, 2005) along with a more recent review and meta-analysis that provides an update on the literature (Adar et al., 2014). We note that Stafoggia et al. (2013) is included in the review by Adar et al. that we cite.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

No changes.

1. Comment

Table 1: It should be improved including the instruments used at each sites Table 2. Spell out “COV”

2. Response:

We appreciate these suggestions and will add the requested information in the final paper.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

A row labeled *Instruments* was added to Table 1 which defines TEOM models used in this analysis. In Table 2, footnote a was created which defines all abbrevations used.

Anonymous Referee #2

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Overview

1. Comment:

This manuscript reports on the three-year CCRUSH study that investigated PM10-2.5and PM2.5 mass concentrations and SVM for several sites in urban Denver and comparatively rural nearby Greeley. Diurnal, weekday/weekend, seasonal, and annual concentrations are reported and interpreted. The data were related to meteorological variables such as relative humidity, wind speed, and direction. The authors have presented a thorough analysis in a well-written and well-organized paper. The strengths of the paper include the detailed analyses of differences/similarities in the various measured parameters at each site and their relation to each other and meteorological variables. A weakness of the paper is the absence of the greater overall implications of the work. A statement at the end of the abstract along these lines would help place the importance of the work in a greater context. This is also true for the summary. I recommend the paper be published after addressing a few minor comments listed below.

2. Response:

We appreciate the recommendations of the reviewer and their careful reading of our manuscript.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

We have added the following sentences to the manuscript to add detail regarding the overall implications and importance of the findings:

Abstract (last sentence added)

… PM10-2.5 and PM2.5 concentrations corresponded to morning and afternoon peaks of traffic activity, and were enhanced by boundary layer dynamics. SVM2.5 concentrations peaked around noon on both weekdays and weekends. PM10-2.5 concentrations at sites located near highways generally increased with wind speeds above about 3 m s-1. Little wind speed dependence was observed for the residential sites in Denver and Greeley. *The mass concentration data reported here are being used in ongoing epidemiologic studies for PM in northeastern Colorado.*

Conclusions (second sentence added to the section, new start to 3rd sentence)

The CCRUSH study characterized PM10-2.5, PM2.5, SVM2.5, and SVM10-2.5 mass concentrations in urban and rural communities in northeastern Colorado. *The CCRUSH data are being used in ongoing epidemiologic studies investigating associations between coarse PM concentrations and health responses in northeastern Colorado. The measurements presented here show that traffic influenced sites* in Denver had the highest PM10-2.5 concentrations and PM10-2.5/PM10 ratios. …

Minor Comments

1. Comment:

Abstract, line 7: Please provide years.

2. Response:

As suggested, the years over which the study spanned were added to the abstract.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

The sentence has been changed to: The Colorado Coarse Rural-Urban Sources and Health (CCRUSH) study measured PM10-2.5 and PM2.5 mass concentrations, as well as the fraction of semi-volatile material (SVM) in each size regime (SVM2.5, SVM10-2.5), *from 2009 to early-2012* in Denver and comparatively rural Greeley, Colorado.

1. Comment:

Page 24590, line 15: Stating the greater purpose of the study here would be helpful. Will this work ultimately be used for health research, regulatory work, emissions reductions, etc.

2. Response:

As suggested, a sentence has been added describing the greater purpose of this study, which includes an ongoing epidemiologic study focused on urban and rural health impacts of PM10-2.5.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

This sentence has been changed to: This paper examines the full three-year data set for PM10-2.5 and PM2.5 mass concentrations and their semi-volatile fractions, *which will be used in ongoing epidemiologic studies comparing urban and rural health effects of PM10-2.5.*

1. Comment:

Page 24598, line10: Please list Greeley value.

2. Response:

As suggested, the average PM2.5 value measured in Greeley was added to this sentence.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

The Greeley value has been added: The average Denver PM2.5 mass concentration over the whole CCRUSH campaign was 8.74 µg/m3, which is similar to the average PM2.5 concentration *of 8.42 µg/m3* measured in Greeley.

1. Comment:

Page 24600, line 4: Can the authors comment on the similarity of PM2.5 SVM at both Denver and Greeley sites? One might expect these concentrations to be somewhat higher in Greeley (and also higher fraction) given the nearby agricultural activity.

2. Response:

Without aerosol composition data to assess the impact of ammonium nitrate and semi-volatile organic compounds, we are hesitant to infer too much from the similarity in PM2.5 SVM measured in the two cities. The temporal signature of PM2.5 SVM suggests it is secondary in nature in both areas, peaking at noon throughout the year, but without compositional data it is difficult to assess which species are driving the temporal variability.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

No changes.

1. Comment:

Page 24602, line 21: Can the authors clarify what they mean by “regional shifts in meteorological conditions”?

2. Response:

We mean that weather conditions like humidity levels and wind, which tend to be fairly consistent for the two cities, is what mostly drives daily temporal variability of the PM10-2.5 fraction.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

This sentence has been changed to: Relatively high regional correlations for PM10-2.5 suggest that *weather patterns moving through region* influence the temporal variability of this pollutant on daily timescales.

1. Comment:

Page 24603, line 1: Perhaps change “around Colorado” to around either ‘Denver and the Front Range’ or ‘northeastern Colorado’ since these data do not necessarily reflect all of Colorado.

2. Response:

The authors agree this change would improve the precision of the statement.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

We agree with the suggested correction and make the following change to this sentence: Daily average PM10-2.5 concentrations in *Denver and the Front Range* tended to be more spatially correlated than observed in previous studies using continuous monitors in…

1. Comment:

Page 24606, line 3: Define first usage of “NPR”.

2. Response:

The first usage of nonparametric regression appears first and was defined as NPR in the Methods section on page 24596, line 21.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

No changes.

Technical Corrections

1. Comment:

Table 2: Please define SD, COV, and N in the caption or footnote. Also include the city next to the site identifier (e.g., ALS, Denver). A challenge when reading this paper is keeping track of all the sites and their locations as the reader doesn’t have the benefit of the familiarity that that authors have.

2. Response:

The authors agree these suggestions would improve the table. A similar comment was also made by Reviewer #1.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

SD, COV, and N have been defined in footnote a for Table 2. The monitoring site cities and site descriptions have also been added to the site identifier to aid in keeping track of these details.

1. Comment:

Table 3: Define “Cb” in the caption.

2. Response:

The suggested addition has been made.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

Definitions for the concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) and bias correction factor (Cb) have been added to the caption of Table 3.

1. Comment:

Figure 1: The data in figure 1 are very hard to read and separate. This may be a function of the journal printing them very small, but increasing the legend font size would help. Also, for part (a), consider adding a second axis for the SVM data. They are completely unreadable.

2. Response:

As recommended, Figure 1 has been adjusted to impove readability and increase font sizes.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

To make the SVM data more readable, it was pulled from Figure 1a and put in its own subplot, now Figure 1c. The axis range of Figure 1c was changed to -1 to 10, so the near zero SVM10-2.5 values are observable. The legend size has been increased, but due to the size and complexity of the figure it may still be small. Final figures with full resolution will provide detail required to identify all time series.

1. Comment:

Figure 2: Same comment as figure 1 in that the text is tiny and very difficult to read.

2. Response:

As recommended, Figure 2 was replotted to increase readability and increase font sizes. Now one legend is used for Figure 2a-2f, while Figures 2g/2h and 2i/2j have dedicated legends.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

Legends were moved and font sizes were increased to improve readability of Figure 2.

1. Comment:

Figure 3: Define “NPR” in the figure caption.

2. Response:

The recommended addition was included.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

The definition of NPR has been added to Figures 3-5.

1. Comment:

Table S1: Over what time period do the traffic data correspond?

2. Response:

Dates over which traffic data span were added.

3. Changes in the Manuscript:

The corresponding dates for the traffic data have been added to the caption of Table S1.

Abstract

Coarse ($PM_{10-2.5}$) and fine ($PM_{2.5}$) particulate matter in the atmosphere adversely affect human health and influence climate. While $PM_{2.5}$ is relatively well studied, less is known about the sources and fate of $PM_{10-2.5}$. The Colorado Coarse Rural-Urban Sources and Health (CCRUSH) study measured $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations, as well as the fraction of semi-volatile material (SVM) in each size regime ($SVM_{2.5}$, $SVM_{10-2.5}$), from 2009 to early-2012 ~~for three years~~ in Denver and comparatively rural Greeley, Colorado. Agricultural operations east of Greeley appear to have contributed to the peak $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations there, but concentrations were generally lower in Greeley than in Denver. Traffic-influenced sites in Denver had $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations that averaged from 14.6 to 19.7 µg/m^3 and mean $PM_{10-2.5}/PM_{10}$ ratios of 0.56 to 0.70, higher than at residential sites in Denver or Greeley. $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were more temporally variable than $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. Concentrations of the two pollutants were not correlated. Spatial correlations of daily averaged $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations ranged from 0.59 to 0.62 for pairs of sites in Denver and from 0.47 to 0.70 between Denver and Greeley. Compared to $PM_{10-2.5}$, concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ were more correlated across sites within Denver and less correlated between Denver and Greeley. $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were highest during the summer and early fall, while $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations peaked in winter during periodic multi-day inversions. $SVM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were low at all sites. Diurnal peaks in $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations corresponded to morning and afternoon peaks of traffic activity, and were enhanced by boundary layer dynamics. $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations peaked around noon on both weekdays and weekends. $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at sites located near highways generally increased with wind speeds above about 3 m s^{-1}. Little wind speed dependence was observed for the residential sites in Denver and Greeley. The mass concentration data reported here are being used in ongoing epidemiologic studies for PM in northeastern Colorado.

1 Introduction

Particulate matter (PM) in the troposphere is a complex mixture of inorganic and organic components with particle aerodynamic diameters ranging from a few nanometers to tens of micrometers. PM has been linked to multiple detrimental public health outcomes (U.S. EPA, 2004) and plays important roles in climatic processes including cloud formation (Wang et al., 2011), precipitation (Stevens and Feingold, 2009), and the solar radiation budget (Kim and Ramanathan, 2008). Particle size reflects emission sources and composition, with fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$, aerodynamic diameters less than 2.5 µm) being derived primarily from combustion and industrial sources or produced through atmospheric processes (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006). In contrast, coarse particulate matter ($PM_{10-2.5}$, aerodynamic diameters between 2.5 and 10 µm) is typically produced by abrasive processes or exists naturally, and is emitted from many different sources, often through suspension and dispersion (Minguillon et al., 2014). Particles commonly found in the coarse mode include geogenic mineral dust (Kavouras et al., 2007), vehicle-related emissions like road dust, brake-wear, and tire-wear particles (Harrison et al., 2012), particles emitted from industrial processes (Sawvel et al., 2015), sea-salt (Pakbin et al., 2011), road-salt (Kumar et al., 2012), microbiological organisms and their byproducts (Bowers et al., 2013, O'Sullivan et al., 2015), and organic matter from a variety of sources (Hiranuma et al., 2011; Cheung et al., 2012). $PM_{10-2.5}$ is expected to be mainly composed of non-volatile material, but this assumption has not been well studied. Due to the relatively short atmospheric lifetime of $PM_{10-2.5}$ and the wide range of potential local sources, $PM_{10-2.5}$ composition is typically heterogeneous across different ecological regions (Malm et al., 2007) and within urban areas (Cheung et al., 2011). $PM_{10-2.5}$ is poorly modeled using the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) modeling system, suggesting both emissions and transport of this pollutant are not well understood and/or parameterized (Li et al., 2013).

In their review of the epidemiologic literature on the health risks of $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$, Brunekreef and Forsberg (2005) concluded both fractions are harmful to human health. $PM_{2.5}$ consistently showed a significant relationship with mortality after adjustment for confounding pollutants. $PM_{10-2.5}$ showed inconsistent relationships with risk of mortality, though the reviewers concluded that $PM_{10-2.5}$ may have a stronger short-term effect than $PM_{2.5}$ for some endpoints like asthma and respiratory hospital admissions. A recent meta-analysis and review of epidemiologic studies of $PM_{10-2.5}$ health outcomes found evidence of increased risk of respiratory and cardiovascular morbidity and mortality with short-term increases in $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations (Adar et al., 2014). Long-term associations between $PM_{10-2.5}$ and health outcomes were not significant after accounting for the effects of $PM_{2.5}$. As highlighted by Wilson et al. (2005) and Adar et al., (2014), epidemiologic studies focusing on $PM_{10-2.5}$ must address the issue of spatial heterogeneity for proper health outcome and exposure assessment.

The Colorado Coarse Rural-Urban Sources and Health (CCRUSH) study aimed to compare the mass concentrations and composition of $PM_{10-2.5}$ in two distinctly different cities, Denver and Greeley, CO (Clements et al., 2012; Clements, 2013). To accomplish this objective, continuous

$PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations were measured for just over three years (Jan. 2009 - Apr. 2012), with a year of $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ filter samples collected every sixth day for compositional analyses (Feb. 2010 - Mar. 2011). Mass concentration results from the first year of the study were presented in Clements et al. (2012). Clements et al. (2014) presented results of trace element analysis of the filter samples. Bowers et al. (2013) presented an analysis of the bacterial community structure and diversity of the same filter set. This paper examines the full three-year data set for $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations and their semi-volatile fractions, which will be used in ongoing epidemiologic studies comparing urban and rural health effects of $PM_{10-2.5}$.

The particulate monitor used in the CCRUSH study, the tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM) model 1405-DF, is a semi-continuous dichotomous sampler that measures $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ directly with the inclusion of a virtual impactor (VI) after the PM_{10} inlet. The TEOM 1405-DF also quantifies the loss of semi-volatile material (SVM) from heated collection filters, providing total and semi-volatile mass concentrations on an hourly-average basis. 'Semi-volatile,' in the context of the TEOM instrument measurements, is defined as any particulate-bound substance that will evaporate at temperatures up to 30°C. Ammonium nitrate and semi-volatile organic compounds have been shown to comprise the majority of the semi-volatile mass lost from TEOM filter surfaces at 30°C (Grover et al., 2006).

This paper explores the factors that drove temporal and spatial variability of $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ total and semi-volatile concentrations during the CCRUSH study, focusing on how they differed across comparatively rural and urban sites. Temporal variability was assessed on multiple timescales, revealing the seasonal impacts of meteorology on particulate concentrations and the impact of traffic on diurnal pollutant profiles. Nonparametric regression analysis was used to explore the relationships between meteorological variables and $PM_{10-2.5}$ mass concentrations. Dynamics of relationships between $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations, traffic patterns, wind conditions, relative humidity (RH), and soil moisture were examined because these factors influence dispersion of dust from roadways and natural surfaces, an important emission pathway for $PM_{10-2.5}$ in the semi-arid western United States.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Monitoring sites

CCRUSH study monitoring took place at four elementary schools, two located in Denver and two in Greeley, the details of which are presented in Table 1. Data from two additional monitoring sites operated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), CAMP and Denver Municipal Animal Shelter (DMAS), were included to provide additional insight into spatial and temporal variations. Figure S1 in the supplemental information provides a map of the monitoring sites. Denver is the largest city in Colorado and in 2011 had an estimated metropolitan-area population of 2,599,504, about half of the state population. Greeley is located 75 km north-northeast of Denver in Weld County and had a population of 95,357 in 2011 (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2012). As of 2012, Weld County contained 2 million acres dedicated to farming and raising livestock (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2012).

The two CCRUSH monitors in Denver were located at Alsup Elementary School (ALS) and Edison Elementary School (EDI). ALS is a residential-industrial site northeast of the urban core of Denver and about 4.5 km east of the intersection of four major roadways (I-25, I-270, I-76, and US-36). Interstate-76 is located a half kilometer away from ALS and runs diagonally from west to north of the site. A sand and gravel operation is located 0.5 km to the northwest. EDI is located in a residential area west of the urban core of Denver. The CDPHE sites CAMP and DMAS are located in downtown Denver and 5 km south of downtown, respectively. CAMP (AQS Site ID: 080310002) is a stand-alone building containing monitoring instruments for multiple pollutants. DMAS (AQS Site ID: 080310025) was part of the EPA NCore Multipollutant Monitoring Network and was located on the rooftop of the Denver Municipal Animal Shelter, 0.1 km west of I-25. The two CCRUSH sites in Greeley were located in residential areas, with McAuliffe Elementary School (MCA) located on the west side of town in the suburban fringe and Maplewood Elementary (MAP) located nearer to the town center. A summary of traffic levels for major roadways near all sites is included in Table S1. The two major roadways near Greeley, US-85 and US-34, had an order of magnitude less traffic per hour than the interstates in Denver and are located 2.7 km east and 3.1 km south of MAP, respectively.

2.2 Particulate matter monitoring

A TEOM 1405-DF (Thermo Scientific Inc.) semi-continuous particulate monitor was operated at each CCRUSH site for three years, with the exception of MCA, where the TEOM was only operated for six months before being shut down due to a leak in the instrument's Filter Dynamic Measurement System (FDMS) linear-valve seals. The TEOM quantifies particulate concentrations by measuring changes in the oscillating frequency of a tapered glass element as particles are deposited on a filter placed on the tip of the element. Oscillating frequency is converted to deposited mass via a calibration coefficient and first principles (Thermo Scientific, 2009). All monitors were placed in temperature-controlled shelters on school rooftops with the exception of MCA, where the monitor was placed in an attic with inlet tubing running through the ceiling onto the rooftop. At monthly intervals, all TEOM monitors were thoroughly cleaned and inspected, TEOM (TEOM TX40, Thermo Scientific) and FDMS (47mm TX40, Thermo Scientific) filters were changed, and flow rates were calibrated. Data were downloaded during each monthly visit and processed on-site to further identify possible instrument issues. Sites were visited every one to two weeks for general instrument inspection, performing flow audits, and to observe and log instrument conditions. All TEOM 1405-DF instruments were operated and maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications. Raw mass concentrations based on actual sample flow rates, which contain no interpolated values, were downloaded and corrected for the deposition of $PM_{2.5}$ in the $PM_{10-2.5}$ channel due to the VI. Prior publications from the CCRUSH study present further data processing details (Clements et al., 2012; Clements et al., 2013).

The TEOM 1405-DF quantifies concentrations of semi-volatile species with the use of the FDMS, which consists of a linear valve that diverts the sample flow to chilled FDMS filters (4°C), cleaning the sample stream. At six-minute intervals the FDMS valve changes position, switching between depositing sample particles on TEOM filters and flowing clean air across TEOM filters. TEOM filter mass change measured during the particle depositing mode measures the non-volatile particulate mass, and the mass change when clean air is flowing through collection filters measures the loss of semi-volatile mass due to the heated TEOM filters (30°C, Hering et al., 2004). Summing the two fractions gives the total particulate mass concentration. Hourly and daily averages of $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ total, non-volatile, and semi-volatile mass concentrations were calculated from the raw six-minute data for the CCRUSH data set. Hourly and daily averages missing more than 25% of the data from the specified time interval were censored due to lack of completeness.

Quality checked hourly-average PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ total mass concentration data were provided by the CDPHE for the CAMP and DMAS monitoring sites. At both sites, a PM_{10} TEOM without FDMS and a $PM_{2.5}$ TEOM with FDMS were collocated on site rooftops. CDPHE $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were estimated by subtracting $PM_{2.5}$ from PM_{10} mass concentrations. PM_{10} concentrations, and subsequently $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations, were not available from CAMP from 1/1/2009 to 11/19/2010 due to a data logging issue with the TEOM. Due to the errors that are introduced by the subtraction-method when using a combination of TEOMs with and without semi-volatile mass loss correction, daily average CDPHE data containing this error were corrected following the methods of Clements et al. (2013). This correction estimated the daily average semi-volatile fraction of $PM_{2.5}$ ($SVM_{2.5}$) from total $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations for the CAMP and DMAS time series using linear regression. Nine months of $SVM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ data collected at each site from October 2011 through July 2012 were used to develop the correction models at each site. Daily mean $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations measured at CAMP and DMAS during this period were 1.62 and 2.95 $\mu g/m^3$, respectively. Resulting estimates of $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations from linear regression during the CCRUSH campaign were 1.46 and 2.72 $\mu g/m^3$ at CAMP and DMAS, respectively. Modeled $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations were subtracted from total $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations, yielding nonvolatile $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations that were then subtracted from measurements from the collocated PM_{10} TEOM monitor to estimate $PM_{10-2.5}$. Due to the very low concentrations of $PM_{10-2.5}$ SVM ($SVM_{10-2.5}$) in Colorado, this correction method was shown to closely estimate true $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations. Hourly averaged $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations could not be corrected due to the low coefficients of determination for the $SVM_{2.5}$ vs. $PM_{2.5}$ linear regression relationships at CAMP and DMAS. Uncorrected CDPHE $PM_{10-2.5}$ hourly mass concentrations may be biased by up to 30%, on average. Such errors have been shown to affect both spatial and temporal summary statistics (Clements et al., 2013).

2.3 Meteorology, gas-phase pollutant, and traffic count data

Ambient temperature and RH were measured by each TEOM throughout the CCRUSH campaign. Relative humidity data from ALS were used for comparison with pollutant concentration data from CAMP and DMAS. Additional meteorological data collected by the CDPHE include ambient temperature and wind conditions at CAMP; temperature and wind at DMAS; wind at ALS; and wind at Carriage (CRG), a site 1.75 km southeast of EDI. CRG wind data were used for comparisons with EDI pollutant concentration data. Winds were measured at 10.5 m at all sites except ALS, which had a 14.0 m tower. Ambient temperature, RH, and wind condition data sets were downloaded from the National Climatic Data Center for the Greeley Airport (GREA) site operated by NOAA (Site #: 24051/GXY). Soil moisture data were downloaded for the Nunn #1 site (NUN, SCAN Site #: 2017) located in Weld County and operated by the United States Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service. Soil moisture data are compared to pollutant concentration data collected in Greeley. From this set of meteorological variables, hourly and daily arithmetic averages were calculated for ambient temperature, RH, and soil moisture. Vector averages were calculated for wind conditions.

CDPHE also provided gas-phase pollutant data from CAMP (NO, SO_2, CO), DMAS (O_3, NO, SO_2, CO), GRET (O_3, CO) and Welby (WBY) a site 1.5 km northwest of ALS located on the northwest side of I-76 (O_3, NO, SO_2, CO). Hourly vehicle count data were downloaded from the Colorado Department of Transportation Data Explorer for I-25, I-70, I-76, and I-270 in Denver, and CO-257 and US-85 in Greeley. Traffic count site details and distances to nearest CCRUSH monitoring sites can be found in Table S1. When calculating correlations between particulate data and the meteorological, gas-phase pollutant, and traffic data, site pairs that are nearest to each other were compared.

2.4 Data analysis

In addition to standard descriptive statistics, the concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) and coefficient of divergence (COD) were used to compare air pollutant time series. The concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) accounts for correlation as well as divergence from the concordance, or 1:1 line, and is a measure of reproducibility (Lin, 1989). The CCC is useful in quantifying the spatial homogeneity of a pollutant, and can be compared to the Pearson's correlation coefficient, ρ, directly through a bias correction factor (C_b), as shown in equation 1. For time series from sites j and h, σ_j^2 and σ_h^2 are time series variances, σ_{jh} is the covariance, and μ_j and μ_h are mean values.

$$CCC = \frac{2\sigma_{jh}}{\sigma_j^2+\sigma_h^2+(\mu_j-\mu_h)^2} = \rho C_b \qquad (1)$$

A common measure of spatial homogeneity, the coefficient of divergence (COD, equation 2), is also considered for comparison with other studies. In calculating the COD, X_{ij} and X_{ih}

represent measurement *i* from monitoring sites *j* and *h*, respectively, and *n* is the total number of data points considered.

$$COD = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\frac{X_{ij}-X_{ih}}{X_{ij}+X_{ih}}\right)^2} \quad (2)$$

Correlation analysis was performed between particulate and meteorological, gas-phase pollutant, and traffic data. A summary of these results is included in Table S2 of the supplemental information. $PM_{2.5}$ was moderately correlated with gas-phase species and negatively correlated with wind speed. $PM_{10-2.5}$ was correlated with both traffic and RH, but no linear relationship was observed with wind speed. To further investigate trends observed in the correlation analysis, nonparametric regression (NPR) was used to compare pollutant concentrations and meteorological conditions important for dust emissions (wind speed, wind direction, RH, and soil moisture) using the methods described in Clements et al. (2012). This approach provides objectively smoothed estimates of the expected value of the concentration as a function of the explanatory variable. The Nadaraya-Watson estimator is used to calculate weighted average concentrations within a moving window:

$$C(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} K\left(\frac{\theta - W_i}{\Delta\theta}\right) C_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} K\left(\frac{\theta - W_i}{\Delta\theta}\right)} \quad (3)$$

where θ is the value of the explanatory variable for which the estimate is made, W_i is the value of the explanatory variable at time *i*, $\Delta\theta$ is the smoothing parameter, and *K* references the averaging kernel. A Gaussian kernel was applied to all meteorological NPRs. Wind speed and direction regressions excluded “calm” conditions, approximated as hours with wind speeds below 0.5 m/s. An optimal smoothing parameter for each meteorological variable and pollutant type was determined via leave-one-out cross validation (Henry et al., 2002). For each meteorological variable and pollutant pair considered, the optimal smoothing parameters from all sites were averaged together and this average smoothing parameter was used to assess final NPR relationships. Smoothing parameters used for $PM_{10-2.5}$ were: 0.32 m/s for wind speed, 9.3° for wind direction, 3.25% for RH, and 0.30% for soil moisture (MAP only). Smoothing parameters used for $PM_{2.5}$ were: 0.24 m/s for wind speed, 6.7° for wind direction, 1.65% for RH, and 0.30% for soil moisture (MAP only). NPR results for wind speeds above the 99.9th percentile for each site are not displayed due to limited data coverage and high uncertainties in those regions of the regressions. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals of nonparametric regressions were calculated using the methods of Henry et al. (2002). Kernel-smoothed hourly-average pollutant and meteorological time series are also presented using a smoothing factor of three hours.

3 Results and Discussion

3.1 Summary statistics

Table 2 gives a statistical summary of the daily average particulate matter concentration data. The highest mean $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations were measured at DMAS (10.15 μg/m^3) and ALS (9.02 μg/m^3). Both of these sites were located in semi-industrial parts of Denver and were less than 0.5 km from interstate highways. The lowest average $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations were measured east of downtown Denver at the residential site, EDI. The average Denver $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentration over the whole CCRUSH campaign was 8.74 μg/m^3, which is similar to the average $PM_{2.5}$ concentration~~s~~ of 8.42 μg/m^3 measured in Greeley.

Average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations showed a different spatial pattern from $PM_{2.5}$. Average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at CAMP (19.71 μg/m^3), ALS (15.30 μg/m^3), and DMAS (14.60 μg/m^3) were elevated substantially above concentrations measured at EDI (8.02 μg/m^3). Nearby interstate highways likely contributed to the relatively high $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations measured at ALS and DMAS. Downtown traffic on nearby roads within 20 m of all sides of CAMP was a likely local $PM_{10-2.5}$ source at that location. The average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at the MAP and MCA sites in Greeley were 10.34 μg/m^3 and 9.87 μg/m^3, respectively, falling between the concentrations measured at EDI and at the traffic-influenced sites in Denver. Ninety-fifth percentile values of $PM_{10-2.5}$ were roughly double those for $PM_{2.5}$, with the traffic-influenced sites having the highest peak concentrations. Like the mean values, 95th percentile values of $PM_{10-2.5}$ at the Greeley sites fell between those at EDI and those at the traffic-influenced sites in Denver. For the CCRUSH sites, mean and 95th percentile concentration values for both $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ over the three-year period were similar to those observed during the first year (Clements et al., 2012).

Using data from co-located PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ monitors that had been reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality System (AQS), Li et al. (2013) estimated average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations of 17.25 μg/m^3 for 50 sites across the western United States. Values in Denver and Greeley were similar to $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations in Seattle, WA (9.0 and 14.8 μg/m^3), Spokane, WA (15.9 μg/m^3), Salt Lake City, UT (11.1 and 12.7 μg/m^3), and multiple cities in California (e.g. San Diego, Sacramento, Anaheim, and Fresno). Sites located in the arid southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas) tended to have higher $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations due to geogenic dust emissions.

As shown in Table 2, the urban-residential site EDI and the two Greeley sites had the lowest average $PM_{10-2.5}/PM_{10}$ ratios (0.49 – 0.53). Among the traffic-influenced sites, ALS and DMAS had mean ratios of 0.59 and 0.56, respectively, while CAMP had a mean ratio of 0.70. CAMP is essentially a curbside monitor for local street traffic in downtown Denver. Liu and Harrison (2011) observed a similar gradient in $PM_{10-2.5}/PM_{10}$ ratios in the United Kingdom, with curbside and roadside monitors having the highest ratios (0.71 and 0.57 on average, respectively) and urban background or rural sites having the lowest ratios (0.54-0.51).

On a day-to-day basis $PM_{10-2.5}$ was generally more temporally variable than $PM_{2.5}$, with higher coefficients of variation (COV) and absolute standard deviations than $PM_{2.5}$ at all sites except at EDI, where $PM_{2.5}$ was more temporally variable than at all other sites (Table 2). Daily $PM_{10-2.5}$ COV were highest at ALS, MCA, and MAP, while the three traffic-influenced sites had the highest $PM_{10-2.5}$ standard deviations.

EDI, CAMP, and MAP had the lowest hourly $PM_{10-2.5}$ COVs of 0.96, 1.07 and 1.09, respectively. ALS, MCA and DMAS had higher hourly COV of 1.2, 1.28 and 1.34. As will be shown in the next section, traffic is highly influential in driving diurnal $PM_{10-2.5}$ variability, which is reflected in the increased COV for traffic-influenced sites at the hourly time-scale. The hourly COV for $PM_{10-2.5}$ for the sites in northeastern Colorado can be compared with those Li et al. (2013) estimated from co-located PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ measurements across the western United States. They estimated COV for 25 sites with hourly data, which ranged from 0.7 to 2.0. Hourly COV for 13 of the 25 sites were above 1.5 (Li et al., 2013), so the temporal variability observed in northeastern Colorado generally falls at the lower end of the range they reported.

Semi-volatile concentrations were measured in both particle size ranges, though concentrations were low in the $PM_{10-2.5}$ range. Average $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations ranged from 2.05 µg/m^3 at EDI to 2.58 µg/m^3 at MCA. $PM_{2.5}$ at the MAP site in Greeley contained 29% semi-volatile material on average, similar to percentages at Denver sites ALS (26%) and EDI (27%). Little to no seasonal variability was observed in the $SVM_{2.5}/PM_{2.5}$ ratios. For comparison, $PM_{2.5}$ at a background site in Paris, France was found to be 23% and 18% semi-volatile material in winter and summer, respectively, using TEOM instruments (Favez et al., 2007). Ammonium nitrate and semi-volatile organic matter were shown to explain the majority of $PM_{2.5}$ semi-volatile material as measured by TEOMs in Fresno, CA (Grover et al., 2006), Paris (Favez et al., 2007), and Beijing (Sciare et al., 2007).

The highest semi-volatile concentrations in the coarse size range were measured at ALS, averaging just 0.20 $\mu g/m^3$, about 1% of the total mass concentration average. Low semi-volatile concentrations in the coarse particle size range suggest that ammonium nitrate and semi-volatile organic matter are not found in large concentrations in the coarse mode at our study sites. Gas-phase nitric acid does partition to the coarse mode via heterogeneous reactions with dust-related minerals (Usher et al., 2003), but the reaction products are not volatile at 30°C. Mineral-bound nitrate is commonly measured in urban and rural coarse aerosols (Cheung et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2008). The slight signal in $SVM_{10-2.5}$ at ALS might be in part due to semi-volatile PAHs, which have been measured at traffic sites in the coarse mode in California (Cheung et al., 2012). Semi-volatile organic species have also been identified in the coarse mode during haze events in China (Wang et al., 2009).

3.2 Time series and monthly trends

Figure 1 shows smoothed ($\Delta\theta$ = 3 hours) time series of particulate mass concentrations, gas-phase pollutant concentrations, and meteorological conditions. To highlight the seasonal trends, monthly medians of daily average concentrations are presented in Figure S2 of the supplemental information. Monthly medians for $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$ show the same annual pattern, with a primary peak in winter and a smaller peak in the middle of summer. As expected, O_3 concentrations also peaked in summer, while CO and NO peaked in winter.

A recent source apportionment study in Denver found significant contributions to the $PM_{2.5}$ fraction from a light n-alkane/PAH factor during summer, which would contribute to the semi-volatile fraction measured by the TEOM during this time (Xie et al., 2013). The Denver Aerosol Sources and Health (DASH) study also found that $PM_{2.5}$ nitrate and organic species indicative of motor vehicle emissions peaked in Denver during winter (Dutton et al., 2010). These species are likely to have contributed to wintertime $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$ peaks in the CCRUSH study as well. Factor analysis of trace element data from 24-hour filter samples collected at the CCRUSH sites every sixth day from February 2010 – March 2011 showed a factor accounting for 80% of the sulfur contributing about 50 to 60% of the $PM_{2.5}$ trace element concentrations and peaking in winter and fall (Clements et al., 2014). Some wintertime $PM_{2.5}$ peaks appear to be due to episodic inversions, identified by simultaneous increases in CO and NO with peaks in both $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$. Wintertime inversions did not affect $PM_{10-2.5}$ to the same extent, as $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations decreased during many of the periods of high $PM_{2.5}$. Calm winds during multi-day inversions would inhibit resuspension, which may be why $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations are relatively low during these periods while $PM_{2.5}$ and gas-phase species build up.

Temporal trends in $PM_{10-2.5}$ are less obvious than those for $PM_{2.5}$ due to the relatively variable nature of $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations. As also reflected in the summary statistics, Figure 1 shows relatively large differences in $PM_{10-2.5}$ mass concentrations between sites compared to $PM_{2.5}$. The highest $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were measured at CAMP during the summer and fall of 2011, though this monitoring site only operated through the second half of the CCRUSH study. For sites with multiple years of monitoring data, there were no pronounced differences in year-to-year average particulate concentrations or in year-to-year COVs.

As shown more distinctly in the monthly median plots in the supplemental information, $PM_{10-2.5}$ at most of the sites was highest in summer and fall. $PM_{10-2.5}$ at EDI was the exception, displaying relatively little seasonality. In the analysis of February 2010 – March 2011 trace element data from the CCRUSH filter samples, Clements et al. (2014) found that a factor associated with mineral dust contributed more than half of the trace element mass in $PM_{10-2.5}$, peaking in summer and fall when RH and soil moisture were low. Dry environmental conditions increase dust emissions from roads (Amato et al., 2014) and soil surfaces (Kim and Choi, 2015). Relative humidity was highest during winter and lowest in March and September, while wind speed was highest during spring, peaking in April.

3.3 Spatial comparisons

Spatial comparisons between each monitoring site for daily averaged $PM_{2.5}$, $SVM_{2.5}$, and $PM_{10-2.5}$ are presented in Table 3, including both pairwise correlation coefficients and CCC values. Bias correction factors (C_b) are listed in parentheses for comparisons between sites for the same pollutant. Correlation coefficients for $PM_{2.5}$ ranged from 0.65 for the ALS-EDI pair to 0.92 for CAMP-DMAS. $PM_{10-2.5}$ correlation coefficients for sites within Denver ranged from 0.59 for ALS-CAMP to 0.79 for CAMP-DMAS. Correlations for $PM_{10-2.5}$ between MAP and the Denver sites ranged from 0.47 for CAMP-MAP to 0.70 for ALS-MAP, whereas those for $PM_{2.5}$ ranged from 0.34 for EDI-MAP to 0.61 for ALS-MAP. Relatively high regional correlations for $PM_{10-2.5}$ suggest that weather patterns moving through region ~~regional shifts in meteorological~~

~~conditions~~ influence the temporal variability of this pollutant on daily timescales. Similar temporal variability of emission sources (e.g. traffic) could also contribute to high regional correlations for $PM_{10-2.5}$. Correlations within Greeley were also high; as reported by Clements et al. (2012) the correlation coefficients for $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ between MAP and MCA over six months of monitoring were 0.82 and 0.98, respectively. Lastly, spatial $SVM_{2.5}$ correlations for the CCRUSH sites were moderate, from 0.26 (MAP-EDI) to 0.53 (ALS-EDI).

Daily average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations ~~in Colorado~~in Denver and the Front Range tended to be more spatially correlated than observed in previous studies using continuous monitors in Los Angeles, CA and the United Kingdom (Moore et al., 2010; Liu and Harrison, 2011). Li et al. (2013) found correlation values for $PM_{10-2.5}$ that were comparable to those in Colorado for four sites in El Paso, TX ($0.49<\rho<0.76$), two sites in Albuquerque, NM ($\rho=0.53$), three sites in North Dakota ($0.46<\rho<0.60$), and three sites in northern Idaho/northeastern Washington ($0.48<\rho<0.61$). For 24-hour $PM_{10-2.5}$ filter samples collected at 10 sites around the Los Angeles, CA metropolitan area, Pakbin et al. (2010) showed moderate to high correlation between urban Los Angeles sites ($0.48<\rho<0.80$) and lower correlations for an industrial shipping site ($0.04<\rho<0.25$), and semi-rural sites in Riverside ($0.04<\rho<0.48$).

The CCC represents correlation that has been penalized according to the mean difference in concentrations between two sites. For $PM_{2.5}$, comparisons between MAP and the Denver sites produced the lowest CCC values, corresponding to the low correlation coefficients for the same data comparisons. For $PM_{10-2.5}$, the lowest CCC and C_b values were for comparisons between CAMP and the other sites, corresponding to the relatively high concentrations observed at CAMP. Within Denver, concentrations of $PM_{10-2.5}$ were more heterogeneous than those for $PM_{2.5}$. Low to no correlation or concordance was found between $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ for all site pairs. COD values are presented in Table S3 and agree with the CCC results, showing $PM_{10-2.5}$ to be more spatially heterogeneous than $PM_{2.5}$.

Using nonparametric regression with wind direction, Clements et al. (2012) identified the influence of emissions from a sand and gravel operation less than 0.5 km west of ALS. Interstate-76 is also located nearby, about 0.5 km away in the same general direction. During the 3-year study period, average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at ALS exceeded 25 $\mu g/m^3$ when winds were from 225 to 315 degrees, compared to an average of about 13 $\mu g/m^3$ with winds from all other directions. Seasonal wind roses for ALS are shown in Figure S3 of the supplemental information. To determine how spatial correlations were affected by the local sources at ALS, hourly concentrations collected while wind was coming from 225 to 315 degrees were removed from the ALS time series. Daily averages were recalculated and one daily average value was removed due to having less than 75% of hourly values remaining. With the adjustment, the overall mean $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentration at ALS was reduced from 15.30 µg/m^3 to 14.38 µg/m^3. With the censored data, correlations for $PM_{10-2.5}$ at ALS with the other sites increased by 2% to 8%. CCC values were reduced by 4% for ALS-CAMP and increased by 11% to 19% for the other site comparisons, due mainly to the reduced mean concentration at ALS.

3.4 Diurnal and day of week trends

Figure 2 compares median pollutant concentrations and traffic counts for each hour of the day for weekdays and weekends. $PM_{2.5}$ peaked in the morning on weekdays, a trend that nearly disappeared on weekends. In contrast, $SVM_{2.5}$ generally peaked at noon on both weekdays and weekends, preceding the early afternoon ozone peak by about two hours. Bimodal diurnal profiles were observed on weekdays for $PM_{10-2.5}$ at all sites except ALS, with peaks in the morning (6:00-8:00 MT) and late afternoon (18:00-20:00 MT). The morning peak in $PM_{10-2.5}$ disappears on weekends, likely due to the absence of a morning traffic peak. Late afternoon $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations typically started increasing around 6:00 PM MT due to a lowering boundary layer, a trend that was accentuated in winter and fall. Peak $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations correspond well with this increase in $PM_{2.5}$, even though the peak in traffic occurred an hour earlier. Using the Kruskal-Wallis test with daily averages (5% significance level), it was determined that $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations were significantly higher on weekdays than weekends at all sites (all p-values < 0.05). $PM_{2.5}$ weekday-weekend comparisons showed significant differences only at ALS and CAMP (p-values of 0.02 for both locations).

3.5 Nonparametric Regression

Figures 3a and 3b present nonparametric regression results for $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ versus RH, showing that $PM_{10-2.5}$ decreased and $PM_{2.5}$ increased with increasing RH. Above 50% RH, $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations tended to decrease rapidly, generally dropping to below 5 µg/m^3 when RH levels were over 90%. Maximum $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations occurred for RH below 50% at all sites. At higher RH, surface wetting likely inhibits resuspension, thus suppressing $PM_{10-2.5}$ mass concentrations. In contrast, the increase in $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations with increased RH is likely due to hygroscopic growth and enhanced dissolution of water-soluble species.

As shown in Figures 3c and 3d, $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations also displayed contrasting relationships with wind speed. Regressions of $PM_{10-2.5}$ against wind speed at ALS, DMAS, and CAMP displayed a U-shaped profile, with concentrations decreasing for wind speeds up to 2 to 3 m/s, then increasing with wind speeds above 3 m/s. $PM_{10-2.5}$ at EDI does not appear to be sensitive to wind speed, though lower wind speeds in general were experienced at EDI (99.9th percentile less than 6 m/s). CAMP also experienced lower wind speeds, but displays a U-shaped profile, possibly due to resuspension of road dust. Wind speeds were highest in Greeley, but the average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentration increased by only a few µg/m^3 as wind speeds increased from about 6 m/s to more than 10 m/s. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations generally decreased as wind speeds increased, reflecting the effect of dilution. Studies in Europe have observed similar relationships between $PM_{10-2.5}$ and wind speed to those presented here, with most sites showing U-shaped relationships and sites located near sources showing more resuspension than background or residential sites (Harrison et al., 2001; Charron and Harrison, 2005; Liu and Harrison, 2011; Barmpadimos et al., 2012).

As shown in Figure 3e, $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at MAP peaked with soil moisture levels below 13%, and decreased sharply with moisture levels above 25%. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations decreased with soil moisture values above 30%. The highest soil moisture and RH levels were observed during precipitation or snowfall events (Figure 1), so the high ends of the RH (>80%) and soil moisture (>30%) regressions might partly reflect precipitation scavenging. Amato et al. (2013) analyzed the effect of rain on non-exhaust traffic emissions and found that contributions from different sources (e.g. tire wear and road wear) recovered at different rates after precipitation events. Biological particles have also been shown to have complex relationships with precipitation, sometimes increasing in concentration during and immediately after rainfall (Huffman et al., 2013).

To separate the effects of RH and wind speed, additional NPRs for $PM_{10-2.5}$ against wind speed were assessed using data sets for ALS and MAP, sorted for RH above and below 50%. This threshold was chosen because of the significant decrease in average concentrations observed above 50% RH. Figure 3g shows that resuspension at ALS was heavily inhibited at elevated RH. In contrast, as shown in Figure 3h, $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at MAP are higher at lower RH but exhibit relatively little dependence on wind speed at either low or high RH.

Wind direction NPRs for $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ are found in Figures 4 and 5, respectively. For both size ranges, wind direction trends for ALS and EDI in the three-year data set were similar to those identified by Clements et al. (2012) for the initial year of data. Results for $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ at MAP show greater differences. The wind direction regression for $PM_{10-2.5}$ at MAP shows increased concentrations with winds from the east to southeast and from the northwest. A local intersection is located 0.4 km to the northwest of MAP and might be a source of the northwesterly peak at this site. The more urban parts of Greeley and two large cattle feedlots are located to the southeast of MAP. Cow fecal matter was identified as a major contributor to $PM_{10-2.5}$ bacterial diversity throughout the year in Greeley (Bowers et al., 2013).

Winds from the south and west brought increased concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ to MAP, which could be a result of nighttime downslope flow transporting urban aerosol generated in Denver and other Front Range communities. The increase with winds from the south and west does not appear in the $PM_{10-2.5}$ wind direction regression, although the northwesterly peak appears in regressions for both size regimes. The lack of a peak to the south or west in the NPR for $PM_{10-2.5}$ at MAP is consistent with the expectation that regional transport of $PM_{10-2.5}$ is limited by relatively rapid deposition rates.

$PM_{10-2.5}$ at ALS showed peaks with winds out of the west, the direction of the gravel pit and I-76, and with winds from the southwest. $PM_{10-2.5}$ at EDI had increased concentrations with winds coming from the northeast and secondarily from the southeast. Possible $PM_{10-2.5}$ sources near EDI include the intersection of I-70 and I-25 2 km to the northeast and I-25 2.5 km to the southeast. $PM_{10-2.5}$ at CAMP displayed a primary peak with wind from the north-northeast, and secondary peaks with winds from the east, southwest, and northwest. CAMP is located in downtown Denver with intersections within 20 m of the monitoring site to the north, south, and west, and major one-way street directly to the east. The wind direction NPR also suggests the importance of local traffic for $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at DMAS, displaying a peak with winds from the northeast, the direction of I-25 less than half a kilometer away.

$PM_{2.5}$ at ALS peaked with winds from the southwest, the direction of the urban-industrial area between ALS and downtown Denver. Because of the relative location of the Denver monitoring sites, this area north of downtown Denver could also be a “source” region contributing to elevated concentrations of both $PM_{10-2.5}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ with winds from the north for CAMP and DMAS and from the NE for EDI. DMAS is also located in close proximity to I-25, which curves around the east side of the property from north to south, and could contribute to the elevated $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations observed with winds from both the north-northeast and south-southeast directions.

4 Conclusions

The CCRUSH study characterized $PM_{10-2.5}$, $PM_{2.5}$, $SVM_{2.5}$, and $SVM_{10-2.5}$ mass concentrations in urban and rural communities in northeastern Colorado. The CCRUSH data are being used in ongoing epidemiologic studies investigating associations between coarse PM concentrations and health responses in northeastern Colorado. The measurements presented here show that ~~Traffic~~ traffic influenced sites in Denver had the highest $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations and $PM_{10-2.5}/PM_{10}$ ratios. The CAMP site in downtown Denver had the highest $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations, whereas $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations were highest at DMAS and ALS, two monitoring sites located near interstate highways. Average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at CAMP were about twice as high as those at the residential sites in Denver and Greeley. In contrast, the highest average $PM_{2.5}$ concentration at DMAS was only about 30% higher than the lowest value, which was found at EDI. While $SVM_{2.5}$ ranged from 26 to 29% of the total $PM_{2.5}$ mass, the highest average $SVM_{10-2.5}$ concentration at ALS made up just 1% of the $PM_{10-2.5}$ mass.

Peak monthly median $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations generally occurred in summer and fall, reflecting relatively dry conditions during those seasons. $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations demonstrated one or two diurnal peaks, corresponding to morning and/or afternoon traffic peaks. Concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$ shared similar seasonal trends. Along with NO and CO concentrations, they peaked in winter when periodic temperature inversions occurred. Daily average concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{2.5}$ were correlated. They showed different diurnal trends, however, with $PM_{2.5}$ peaking on weekday mornings and $SVM_{2.5}$ at about noon. This pattern suggests photolysis-driven atmospheric chemistry has a stronger influence on $SVM_{2.5}$ than on $PM_{2.5}$ as a whole. Clements et al. (2013) discussed the need to account for $SVM_{2.5}$ to correct volatile mass loss from TEOM measurements, which is the function of the FDMS system. Beyond incorporating this correction, researchers and air quality managers might want to separately track $SVM_{2.5}$ concentrations to gain insight into the behavior of this semi-volatile fraction.

Pairwise correlation coefficients for daily average $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations between the MAP site in Greeley and the Denver sites were higher than those for $PM_{2.5}$. The relatively high correlations for $PM_{10-2.5}$ may be due to sites across the region having similar influence of synoptic scale meteorology, or to different sites having similar day-to-day patterns in nearby source activity. Within Denver, however, concentrations of $PM_{10-2.5}$ were more heterogeneous than those for $PM_{2.5}$. As suggested by Wilson et al. (2005) the greater heterogeneity in PM_{10-}

$_{2.5}$ concentrations would contribute to greater exposure estimation error for urban-scale epidemiologic studies of $PM_{10-2.5}$ health effects, compared to those for $PM_{2.5}$.

As expected, $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations generally declined with increasing moisture levels, indicated by RH and soil moisture. $PM_{2.5}$ and $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations displayed contrasting relationships with wind speed. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations generally decreased as wind speeds increased, reflecting the effect of greater dilution at higher wind speeds. $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations at traffic-influenced sites increased with wind speeds above 3 m s^{-1}. Wind speed appeared to have less influence on $PM_{10-2.5}$ at EDI and MAP, possibly because these sites were further than the others from major sources such as roadways or gravel operations. In general, the relationships between soil and road dust resuspension, moisture and soil crust state are not well understood, and warrant further research to help in modeling dust emissions (Kok et al., 2014; Klose et al., 2014; Haustein et al., 2015).

Nonparametric regression with wind direction points to the Front Range urban corridor as a source area for relatively high $PM_{2.5}$ in Greeley, but not for $PM_{10-2.5}$. Relatively high $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations are seen at MAP when winds are from the east, the direction of a developed part of town as well as two cattle feedlots. All of the Denver sites show increased $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations when major traffic corridors and the industrial area in northeast Denver are upwind. Efforts to reduce concentrations of $PM_{10-2.5}$ would be aided by research into means of reducing emissions from heavily traveled roadways, including vehicle and road wear and re-suspension of deposited materials.

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Table 1. Summary description of the CCRUSH and CDPHE particulate monitoring sites.

Monitoring Site	**ALS (CCRUSH)**	**EDI (CCRUSH)**	**CAMP (CDPHE)**	**DMAS (CDPHE)**	**MAP (CCRUSH)**	**MCA (CCRUSH)**
City	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Greeley	Greeley
Coordinates	39.83N 104.94W	39.76N 105.04W	39.75N 104.99W	39.70N 105.00W	40.42N 104.71W	40.43N 104.77W
Start Date	1/26/2009	1/8/2009	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1/16/2009	1/1/2009
End Date	9/29/2011	3/1/2012	4/30/2012	4/30/2012	2/2/2012	6/19/2009
Site Description	Industrial-Residential	Urban-Residential	Urban-Roadside	Urban-Roadside	Rural-Residential	Rural-Residential
Instruments	TEOM 1405-DF (FDMS)	TEOM 1405-DF (FDMS)	TEOM 1400a (FDMS); TEOM 1400ab (no FDMS)	TEOM 1400a (FDMS); TEOM 1400ab (no FDMS)	TEOM 1405-DF (FDMS)	TEOM 1405-DF (FDMS)
Inlet Height (m)	6	9	6	5	9	10.5

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Table 2. Summary statistics of particulate matter concentrations during the CCRUSH campaign. Statistics are for daily averages except where indicated.

Monitoring Site (City, Site Type)	**ALS (Denver, Industrial-Residential)**					**EDI (Denver, Urban-Residential)**				
Particulate Fraction	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$	$SVM_{10-2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$	$SVM_{10-2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}
Mean (St. Dev., µg/m^3)	9.02 (4.64)	2.32 (1.50)	15.30 (10.36)	0.20 (0.30)	0.59 (0.18)	7.66 (5.33)	2.05 (1.91)	8.02 (4.85)	0.02 (0.25)	0.51 (0.21)
Median (µg/m^3)	8.07	2.08	13.37	0.16	0.62	6.55	1.81	7.17	0.01	0.53
5th/95th Per. (µg/m^3)	3.90/ 16.90	0.50/ 5.29	2.02/ 35.74	-0.20/ 0.72	0.23/ 0.81	2.14/ 16.92	-0.28/ 5.16	1.61/ 17.20	-0.35/ 0.44	0.20/ 0.77
Daily COV[a] (Hourly COV)	0.51 (0.82)	0.65 (1.56)	0.68 (1.20)	1.53 (5.83)	0.31 (-)	0.70 (1.16)	0.93 (2.37)	0.61 (0.96)	13.18 (37.50)	0.40
N (% Complete)	755 (76%)					747 (65%)				
Monitoring Site (City, Site Type)	**CAMP (Denver, Urban-Roadside)**					**DMAS (Denver, Urban-Roadside)**				
Particulate Fraction	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$[b]	$PM_{10-2.5}$[c]	$SVM_{10-2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$[b]	$PM_{10-2.5}$[c]	$SVM_{10-2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}
Mean (St. Dev., µg/m^3)	7.97 (4.40)	1.42 (1.08)	19.71 (10.53)	-	0.70 (0.15)	10.15 (4.51)	2.72 (1.14)	14.60 (8.20)	-	0.56 (0.19)
Median (µg/m^3)	7.14	1.22	18.09	-	0.74	9.30	2.50	13.89	-	0.61
5th/95th Per. (µg/m^3)	3.01/ 16.59	0.20/ 3.54	5.22/ 38.88	-	0.38/ 0.86	4.95/ 18.18	1.40/ 4.74	2.62/ 28.63	-	0.20/ 0.77
Daily COV (Hourly COV)	0.55 (0.81)	0.76 (-)	0.53 (1.07)	-	0.21	0.44 (0.63)	0.42 (-)	0.56 (1.34)	-	0.34
N (% Complete)	1121 (92%)	1121 (92%)	503 (90%)	-	503 (90%)	1097 (90%)	1097 (90%)	980 (81%)	-	980 (81%)
Monitoring Site (City, Site Type)	**MAP (Greeley, Rural-Residential)**					**MCA (Greeley, Rural-Residential)**				
Particulate Fraction	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$	$SVM_{10-2.5}$[d]	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}	$PM_{2.5}$	$SVM_{2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$	$SVM_{10-2.5}$	$PM_{10-2.5}$/ PM_{10}
Mean (St. Dev., µg/m^3)	8.15 (4.79)	2.39 (1.80)	10.34 (7.11)	0.05 (0.38)	0.53 (0.20)	8.68 (4.29)	2.58 (1.54)	9.87 (7.74)	-0.06 (0.24)	0.49 (0.18)
Median (µg/m^3)	7.13	2.22	9.17	0.05	0.56	7.71	2.22	7.76	-0.05	0.50
5th/95th Per. (µg/m^3)	2.60/ 17.64	0.10/ 5.41	1.63/ 22.89	-0.54/ 0.62	0.19/ 0.78	4.45/ 15.43	0.75/ 4.87	1.69/ 23.97	-0.39/ 0.29	0.15/ 0.76
Daily COV (Hourly COV)	0.59 (0.91)	0.75 (1.89)	0.69 (1.09)	7.68 (36.33)	0.37	0.49 (0.86)	0.60 (1.46)	0.78 (1.28)	4.19 (13.21)	0.37
N (% Complete)	822, $SVM_{10-2.5}$: 788 (74%, $SVM_{10-2.5}$: 71%)					168 (99%)				

[a] Defined abbreviations: Standard Deviation (St. Dev.), Coefficient of Variation (COV), Percentile (Per.), and Sample Number (N)

[b] Estimated using the regression models presented in Clements et al. (2013)

[c] Corrected subtraction-method errors using the method of Clements et al. (2013)

[d] MAP $PM_{10-2.5}$ semi-volatile concentrations were not available from 8/13/2009 to 9/18/2009, $PM_{10-2.5}$ non-volatile concentrations were used to estimate total $PM_{10-2.5}$ for this period

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Table 3. Pearson’s correlation coefficient (ρ) values are listed below the diagonal, concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) values above the diagonal, and bias correction factor (C_b) values in parentheses for spatial comparisons of daily averaged $PM_{2.5}$, $PM_{10-2.5}$, and $SVM_{2.5}$.

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ρ\CCC *(C_b)*		**$PM_{2.5}$**					**$PM_{10-2.5}$**					**$SVM_{2.5}$**		
		ALS	**EDI**	**CAMP**	**DMAS**	**MAP**	**ALS**	**EDI**	**CAMP**	**DMAS**	**MAP**	**ALS**	**EDI**	**MAP**
$PM_{2.5}$	**ALS**	**1.00**	0.62 *(0.96)*	0.82 *(0.98)*	0.71 *(0.96)*	0.56 *(0.92)*	0.10	0.28	-0.01	0.08	0.03	0.16	0.09	0.06
	EDI	0.65	**1.00**	0.72 *(0.96)*	0.66 *(0.85)*	0.34 *(0.99)*	-0.04	0.22	-0.08	-0.07	-0.06	0.12	0.25	0.08
	CAMP	0.83	0.75	**1.00**	0.86 *(0.94)*	0.37 *(0.94)*	0.12	0.26	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.12	0.22	0.11
	DMAS	0.74	0.78	0.92	**1.00**	0.37 *(0.94)*	0.03	0.21	0.01	-0.01	-0.05	0.08	0.11	0.04
	MAP	0.61	0.34	0.39	0.41	**1.00**	0.05	0.20	-0.01	0.06	0.14	0.13	0.05	0.22
$PM_{10-2.5}$	**ALS**	0.17	-0.10	0.19	0.06	0.11	**1.00**	0.40 *(0.57)*	0.38 *(0.65)*	0.68 *(0.94)*	0.57 *(0.80)*	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01
	EDI	0.28	0.22	0.26	0.24	0.20	0.70	**1.00**	0.20 *(0.33)*	0.43 *(0.62)*	0.58 *(0.84)*	-0.02	0.00	0.01
	CAMP	-0.03	-0.18	0.13	0.02	-0.02	0.59	0.62	**1.00**	0.66 *(0.83)*	0.28 *(0.60)*	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
	DMAS	0.13	-0.12	0.08	-0.02	0.09	0.72	0.70	0.79	**1.00**	0.60 *(0.90)*	-0.01	-0.03	0.00
	MAP	0.04	-0.08	0.09	-0.06	0.16	0.70	0.69	0.47	0.67	**1.00**	-0.04	-0.03	0.00
$SVM_{2.5}$	**ALS**	0.77	0.50	0.54	0.53	0.47	-0.14	-0.08	-0.16	-0.14	-0.20	**1.00**	0.53 *(0.99)*	0.37 *(0.99)*
	EDI	0.45	0.80	0.61	0.59	0.21	-0.24	0.01	-0.20	-0.19	-0.14	0.53	**1.00**	0.25 *(0.96)*
	MAP	0.30	0.25	0.28	0.23	0.77	-0.07	0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.37	0.26	**1.00**

Figure 1. Smoothed (Δθ=3 hours) time series of hourly average (a) $PM_{10\text{-}2.5}$ mass concentrations, (b) $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations, (c) $SVM_{2.5}$ and $SVM_{10\text{-}2.5}$ mass concentrations, (d) gas-phase pollutant concentrations, and (e) meteorological conditions (WS and SM stand for wind speed and soil moisture, respectively, precipitation and snowfall data sets are daily totals with no smoothing).

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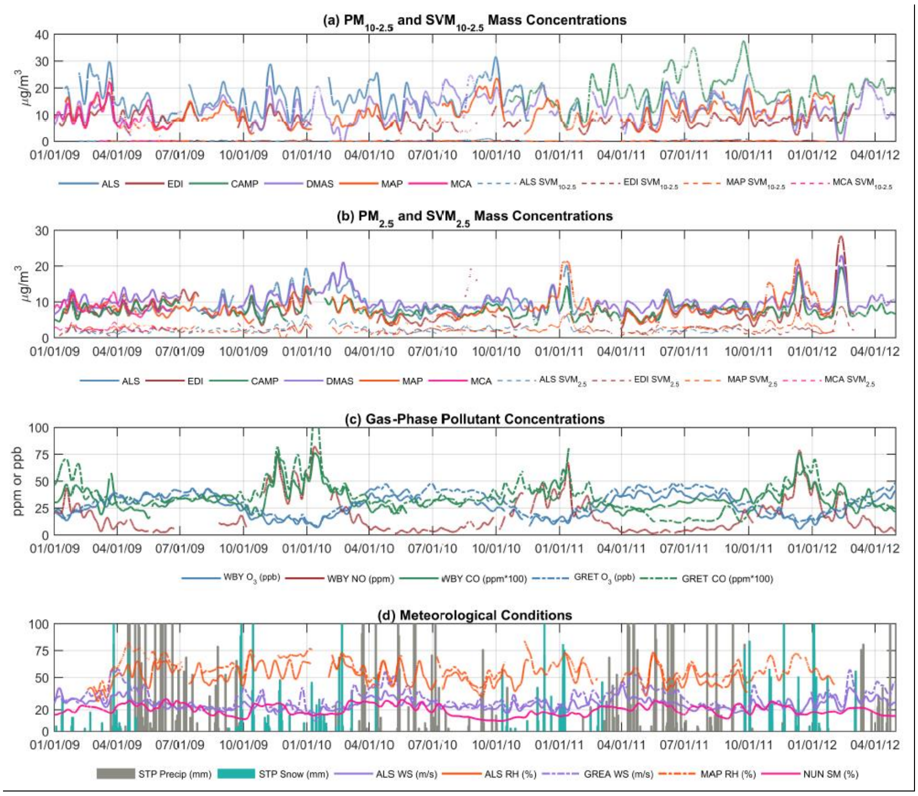

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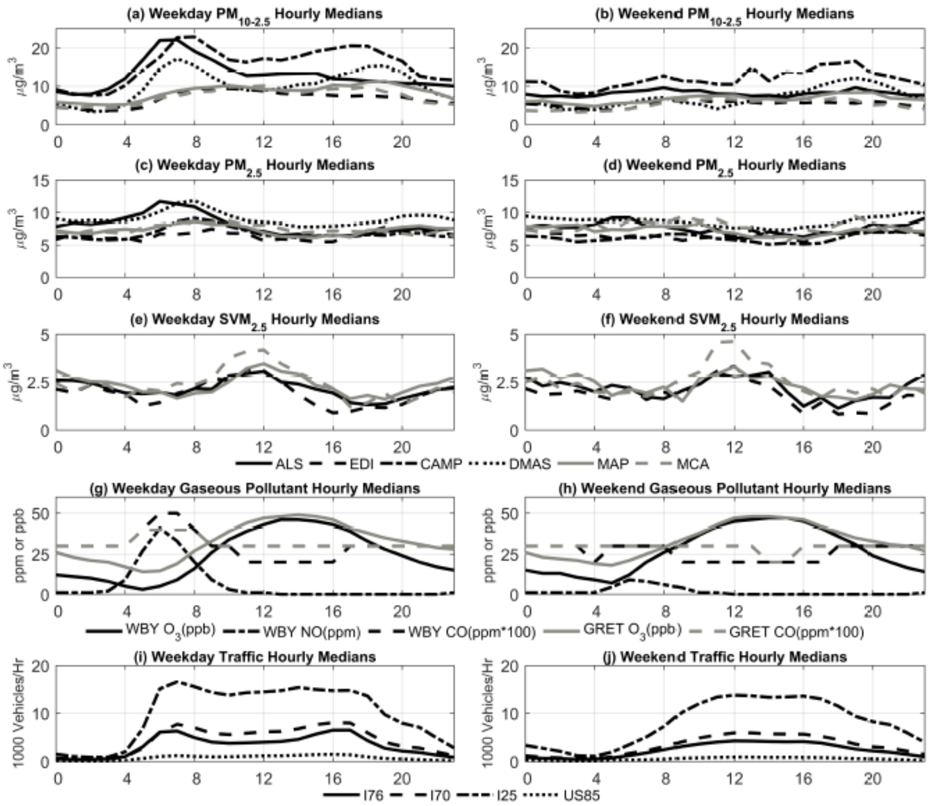

Figure 2. Diurnal trends (time-of-day medians) of (a) PM$_{10-2.5}$ on weekdays, (b) PM$_{10-2.5}$ on weekends, (c) PM$_{2.5}$ on weekdays, (d) PM$_{2.5}$ on weekends, (e) SVM$_{2.5}$ on weekdays, (f) SVM$_{2.5}$ on weekends, (g) weekday gas-phase pollutants, (h) weekend gas-phase pollutants, (i) weekday traffic volumes, and (j) weekend traffic volumes.

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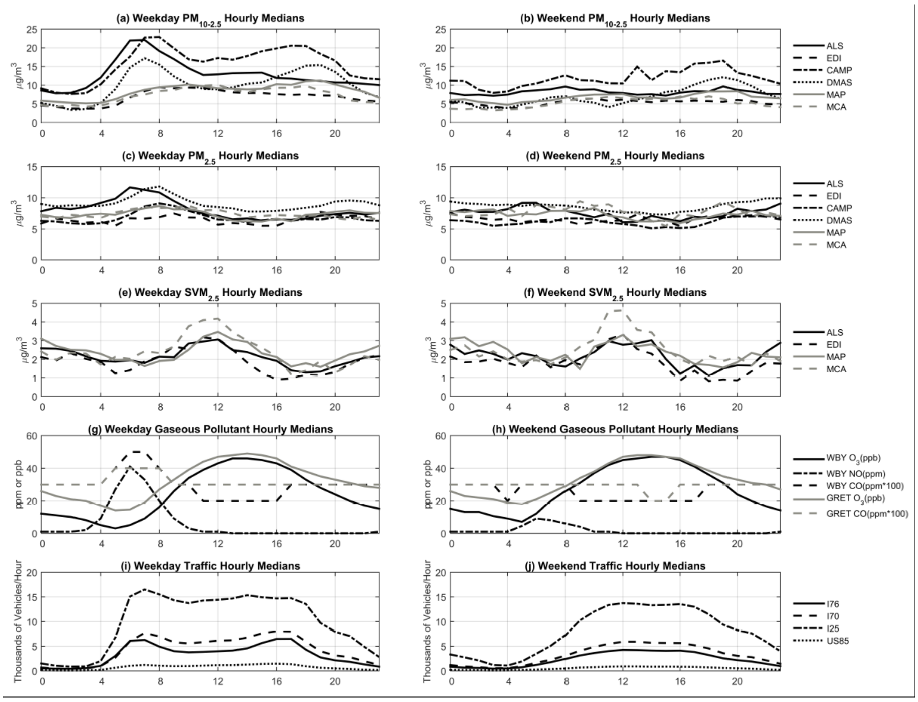

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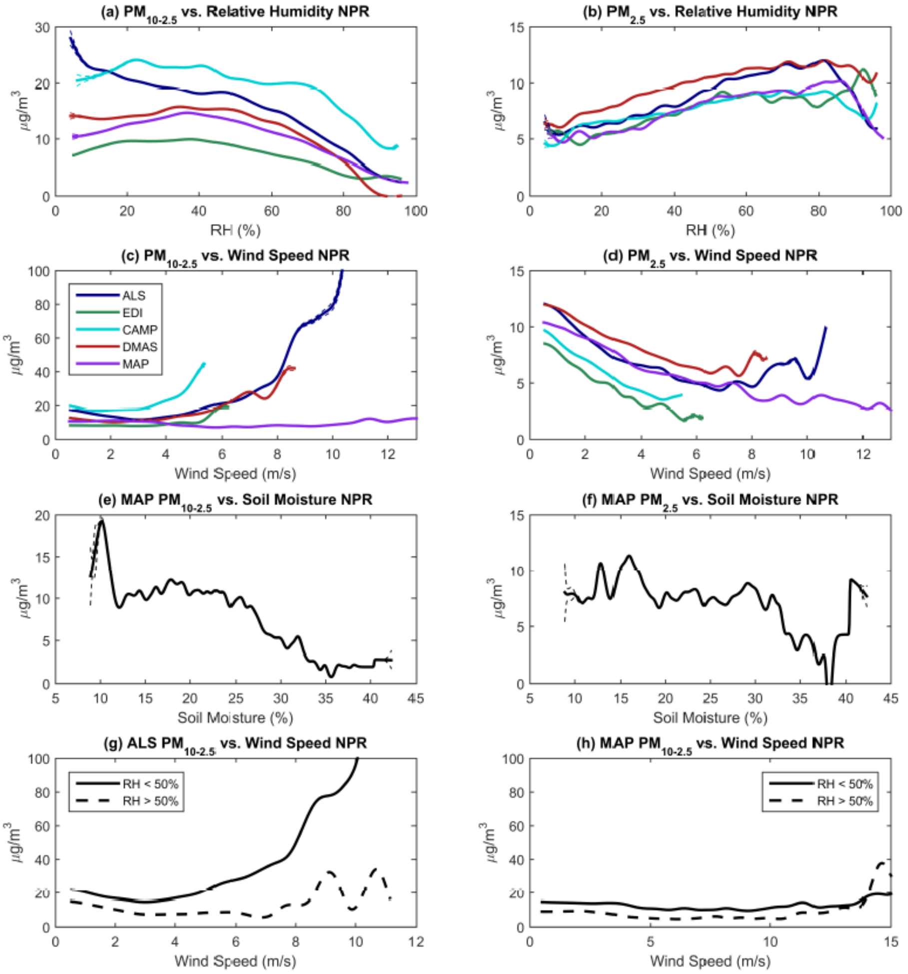

Figure 3. Expected value of pollutant concentrations (dashed lines are 95% confidence intervals) based on nonparametric regression (NPR) of: (a) PM$_{10-2.5}$ versus RH; (b) PM$_{2.5}$ versus RH; (c) PM$_{10-2.5}$ versus wind speed; (d) PM$_{2.5}$ versus wind speed; (e) MAP PM$_{10-2.5}$ versus soil moisture; (f) MAP PM$_{2.5}$ versus soil moisture; (g) ALS PM$_{10-2.5}$ versus wind speed with data stratified at 50% RH; and (h) MAP PM$_{10-2.5}$ versus wind speed with data stratified at 50% RH.

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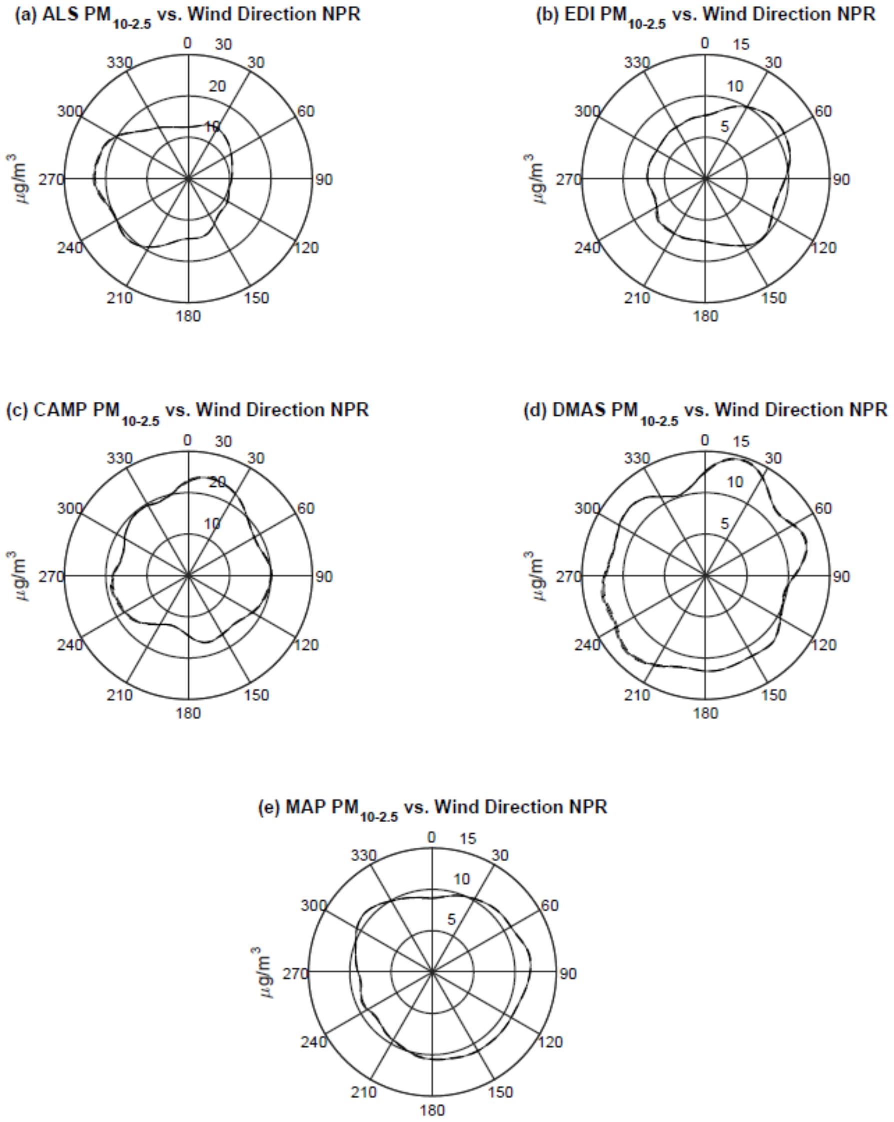
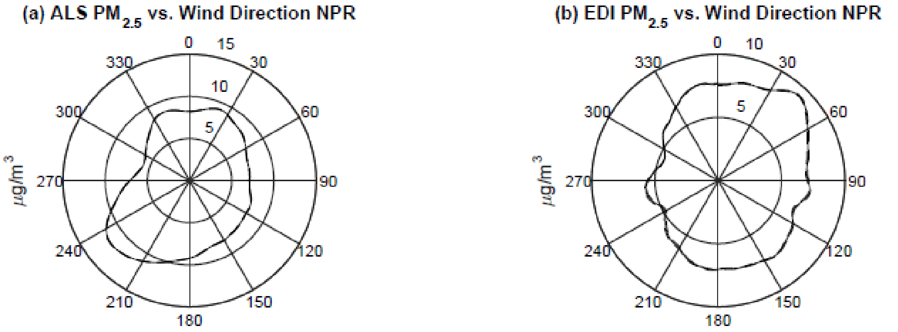
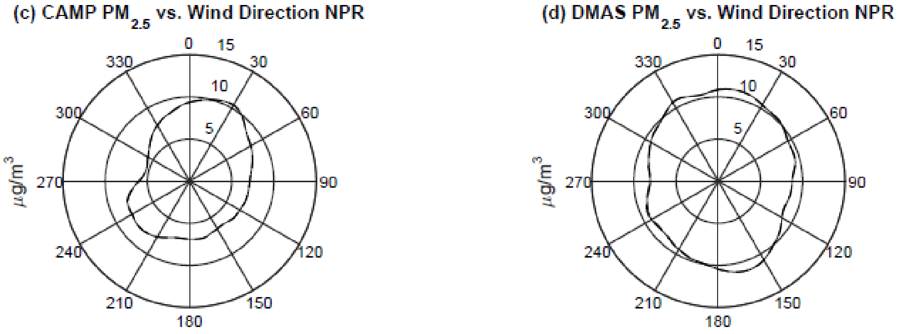


Figure 4. Expected value of $PM_{10-2.5}$ concentrations (dashed lines are 95% confidence intervals) based on nonparametric regression (NPR) against wind direction for (a) ALS, (b) EDI, (c) CAMP, (d) DMAS, and (e) MAP.





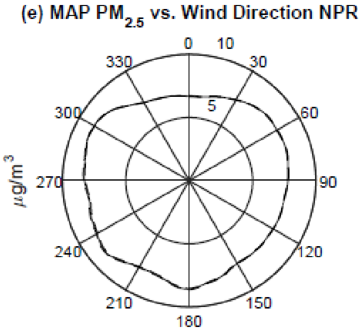


Figure 5. Expected value of PM$_{2.5}$ concentrations (dashed lines are 95% confidence intervals) based on nonparametric regression (NPR) against wind direction for (a) ALS, (b) EDI, (c) CAMP, (d) DMAS, and (e) MAP.

Table S1. Average (± standard deviation) traffic per hour of the two nearest major roadways to the CCRUSH and CDPHE monitoring sites. Start and end dates for each data set were: I-76 (1/1/2009-4/30/2012), I-270 (1/1/2009-4/30/2012), I-70 (1/1/2009-4/30/2009), I-25 (1/1/2009-4/30/2012), US-85 (1/1/2009-4/30/2012), US-34 (3/1/2009-4/30/2012).

Commented [NC7]: Time spans for traffic data were added to the Table S1 caption per Reviewer #2's Technical Correction suggestion

PM Monitoring Site	1st Nearest Major Roadway (distance in km, CDOT ID)	Average ± St. Dev. Traffic Counts per Hour of 1st Nearest Roadway	2nd Nearest Major Roadway (distance in km, CDOT ID)	Average ± St. Dev. Traffic Counts per Hour of 2nd Nearest Roadway
ALS	I-76[a] (0.5, 103387)	1524±887	I-270 (2.2, 00057)	1916±1109
EDI	I-70 (2.0, 000510)	2011±1194	I-25 (2.5, 000501)	4653±2606
CAMP	I-25 (1.8, 000501)	4653±2606	I-70 (3.3, 000510)	2011±1194
DMAS	I-25 (<0.5, 000501)	4653±2606	I-70 (8.5, 000510)	2011±1194
MAP	US-85 (2.7, 103712)	329±194	US-34 (3.1, 000245)	754±477

Table S2. Correlation values between daily average particulate mass concentrations and gas-phase pollutants, meteorological conditions, and traffic counts.

ρ	$PM_{2.5}$ (µg/m³)					$PM_{10-2.5}$ (µg/m³)					$SVM_{2.5}$ (µg/m³)		
	ALS	EDI	CAMP	DMAS	MAP	ALS	EDI	CAMP	DMAS	MAP	ALS	EDI	MAP
O_3 (ppm)	-0.49	-0.24	-0.28	-0.42	-0.49	-0.11	-0.03	0.13	0.04	-0.04	-0.48	-0.24	-0.31
NO (ppb)	0.61	0.34	0.56	0.38	NA	0.29	0.35	0.15	0.21	NA	0.46	0.31	NA
SO_2 (ppb)	0.17	0.11	0.25	0.4	NA	0.27	0.31	0.27	0.27	NA	0.01	0.01	NA
CO (ppm)	0.6	0.39	0.43	0.56	0.58	0.25	0.35	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.46	0.27	0.28
Traffic (vehicles/day)	-0.02	-0.06	0.07	0.03	-0.02	0.4	0.37	0.38	0.36	0.24	-0.1	-0.09	0
RH (%)	0.18	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.2	-0.56	-0.29	-0.26	-0.45	-0.45	0.41	0.13	0.22
Wind Speed (m/s)	-0.33	-0.27	-0.28	-0.28	-0.41	-0.01	-0.12	-0.17	-0.09	-0.15	-0.27	-0.24	-0.3
Soil Moisture (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.08	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.27	NA	NA	0.04
Soil Temperature (°C)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-0.25	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.2	NA	NA	-0.09

Table S3. COD values for spatial comparisons with daily average $PM_{2.5}$, $PM_{10\text{-}2.5}$, and $SVM_{2.5}$ mass concentrations.

COD		$PM_{2.5}$					$PM_{10\text{-}2.5}$					$SVM_{2.5}$		
		ALS	**EDI**	**CAMP**	**DMAS**	**MAP**	**ALS**	**EDI**	**CAMP**	**DMAS**	**MAP**	**ALS**	**EDI**	**MAP**
$PM_{2.5}$	**ALS**	0												
	EDI	0.22	0											
	CAMP	0.15	0.22	0										
	DMAS	0.17	0.27	0.18	0									
	MAP	0.23	0.29	0.27	0.27	0								
$PM_{10\text{-}2.5}$	**ALS**	0.39	0.47	0.35	0.38	0.42	0							
	EDI	0.29	0.34	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.33	0						
	CAMP	0.5	0.56	0.49	0.43	0.48	0.33	0.47	0					
	DMAS	0.38	0.47	0.41	0.36	0.41	0.24	0.34	0.23	0				
	MAP	0.37	0.42	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.3	0.27	0.4	0.3	0			
$SVM_{2.5}$	**ALS**	0.61	0.56	0.59	0.65	0.55	0.71	0.59	0.79	0.72	0.62	0		
	EDI	0.62	0.59	0.61	0.67	0.61	0.71	0.6	0.79	0.73	0.65	0.3	0	
	MAP	0.6	0.53	0.52	0.62	0.56	0.69	0.55	0.75	0.71	0.62	0.32	0.36	0

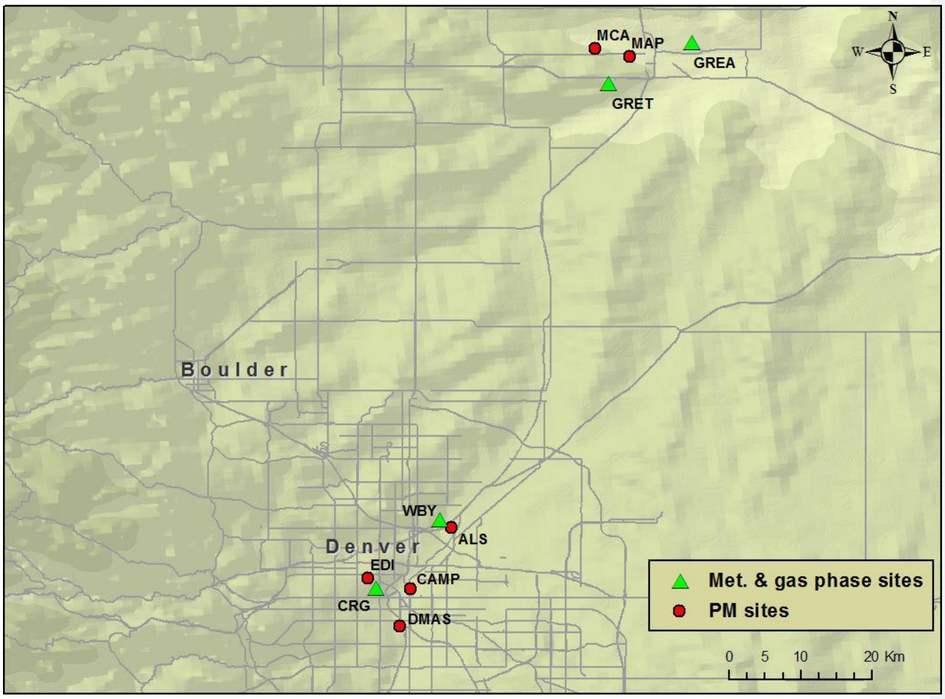


Figure S1. Regional map of the CCRUSH, CDPHE, and meteorological monitoring sites.

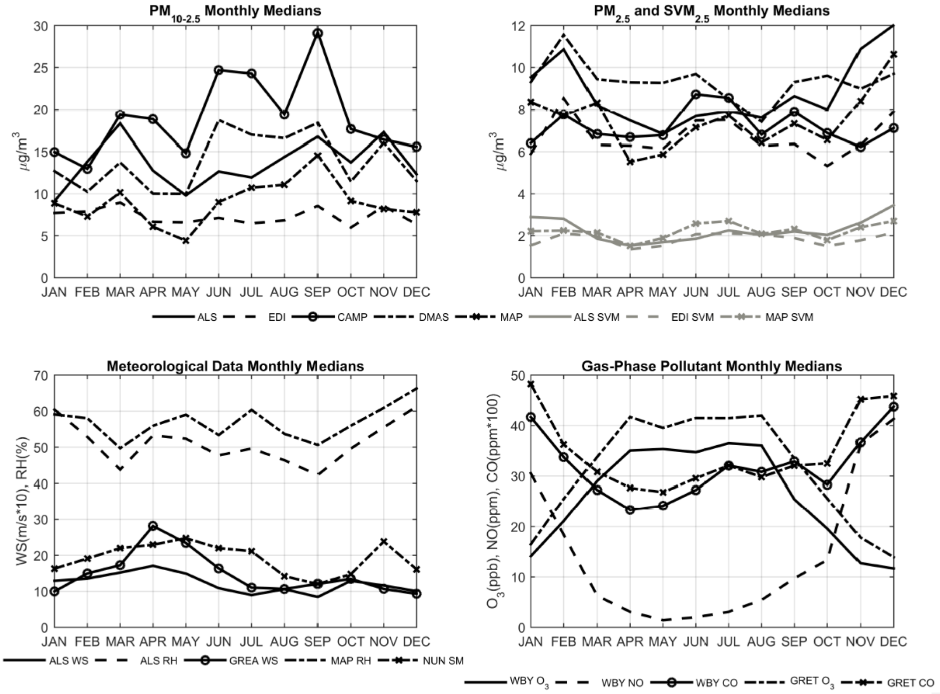


Figure S2. Monthly median of daily average pollutant concentrations: (a) PM$_{10-2.5}$, (b) PM$_{2.5}$ and SVM$_{2.5}$, (c) meteorological data (WS and SM stand for winds speed and soil moisture, respectively), and (d) gas-phase pollutants (CO, NO, O$_3$).

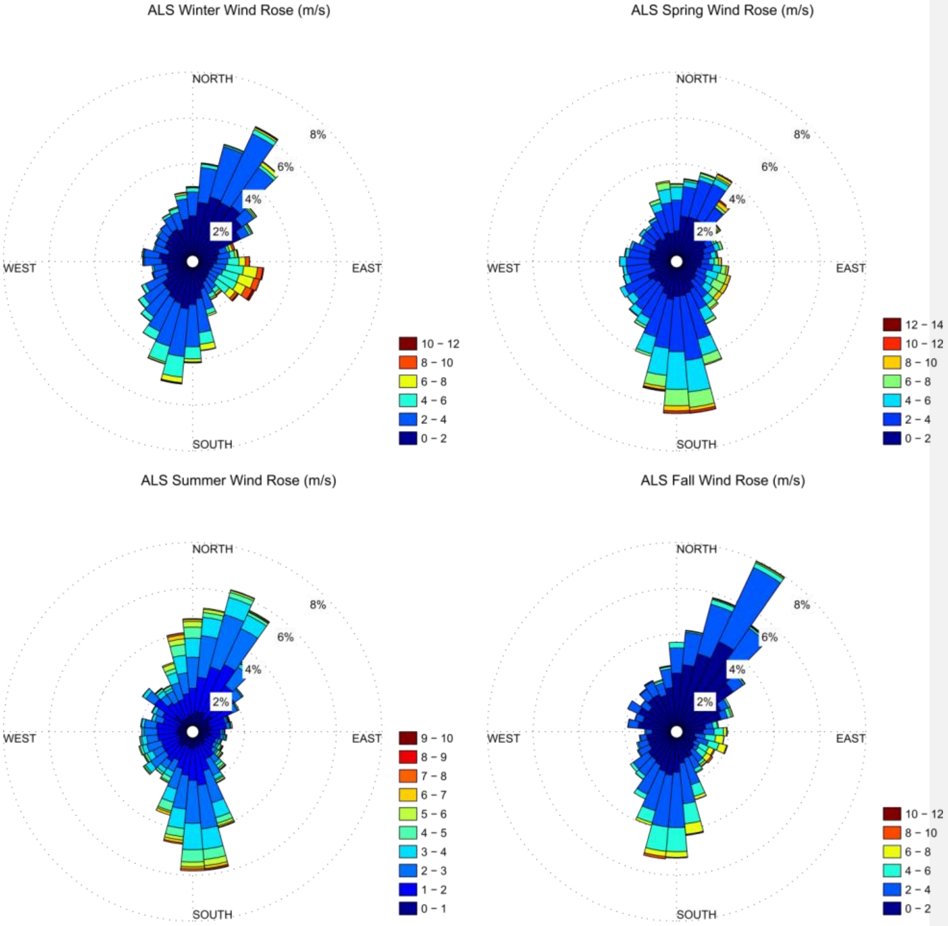


Figure S3. Seasonal wind roses for ALS.