



1 **BAERLIN2014 – stationary measurements and source**  
2 **apportionment at an urban background station in Berlin,**  
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27 **Abstract.** The Berlin Air quality and Ecosystem Research: Local and long-range Impact of anthropogenic and  
28 Natural hydrocarbons (BAERLIN2014) campaign was conducted during the three summer months (June-  
29 August) of 2014. During this measurement campaign, both stationary and mobile measurements were undertaken  
30 to address complementary aims. This paper provides an overview of the stationary measurements and results that  
31 were focused on characterization of gaseous and particulate pollution, including source attribution, in the Berlin-  
32 Potsdam area, and quantification of the role of natural sources in determining levels of ozone and related gaseous  
33 pollutants. Results show that biogenic contributions to ozone and particulate matter are substantial. One indicator  
34 for ozone formation, the OH reactivity, showed a 31% ( $0.82 \pm 0.44 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and 75% ( $3.7 \pm 0.90 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) contribution  
35 from biogenic NMVOCs for urban background ( $2.6 \pm 0.68 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and urban park ( $4.9 \pm 1.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) location,  
36 respectively, emphasizing the importance of such locations as sources of biogenic NMVOCs in urban areas. A  
37 comparison to NMVOC measurements made in Berlin ca. 20 years earlier generally show lower levels today for  
38 anthropogenic NMVOCs. A substantial contribution of secondary organic and inorganic aerosol to  $\text{PM}_{10}$   
39 concentrations was quantified. In addition to secondary aerosols, source apportionment analysis of the organic  
40 carbon fraction identified the contribution of biogenic (plant-based) particulate matter, as well as primary  
41 contributions from vehicles, with a larger contribution from diesel compared to gasoline vehicles, as well as a  
42 relatively small contribution from wood burning, linked to measured levoglucosan.

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47 **1 Introduction**

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49 Air pollution and climate change are two of the most prescient environmental problems of our age. Recent  
50 research from the Global Burden of Disease study and others attribute over 3 million premature deaths to  
51 outdoor air pollution globally in 2013 (Brauer et al., 2016;Lelieveld et al., 2015;WHO, 2016). A report by the  
52 World Bank (WorldBank, 2016) estimated the 2013 welfare losses owing to ambient surface level PM<sub>2.5</sub> and O<sub>3</sub>  
53 air pollution to be equivalent to 5% of GDP in Europe, and often more in other world regions. Studies have  
54 shown that a changing climate will exacerbate ozone owing to increased temperatures and other factors, such as  
55 additional meteorological parameters and less effective emissions controls, that are favorable to ozone formation  
56 (Jacob and Winner, 2009;Rasmussen et al., 2013). One such factor is a projected increase in biogenic volatile  
57 organic compound emissions, such as isoprene or monoterpenes. While these increases are expected to be  
58 compensated for by much larger declines in anthropogenic emissions, as also indicated in other studies e.g.  
59 Colette et al. (2013) or West et al. (2013), there are additional impacts that are not yet captured by the models,  
60 such as those of secondary organic aerosol (SOA) among others, that show that such estimates of climate change  
61 effects are likely underestimated (Geels et al., 2015). While significant reductions in O<sub>3</sub> precursor emissions  
62 have been observed over the past couple decades, and peak ozone levels have been declining over much of  
63 north-western Europe, a comparable reduction in mean ozone has not followed (Derwent, 2008;Ehlers et al.,  
64 2016). This is particularly relevant for countries where the majority of the population resides in cities. In Europe  
65 during 2012-2014, more than 85% of the urban population has been exposed to air pollutant concentrations of  
66 ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> exceeding the recommended WHO limit values for the protection of human health, as well as  
67 substantial exceedances at the roadside of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) (EEA, 2016). In this context, it is crucial that  
68 we further improve our understanding of the sources of air pollutants in urban areas, as well as the contribution  
69 of natural sources to secondary pollutants such as ozone. This will allow for approaches that can better target the  
70 most relevant sources for mitigation, as well as accounting for the linkages between air quality and climate  
71 change in developing strategies for action on climate change and the reduction of air pollution, to improve health  
72 and create more livable cities.

73 The Berlin Air quality and Ecosystem Research: Local and long-range Impact of anthropogenic and  
74 Natural hydrocarbons 2014 (BAERLIN2014) campaign aimed to address some of these issues in the context of  
75 the Berlin-Potsdam urban area. The campaign had three main aims, (1) characterization of gaseous and  
76 particulate pollution, including source attribution, in the Berlin-Potsdam area, (2) quantification of the role of  
77 natural sources, specifically vegetation, in determining levels of gaseous pollutants, specifically ozone, and (3)  
78 improved understanding of the heterogeneity of pollutants throughout the city. In this paper, only aims (1) and  
79 (2) will be addressed. An overview paper describing the mobile measurements, which focused more on aim (3)  
80 was published previously (see Bonn et al. (2016)). Because of the focus on ozone and secondary pollutant  
81 formation, the campaign was conducted during the three summer months (June-August) of 2014, i.e. the time of  
82 maximum ozone pollution levels. Furthermore, while the mobile measurements covered the larger Berlin-  
83 Potsdam area, the stationary measurements were focused on an urban background location within the center of  
84 Berlin.

85 The unique characteristics of Berlin were particularly relevant to this study, in that it is a large urban  
86 area (population ca. 3.5 million) with significant vegetation. Of the ca. 890 km<sup>2</sup> that Berlin covers, ca. 34% of



87 the land surface area is covered by vegetated areas and 6% by water (Senatsverwaltung für Stadtentwicklung III  
88 F, 2010). An existing air quality monitoring network (in German: Berliner Luftgüte Messnetz, abbreviated  
89 BLUME) provided data on which the campaign could build and leverage. Data from the 16 stations that  
90 comprised the BLUME network showed that the EU 8-hour ozone target value of  $120 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  was exceeded 12-  
91 13 times at each of the two urban background stations that measure ozone (MC010 & MC042) and between 12-  
92 21 times per station at the stations on the periphery of the city (referred to here as Berlin rural stations) in 2014  
93 (Stülpnagel et al., 2015). Six of these exceedances in the urban background occurred during the BAERLIN2014  
94 campaign. Furthermore, the regulatory limit value for annual  $\text{NO}_2$  of  $40 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  was exceeded at all six roadside  
95 stations in 2014, and although the annual  $\text{PM}_{10}$  limit value was met, four out of five traffic stations where  $\text{PM}_{10}$   
96 was measured also exceeded the daily limit value of  $50 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  more than the allowed 35 times; the exceedances  
97 at the urban background and Berlin rural stations ranged from 14 to 34 times (Stülpnagel et al., 2015). In short,  
98 the issue of air pollution has been recognized in Berlin as being in need of action. In this paper, we focus on the  
99 stationary measurements conducted at the urban background site in the Berlin city center. A brief overview is  
100 given of the suite of measurements conducted and the results obtained. This is followed by more detailed  
101 analysis of (1) the NMVOC data and the role in ozone formation including a comparison to a previous study in  
102 London and Paris (von Schneidmesser et al., 2011), as well as other urban areas, and (2) source apportionment  
103 analysis of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  filter samples, including a rough comparison of the results to existing emission inventories.

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## 105 2 Methods

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107 A complete list of the parameters measured and their associated instrument descriptions are summarized in Table  
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### 110 2.1 Site description

111 The monitoring station that was the basis for the stationary measurements during the BAERLIN2014  
112 campaign was AirBase station DEBE034, which is maintained as part of the Berlin air quality measurement  
113 network (BLUME; BLUME network code MC042), and was located at the corner of Nansenstrasse and  
114 Framstrasse in the Neukölln district, in southeast central Berlin ( $52^\circ 29' 21,98'' \text{ N}$ ,  $13^\circ 25' 51,08'' \text{ E}$ ) in a  
115 predominantly residential neighborhood, as shown in Figure 1. The station was located on the street corner next  
116 to a kindergarten and was classified as an urban background station. According to the location placement  
117 dictated by the EU Directive definition (EC, 2008), locations that are situated away from any strong point  
118 sources including major roads, typically in a residential neighborhood, but still in the urban core influenced by  
119 all sources upwind of the station are classified as urban background. These sites should in theory be  
120 representative of the general levels of pollution observed in a city and are used to assess exposure of the general  
121 population to air pollutants. This station will likely experience a comparatively high fraction of traffic-related  
122 emissions, since some fairly large inner-city thoroughfares were located within a 1 km radius of the site, but as  
123 appropriate for an urban background station will not be dominated by traffic like a site located at a major  
124 intersection. In addition, a measurement van was used to augment the capacity of the measurement station and  
125 was located approximately 5 meters from the station, parked at the curb of the street (see Figure 1). Finally,  
126 owing to the presence of taller trees in that part of city, including in the vicinity of the monitoring station, one



127 instrument (ceilometer) was located on the roof of the kindergarten to achieve an unobstructed view skywards,  
128 approximately 5 meters on the opposite side of the measurement station to the van.

129 A number of NMVOC canister samples were taken in locations throughout the city as part of the mobile  
130 measurements that augmented the stationary measurements in Neukölln. A subset of these were included in the  
131 companion paper to this one covering the mobile measurements (Bonn et al., 2016). These sites where multiple  
132 NMVOC canister samples were taken include Altlandsberg, Plänterwald, the Tiergarten Tunnel, and the AVUS  
133 Motorway during a traffic jam. Further details to the sampling environment can be found in Table 2. For more  
134 information on locations and/or sampling, see also Bonn et al. (2016).

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## 136 2.2 Instrument descriptions

137 Complementing the BLUME measurements (see Stülpnagel et al., (2015) or Geiß et al., (2017) for  
138 details) were additional PM<sub>10</sub> filter samples collected for elemental carbon (EC) and organic carbon (OC), ions,  
139 and organic tracer analysis; intermittent canister and cartridge samples for the quantification of non-methane  
140 volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) from an inlet next to the PM<sub>10</sub> inlet on the roof of the measurement  
141 station; a quadrupole Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometre (high sensitivity PTR-MS, Ionicon) up in the  
142 van for the measurement of NMVOCs; a set of particle instruments to measure number concentration, size  
143 distribution and surface area also located in the van (section 2.2.4); and a ceilometer CL51 (Vaisala GmbH,  
144 Hamburg) situated on the roof of the kindergarten. A complete list of instruments, parameters measured, and  
145 references for the methods used are provided in Table 1. Further details for the NMVOC measurements are  
146 provided in Table S1. Additional information is provided below.

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### 148 2.2.1 NMVOC Canister Samples

149 The canisters were prepared to remove ozone using a heated silco-steel capillary (120 °C) prior to  
150 sampling. The cylinders were then pressurized using synthetic air to reduce the relative humidity of the sample.  
151 All NMVOC canister samples taken at Neukölln had a 20 minute sampling duration. After sampling, the  
152 canisters were promptly shipped to FZJ for analysis by GC-FID-MS and were analyzed with no more than five  
153 days between sampling and analysis. Analysis was done using a gas chromatographic system based on a  
154 conventional gas chromatograph (Agilent 6890) equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID), and a mass  
155 spectrometer (Agilent 5975C MSD) for the identification of the trace species. To analyze VOCs at trace gas  
156 levels, a cryogenic pre-concentration was used, consisting of a sample loop (silco steel, 20 cm length, inner  
157 diameter 2 mm) which was cooled down with cold gas above liquid nitrogen (see also Figure 14 in Ehlers et al.,  
158 (2016)). A volume of 800 mL was pre-concentrated in the sample loop at a flow of 80 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.

159 Subsequently, the sample was thermally desorbed at 120° C and injected on a capillary column (DB-1,  
160 120 m, 0.32 mm ID, 3µm film thickness). After injection, the column was kept isothermal at -60°C for 5 min,  
161 then heated to 200° C at a rate of 4° min<sup>-1</sup> and finally maintained at 220° C for 10 min. Signals were gathered  
162 from a flame ionization detector and a MSD, which each received 50% of the column output through a split  
163 valve. Analysis of one sample lasted for about 90 min, and sets of 10 cylinders (stainless steel canister, volume:  
164 6 L, Supelco Co., Bellefonte, PA, USA) could be analyzed by unattended operation.

165 The impact of canister transport and storage was assessed: C<sub>2</sub> - C<sub>11</sub> alkanes, alkenes and aromatic  
166 compounds were found to be stable within 5% over three days compared with an instantaneously analysed  
167 sample. Oxygenated compounds differed by up to 10% over the same time period. In addition, measurement



168 accuracy depends on the uncertainty of the calibration standard (< 5% between true and declared gas  
169 concentrations, (Apel-Riemer Environmental Inc.) and that of the mass-flow controller (< 2% deviation, MKS  
170 Instruments, Wilmington, MA, USA). Integration uncertainties ( $\Delta\mu\text{VOC}$ ) of the peak areas were dependent on  
171 their respective detection limits ( $DL_i$ ), which are estimated as in equation 1.

$$172 \quad \Delta\mu\text{VOC}_i \approx \begin{cases} DL_i & \text{for } \mu\text{VOC}_i \text{ next to } DL_i \\ (0,03-0,06)*\mu\text{VOC}_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

173 Apart from concentrations and their respective detection limits geometrical addition of all these factors yielded  
174 overall experimental uncertainties of less than 10% (for a detailed discussion refer to Urban (2010)).

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#### 176 2.2.1.1 Canister Samples and OH Reactivity Calculations

177 While a total of 103 compounds were quantified by GC-MS in the canister samples, not all of those  
178 compounds were regularly detected in the samples. Furthermore, to be able to make reasonable comparisons  
179 with previous work regarding the contribution of different compound classes to the measured mixing ratios of  
180 NMVOCs, as well as the OH reactivity attributed to these NMVOCs, a subset of the compounds was selected  
181 and used in the analysis. This subset was based on a number of papers in the literature that were also done in  
182 urban areas, and those compounds that were regularly included in OH reactivity calculations (e.g. (Dolgorouky  
183 et al., 2012; Gilman et al., 2009; Goldan et al., 2004; Liu et al., 2008)). This includes 57 NMVOCs (see SI).  
184 Furthermore, even if all compounds were included, there would still be missing reactivity that is not captured  
185 and because no OH measurements were made, the amount of missing reactivity cannot be reliably quantified.  
186 Owing to an undetermined source of contamination at the urban background site, the measurement of n-butane  
187 was compromised, and was therefore not included among the NMVOCs despite typically being reported in the  
188 literature. The data subsequently presented in this paper from the canister samples includes only these 57  
189 compounds unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of the 103 compounds measured in the samples,  
190 including the concentrations reported for a subset of the samples discussed here, please see Bonn et al. (2016).

191 A number of canister samples were taken at different locations throughout the city, some with multiple  
192 measurements and some single samples. Five locations had multiple samples, including the main measurement  
193 site at the urban background station (DEBE034) in Neukölln (n=18), Plänterwald (n=11), Altlandsberg (n=10),  
194 the Tiergarten Tunnel (n=9), and the AVUS motorway during a traffic jam (n=2). All samples were taken during  
195 the month of August, will all samples except those in Neukölln taken on one day for any given location (Bonn et  
196 al., 2016). The samples in the Tiergarten tunnel and on the motorway are most indicative of NMVOC emissions  
197 from traffic.

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#### 199 2.2.2 NMVOC Cartridge Samples

200 NMVOCs (aromatic hydrocabons, terpenes,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  alkanes) were collected into stainless steel  
201 cartridges (6.3 mm ED x 90 mm, 5.5 mm ID) filled with Tenax-TA (60/80 mesh, Supelco, Bellafonte, USA) and  
202 Carboback-B (60/80 mesh, Supelco, Bellafonte, USA) by using a flow rate of  $100 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$  with a sampling time  
203 of 1 - 4.5 h (Mäki et al., 2017). To prevent the degradation of BVOC by  $O_3$ , a catalyst heated to  $150^\circ\text{C}$  was used.

204 Individual VOCs were identified and quantified using a thermal desorption instrument (Perkin-Elmer  
205 TurboMatrixTM 650, Waltham, USA) connected to a gas chromatograph (Perkin-Elmer® Clarus® 600,  
206 Waltham, USA) with a DB-5MS (60 m, 0.25 mm, 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) column and a mass selective detector (Perkin-Elmer®



207 Clarus® 600T, Waltham, USA). Five-point calibration was utilised using liquid standards in methanol solutions.  
208 Standard solutions were injected onto adsorbent tubes that were flushed with nitrogen (HiQ N<sub>2</sub> 6.0 >99.9999%,  
209 Linde AG, Pullach, Germany) flow (100 ml min<sup>-1</sup>) for 10 min in order to remove methanol. For aromatic  
210 hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, p/m-xylene, styrene, o-xylene, propylbenzene, ethyltoluenes,  
211 trimethylbenzenes) detection limits (LODs) varied between 5 and 60 ng m<sup>-3</sup>, for C<sub>6-10</sub> alkanes (hexane, heptane,  
212 octane, nonane, decane) between 5 and 10 ng m<sup>-3</sup> and for isoprene LOD was 21 ng m<sup>-3</sup>. The quantified  
213 monoterpenes (MT) were  $\alpha$ -pinene, camphene,  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\Delta^3$ -carene, p-cymene, limonene, 1,8-cineol, nopinone,  
214 terpinolene and bornylacetate with limit of detection in the range of 3-17 ng m<sup>-3</sup>; sesquiterpenes were  
215 longicyclene, iso-longifolene, aromadendrene,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene and  $\alpha$ -humulene with LOD of 20 ng m<sup>-3</sup>.

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### 217 2.2.3 NMVOC PTR-MS Measurements

218 In addition to canister and cartridge samples, NMVOCs were continuously measured over time by a high-  
219 sensitivity proton transfer reaction mass spectrometer (PTR-MS, Ionicon, built in 2008) (Lindinger et al., 1993).  
220 In brief NMVOCs with a higher proton affinity than water vapor were charged via H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ions and subsequently  
221 mass selectively detected by applying a distinct electric field strength for the individual masses selected. More  
222 details on the techniques can be found elsewhere (Blake et al., 2009). In total, 72 selected NMVOCs were  
223 measured between June 11 and August 29, 2014 via a heated inlet (T = 60°C) at street level out of the street  
224 facing window of a measurement van (MW088) at approximately 2.5 m above surface. Note that this PTR-MS  
225 detected integer ion mass numbers only and no time of flight option was available for this version. Selection of  
226 masses were based on two aspects: first, typical mass to charge (m/z) ratios for anthropogenic and biogenic  
227 sources like benzene, toluene, isoprene and terpenes, and second, on mass scan results conducted once a week  
228 throughout the campaign period. In this way some masses changed during the total observation time because of  
229 changed scan intensities and the limited number of masses to be selected. Time resolution was set to 270 s, i.e.  
230 4.5 min. The dataset was averaged after the campaign for 30 min and 1h for comparison with other less time  
231 resolved measurement data. Instrument parameters were set as follows: U<sub>QL</sub> = 50 V, U<sub>N</sub> = 60 V, U<sub>SO</sub> = 70.3 V  
232 and U<sub>S</sub> = 113.9 V. The intensity of the reference ion signal for detection efficiency, i.e. m/z = 21, was recorded  
233 as (4.4±1.0)×10<sup>7</sup> counts per second. For more details on the set-up see Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014). A list of all  
234 recorded masses can be found in the supporting online information. Because the PTR-MS technique does not  
235 allow for a detailed chemical structure analysis, the cartridge and canister samples were used as complementary  
236 information as to the identity of masses with more than a single compound present.

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### 238 2.2.4 Particle Number Concentration and Surface Area Measurements

239 The aerosol inlet was located 3.5 m above ground, about 1 m above the measurement van roof, attached  
240 to an aerosol splitter (Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research (TROPOS), "Kuh"). A LVS pump (Leckel  
241 GmbH, Berlin) operated at 1 m<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to an aerosol flow of 138 cm<sup>3</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> and a PM10-head (Leckel  
242 GmbH, Berlin) suitable for cut of at 10  $\mu$ m with 2.3 m<sup>3</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> was used to reduce diffusion losses. This served all  
243 particle measurement instruments.

244 The instruments that measured particle number (PN) and particle size distribution included a GRIMM  
245 1.108 (particle sizes in optical equivalent diameter, GRIMM Aerosol Technik GmbH & Co. KG, Ainring),  
246 GRIMM 5.403, and GRIMM 5.416 (particle sizes in mobility equivalent diameter). Sampling average was  
247 mostly 1 min and 8 minutes for Grimm 5.403.



248 The GRIMM 5.416, a condensation particle counter with n-butanol, provided total PN count over a size  
249 range from 4-3000 nm at a flow rate of 1.5 L min<sup>-1</sup>, and the uncertainty for 1 min sampling was ± 0.1% or ± 15  
250 cm<sup>-3</sup> (Helsper et al., 2008; Wiedensohler et al., 2017). The GRIMM 5.403, a scanning mobility particle sizer  
251 equipped with a long DMA combined with a CPC with n-butanol measured particle number concentrations with  
252 size distribution information for particles between 10-1100 nm at a sample flow rate of 0.3 L min<sup>-1</sup> and a sheath  
253 flow rate of 3 L min<sup>-1</sup>. For technical details see Heim et al., (2004). The uncertainty associated with the  
254 measurement is size dependent, with an uncertainty range of 10-15% in the lowermost size range and ca. 2-3%  
255 in the upper size range, and a total of 44 size bins. The GRIMM 1.108, a portable laser aerosol spectrometer and  
256 dust monitor measured particle number concentration with size distribution information, covering 350-22500  
257 nm, with a sampling flow rate of 1.5 L min<sup>-1</sup>. Particle number concentrations were determined for 15 size bins  
258 with an uncertainty of ± 3%. For technical details see Görner et al. (2012).

259 The TSI Nanoparticle surface area monitor 3550 (NSAM) measured lung depositable surface area for  
260 particle sizes ranging from 10-1000 nm at a flow rate of 2.5 L min<sup>-1</sup>. These values are reported in units of μm<sup>2</sup>  
261 cm<sup>-3</sup> corresponding to empirically derived parameters that correspond to the regions where the particles are  
262 deposited in the lung. Alveolar deposition was measured. Measurement accuracy for the NSAM was ± 20% for  
263 both parameters. Further instrument and measurement details are described elsewhere (Kaminski et al.,  
264 2013; VDI, 2017).

265 The NSAM was calibrated at the German Environment Agency (UBA, Langen) with instruments from  
266 IUTA, Duisburg (Kaminski, 2011), the GRIMM 1.108 was sent in for maintenance and re-calibrated at the  
267 manufacturer prior to use in the campaign, while all other instruments were calibrated a priori at the TROPOS  
268 aerosol calibration facility in Leipzig (Weinhold, 2014).

269 A continuous aerosol size distribution (0.01 μm to 30 μm) was created using a combination of GRIMM  
270 5.403 (0.01 μm to 1.1 μm) and GRIMM 1.108 (0.3 μm to 30 μm). Averaged 1-h size distribution from both  
271 particle instruments were merged to create a full size distribution from 0.01 to 30 μm. Size distributions from the  
272 two analyzers were merged by considering GRIMM 5.403 for particles sizes <1.1 μm and sizes equal or above  
273 1.1 μm uses GRIMM 1.108. At 1.1 μm both individual logarithmic size bin boundaries of the 5.403, and 1.108  
274 were most similar allowing “a smooth merge” without losing any size bins. We also assumed that the particles  
275 were spherical and thus no adjustments were made in the size bins, nor were any adjustments made for possible  
276 differences in aerodynamic vs optical derivation of diameter.

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### 278 2.2.5 Ceilometer

279 State-of-the-art ceilometers provide the vertical profile of aerosol backscatter (Wiegner et al., 2014).  
280 There are numerous approaches to estimate the mixing layer height (MLH) from the measured profile; the  
281 underlying assumption is that at the top of the mixing layer aerosol concentration drastically drops resulting in a  
282 pronounced decrease of backscattered signal intensity. Measurements in the framework of BAERLIN2014 were  
283 performed with a Vaisala ceilometer CL51 (Münkel, 2007; Geiß et al., 2017). This instrument is eye-safe (class  
284 1M), operated fully automated and unattended. The diode laser emits at a wavelength of 910 nm; the absorption  
285 by water vapour can be ignored as long as only the MLH is to be determined (Wiegner and Gasteiger, 2015).  
286 Laser power and window contamination are permanently monitored to ensure long-term stability. Due to the one  
287 lens design the lowest detectable layers are around 50 m, and the system is capable to cover an altitude range



288 greater than 4000 m, topping out around 8 km. Signals are pre-processed, e.g. for the suppression of noise  
289 generated artefacts. The range resolution is 10 m, and the temporal averaging is 10 min.

290 The heights of the near surface aerosol layers were analysed by a gradient method from the backscatter  
291 profiles in real-time (Emeis et al., 2008) with a MATLAB-based software which is provided by the manufacturer  
292 and has been improved continuously (Münkel et al., 2011). The minima of the vertical gradient is used to  
293 provide an estimate of the MLH (Emeis et al., 2007). All MLH data presented are following this method (for  
294 more detail see Schäfer et al. (2015)) unless otherwise noted. The influence of different options of the  
295 proprietary software and an comparison with the more sophisticated approach COBOLT (COntinuous BOundary  
296 Layer Tracing) on the retrieved MLH is discussed in detail by Geiß et al. (2017). It was found that the  
297 proprietary software slightly tends to overestimate the MLH compared to COBOLT.

298 The various instruments outlined above had differing sampling times and so for those instruments that  
299 provided real-time or higher time resolution data, a 30 minute average will be used in the data presented here for  
300 comparability.

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#### 302 2.2.6 PM<sub>10</sub> Filter Analysis

303 Prior to sampling, the quartz fiber filters were baked at 800°C under synthetic air to remove impurities.  
304 Post-sampling, the PM<sub>10</sub> filters were analyzed for total mass, elemental carbon (EC), water soluble and total  
305 organic carbon, chloride, sulfate, nitrate, sodium, ammonium, potassium, calcium, and organic tracers.  
306 HYSPLIT back trajectories (based on GDAS meteorological data) were calculated for 72 hours over the time  
307 period of each filter with a new trajectory each 6 hours for air masses ending at ground level (at the monitoring  
308 station) (Stein et al., 2015). Back trajectory plots are included in the Supplemental Information following the  
309 final filter groups. Based on similarities in the bulk composition analysis and HYSPLIT back trajectory  
310 information, the filters were grouped before being extracted and analyzed for organic tracers. Not all filters were  
311 included in these groups, so as to create groups that showed significant similarities. Some individual filters were  
312 therefore also excluded from the organic tracer analysis because of a lack of remaining OC mass.

313 PM<sub>10</sub> mass was first quantified gravimetrically and then analyzed for elemental and organic carbon.  
314 For this the filter samples were heated to 750°C in an oxygen stream. The gas stream was then passed through an  
315 oxidation catalyst to ensure complete oxidation of the organic carbon to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). In contrast to the  
316 organic carbon, elemental carbon is directly oxidized at higher temperatures without the requirement of a  
317 catalyst. The organic carbon, as CO<sub>2</sub>, was then detected using a cavity ring-down spectrometer (Picarro Inc.).  
318 The distinction between the elemental and organic carbon fractions in the samples was based on the temperature  
319 profile during the analysis. For more details see Ehlers (2013) and Kofahl (2012).

320 A portion of the filter (1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>) was water extracted to determine water soluble organic carbon (WSOC)  
321 using a TOC-V SCH Shimadzu total organic carbon analyzer (Miyazaki et al., 2011; Yang et al., 2003). The  
322 remaining amount of OC was calculated as water insoluble organic carbon (WIOC). A fraction of the remaining  
323 solution was used to analyze for water soluble anions and cations by ion chromatography (Dionex ICS 2100 and  
324 Dionex ICS 100) (Wang et al., 2005). For the organic tracer analysis, filters were composited as per the bulk  
325 composition and HYSPLIT determined groups and extracted with 50/50 dichloromethane and acetone by  
326 sonication, an aliquot was derivatized and analyzed by GC-MS (GC-6980, quadropole MS-5973, Agilent  
327 Technology) for organic molecular marker compounds, as described in more detail by Villalobos et al. (2015)  
328 and references therein. Approximately 150 organic tracer species were analyzed for, of which less than 100 had



329 concentrations regularly above the detection limit. A limited subset of these was then used in the source  
330 apportionment analysis.

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### 332 2.3 Chemical Mass Balance for Source Apportionment

333 A chemical mass balance analysis of the organic carbon fraction of the PM<sub>10</sub> filter samples was carried  
334 out using the organic tracer information. Source apportionment analysis using the CMB technique provides an  
335 effective variance least squares solution for a set of linear equations that include the uncertainties of the input  
336 measurements, and have been applied to the mass balance receptor model (Watson et al., 1984). As such, it  
337 allows for the estimation of the contribution of different source categories to the ambient concentrations  
338 measured at any one location, in this case an urban background site in Berlin. The species included in the CMB  
339 analysis were levoglucosan, 17 $\alpha$ (H)-21 $\beta$ (H)-30-norhopane, 17 $\alpha$ (H)-21 $\beta$ (H)-hopane, benzo(b)fluoranthene,  
340 benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(e)pyrene, benzo(a)pyrene, and C27-C33 alkanes. The US EPA CMB Software  
341 version 8.2 was used. Source profiles for vegetative detritus (Rogge et al., 1993), wood burning (Fine et al.,  
342 2004), diesel and gasoline motor vehicles (Lough et al., 2007) were included in the final result. In addition, a  
343 profile for poorly maintained vehicles ('smoking vehicles') (Lough et al., 2007) was evaluated but found  
344 inappropriate. The link between tracers and sources is discussed in further detail in section 3.5.2. The secondary  
345 organic aerosol fraction was calculated based on WSOC not related to biomass burning (Sannigrahi et al., 2006).  
346 The fitting statistics for the final result are shown in Table 3.

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## 348 3 Results & Discussion

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### 350 3.1 Time Series and Diurnal Cycle

351 The 30 min data time series of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, CO, benzene, toluene, and PM<sub>10</sub>, along with basic  
352 meteorological data from the BLUME station in Neukölln and MLH as derived from the proprietary software are  
353 shown in Figure 2, spanning the duration of the campaign. All times are given in CET. The 8 h mean ozone  
354 concentrations show that the EU target value for ozone (120  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  based on 8 h means) was exceeded 6 times  
355 during the measurement period, and the WHO guideline (100  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) was exceeded 18 times. The hourly limit  
356 value for NO<sub>2</sub> (200  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) was not exceeded, though concentrations often exceeded 100  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . The daily limit  
357 value for PM<sub>10</sub> (50  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) was not exceeded.

358 Elevated concentrations were often observed at the same time for many of the pollutants included in  
359 Figure 2, with the exception of ozone. Ozone, as a secondary pollutant formed photochemically from NO<sub>x</sub> and  
360 NMVOC precursors, follows a similar pattern to temperature (Pearson correlation coefficient [standard error] of  
361 0.82 [0.014]), and peaks at different times than the primary pollutants. The formation of ozone can be limited by  
362 either NO<sub>x</sub> or NMVOCs, depending on the ambient concentrations which are controlled by sources (e.g.,  
363 vehicles, biogenics) and transport. NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, CO, toluene, and benzene all have diurnal cycles that peak in the  
364 morning and evening, reflecting their anthropogenic traffic-related emission sources (see Figure S1 in SI). The  
365 morning peak in the pollutants occurred at 7 or 8 am, while the evening peak occurred quite late between 9 and  
366 11 pm, likely owing to a combination of daytime emissions and the decrease in the MLH. Traffic counts, from  
367 MC143 and MC220 in Neukölln (see location in Figure 1), showed that traffic increased dramatically between 6  
368 and 8-9 am, after which a slow but steady increase led to a peak at 5-6 pm, after which the traffic count dropped  
369 dramatically. In contrast, ozone, temperature, and mixing layer height followed parallel diurnal cycles with a



370 minimum at 6 am and a broad afternoon peak between noon and 6 pm. During BAERLIN2014 the maximum  
371 height of the mixing layer was found to be 1.5-2 km between noon and 18:00 and below 500 m during the  
372 night/early morning. These numbers indicate the vertical extent of the urban pollution layer over the  
373 measurement site where pollutants are most likely residing. Relative humidity showed the opposite with a peak  
374 at 6 am, and a broad low between noon and 6 pm.

375 These results are supported by the Pearson correlation coefficients among NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, CO, toluene, and  
376 benzene, which for hourly values range from 0.51-0.82 (all statistically significant at an alpha=0.05; see Table  
377 S2), with the strongest relationship between CO and NO<sub>2</sub>. The correlation to relative humidity was found to be  
378 negative for MLH (-0.66 [0.022]), temperature (-0.71 [0.014]), and ozone (-0.76 [0.014]). The pollutant with the  
379 strongest relationship to temperature was ozone.

380 The time series of particulate matter mass (PM<sub>10</sub>), derived PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and PM<sub>10</sub> mass from the  
381 GRIMM 1.108 particle number size distribution measurements, total particle number, and particle surface area  
382 are shown in Figure 3. While the two PM<sub>10</sub> time series along with the PM and particle number time series  
383 associated to the same instrument (GRIMM 1.108) are most similar, the other total particle number time series  
384 do not show significant similarities. This is largely owing to the difference in size fractions measured by the  
385 different instruments. Correlation analysis of the pollutant concentrations from Neukölln with MLH values on  
386 the basis of averaged diurnal cycles of hourly-mean values (in our case monthly averages during July and  
387 August) provided highest correlations with PN for accumulation mode particles (size range 100 – 500 nm) and  
388 significant correlations for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>1</sub> (Schäfer et al., 2015) showing similarities to investigations in  
389 Augsburg, Germany (Schäfer et al., 2016) and Beijing, China (Tang et al., 2016). In addition to this  
390 investigation for the reference site, a more detailed correlation analysis of the MLH with PM<sub>10</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub>  
391 taking into account all 16 BLUME stations in Berlin was carried out using the MATLAB approach outlined  
392 here, as well as an alternative approach, COBOLT (Geiß et al., 2017). In this context it was assumed that the  
393 MLH derived for the reference site in Neukölln is representative for the entire metropolitan area of Berlin. The  
394 correlation analysis of the diurnal cycles (averaged over the duration of ceilometer measurements from  
395 BAERLIN2014) of the MLH and PM<sub>10</sub> found that correlations were completely different at the different sites  
396 regardless of site type, indicating that surface concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> were not predominantly determined by the  
397 MLH, but rather by local sources and sinks, and meteorological factors, among others. In the case of O<sub>3</sub>, strong  
398 positive correlations were identified for both the BLUME sites on the periphery of Berlin, as well as the urban  
399 background locations. In contrast, for NO<sub>2</sub>, a negative correlation to MLH was observed for all sites at the  
400 periphery of the city, and to a lesser extent at some of the urban background sites (Geiß et al., 2017).

401 Particle size distribution during the study period is shown in Figure 4. Size distribution was dominated  
402 by ultrafine number size distribution (“UFP”, <100 nm) throughout the day (i.e. particle formation close by). The  
403 number and volume distribution was further binned into at least 5 size bins, as presented in Figure 4 for  
404 comparison with other urban background measurements. The average daytime total number and volume  
405 concentration remained in the range of 5.5 - 6.0 x 10<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> and 11 - 12 μm<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, respectively, in contrast to the  
406 stronger signal during the nighttime. The mean (median) total number and volume concentration over the entire  
407 measurement period was 6.1 x 10<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> (5.4 x 10<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>) and 11.8 μm<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> (9.5 μm<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>), respectively. Over  
408 80% of the total number concentration is ultrafine particles, and the contribution is higher during the nighttime.  
409 Volume distribution is largely dominated by the accumulation mode particles which is typical of many urban  
410 sites. The number concentrations were similar to other urban stations in Germany (Birmili et al., 2016).



411 The diurnal cycles for total PN for the three instruments covering the smaller particles (excluding the  
412 observations from the GRIMM-1.108) have morning and evening peaks, similar to the diurnal cycle for NO<sub>2</sub>,  
413 indicating a traffic origin. The diurnal cycle for the larger particles, as sampled by the GRIMM-1.108 has a much  
414 more dominant early morning peak and mid-afternoon minimum, without the second evening peak.

415 In Figure 5, at least two major contributors to UFP over the course of the day could be identified, in the  
416 morning and during the night. The presence of the morning peak is likely due to traffic-related emissions. Such a  
417 peak has also been identified in other species, as well as other studies in urban areas (Borsós et al.,  
418 2012; Mølgaard et al., 2013). There was a gradual increase in the UFP concentration from late afternoon which  
419 continues overnight till early morning hours. This nighttime feature of UFP was observed during weekends as  
420 well as on the weekdays. The reasons for this could be that the source contributing to this is something other than  
421 or in addition to traffic and may be active or enhanced overnight, the decrease in mixing layer height at night  
422 traps the particles in a smaller volume compared to daytime, and/or that night time deposition of particles is  
423 lower than daytime owing to higher atmospheric stability. The co-located trace gas measurement showed that the  
424 elevated UFP nighttime concentration correlates with toluene, among other gases such as CO. Daily  
425 observations also showed occasional and episodic “particle burst” (new particle formation) events for particles in  
426 the size range of 10-50 nm, which could be related to fresh plumes or to regional particle formation events.

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### 428 3.2 NMVOC measurements – Method comparison

429 The results of the four NMVOC measurement methods were compared and contrasted for benzene and  
430 toluene. While differences in e.g., instrumentation and measurement technique (mass-to-charge (*m/z*) ratios vs  
431 compounds), inlet location, and time resolution, do not allow for direct comparisons, a comparison can be useful  
432 to understand how different or similar the information provided by the various methods can be. A summary of  
433 these methods and the compounds measured, including information on the detection limits and sampling times is  
434 provided in Table S1.

435 The 30-min data reported from the BLUME network was compared to the PTR-MS data for *m/z* 79  
436 (benzene) and *m/z* 93 (toluene), as both instruments provide high time-resolution data. The correlations between  
437 the two methods were good given the imperfect nature of the comparison, both with Pearson’s *r* values for  
438 benzene and toluene of 0.39, significant at the *p*<0.05 level. The lower correlation values were likely owing to a  
439 number of factors including the differences in measurement method, and in location of the inlets for each  
440 instrument and thereby source influences – one of which was located on the street side of the van at ca. 2.5 m  
441 above ground, while the other was located above the measurement container ca. 5 m from the street. The inlet at  
442 the street would be influenced more directly by vehicle emissions in comparison to the inlet above the  
443 measurement container, which is especially relevant in that the PTR-MS was likely influenced by individual  
444 vehicles, while this would not be the case for the container measurements. This influence of vehicles on the  
445 PTRMS data at higher time resolution is supported by an increase in Pearson’s *r* values with longer averaging  
446 times, which reduces the influence of individual vehicles. For 1 h (3 h) average concentrations the *r* values  
447 increase to 0.48 (0.58) and 0.53 (0.71) for benzene and toluene, respectively, all significant at the *p*<0.05 level.  
448 Furthermore, the Pearson’s *r* values for the correlations between the BLUME network and the individual  
449 canisters were 0.39 (benzene) and 0.83 (toluene), both statistically significant with *p*-values <0.05, and between  
450 BLUME and the cartridge samples 0.51 (toluene) and not significant for benzene. All benzene and toluene  
451 measurements are shown in Figure S2.



452 In order to investigate the possibility of identifying molecular structures of PTR-MS derived  $m/z$   
453 measurements, a comparison of the continuous measurements of the PTR-MS and intermittent canister samples  
454 was also carried out. For a number of cases only one compound quantified from the canister samples matched a  
455 specific  $m/z$ , while in other cases multiple compounds were quantified in the canister samples that had the same  
456 mass. For example, propanal, acetone, n-butane, and 2-methylpropane all have a molecular weight  
457 corresponding to  $m/z$  59 (molar weight  $M_w = 58 \text{ g/mole} + M_w(\text{H}^+) = 1 \text{ g/mole}$ ), among which the PTR-MS  
458 cannot distinguish. In some cases, the fractional contribution of compounds with the same  $m/z$  ratio was  
459 relatively similar across all canister samples, as for o-xylene, m+p-xylene, and ethylbenzene ( $m/z$  107). However  
460 this was rather the exception, with relative contributions more typically showing significant variation among the  
461 canister samples (see Figure S3 in the SI). Correlations between the canister samples and PTR-MS results were  
462 carried out for 35  $m/z$  values for which at least one compound was quantified in the canister samples. While the  
463 absolute  $r$  values of the correlations ranged from 0.00016 to 0.63, the correlations were generally quite poor,  
464 showing little to no correlation for many of the  $m/z$  (only 9 of the 35  $m/z$  values had  $r$  values greater than 0.3).  
465 While the difference in e.g., inlet locations, likely played a role, these results seem to indicate that the differences  
466 in instrument and quantification method result in substantial differences in what is being quantified so that the  
467 comparison does not hold real value.

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### 469 3.3 NMVOC Measurements – Characterization of different locations by canister sampling

470 The average fractional contribution to mixing ratio by compound class for each of the Neukölln,  
471 Altlandsberg, Plänterwald sites, the Tiergarten tunnel and the AVUS motorway samples is presented in Figure 6.  
472 The number of compounds included in each class was: alkanes (19), alkenes and alkynes (13), aromatics (14),  
473 oxygenated (6), and biogenics and their oxidation products (5; referred to as ‘biogenics’ for simplicity). For a  
474 complete list of the compounds and their grouping, see the supplemental information. In the following text and  
475 figures two extremely high values for acetone were removed (one sample from the Neukölln station, and one  
476 from the Altlandsberg samples). Since these two values were extreme outliers, their origin remains unclear.  
477 Therefore we have removed them from the averages and treated them separately. (Text is included in the SI to  
478 demonstrate how these two values change the results presented here.) The largest contributions of the quantified  
479 VOCs to mixing ratio were from the alkanes (27 - 41 %) and oxygenated (23 - 55 %) compounds. Biogenics  
480 were always a minor contribution to mixing ratio, but their contribution was largest in the Plänterwald samples  
481 (11 %) and negligible at the two traffic locations. Alkenes/alkynes and aromatics showed the largest contribution  
482 to mixing ratio at the traffic sites, at 17 - 23 % and 14 %, respectively. The highest total NMVOC mixing ratio of  
483 those compounds measured here was found at the traffic sites (Tiergarten tunnel,  $64 \pm 17 \text{ ppbv}$ ; AVUS  
484 motorway,  $170 \pm 82 \text{ ppbv}$ ; average mixing ratio  $\pm$  standard deviation among the samples). The total mixing  
485 ratios of the 57 measured compounds at Altlandsberg and at the urban background station in Neukölln, showed  
486 similar results, with an average mixing ratio and standard deviation of  $14 \pm 6.4 \text{ ppbv}$  and  $19 \pm 5.6 \text{ ppbv}$ ,  
487 respectively. The mixing ratios found in Plänterwald were similar to the urban background location, with an  
488 average of  $17 \pm 3.4 \text{ ppbv}$ , although with a larger contribution from biogenics. In comparison, total NMHC  
489 mixing ratios for urban background in Paris during the MEGAPOLI winter campaign was  $12 \text{ ppbv}$  (midnight  
490 median levels) or  $17 \text{ ppbv}$  (maximum of median daily values), with somewhat lower mixing ratios measured  
491 during the summer campaign (Dolgorouky et al., 2012; Ait-Helal et al., 2014).



492 Previously, a measurement campaign was carried out during June-August of 1996 in Berlin, during  
493 which samples were taken at the Neukölln urban background station, as well as at a traffic station on Frankfurter  
494 Allee. During this campaign, VOC measurements were taken 4 times a day for 2 hours over the course of one  
495 week (7 days) of each month using bag samples, adsorption tubes and DNPH cartridges and analyzed by gas-  
496 chromatography (Thijssse et al., 1999). This provides a good basis for comparison to the NMVOCs measured by  
497 canister sampling (most similar in method) during this campaign almost 20 years later. Overall, the mixing ratios  
498 for most compounds that were measured in both projects at the urban background location in Neukölln were  
499 lower now than in 1996 (Figure 7). For the traffic locations the results are less clear. Given that the Frankfurter  
500 Allee monitoring station is a traffic station, these measurements would likely be more comparable to the  
501 Tiergarten Tunnel measurements of this study, rather than those samples taken during a traffic jam on the AVUS  
502 motorway where concentrations were extremely elevated. Indeed, the mixing ratios measured during the traffic  
503 jam were found to be higher in most cases than those measured in 1996 at Frankfurter Allee. However, the  
504 comparison between the Tiergarten Tunnel measurements and Frankfurter Allee showed much more similar  
505 results to those of the urban background station comparison, with concentrations generally being lower today  
506 than ca. 20 years ago (Thijssse et al., 1999).

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### 508 3.4 OH Reactivity

509 To better understand the role of these compounds with respect to their role in ozone formation and  
510 atmospheric reactivity, the reactivity with respect to OH ( $R_{OH}$ ) was calculated. These results are shown in Figure  
511 6 and parallel the results presented for the mixing ratios. In all cases, including other studies discussed, the  
512 values presented are calculated OH reactivity based on measurements of NMVOCs and not OH reactivity that  
513 was measured directly. The relative importance of the biogenics, alkenes and alkynes, and to a lesser extent the  
514 aromatics increased when considering OH reactivity as is visible in Figure 6 (for a complete list of compounds  
515 included in these classes, see the SI). The largest contribution to OH reactivity was from either the biogenics and  
516 their oxidation products (0-75%) or the alkenes and alkynes (10-55%), depending on the location, with the  
517 alkenes and alkynes dominating at the traffic locations, where the biogenic contribution was negligible. The  
518 NMVOCs included in each of these categories are provided in Table S1. The contribution to OH reactivity from  
519 alkanes ranged from 4% (Plänterwald) to 18% (AVUS motorway). While the contribution from oxygenated  
520 compounds, despite their substantial contribution to mixing ratio, ranged from only 5-13% of OH reactivity.  
521 Furthermore, the contribution to the biogenic OH reactivity at Plänterwald originated largely from isoprene  
522 (88%), with 7% from  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene. Similar contributions were found at Neukölln and Altlandsberg. The  
523 mean (median [25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile]) total OH reactivity from the 57 species was  $2.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $2.6 [2.1, 3.0] \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) at  
524 Neukölln, and ranged from  $2.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $2.2 [1.5, 2.8] \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) at Altlandsberg to  $34 \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $34 [29, 39] \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) from the AVUS  
525 motorway.

526 An earlier study (BERLIOZ) also made measurements of  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$  NMHCs in Berlin and at sites in the  
527 surrounding area, mostly focused on the production of ozone in downwind locations of the city (Winkler et al.,  
528 2002; Volz-Thomas et al., 2003; Becker et al., 2002). They report OH reactivity for two sites outside of Berlin,  
529 Blossin (ca. 15-20 km southeast of the Berlin city boundary) and Pabsthum (ca. 30-35 km northwest of the  
530 Berlin city boundary). The total OH reactivity reported at these sites range between  $1 - 7 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  and ca.  $0.25 - 2$   
531  $\text{sec}^{-1}$ , respectively. These are similar to those values found at the urban background locations in Berlin, with the  
532 most comparable location being Altlandsberg ( $2.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The contribution from isoprene to the OH reactivity was



533 found to be 70% at Blossin and 51% at Pabstthum, on average, although during the passing of a city plume at  
534 Pabstthum 46% of reactivity was contributed by isoprene, with the remaining contribution attributed to  
535 anthropogenic NMHCs (Winkler et al., 2002).

536 The total OH reactivity values of measured VOCs in Berlin ( $2.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) are similar to the average total OH  
537 reactivity from VOCs observed in other European cities, such as Paris (ca.  $4.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and London ( $1.8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )  
538 (Dolgorouky et al., 2012; Whalley et al., 2016), and, not surprisingly, lower than those observed at cities in the  
539 Pearl River Delta region of China ( $8\text{--}14 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Specifically, Liu et al. (2008) reported OH reactivity from a  
540 measurement campaign in Ghangzhou and Xinken during one month in the autumn of 2004. The OH reactivity  
541 from alkanes, alkenes, and aromatics from Ghangzhou was reported to be  $1.9 \pm 1.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $8.8 \pm 6.8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and  $2.9 \pm$   
542  $2.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively. In all cases, these values are about one order of magnitude greater than those calculated for  
543 the urban background locations during this campaign (see Table 2). The level for isoprene ( $0.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )  
544 however, was much more similar to the OH reactivity reported for the biogenics at the urban background  
545 locations in this study. In London, OH reactivity of alkanes, alkenes+alkynes, aromatics, and biogenics was  
546 reported to be  $0.81 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $0.47 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $0.235 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and  $0.25 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively, which are values much more similar to those  
547 in this study (Whalley et al., 2016). The relative importance of alkanes and alkenes+alkynes was the reverse for  
548 London compared to Berlin.

549 In the MEGAPOLI winter campaign in Paris, total calculated mean OH reactivity was reported to be  
550  $17.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , although this included not only NMVOCs, but also methane, CO, NO, and NO<sub>2</sub> (Dolgorouky et al.,  
551 2012). The OH reactivity attributed to the 29 non-methane hydrocarbons and oxygenated VOCs was 23% ( $4.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )  
552 of the total, somewhat higher than those values reported here (57 NMVOCs) for the urban background  
553 locations. Comparing to the OH reactivity values in Berlin is difficult, since for the winter campaign in Paris,  
554 Ait-Helal et al. (2014) report that the concentrations of the VOCs are generally shown to be lower during  
555 summer, specifically for many of the anthropogenic compounds, although this does vary by compound.  
556 Therefore, the OH reactivity values for Paris considered here should be considered an upper limit for the  
557 comparison with this study. The calculated mean OH reactivity attributed to NO and CO was  $1.75 \text{ s}^{-1}$  each, and  
558  $9.63 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for NO<sub>2</sub> in Paris (Dolgorouky et al., 2012). By comparison, the mean OH reactivity calculated for  
559 August (to match the time during which the canister samples were taken at Neukölln) was  $0.58 \pm 1.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $0.87$   
560  $\pm 0.30 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for NO and CO, respectively, and  $4.5 \pm 3.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for NO<sub>2</sub>, which is again, lower, as with the VOCs, but  
561 not unreasonable given the context of the comparison.

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### 563 3.4.1 OH reactivity – direct comparison to a previous study in London and Paris

564 As a comparison to the  $R_{\text{OH}}$  estimates calculated for London and Paris based on ca. 10 years of  
565 monitoring data through 2009 (von Schneidmesser et al., 2011), a subset of the NMVOCs was taken to enable a  
566 more equal comparison to the values reported for summer (JJA) in that study. The only difference in the  
567 compounds included is the contribution of n-butane, which was not included in the Berlin calculations because  
568 of a local source of contamination (in London the contribution of n-butane to OH reactivity from this subset of  
569 NMVOCs was ca. 5% or less). The referenced study was focused on the contribution of biogenics, specifically  
570 isoprene, to OH reactivity. At the London Eltham site (urban background) isoprene contributed 25% to the OH  
571 reactivity for summer and 16% at Paris Les Halles, also an urban background location (24 total NMVOCs,  
572 including 9 alkanes, 9 alkenes/alkynes, 5 aromatics, 0 oxygenated, 1 biogenic) (von Schneidmesser et al.,  
573 2011). Using the reduced, matched set of compounds, isoprene accounts for 37% of OH reactivity at the



574 Neukölln location on average, and as much as 82% at the Plänterwald (urban park) location in Berlin. The  
575 Neukölln urban background location values are a bit higher than those in London and Paris, although not  
576 dramatically different. The Plänterwald urban park location however, demonstrates the importance of such areas  
577 for the biogenic influence on OH reactivity, especially considering that even at Harwell, a rural background  
578 location west of London in the UK, isoprene contributes on average only 10% of OH reactivity. Although, as  
579 pointed out in the study, this is likely an underestimation of the biogenic importance given that only isoprene is  
580 included and for northerly regions other biogenics, such as monoterpenes may play a more important role (von  
581 Schneidmesser et al., 2011).

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### 583 3.5 PM<sub>10</sub> Filters

#### 584 3.5.1 Bulk composition and HYSPLIT back trajectories

585 The PM<sub>10</sub> filters were analyzed for water soluble and water insoluble OC, EC, and ions. In addition,  
586 filter samples were grouped to ensure enough mass for analysis of organic molecular markers. The groups were  
587 informed by the bulk composition analysis results, including the ratio of water soluble to total OC and the ratio  
588 of ions to OC, and HYSPLIT back trajectories. The results of this bulk composition analysis are shown in Figure  
589 8. Select individual filters that had sufficient mass and did not fit with any of the other groups were analyzed  
590 individually (B17, B19, B30). All values listed for groups are an average of the results from the filters included  
591 in the group. The air mass origin as per HYSPLIT are summarized in Table 3 (see also Figure S4).

592 Groups A, B, C, and D show significant similarity in their percent of OC that is WSOC, which ranges  
593 from 27 to 34%. The ratio of ions (sulfate, nitrate, ammonium) to OC is however, very different. Groups B and C  
594 have an ions:OC ratio of 1.2 and 0.98, while groups A and D have ratios of 0.56 and 0.50, respectively. The  
595 PM<sub>10</sub> mass loadings for B (20 μg m<sup>-3</sup>) and C (24 μg m<sup>-3</sup>) were lower than for A (27 μg m<sup>-3</sup>) and D (35 μg m<sup>-3</sup>),  
596 see Table 3. The back trajectories (Figure S4) show that prior to arriving in Berlin, the air masses primarily  
597 passed over Germany for group A. While some additional filters fit the general patterns outlined here, the  
598 number of filters included in the group was reduced to focus more on back trajectories in the group that  
599 originated from over Germany itself. The air masses that characterize group D originated from the Northeast,  
600 passing over the Baltic coast and Poland before arriving in Berlin. For group B the air masses originated from  
601 the West over the Atlantic (not further than 20 degrees W) and passed over northern France, the BeNeLux region  
602 and central Germany before arriving in Berlin. For group C, the air masses originated from the North West, over  
603 the North Sea as far as Iceland, passing between the UK and the Scandinavian Peninsula before arriving in  
604 Berlin. Both B and C had higher concentrations of sodium and nitrate than A and D, while A and D had higher  
605 concentrations of OC and marginally higher concentrations of sulfate than B and C (Figure 8). The  
606 concentrations of EC ranged between 1.1 and 1.9 μg m<sup>-3</sup> but did not group as with the other species, with the  
607 lowest concentration in group B and the highest in group C.

608 Group E had a very low percent of WSOC (19%) and an ions:OC ratio of 0.59. It also had the lowest  
609 PM<sub>10</sub> mass (20 μg m<sup>-3</sup>), and either the lowest or among the lowest concentrations for all ions. The OC  
610 concentration however, was 5.5 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, which was roughly in the middle of the OC concentrations measured,  
611 while the EC concentration was also the lowest at 0.71 μg m<sup>-3</sup>. The air masses originated from the North, passing  
612 over Scandinavia, the North Sea, or the UK before arriving in Berlin.

613 B17, B19, and B30 were analyzed individually because their bulk composition analysis and back  
614 trajectory patterns did not group well with the others, and sufficient mass was available for tracer analysis



615 without needing to composite filters (Table 3, Figure 8). B17 and B30 had a higher percent WSOC (66% and  
616 56%, respectively), and ions:OC ratios of 1.3 and 2.4, respectively. 37% of OC was WSOC for B19, and the  
617 ions:OC ratio was 0.77. Total PM<sub>10</sub> mass was 38.8 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, 31.0 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, and 39.5 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, and OC concentrations  
618 were 7.0 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, 5.9 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, and 3.9 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, for B17, B19, and B30, respectively. All three samples had  
619 significantly larger contributions from sulfate, and to a lesser extent also higher ammonium, compared to the  
620 other groups. The back trajectories associated with B17 and B19 both passed over Poland before arriving in  
621 Berlin, with the air masses associated with B19 extending more northward as well. For B30 the air originates  
622 from the West with some passing over northern France, but mostly comes from over Germany itself. The  
623 significant presence of ammonium and sulfate likely indicates influence of agriculture, as ammonium sulfate is  
624 commonly used in fertilizer and more than 95% of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in Europe originate from agriculture (Harrison  
625 and Webb, 2001; Backes et al., 2016; EEA, 2016). B30 also has a large amount of nitrate in contrast to all other  
626 samples, and somewhat higher concentrations of potassium and sodium as well. B17 had the highest  
627 concentration of EC (2.3 μg m<sup>-3</sup>) of all samples.

628 There were significant concentrations of sulfate across all samples, ranging from 1.2-6.0 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, but  
629 particularly so in B17, B19, and B30. Sulfate is typically attributed to industrial sources, as the content of sulfate  
630 in fuels has been reduced significantly and is now quite low (Villalobos et al., 2015). Sea-salt is in this case not  
631 likely as a source, as Berlin is not within close proximity of a coastal region where such components are  
632 typically identified (Putaud et al., 2004). In general the significant contributions of sulfate, nitrate, and  
633 ammonium are indicative of a secondary inorganic aerosol (ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate) (Putaud  
634 et al., 2004; Schauer et al., 1996). Previous work has shown that secondary inorganic aerosol over northwestern  
635 Europe, including Germany, contribute significantly – about 50% – to the PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations (Banzhaf et al.,  
636 2013). Two studies by Putaud et al. (Putaud et al., 2004; Putaud et al., 2010) summarize the relative contribution  
637 of major constituent chemical species to PM mass, including for near-city and urban background locations. In  
638 comparison to the numbers cited in that study (2004 all European sites; 2010 north-western European sites), the  
639 percent contribution of nitrate (15%; 14%), ammonium (7%; not listed), and sulfate (13%; 14%) to PM<sub>10</sub> mass at  
640 the urban background site in Berlin were quite similar, ranging from 1-11% (nitrate), 1-5% (ammonium), and 6-  
641 16% (sulfate) in Berlin.

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### 643 3.5.2 Organic molecular markers

644 The concentrations by composited sample are shown in Figure 9 for the organic molecular markers.  
645 Levoglucosan has been established as a molecular marker for biomass burning (Simoneit et al., 1999). The  
646 concentrations measured here ranged from 15-60 ng m<sup>-3</sup>. While high concentrations of levoglucosan in urban  
647 areas are often associated with residential wood combustion during colder months, it can also be owing to crop  
648 burning, wild fires, coal combustion and/or long-range transport of smoke from biomass burning (Simoneit,  
649 2002; Zhang et al., 2008; Shen et al., 2016). The concentrations measured during this summer campaign in Berlin  
650 were similar to those measured in PM<sub>10</sub> from other European cities during summertime, and ca. an order of  
651 magnitude lower than concentrations observed in winter (Caseiro and Oliveira (2012) and references therein).  
652 The study by Caseiro and Oliveira (2012) confirms the likelihood of agricultural residue burning and/or wildfires  
653 as a summertime source for levoglucosan.

654 Alkanes are useful tracers to distinguish between fossil fuel sources and vegetative detritus. This  
655 distinction is informed by the odd-even carbon number predominance, specifically of the C<sub>29</sub>, C<sub>31</sub>, and C<sub>33</sub> *n*-



656 alkanes to indicate plant material as a source (Rogge et al., 1993). As is visible in Figure 9, the concentrations of  
657 those odd *n*-alkanes are much greater than the corresponding even *n*-alkanes. Furthermore, the carbon preference  
658 index (CPI) was calculated for the samples using the C<sub>29</sub>-C<sub>33</sub> *n*-alkanes and ranged from 1.9-5.5, with an average  
659 of 3.6. CPI values of ca. 1 are indicative of fossil fuel emission sources, whereas values of ca. 2 or greater are  
660 indicative of biogenic detritus (Simoneit, 1986), as is clearly the case for these samples.

661 Hopanes have been established as markers for diesel and gasoline vehicle emissions, stemming from  
662 petroleum product utilization and lubricating oil used in vehicles (Schauer et al., 1996;Rushdi et al.,  
663 2006;Simoneit, 1984). The concentrations of the two hopanes measured here and included in the CMB analysis  
664 ranged from 0.04-0.13 ng m<sup>-3</sup> as shown in Figure 9.

665 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are formed and emitted most typically during the incomplete  
666 combustion of fossil fuels or wood (Ravindra et al., 2008). The concentrations measured during this study ranged  
667 from 0-0.23 ng m<sup>-3</sup> for the individual PAHs shown in Figure 9. These concentrations are similar to, although on  
668 the lower end, of those measured in a study in Flanders, Belgium, including measurements at urban locations  
669 (Ravindra et al., 2006). Generally, PAH concentrations are lower in summertime owing to lower emissions and  
670 shorter lifetimes. The measurements here were conducted during summer, while the measurements in the study  
671 in Flanders covered more seasons. To distinguish between sources, PAH concentration profiles or ratios are  
672 used. For example, a ratio of benzo(b)fluoranthene to benzo(k)fluoranthene of greater than 0.5 has been  
673 identified as an indicator for diesel emissions sources (Park et al., 2002;Ravindra et al., 2008). In this study the  
674 ratio ranged from 1.9 to 7.2, indicating a strong influence of diesel emissions for these compounds.

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### 676 3.5.3 Chemical Mass Balance

677 The molecular markers analyzed in the organic carbon fraction of the PM<sub>10</sub> samples were used to  
678 conduct source apportionment analysis using chemical mass balance. The total OC for these samples ranged  
679 from 2.99 to 7.21 μg m<sup>-3</sup>. The amount of OC mass apportioned in the CMB analysis ranged from 21% to 49%.  
680 The source profiles included in the model to which OC was attributed includes vegetative detritus, diesel  
681 emissions, gasoline vehicle emissions, and wood burning. In addition, a fraction of the unapportioned OC was  
682 attributed to secondary organic aerosol based on the unapportioned fraction of water soluble OC and the amount  
683 attributed to wood burning, following Sannigrahi et al. (2006). The source contributions to OC, as well as the  
684 fitting statistics are listed in Table 4, and shown in Figure 10.

685 For B17, B19, and B30 the SOA fraction is higher than for any of the others, at 63%, 34%, and 49% of  
686 OC, respectively. They also had the highest concentrations of levoglucosan, ranging from 37.8 to 60.1 ng m<sup>-3</sup>. As  
687 the primary tracer for biomass burning, these three samples also had the largest concentrations attributed to this  
688 source, ranging from 0.22 to 0.44 μg m<sup>-3</sup> of OC, but the relative contribution was only larger for B30 at 11%. All  
689 other samples had contributions that ranged between 2% and 4% of OC. These three samples had air masses that  
690 originated over Poland (B17, B19) and Germany (B30), indicating a more local-regional source for the biomass  
691 burning. The higher concentrations of potassium in these samples, also an indicator for biomass burning  
692 (Andreae, 1983), provides additional confirmation. The relatively high concentrations of ammonium and sulfate  
693 in these samples may indicate an agricultural influence. Those samples originating from regions to the  
694 West/North had somewhat lower concentrations overall relative to those originating from regions to the  
695 East/North, as shown in Figure 10.



696 The contribution of diesel emissions ranged from 0.24 - 0.81  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , corresponding to 4 - 21% of OC  
697 fraction. The highest fractional contribution was found in GRC (concentration 0.74  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) (air masses  
698 originating over the North Sea), while the highest concentration was found in sample B17 (fractional  
699 contribution 12%) (from Poland to the East). The diesel from GRC could also have its origin in shipping  
700 emissions, as well as diesel vehicles. High contributions of diesel did not necessarily correspond to high  
701 contributions of gasoline vehicle emissions, which were lower than the contributions from diesel and ranged  
702 from 0.11 - 0.28  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  and 2 - 7% of OC. The highest contribution in terms of fractional contribution and  
703 concentration was found in B30.

704 The contribution of vegetative detritus was among the largest source contributions and ranged from 0.51  
705 - 1.4  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (11-20%). The relative importance of this source is reflected in the concentrations of the alkanes, as  
706 shown in Figure 9, and their average CPI of 3.6. The largest contribution was found for GRD with air masses  
707 originating over the North Sea.

708 For all samples, a significant amount of secondary organic aerosol was calculated, 0.87 - 4.4  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (18  
709 - 63%). While this was the contribution to OC, high concentrations of inorganics (sulfate, ammonium, nitrate)  
710 support this significant contribution from secondary aerosol overall.

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### 712 3.5.4 Source apportionment – emission inventory comparison

713 The source apportionment results were compared to the emissions inventory (EI) from TNO-MACC III  
714 (Kuenen et al., 2014). The grid cells for Berlin were extracted and the percent of total emissions for OC by  
715 source category for the Berlin area for June, July, and August as a rough comparison to the source apportionment  
716 results was calculated. Both diesel and gasoline vehicle exhaust sources have significant contributions, although  
717 diesel contributes ca. 19% to total OC emissions in the inventory, whereas gasoline vehicles contribute only  
718 about 1%. Biogenic sources are not included in the inventory. If we focus on the primary sources from the source  
719 apportionment results, the diesel and gasoline vehicles contribute a significant fraction, with diesel comprising a  
720 larger fraction than gasoline vehicles, as in the inventory. The inventory also includes significant contributions  
721 from road transport originating from road, brake, and tire wear, which are not reflected in the CMB results,  
722 owing to the profiles used. About 8% of OC emissions are attributed to agriculture in the EI. This could  
723 contribute to both the biomass burning and vegetative detritus sources; the presence of significant secondary  
724 ammonium and nitrate also indicates an agricultural influence, even though this does not show up in the OC  
725 CMB. In all cases, these primary sources will contribute to secondary inorganic and organic aerosol formation.  
726 The contributions from non-industrial combustion and energy and other industries are not captured as primary  
727 source contributions in the CMB model. Overall, the comparison between the source apportionment results and  
728 the EI is a non-ideal comparison given the differences in methodology and the difference in terms of primary vs  
729 secondary sources that are or are not included. More specifically, the EI provides primary emissions estimates  
730 for a year for all Berlin grid cells (Kuenen et al., 2014), while the CMB results provide source attribution to  
731 ambient concentrations including primary and secondary sources for 3 months of summer at one location in  
732 Berlin. However, one would expect that general patterns are captured for significant sources, as it was for  
733 vehicle emissions, and the indication of agriculture.

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## 735 4 Conclusions



736 The data presented here provide an overview of the stationary measurements conducted during the  
737 BAERLIN2014 campaign. Of the three main aims of the campaign, two were addressed here, including (1)  
738 characterization of gaseous and particulate pollution, including source attribution, in the Berlin-Potsdam area, (2)  
739 quantification of the role of natural sources, especially vegetation, in determining levels of gaseous pollutants  
740 such as ozone.  $PM_{10}$  concentrations and the contributions from inorganic species, such as nitrate, sulfate, and  
741 ammonium that contribute substantially (10-24%) to secondary aerosol were found to be similar in terms of their  
742 relative contribution to  $PM_{10}$  in other European cities. Both the PM and gas-phase pollutants exhibited diurnal  
743 cycles indicative of anthropogenic sources, and the ratio of benzene to toluene indicated the influence of fresh,  
744 local emissions. Comparison of canister samples taken over the course of a day showed similarities which would  
745 seem to imply an urban background level for many NMVOC species. In addition to the secondary inorganic  
746 aerosol, a significant fraction of OC was attributed to secondary organic aerosol (18-63%) in the CMB analysis.

747 The influence of vegetation and biogenic emissions was demonstrated in the canister sample analysis, as  
748 well as the CMB results where vegetative detritus comprised one of the larger sources contributing to the OC  
749 fraction ranging from 11 to 20%. While the detected mixing ratios of the biogenic NMVOCs did not contribute  
750 significantly to the total NMVOC mixing ratio, the role in e.g., ozone formation, assessed by calculating OH  
751 reactivity, was much more significant. Biogenics and their oxidation products accounted for 31% of the OH  
752 reactivity at the urban background station in Neukölln and 75% at the urban park location (Plänterwald),  
753 demonstrating the importance of urban parks for biogenic emissions. These contributions from biogenics were  
754 higher than those found at comparable urban background locations in London and Paris. This is likely linked to  
755 the relatively high amount of land surface area in Berlin which is covered by vegetated areas (34%).

756 As an outlook, future research could build on this work to include additional analysis of PTR-MS data  
757 using positive matrix factorization to investigate the sources influencing NMVOC concentrations at the Neukölln  
758 location, as well as modeling studies to gain greater insight as to the impact of urban vegetation on ozone  
759 formation, both yielding further insight into the importance of biogenic VOCs in urban environments.

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## 761 5 Data availability

762 The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding  
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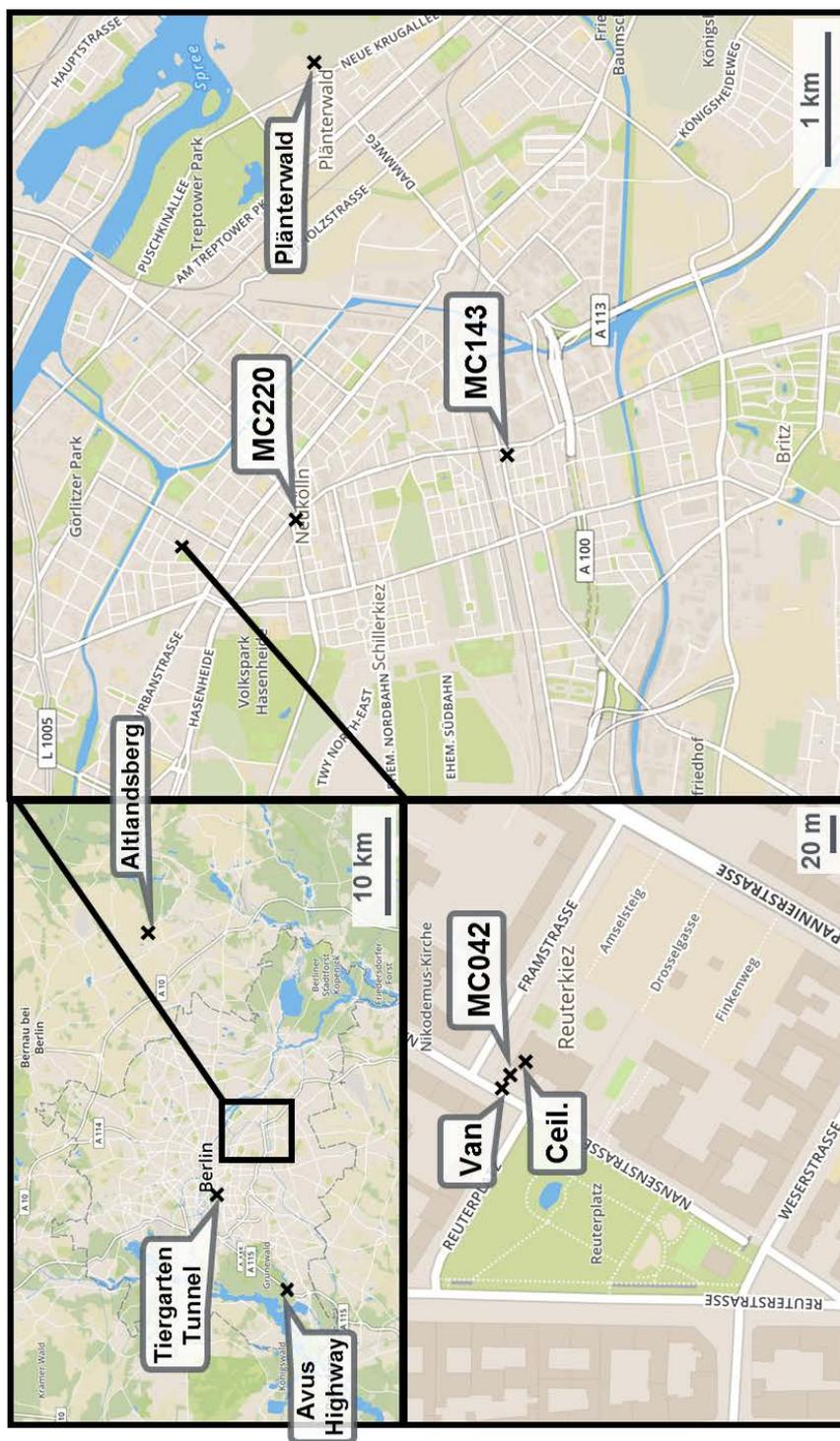
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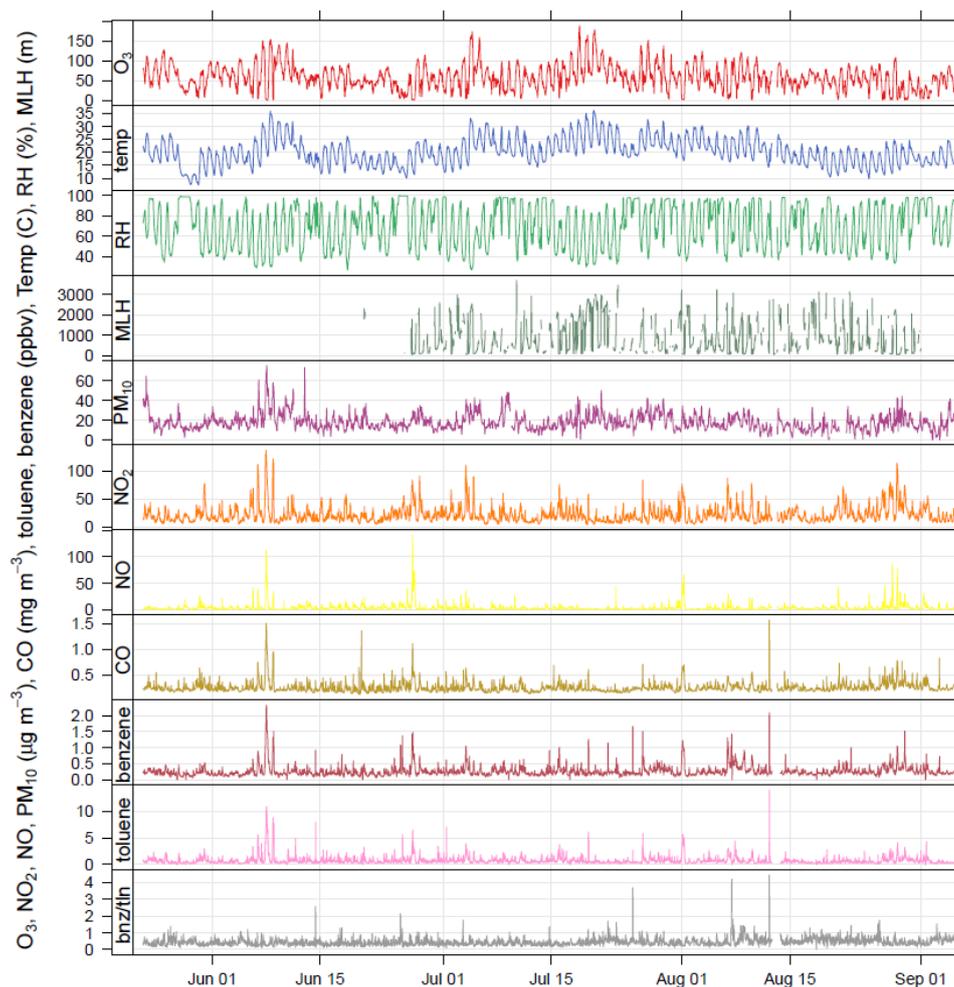
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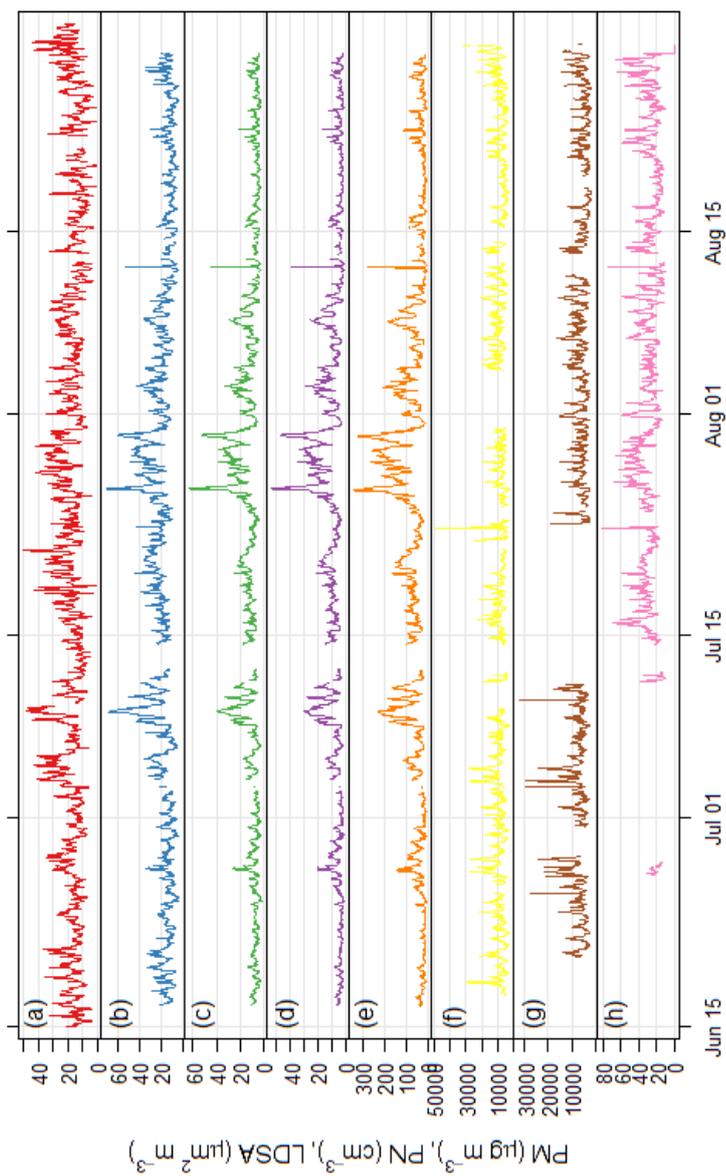
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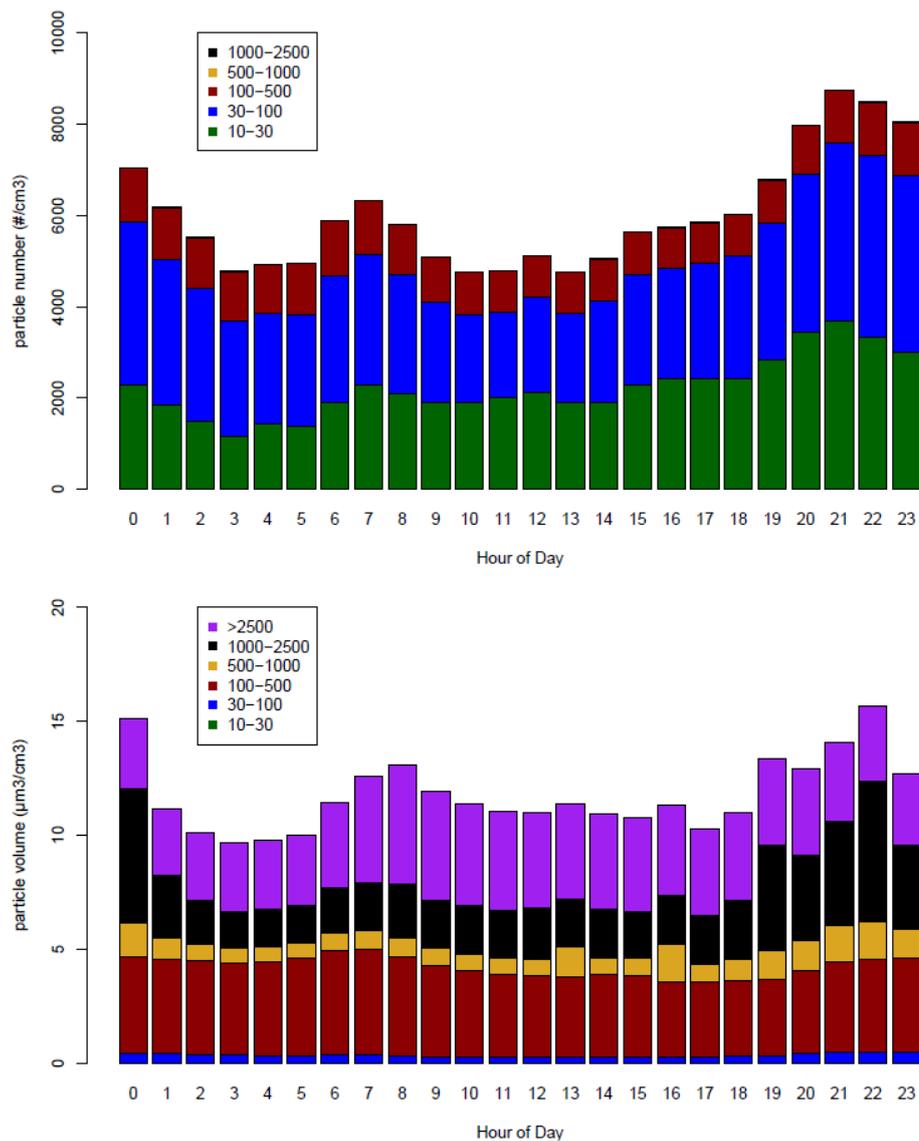
**Figure 1.** Location of the measurement station (MC042) and measurement van in Neukölln, Berlin. Maps show increasingly larger scale. The 'x' indicate sampling locations, with MC220 and MC143 indicating stations that record traffic counts. Map images from OpenStreetMap.



**Figure 2.** Time series of air pollutant concentrations, meteorological data, and benzene/toluene ratio measured as part of BLUME at the Neukölln station during the BAERLIN2014 campaign.



**Figure 3.** Time series of particulate matter mass, particle number, and lung depositable surface area concentrations measured at the Neukölln station during the BAERLIN2014 campaign. (a) BLUME PM10, (b) Grimm 1.108 PM10, (c) Grimm 1.108 PM2.5, (d) Grimm 1.108 PM1, (e) Grimm 1.108 PM1, (f) Grimm 5.416 PN, (g) Grimm 5.403 PN, (h) NSAM LDSA. Units given in the y-axis label.



**Figure 4.** Mean diurnal cycles of the (top) particle number and (bottom) particle volume distributions at Neukölln. Legends show particle size bin range in nm.

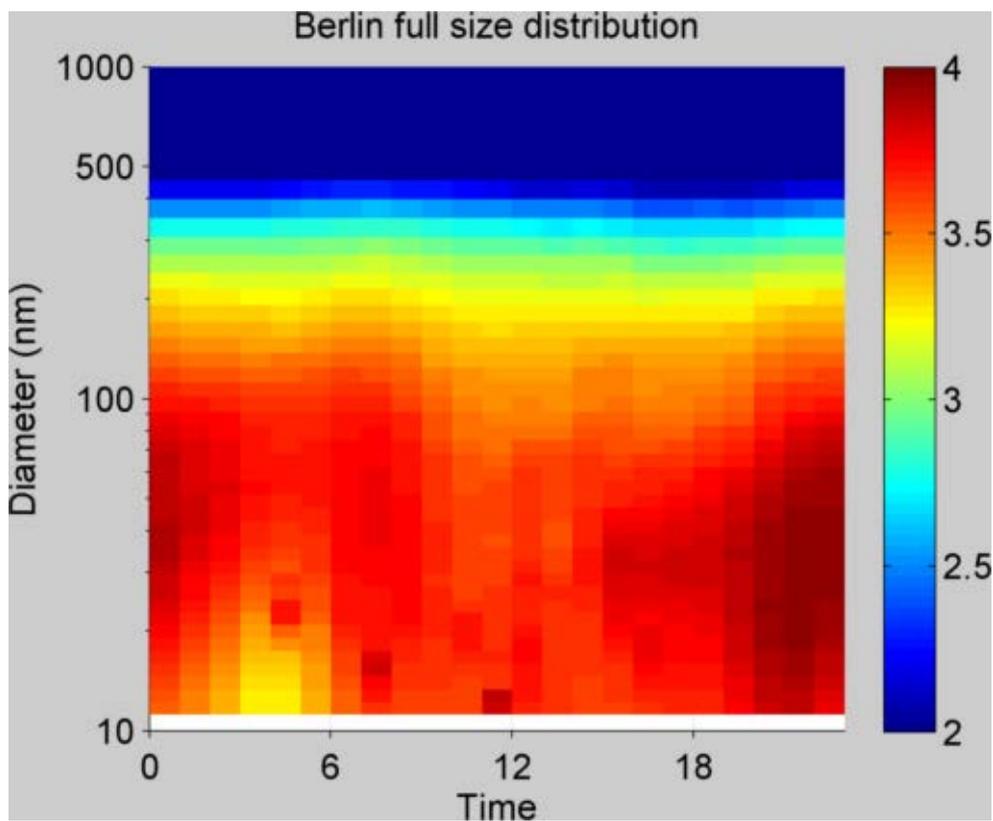
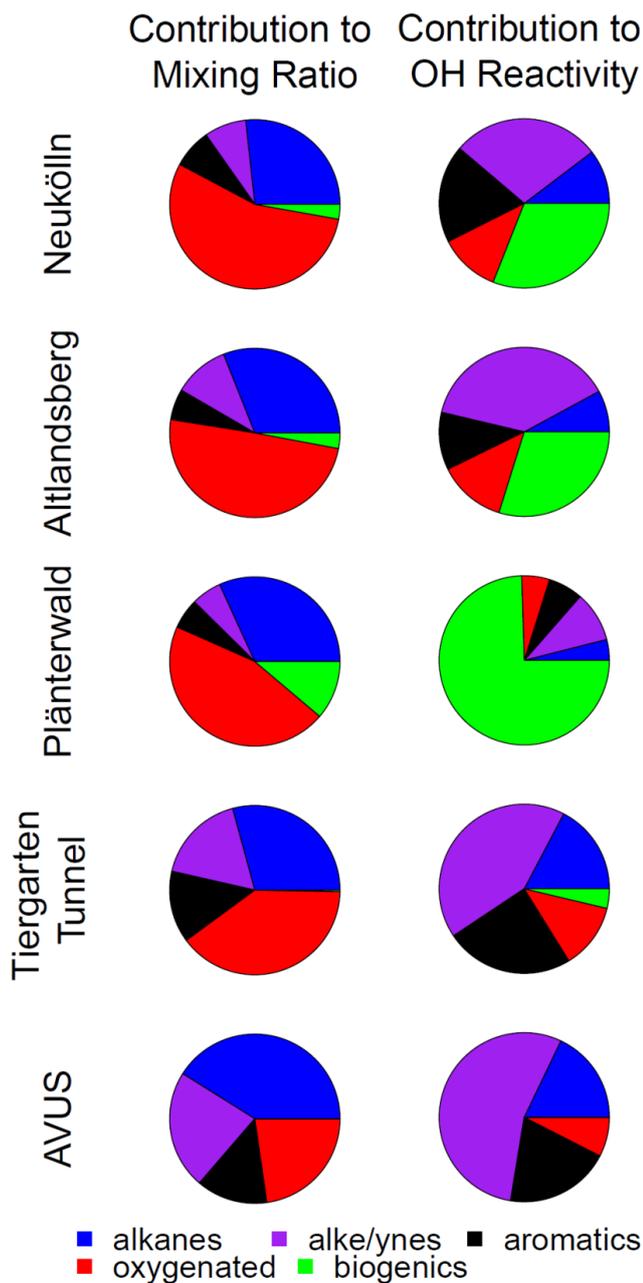
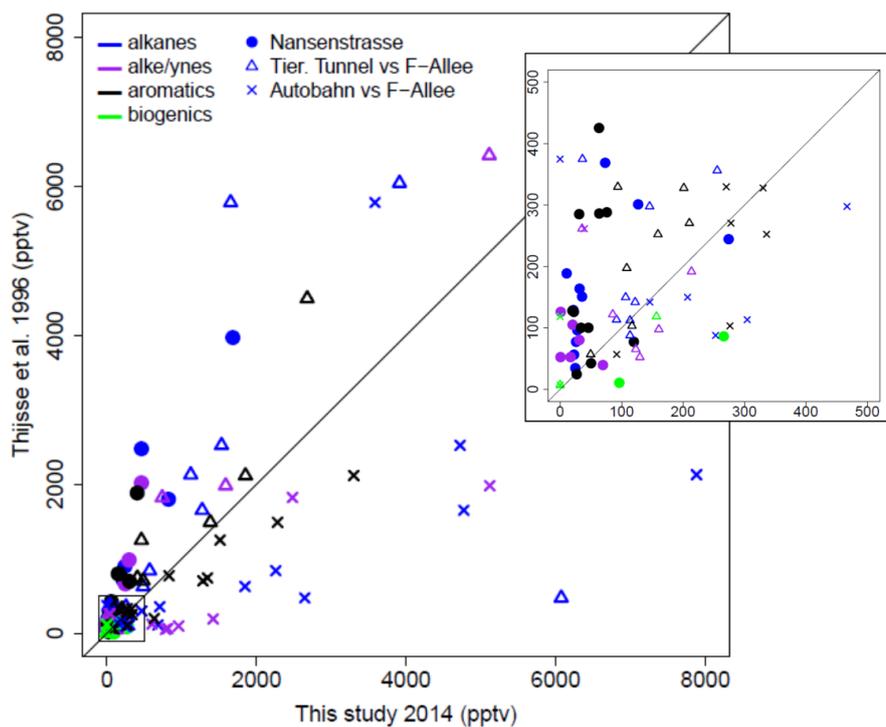


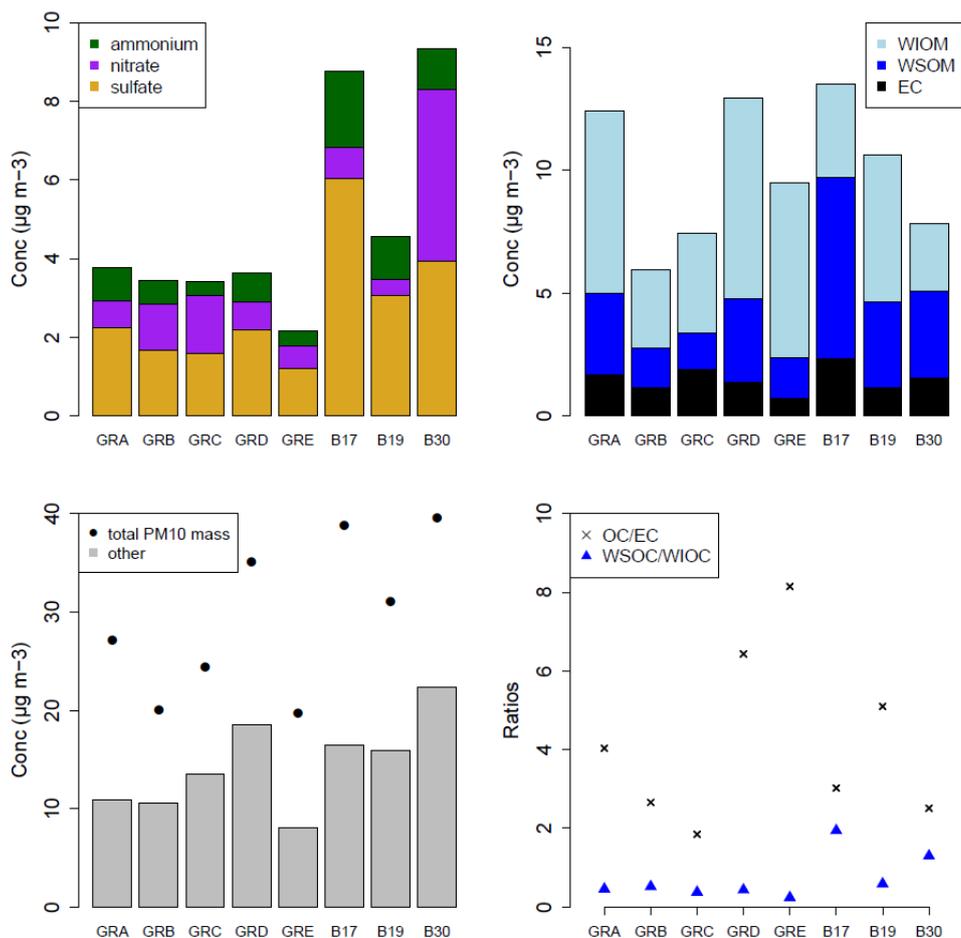
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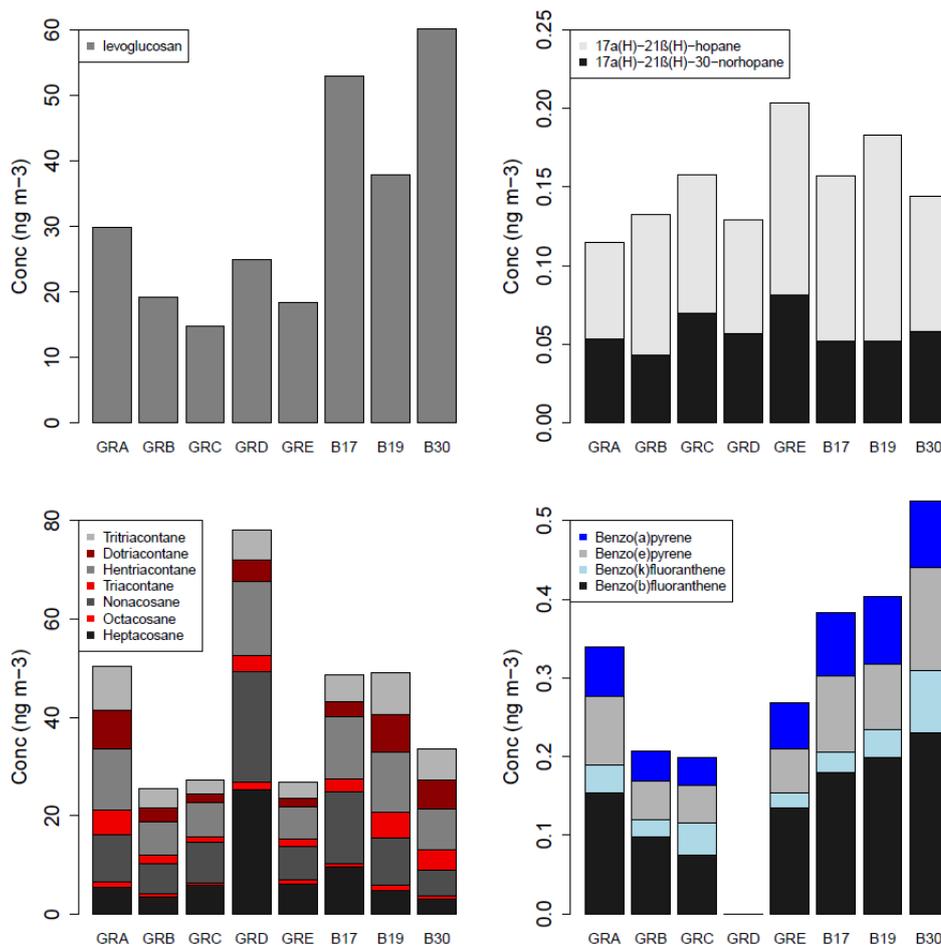
**Figure 6.** Mean fractional contribution to mixing ratio (left column) and OH reactivity (right column) by compound class, based on a total mixing ratio or OH reactivity calculated from 57 compounds for 5 sampling locations throughout the city. Total number of canister samples for each location are Neukölln (18), Altlandsberg (10), Plänterwald (11), Tiergarten Tunnel (9), and the AVUS (2). The individual compounds included in each class are available in the SI.



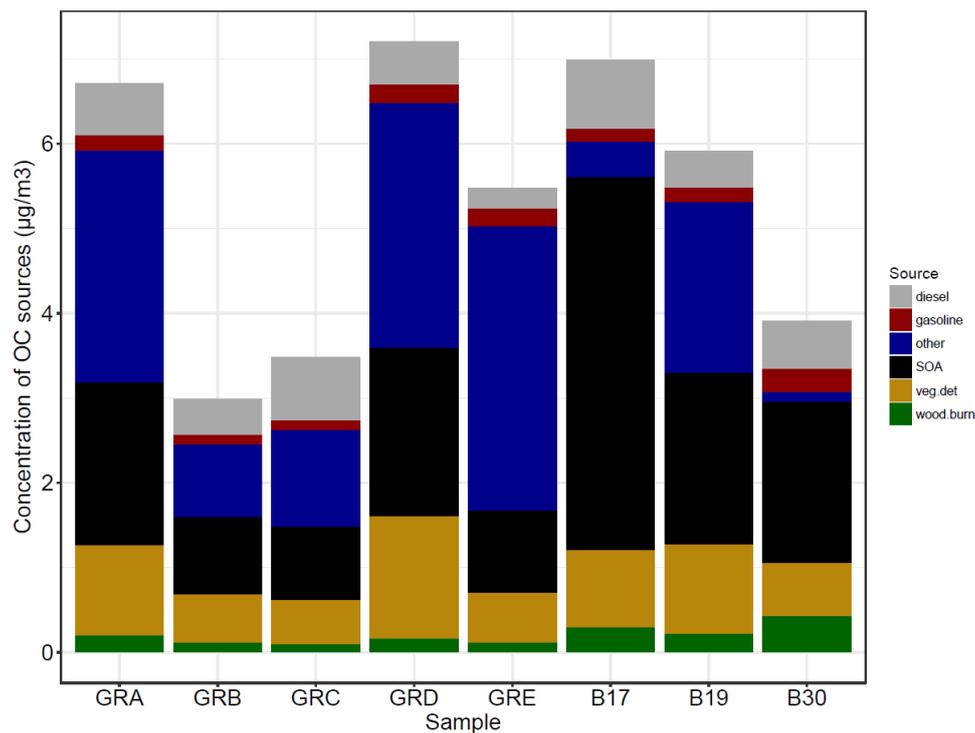
**Figure 7.** Comparison between VOC measurements in this study and comparable previous work from June-August of 1996 (Thijssse et al., 1999). Compound classes are distinguished by color. Sampling locations by character.



**Figure 8.** Bulk composition analysis results from the PM<sub>10</sub> filter samples, presented by filter groups, where GRA=Group A, GRB=Group B, etc. and B17, B19, B30 are individual filters. More information on the filter groups, including a some basic composition information and backtrajectory origin can be found in Table 3.



**Figure 9.** Molecular marker analysis results from the PM<sub>10</sub> filter samples, presented by filter groups, where GRA=Group A, GRB=Group B, etc. and B17, B19, B30 are individual filters. More information on the filter groups, including a some basic composition information and backtrajectory origin can be found in Table 3.



**Figure 10.** Source contributions attributed to the OC fraction of the PM<sub>10</sub> filter samples by filter groups, where GRA=Group A, GRB=Group B, etc. and B17, B19, B30 are individual filters. More information on the filter groups, including a some basic composition information and backtrajectory origin can be found in Table 3.


**Table 1.** List of participating institutions and instruments deployed at the urban background site in Berlin (Nanssenstrasse).

Institution	Instrument	Parameters	References
Berlin Senate	Leckel GmbH SEQ47/50 (x1)	PM <sub>10</sub>	DIN EN 16450:2015-10; Beuth, 2015
	Horiba APNA-370 Air Pollution Monitor	NO <sub>x</sub> , NO (measured directly); NO <sub>2</sub> (inferred)	DIN EN 14211:2005; Verbraucherschutz, 2010
	Horiba APOA-370 Air Pollution Monitor	O <sub>3</sub>	DIN EN 14625:2005; Verbraucherschutz, 2010
	Horiba APMA-370 Air Pollution Monitor	CO	DIN EN 14626:2005; Verbraucherschutz, 2010
KIT	AMA Instruments GC5000 BTX	Benzene, toluene	DIN EN 14662:2005; Verbraucherschutz, 2010
	Vaisala CL51 Cellometer	Mixing layer height	Emeis et al., 2007; Münkler et al., 2007; Wiegner et al., 2014
UBA	GRIMM 1.108	Particle number and size distribution (350-22500 nm), 15 size bins	Görner et al. 2012
	GRIMM 5.403	Particle number and size distribution (10-1100 nm), 44 size bins	Heim et al., 2004
IASS	GRIMM 5.416	Total particle number (4-3000 nm)	Helsper et al., 2008; Wiedensohler et al., 2017
	NSAM	Particle surface area (10-1000 nm)	Kaminski et al., 2013; VDI 2017
FZJ	PTR-MS	NMVOCs (for a complete list of m/z see Table S1)	Bourtsoukidis et al. 2014
	Canister samples	NMVOCs (for a list of compounds, see Table 8 in Bonn et al., 2016, or for the 57 compounds included in this analysis the SI)	Urban 2010; Ehlers et al. 2016
FMI-Helsinki	Filter sampling/analysis	PM <sub>10</sub> , mass, EC, OC	Kofahl 2012; Ehlers 2013
	Cartridge samples	Biogenic NMVOCs	Mäki et al. 2017
UW-Madison	Filter analysis	WSOC, WIOC, ions, organic tracers	Yang et al., 2003; Wang et al., 2005; Miyazaki et al., 2011; Villalobos et al., 2015



**Table 2.** NMVOC canister sampling locations, site type, and average OH reactivity ( $s^{-1}$ )

	Location type	alkanes	alkenes	aromatics	oxygenated	biogenics	total
Neukölln†	Urban background station	0.27±0.10	0.75±0.40	0.49±0.29	0.29±0.08	0.82±0.44	2.6±0.68
Altlandsberg	Rural, agricultural area with a small town, partially forested	0.17±0.10	0.83±0.43	0.22±0.11	0.28±0.17	0.65±0.42	2.2±0.69
Plänterwald	ca. 1 km <sup>2</sup> urban park abutting the Spree river in eastern Berlin	0.20±0.06	0.47±0.14	0.33±0.12	0.25±0.04	3.7±0.90	4.9±1.0
Tiergarten Tunnel*	2.4 km tunnel, major 4-lane city thoroughfare in central Berlin	2.0±2.2	4.4±1.1	2.6±1.3	1.3±0.70	0.39±0.24	11±2.5
AVUS*	Highly trafficked motorway in western Berlin (traffic jam)	6.3±3.2	19±7.4	6.6±1.6	2.8±2.3	0.00±0.00	34±15

\* automated sampling while driving; all other samples taken from a stationary location.

† 20 minute sampling duration. All other samples had 10 minute sampling duration.



**Table 3.** Basic bulk composition results, ratios, and air mass origin from HYSPLIT. Units are  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  unless otherwise noted. For OC and ED measurement uncertainty is included.

	Total PM10	Air mass origin (HYSPLIT)	Total OC ( $\pm$ unc)	Total EC ( $\pm$ unc)	Total Ions*	OC:EC ratio	WSOC of OC (%)	Ions:OC ratio**
Group A	27.1	Germany	6.7 $\pm$ 0.34	1.7 $\pm$ 0.084	5.1	4.0	31%	0.56
Group B	20.0	central Germany, northern France	3.0 $\pm$ 0.15	1.1 $\pm$ 0.057	5.3	2.7	34%	1.2
Group C	24.4	North Sea	3.5 $\pm$ 0.17	1.9 $\pm$ 0.094	5.7	1.8	27%	0.98
Group D	35.1	Baltic	7.2 $\pm$ 0.36	1.4 $\pm$ 0.069	5.0	6.4	30%	0.50
Group E	19.6	North Sea, Scandinavia, UK	5.5 $\pm$ 0.27	0.71 $\pm$ 0.035	3.2	8.1	19%	0.39
B17	38.8	Poland & east	7.0 $\pm$ 0.35	2.3 $\pm$ 0.12	11	3.0	66%	1.3
B19	31.0	Poland & north	5.9 $\pm$ 0.30	1.2 $\pm$ 0.058	6.0	5.1	37%	0.77
B30	39.5	Germany (northern France)	3.9 $\pm$ 0.20	1.6 $\pm$ 0.078	15	2.5	56%	2.4

\*Ions includes 7 species and is not limited to sulfate, nitrate, and ammonium.

\*\*Ratio of ions (sulfate, nitrate, ammonium) to OC

**Table 4.** Chemical mass balance source apportionment results. Units are  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  unless otherwise noted. Uncertainty is measurement uncertainty, in the case of SOA propagated uncertainty.

	Total OC (unc)	% OC mass apportioned	measured WSOC (unc)	SOA* (unc)	veg. det. (std error)	wood burn. (std error)	diesel emissions (std error)	gasoline vehicles (std error)	R <sup>2</sup>	$\chi^2$
Group A	6.71 $\pm$ 0.34	30.8	2.06 $\pm$ 0.10	1.91 $\pm$ 0.11	1.07 $\pm$ 0.13	0.21 $\pm$ 0.04	0.61 $\pm$ 0.06	0.19 $\pm$ 0.02	0.77	12.39
Group B	2.99 $\pm$ 0.15	41.2	1.00 $\pm$ 0.05	0.91 $\pm$ 0.05	0.57 $\pm$ 0.07	0.12 $\pm$ 0.03	0.42 $\pm$ 0.04	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.8	7.7
Group C	3.48 $\pm$ 0.17	42.4	0.94 $\pm$ 0.05	0.87 $\pm$ 0.05	0.52 $\pm$ 0.06	0.10 $\pm$ 0.02	0.74 $\pm$ 0.07	0.11 $\pm$ 0.02	0.85	5.38
Group D	7.21 $\pm$ 0.36	32.3	2.11 $\pm$ 0.11	1.99 $\pm$ 0.11	1.44 $\pm$ 0.17	0.17 $\pm$ 0.04	0.50 $\pm$ 0.05	0.22 $\pm$ 0.03	0.87	6.82
Group E	5.48 $\pm$ 0.27	21.2	1.05 $\pm$ 0.05	0.97 $\pm$ 0.06	0.59 $\pm$ 0.07	0.12 $\pm$ 0.03	0.24 $\pm$ 0.03	0.21 $\pm$ 0.02	0.77	9.78
B17	6.99 $\pm$ 0.35	31.1	4.61 $\pm$ 0.23	4.40 $\pm$ 0.24	0.91 $\pm$ 0.10	0.30 $\pm$ 0.07	0.81 $\pm$ 0.08	0.15 $\pm$ 0.03	0.8	7.89
B19	5.91 $\pm$ 0.30	31.7	2.19 $\pm$ 0.11	2.03 $\pm$ 0.12	1.05 $\pm$ 0.12	0.22 $\pm$ 0.05	0.42 $\pm$ 0.04	0.18 $\pm$ 0.03	0.73	9.83
B30	3.91 $\pm$ 0.20	48.6	2.21 $\pm$ 0.11	1.90 $\pm$ 0.13	0.63 $\pm$ 0.08	0.44 $\pm$ 0.09	0.57 $\pm$ 0.06	0.28 $\pm$ 0.04	0.76	10.17

\*The SOA contribution was not part of the CMB results, but rather calculated as: unapportioned WSOC (SOA) = measured WSOC - 0.71 \* apportioned wood burning.