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6 **Size Resolved Aerosol Characterization and In-field Comparative Evaluation of TSI 1 nm**

7 **SMPS at Lake Michigan Coastal Station**

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26 **Abstract**

27 The atmospheric particle size distribution was measured at a rural lakeshore site (Zion, IL
28 42.468 N, 87.810 W) during the Lake Michigan Ozone Study (LMOS 2017) in May and June
29 2017. The full aerosol size distribution was continuously measured by two scanning mobility
30 particle sizers and an aerodynamic particle sizer in the range of 1.02 to 8671 nm (electrical
31 mobility diameter). The Zion site, 0.5 km from the lake, was one of two enhanced monitoring
32 ground stations with collocated meteorology, remote sensing platforms, gravimetric filters, and
33 gas-phase variables. Quantified size distributions of aerosols are important for understanding
34 aerosol climate and health effects, for evaluation of models, and for understanding aerosol
35 sources. Few studies have provided continuous, highly time-resolved, full particle size
36 distribution near the shore of Lake Michigan, and none prior to this have extended measurements
37 into the 1-3 nm size range. There were 14 identified ultrafine burst events, defined as particle
38 growth from sub 10 nm to 25-100 nm, and all events began in the morning hours. Lake spray
39 aerosol was investigated on June 5 when wave breaking conditions were sustained over the lake.
40 The number distribution mode was 81 nm during the event; however, the amplitude of the
41 particle size distribution dropped from 9000 cm⁻³ prior to the onset to 3000 cm⁻³ during and post
42 event. Additional wind speed and direction analysis resulted in no identifiable pattern in the
43 ultrafine particles when wind velocity exceed 4 m/s. Other measurement highlights include the
44 mean number concentrations for 1-3 nm and 3-8761 nm were 1.80x10⁴ cm⁻³ and 7998 cm⁻³
45 respectively, aerosol optical depth (0.084), reconstructed PM_{2.5} (6.4 μg m⁻³), reconstructed PM₁₀
46 (7.9 μg m⁻³) and SO₂ (0.32 ppb). Implications for future air quality management are also
47 discussed.

48 **Introduction**

49 Aerosols play an important role in the effects of air pollution on human health, cloud
50 interactions, and climate change. Aerosols have direct effects on the climate (e.g. scattering and
51 absorbing solar radiation) and indirect effects through cloud microphysics and albedo [1, 2].
52 Aerosols classified as fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}; aerosols ≤ 2.5 μm aerodynamic diameter)
53 are a concern to the human population sensitive to respiratory illnesses because of their ability to
54 deposit in the airways and lungs [3, 4]. Thus, PM_{2.5} is a criteria air pollutant monitored and
55 regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the National Ambient Air
56 Quality Standards (NAAQS). However, many climate and health effects of aerosol particles are
57 strongly influenced by particle size; thus, measurement of aerosol size distribution in concert
58 with metrics such as PM_{2.5} gives a much more complete picture of aerosol processes. For
59 example, ultrafine aerosol particles (with diameters less than 100 nm) account for a significant
60 fraction of inhaled aerosols, particularly if the respirable dose is weighted by particle number or
61 surface area [5, 6]. These aerosols have very little volume or mass and are therefore missed by
62 measuring solely PM_{2.5} concentrations.

63 The Lake Michigan Ozone Study 2017 (LMOS 2017) was a multi-site collaborative field
64 campaign developed to gather high spatio-temporal resolution data in support of ongoing efforts
65 for improvement of regional air quality [7]. The campaign provided extensive observational
66 datasets regarding ozone, its precursors, particulate matter, and meteorology associated with
67 ozone events through a combination of airborne, ship, mobile lab, and fixed ground-based sites.
68 The overarching goal of LMOS was to investigate ozone formation and transport; aerosol
69 measurements during LMOS were conducted to support source apportionment and site
70 characterization. Photochemical Grid Models (PGM) were used for forecasting and post-

71 campaign analysis, and ground-based, aircraft, and satellite remote sensing products have been
72 integrated into LMOS analyses.

73 During LMOS 2017, aerosol measurements were conducted primarily at the Zion, IL
74 ground site, 67 km north of Chicago. This paper builds on previous publications that have
75 discussed aerosol and particle-phase measurements from Zion. Mean daytime particle number
76 (5711 cm^{-3}), $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ($6.4 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), and PM_{10} ($8.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) were reported in Doak et al. [8] together
77 with a comprehensive site characterization for Zion. Doak et al. [8] also used particle size
78 distribution measurements to quantify enhancement in ultrafine particles within a few minutes of
79 passage of diesel locomotives, on the rail line 0.54 km from the site. Hughes et al. [9] reported
80 $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ speciation, dominated by organic matter (average of 59%), and showed significant
81 variation in chemical composition and regional origin of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ during each of the three high
82 ozone event periods. Wagner et al. [10] presented detailed characterization of the lake breeze
83 behavior during LMOS 2017, quantifying the well-known sharp changes in wind direction,
84 temperature, water vapor, and stability at time of lake breeze arrival. Furthermore, Wagner et al.
85 [10] showed that lake breeze arrival was also associated with a sudden and statistically
86 significant increase in the ultrafine aerosols, and with gradual increases in $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and aerosol
87 backscatter following lake breeze arrival [10].

88 Previous studies deployed impactors to study aerosol size distribution and composition
89 around the Great Lakes. During the LMOS 1991 field campaign, the Lake Michigan Urban Air
90 Toxics Study (LMUATS) measured several aerosol air toxin species at a ground station in
91 downtown Chicago and aboard a research vessel stationed offshore of Chicago on Lake
92 Michigan [11]. The Atmospheric Exchange over Lakes and Oceans (AEOLOS) occurred during
93 July 1994 and January 1995 in urban Chicago, IL and over southern Lake Michigan [12]. In

94 these studies, the focus was better understanding of the atmospheric toxic chemicals and trace
95 metals that affect the Lake Michigan ecosystem. The aerosol size distributions were binned per
96 the specific impactor instrument used and related to the specific species of interest. To the
97 authors' knowledge a full high time-resolved aerosol size distribution near Lake Michigan has
98 not been reported.

99 The lower limit of aerosol sizing instrumentation has decreased with advancements in
100 condensation particle counter design. Widespread detection down to 3 nm was enabled by the
101 TSI 3025 "ultrafine" condensation particle counter (CPC), which was based on the design of
102 Stolzenburg and McMurry [13]. The lower limit of detectable size has been extended to below 2
103 nm using pre-growth chambers [14, 15]. Specifically, a diethylene glycol (DEG) UCPC was
104 placed inline of a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) as a "pre-growth" step, and then
105 particles were passed a butanol CPC to further grow the particles to sizes detectable by light
106 scattering [16]. They were able to show the instrument's viability in-field to measure nucleation
107 events and this led to the design of the commercial 1 nm SMPS by TSI. This instrument is
108 described further in Aerosol Size Instrumentation section of this work.

109 Aerosols formed from wave breaking events in high salinity bodies of water, sea spray
110 aerosols (SSA), are large contributors to the atmospheric aerosol population [17]. During the
111 CABINEX campaign, flight-based aerosol size distributions over Lake Michigan showed that
112 ultrafine particles, with a mode of 30 nm, were prominent over the lake especially during time
113 periods of high wind speeds associated with breaking waves [18]. Similarly, during LMOS 2017
114 a significant mode (38 nm) in the aerosol size distributions was present following lake breeze
115 events when compared to pre lake breeze arrival [10]. Due to their important effects on climate
116 many PGMs include SSA emission parameterizations [19-21]. However, lake spray aerosols

117 (LSA) have not been as well studied as SSA even though freshwater produces aerosols through
118 similar processes as seawater, and LSA are often not considered in simulations [17, 18]. Aerosol
119 generation studies reported different size distributions [17] and ion concentrations and
120 composition [22] between LSA and SSA. A few modeling studies have shown that by not
121 considering LSA emissions surface number concentrations could be under predicted by up to
122 20% [23], PM mass concentrations may be underestimated by 5-25% [24], and the gas-phase
123 partitioning to particle phase [24] over the Great Lakes is affected.

124 While previous LMOS 2017 publications have used portions of the aerosol size
125 distribution and particle count data measured at Zion, in this paper we present the comprehensive
126 result of the full aerosol size distribution and its temporal variation, merged across three sizing
127 instruments. The details of field deployment, data processing, and quality assurance of the
128 aerosol sizing instrumentation are reported here. We compare a standard SMPS, and the novel
129 DEG-boosted CPC / SMPS system, in their overlapping size range (12 – 32 nm). We
130 furthermore report comparison to the independently measured particle number from a CPC, to
131 filter-based aerosol mass, and to aerosol optical depth measured by AERONET at Zion. These
132 are then used in conjunction with wind and wave measurements to place an upper limit on the
133 influence of LSA during LMOS 2017. This comprehensive report and analysis of the aerosol
134 number size distribution measured at Zion, IL during LMOS 2017 is meant to inform aerosol
135 modeling and measurement studies motivated by health and climate effects, evaluate the novel
136 DEG-boosted CPC / SMPS, document the relationship between PM_{2.5} and AOD and the
137 location, provide insight into the processes controlling the aerosol distribution, and provide a rare
138 field assessment of the impact of LSA on ultrafine aerosols.

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140 **Methods**

141 **Campaign and Site Description**

142 LMOS 2017 occurred May 22 to June 22 2017. The campaign employed two aircraft,
143 ship, mobile labs, two enhanced-monitoring sites (Spaceport Sheboygan, WI and Zion, IL), and
144 various supplemental remote sensing systems. Further details and an overview of LMOS 2017
145 have been described in Stanier et al. [7].

146 The Zion site (42.468 N, 87.810 W) was collocated with an Illinois AQS monitoring
147 station (AQS ID 17-097-1007) inside the Illinois State Beach Park. The site is 900 m inland due
148 west from the lake shore with an active rail line and main arterial roadway 540 m and 1.3 km due
149 west, respectively. A detailed characterization of both ground sites can be found in Doak et al.
150 [8]. Field access was approved by the Lake Michigan Biological Station, The Illinois Beach State
151 Park, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which all had overlapping oversight of
152 the field station and its supporting infrastructure (roads, power, staging of materials, etc.).

153 **Instrumentation**

154 **Aerosol Size Instrumentation**

155 The University of Iowa deployed several instruments during the LMOS campaign at the
156 Zion, IL ground site to measure the full aerosol size distribution. A summary of the variables
157 measured, time resolution, and sampling instruments are listed in Table 1 and aerosol instrument
158 flow diagrams as in Fig 1. Three separate inlets were used for particle sizing and counting
159 equipment.

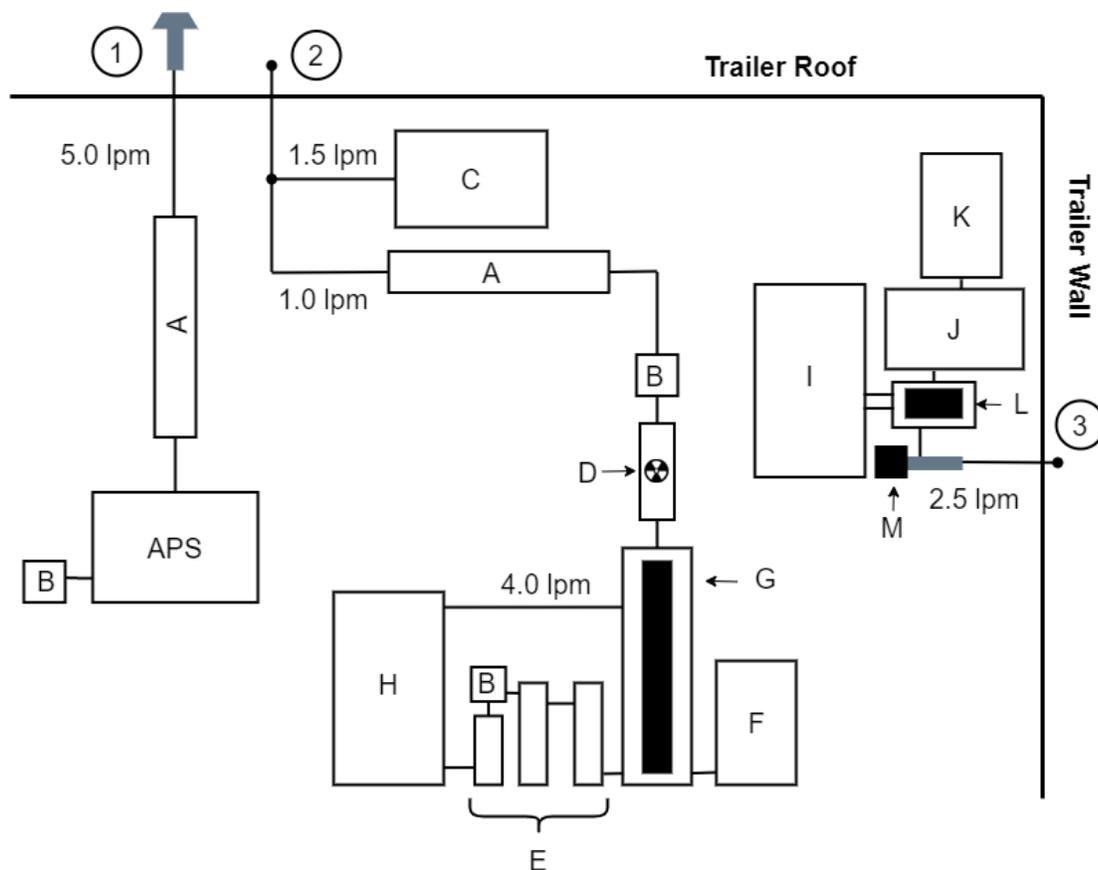
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162 **Table 1. Zion site instrument information reported in this work.**

Instrument	Measurement	Sampling Frequency
TSI 1 nm SMPS	PSD 1-32 nm	2 min
TSI Std. SMPS	PSD 12-562 nm	2 min
TSI APS 3321	PSD 542 nm – 10 μ m	2 min
TSI CPC 3025	Total particle number	2 min
PM _{2.5} medium-volume filter samplers	PM _{2.5} mass, elemental carbon, organic carbon, inorganic ions (sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, ammonium, chloride, nitrite, nitrate, sulfate), select metals, molecular organic tracers	12 hr
AERONET	Aerosol optical depth	Varying

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165 **Fig 1. Aerosol instruments deployed during LMOS.** Numbers refer to inlets: APS equipped
 166 with the PM₁₀ inlet (1), SMPS and CPC inlet (2) and 1 nm SMPS inlet (3) consisting of bug and

167 rain guards. Letters refer to: diffusion dryers (A), RH sensors (B), butanol CPC 3025 (C), Kr-85
168 neutralizer (D), drierite tubes with HEPA filter (E), water CPC 3785 (F), long DMA 3081 (G),
169 classifier 3080 (H), classifier 3082 (I), DEG nano enhancer 3777 (J), butanol CPC 3772 (K), 1
170 nm DMA 3086 (L), and soft x-ray neutralizer (M).

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172 The first inlet, designed for high particle transmission of 1-10 μm particles, supplied an
173 Aerodynamic Particle Sizer (APS, TSI 3321). The inlet included no bends and was dried with a
174 diffusion dryer (TSI 3062) and equipped with a size-selective cyclonic inlet (PM_{10} , BGI). The
175 APS reported data in channels ranging from 0.542 to 20 microns; in this work, we report results
176 from 0.542 to 10 microns (aerodynamic diameter).

177 A second inlet was shared by a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS, TSI 3936L81) and
178 an independent butanol condensation particle counter (CPC, TSI 3025) with a nominal 3 nm
179 lower size cutoff for particle detection. The standard SMPS was equipped with a long DMA (TSI
180 DMA 3081), Kr-85 neutralizer, diffusion dryer (TSI 3062), and water CPC (TSI 3785) with inlet
181 and sheath flows of 1 and 4 LPM, respectively. The sheath air flow was further dried with inline
182 silica gel absorbent. We report particle counts at sizes ranging from 12.2 to 552.3 nm in this
183 work, and refer to this as the “SMPS” result.

184 A third inlet was used by the TSI 1 nm SMPS (TSI 3938E77), equipped with a 1 nm DMA
185 column (TSI 3086), soft x-ray neutralizer (TSI 3088), diethylene glycol nano enhancer (TSI
186 DEG enhancer 3777), and butanol CPC (TSI 3772) with inlet and sheath flows of 2.5 and 25
187 LPM, respectively. This inlet was kept short in length (15 cm) to maximize particle transmission
188 efficiency. We report results from 1.02 to 32.0 nm in this work, and refer to this as the “1 nm
189 SMPS” result.

190 Relative humidity probes (RH, Sensirion sensors, SHT75) continuously monitored the
191 sampling lines at multiple points of the SMPS and APS instruments as noted in Fig 1.

192 **Additional Instrumentation and Data Availability**

193 PM_{2.5} was collected by medium-volume integrated aerosol filters (3000B, URG
194 Corporation) onto 47 mm Teflon filters at a flow rate of 90 liters per minute twice daily and the
195 composition was analyzed post campaign by techniques described in Hughes et al. [9]. The
196 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources also measures PM_{2.5} at Chiwaukee Prairie (AQS ID
197 55-059-0019) by beta attenuation monitors, located 4 km north of the Zion site. AERONET level
198 2 data for aerosol optical depth (AOD) and spectral deconvolution algorithm aerosol fractions
199 were downloaded from www.aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.html. The AERONET was installed at
200 Zion site from June 4 to June 21 2017. AOD was interpolated to 550 nm using an angstrom
201 exponent

$$202 \quad \tau_{\lambda_{550}} = \tau_{\lambda_{500}} \left(\frac{\lambda_{550}}{\lambda_{500}} \right)^{-\alpha} \quad 1)$$

203 where λ_{500} is wavelength at 500 nm, λ_{550} is wavelength at 550 nm, τ is AOD at the specified
204 wavelength, and α is the angstrom exponent (440 – 870 nm) as reported by AERONET.

205 A complete list of campaign instrumentation is available in the supplemental information to
206 Stanier et al. [7], with additional details for the Zion site in Doak et al. [8]. Data are available for
207 public download at the NASA repository [25].

208 A dataset of estimated monthly mean PM_{2.5} (V5.GL.02), with a spatial resolution of 0.01°x
209 0.01°, publicly available from the Atmospheric Composition Analysis Group at Washington
210 University in St. Louis was used for discussion purposes in the Spatial Context and Air Quality

211 Implications (<https://sites.wustl.edu/acag/datasets/surface-pm2-5/#versioninfo>). The methods of
212 estimation are detailed in van Donkelaar et al. [26].

213 The Wilmette Buoy, IL (Station 45174; 42.135 N, 87.655 W) is located 7.5 km offshore of
214 Glencoe, IL and 39 km southeast of Zion site. The dataset was downloaded from the National
215 Data Buoy Center (https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/historical_data.shtml).

216 **Data Quality Assurance and Analysis**

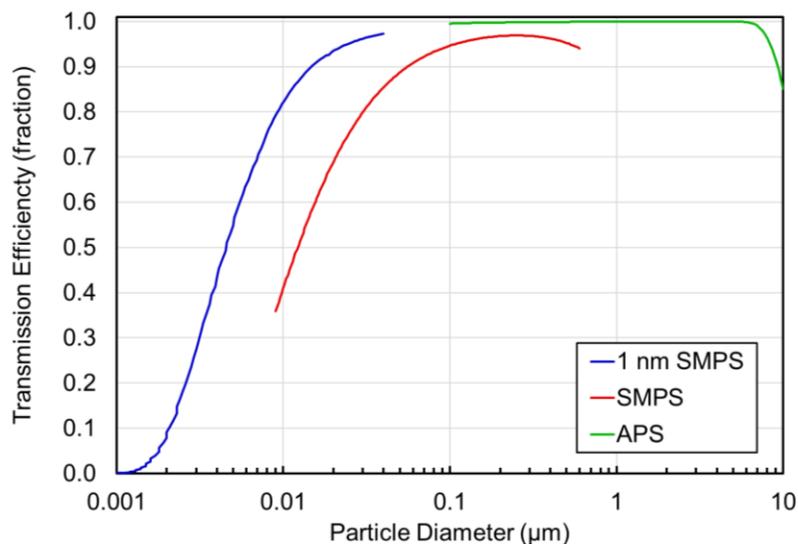
217 Routine flow rates and leak checks on each aerosol instrument were performed every 3
218 days and following each exchange of silica absorbent. When the RH values exceeded 50%
219 (dryers on aerosol inlets) or 20% (drierite tubes on the SMPS recirculating sheath flow), fresh
220 absorbent was exchanged in. Daily site logs were kept for each instrument and overall site
221 observations including current weather, activity around site, interior trailer condition, and
222 personnel arrival and departure times.

223 Post campaign quality assurance consisted of flagging data using NARSTO categories
224 (S1 Table) [27]. This included periods of known invalid data such as in-field instrument
225 downtime, visual inspection for physically unrealistic data, and visual inspection for exceptional
226 events that coincided with daily site logs. The SMPS was tested with certified polystyrene latex
227 spheres (100 nm PSL spheres, Applied Physics Inc.) to ensure the accuracy of the particle size
228 measurements of the SMPS. The particle size distributions were adjusted for diffusional, inertial,
229 and gravitational losses by calculating transmission efficiency curves (Fig 2) for each
230 instruments' respective inlet [27]. The 1 nm SMPS curve (blue line, Fig 2) includes corrections
231 for the neutralizer and instrument diffusional losses. The APS particle diameters were shifted
232 from aerodynamic diameter to electrical mobility diameter by equation 1 [28]

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$$D_p = D_a \sqrt{\chi \frac{\rho_o}{\rho_p}} \quad 2)$$

234 where D_p is the electrical mobility diameter, D_a is the aerodynamic diameter, ρ_o is the reference
235 density (1.0 g cm^{-3}), χ is the shape factor, and ρ_p is the calculated particle density.

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238 **Fig 2. Aerosol transmission efficiency curves, corrected for sampling inlets, for the APS**
239 **(green), SMPS (blue), and 1 nm SMPS (red) where the x-axis is in logarithmic scale. The 1**
240 **nm SMPS curve includes neutralizer and instrumental losses.**

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242 The three instruments' distributions were merged to create the overall size distribution for
243 the entire campaign. In the overlap range between 12 and 32 nm, the SMPS was given
244 preference, because a) the SMPS was subjected to post campaign QA/QC checks at the
245 University of Iowa, including monodisperse PSL spheres while the 1 nm SMPS was not and b)
246 this facilitated comparison to previous Midwestern field deployments of the SMPS [29-31].
247 When the SMPS was not available, the 1 nm SMPS was used in this size range. In the SMPS-

248 APS overlap region, the two instruments were averaged. The merged distribution is referred to
249 hereafter as the particle size distribution (PSD).

250 Due to variation in instrument uptime across the three sizing instruments, there existed
251 periods where the full merged size distribution (1.02 to 8671 nm) had missing sections. For
252 example, if the APS was down, the size distribution was only available from 1.02 to 562 nm. In
253 such cases, imputation was done to fill missing portions of the size distribution. Imputation was
254 only used to fill in portions of the distribution that were low (i.e., the APS contribution to
255 number, or the 1-nm SMPS contribution to volume). The two-step procedure for this was as
256 follows. In step 1 of the procedure, for each 2-minute time period with any data gap, a
257 distribution of possible gap-filled values was created using the ratio

$$258 \quad P_i = P_{n,j} + P_{x,i} \quad 3)$$

$$259 \quad P_{x,i} = \frac{P_{n,i} * P_{x,j}}{P_{n,j}} \quad 4)$$

260 where P is the statistic (number, surface area, volume) in question, i is the time period of the gap,
261 j is the time index of a distribution with no missing data, x refers to bins without data for hour i,
262 and n refers to bins where data is present for hour i. There were 5000 values in the distribution,
263 corresponding to 5000 2-min periods with no missing data (167 hours). In step 2, the median of
264 the distribution of P_i values was used as the gap-filled value if two tests were met. The first test
265 was that the new (gap-filled) value did not increase relative to the non-gap-filled value by more
266 than 5%. The second was that the coefficient of variation of the distribution of the 5000 possible
267 gap-filled values (P_i) was small (less than 0.03). The first test made sure that the influence of
268 imputation on the overall statistic (number, surface area, volume) was minor. The second test

269 rejected cases for which the size distribution in the missing bins varied considerably in time,
270 making the gap filling uncertain.

271 **Results**

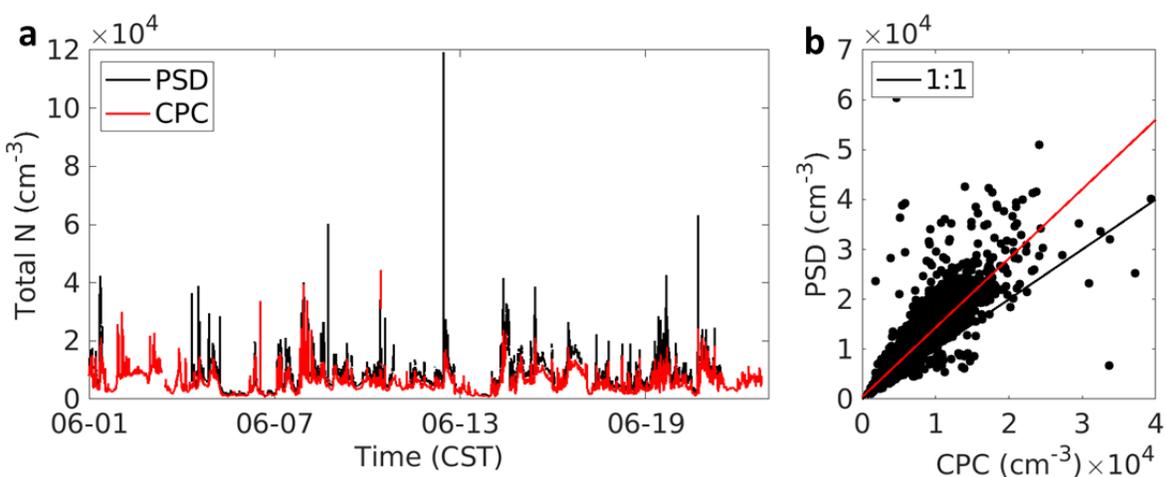
272 **Particle Density**

273 Particle density is required for shifting between mobility and aerodynamic diameters
274 (equation 2). Density is also used to convert from the measured volume distribution to particle
275 mass for intercomparison to filter-based mass from Hughes et al. [9] and to AQS network
276 measurements, which were done at nearby sites via beta attenuation monitoring. A density of
277 1.33 g cm^{-3} was used. That was based on particle composition as reported in Hughes et al. [9]
278 with densities of the major aerosol components as in Lee et al. [32]. Ammonium, nitrate, sulfate,
279 and organic matter made up 87% of the $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ mass on average. The ammonium nitrate (AN, $\rho =$
280 1.72 g cm^{-3}), ammonium sulfate (AS, $\rho = 1.79 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$), and organic material (OM, $\rho = 1.2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$)
281 were present at relative mass fractions of 0.06, 0.25, and 0.69, respectively. A shape factor of 1
282 was assumed.

283 **Particle Number Time Series**

284 While the campaign started on May 22, the stand-alone CPC began operation on June 1.
285 Therefore, for June 1 – June 22, 2017, the total number concentration from the stand-alone CPC
286 can be compared to the total number from the PSD. The statistics for the entire campaign (May
287 22 – June 22, 2017) can be found in S2 Table. For the purpose of comparison to the CPC, the
288 values discussed in this section are June 1 – 22, 2017. The comparison is shown as a time series
289 and scatterplot in Fig 3 (after 2-minute averaging and synchronization to a common time basis).
290 We used the size range from 3-8671 nm, excluding particles below 3 nm, as the CPC 3025 has a
291 nominal lower size limit of 3 nm. The means were 8485 and 5783 cm^{-3} , respectively, for the PSD

292 and particle counter methods. They were highly correlated (Pearson $R = 0.90$) with index of
293 agreement of 0.83 (Fig 4). One possible explanation for the discrepancy is that the PSD was
294 adjusted to account for particle losses within the inlets of the three instruments where the CPC
295 number concentration was not adjusted. However, the overall agreement between the
296 independent measurements of number concentrations is a strong support of the quality assurance
297 results and indicates that periods of non-physical high or low counts (e.g. HEPA filtration
298 checks) have been appropriately removed from the datasets.



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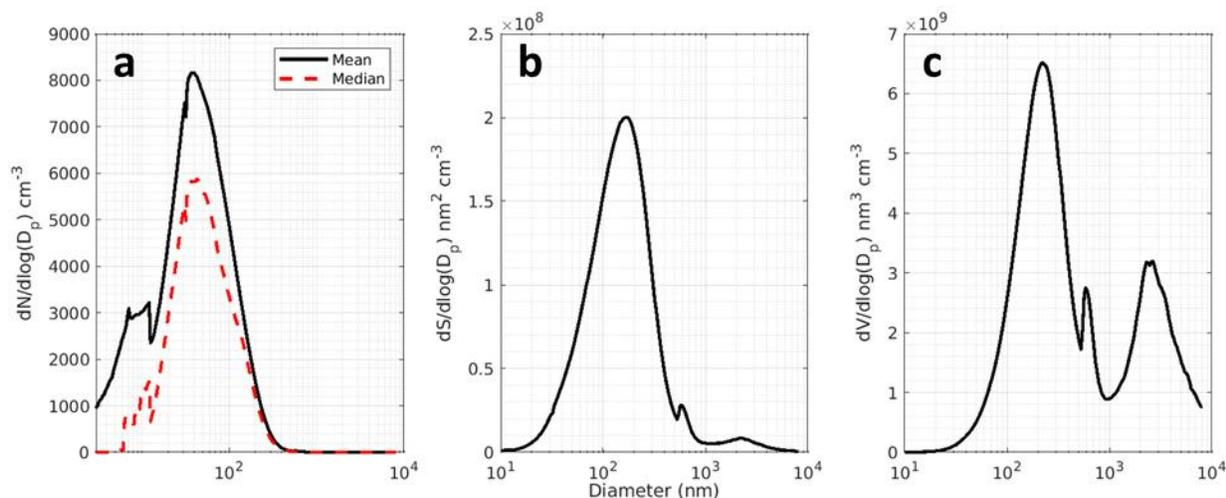
300 **Fig 3. Timeseries (a) of CPC (red) and PSD (black) and resulting scatter plot (b) of 2 min**
301 **data from June 1 – June 22, 2017. Instrument size cutoffs and loss corrections as reported in**
302 **text.**

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304 Particle Size Distribution

305 The grand average size distributions measured during LMOS 2017 are shown in Fig 5. The
306 number distribution was unimodal with a mode at 40 nm. The surface area and volume
307 distributions were bimodal. The modes of the surface area distribution were at 173 nm and 2.22
308 μm , respectively. The modes of the volume distribution were at 223 nm and 2.66 μm ,
309 respectively. The first modes of both moments are within the accumulation mode and the second

310 modes are in the coarse mode. Similar distributions have been measured at other rural sites with
311 urban impacts such as Bondville, IL [33]. The mean number concentration, N_{3-2500} , was higher at
312 Zion (7993 cm^{-3}) than at Bondville (6500 cm^{-3}).

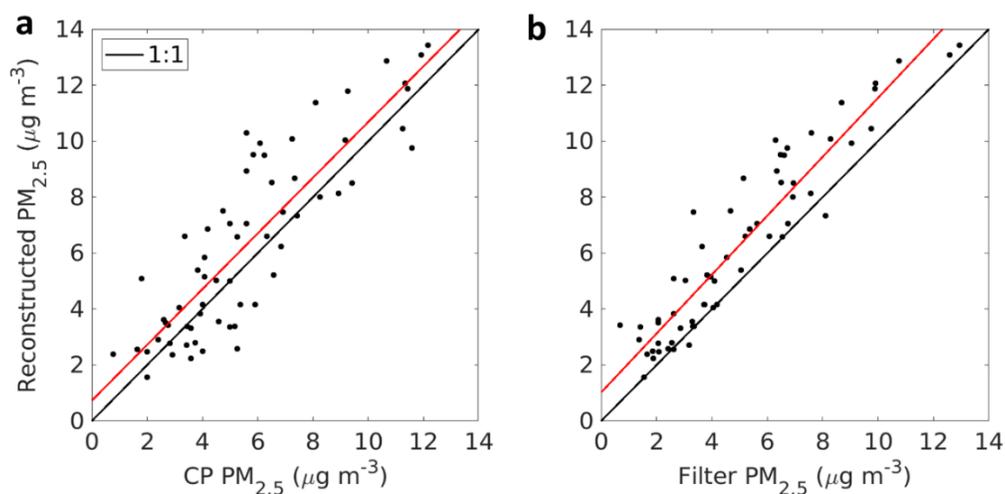


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314 **Fig 4. Arithmetic mean of number (a), surface area (b), and volume (c) distributions for the**
315 **entire campaign period.** Solid lines are means and the dashed line is the number distribution
316 median. Calculations of surface area and volume based on a spherical particle assumption.

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318 In all three distributions the modal median diameters were very similar to the mean
319 diameters. The small size of number distribution mode suggests an influence of primary sources
320 and secondary aerosol formation [34]. Discontinuities at 32 nm in the number distribution are
321 due mainly to the different instrument uptime of the 1 nm SMPS and the SMPS. The
322 discontinuity at (560 nm) in the surface and volume distribution reflect different instrument
323 uptime of the SMPS and APS, as well as differences in measured size distribution intensity at the
324 overlap sizes. Fine particles also dominated the collocated AERONET AOD measurements with
325 an average fine mode fraction from Level 2 data of 0.72.

326 **Reconstructed PM Mass from the Particle Size Distribution**

327 The Chiwaukee Prairie and integrated filter datasets on particle mass were compared to the
328 $PM_{2.5}$ mass reconstructed from the merged PSD together with the aerosol density assumption.
329 Agreement provides an additional quality assurance check on these measurements. The PM_{10}
330 concentration average was $7.9 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $PM_{2.5}$ averages for the LMOS 2017 campaign period
331 were 5.2, 6.4, and $6.0 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for the filters, reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$, and Chiwaukee Prairie,
332 respectively. The calculated $PM_{2.5}$ and Chiwaukee Prairie site were averaged to 12 hr and any
333 period missing more than 50% of the PSD was excluded. On average the reconstructed mass was
334 higher than that on the filters, but well within expected uncertainty ranges given uncertainties in
335 particle shape, density, potential artifacts in mass-based techniques, and differences in aerosol
336 water influences.



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338 **Fig 5. Reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$ at Zion compared to (a) Chiwaukee Prairie BAMS, and (b)**
339 **Zion gravimetric filters. Black lines are 1:1 and red lines are linear regression.**

340 The scatter plots (Fig 5) show the overall agreement is high for the reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$
341 when compared to Chiwaukee Prairie and the filters with correlation coefficients (R) of 0.86 and
342 0.94 respectively. Decreased correlation relative to Chiwaukee Prairie is expected due to the 4

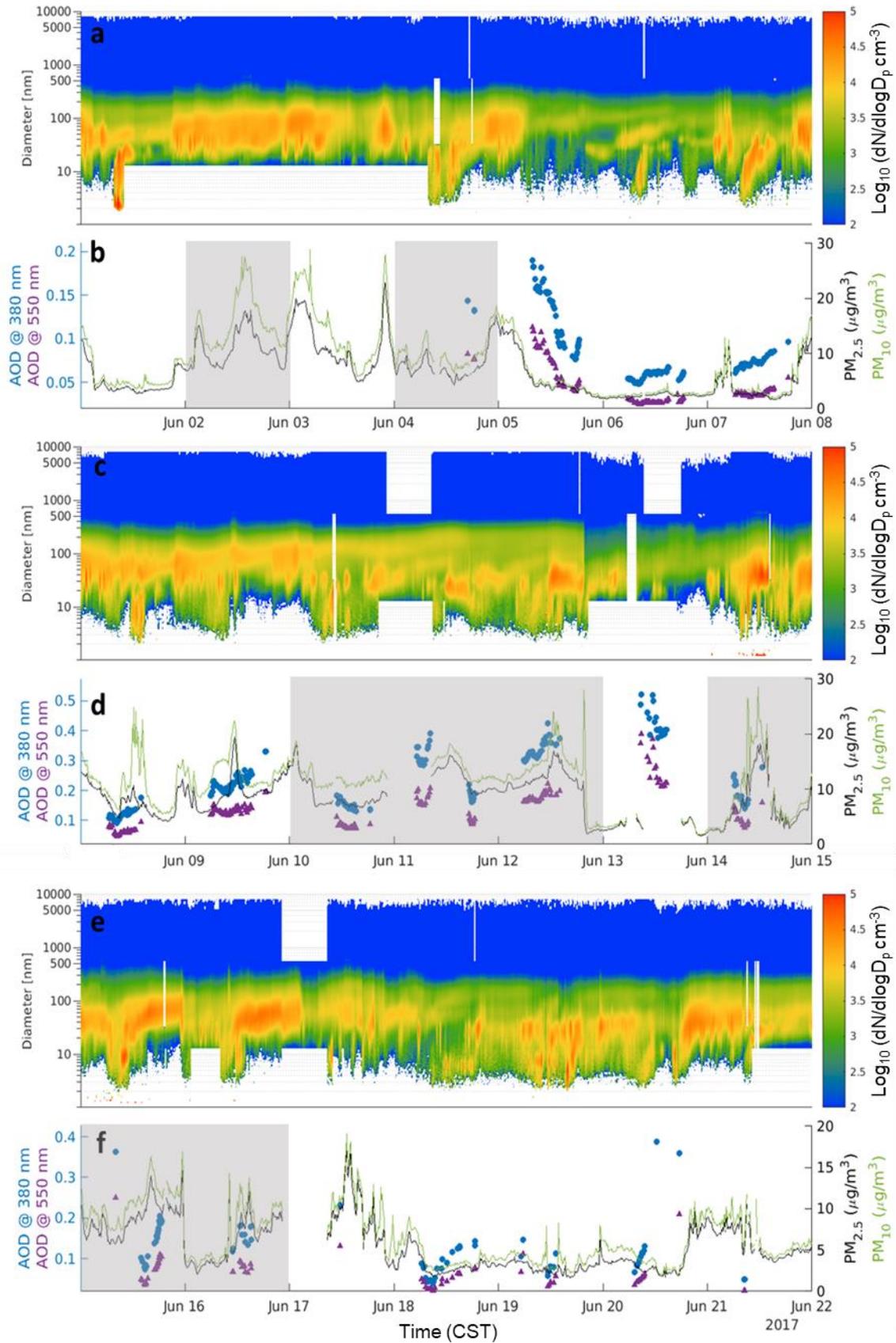
343 km separation distance, and the likelihood of different local sources and slightly different
344 impacts of from regional transport.

345 **Mass and Aerosol Optical Depth Temporal Variation**

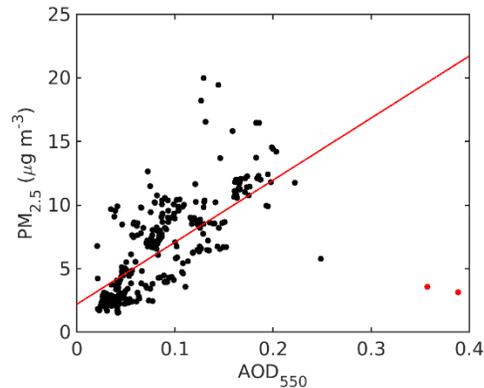
346 The variation in reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} mass is shown in Fig 6 for the period June 1
347 to June 21. This is shown along with the Level 2 AOD recorded by the AERONET station
348 deployed at Zion during the field campaign. Expanded figures showing pollutant variation during
349 these three weeks, with additional pollutants graphed, are in supplemental material.

350 Rapid drops in $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} can be seen on June 16 and June 21, where PM drops
351 from above $10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ to below $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in just a few minutes, due to a change in air mass. The
352 AOD at 380 nm (mean of 0.155) is considerably higher than the AOD at 550 nm (mean of
353 0.084), consistent with a fine-mode dominated aerosol size distribution. Temporal gaps in the
354 AOD are due to AOD only being reported during cloud-free daylight hours.

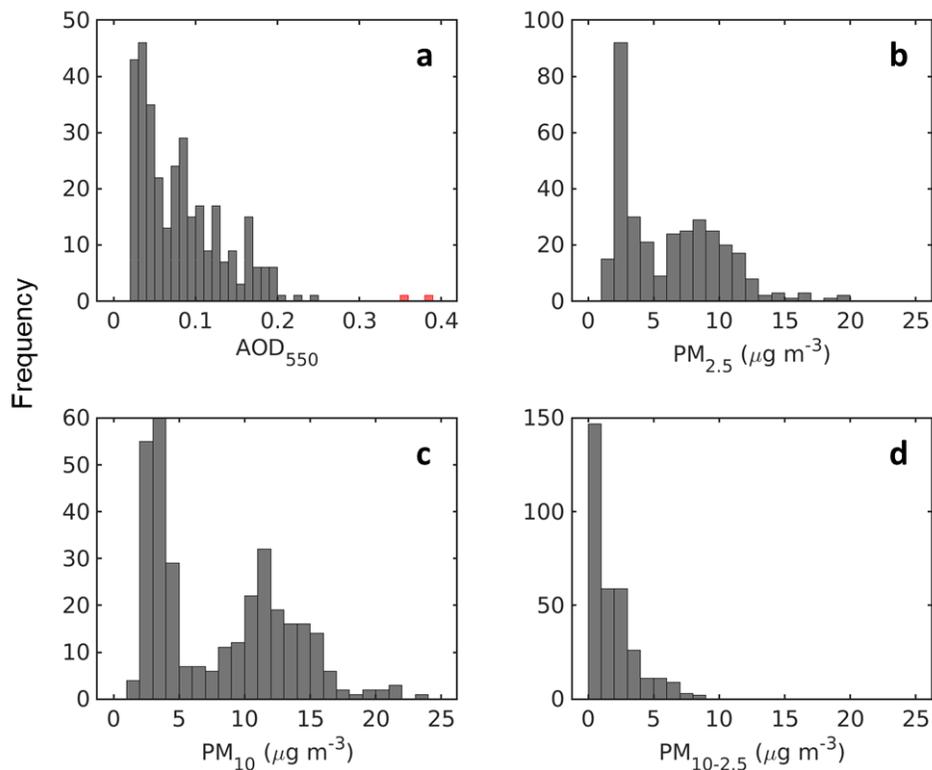
355 Periods of elevated $PM_{2.5}$ (above about $15 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) with AERONET AOD were captured
356 on June 9 and June 12. The period with highest AOD (June 13) did not have APS measurements
357 necessary for a reconstructed mass. Several hours of June 13 are also not available from the
358 $PM_{2.5}$ recorded at Chiwaukee Prairie. The cloud screening techniques used for level 2 AOD data
359 can be contaminated by fair weather cirrus clouds. GOES-R retrievals showed cirrus cloud over
360 Zion during the time periods of $AOD > 0.3$ on June 13. Therefore, they have been excluded in
361 the regression of Fig 7. In Figs 7 and 8 these two data points have been highlighted in red. The
362 $PM_{2.5}/AOD_{550}$ ratio was 82.4 with a correlation R of 0.69.



364 **Fig 6. Selected aerosol variables for June 1-7 (a and b), June 8-14 (c and d), and June 15-21**
 365 **(e and f) averaged to 10 min.** The time series of the aerosol number size distribution is shown
 366 in panels a, c, and e. The time series of reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} mass, and AOD at 380 and
 367 550 nm, are shown in panels b, d, and f. Gray shaded regions represent high ozone event periods.



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 369 **Fig 7. AOD_{550} compared to 2 min averages of the reconstructed $PM_{2.5}$.** The linear regression
 370 line (red) was calculated excluding the June 13 data (red dots) due to likely cirrus contamination.

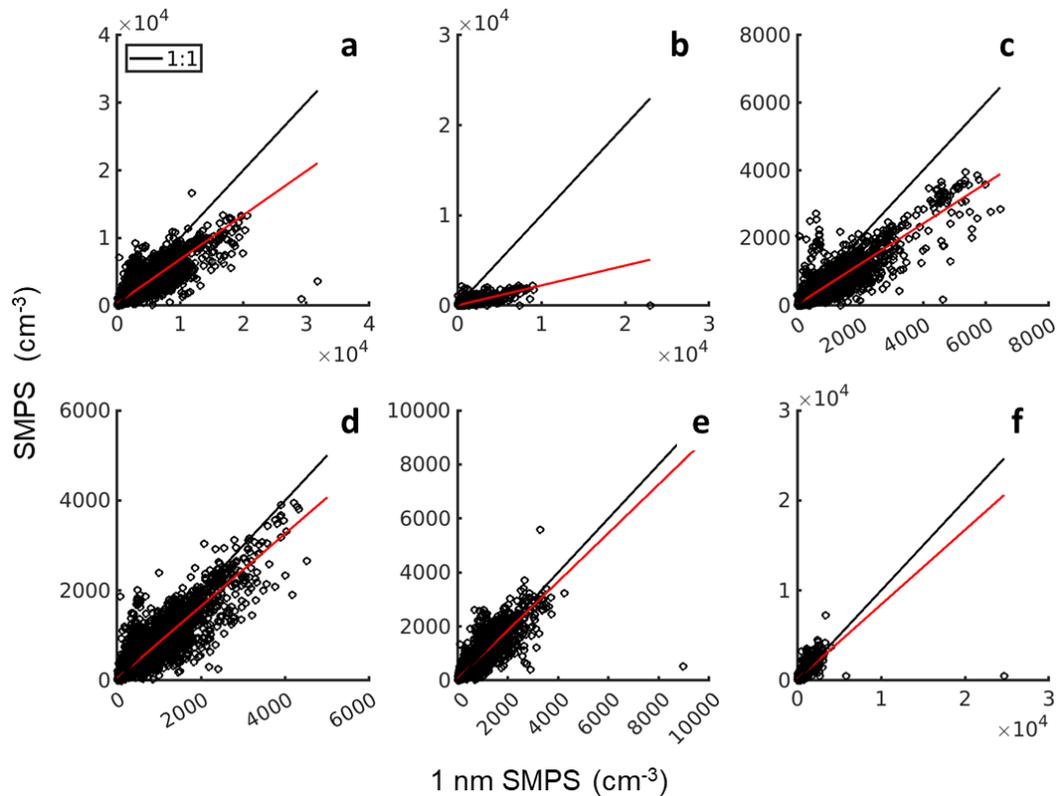


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 372 **Fig 8. AOD_{550} (a), $PM_{2.5}$ (b), PM_{10} (c), and PM_{coarse} (d) (histograms) where the PM**
 373 **measurements are the 2 min averages that coincide with each AOD measurement.** The red
 374 bars in (a) coincide with observations on June 13 that were excluded.

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376 **Inter-comparison of 1 nm SMPS and standard SMPS**

377 The 1 nm SMPS and standard SMPS overlapped in the 12—32 nm size range. Examining
378 this overlap is important for quality assurance and agreement between the two instruments. This
379 region was divided into five size ranges and correlation between the two instruments was
380 examined within each size range. The entire overlap region had a correlation coefficient (R) of
381 0.90 (Fig 9a). The most correlated size range was 20-24 nm (R = 0.93, Fig 10d). The least
382 correlated size range was at the small end of the overlap region, 12-16 nm, with R of 0.82 (Fig
383 9b). Agreement (low mean difference) was best at the large sizes of the overlap. The mean
384 response diverged with decreasing size, to about a 5:1 difference in the 12-16 nm size range. In
385 other words, under 20 nm the 1 nm SMPS consistently measured higher number concentrations.



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387 **Fig 9. Scatter plots of the number concentrations in each bin of the overlap regions between**
 388 **the two SMPS instruments (a) 12-32 nm, (b) 12-16 nm, (c) 16-20 nm, (d) 20-24 nm, (e) 24-28**
 389 **nm, and (f) 28-32 nm. Black lines are 1:1 and red lines are linear regression.**

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391 Several factors could contribute to this difference between the instruments. These include
 392 (a) the 1-nm SMPS was not dried while the SMPS aerosol and sheath air was dried; (b) the
 393 instruments had different inlets, separated by about 4 meters, and at different elevations relative
 394 to the ground; (c) the transmission efficiencies used in data processing are uncertain; (d) the
 395 difference in internal design and rod charge between the 1 nm and long DMA; and (e) the
 396 aerosol-to-sheath flow ratio influences the transmission resolution. The model 3086 1 nm DMA
 397 internal design has been optimized to reduce diffusion losses for particles <20 nm and increase
 398 the aerosol flow, and has a positively charged center rod while the long DMA is a negatively

399 charged rod [35]. Intercomparison of the total (neutral plus charged) size distribution is
400 contingent on the charging assumptions used in inversions (TSI inversion was used for both the
401 1-nm SMPS and the SMPS). The SMPS had an aerosol-to-sheath flow ratio of 1:4 compared to
402 the 1 nm SMPS ratio 1:10. The lower resolution ratio of the SMPS could lead to broadened
403 transmission peaks and become more apparent in the narrow size bins of 4 nm.

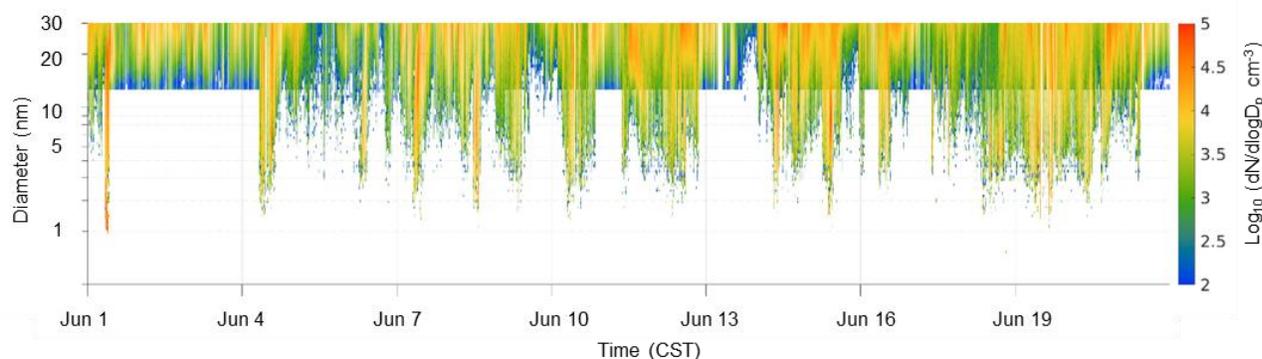
404 **New Particle Formation / Ultrafine Burst Events**

405 Sub-10 nm particles were surprisingly low in number at the site. For example, Bullard et al.
406 [33] reported 1755 cm^{-3} in the 3-10 nm size range in rural Illinois, driven by H_2SO_4 and organic
407 new particle formation and growth events. These were most pronounced in spring (April) and
408 fall (September), but there was activity in the 3-10 nm size range in late spring and early summer
409 as well.

410 The mean number concentrations from 3 – 10 nm, N_{3-10} , were 1755 cm^{-3} and 1108 cm^{-3}
411 for Bondville and Zion, respectively. The principal difference between these two sites is the
412 occurrence of more intense and frequent new particle formation at Bondville. Bondville values
413 are a grand average over 10 months. A comparison specifically for June is not possible as
414 Bondville was a 10-month study that excluded June. However, May and July were among the
415 four months with the highest mean number concentrations at Bondville [33]. Another possible
416 reason is SO_2 as a factor in nucleation and growth from sulfuric acid. Zion SO_2 average was 0.32
417 ppb while Bondville was 0.87 ppb.

418 The mean number concentration from 1 – 3 nm, N_{1-3} , was $1.80 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and the
419 timeseries is shown in Fig 10. To the best of the author's knowledge, no other atmospheric size-
420 resolved aerosol measurements have been conducted around the Great Lakes in the sub 5 nm size
421 range for comparison. The first atmospheric measurements were collected during the 2011

422 summer in Atlanta, GA with a similar diethylene (DEG) SMPS configuration [36]. Their results
423 show number concentrations measured by the DEG SMPS are capable of reaching $1 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
424 during new particle formation events. During the PEGASOS 2012 campaign in Po Valley, Italy
425 reported much lower overall concentrations in the 1.5 – 1.8 nm and 1.8 - 3 nm size bins, 2140
426 and 7980 cm^{-3} respectively, and that the majority of the clusters were electrically neutral [37]. It
427 should be noted that the PEGASOS campaign employed different instrumentation for detection.
428 Kangasluoma et al. [38] presents an overview of current instrumentation for sub 10 nm particle
429 measurements and concludes that measurements are still highly uncertain in this range and
430 additional scientific research is needed to improve the accuracy of these measurements.



431
432 **Fig 10. Number distribution from 1 to 30 nm at Zion.**

433 Due to a combination of low concentrations and instrument uptime, few size
434 measurements sub 10 nm occurred during the campaign and thus conventional new particle
435 formation growth rates were not calculated. The available data allowed for the identification of
436 14 ultrafine burst events. These were identified qualitatively by the presence of rapid appearance
437 of enhanced particles below 10 nm followed by growth into the 25-100 nm range visible in the
438 size distributions [39, 40]. All events began in the morning between 10:00 am – 1:00 pm CST.

439 **Lake Breeze and Spray Aerosol**

440 As reported in Wagner et al. [10], lake breeze arrival corresponded to a rapid and
441 statistically significant increase in an ultrafine mode centered at 38 nm. Furthermore, the position
442 of the mode was consistent with observations in Slade et al. [18] who attributed the mode to
443 LSA. The prompt timing of the enhancement with lake breeze arrival (rather than the slower
444 buildup of ozone and PM_{2.5} on lake breeze days) indicated a mechanism not tightly connected to
445 the oxidation chemistry associated with major plumes of SOA and ozone associated with lake
446 breeze.

447 In this section, we compare the microphysical aerosol measurements during LMOS 2017
448 to previously reported LSA aerosol studies, discuss consistency of results, and comment on three
449 possible hypotheses for appearance of ultrafine aerosols during periods of onshore flow: (a) lake
450 spray aerosol, (b) recent new particle formation and growth favored by chemical and
451 meteorological features over the lake, and (c) primary particles emitted from nearby onshore
452 sources at night, and then advected onshore in the lake breeze. Unfortunately, size-resolved
453 chemical measurements are not available during LMOS 2017 for further interpretation;
454 accordingly, we use the measured PSD combined with records of wind speed, wind direction,
455 and wave height.

456 Prior studies of LSA can be divided into those with an ultrafine (usually number
457 distribution) focus, and those with a focus on aerosol mass (and thus on accumulation and coarse
458 mode particles). Both sizes are justifiable targets of study, based on prior research. Lab-
459 generated LSA [22] has number modes at 53 and 276 nm, and a mass distribution with a mode at
460 around 1 micron. Single particle mass spectrometry and aerosol microscopy has definitely
461 captured the accumulation and coarse mode impacts, as reported in Axson et al. [22], May et al.
462 [41], and Olson et al. [42]. However, ambient confirmation of the ultrafine impact beyond Slade

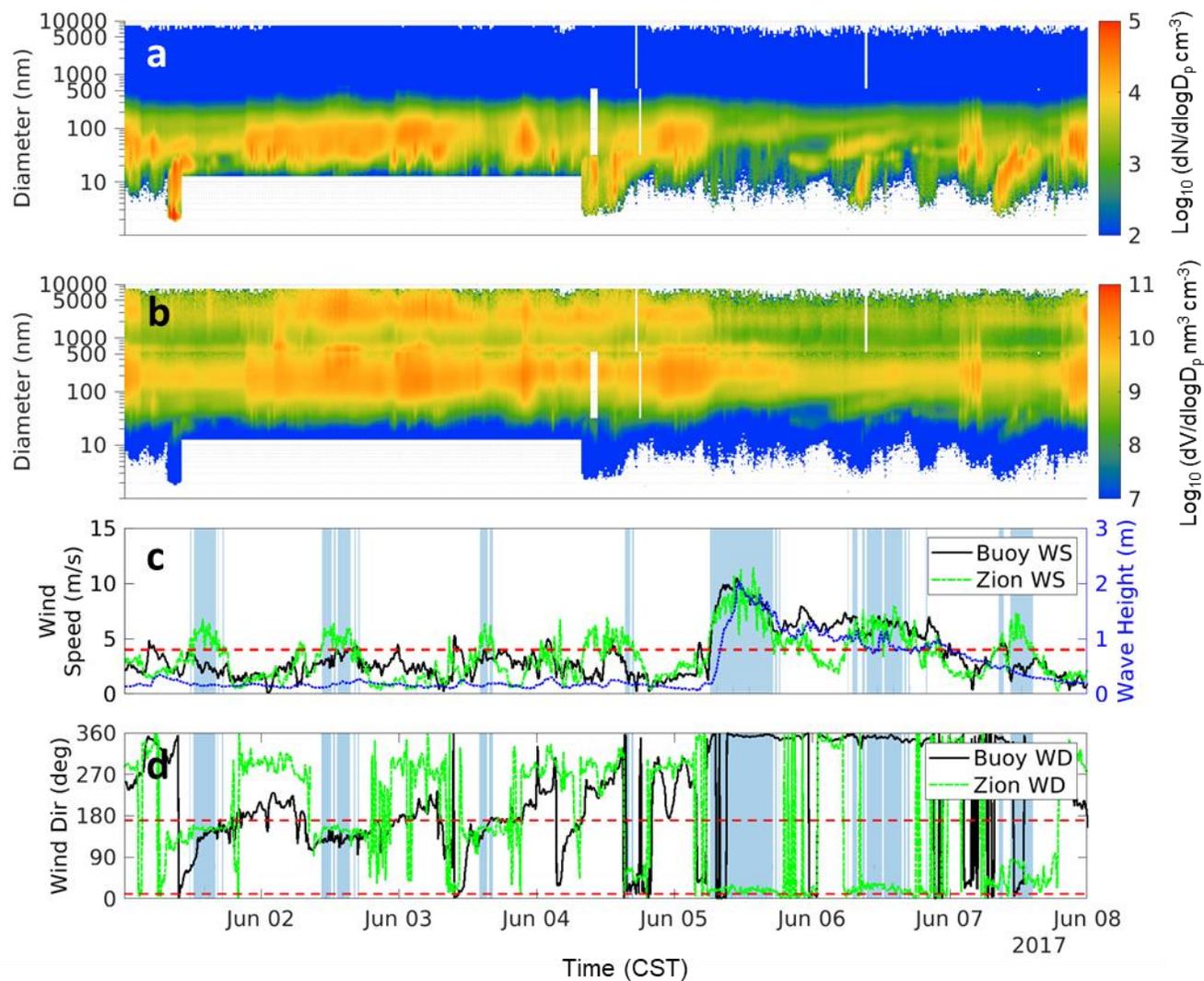
463 et al. (18) is lacking, and the magnitude of the accumulation and coarse mode impact of LSA is
464 not well quantified.

465 Two prior studies are relevant for the impact of LSA on the ultrafine aerosol size
466 distribution and total particle number, two prior studies are relevant. Slade et al. [18], reporting
467 results of aircraft observations over northern Lake Michigan taken in 2009, reported a wind-
468 speed dependent enhancement of particle number in the 15-40 nm size range at the lowest flight
469 elevations; this was dependent on breaking waves. The magnitude of the enhancement was 100-
470 400 cm^{-3} at wind speeds below 5.5 m/s, and was 1000-3000 cm^{-3} for the two flights at higher
471 wind speeds. Chung et al. [23] simulated LSA number for summer 2004 conditions in WRF-
472 Chem using a parameterization for wave breaking ocean aerosol. The approach relied on the
473 weak assumption that the number of particles (but not their size or mass) is independent of water
474 composition, such that number parameterizations for SSA can be a useful initial guess for LSA.
475 Averaged over 2 weeks in July, particle number concentration of about 150 cm^{-3} was attributed
476 to LSA over southern Lake Michigan, and about 100 cm^{-3} at coastal locations such as Zion. Peak
477 periods were associated with impacts about twice the average. The simulated result was sensitive
478 to whether new particle formation was included in the model, due to suppression of new particle
479 formation and growth by LSA. Simulated total particle number at Zion in Chung et al. was
480 $\sim 12,000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ with new particle formation included; this is higher than the measured value at
481 Zion (7993 N_{3-2500}), reflecting uncertainty in nucleation parameterizations, and decreases in
482 nucleation precursors (e.g., SO_2) and primary ultrafine emissions between 2004 and 2017.

483 For larger particles, May et al. [41] sampled using a size-resolved optical particle counter
484 and single particle mass spectrometry, 25 km downwind of Lake Michigan. The single particle
485 signature of LSA (calcium carbonate with organics and specific ratios of cations consistent with

486 lake spray) was used to quantify that up to 6% of mass in the 0.5-2.0 micron size range was from
487 LSA. This corresponded to mass and number contributions, in the 0.5-20 micron size range, of
488 $0.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and 0.5 cm^{-3} , respectively. Similar methods were employed on a low altitude flight on
489 a windy day over northern Lake Michigan. There, particle counting indicated intensity of the size
490 distribution function ($dN/d\log D_p$) of 200 cm^{-3} at 2 microns aerodynamic diameter, and 60% of
491 those particles from LSA.

492 The combined record of winds and particle size distributions was inspected to check for
493 consistency with previous LSA work. A data filter was added to identify times with a high
494 probability of identifying LSA. This used onshore wind directions (10° to 170°) and high wind
495 speeds ($> 4 \text{ m/s}$) and is represented by the blue shading in Fig 11. Not used in the filter, but
496 shown as an independent variable in Fig 11 is buoy-measured wave height at Wilmette Buoy, IL.
497 The wave break events often began after 10:00 am CST with the exception of June 5, 6, 7, and
498 14 where they began before 8:00 am CST and were sustained for several hours on average.
499 During the event time periods, wave heights above 1 m occurred on June 5, 6, and 20 and
500 onshore wind direction was from the northeast in all three cases. On June 6 number and volume
501 concentrations remained relatively unchanged prior, during, and after the event and both
502 concentrations decreased during and after the events on June 5 and 6.



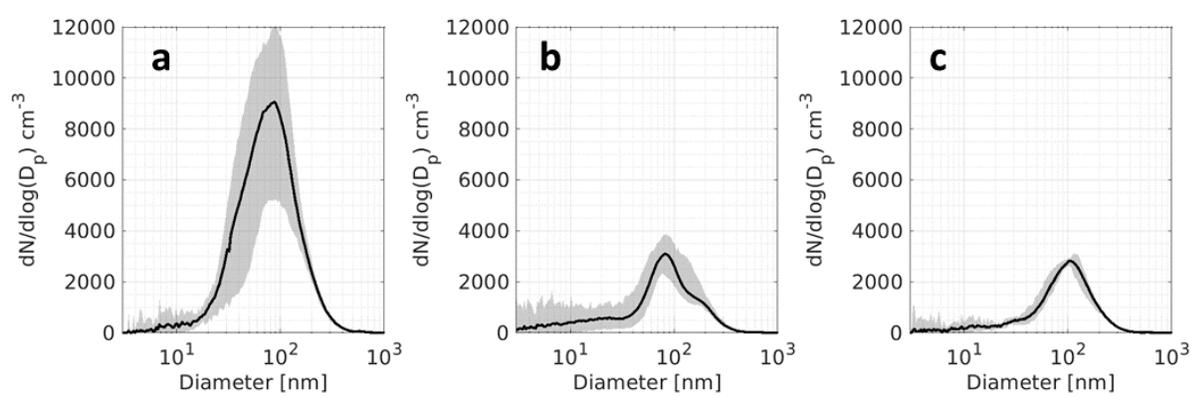
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504 **Fig 11. June 1- June 7 of 10 min PSD (a) and VSD (b); buoy windspeed (black), Zion**
 505 **windspeed (green), and wave height (blue) (c); buoy (black) and Zion wind direction**
 506 **(green) (d). Blue shaded region represents where Zion windspeed > 4 m/s and Zion wind**
 507 **direction between 10° and 170°.**

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509 The June 5 event was selected as the best candidate to observe potential LSA influence
 510 on the PSD for several reasons. First, wind direction was consistent from the north to northeast
 511 which likely reduces the influence of urban air plumes from the southern coast of the lake.
 512 Second, wave height above 1 m was sustained for several hours and peaked at 2 m, the highest
 513 recorded height during the campaign. Finally, it was the longest event during the campaign

514 lasting from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm CST. The PSD function was averaged for 2 hours prior, during,
515 and 2 hours post event (Fig 12). The amplitude of the PSD function ($dN/d\log D_p$) from 9000 cm^{-3}
516 prior to the event to 3000 cm^{-3} during and after the event and similar trend is observed in the
517 volume distributions (not shown). During the event the number distribution mode was 81 nm and
518 is in agreement with the first mode (80 nm) of the synthetic freshwater reported in May et al.
519 [17] and Harb et al. [43].



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521 **Fig 12. Arithmetic mean of PSD on June 5 for 2 hours prior (a), during (b), and 2 hours**
522 **post (c) identified wave breaking conditions.** Gray shaded regions represent 5th – 95th
523 percentiles.

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525 Additional exploratory analysis with the PSD, wind speeds, and wind direction was
526 conducted. Periods with enhanced 30 and 80 modes were identified and it was seen if the
527 occurrence of those modes, or their temporal variation in strength and mode position, were
528 correlated with higher ($> 4 \text{ m/s}$) velocity onshore flows. However, ultrafine particles seemed to
529 occur during both higher velocity ($> 4 \text{ m/s}$) and lower velocity ($< 4 \text{ m/s}$) onshore flows, with
530 variability not correlated with wind speed. Periods of high velocity ($>4 \text{ m/s}$) onshore flow were
531 identified and it was seen if the aerosol size distribution was noticeably different during these

532 periods. No consistent patterns emerged. Variations in the size distribution were, upon visible
533 inspection, better correlated with variation in NO_x, isoprene, and MVK.

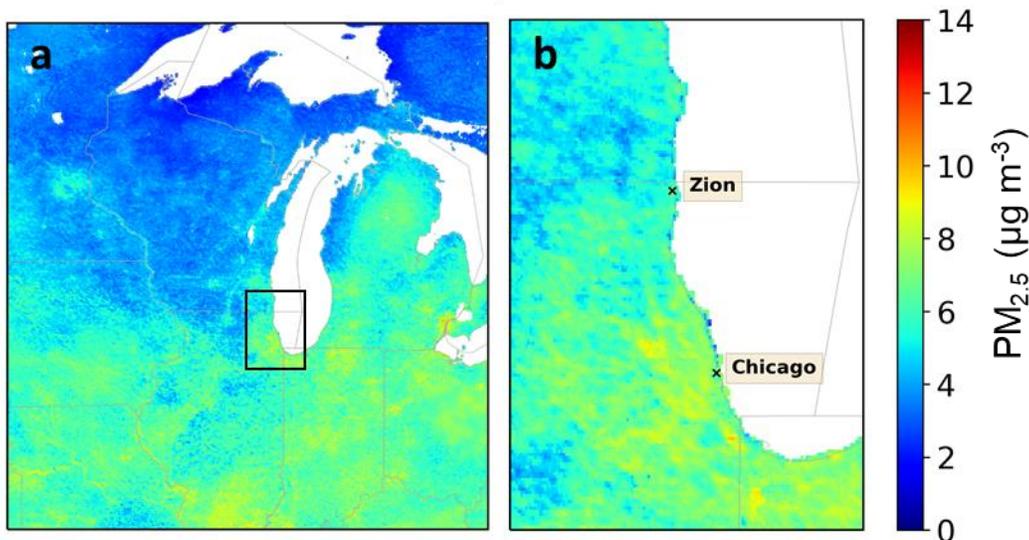
534 Finally, the period at the end of lake breeze days where the wind calmed but remained
535 onshore was investigated. It was common for onshore flows to occur during the day, reaching
536 velocities in excess of 4 m/s (sometimes up to 10 m/s), and then for wind speed to decrease in
537 late afternoon, to speeds less than 4 m/s. We used this to see if there was an easily apparent (by
538 visual inspection) pattern in the aerosol size distribution corresponding to this decrease in wind
539 speed while offshore flow was maintained. This pattern occurred on June 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12,
540 13, 15, and 16, usually occurring at sunset. On June 2, 4, 8, and 16 there are visible decreases in
541 sub 40 nm particles that correspond to the lowering of wind velocity, but in each case, causal
542 inference is difficult. Slackening of the wind is (in these cases) often also correlated with
543 decreases in NO_x and/or with evening growth of the ultrafine mode from condensation (ozone
544 and SOA are often high at these times) and coagulation, giving an apparent decrease in sub 40
545 nm particles. On June 13, there is an increase in onshore wind speeds to over 4 m/s at about
546 noon, and bursts of 10 nm particles associated with the wind gusts. However, these are
547 coincident with increases in MVK and thus attribution to lake spray is doubtful.

548 In summary, LSA aerosols were not easily apparent during LMOS 2017, through
549 examination of wind speed, wind direction, wave height, and measured PSD. However,
550 considering the expected impacts on size-resolved number, total number, and mass compared to
551 other sources of variability, our “negative detection” of LSA is likely consistent with the
552 expected impacts, particularly those with lower absolute magnitudes. For example, impacts such
553 as those reported by Chung et al. [23] (~100-250 cm⁻³ impact on aerosol number at shoreline
554 sites), May et al. [41] (<1 μg m⁻³ of fine mode LSA aerosol), Amiri-Farahani et al. [24] (~5%

555 increase to PM over land), and Olson et al. [42] (modest elevation of the number distribution at
556 0.2 and 0.5 micron sizes) would be difficult to isolate from the LMOS 2017 record. The larger
557 magnitude results, such as Slade et al. (1000-3000 cm⁻³ ultrafine particles under conditions of 2
558 m breaking waves) were not observed during LMOS 2017, despite having a period of onshore
559 flow and 2 m breaking waves.

560 **Spatial Context and Air Quality Implications**

561 During LMOS 2017, the PM_{2.5} concentration at Zion had mean values of 5.2 µg m⁻³ (filters)
562 and 6.4 µg m⁻³ (reconstructed from PSD), with a standard deviation (at 2-min time resolution) of
563 4.3 µg m⁻³. These are likely representative of urban-influenced background sites of the Great
564 Lakes. These compare favorably to current US air quality standards (15 µg m⁻³, annual PM_{2.5}; 35
565 µg m⁻³ daily PM_{2.5}), but are over the WHO guideline of 5 µg m⁻³. Spatial variability of PM_{2.5} was
566 not resolved through observations during LMOS 2017 except through variation in particle
567 concentration with the wind direction, and consideration of emissions from known sources [8].
568 We have shown through conditional probability analysis that particle concentrations of all sizes
569 were, at Zion, more prevalent from sources to the west and in lake breezes originating to the
570 southeast. Strong near-field PM_{2.5} influences were shown to be limited in Doak et al. (2021), thus
571 supporting spatial homogeneity of PM at approximately the 4 km distance.



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573 **Fig 13. Estimated mean PM_{2.5} for June 2017 for upper US Midwest (a) and southwest shore**
 574 **of Lake Michigan (b) as determined by combining AOD satellite retrievals with GEOS-**
 575 **Chem and calibrated with ground observations using geographically weighted regression**
 576 **[26].**

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578 The estimated mean PM_{2.5} concentrations (spatial resolution of 1 km²) in Fig 13
 579 highlights moderate variation domain wide of 2 – 11 µg m⁻³ with the higher concentrations in the
 580 urban areas around the southern Great Lakes (Lake Erie and Lake Michigan). This also supports
 581 the higher concentrations of PM_{2.5}, ranging from 7-10 µg m⁻³ around the southwestern coast of
 582 Lake Michigan and the Zion average was estimated to be 6 µg m⁻³. PM_{2.5} is not estimated over
 583 the Great Lakes, not allowing for discussion of LSA or other aerosol sources over water.

584 However, NO₂ was measured with fine spatial resolution during LMOS 2017, using
 585 GeoTASO (spatial resolution of 250 m x 250 m) [44]. Furthermore, NO_x and PM_{2.5} were
 586 correlated at Zion with a slope of 0.61 µg m⁻³ per ppb of NO_x and a coefficient of determination
 587 (R²) of 0.51. Thus, pseudo-PM_{2.5} mapping may be feasible (or downscaling of existing modeled
 588 or satellite-model-surface observation fusion) may be possible using NO₂ remote sensing.

589 Collocated PM_{2.5} and NO₂ are available at several sites in the region and could be used to further
590 assess the viability of downscaling PM_{2.5} to detect hotspots over current or future standards.
591 Several machine learning algorithms and regression modeling have supported that the
592 relationship between PM_{2.5} and co-pollutants (NO₂, SO₂, O₃) are important variables to consider
593 when estimating PM_{2.5} concentrations at high spatio-temporal resolutions and implications to
594 epidemiological studies [45-47]. These methods are expected to continue to improve with the
595 addition of geo-stationary satellites (TEMPO, GEMS) which will provide more temporally
596 resolved data products.

597 **Summary and Conclusions**

598 Two SMPSs, a CPC, and an APS were deployed at Zion, IL in the summer during the LMOS
599 2017 field campaign. They provided a highly time-resolved particle size distribution in the range
600 of 1.02 nm to 8.671 μm. The quality assured dataset was made publicly available for use in
601 interpreting the particle size distributions, reconstructed PM concentrations, and future model-
602 measurement comparisons; to the best of the authors' knowledge, few full size distribution
603 datasets exist in the region.

604 The high index of agreement (0.83) and correlation ($R = 0.90$) of the independent CPC
605 total number concentration (5783 cm^{-3}) supports the quality of the PSD number concentration
606 (8485 cm^{-3}). The data quality is further supported by the favorable comparison in the overlap
607 region of the two SMPSs, with an overall correlation ($R = 0.90$). Under 16 nm the 1 nm SMPS
608 did measure consistently higher number concentrations with a 5:1 ratio. Zion number, surface
609 area, and volume distribution modes and mean number concentrations, N_{3-2500} , are comparable to
610 another rural Midwest site with urban influence (Bondville, IL). The number distribution was

611 dominated by ultrafine particles (mode = 40 nm) which is consistent with the mean AOD₃₈₀
612 being a factor of 1.8 higher than AOD₅₅₀.

613 The PM mass was reconstructed from the PSD using an average particle density
614 determined from the collocated gravimetric filters at the site. Intercomparison of PM_{2.5} mass
615 from the gravimetric filters, reconstructed PM, and nearby Chiwaukee Prairie are in agreement
616 with correlations above 0.85, with the reconstructed mass being only 6.7% higher than the
617 gravimetric mass, on average. On average, the PM₁₀ was dominated by fine particulate, PM_{2.5}, as
618 PM₁₀ mass concentrations were only 1.5 µg m⁻³ higher than PM_{2.5}. AOD₅₅₀ values rarely
619 exceeded 0.2 and averaged 0.080 which is considered average clean conditions.

620 Very few conventional new particle formation events were detected during the campaign.
621 This is partially due to the low concentrations and uptime of the 1 nm SMPS. Rather bursts of
622 ultrafine particles were identified originating in the 3-10 nm size range. There was not clear
623 evidence of LSA impact at the Zion site; however, this may be a signal-to-noise issue, as
624 expectations based on previous modeling indicates minor enhancements due to LSA. Future
625 confirmation of LSA aerosols should focus on (a) more northerly sites with lower anthropogenic
626 influence, (b) chemical composition and microscopy at the size ranges of interest, and (c) vertical
627 profiles from aircraft with simultaneous surface monitoring on shore. Sites should be located
628 immediately at the shoreline rather than 100s of meters inland. Finally, LSA investigations may
629 be able to leverage decrease in wind speed and wave activity but continued onshore wind
630 direction at sunset during summer.

631 **Supporting Information**

632 **S1 Table. A summary of local and NARSTO flags used on instrumental data for quality**
633 **assurance during the campaign.**

634 **S2 Table. Statistics for particle variables measured during the LMOS campaign.**
635 **S1 Fig. Selected gas phase and aerosol variables for June 1 – 7, 2017 averaged to 10 min**
636 **(except AOD).** Timeseries of the particle size distribution in panel a, AOD₃₈₀ (blue dot), AOD₅₅₀
637 (purple dot), PM_{2.5} (black), and PM₁₀ (green) in panel b, total CPC number concentration in
638 panel c, and NO_x (blue) and ozone (orange) in panel d.

639 **S2 Fig. Hourly PM_{2.5} from Chiwaukee Prairie from June 1 – 8, 2017.**
640 **S3 Fig. Same as S1 Fig. for June 8 – 15, 2017.**
641 **S4 Fig. Hourly PM_{2.5} from Chiwaukee Prairie from June 8 – 15, 2017.**
642 **S5 Fig. June 8 – 15, 2017 of 10 min PSD (a) and VSD (b); buoy windspeed (black), Zion**
643 **windspeed (green), and wave height (blue) (c); buoy (black) and Zion wind direction**
644 **(green) (d).** Blue shaded region represents where Zion windspeed > 4 m/s and Zion wind
645 direction between 10° and 170°.

646 **S6 Fig. Same as S1 Fig. for June 15 – 22, 2017.**
647 **S7 Fig. Hourly PM_{2.5} from Chiwaukee Prairie from June 15 – 22, 2017.**
648 **S8 Fig. The same as S5 Fig. for June 15 – 22, 2017.**

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Supplemental Information

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S1 Table. A summary of local and NARSTO flags used on instrumental data for quality assurance

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during the campaign.

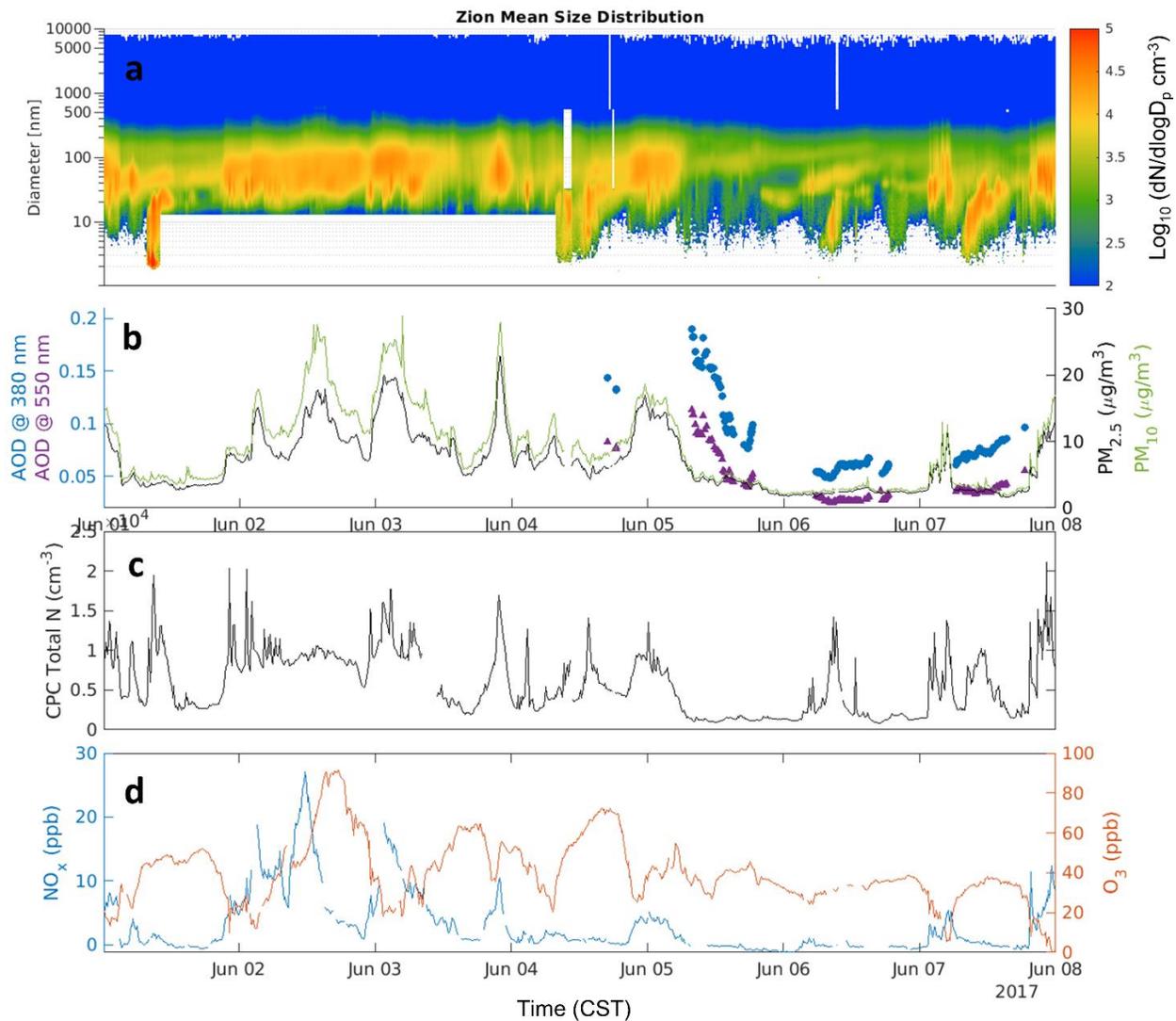
<i>Local Flag</i>	<i>NARSTO Flag</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>DRY</i>	M2	Diffusion dryer and drierite tube change
<i>FLO</i>	M2	Flow tests
<i>DRN</i>	M2	CPC water drain
<i>INL</i>	M2	Not sampling through inlet
<i>HEP</i>	M2	Leak check with HEPA filter
<i>RHP</i>	M2	RH probe check
<i>STA</i>	M2	Sampling trailer air
<i>NET</i>	V6	Neutralizers switched (x-ray and Kr-35)
<i>TRB</i>	M2	Troubleshooting instrument
<i>UNK</i>	M2	Unusual high counts
<i>PUM</i>	M2	CO2 pump not functioning
<i>CAL</i>	M2	SO2 span check with calibration gas
<i>ZER</i>	M2	SO2 zero test with zero air generator

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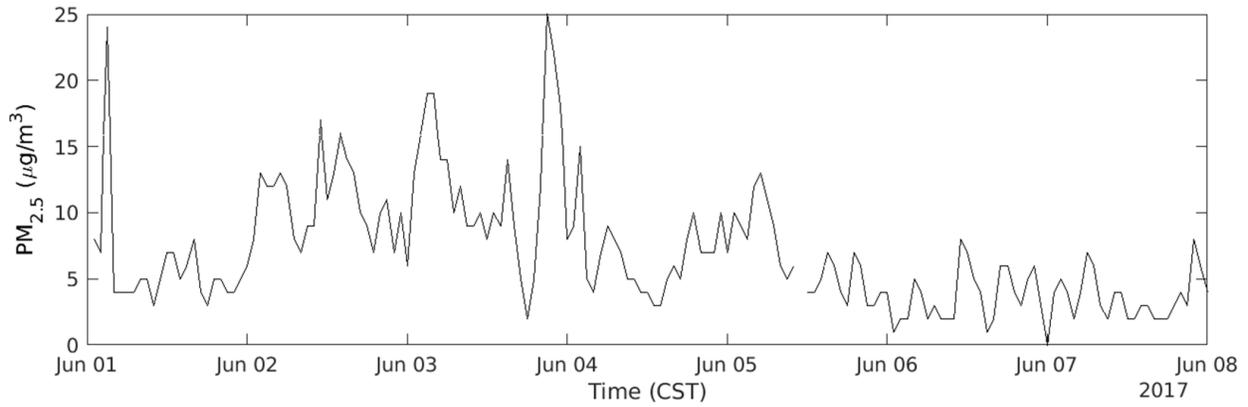
798 **S2 Table. Statistics for particle variables measured during the campaign**

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Time Avg (min)</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Std Dev</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>95th</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>PM_{2.5}</i>	2	μg m ⁻³	18575	6.4	4.0	1.1	1.9	5.2	14.1	23.6
<i>PM₁₀</i>	2	μg m ⁻³	18575	7.9	5.0	1.3	2.3	6.6	16.9	37.7
<i>CPC</i>	2	cm ⁻³	15564	5,783	3,521	732	1,278	5,124	12,056	44,259
<i>PN_p(3 – 8671 nm)*</i>	2	cm ⁻³	8787	8,485	5,616	1,020	1,717	7,637	18,145	1.19 x10 ⁵
<i>PN (1 – 3 nm)</i>	2	cm ⁻³	14964	1.80x10 ⁴	1.64x10 ⁵	0	0	0	7,957	8.261 x10 ⁶
<i>PN (3 – 10 nm)</i>	2	cm ⁻³	14964	1,108	2,804	0	0	268	4,663	1.141 x10 ⁵
<i>PN (10 – 500 nm)</i>	2	cm ⁻³	13126	6,895	4,623	781	1,572	5,938	13,126	5.348 x10 ⁴
<i>PN (3 – 2168 nm)</i>	2	cm ⁻³	13126	7,993	5,919	783	1,608	6,835	1.79 x10 ⁴	1.191 x10 ⁵
<i>PN (3 – 8671nm)</i>	2	cm ⁻³	13126	7,998	5,921	783	1,608	6,836	1.79 x10 ⁴	1.191 x10 ⁵
<i>PV (3 - 2168 nm)</i>	2	μm ³ cm ⁻³	18575	4.78	2.99	0.83	1.44	3.90	10.60	17.73
<i>PV (3 – 8671nm)</i>	2	μm ³ cm ⁻³	18575	5.97	3.74	0.95	1.76	4.94	12.72	28.37
<i>AOD₅₅₀</i>	NA	unitless	404	0.084	0.0511	0.021	0.026	0.074	0.183	0.249

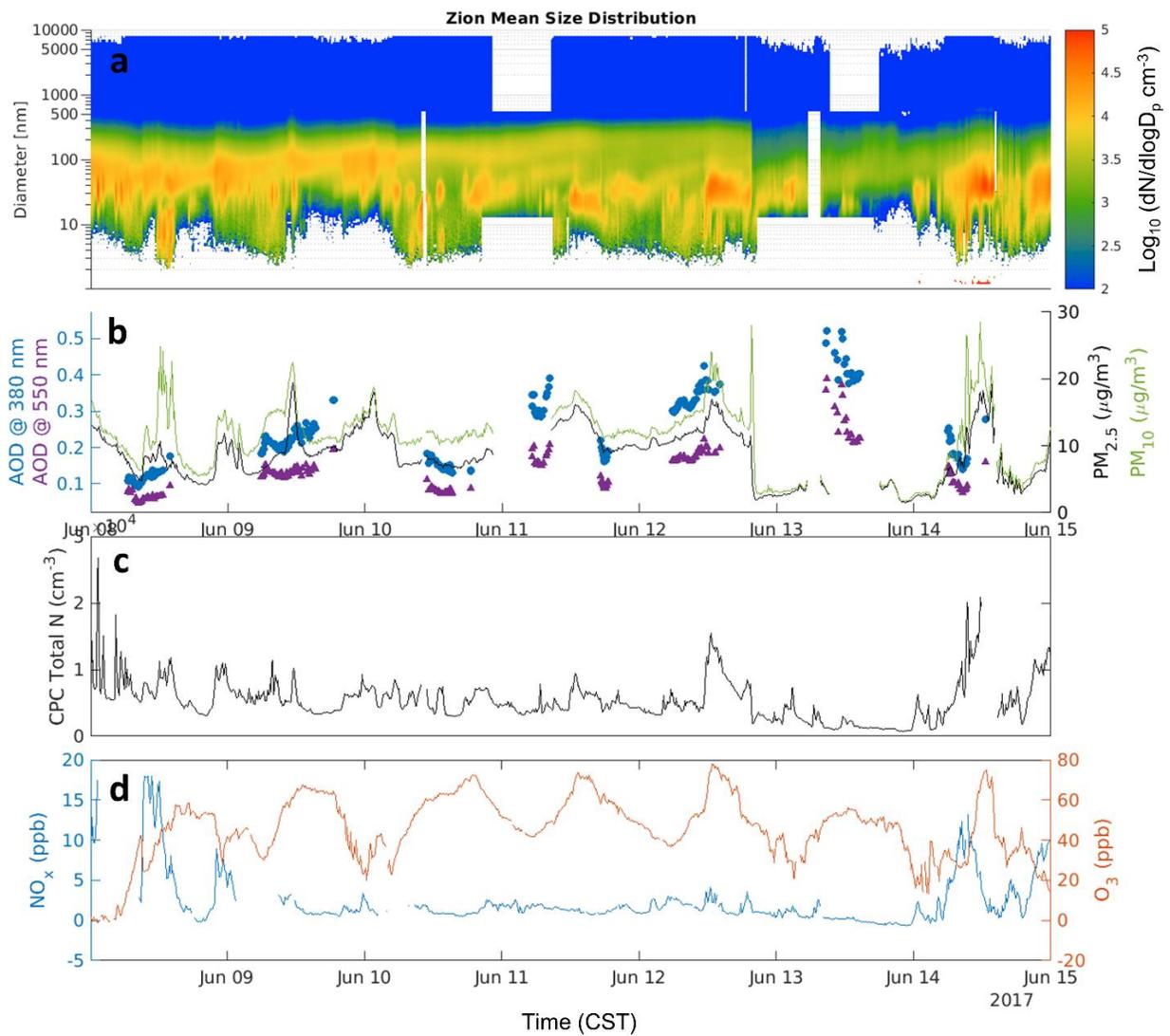
799 * statistics for June 1 – 21, 2017 for more direct comparison to CPC concentrations.



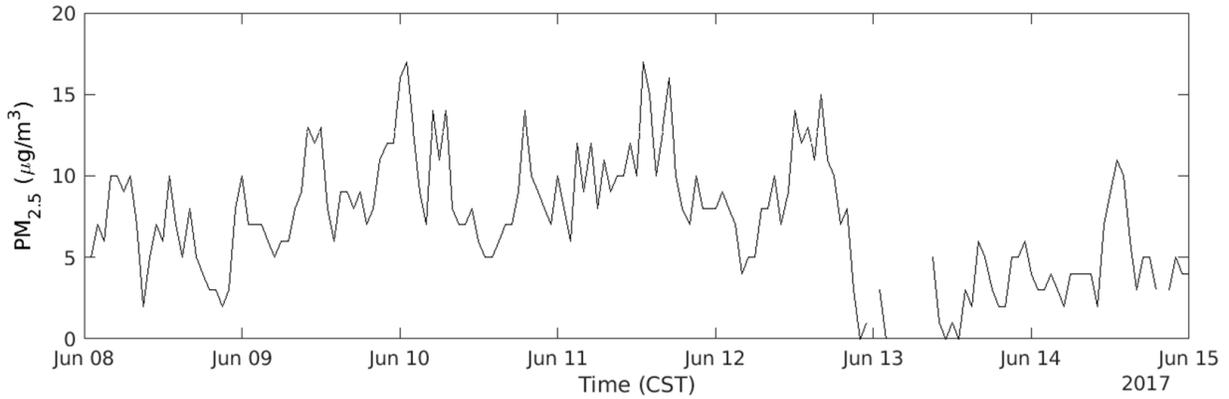
S1 Fig. Selected gas phase and aerosol variables for June 1 – 7, 2017 averaged to 10 min (except AOD). Timeseries of the particle size distribution in panel a, AOD₃₈₀ (blue dot), AOD₅₅₀ (purple dot), PM_{2.5} (black), and PM₁₀ (green) in panel b, total CPC number concentration in panel c, and NO_x (blue) and ozone (orange) in panel d.



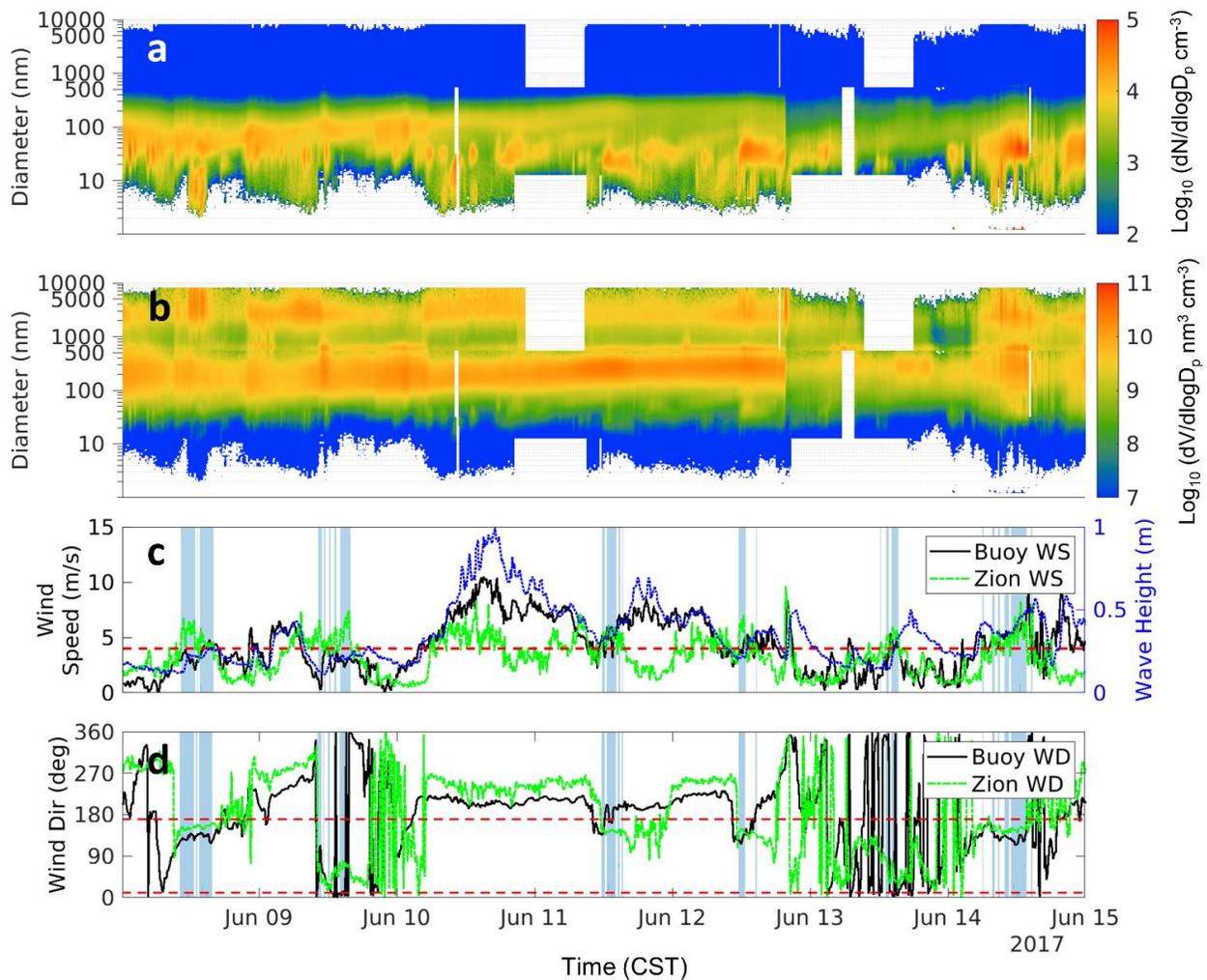
S2 Fig. Hourly PM_{2.5} from Chiwaukee Prairie from June 1 – 8, 2017.



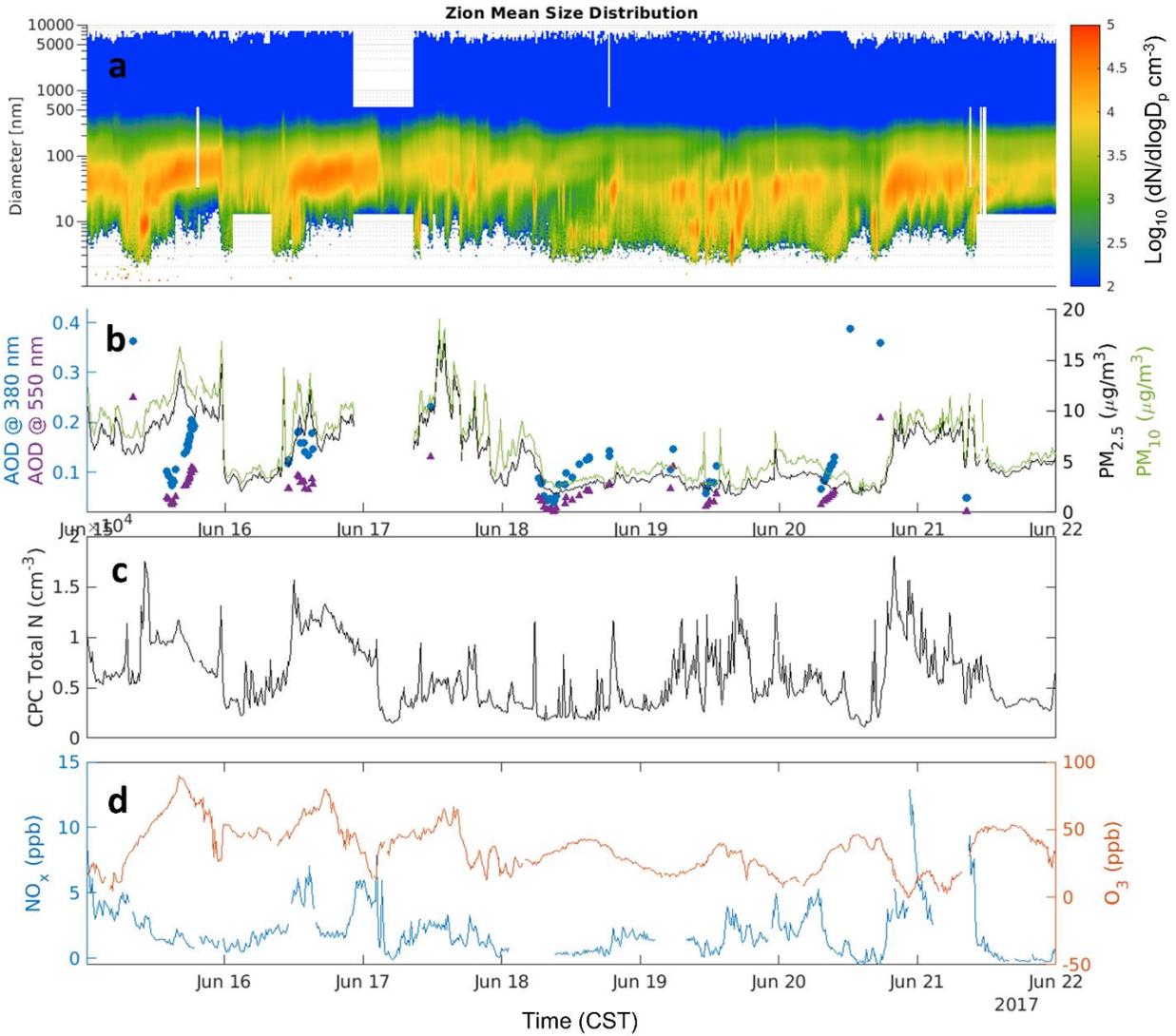
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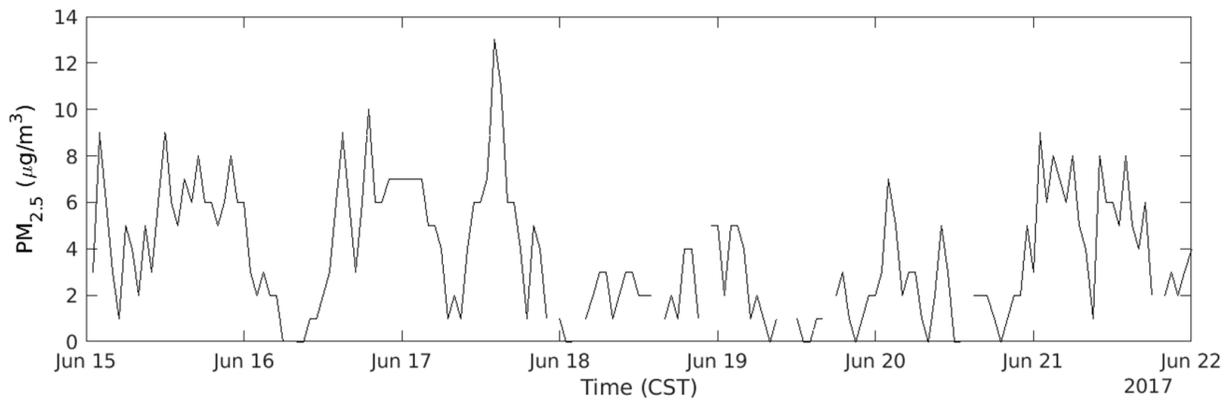
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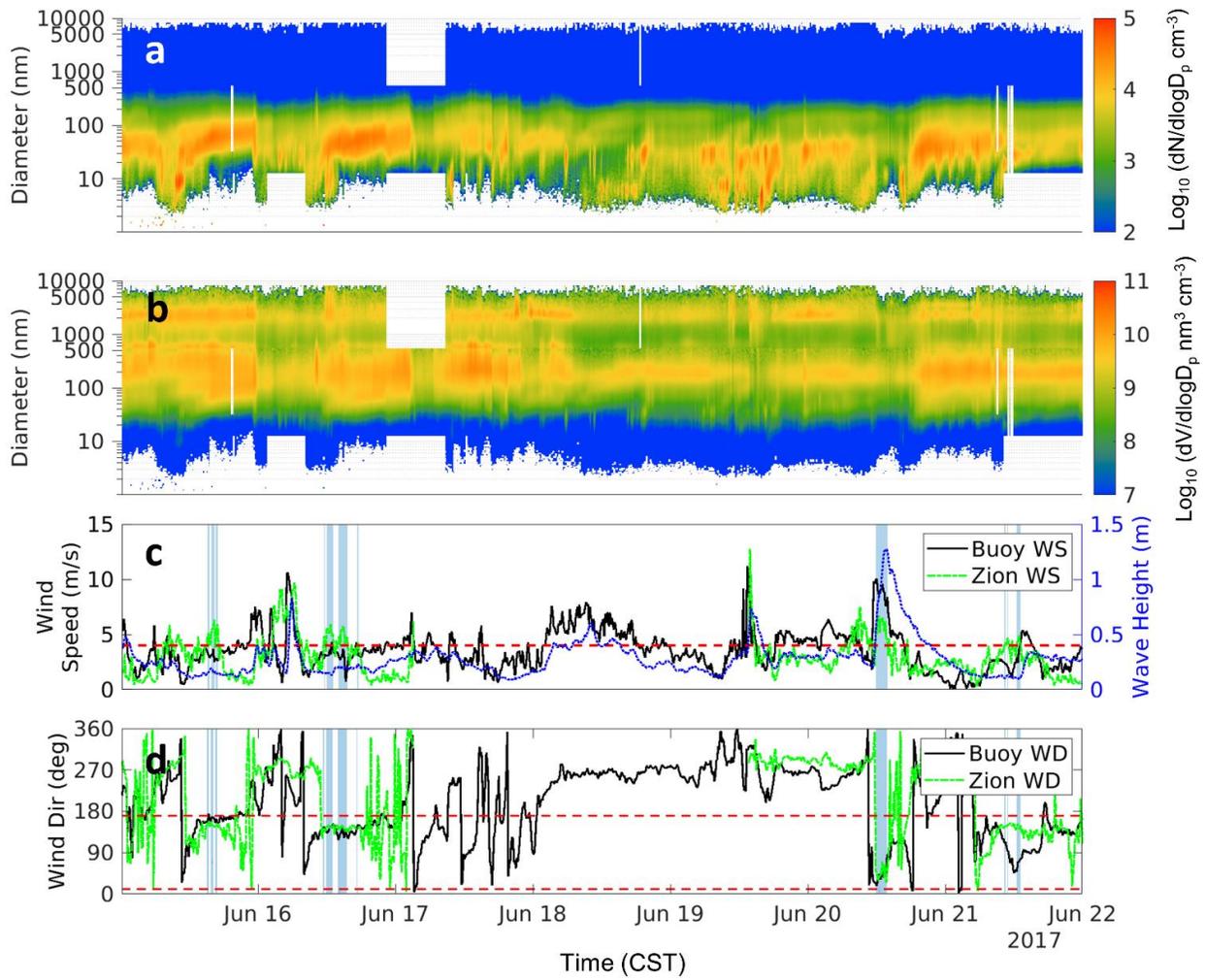
S5 Fig. June 8 – 15, 2017 of 10 min PSD (a) and VSD (b); buoy windspeed (black), Zion windspeed (green), and wave height (blue) (c); buoy (black) and Zion wind direction (green) (d). Blue shaded region represents where Zion windspeed > 4 m/s and Zion wind direction between 10° and 170°.



S6 Fig. Same as S1 Fig for June 15 – 22, 2017.



S7 Fig. Hourly $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ from Chiwaukee Prairie from June 15 – 22, 2017.



S8 Fig. The same as S5 Fig for June 15 – 22, 2017.