

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

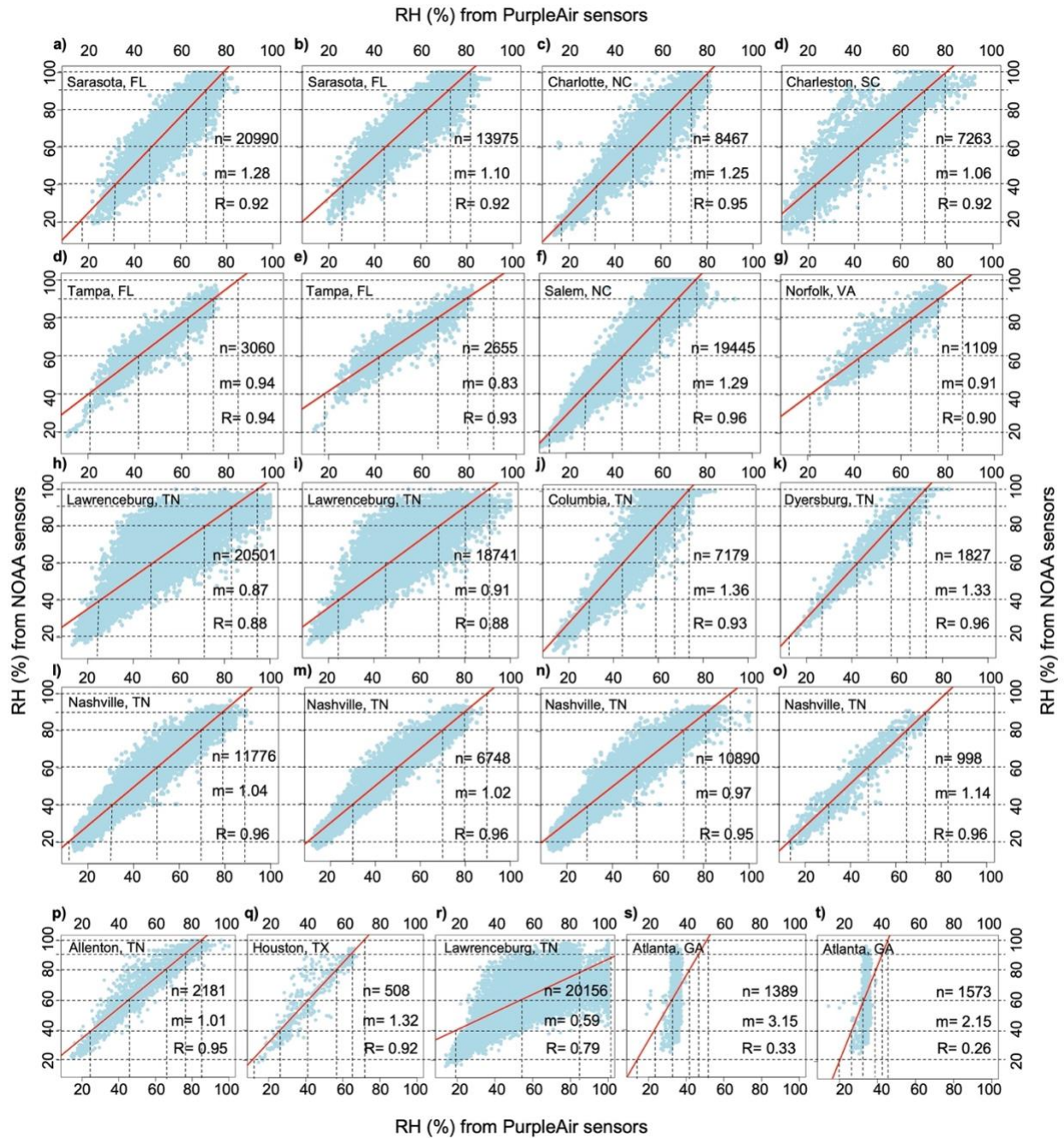


Figure S1: Correlation graphs between RH from each PA sensor and RH from the nearest NOAA sensor (average distance of ~10 miles (min: ~1.65, max: ~25.50 miles)). The 21 graphs correspond to the 21 PA sensors for the 0.5-km radius. R, n and m correspond to the estimated Pearson correlation, the number of data points and the slope of the linear regression.

Except for Figures S1-s and S1-t that present a very low Pearson correlation R, every individual PA displays a correlation R varying between 79% and 96% with 16/21 PA sensors presenting an

R equal or greater than 90%. As reported by recent studies (Tryner et al., 2020, Magi et al., 2020, Giordano et al., 2021; Barkjohn et al., 2022), PA sensors tend to report dryer humidity measurements than ambient conditions with a general difference of 10% to 20% for our sensors (Figure S2). However, Figure S1-r shows that one of our PA sensors reported more humid measurements for RH values of 80% or greater.

Moreover, the slope of the linear regression estimated for each PA sensor (Figure S1) shows that RH from Figures S1-r, S1-s and S1-t exhibit the larger bias metrics. Figure S1-r shows that RH from the PA sensor tend to underestimate ambient RH while PA sensors represented in Figures S1-s and S1-t tend to more than doubled or tripled RH values from NOAA.

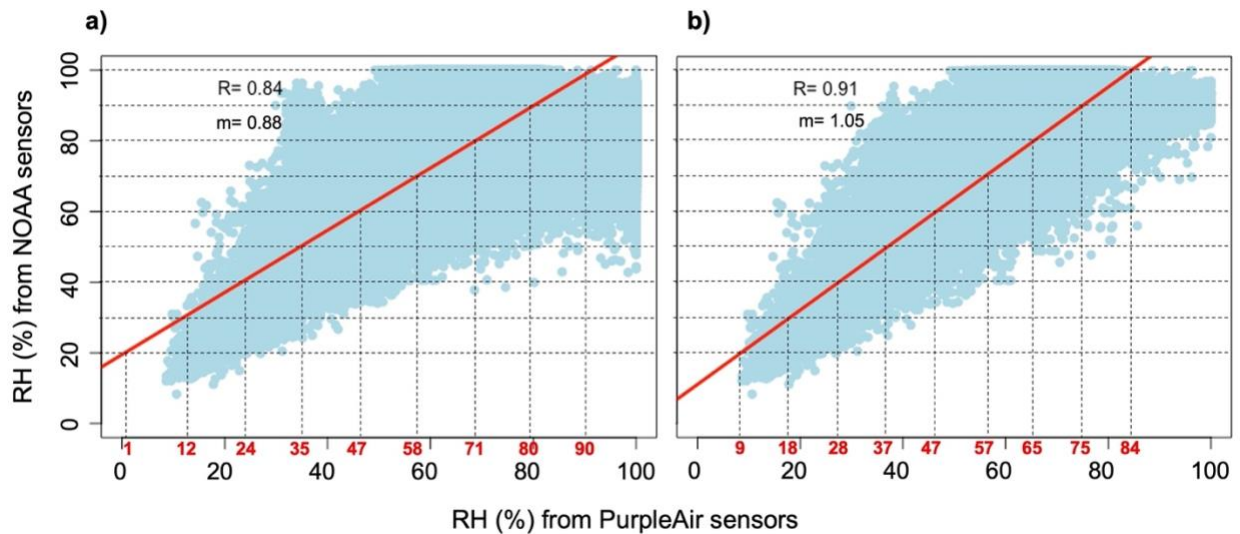


Figure S2: Correlation graphs between RH from PA sensors and RH from the nearest NOAA sensor to each PA sensor. a) All the 21 PA sensors for the 0.5-km radius, b) All PA sensors except r), s) and t) from Figure S1.

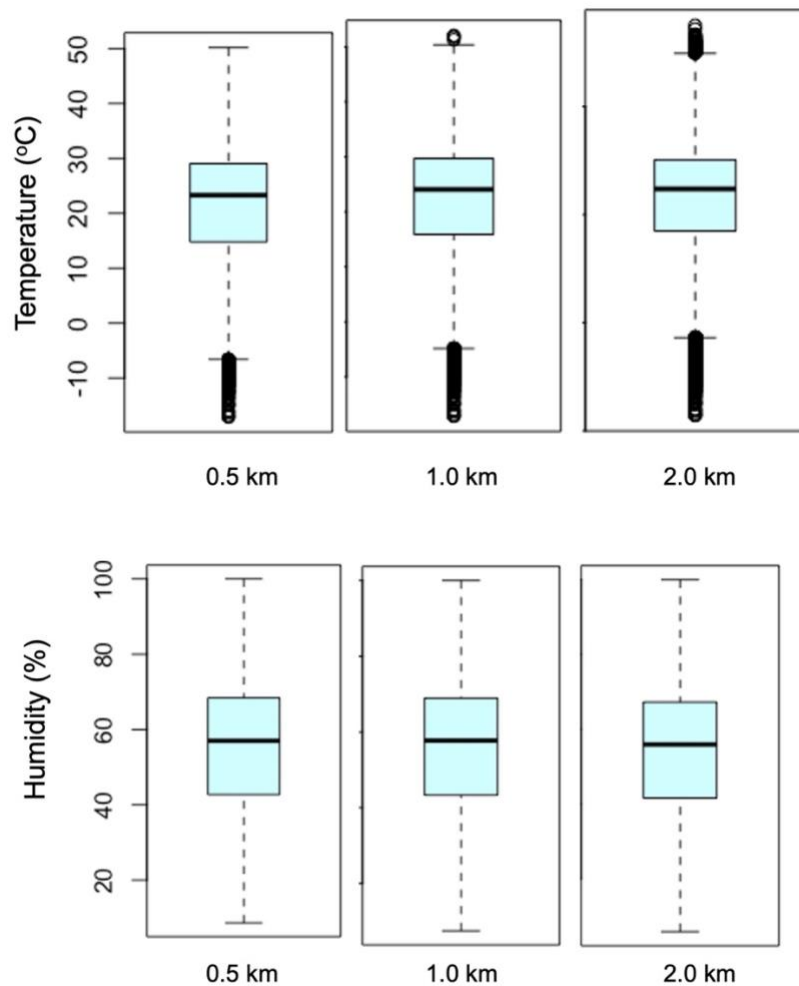


Figure S3: Distribution of RH and T from PurpleAir data for our three buffers (0.5 km, 1.0 km and 2.0 km)

### Model fit using the 1.0-km radius dataset:

Table S1: MLR model development (model fit using hourly data) for the 1.0-km radius

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Models		R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)
<b>Model 1</b>	4.3410721+0.3796856 PA <sub>i</sub>	58	3.85	2.47	76
<b>Model 2</b>	6.9941051+0.3872666 PA <sub>i</sub> -0.0489237 RH <sub>i</sub>	60	3.76	2.40	77
<b>Model 3</b>	1.6915454+0.3849136 PA <sub>i</sub> +0.1149728 T <sub>i</sub>	62	3.68	2.39	78

<b>Model 4</b>	$4.1204142 + 0.3907494 PA_i - 0.0405732 RH_i + 0.1050501 T_i$	63	3.61	2.32	79
<b>Model Bj</b>	$5.72 + 0.524 PA_i - 0.0852 RH_i$	60	4.40	2.94	77

Table S2: SSC model development for the 1.0-km radius

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Clusters (Number of observations)	Models	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MAE ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	R (%)
RH $\leq$ 50 (85616)	$2.782329 + 0.368994 PA_i - 0.010616 RH_i + 0.122888 T_i$	57	3.94	2.43	75
RH $>$ 50 (152431)	$5.1538241 + 0.3980145 PA_i - 0.0539108 RH_i + 0.0943790 T_i$	67	3.40	2.26	82

### Model fit using the 2.0-km radius dataset:

Table S3: MLR model development (model fit using hourly data) for the 2.0-km radius

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Models		R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MAE ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	R (%)
<b>Model 1</b>	$4.7265899 + 0.3763097 PA_i$	55	4.30	2.72	74
<b>Model 2</b>	$7.5916138 + 0.3844184 PA_i - 0.0545752 RH_i$	58	4.19	2.63	76
<b>Model 3</b>	$1.7548043 + 0.3803865 PA_i + 0.1250425 T_i$	59	4.13	2.62	77
<b>Model 4</b>	$4.3418026 + 0.3862249 PA_i - 0.0425548 RH_i + 0.1101893 T_i$	60	4.06	2.55	78
<b>Model Bj</b>	$5.72 + 0.524 PA_i - 0.0852 RH_i$	58	4.84	3.10	76

Table S4: SSC model development for the 2.0-km radius

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Clusters (Number of observations)	Models	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)
RH ≤ 50 (154276)	2.6452739 + 0.3676529 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.0057266 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.1303605 T <sub>i</sub>	54	4.45	2.74	74
RH >50 (239734)	6.0381100 + 0.3926179 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.0646265 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.0961319 T <sub>i</sub>	65	3.77	2.42	80

**Cross-validation using LGOCV for the 0.5-km radius**

Table S5: Cross-validation results – MLR models

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Models		R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)
<b>Model 1</b>	3.6667550+0.4053418 PA <sub>i</sub>	69	3.19	2.13	83
<b>Model 2</b>	6.3384228+0.4143437 PA <sub>i</sub> -0.0506037 RH <sub>i</sub>	71	3.06	2.05	84
<b>Model 3</b>	1.7642336+0.4109897 PA <sub>i</sub> +0.0847196 T <sub>i</sub>	71	3.05	2.06	84
<b>Model 4</b>	4.3295358+0.4182906 PA <sub>i</sub> -0.0445768 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.0752867 T <sub>i</sub>	73	2.95	1.98	85

Table S6: Cross-validation – SSC models

Parameters		Model fit with hourly data			
Clusters (Number of observations)	Models	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)
RH ≤ 50 (59405)	2.738732 + 0.425834 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.008944 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.079210 T <sub>i</sub>	71	2.93	1.86	84

RH >50 (100243)	$7.230374 + 0.412683 PA_i - 0.085278 RH_i + 0.070655 T_i$	74	2.92	2.02	86
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Table S7: Methods evaluated to determine the optimal number of clusters using NbClust

#	Methods	Number of clusters	Value Index
1	KL	6	12.525
2	CH	5	2455.144
3	Hartigan	5	1479.653
4	CCC	2	86.151
5	Scott	5	2750.553
6	Marriot	5	349227082927.000
7	TrCovW	3	107827250739.000
8	TraceW	5	135580.700
9	Friedman	14	52.457
10	Rubin	5	11.169
11	Cindex	6	0.253
12	DB	2	0.882
13	Silhouette	2	0.384
14	Duda	2	0.723
15	PseudoT2	2	1043.876
16	Beale	2	0.381
17	Ratkowsky	4	0.379
18	Ball	3	195959.500
19	PtBiserial	5	0.520
20	Frey	2	2.381
21	McClain	2	0.186
22	Dunn	13	0.010
23	Hubert	0	0.000
24	SDindex	4	0.203
25	Dindex	0	0.000
26	SDbw	14	0.280

Among all indices:

Eight (8) proposed 2 as the best number of clusters.

Two (2) proposed 3 as the best number of clusters.

Two (2) proposed 4 as the best number of clusters.  
 Seven (7) proposed 5 as the best number of clusters.  
 Two (2) proposed 6 as the best number of clusters.  
 One (1) proposed 13 as the best number of clusters.  
 Two (2) proposed 14 as the best number of clusters.

Conclusion: According to the majority rule, the best number of clusters is 2.

**Model fit using NOAA RH and T for the 0.5-km radius dataset:**

Table S8: MLR and SSC model development (model fit using hourly data) for the 0.5-km radius

Parameters		Model development				Sensitivity analysis			
Models		R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	RMSE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	MAE (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	R (%)
<b>MLR</b>	4.4968840+0.4184462 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.0353587 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.0779764 T <sub>i</sub>	72	2.99	2.01	85	78	2.28	1.62	88
<b>SSC</b> (RH ≤ 50)	2.874778+0.461934 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.009394 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.077146 T <sub>i</sub>	76	2.72	1.74	87	85	1.94	1.32	92
<b>SSC</b> (RH > 50)	5.6571930+0.4101217 PA <sub>i</sub> - 0.0472842 RH <sub>i</sub> + 0.0724931 T <sub>i</sub>	72	3.03	2.05	85	77	2.31	1.64	88