

Continuous Carbon Data Dashboard

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Continuous Carbon Data

- Continuous Carbon refers to hourly Aethalometer measurements of UV Carbon and BC
- Parameter codes and names:
 - 84313: BC PM_{2.5} Standard Temperature and Pressure (STP)
 - 84314: UV Carbon PM_{2.5} STP
 - 88313: BC PM_{2.5} at 880 nm
 - 88314: UV Carbon PM_{2.5} at 370 nm
 - 88317: BC PM_{2.5} Corrected

Continuous Carbon Dashboard; Overview

- Coded in an R environment; displayed using the Shiny package
- Back-end code compiles all data via the Air Quality System (AQS) API (2016–present)
- Most recent two years of data updated weekly; older data updated every quarter
- Features visualizations of particular interest (e.g., EC-to-BC comparisons)
- Users can see full characterizations of a specific station
- Designed to summarize large amounts of information in a quick and concise manner

Continuous Carbon Dashboard; Tabs



Continuous Carbon

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Accessible Color Palette

Tab Color Key:

Network-wide	■
Site-specific	■

Site Map

Network Completeness

Network Concentrations

Detection Limits

Method QA Tab

Time Series Investigation

Pollution Roses

Seasonality Analysis

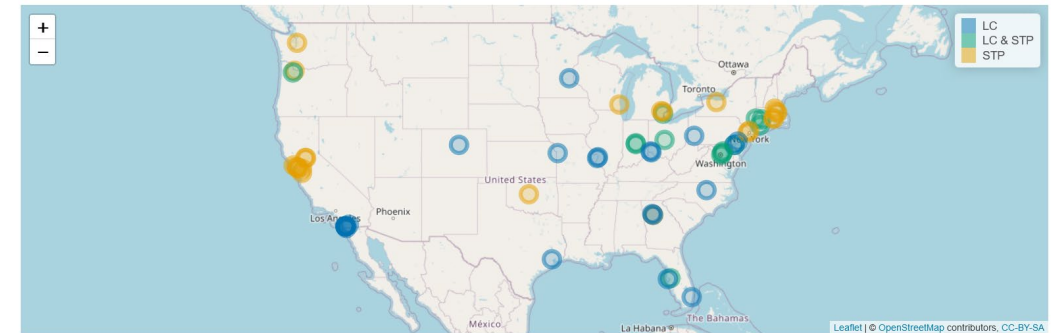
Carbon to PM_{2.5} Ratio

BC Source Apportionment

- Network-level assessments
 - Network-wide quality indicators
 - Intrasite comparisons
- Specific site-level assessments
 - Site-specific quality indicators and analysis tools
 - Site selection necessary for tabs to populate with data
 - Site metadata, including instrumentation

Network-Wide Tabs; Continuous Carbon Sites

- Interactive map
- Sites designated as local conditions (LC), STP, or both
- Selection on map interacts with the site-specific tabs
 - Selected site metadata table appears on every site-specific tab
- Metadata table below map
- Fifty-nine sites comprised of different networks (e.g., CSN, Near-Road, etc.)



Download Table

AQS Site Code	Site Name	City	State	Continuous BC & UV Availability	CSN/Improve EC Availability	Network Affiliation(s)	Last Sample Date
482011039	Houston Deer Park #2	Deer Park	TX	LC	EC_TOR_EC_TOT	CSN STN	2016-06-12
060670006	Sacramento-Del Paso Manor	Arden-Arcade	CA	STP	EC_TOR_EC_TOT	CSN STN	2023-12-31
100032004	MLK CORNER OF MLK BLVD AND JUSTISON ST	Wilmington	DE	LC	EC_TOR	CSN SUPPLEMENTAL	2022-04-30
295100085	Blair Street	St. Louis	MO	LC	EC_TOR	CSN STN	2024-01-31
371830014	Millbrook School	Raleigh	NC	LC	EC_TOR	CSN SUPPLEMENTAL	2020-03-27

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Network-Wide Tabs; Network Completeness

Select year:

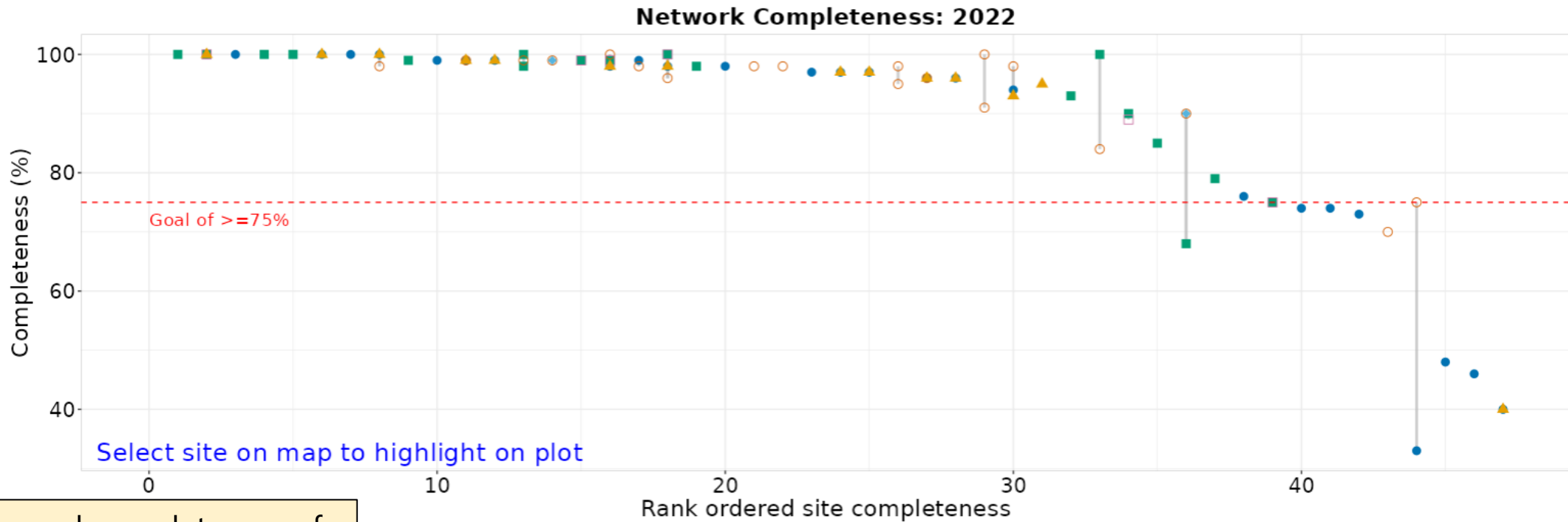
2022

Year toggle

Interactive plot; click, drag, and select to highlight sites to see metadata displayed in a table below

Show EC completeness

Drag and double-click to display details below plot. Double-click to reset.



Percent annual completeness of pollutant parameters by site and year; rank ordered based on annual completeness

Network-Wide Tabs; Method QA

- Evaluate continuous carbon methods against CSN/IMPROVE (filter) methods
- Comparisons are made between 24-hour observations of:
 - Continuous BC and CSN/IMPROVE EC
 - Continuous UV and CSN/IMPROVE OC
- Percent difference is calculated with CSN/IMPROVE measurements as the “true” value

Network-Wide Tabs; Method QA

Filter parameters:

Black Carbon PM2.5 Correcter ▾

Filter years:

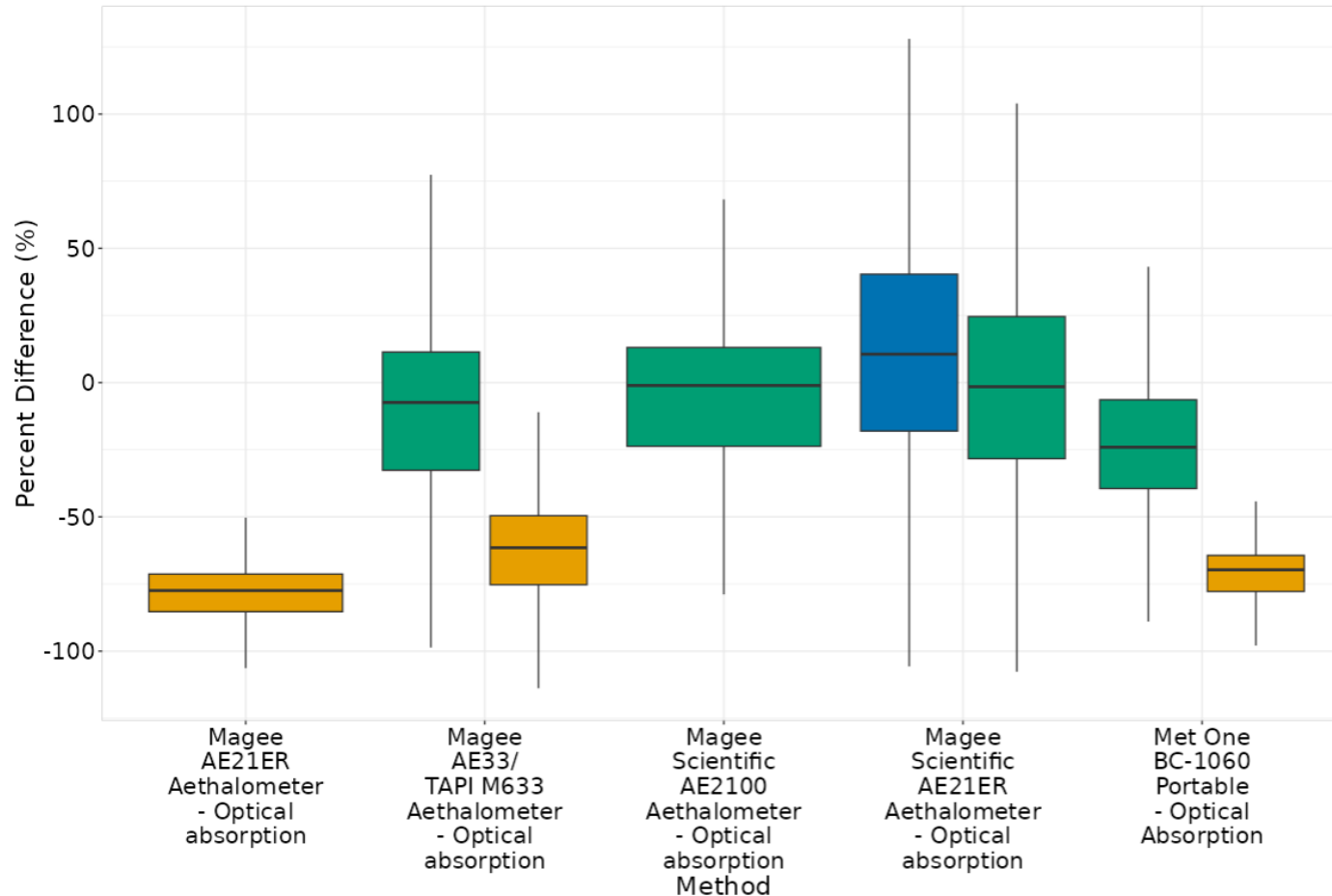
2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 ▾

Filter sites:

CT-Cornwall-0005, CT-New Haven-0027, MI- ▾

Update

Bias of Continuous Measurement by Method (outliers excluded)
Compared to CSN/IMPROVE



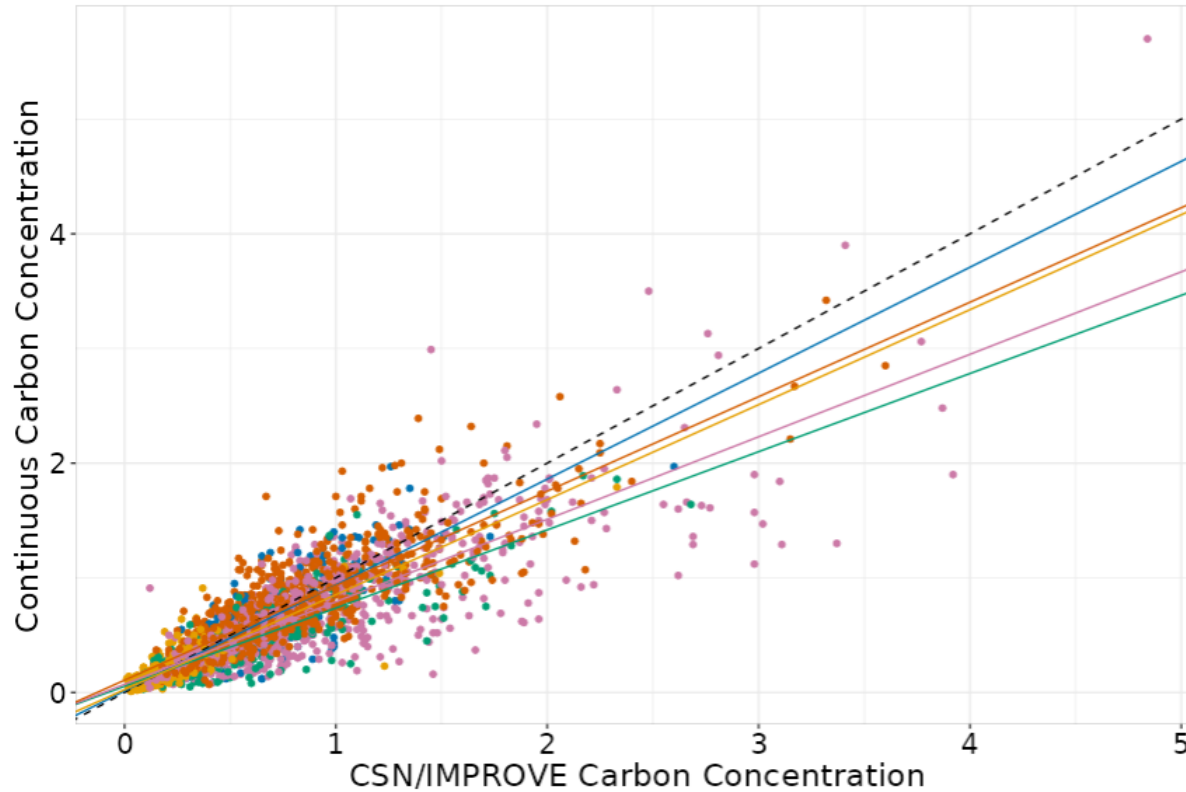
Parameter, year, and site toggles

Parameter

- Black Carbon PM2.5 Corrected
- Black Carbon PM2.5 at 880 nm
- UV Carbon PM2.5 at 370 nm

Network-Wide Tabs; Method QA

Continuous vs. CSN/IMPROVE Carbon Measurements



Shown: Black Carbon PM2.5 at 880 nm

- (Method Code) - Site
- (861) - MI-Allen Park-0001
 - (866) - NC-Raleigh-0014
 - (894) - CT-Cornwall-0005
 - (894) - CT-New Haven-0027
 - (894) - MO-St. Louis-0085
- Reference Lines
- One-to-one line

Linear Model Equations:

$$y = 0.01 + 0.92x; r^2 = 0.71$$

$$y = 0.05 + 0.68x; r^2 = 0.76$$

$$y = 0.02 + 0.83x; r^2 = 0.76$$

$$y = 0.07 + 0.72x; r^2 = 0.7$$

$$y = 0.11 + 0.82x; r^2 = 0.73$$

Site-Specific Tabs; Time Series Investigation

Select sample duration

1 HOUR

Select parameter

Black Carbon PM2.5 at 880 nm

Select a POC

1

Select a second parameter

Show 1-hr Parameters
 None

Second parameter

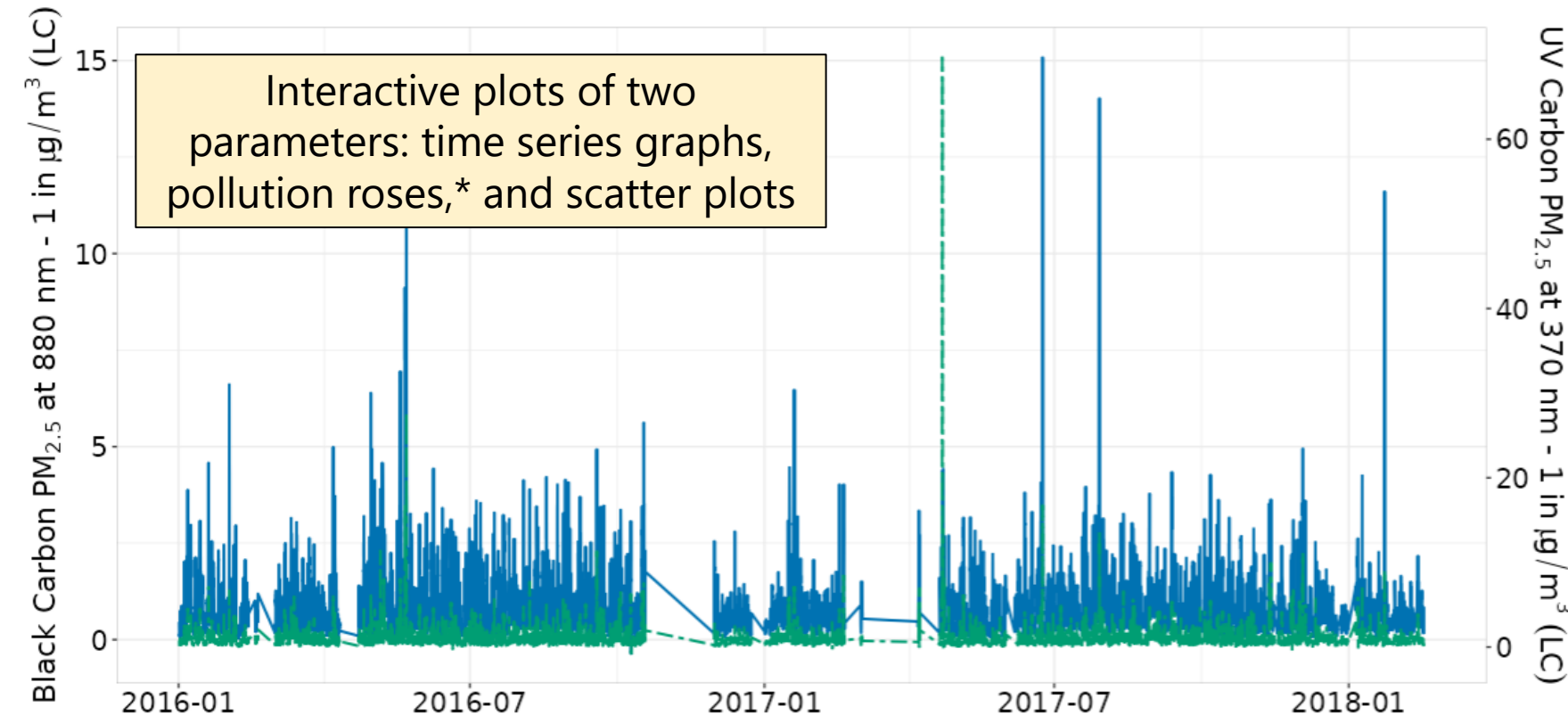
UV Carbon PM2.5 at 370 nm

Second POC

1

Update Plots

Drag across plot area and double-click to zoom. Double-click again to reset.



Interactive plots of two parameters: time series graphs, pollution roses,* and scatter plots

Sample duration, parameter, and POC toggles

— Black Carbon PM_{2.5} at 880 nm - 1
- - UV Carbon PM_{2.5} at 370 nm - 1

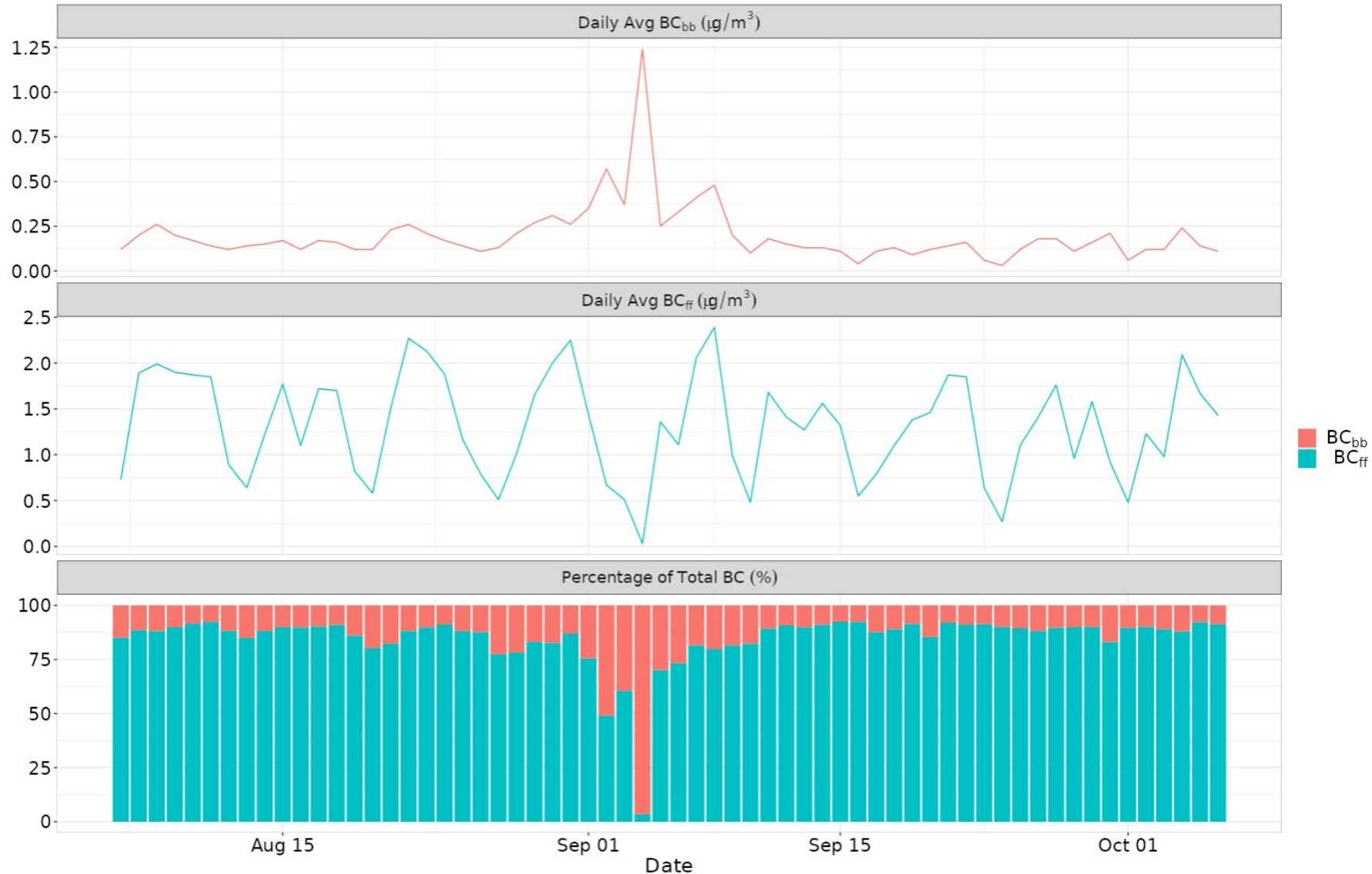
Can zoom in to a pollutant spike, and the pollution rose and scatter plot will update accordingly

*only if there is wind speed/direction at the site

Site-Specific Tabs; BC Source Apportionment

- Compares how proportions of biomass burning-sourced and fossil fuel-sourced BC changes over time at the selected site.
- **BC_{bb}** refers to biomass burning-sourced BC
- **BC_{ff}** refers to fossil fuel-sourced BC
- Interactive time series graph for daily average **BC_{bb}** and **BC_{ff}**, percentage graph, and table
 - User can zoom in on a particular time

Site-Specific Tabs; BC Source Apportionment



Continuous Carbon Dashboard Summary

The Continuous Carbon Dashboard:

- Compiles a large quantity of data from all sites in the AQS database that measure hourly UV and BC
- Displays data in various forms
- Allows for intersite comparisons
- Is highly interactive



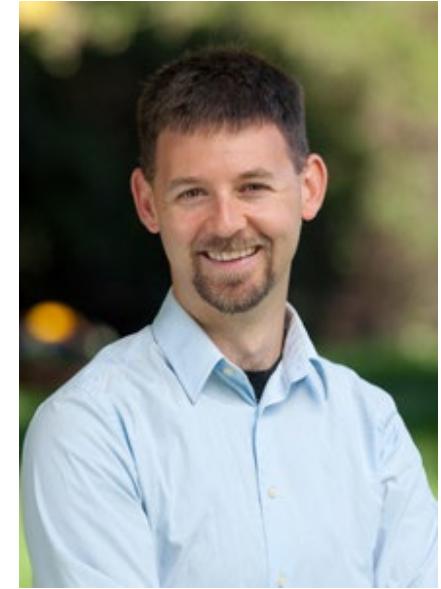
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Questions?

The suite of dashboards available:

- *PAMS Dashboard*
- *NCore Dashboard*
- *Near-Road Dashboard*
- *FRM-FEM Comparability Dashboard*
- *Ozone, QVA, CO, NO, NO₂, NO_y, SO₂, and FRM Dashboards*