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# Spatial variation of chemical composition and sources of submicron aerosol in Zurich: factor analysis of mobile aerosol mass spectrometer data

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## Abstract

Mobile measurements of PM<sub>1</sub> (PM with an aerodynamic diameter  $D < 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) chemical composition using a quadrupole aerosol mass spectrometer and a multi-angle absorption photometer were performed using the PSI mobile laboratory during winter 2007/2008 and December 2008 in the metropolitan area of Zurich, Switzerland. Positive matrix factorization (PMF) applied to the organic fraction of PM<sub>1</sub> yielded 3 factors: Hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) related to traffic emissions; organic aerosol from wood burning for domestic heating purposes (WBOA); and oxygenated organic aerosol (OOA), assigned to secondary organic aerosol formed by oxidation of volatile precursors. The spatial variation of the chemical composition of PM<sub>1</sub> shows a uniform distribution throughout the city: for primary emissions, road traffic is important along major roads (varying between 7 and 14% of PM<sub>1</sub> for different sites within the city), but overall, domestic wood burning is more important for the organic aerosol concentrations in Zurich during winter time (varying between 8–15% of PM<sub>1</sub> for different sites within the city). OOA makes up the largest fraction of organic aerosol (44% on average). A new method, based on simultaneous on-road mobile and stationary background measurements and using the ratio of on-road sulfate to stationary sulfate to correct for small-scale dynamic effects, allows for the separation of PM<sub>1</sub> emitted or produced locally and the PM<sub>1</sub> from the regional background. It could be shown that especially during thermal inversions over the Swiss plateau, regional background concentrations contribute substantially to particulate number concentrations (60% on average) as well as to the concentrations of PM<sub>1</sub> components (on average 60% for black carbon and HOA, over 97% for WBOA and OOA, and more than 94% for the measured inorganic components) in downtown Zurich. The results emphasize, on a scientific level, the advantage of mobile measurements for distinguishing local from regional air pollution, and on a political level, the importance of regional collaboration for mitigating air pollution issues.

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## 1 Introduction

Atmospheric aerosols, liquid or solid particles suspended in the air, influence our climate (IPCC, 2007), affect regional visibility (Watson, 2002), and impair human health (Pope and Dockery, 2006), effects which make them the focal point of numerous research activities. Laboratory experiments (e.g. “smogchamber studies”) and field measurement campaigns all over the world have led to vast advances in the understanding of their sources, their physical and chemical properties, and their evolution in the atmosphere. However, aerosol particles are still less understood than gas phase species due to their heterogeneous distribution, short atmospheric lifetimes, and the analytical challenges faced when investigating small particles (Posfai and Buseck, 2010). This is especially true for the organic fraction of particulate matter (PM), typically making up 20–90% of the submicron aerosol mass (Jimenez et al., 2009).

The multitude and complexity of processes leading to high aerosol mass and number concentrations on a local or regional scale have made it difficult for policy makers to successfully design and implement mitigation activities for PM, in which knowledge about sources is a prerequisite. This in turn requires information on particulate chemical composition. Developments in the field of aerosol mass spectrometry during the last decade have made real-time online measurements of the chemical composition of PM possible (Canagaratna et al., 2007; Baltensperger et al., 2010). In 2005, a new technique involving a series of multivariate linear regressions was published (Zhang et al., 2005), allowing for deconvolution of the organic mass spectral data matrix measured by a quadrupole aerosol mass spectrometer (Q-AMS) into a reduced fraction called hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA), assigned to primary emissions, and an oxygenated organic aerosol (OOA) fraction, related to secondary formation of PM from volatile organic precursors. Lanz et al. (2007) combined Q-AMS organic mass spectral data with the factor analytical model Positive Matrix Factorization (Paatero and Tapper, 1993, 1994), and were able to further separate organic source components, including a subdivision of OOA into a low-volatility (OOA I) and a semi-volatile (OOA II) fraction.

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Health effects of PM are especially important in highly populated areas. A growing portion of the world's population lives in cities and megacities, being exposed to an increased risk of morbidity and pre-mature mortality due to poor air quality (Baldasano et al., 2003; Molina and Molina, 2004; Gurjar et al., 2010). Therefore, field campaigns in urban centers (e.g. Mexico City, Mexico, Barcelona, Spain), addressing emissions from urban anthropogenic activities as well as the evolution of the city's pollution plume to surrounding areas, are an important and widely applied part of aerosol research (e.g. Zhang et al., 2004; Molina et al., 2010; Pandolfi et al., 2011). The city of Zurich, Switzerland, with ~400 000 inhabitants, has been the focus of previous field studies, e.g. investigations on the contribution of road traffic to ambient levels of fine particles (Gehrig et al., 2001), non-exhaust particles generated by road traffic (Bukowiecki et al., 2010), the chemical composition of PM (Hueglin et al., 2005), sources of organic aerosol by means of factor analytical modeling of mass spectrometer data (Lanz et al., 2007), or the fossil and non-fossil fraction of carbonaceous aerosol (Szidat et al., 2006). Especially high PM concentrations can be observed during winter time due to thermal inversions preventing dilution of emissions, and increased emissions from wood burning for domestic heating purposes (Lanz et al., 2008).

Infrastructure requirements of aerosol and gas-phase instrumentation put restrictions to ambient air quality measurements, which often lead to a fixed installation of instruments at a designated place with sufficient power and protection. However, in addition to the temporal evolution, the spatial variation of the parameters of interest can be of importance for explaining particular atmospheric processes. Thus, either the same type of instrument is set up at various sites simultaneously (e.g. Mejia et al., 2008; Xie et al., 2008), or one set of instruments is mounted on a mobile platform such as a truck or aircraft. Many mobile measurements have been performed using aircraft (e.g. Schneider et al., 2006; Bahreini et al., 2003; DeCarlo et al., 2008), or, if ground-based, focused on vehicle exhaust (e.g. Canagaratna et al., 2004; Zavala et al., 2009; Thornhill et al., 2010). Only few dealt with ground-based spatially resolved particle characterization or source apportionment (Bukowiecki et al., 2002, 2003; Weimer et al., 2009).

The present study combines ground-based mobile AMS measurements with PMF source apportionment. It was our goal to explore the spatial variation of the chemical composition of PM<sub>1</sub> (PM of particles with a diameter  $D < 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) as well as of organic components for winter time in the city of Zurich. A new method to distinguish the local fraction of PM<sub>1</sub> from the fraction related to the regional background will be presented. This differentiation is of high importance for local policy makers concerned with air quality.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Zurich mobile measurement campaigns

For 10 days between 27 November 2007 and 16 December 2008 on-road mobile measurements were performed in the city of Zurich, Switzerland (400 m a.s.l.), representing 66 h of data. Measurements of the PM<sub>1</sub> chemical composition, size distribution and number concentration, trace gas concentrations (NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>), and meteorological and geographical parameters (temperature, relative humidity (RH), solar radiation, altitude, longitude, latitude) were conducted. Figure 1 gives an overview of the dates and times of measurement and the number of loops driven along the chosen route. The route was chosen such that major traffic arteries, residential areas, suburbs, and surrounding hills were covered. After each loop, a few minutes of stationary data acquisition at the urban background site “Kaserne” (Bukowiecki et al., 2010), part of the Swiss National Air Pollution Monitoring Network (NABEL), were inserted. Zurich Kaserne is shielded from direct emissions and is thus pre-dominantly affected by background urban air. Mobile measurements were usually performed during morning and evening times, when traffic and domestic heating emissions are at their maximum (Lanz et al., 2008; Krecl et al., 2008), for about 3–4 h each, and normally included 3 loops per half-day. The elevated areas (Bucheegg Square – Limmattal Station, 550 m a.s.l., and Üetliberg, 800 m a.s.l.) were covered once per half-day. The section leading up to

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Üetliberg and the one from the main train station to Selnau were only made in December 2008.

## 2.2 Mobile laboratory

Measurements were performed with the PSI mobile laboratory shown in Fig. 2, an IVECO 35S14V Daily van (length 6 m; width 2 m; height 3 m, maximum gross weight 3.5 tons), equipped with a diesel particulate filter which reduces the danger of particulate self-contamination during measurements. The van setup has been described in detail elsewhere (Bukowiecki et al., 2002; Weimer et al., 2009), and only modifications specific for this study will be presented here. The main inlet in front, located at a height of 3.2 m above ground, consists of a 4-cm inner diameter stainless steel tube. A heavy-duty-blower provides a constant flow of  $14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  ( $50 \text{ kmh}^{-1}$ ) in the main inlet, eliminating the influence of driving speed. The flow is monitored. Despite the turbulent flow in this part of the inlet (Reynolds number  $Re \sim 42\,000$ ) particle losses (for particles with a diameter between 50 and 700 nm, a size range where the aerodynamic lens transmission efficiency of the Q-AMS is larger than 50% – Liu et al., 2007) are negligible ( $\leq 0.23\%$  for diffusion or gravitational losses), due to the high flow velocity. Two smaller stainless steel tubes with an inner diameter of 0.8 cm, reaching inside the main inlet tube (one in front, 10 cm behind the main inlet entrance, the other one in the back, 250 cm behind main inlet entrance) distribute the sample air to the two instrument racks (front rack and back rack) inside the van. There is some reduction in flow velocity from the main inlet tube to the tubes reaching the racks (by factors of 2 and 4 for the front and back branching, respectively). Such anisokinetic sampling can lead to an enrichment of larger particles, but no such artifacts could be observed, most likely due to the low size range of the particles measured for this study (for the data taken before December 2008, the Q-AMS was equipped with a high-throughput lens which can potentially reduce the transmission of particles larger than  $\sim 400 \text{ nm}$  – Hildebrandt et al., 2010). Copper (or Teflon, for the gas phase instruments) tubing with 0.4 cm inner diameter led to the different instruments. Residence time for the air

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sample varied between 5 s and 6 s, depending on the position of the instrument. Due to the high main inlet flow velocity, the difference in residence time between the front and the back rack is negligible (0.02 s).

## 2.3 Instrumentation

The majority of data presented in this study was taken with the Q-AMS (Aerodyne Research Inc.), providing information on the PM<sub>1</sub> non-refractory chemical components ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub>), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>), sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>) chloride (Cl), and organics. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs, formed during burning or pyrolysis of organic matter in incomplete combustion (Dzepina et al., 2007) were determined separately, but were included in total organic mass loadings unless specified differently). Details of the instrument configuration and functioning have been described in numerous publications (Jimenez et al., 2003; Canagaratna et al., 2007). The instrument was operated in the mass spectrum (MS) mode only, with an averaging time of 6 s (50% open/closed). No drier was used prior to Q-AMS sampling, as is generally recommended in order to control RH and particulate phase water. This is an important parameter influencing the collection efficiency of the instrument after the lens (Cross et al., 2009). However, the temperature difference between outside (2 °C on average) and inside the mobile laboratory (~15 °C on average) reduced RH from 79% (on average) outside to 33% inside the van, thus functioning as a drier for the purposes of this study.

Additional aerosol instruments deployed in the mobile laboratory included a multi-angle absorption photometer (MAAP 5012, Thermo), yielding the black carbon (BC) mass concentration with a time resolution of 1 s. For the conversion of the measured light absorption coefficient (at wavelength  $\lambda = 630$  nm) to the particulate black carbon concentration, a mass specific absorption cross section  $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$  of  $6.6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$  was used. The particle number concentration was measured with a condensation particle counter (CPC 3010s, TSI) with a time resolution of 1 s. A dilution flow of  $9 \text{ l min}^{-1}$  was used to extend the concentration range (0.0001 to 10 000 particles  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) by a factor of 10. A fast mobility particle sizer spectrometer (TSI, 309100) and a diffusion charging particle

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sensor (Matter Engineering, LQ1-DC) were also operated, but no data from these measurements will be shown here.

CO<sub>2</sub> was the only gas phase species measured during each drive of the campaign. A LI-7000 CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O analyzer (LICOR) measured infrared absorption by CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (not calibrated/used). For the days of December 2008, a LMA-3 Luminox® Monitor (SCINTREX) was deployed, detecting the presence of NO<sub>2</sub> via chemiluminescence (using a specially formulated luminol solution). A chromium trioxide converter detects NO<sub>x</sub> by oxidizing NO to NO<sub>2</sub> by CrO<sub>3</sub> with an average efficiency of 82%. CO was measured for the same period as NO<sub>x</sub> with a carbon monoxide analyzer (Aerolaser GmbH, AL5002). All gas phase measurements were performed with a time resolution of 1 s.

Longitude, latitude, and altitude as well as driving speed were recorded by GPS (Garmin Iplus) with a time resolution of 2 s. Temperature (thermilinear thermistor network, YSI 44203), pressure (device constructed by PSI), RH (HUMICAP sensor, Vaisala HMP 31UT), and global radiation (pyranometer, Kipp&Zonen “Solarimeter” CM10) were logged with a time resolution of 1 s.

## 2.4 Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF)

### 2.4.1 PMF model: principle

Source components of the organic fraction measured by Q-AMS were defined using PMF (Paatero and Tapper, 1993, 1994; Lanz et al., 2007; Ulbrich et al., 2009). PMF is a factor analytical tool whose usefulness in source apportionment of AMS ambient organic data has been proven in numerous studies (e.g. Lanz et al., 2010). Based on Eq. (1), PMF assumes that  $x_{ij}$ , element in row  $i$  (time) and column  $j$  ( $m/z$ ) of a measured  $m \times n$  organic data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , can be modeled as a linear combination of  $p$  (number of factors) factor profiles  $f_{pj}$  (element of the  $p \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ ) with respective mass contributions  $g_{ip}$ , element of the  $m \times p$  matrix  $\mathbf{G}$ , plus an error term  $e_{ij}$ , element of the  $m \times n$  residual matrix  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{GF})$ .  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  are constrained to have non-negative values.

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$$x_{ij} = \sum_p g_{ip} f_{pj} + e_{ij} \quad (1)$$

The solution is a weighted iterative least squares fit minimizing  $Q$  as in Eq. (2), where the known standard deviations  $\sigma_{ij}$  for the values  $x_{ij}$  are used for determining the weights of the residuals  $e_{ij}$ .

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{ij}/\sigma_{ij})^2 \quad (2)$$

PMF does not require any a priori knowledge, but is based on the assumption that factor profiles do not change over time. The model was solved with the PMF2.exe algorithm v.4.2. (Paatero and Tapper, 1994), and results were analyzed using the PMF evaluation tool (PET 2.03A) (Ulbrich et al., 2009).

#### 2.4.2 Preparatory data analysis

Q-AMS data were analyzed using the standard algorithm developed by Allan et al. (2004) (AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.41) within Igor Pro 6 (Wavemetrics, Lake Oswego, OR). The fragmentation table for organics was modified according to Aiken et al. (2008). Comparing Q-AMS mass loadings and chemical composition with data measured simultaneously at the urban background site Zurich Kaserne from an Aerodyne High-Resolution Time-of-Flight AMS (HR-ToF-AMS), a scanning mobility particle sizer (December 2008 – Richard et al., 2011) or a tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM) monitor (Thermo) (November/December 2007), suggested a Q-AMS collection efficiency (CE) of 0.85. A high ammonium nitrate fraction (42% of total  $PM_{10}$  mass on average) and possible high aerosol water content due to a lack of drying the sample air (see Sect. 2.3) support the relatively high CE (Matthew et al., 2008). Interestingly, Hildebrandt et al. (2010) found exactly the same CE for this instrument, but a different environment, based on the method by Kostenidou et al. (2007). All data including

gas phase species were averaged to 1 min to match the averaging time chosen for the Q-AMS data. The quadrupole mass spectrometer scans consecutively through mass-to-charge ratios ( $m/z$ 's) 1-300, spending a finite time at each  $m/z$ . As described in Bahreini et al. (2003), particle counting statistics hence impose additional limitation on the signal-to-noise ratio. Assuming that at least 10 particles are required to be detected at each  $m/z$  for a relevant representative average of the ambient chemical composition, and an aerosol number concentration of  $\sim 30\,000$  (rounded median of all CPC measurements), it takes 0.3 s (14 s) to measure 10 particles (10 "high-mass particles" – Jimenez et al., 2003) at a given  $m/z$  in MS mode. Hence 1 min averaging time corresponds to a temporal resolution sufficiently low to get a representative sample of the ambient  $\text{PM}_{10}$  chemical composition but still high enough in terms of spatial resolution (225 m with a campaign average driving speed of  $13.5\text{ km h}^{-1}$ ).

AMS data uncertainties were calculated using the algorithm developed by Allan et al. (2003). Further modification steps of the elements  $\sigma_{ij}$  of the uncertainties matrix were done according to the protocol detailed in Ulbrich et al. (2009).  $m/z$ 's directly proportional to  $m/z$  44 were not downweighted, since downweighting of those variables led to no feasible PMF solution (see Supplement SI, Fig. SI-3). As stated in Lanz et al. (2007), meteorology plays a dominant role in aerosol mass concentrations during Swiss plateau winters, governing the diurnal pattern of emissions, which makes it difficult for PMF to differentiate between the different factors. Forcing one factor (OOA) in the solution to have the mass spectral characteristics of the fragmentation table dependencies for  $m/z$  44 was just sufficient a priori information to yield an atmospherically relevant PMF solution. Richard et al. (2011) observed the same for their dataset obtained from stationary measurements in Zurich Kaserne in December 2008.

Due to the time gap between the measurements in winter 2007 and December 2008 and thus varying instrument performance, the organic dataset had to be split into two for the application of PMF (part 1: measurements days November 2007–February 2008; part 2: December 2008). PMF2 was run in the robust mode (outliers  $|e_{ij}/\sigma_{ij}| > 4$  were dynamically reweighted during fitting to not pull the fit excessively).

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The model error, which is intended to decrease the  $Q$ -value for points that do not fit the model, was set to 0 (Ulbrich et al., 2009).

### 3 Results

#### 3.1 Overview drives

5 Figure 1 gives information on dates and times of measurements, the number of loops on the measurement route in the corresponding time interval, the mean temperature, as well as an overview on the parameters measured and their variability. The importance of meteorological conditions for the day-to-day variation of the pollutant concentrations becomes evident looking at concentration trends of all measured parameters, all of which follow a roughly similar temporal pattern. Zurich lies on the Swiss plateau, a densely populated region wedged in between the Jura mountains in the north and the Alps in the south. In winter, frequent thermal inversions lead to an entrapment and hence accumulation of emissions and subsequently formed secondary components, resulting in a rather uniform distribution of pollution throughout the whole Swiss plateau region (Lanz et al., 2010).

15 Figure SI-1 in the SI shows such a situation for 29 November 2007, where air masses had been residing over Switzerland for 3 days before arriving at the receptor site. Consequently, the 3 measurement days in November 2007 were characteristic of a gradual accumulation of pollutants, e.g.  $PM_{10}$ , PAHs, and  $CO_2$ . The decrease in number concentration at the same time could be due to processing of air masses, leading to particle growth through coagulation/condensation, or different traffic conditions on that day.

20 The Sunday of 16 December 2007 shows low concentrations for all parameters due to fewer emissions (Sunday ban of heavy-duty traffic). 8 January 2008 was the first day after a rainy period, hence particle mass concentrations were low since there was only little time for processing of the air masses and accumulation of pollutants. On

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15 February 2008,  $m/z$  39 (a wood smoke marker with contributions from K and  $C_3H_3^+$  ions), and PAH concentrations were particularly low compared to total  $PM_{10}$ , most likely due to the fact that measurements were only performed during the morning, and wood burning for domestic heating purposes takes place predominantly in the evening. Highest  $PM_{10}$  concentrations (median  $50 \mu g m^{-3}$ , equal to the Swiss 24h-legal limit that must not be exceeded more than once a year) were recorded on 19 February 2008, a day during a period of stable temperature inversion and subsequent accumulation of pollutants.

Stagnant air masses due to thermal inversion also led to an accumulation of pollutants from 14–15 December 2008.  $NO_x$ , mostly emitted from fossil fuel combustion from traffic (58%), but also households (7%), industry (25%), and agriculture (10%) (BAFU, 2009), showed concentrations up to 100 ppb (median) and 140 ppb (upper quartile) on 15 December, far above the annual mean of 27 ppb measured in Zurich 2008 (BAFU, 2009). However, it must be taken into account that measurements were performed on road and hence there was a substantial influence by local tailpipe emissions. The medians of CO, a byproduct of incomplete combustion, were within the range of the annual mean of  $0.36 mg m^{-3}$  ( $\sim 315$  ppb) (BAFU and EMPA, 2009). Rather high wind speed (up to  $4 ms^{-1}$ ) on 14 December 2008 and a change in meteorological conditions including breakup of the inversion in the late afternoon of 16 December 2008 led to  $PM_{10}$ ,  $m/z$  39, PAHs, and number concentrations being at the lower end of concentration range for part 2 compared to the other days.

Since mobile measurements are only point measurements, the question of representativeness arises. Figure SI-2 in SI presents a frequency plot of  $PM_{10}$  daily averages of the periods 1 November 2007–28 February 2008 and 1 December 2008–31 December 2008 at the urban background site Kaserne, with the values corresponding to the days of mobile measurements colored in black. The distribution of the mobile measurement days covers the full range of  $PM_{10}$  mean values, indicating that the chosen days gave a reasonable overview of the concentration range observed in these two winters.

## 3.2 PMF results: organic source components

For both part 1 and part 2 of the organic data matrix measured in Zurich by Q-AMS, three factors were found, attributed to the following components: Hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) representing the fraction of organics related to primary traffic emissions; wood burning organic aerosol (WBOA) from wood burning for domestic heating purposes; and oxygenated organic aerosol (OOA), which represents secondary organic aerosol formed by oxidation and condensation of volatile organic precursors (Fig. 3). The mass spectral profiles found independently for the two parts are well correlated: Using the full spectra for the correlation yielded  $R^2$  values of 0.97, 0.97, and 0.93 for OOA, HOA, and WBOA, respectively; and slopes of 1.04, 1.18, and 1.04 for OOA, HOA, and WBOA, respectively. For correlating the OOA spectra of part 1 and part 2 without the peaks related to  $m/z$  44 (i.e., removing  $m/z$ 's 16, 17, 18, and 28), the same  $R^2$  of 0.97 was found.

Rotational ambiguity leads to non-unique solutions still fulfilling the non-negativity constraint (Paatero et al., 2002). The rotational freedom of the chosen solution can be explored through a user-specified rotational parameter  $f_{peak}$  and was chosen to be  $-0.1$  for part 1, and 0 for part 2. DeCarlo et al. (2010) explored the solution space for the chosen  $f_{peak}$  running PMF with 50 random initial values ( $SEED$ ) at iteration start. For the present dataset,  $SEED$  values between 0 and 50 yielded two solution groups with similar patterns within each group. For the group not representing the present solution corresponding to  $SEED = 0$ , WBOA and OOA were less clearly separated (Pearson's  $R$  value of 0.77; for the present solution 0.44). For further detailed discussion of parameters chosen and mathematical criteria for the number of factors determined we refer to SI, Sect. 3.

For part 2,  $m/z$  29 was removed from the matrix before running PMF due to exceptionally low resolution of the quadrupole mass spectrometer making the separation of neighboring peaks such as  $m/z$  28 and  $m/z$  29 difficult.  $m/z$  29 was then reintegrated as a linear combination of fractions of the PMF solutions HOA, OOA, and WBOA,

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respectively, of part 2: The measured time series of  $m/z$  29 was fit using Eq. (3), where  $G_1$ – $G_3$  represent the time series of factors 1–3, i.e., OOA, HOA, and WBOA) of the PMF solution, and the resulting  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  the factor-respective fractions of  $m/z$  29.  $e$  denotes an error term.

$$f(G_1, G_2, G_3) = G_1 \cdot a + G_2 \cdot b + G_3 \cdot c + e \quad (3)$$

In addition, part 2 comprises fewer data with an overall lower signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) than part 1 (not shown), from 3 days of relatively stable meteorological conditions, making the differentiation of factors more difficult. Especially HOA and WBOA can potentially be difficult for PMF to be separated perfectly, as has been observed by e.g. Aiken et al. (2010), and DeCarlo et al. (2010). For WBOA, the solution chosen for part 2 has very low signal at  $m/z$ 's 41, 43, 55, and 57 compared to part 1. However, choosing an  $f_{peak}$  with a higher fraction of  $m/z$  57 ( $f_{peak} < 0$ ) would lead to a solution with lower signal at  $m/z$  60, a marker of biomass burning emissions ( $m/z$  60 is attributed to  $C_2H_4O_2^+$ , a fragment of levoglucosan which in turn is a pyrolysis product of cellulose – Alfarra et al., 2007). For  $f_{peak} = 0.1$ ,  $m/z$  60 in WBOA would be at a maximum, but for  $f_{peak} \geq 0.1$  the contribution from  $m/z$  44 in WBOA becomes zero (Fig. SI-11), which is not in accordance with wood burning source emission studies (e.g. Heringa et al., 2011).

The results found here are in good agreement ( $R^2$  of 0.99 (0.98), 0.99 (0.97), and 0.85 (0.66) for OOA, HOA, and WBOA part 1 (part 2), respectively) with the factors found for stationary measurements at the urban background site Kaserne in January 2006 by Lanz et al. (2008), who used a hybrid receptor model solved by the multilinear engine (ME-2) which incorporates a priori known source composition. The same three PMF factors (with  $R^2$  of 0.98 (0.97), 0.87 (0.86), and 0.87 (0.79) for OOA, HOA, WBOA part 1 (part 2), respectively) were also found by Richard et al. (2011) for a unit mass resolution (UMR) organic dataset again from Zurich Kaserne, measured by a HR-ToF-AMS in December 2008.

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Additional quality assurance of PMF results was done comparing the time traces of factors 1 to 3 with measured marker mass fragments, inorganic components, and ancillary data (Figs. SI-14–SI-20). Least squares estimates are very sensitive to outliers (non-robust method), and especially the BC data, but also the PMF factor time series of part 2 and gases time series exhibited many spikes. The beforehand mentioned low resolution of the Q-AMS during part 2 measurements led to rather noisy data. In addition, since the data were acquired while moving, short-time concentration peaks could partially be missed due to Q-AMS-specific particle counting statistics (compare Sect. 2.4.2). Hence, the regression analysis of the corresponding time series proved to yield too low  $R^2$  values to confirm correlation even though they showed similar behavior when plotting the time traces on top of each other. Consequently, data for these comparisons were cleared of outliers (the upper 1st percentile of data was removed) and smoothed using a moving average of 5 data points. Figures SI-19–SI-20 in the SI show the correlations for the corrected and the uncorrected data, respectively. In the following,  $R^2$  values calculated using smoothed data are in italics. For part 1 (part 2), the OOA time trend followed the time series of organic mass fragment 44 ( $\text{CO}_2^+$ ),  $R^2 = 0.99$  ( $0.80$ ), HOA showed the same time trends as organic mass fragment 57 (mostly  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7^+$ , also  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}^+$ ),  $R^2 = 0.92$  ( $0.88$ ), and the WBOA time series followed organic mass fragment 60 ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2^+$ ),  $R^2 = 0.51$  ( $0.42$ ). Temporal trends of BC are more similar to those of HOA ( $R^2 = 0.65$  ( $0.67$ ) for part 1 (part 2)) than WBOA ( $R^2 = 0.18$  ( $0.19$ ) for part 1 (part 2)). This suggests that traffic emissions contribute more to  $\text{PM}_1$  BC than wood burning emissions, which is supported by  $^{14}\text{C}$  measurements (Szidat et al., 2009). For CO and  $\text{NO}_x$ , available only for part 2,  $R^2$  values of  $0.42$  and  $0.73$ , respectively, were found, again confirming the relation of HOA to traffic emissions. As observed by Lanz et al. (2008), the OOA time series was correlated with  $\text{NH}_4$  ( $R^2 = 0.73$  ( $0.35$ ) for part 1 (part 2)) and the sum of  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_4$  ( $R^2 = 0.77$  ( $0.39$ ) for part 1 (part 2)) rather than with  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_4$  individually, supporting the interpretation of OOA as being mostly secondary. Ambient temperature shows an anti-correlation with OOA (Figs. SI-16 and SI-18), indicating the importance of thermal inversions (with low boundary layer

temperatures) for the build-up of secondary particle mass.

### 3.3 PM<sub>1</sub> chemical composition

The chemical composition of PM<sub>1</sub> (mean per measurement day) is shown as absolute (A) and relative (B) values in Fig. 4, where the dotted black line separates the primary and secondary components. Generally, the ratio of primary to secondary components decreases when total concentrations increase, due to stagnant conditions inhibiting the exchange of air masses and thus allowing for their aging and accumulation of secondary aerosol. Note the difference in relative composition of 16 December 2007 and 8 January 2008, 2 days with similar total concentrations but different distribution of compounds. On 16 December 2007, a Sunday, traffic emissions were much lower compared to weekdays, due to the dominical ban of heavy-duty trucks, thus the fraction of primary compounds, especially HOA, was very low. In contrast, primary components dominated on 8 January 2008, since there had been only little time to build up secondary aerosol mass following washout from precipitation in the preceding days (this is similar for the 27 November 2007 measurements).

Generally, the BC fraction made up ~22% of total PM<sub>1</sub>, but this fraction increased substantially for days when primary emissions dominated PM<sub>1</sub> composition. OOA constituted the biggest organic fraction (on average 44% of total organics), as has been found in other places (Jimenez et al., 2009), and WBOA and HOA were less important (32% and 24%, respectively). Lanz et al. (2008) found in their analysis of Zurich Kaserne data, winter 2006, 3–13% HOA, 52–57% OOA, and 35–40% WBOA (compare average organic composition for Zurich Kaserne only in this study, Fig. 6: HOA 17%, WBOA 34%, OOA 49%). The differences can be explained by the different setup of measurements – the contribution of HOA is expected to be larger on-road than for stationary measurements at the urban background site. Interestingly, the WBOA fraction was very similar for both the urban background site and on-road, implying that the WBOA source is either regional, or well mixed on the local scale due to its emission typically from chimneys and subsequent downmixing. Richard et al. (2011) found a

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much lower ratio WBOA/HOA (17%/22%) for Zurich Kaserne, 1–18 December 2008, and a higher OOA percentage (60%). During that period, until 14 December 2008, homeless people were regularly lighting fires in the late afternoon close to the measurement station, and we hypothesize that this led to a local WBOA factor ignoring the regional contribution due to the similar temporal pattern of the latter with OOA and thus explaining less of the variation of  $PM_{10}$ . Running the PMF2 algorithm on the last part of the dataset only (15–18 December 2008, the period of part 2 of the mobile measurements), when the open fires were banned from the site, the variation of the 3 factor contributions becomes much more similar to the results found for this study: HOA 15%, OOA 50%, WBOA 32% (plus 3% in the residual). The inorganic fraction is dominated by nitrate, as is common in Swiss winters, when cold temperatures favor ammonium nitrate partitioning into the particle phase (and there is most likely generally excess ammonia – Andreani-Aksoyoglu et al., 2008).

The meteorological conditions during the measurements did not allow for a separation of OOA into a low-volatility (LV-OOA; OOA-I) and a semi-volatile (SV-OOA; OOA-II) fraction (Lanz et al., 2007; Hildebrandt et al., 2010), due to relatively small variations in daily temperature and similarity of diurnal patterns. However, the degree of oxygenation of OOA can be estimated by plotting the normalized signal at  $m/z$  44 ( $f_{44}$ ) to the normalized signal at  $m/z$  43 ( $f_{43}$ ) from PMF-OOA spectra (Ng et al., 2010). The PMF-OOA  $f_{44}$  and  $f_{43}$  values of various datasets acquired all over the world form a triangle (black dotted lines in Fig. 5). The OOA found here lies in the middle of this triangle, and can thus be interpreted as rather fresh, minimally processed OOA with a degree of oxygenation that does not correspond to highly aged air masses. For comparison reasons, the  $f_{44}/f_{43}$  values for HOA and WBOA are included as well. In addition, Fig. 5 shows  $f_{44}/f_{43}$  values of the *measured* spectra (where  $f_{44}$  and  $f_{43}$  also have contributions from HOA and BBOA and thus do not fall fully into the triangle shape). Nevertheless it can be shown that the previously discussed day of 8 January 2008 sticks out (light green), with lower  $f_{44}$  and slightly higher  $f_{43}$  than the average campaign data, again consistent with this day being dominated by fresh emissions and less aged air masses.

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### 3.4 Spatial variation of chemical composition

Mobile measurements add an additional dimension of space to a dataset. Mapping the spatial variation of  $PM_1$  concentration and composition as measured by AMS and MAAP (including the results from the PMF analysis) in Zurich yields a rather consistent picture, with small differences depending on present local primary emission sources or altitude (Fig. 6). On average, the highest mass concentrations were measured on main traffic arteries within city limits (e.g. Rosengarten Street with  $47 \mu g m^{-3}$ ). Elevated areas such as Höngg ( $26 \mu g m^{-3}$ ) experience enhanced dilution, or, as Üetliberg, can lie outside the boundary layer and are thus less influenced by emissions from the city. Residential areas and roads with little traffic show similar concentrations throughout the city area between  $22 \mu g m^{-3}$  (Triemli) and  $32 \mu g m^{-3}$  (Meierhof Square).

In addition to the homogeneity of overall  $PM_1$  concentration, the equally uniform spatial distribution of the chemical composition again confirms the influence of meteorology on air pollution levels mentioned beforehand. Carbonaceous material (BC, HOA, WBOA, and OOA) makes up the biggest fraction with up to 60%, except for the elevated areas (without Uitikon) where inorganic constituents such as ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulfate constitute more than half of  $PM_1$  mass. BC is the most abundant compound, contributing to up to 35% of  $PM_1$  mass on major traffic arteries such as West Street or Rosengarten Street. OOA is the organic compound with the highest concentrations for almost all sites throughout the city. Interestingly, for many sites WBOA concentrations exceed HOA concentrations. The importance of wood burning emissions in Zurich has already been described by Lanz et al. (2008). Many houses in Zurich feature a fireplace or use exclusively wood for heating purposes, e.g. at the residential area “Erismannhof” where WBOA accounts for 14% of  $PM_1$ . The fact that even on major traffic arteries, higher contributions from wood burning than from traffic emissions are often measured, can be explained by wood burning emissions being part of a regional air pollution problem. Switzerland is a country with many rural areas, where wood burning for domestic heating purposes is abundant and contributes

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substantially to the overall PM concentrations in the Swiss plateau region during these winter periods. In addition, it has to be taken into account that wood burning as well as traffic emissions have a high potential for the formation of secondary organic aerosol (Chirico et al., 2010; Heringa et al., 2011), possibly doubling or even tripling the primarily emitted organic aerosol mass. Thus, both wood burning and traffic emissions contribute not only with primary emissions to organic PM<sub>1</sub> measured in Zurich, but also via OOA on a regional scale.

### 3.5 Background versus local contributions

#### 3.5.1 Concept

With the significance of the regional air pollution situation for a city as big as Zurich, the quantification of the local contribution to the concentrations measured within the city limits is of high importance, especially for policy makers implementing mitigation activities. The unique setup of the Zurich mobile measurements campaign featuring an urban background site (Zurich Kaserne) in combination with mobile measurements makes this task possible. As stated earlier, Zurich Kaserne lies in the middle of downtown Zurich but is shielded from direct traffic emissions: its PM<sub>1</sub> chemical composition is different from that measured on-road (see Fig. 6) and representative of the regional background pollution. “Urban background” and “regional background” are used synonymously in the context of the present study for the reasons given below. The meteorological situation during the period of mobile measurements favored a uniform distribution of pollutants throughout the Swiss plateau. Figure SI-21 in the SI presents the time series of PM<sub>10</sub> (NABEL data) measured at Zurich Kaserne, in Payerne (a rural station ~100 km southwest of Zurich), and Tänikon (also a rural station ~25 km north-east of Zurich) for the same time intervals as the mobile measurement drives (panel A) and their mean values (panel B, error bars denote ± one standard deviation). The urban background site shows very similar PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations (31 µg m<sup>-3</sup>) as the 2 rural stations Payerne (31 µg m<sup>-3</sup>) and Tänikon (33 µg m<sup>-3</sup>) on the Swiss plateau. It thus

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seems that even though the city of Zurich is a major emitter of air pollutants, the beforehand mentioned meteorological conditions and the high, well distributed emissions of the densely populated Swiss plateau area lead to a homogenization of background air being it urban or rural.

Local contributions can be estimated by subtracting the background concentration of component  $S$  measured at Kaserne from the on-road concentration of component  $S$  measured at the same time. Methodological and dynamic-atmospheric constraints impose further modifications of this simple approach. Measurements at Zurich Kaserne with the mobile laboratory were always a few minutes before and after a roundtrip of  $\sim 1$  h, therefore data acquired during a Kaserne visit were averaged and these mean values were linearly interpolated for the times when measuring on-road. The differences in concentration of components between the background and on-road measurements can be due to either local emissions or to small-scale dilution and concentration effects of open squares compared to street canyons. Numerous studies show that street canyons can be characterized by poor ventilation conditions, which in turn lead to high levels of air pollution (Vardoulakis et al., 2003). To assess the latter, a  $\text{SO}_4$  scaling was introduced. The formation of secondary sulfate is rather slow, the oxidation rate of gaseous  $\text{SO}_2$  by OH being lower by a factor of  $\sim 10$  compared to  $\text{NO}_2$  (Sander et al., 2003).

The local fraction  $S_l$  of component  $S_m$  measured at time  $t$  at position  $p$  is then calculated using Eq. (4), making the following assumptions:

- Secondary formation and primary emissions of  $\text{SO}_4$  are negligible during the course of one roundtrip ( $\sim 1$  h).
- Differences in  $\text{SO}_4$  between Kaserne and measurement point  $p$  are purely due to small-scale dynamic effects.
- The concept is valid only for measurements within the boundary layer.

$$S_{l,t,p} = S_{m,t,p} - \frac{SO_{4m,t,p}}{SO_{4b,t}} \cdot S_{b,t} \quad (4)$$

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Subscript  $b$  refers to background (urban background site Kaserne).

Confirming assumption 3, dilution effects (i.e., intrusion of air masses from above the boundary layer with a different relative composition) in open spaces (as opposed to street canyons) or elevated areas such as Meierhof Square and Üetliberg can lead to concentrations of  $S$  at position  $p$  that are lower than at the background site. Thus, the calculated local contribution becomes negative, showing also the limitations of the method presented here. As an alternative approach, local concentrations were also calculated without the  $\text{SO}_4$  scaling factor (see Fig. SI-22), e.g.

$$S_{l,t,p} = S_{m,t,p} - S_{b,t} \quad (5)$$

Here, the  $S_b$  values were not normalized as above, but rather, the interpolated median value of 2 subsequent Kaserne visits was used for the  $S_b$  time series. This method decreases the negative local contributions, but also overestimates the local contributions by neglecting the dynamic effects and was thus discarded. Qualitatively, both methods yield similar results. Bukowiecki et al. (2002) estimated the regional background of CO and particle number concentrations using a moving 5-min 5%-percentile. A similar approach (moving window of 20 min) was also tested for the present dataset, but did not yield meaningful results. Just taking the lowest concentration of individual  $\text{PM}_1$  components assumes that regional background and local aerosol compositions are the same, an implication contradicting the observations made here.

### 3.5.2 Local contribution of $\text{PM}_1$ components: spatial variation

Figure 7 shows the results for the estimation of local contributions with the  $\text{SO}_4$  normalization method for different places throughout the city and the mean value for all data in absolute (upper panel A) and relative terms (lower panel B). BC concentrations dominate the composition of the local fraction of  $\text{PM}_1$  measured in Zurich (1–12  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , making up between ~30 and 80%). HOA also exhibits high local concentrations, adding another 0.5–2.5  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  or ~10–30% to the local  $\text{PM}_1$  fraction. It can thus be concluded that traffic is the most important local contributor to  $\text{PM}_1$  measured on

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road in Zurich. Concerning WBOA, substantial local contributions can be seen at the residential area “Erismannhof” ( $1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  or 30%) where wood is exclusively used for heating purposes. Surprisingly, also Bahnhof Street and Hard Street, both busy roads, show enhanced local contributions of WBOA ( $1\text{--}2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , or 15–20%, respectively).

Residential areas in the vicinity of these roads seem to contribute more to primary organic aerosol (WBOA) than the emissions from traffic (HOA).  $\text{NO}_3$  is the secondary component with the highest local contributions, especially in areas dominated by traffic emissions (up to  $1.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  or 10%, at Hard Street). This could either be due to the local  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions of catalyst cars, or due to rapid oxidation of  $\text{NO}_2$  to  $\text{HNO}_3$  followed by neutralization with excess  $\text{NH}_3$ , both leading to enhanced  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  concentrations measured on road. Overall, mostly primary emissions contribute to local  $\text{PM}_{10}$ , while secondary aerosol, requiring processing and formation time, is generally part of the regional background air. For an explanation of negative values we refer to the previous section.

A more general conclusion can be drawn from looking at the percentage of local contributions to measured concentrations for a defined component, or in other words the fraction of a specific aerosol component that is locally emitted at a specific site. Figure 8 presents the values of these local contributions, averaged over the sites shown in Fig. 7. As stated earlier, primary components from traffic such as BC and HOA exhibit on average (top panel) high local contributions (around 40%); a similar value was obtained for particulate PAHs but is not shown here because of large error bars due to very low loadings. In contrast, secondary components such as OOA are almost entirely part of the regional background pollution. The number concentration (measured by the CPC) shows the same high fraction of local contribution (40%) as BC and HOA, and can thus also to a great extent be related to traffic emissions. Interestingly, WBOA, also a primary component, has only very little local contribution in Zurich ( $\sim 2\%$  on average), and is mostly part of the regional background (see also Richard et al., 2011). Overall, more than half of primary  $\text{PM}_{10}$  measured in Zurich during winter cannot be directly related to local emissions. For secondary inorganic components the local portion is even

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below 6%. This fraction is part of the regional, Swiss plateau wide background air pollution trapped by thermal inversions. Nevertheless, it has to be taken into account that the time intervals considered for the calculation of the background concentration were short (see Sect. 3.5.1,  $\sim 1$  h) and thus secondary aerosol formation time was limited; and that Zurich contributes a large portion, which cannot be quantified, to the regional background pollution as well (compare Sect. 3.5.1). For the gas phase species (not shown), the local contributions amount to 20 and 10% for  $\text{NO}_x$  and CO, respectively. These values are lower than the local fractions of the traffic-related particulate emissions, but above the WBOA and OOA contributions. For  $\text{CO}_2$ , the method did not produce valid results, most likely due to the high background level. The alternative background estimation without  $\text{SO}_4$  scaling yielded a similar pattern, but with 5–10% higher local contributions, in accordance to the statements made in Sect. 3.5.1.

Figure 8 also compares the magnitude of the local relative contribution for two different days (and scenarios). The middle panel shows the day of 27 November 2007, where the ratio of local contributions to measured concentrations was particularly high, even for the secondary organic fraction (OOA). In contrast, the lowest panel presents the situation for 14 December 2008 where the local contributions are almost non-existent except for the primary, traffic related compounds BC and HOA. Since neither of the 2 days was a Sunday, a weekday effect can be ruled out for this example. In Fig. 9, the time series of BC, HOA, WBOA, and OOA background and measured concentration are displayed. The day with low local  $\text{PM}_1$  fractions (right panel) exhibits higher background concentrations (bold lines) than the day with high local contributions (left panel), but also has generally lower total concentrations of components (thin lines), resulting in low local contribution levels. The lower measured concentrations of 14 December 2008 can be explained by higher wind speed than on 27 November 2007 ( $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  compared to  $1.3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ) causing dispersion of primary emissions and by significantly less (heavy duty) traffic since rush hour was mostly over when the measurements started. The influence of meteorological parameters such as temperature and wind speed on the magnitude of local contributions was explored in Fig. 10. No conclusive pattern could

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be observed for the ratio of local/measured concentrations (mean values per drive, primary components only) versus temperature, wind speed, or wind direction measured at Kaserne (NABEL data), nor versus temperature differences between Kaserne and Üetliberg (not shown). The weak, slightly positive correlation with temperature and very weak, slightly negative correlation with wind speed of local percentages still points to the link between background concentration levels as seen in Fig. 9 and thermal inversions: as stated earlier, during such conditions, temperatures are low and stagnant air masses (with low wind speeds prevailing) allow for processing of primary PM<sub>1</sub> and a build up of secondary aerosol, thus increasing the background concentrations measured in Zurich and across the Swiss plateau and lowering the ratio local/measured. Hence, the higher the temperature, or the less pronounced the thermal inversion, the higher the ratio of the local/measured concentration.

## 4 Conclusions

On-road mobile measurements of PM<sub>1</sub> chemical composition were performed with a Q-AMS and additional instrumentation deployed in the PSI mobile laboratory during winter 2007/2008 and December 2008 in the metropolitan area of Zurich, Switzerland. PMF applied to the organic fraction of PM<sub>1</sub> yielded 3 different factors assigned to the following sources: Traffic emissions (HOA), emissions from wood burning for domestic heating purposes (WBOA), and an oxygenated fraction (OOA), related to secondary formation of organic aerosol from volatile precursors. On average, OOA made up the biggest organic fraction, followed by WBOA and HOA. Concerning primary emissions, traffic emissions were responsible for high loadings of organic aerosol along major roads and contributed substantially to BC mass loadings, however, domestic wood burning was in general more important than traffic in Zurich during these winter campaigns. The inorganic fraction was dominated by nitrate, as the formation of particulate ammonium nitrate is favored by low temperatures.

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Meteorology also plays a major role for the total concentration and chemical composition of  $PM_1$  as well as the spatial distribution of its constituents. Swiss winters often see thermal inversions over the Swiss plateau between the Jura mountains and the Alps, with emissions being trapped, processed, and accumulating. This leads to a quite uniform distribution of the chemical components in  $PM_1$  throughout the region (see Fig. SI-21), with small variations throughout the city of Zurich depending on elevated areas (dilution), major traffic arteries (high BC, HOA contributions) or residential areas with wood burning emissions. An important question in this context is the separation of the  $PM_1$  fraction assigned to very local emissions from the regional background aerosol, as a help for local authorities in designing mitigation strategies. For this purpose, a method was developed that is based on the particular setup of this campaign, featuring mobile on-road and stationary background measurements at the same time. Normalizing the differences between background and on-road measurements to their  $SO_4$  ratio accounts for dilution effects due to small-scale dynamics. Results show that BC and HOA have a substantial local fraction of around 40%. Consequently, traffic related emissions are a large local contributor to  $PM_1$  measured on road in Zurich and thus of importance concerning abatement strategies. In contrast, emissions from wood burning can locally reach high levels, but are, together with secondary components, to a great extent part of the regional background. Hence, the reduction of these components requires a regional approach.

Meteorology and especially thermal inversions greatly influence the ratio of local to measured concentrations. Long-lasting stagnant conditions lead to an accumulation of  $PM_1$  which can dominate the aerosol levels measured downtown Zurich despite of the high anthropogenic activity and the related emissions of air pollutants.

Highly time-resolved mobile measurements of air pollutants provide additional information on the spatial variation of the parameter of interest, here  $PM_1$ , and hence enable new insights into the distribution, evolution in the atmosphere, and source emission strengths of atmospheric aerosol. Further mobile measurements with the new generation of aerosol mass spectrometers are thus of interest for our understanding of

ambient aerosol concentration and composition patterns.

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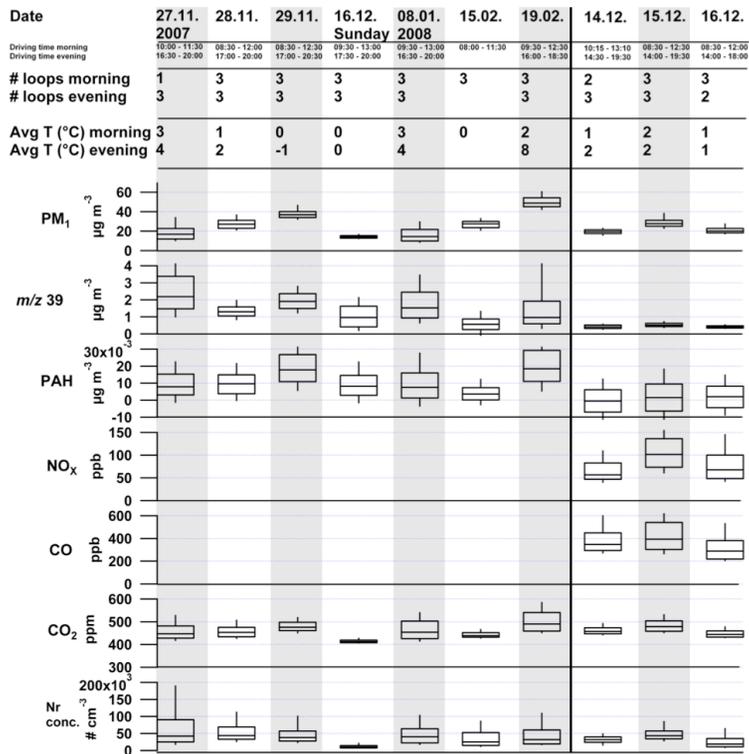
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**Fig. 1.** Overview of drives. Number of loops states how many times the measurement route in Fig. 6 was driven in the given time interval.  $PM_1$  includes AMS and MAAP measurements;  $m/z$  39 and PAH mass concentrations were measured by Q-AMS. Boxes represent upper and lower quartiles, horizontal lines correspond to the median, and whiskers denote 10%- and 90%-percentiles. The vertical black line shows the division of the dataset into part 1 and part 2.

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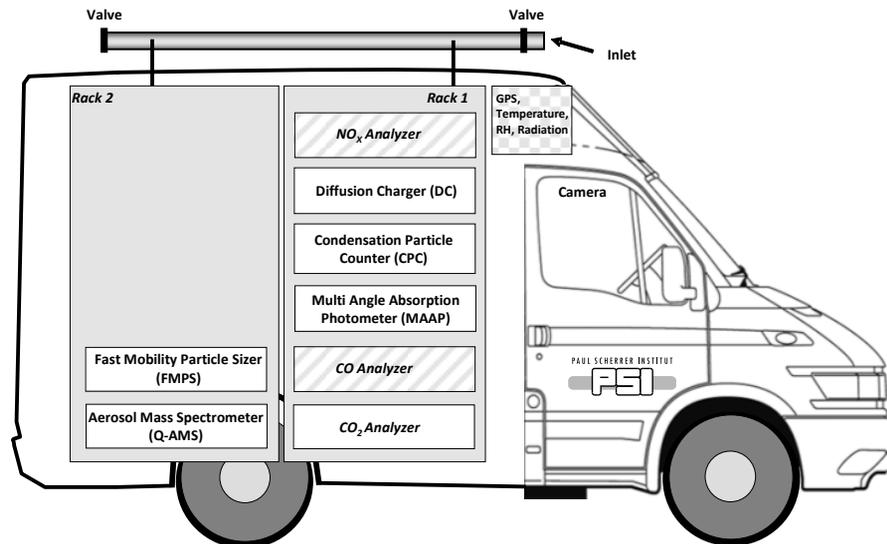
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**Fig. 2.** PSI mobile laboratory.  $\text{NO}_x$  analyzer and CO analyzer were only included in the December 2008 measurements.

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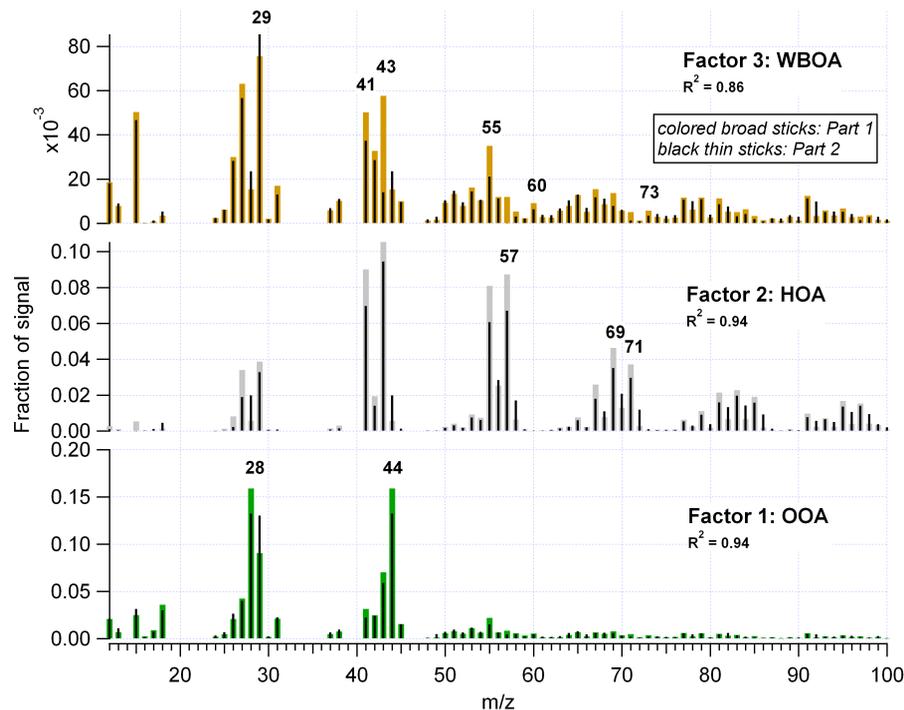
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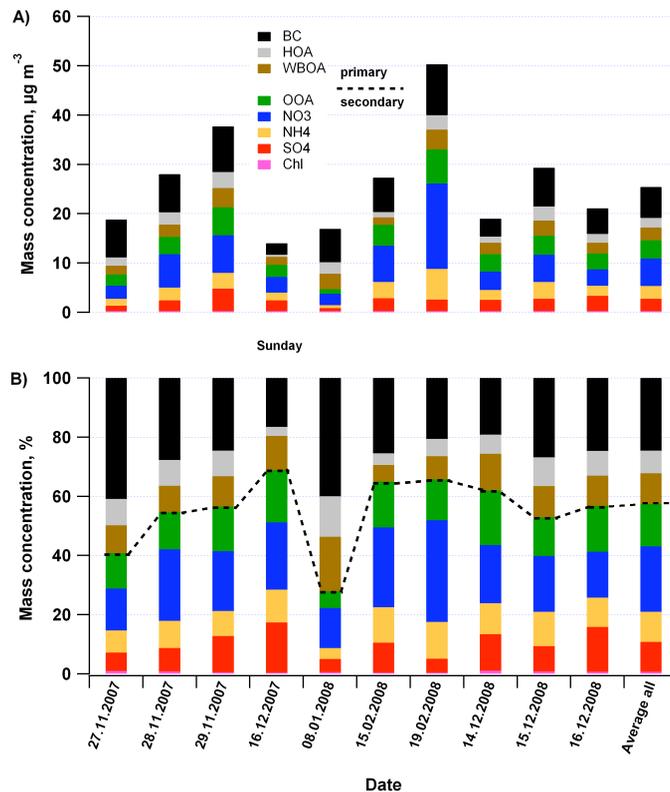
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**Fig. 3.** Normalized mass spectral signatures of factors 1 (OOA), 2 (HOA), 3 (WBOA) of the chosen PMF solution. Colored sticks and black sticks denote results for part 1 and 2, respectively.  $R^2$  values quantify similarity of spectra from part 1 and 2.

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**Fig. 4.** Absolute (A) and relative (B) composition of PM<sub>1</sub>, average values per measurement day (complete drive including stops at background station) and average over whole dataset (“average all”). The dashed line shows the proportions of primary and secondary components.

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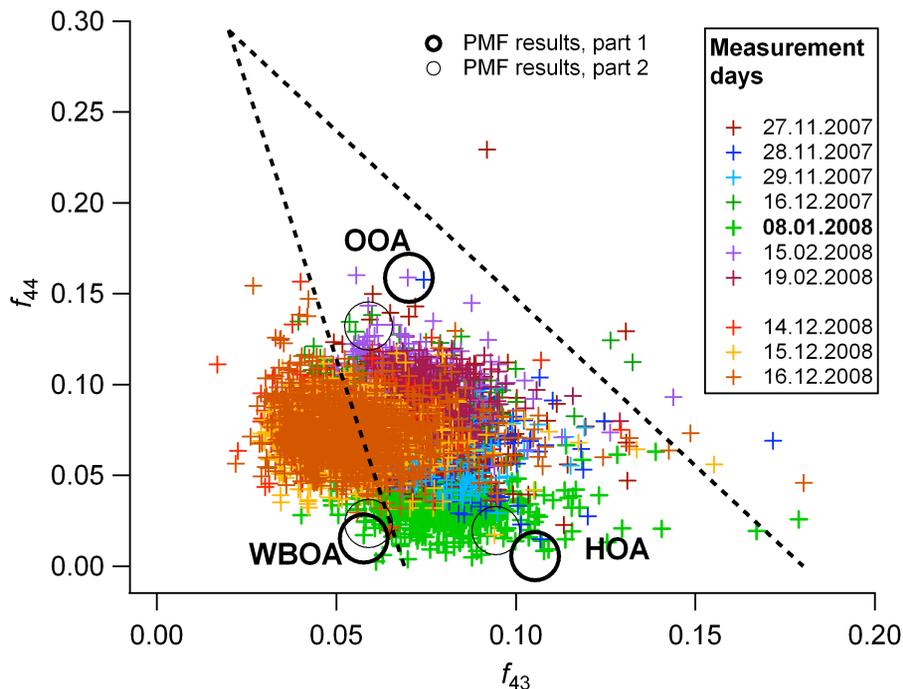
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**Fig. 5.** Fractions of organic mass fragments 44 ( $f_{44}$ ) and 43 ( $f_{43}$ ) in the Ng triangle (Ng et al., 2010), measured. Black circles show the fractions for the resulting spectra from PMF. The measurement day of 8 January 2008 (light green dots) with a low secondary contribution (Fig. 4) shows a lower degree of oxygenation than the other data.

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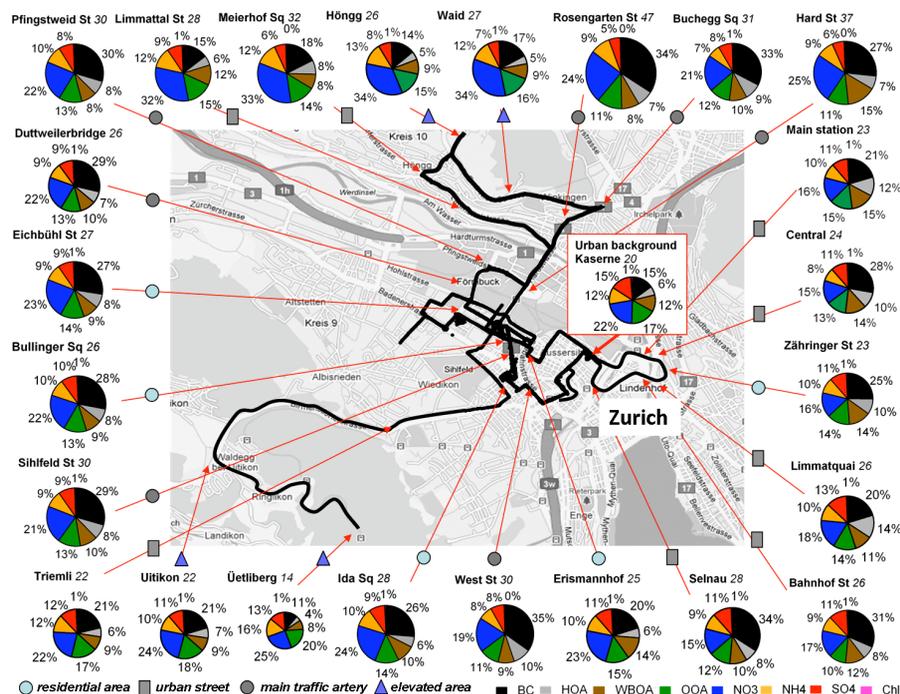
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**Fig. 6.** Spatial variation of the PM<sub>1</sub> chemical composition as measured by Q-AMS and MAA, PMF results included, in the area of Zurich city. Pie areas are relative to total average concentrations from all measurements, absolute concentrations are given in  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (numbers in italics behind site names). Sites are categorized according to residential areas, urban streets, main traffic arteries, and elevated areas.

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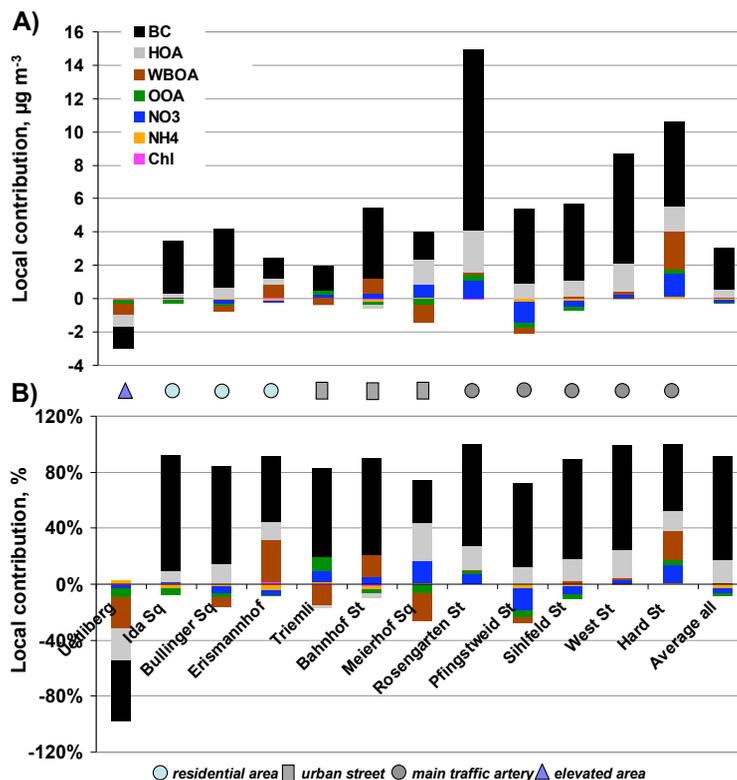
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**Fig. 7.** Local contributions of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  components for different sites (absolute values panel A, relative values panel B), averages for the whole campaign are shown. The “average all” bar represents the mean value of the local contribution of all data.

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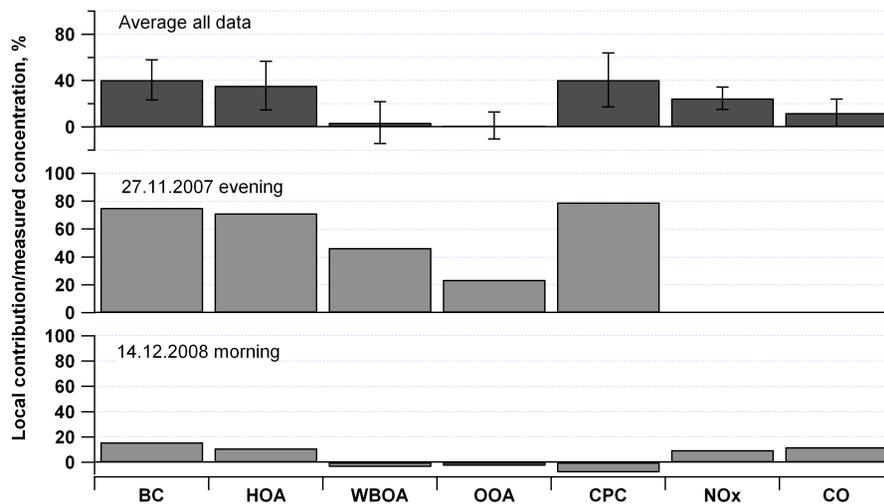
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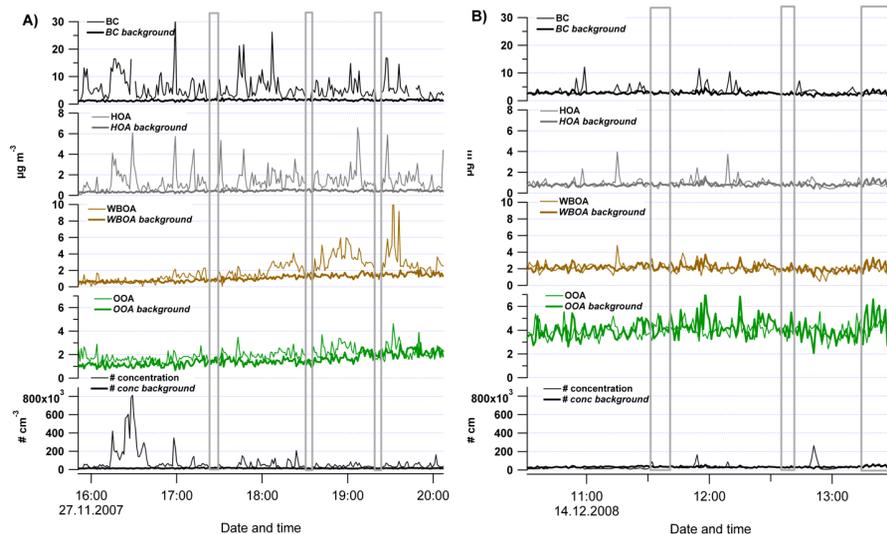


**Fig. 8.** Percentage of local contributions to total measured concentrations for different components (average of all data  $\pm$  1 standard deviation, top panel) and 2 measurement drives.

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**Fig. 9.** Time series of measured components and their calculated background concentrations. Panel A shows an example drive with high local contributions (big difference between background and measured concentrations), panel B an example drive with low local contributions. Grey bars denote periods when measuring at the background station Kaserne.

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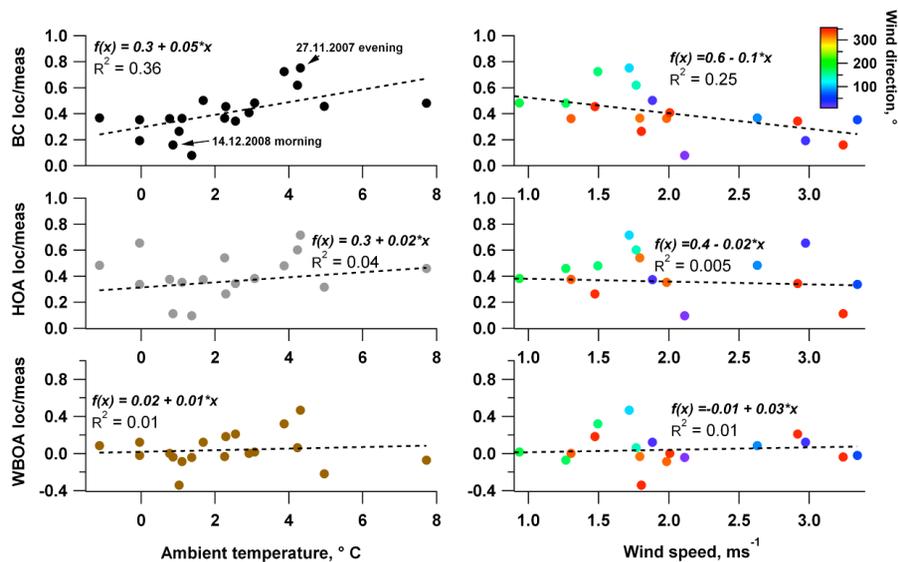
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**Fig. 10.** Ratios of local contributions to measured concentrations of different components as a function of ambient temperature (left) and wind speed (right). Data points are average values per measurement drive. Wind speed data are colored according to wind direction.

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