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# Annexure A: Instrument Specifications and Operation and Maintenance Protocol of Reference-Grade Instruments

This sub-section provides the specifications of the reference-grade instruments used in the *Performance evaluation of multi-pollutant air quality sensors at Indi-SET, Bengaluru, India, First Edition, A short- and medium-term evaluation*, as well as the criteria for their operation and maintenance.

**Table A1:** Specifications of reference-grade instruments used in Indi-SET for monitoring pollutant gases and PM

Specification	O <sub>3</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM
Measurement method	Ultraviolet (UV) photometry	Chemiluminescence	Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analysis	UV fluorescence	β-ray attenuation
Measurement range	0–0.5 ppm	0–0.5 ppm	0–50 ppm, 0–100 ppm (selectable)	0–0.5 ppm (designated), 0–1 ppm (selectable)	0–1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 0–5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (optional), 0–10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (optional)
Lower detection limit	< 0.5 ppb	< 0.5 ppb	< 0.4 ppm	< 0.5 ppb	3–4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Repeatability	Within ±0.5% of the span gas concentration	Within ±0.5% of the span gas concentration	Within ± 0.5% of the span gas concentration	Within ± 0.5% of the span gas concentration	<±3%
Rise/fall time (95%)	Within 50 sec (T95)	Within 60 sec (T95)	Within 60 sec (T95)	Within 120 sec (T95)	-
Sample flow rate	800 cc/min ±10%	800 cc/min ±10%	800 cc/min ±10%	800 cc/min ±10%	16.67 litres/min

**Table A2:** Maintenance schedule of the air quality monitoring station (AQMS; adapted from manuals of Vasthi Vair-9009 and Kentek Mezus 110, 210, 310, and 410 series)

Parameter	Item	Schedule	Calibration Check
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> analyser</b>	Warning	Daily	No
	Dust filter	Every week or as necessary	No
	Test value check	Every week or after the repair	Yes
	Flow check	Less than normal values of flow and pressure	Yes, when abnormal
	Pneumatic line check	As necessary	Yes, when replacing the pneumatic system
	Fan filter check	As necessary	No
<b>NO<sub>x</sub> analyser</b>	Warning	Daily	No
	Cleaning	As necessary	No
	Dust filter	Every week or as necessary	No
	Test value check	Every week or after the repair	Yes
	Flow check	Less than normal values of flow and pressure	Yes, when abnormal
	Pneumatic line check	As necessary	Yes, when replacing the pneumatic system
<b>CO analyser</b>	Warning	Daily	No
	Fan filter check	As necessary	No
	Cleaning	As necessary	No
	Dust filter	Every week or as necessary	No
	Test value check	Every week or after the repair	Yes
	Flow check	Less than normal values of flow and pressure	Yes, when abnormal
<b>O<sub>3</sub> analyser</b>	Warning	Daily	No
	Pneumatic line check	As necessary	Yes, when replacing the pneumatic system
	Warning	Daily	No

Parameter	Item	Schedule	Calibration Check
<b>O<sub>3</sub> analyser</b>	Fan filter check	As necessary	No
	Cleaning	As necessary	No
	Dust filter	Every week or as necessary	No
<b>PM sampler</b>	Test value check	Every week or after the repair	Yes
	Flow check	Less than normal values of flow and pressure	Yes, when abnormal
	Pneumatic line check	As necessary	Yes, when replacing the pneumatic system
	Fan filter check	As necessary	No
	Cleaning	As necessary	No
	Vacuum pump maintenance	Monthly	-
	PM <sub>10</sub> inlet maintenance	Monthly	-
	Periodic flow-rate verification	Monthly	-
	Conduct a leak check monthly	Monthly	-
	Clean the nozzle and vane	Monthly	-
	Clean the rollers	2 months	-
	Check the error log	Monthly	-
	Download the digital data log	Monthly	-
	Compare PM <sub>10</sub> data to the external data logger	Monthly	-
	Replace filter tape	2 months	-
	Conduct an audit for ambient sensors	6 months	-
	Test smart heater	6 months	-
	Filter tape status	Daily	-
	System alarms	Daily	-
	Cleanliness	Weekly	-
Air flow rate	Weekly	-	

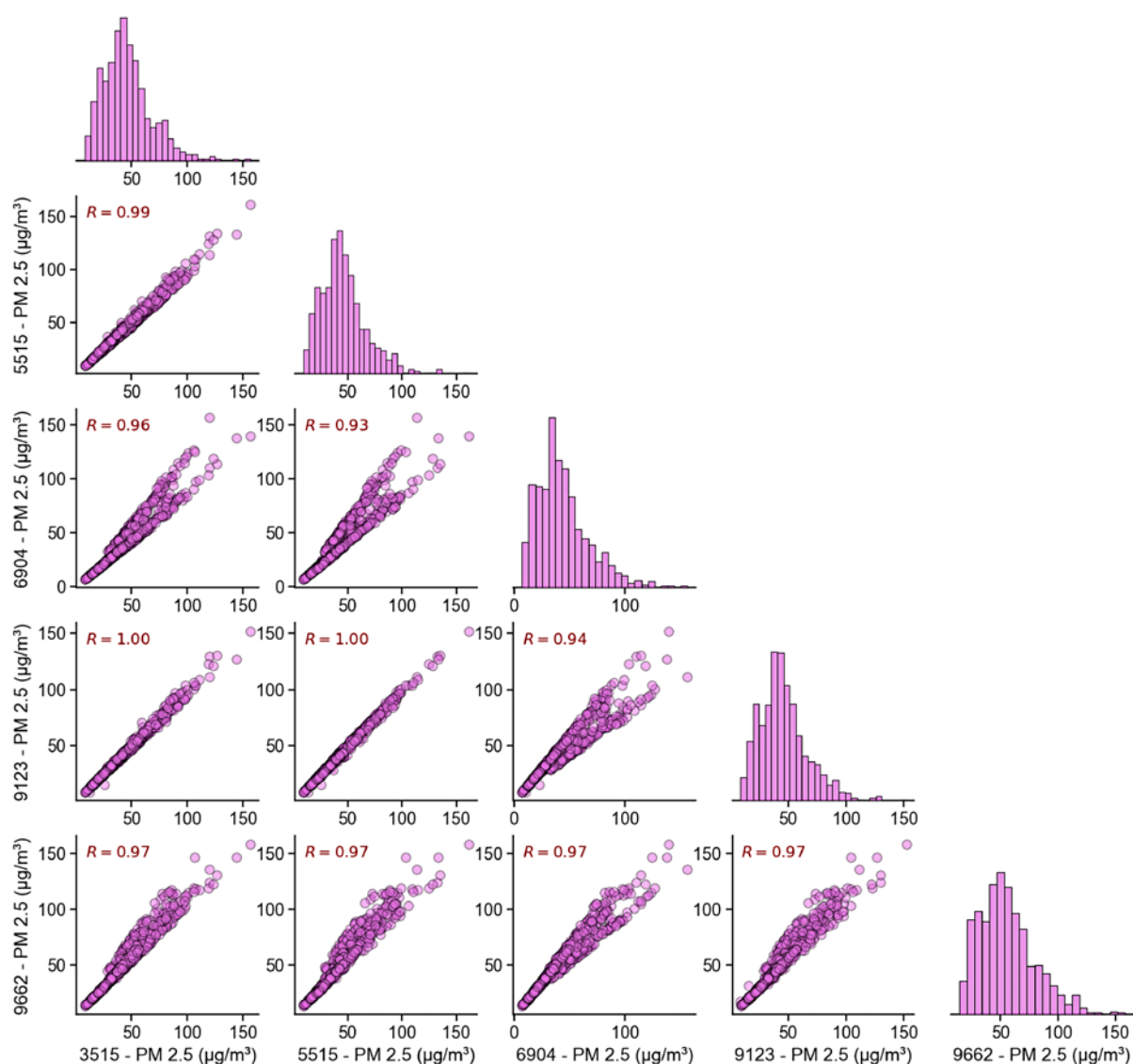
Parameter	Item	Schedule	Calibration Check
<b>PM inlet</b>	Calibration checks	Monthly	-
	Exterior inspections	Monthly	-
	Comprehensive inspection	Annual	-
	Record-keeping	Annual	-
	Software updates	Annual	-
	Visual inspection	Daily	Only trained technicians should perform maintenance tasks, especially those that require disassembling parts of the inlet
	Clean exterior	Weekly	
	Check for signs of corrosion	Monthly	
	Inlet tube cleaning	Quarterly	
	Filter - Inspect and replace	Quarterly	
	Calibration after cleaning	Quarterly	
	Seals and gaskets	Quarterly	
	Thorough cleaning	Yearly	
Calibration	Yearly		
<b>Weather station</b>	Direction of the north arrow	Weekly	-
	Alignment of the sensor	Weekly	-

# Annexure B: Intra-model Precision of Sensors – Correlation

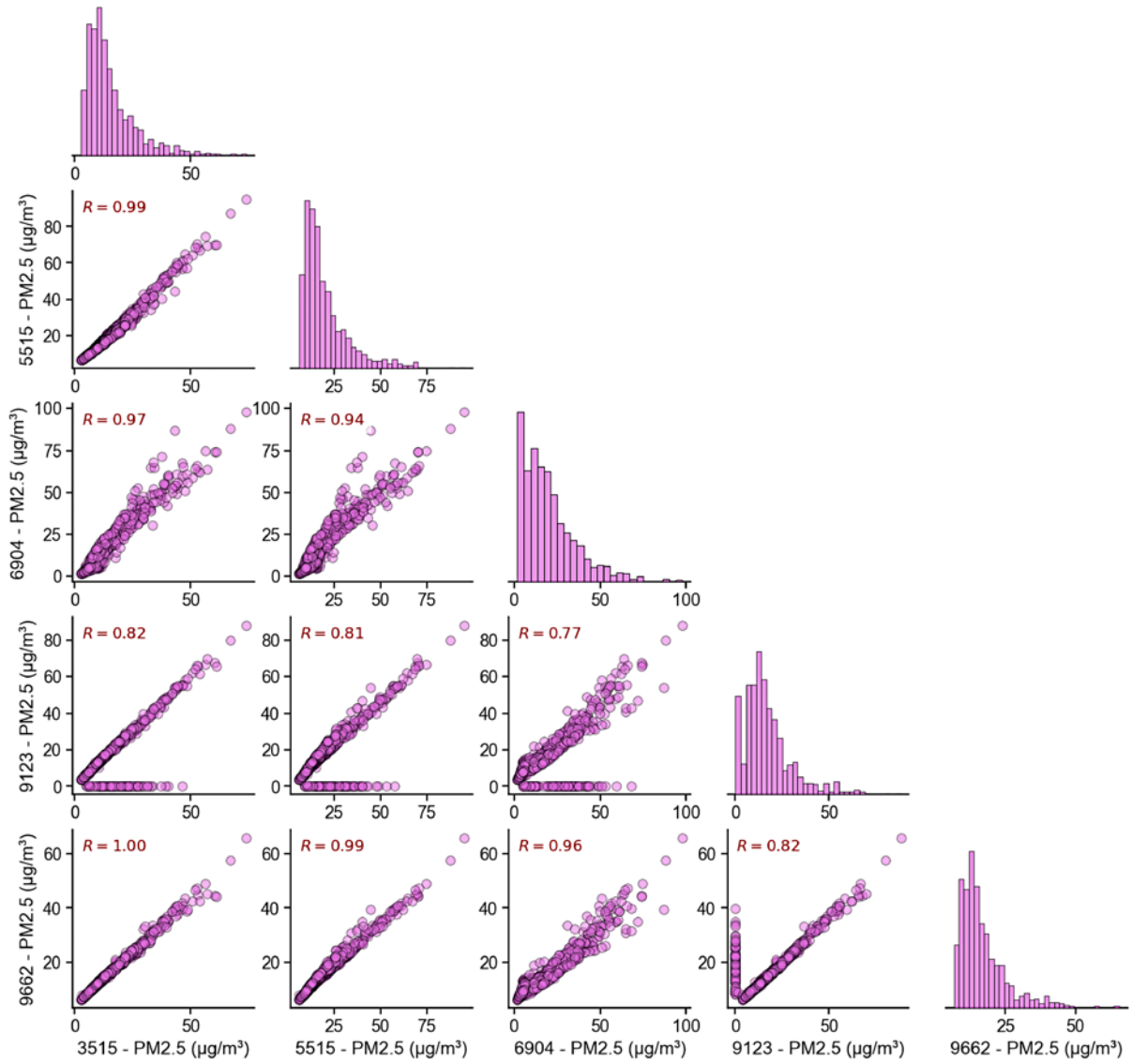
This subsection presents the correlation of multi-pollutant sensors from six Indian manufacturers: Aeron, Airveda, Airvoice, Aurassure, Respirer, and Sensit. The evaluation involved 3 to 25 sensor nodes from each manufacturer and was conducted at the Indi-SET facility. The pollutants assessed include PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, and O<sub>3</sub>. The precision among the devices for raw and manufacturer-reported (factory-calibrated) values is presented here.

## Aeron

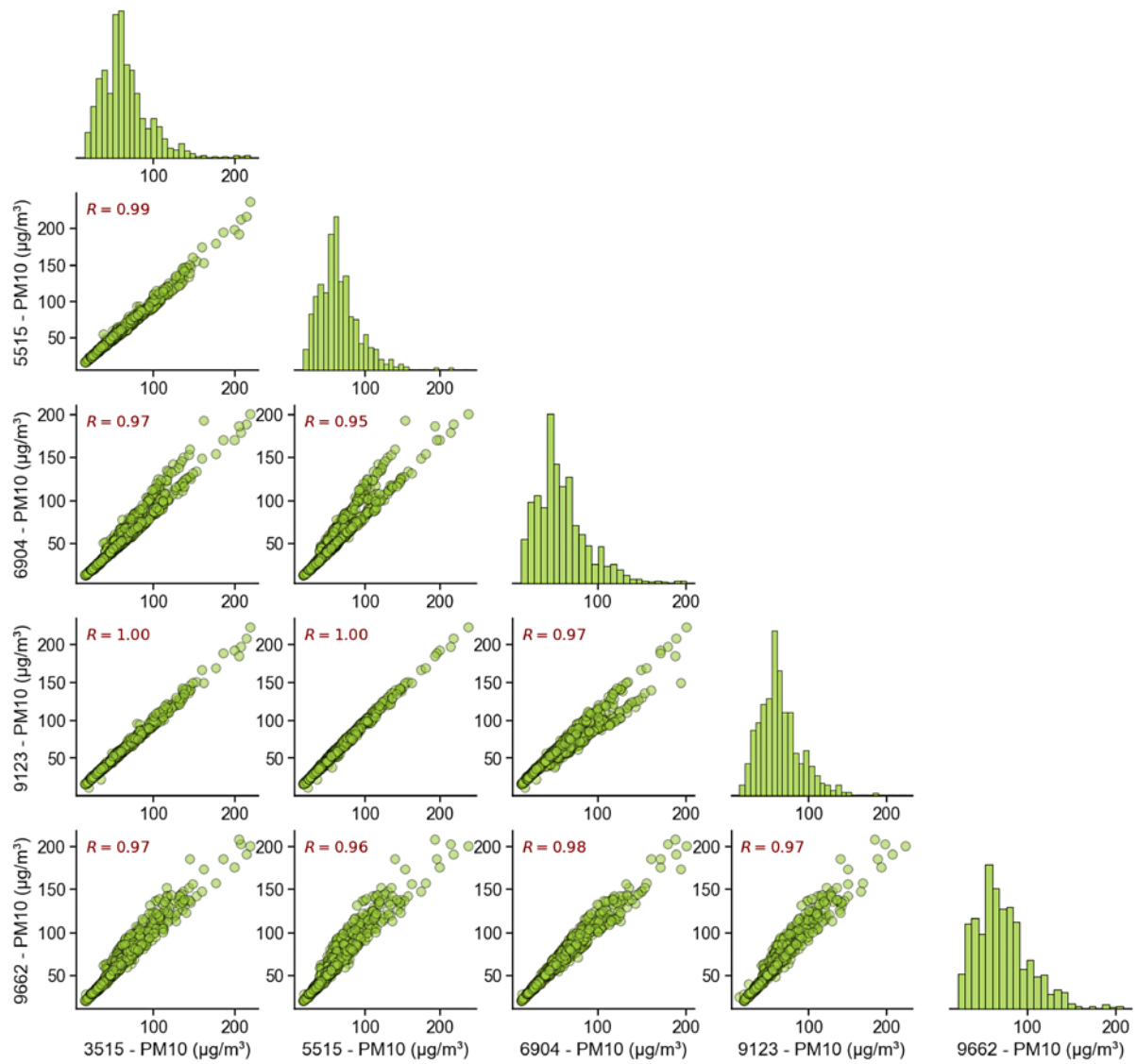
**Figure A1:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of Tera Sensor PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A2:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of Alphasense OPC PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A3:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of Tera Sensor  $PM_{10}$  from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A4:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of Alphasense OPC PM<sub>10</sub> from the Aeron sensor

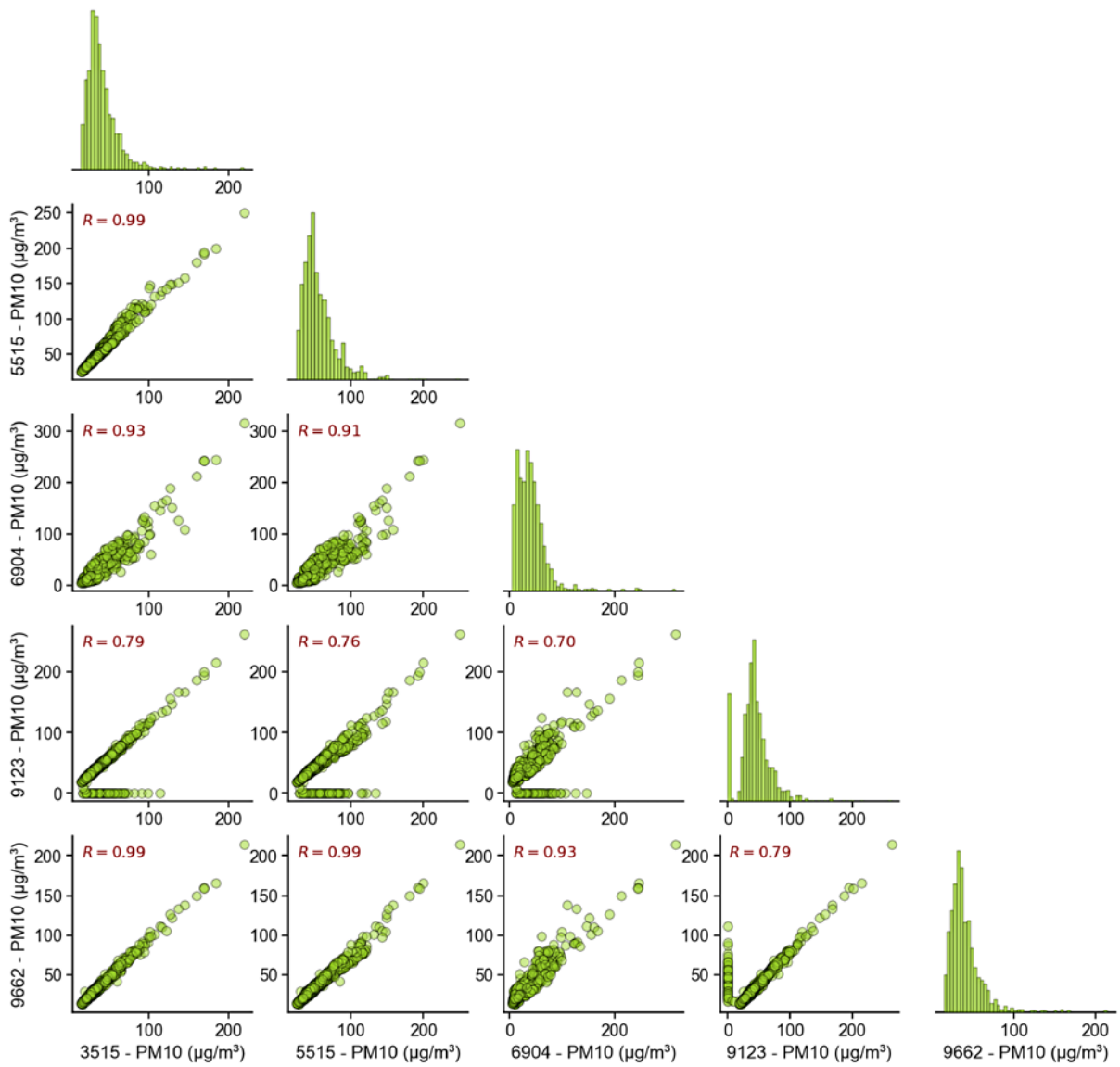
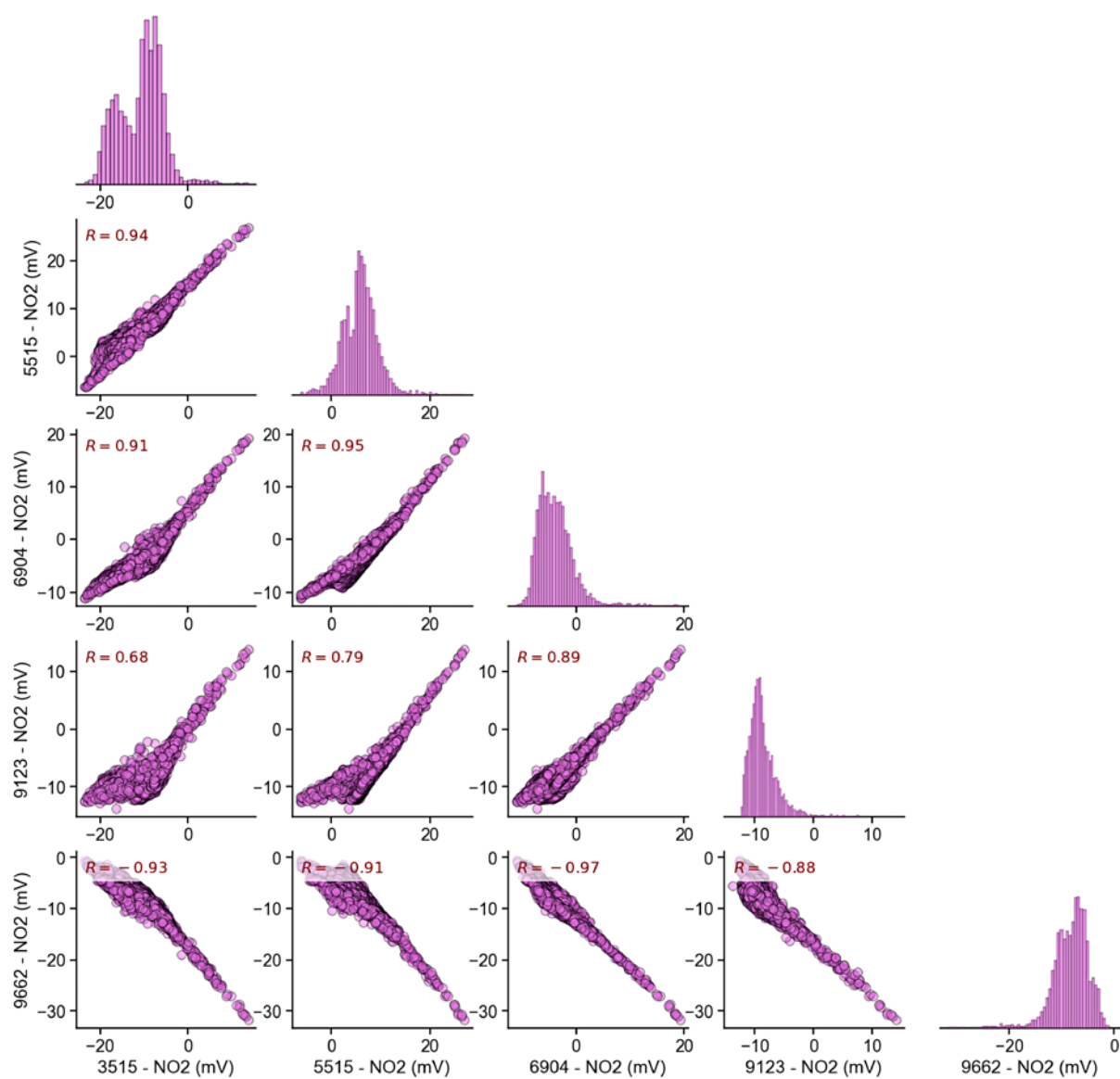
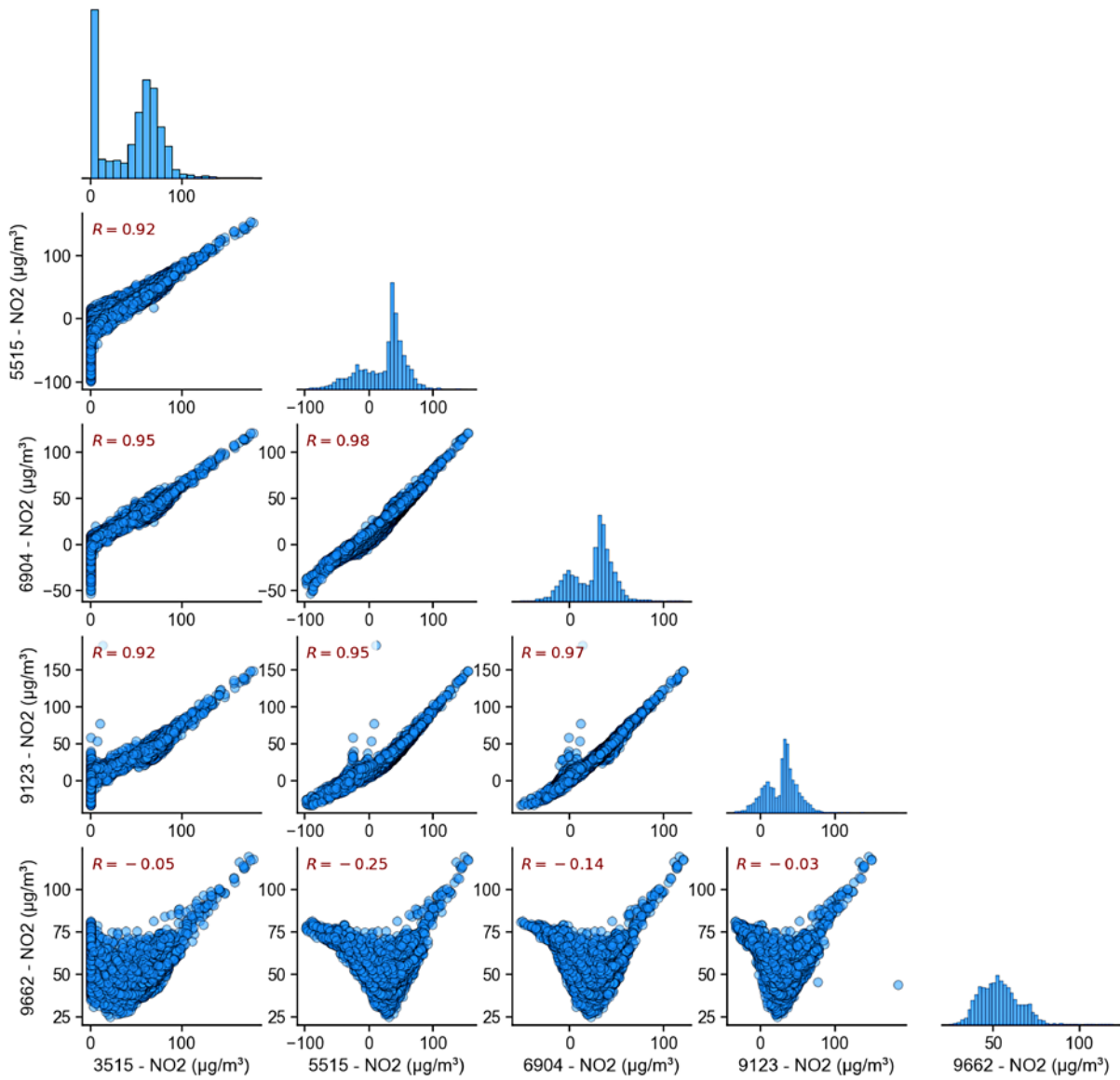


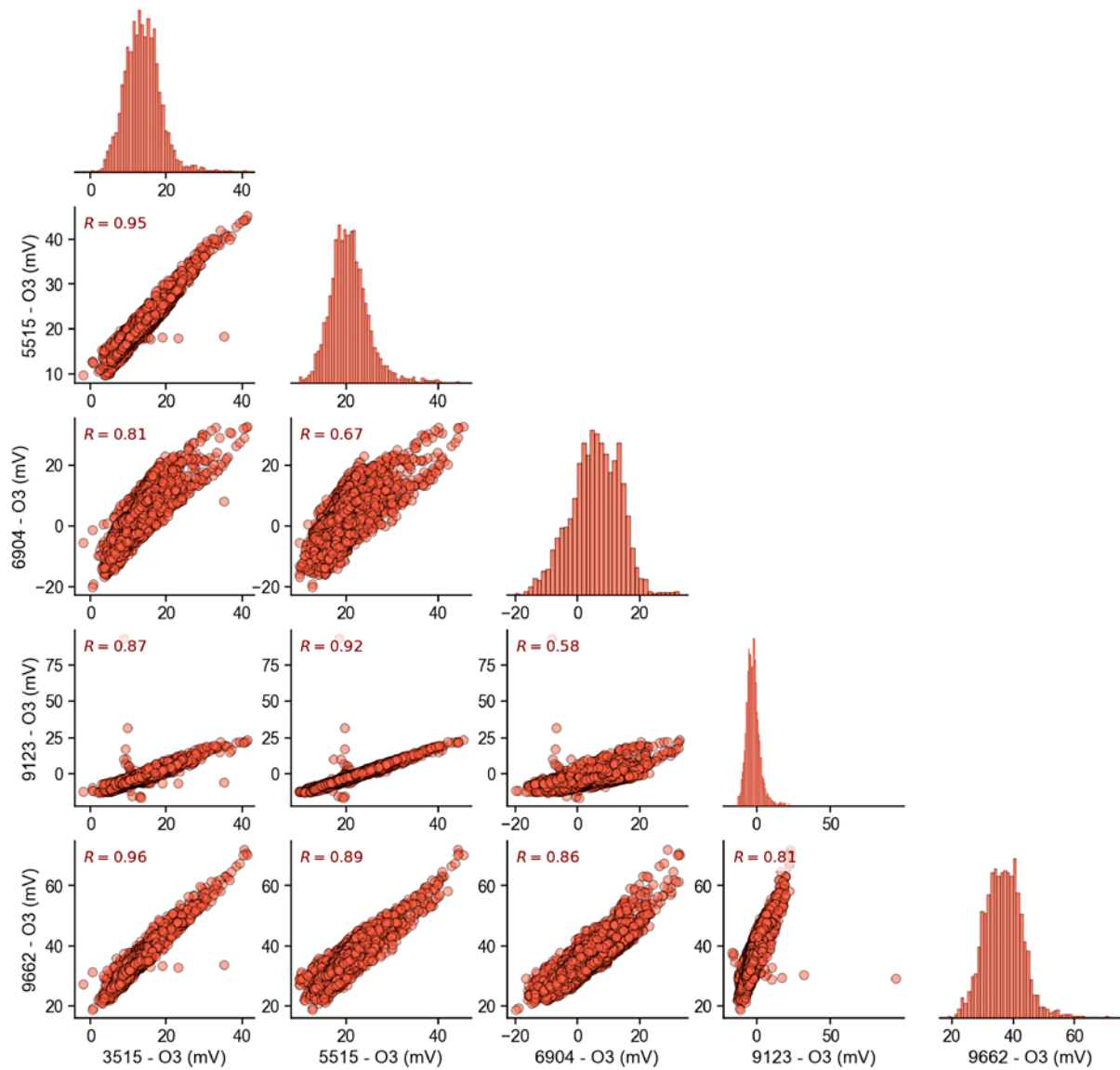
Figure A5: Intra-device correlation for raw data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A6:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A7:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of  $O_3$  from the Aeron sensor



**Figure A8:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Aeron sensor

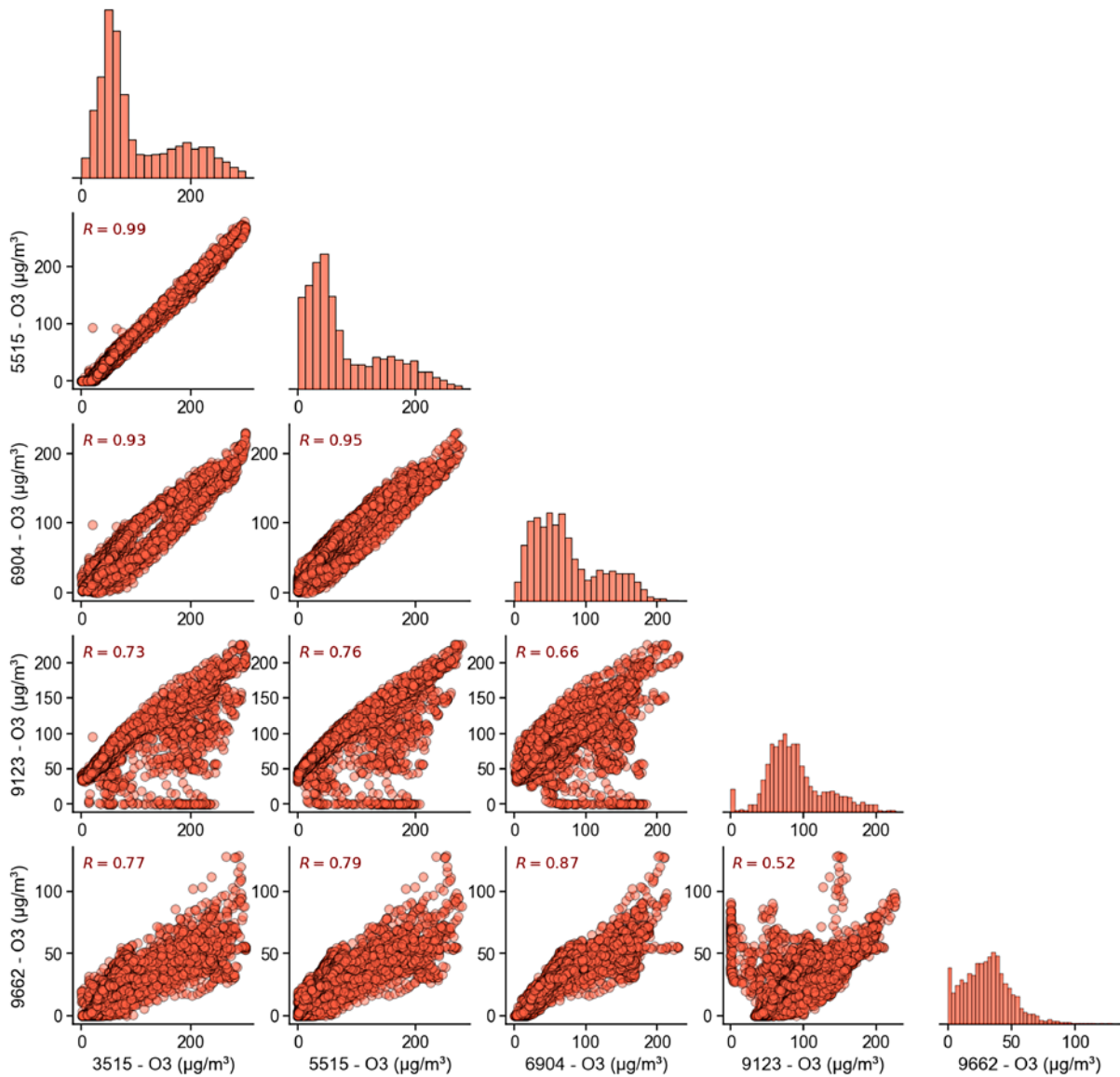


Figure A9: Intra-device correlation for raw data of CO from the Aeron sensor

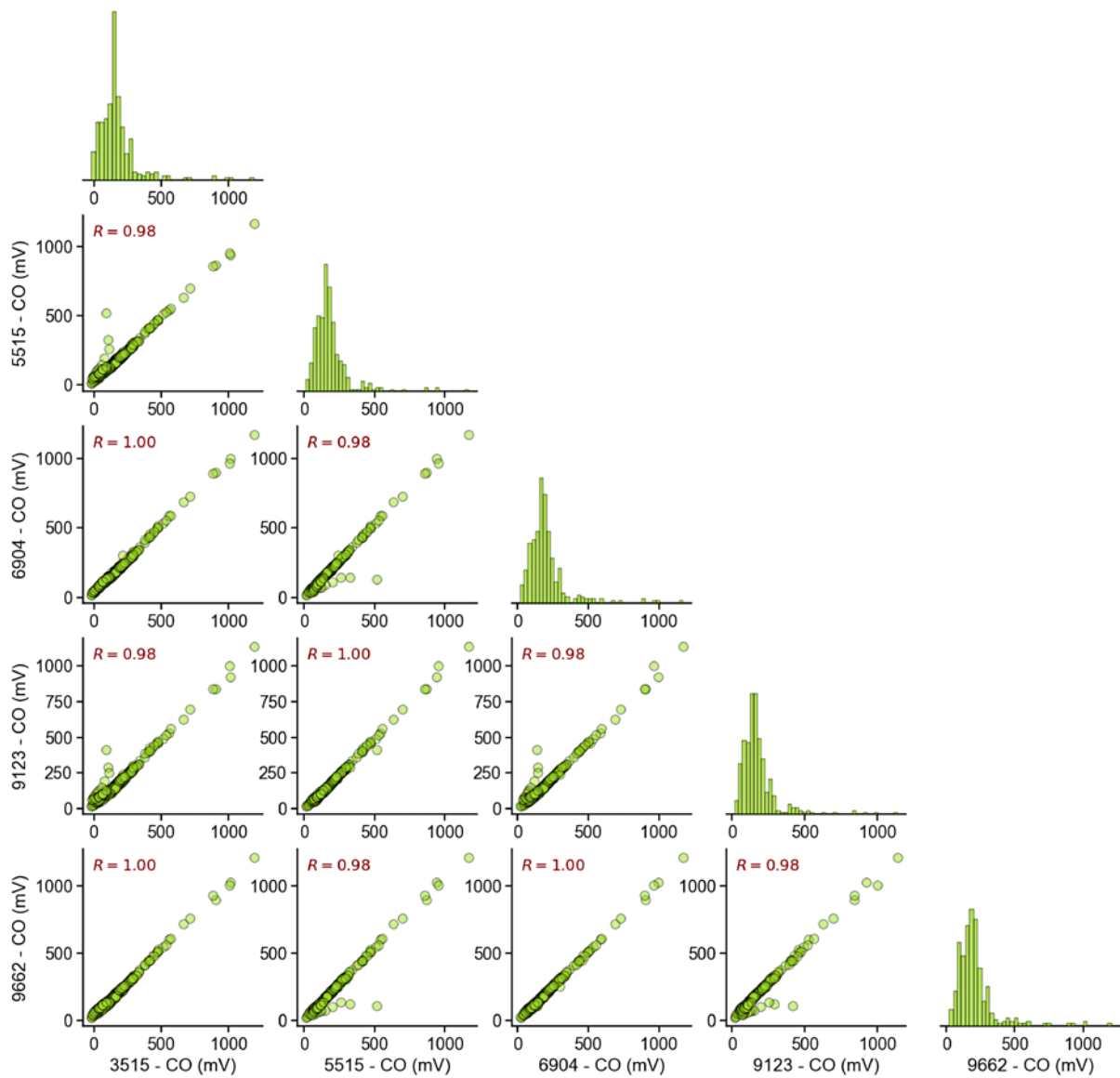
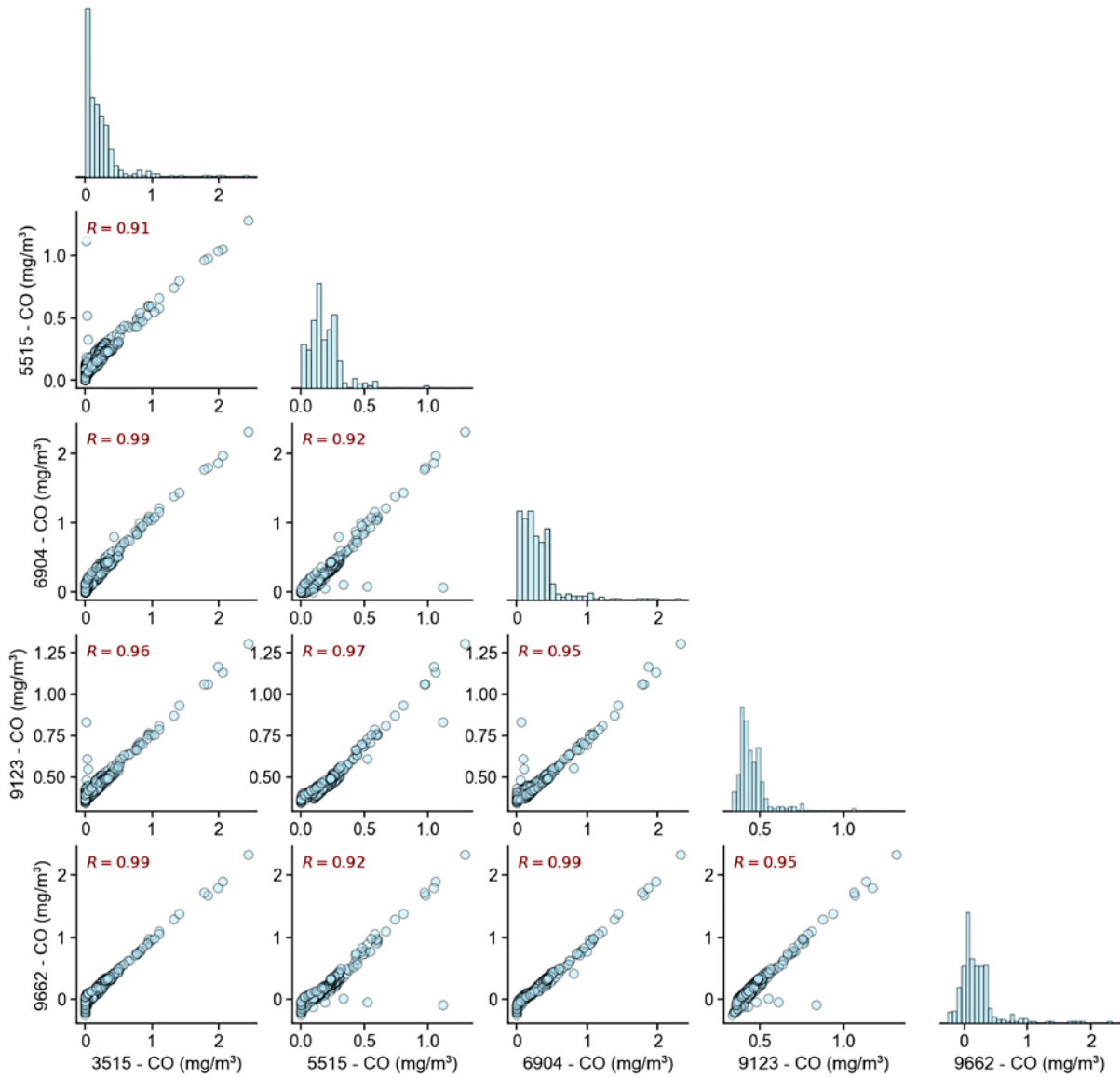


Figure A10: Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of CO from the Aeron sensor



# Airveda

Figure A11: Intra-device correlation for raw data of PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Airveda sensor

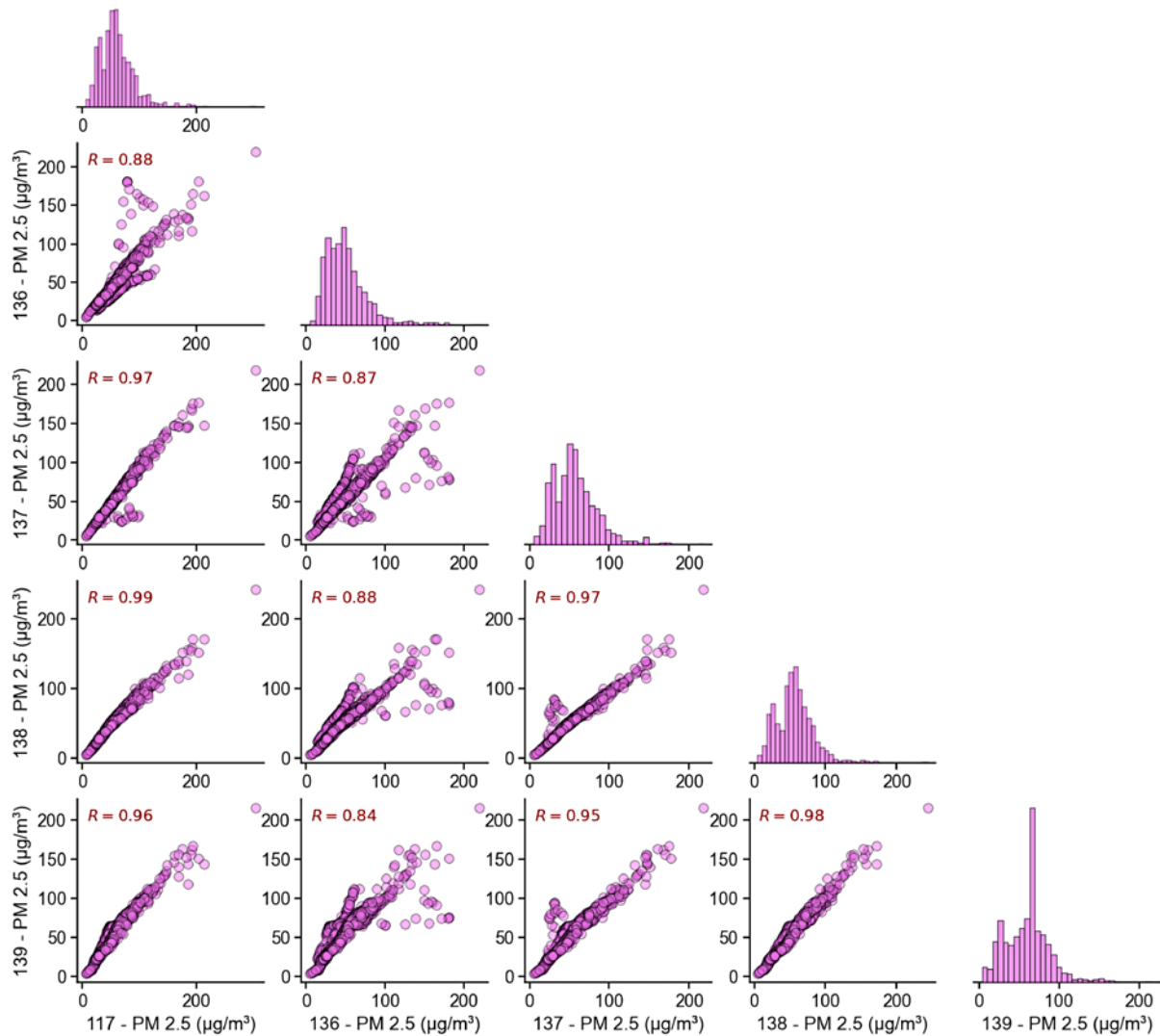
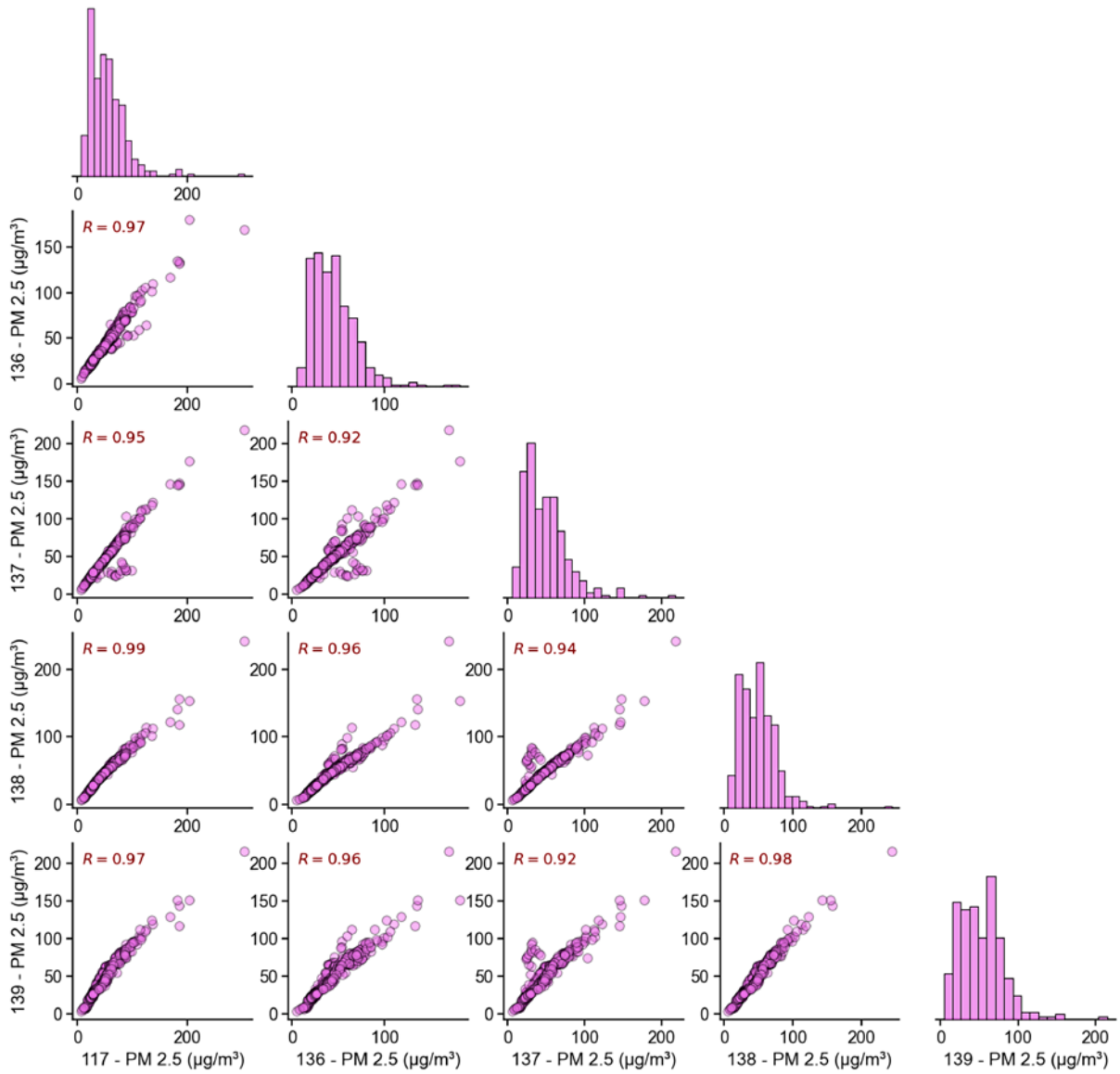


Figure A12: Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of  $PM_{2.5}$  from the Airveda sensor



**Figure A13:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of  $PM_{10}$  from the Airveda sensor

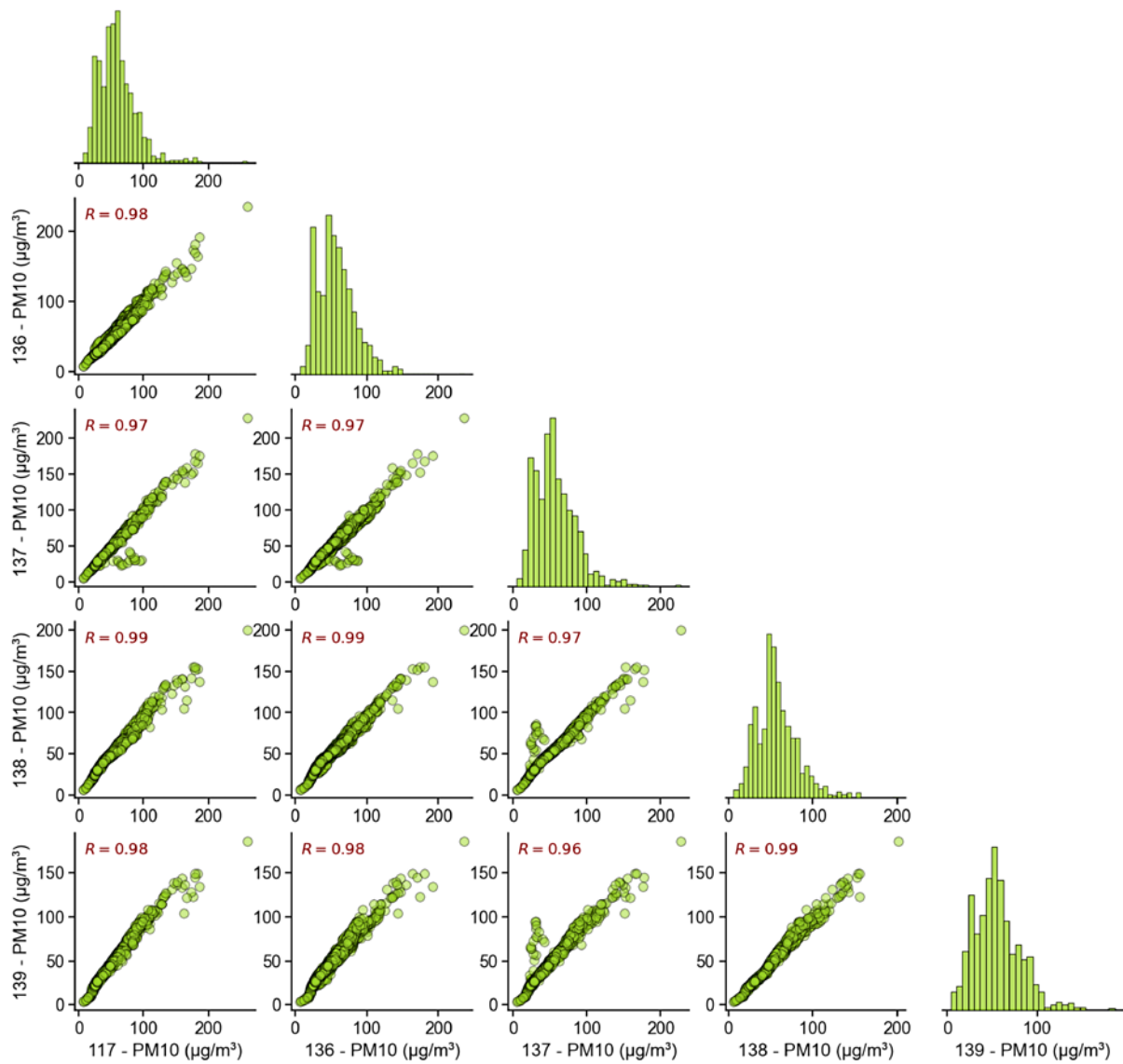


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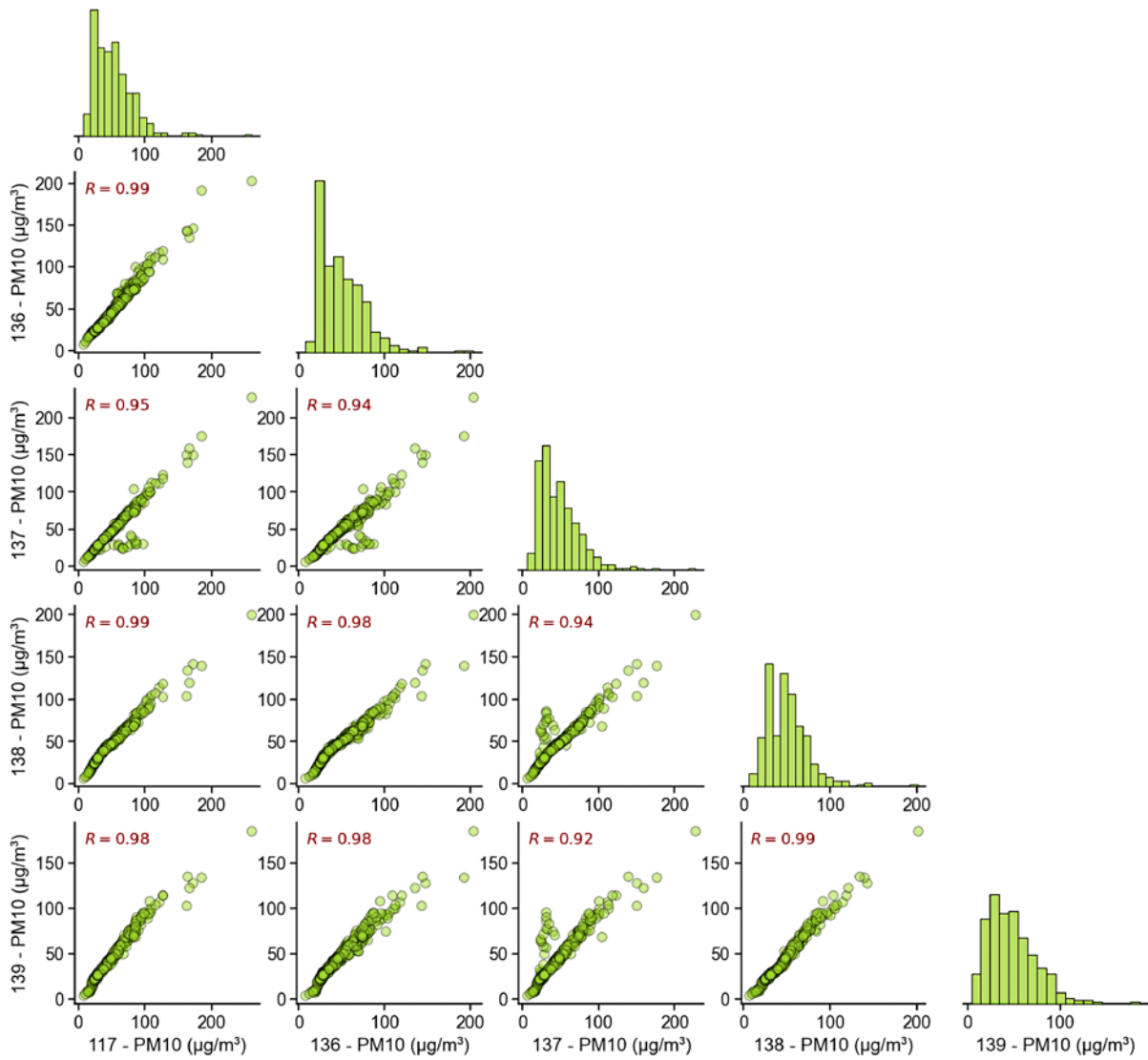
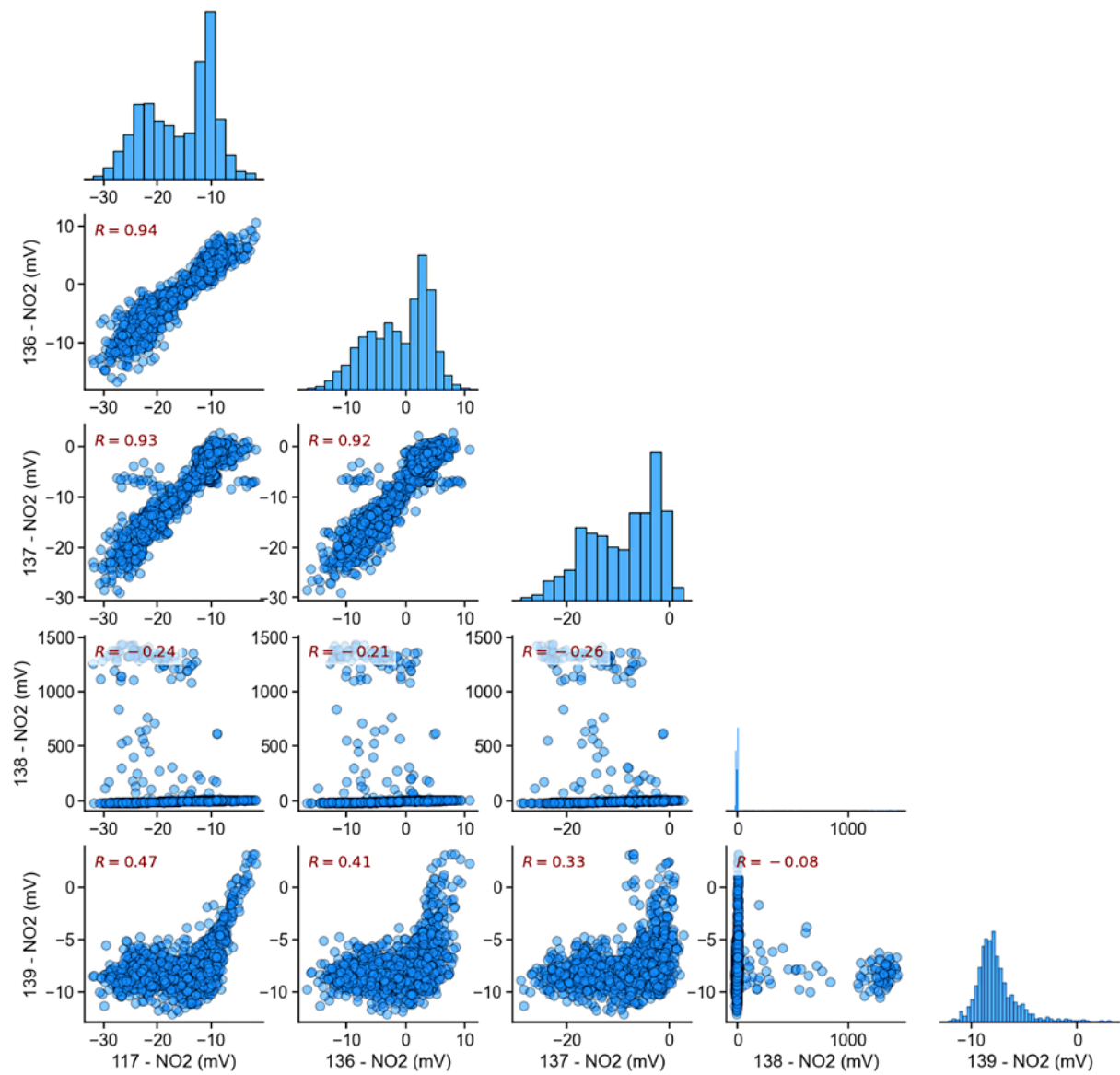
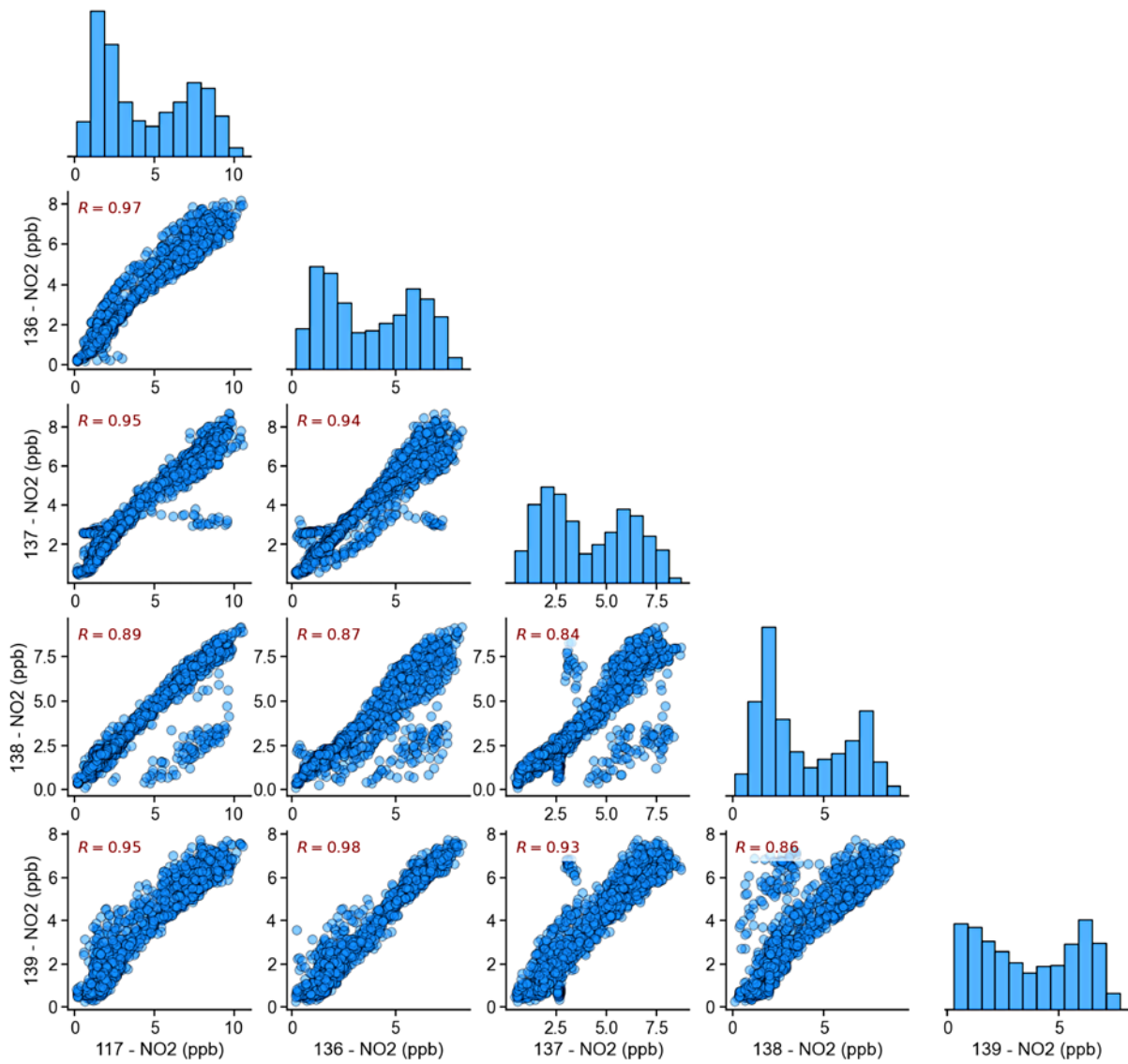


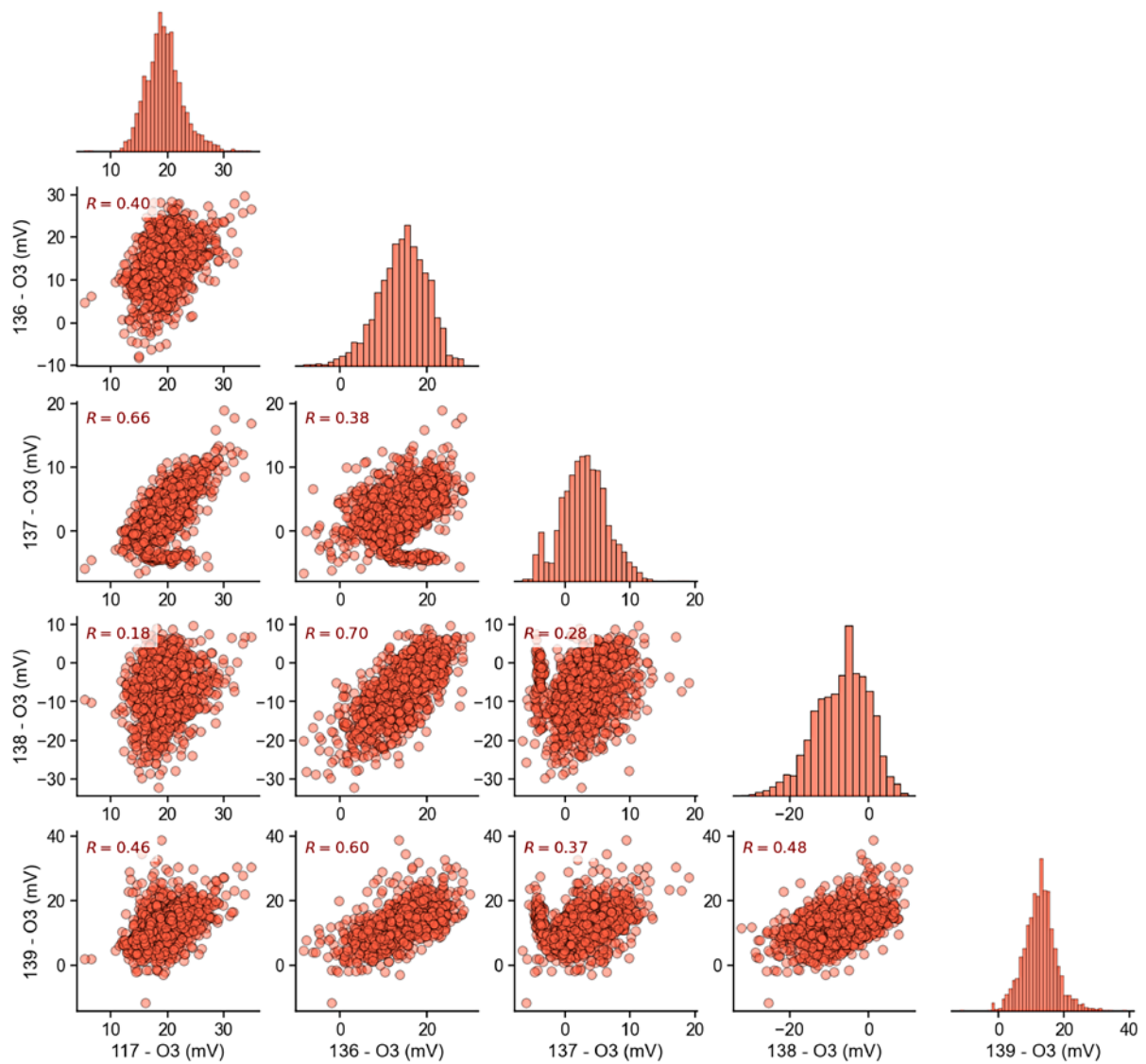
Figure A15: Intra-device correlation for raw data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Airveda sensor



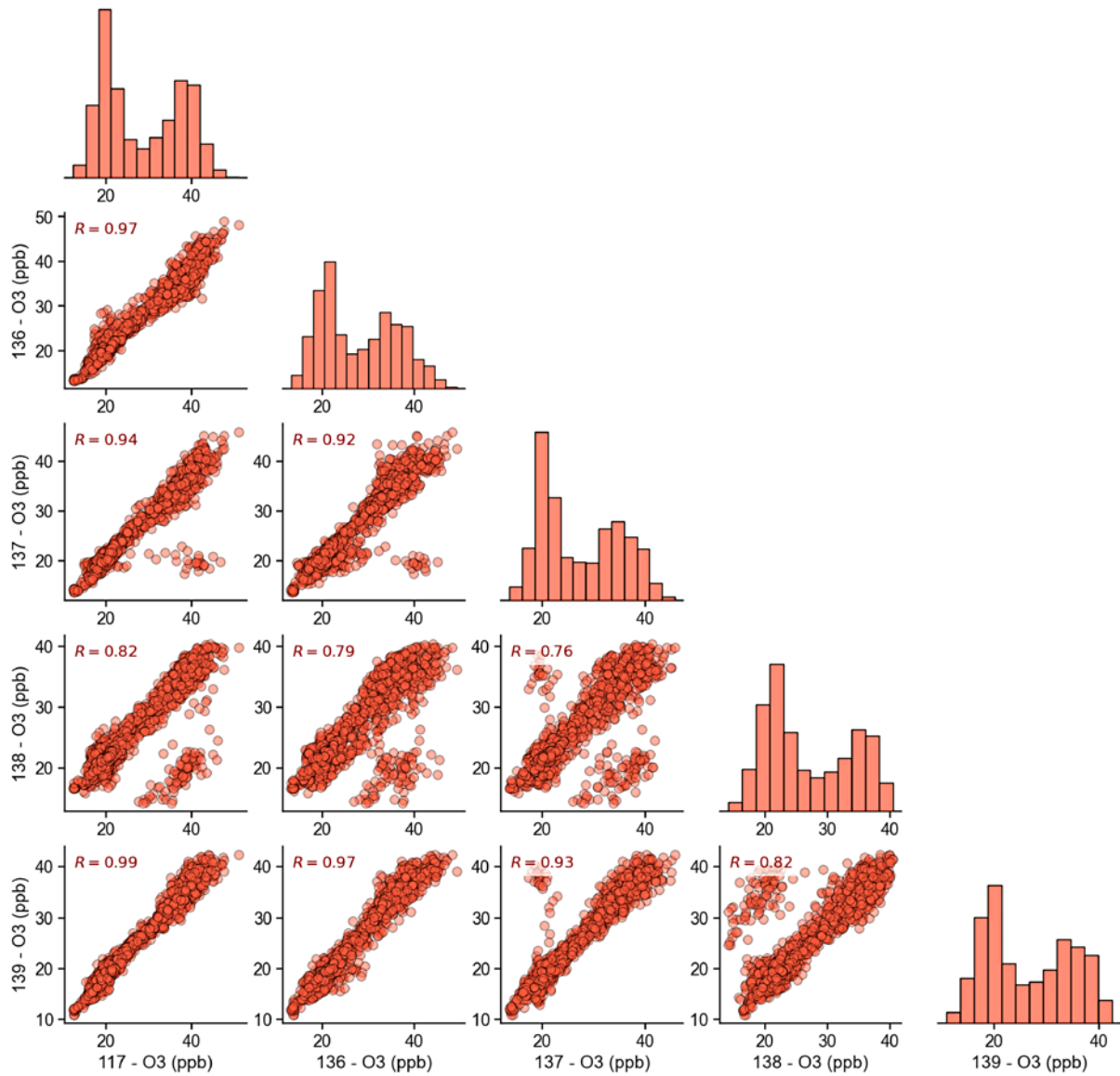
**Figure A16:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Airveda sensor



**Figure A17:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Airveda sensor



**Figure A18:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Airveda sensor



**Figure A19:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of CO from the Airveda sensor

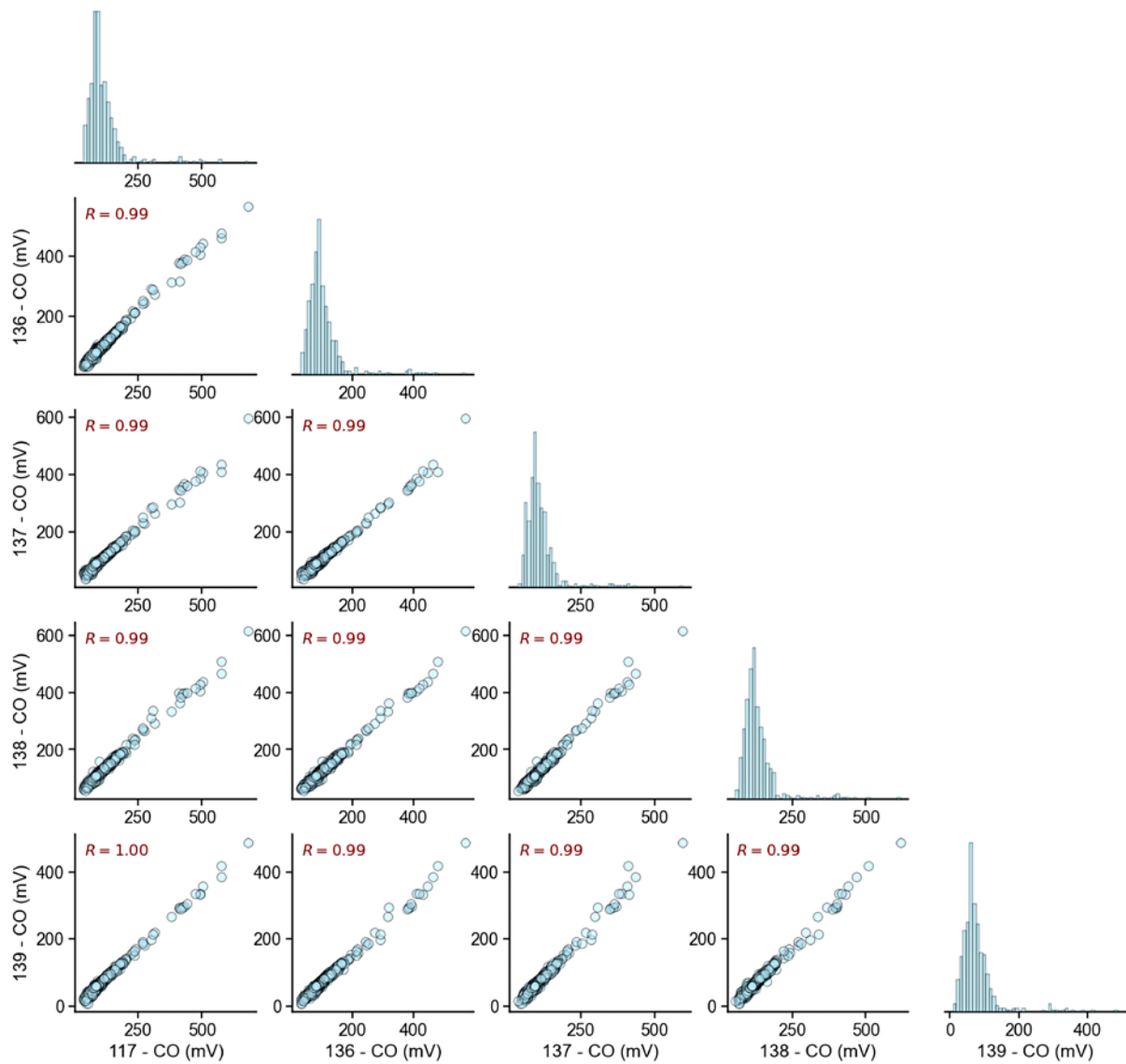
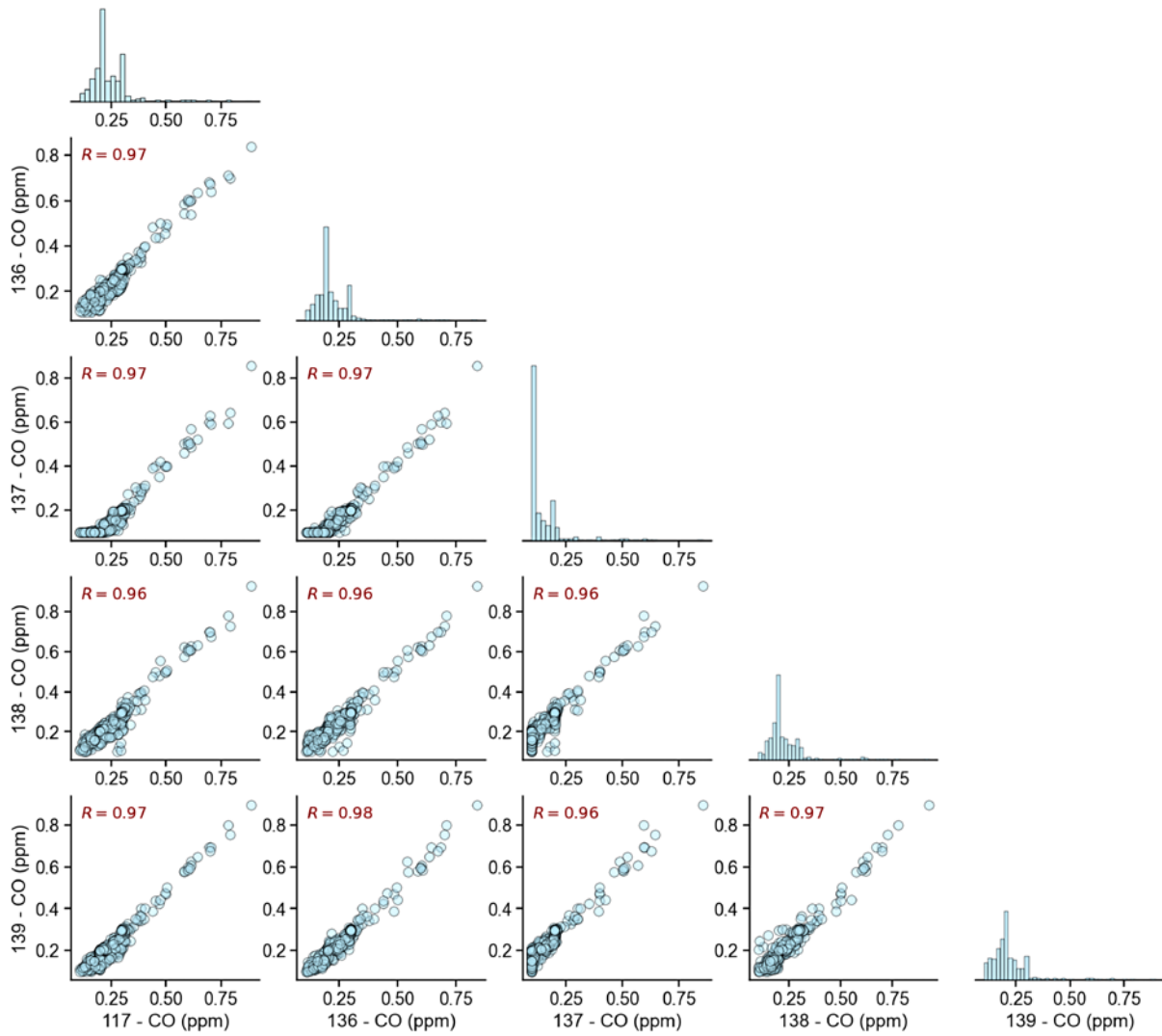
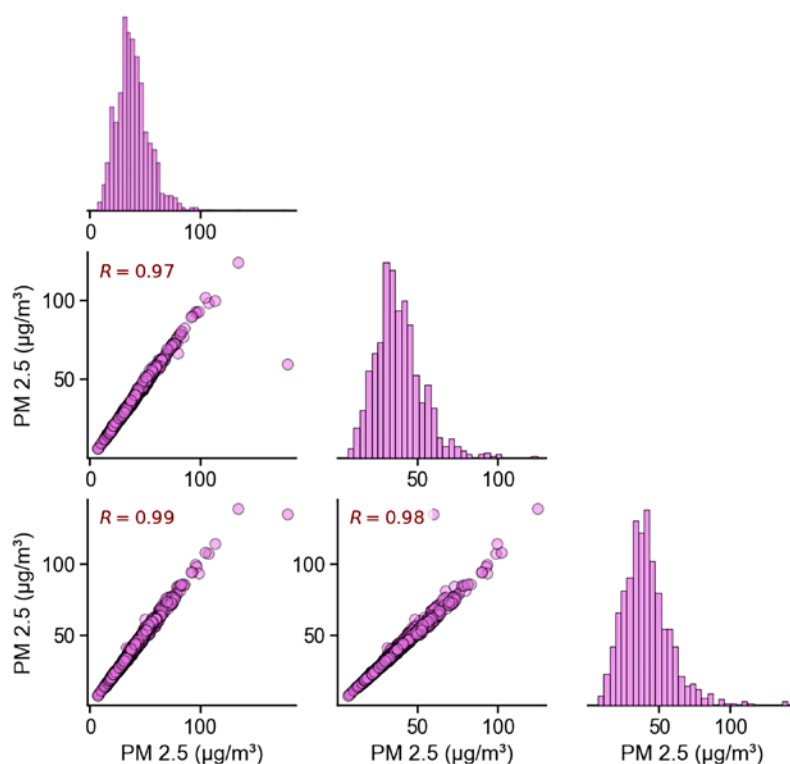


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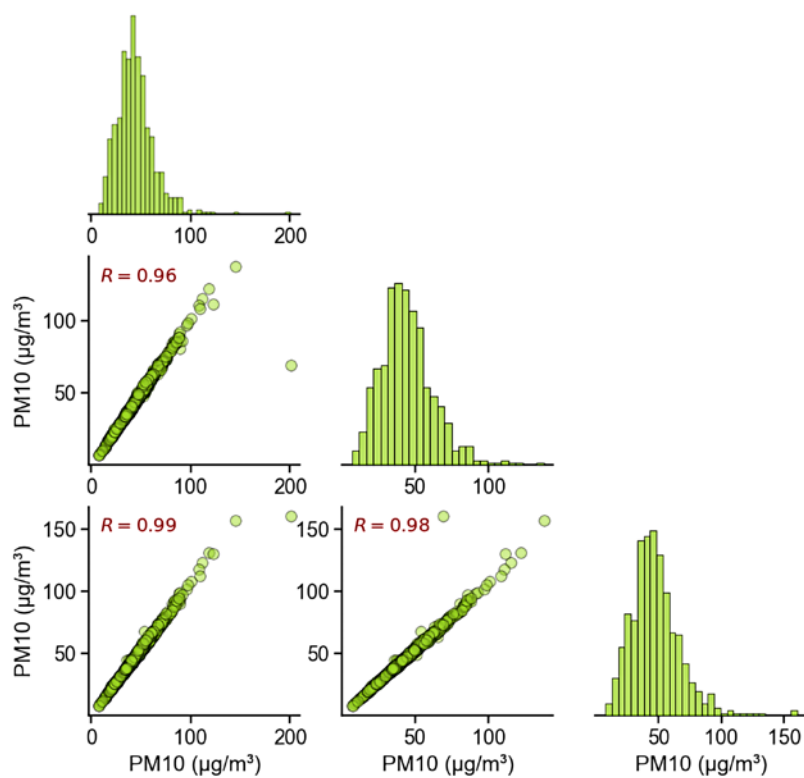


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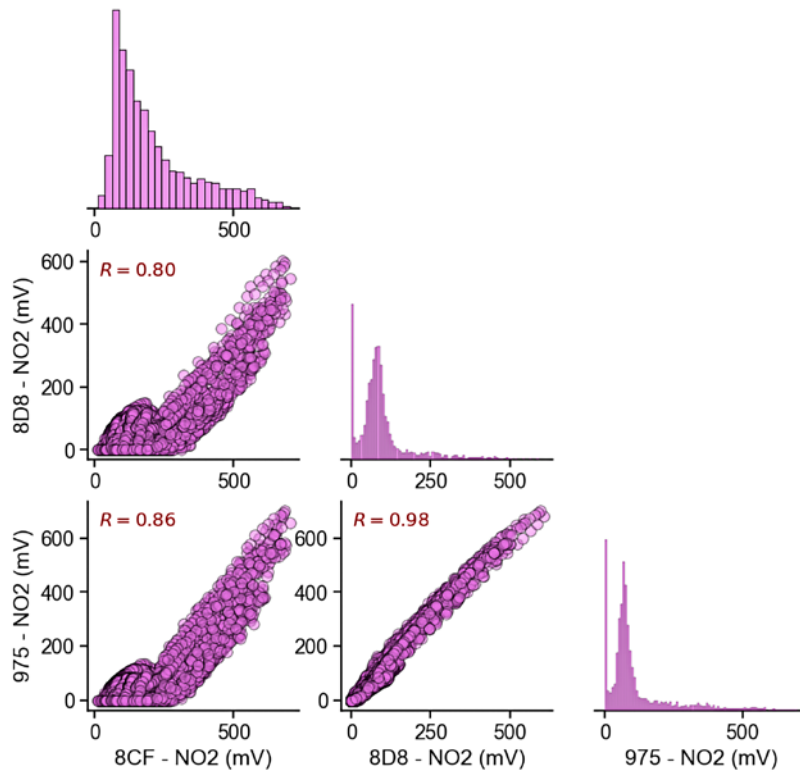
**Figure A21:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of  $PM_{2.5}$  from the Airvoice sensor



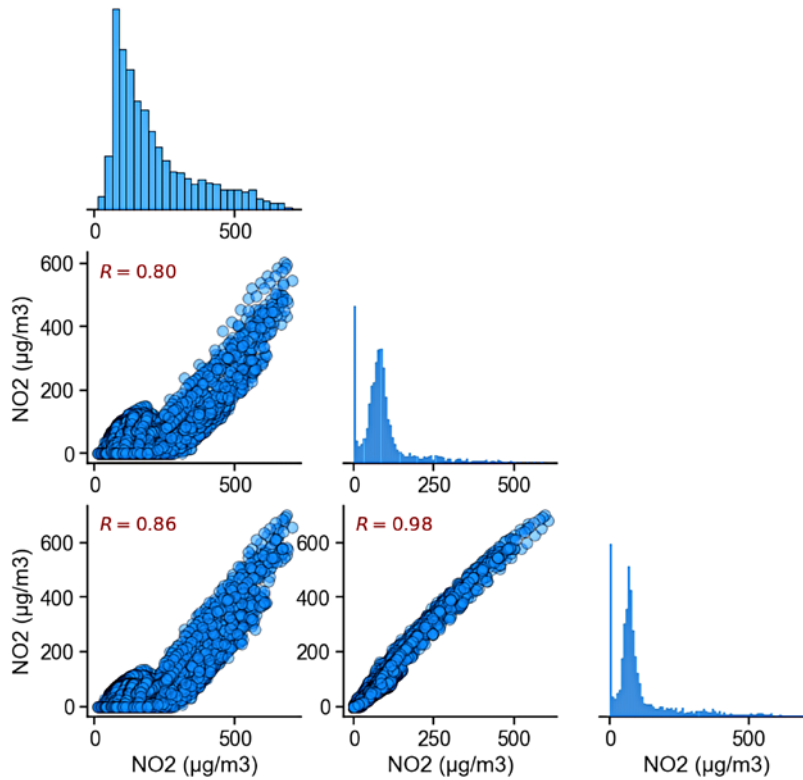
**Figure A22:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of  $PM_{10}$  from the Airvoice sensor



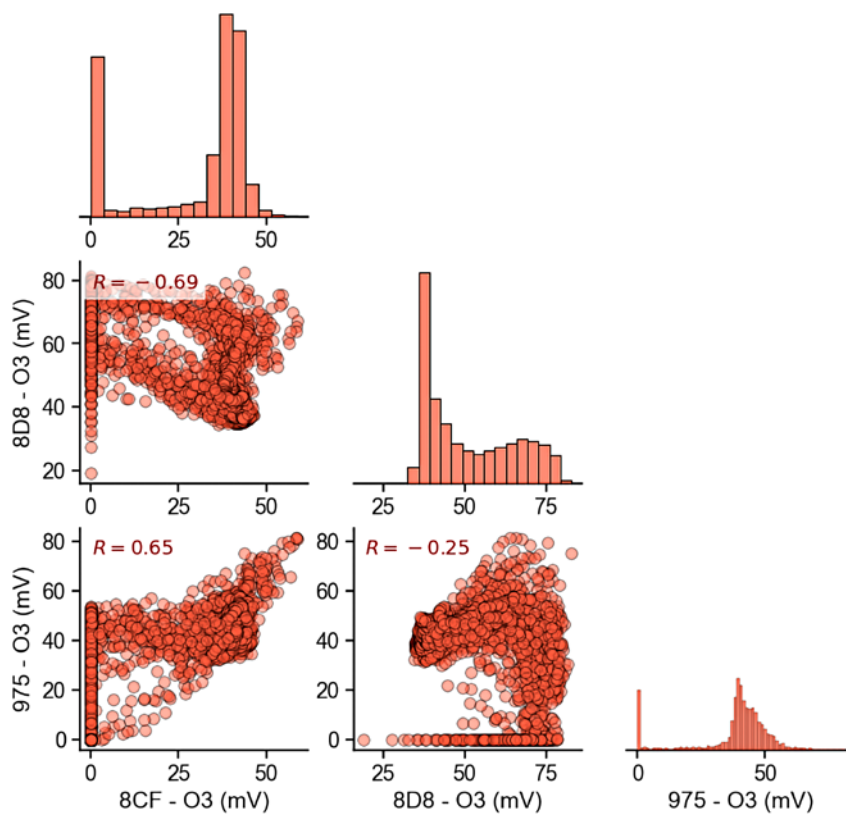
**Figure A23:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Airvoice sensor



**Figure A24:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Airvoice sensor



**Figure A25:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Airvoice sensor



**Figure A26:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Airvoice sensor

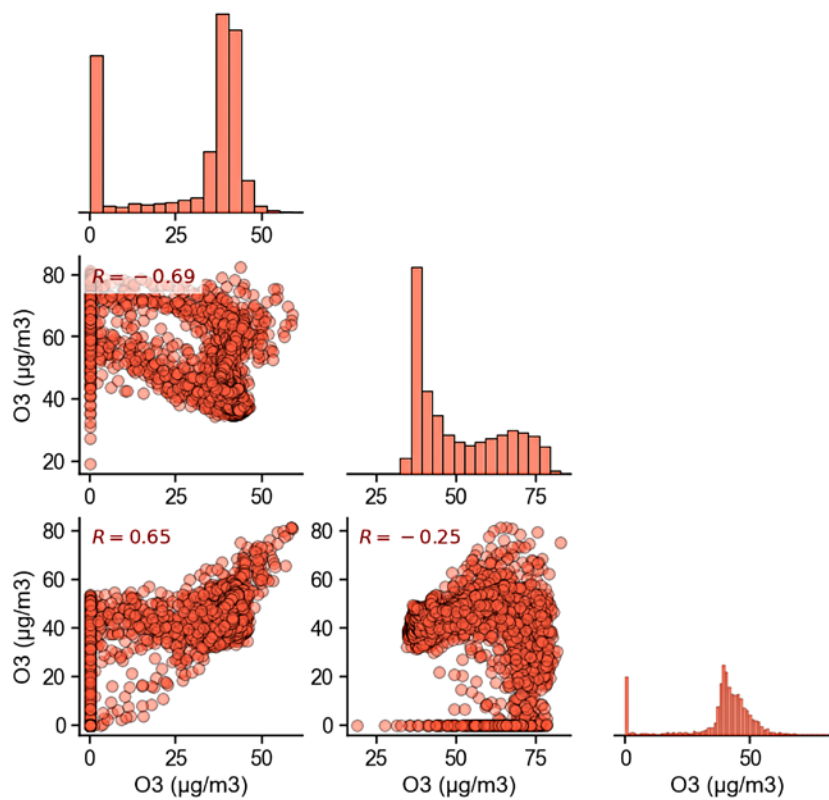


Figure A27: Intra-device correlation for raw data of CO from the Airvoice sensor

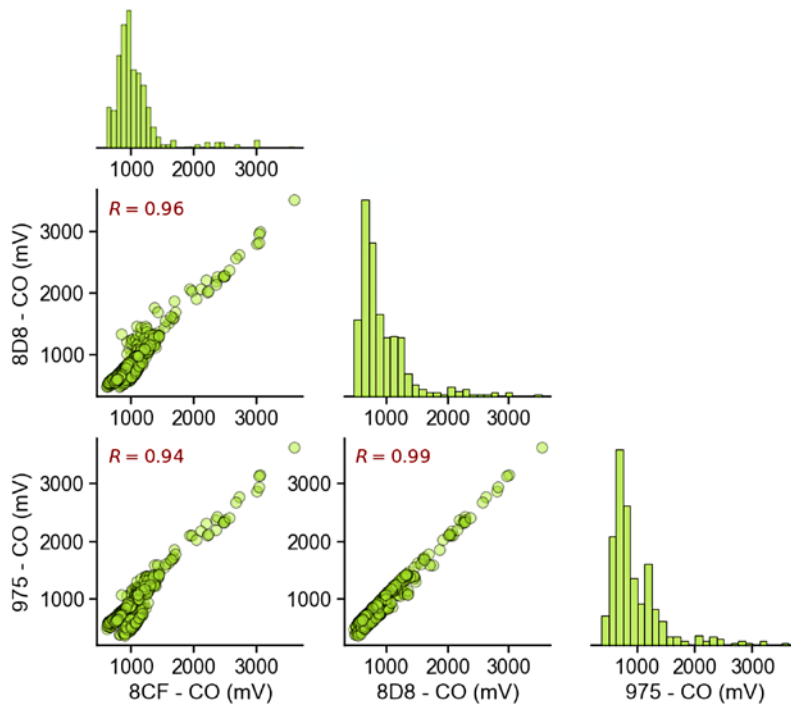
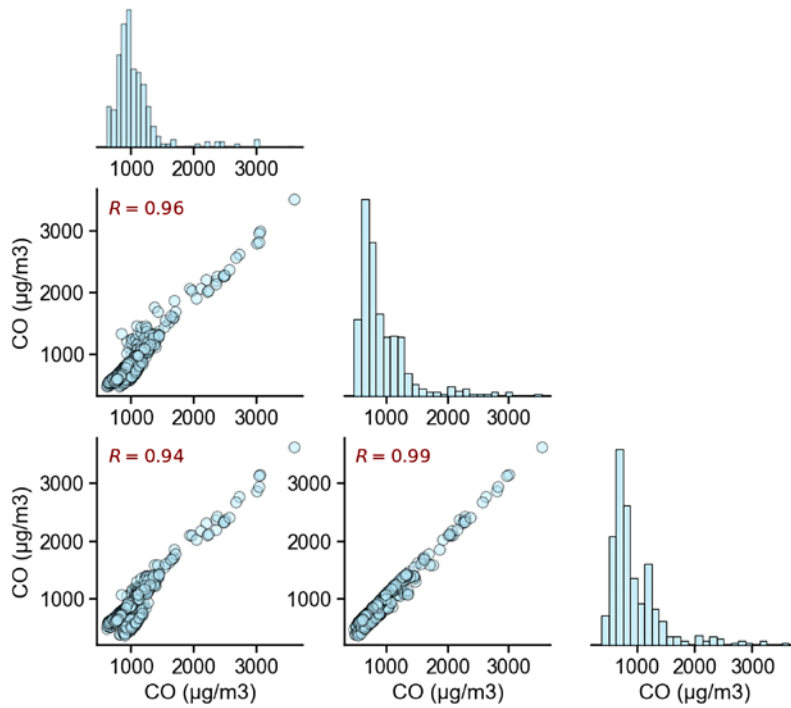


Figure A28: Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of CO from the Airvoice sensor



# Aurassure

Figure A29: Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Aurassure sensor



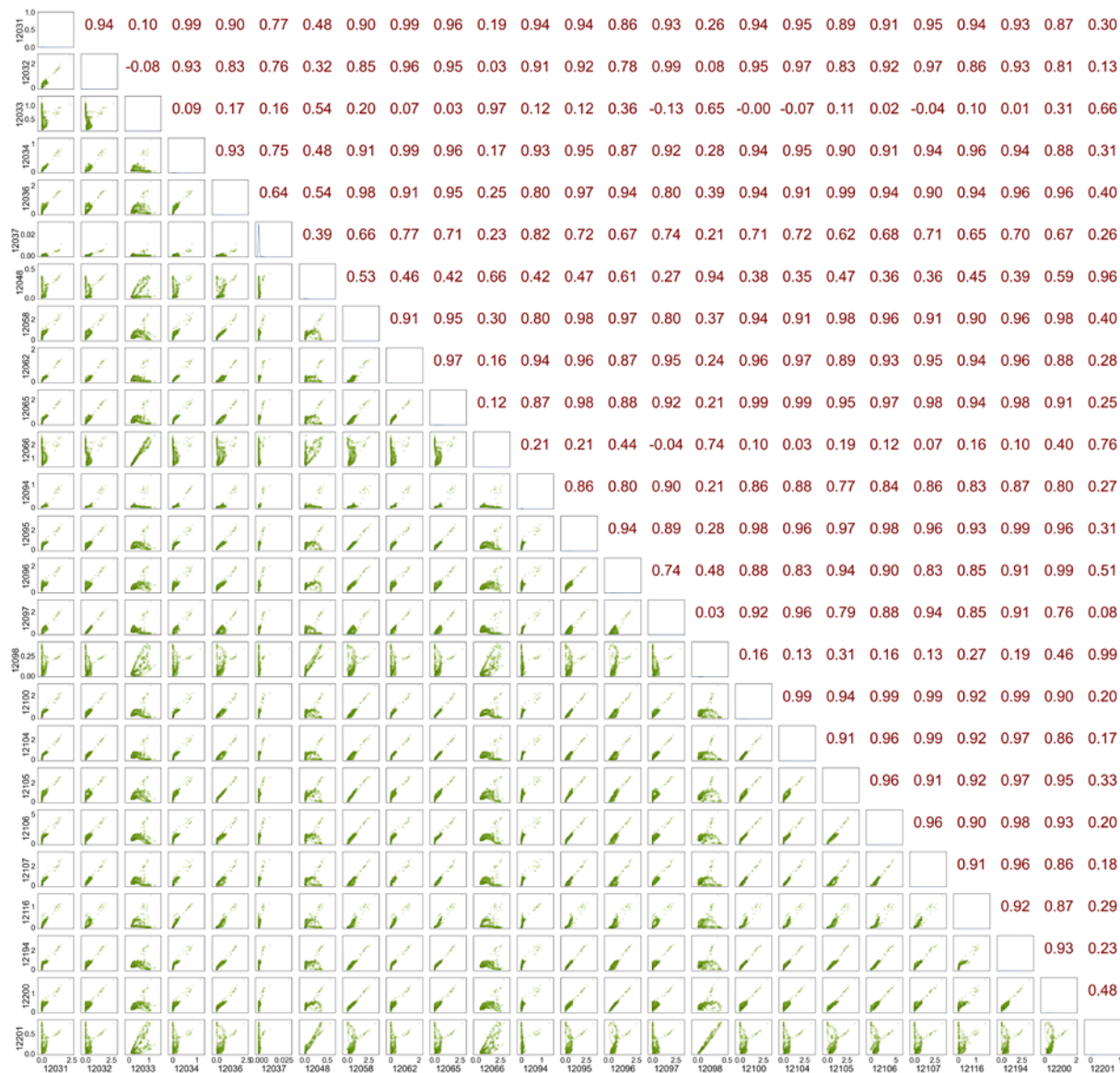
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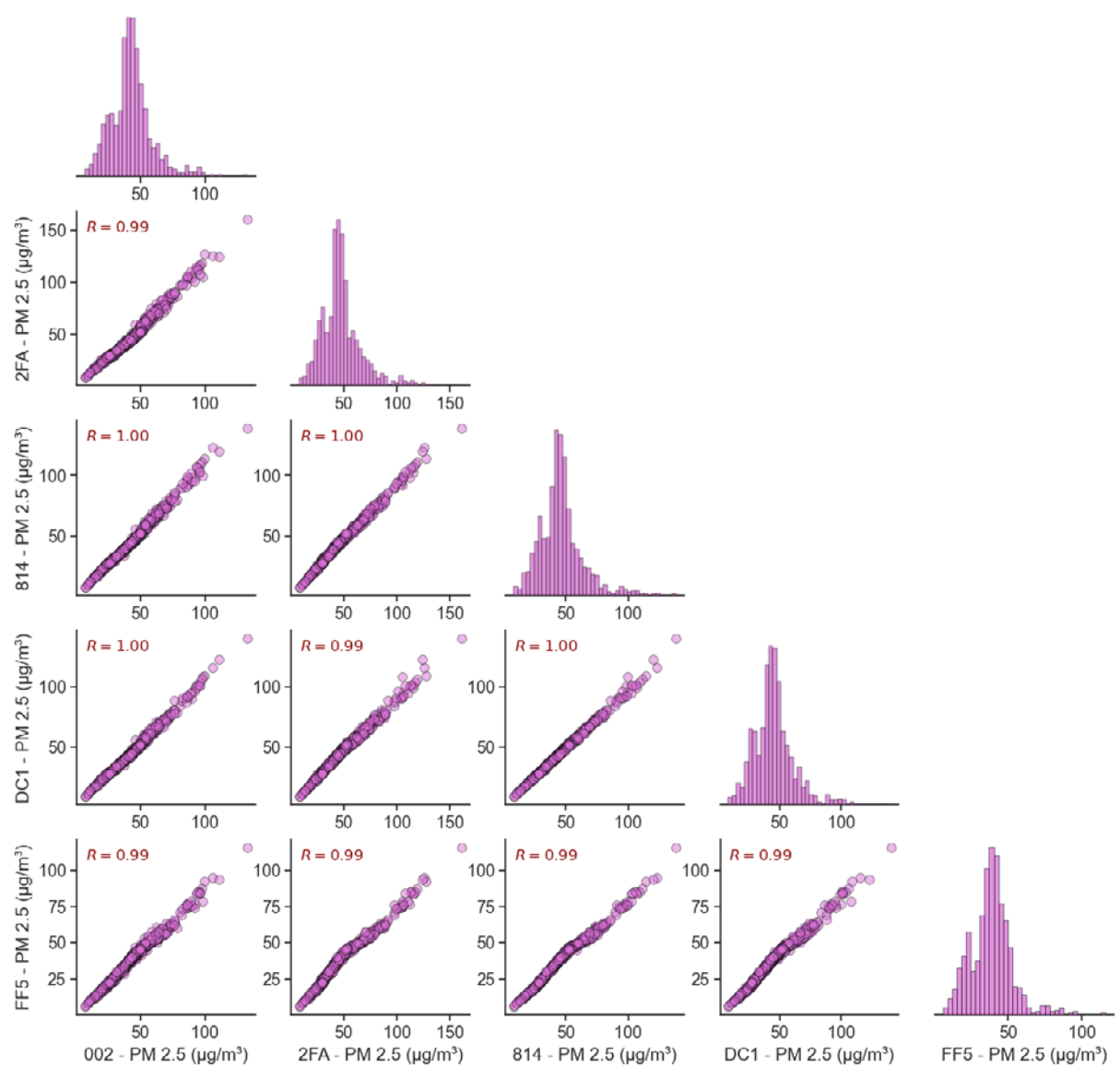


**Figure A33:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of CO from the Aurassure sensor

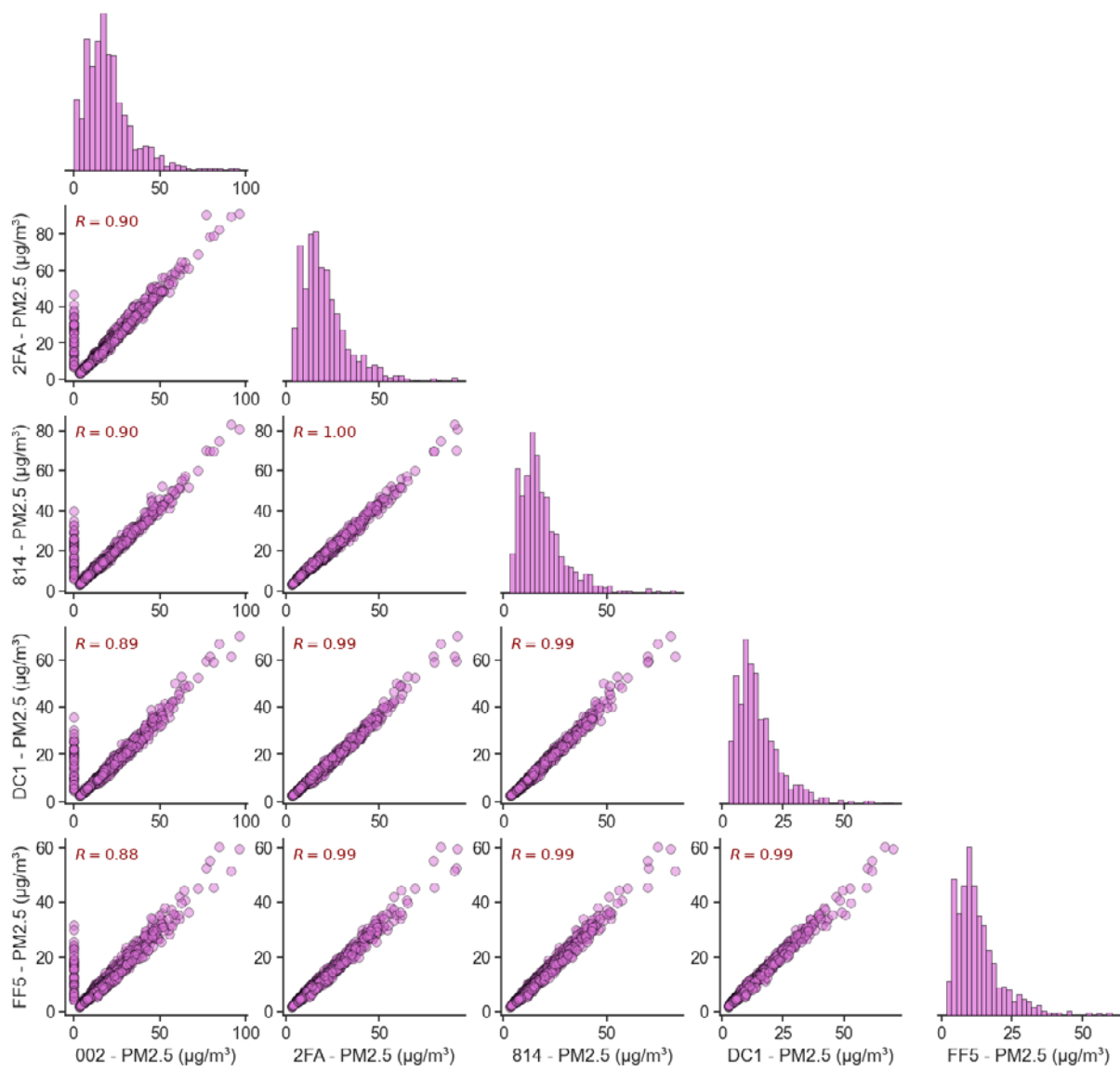


# Respirer

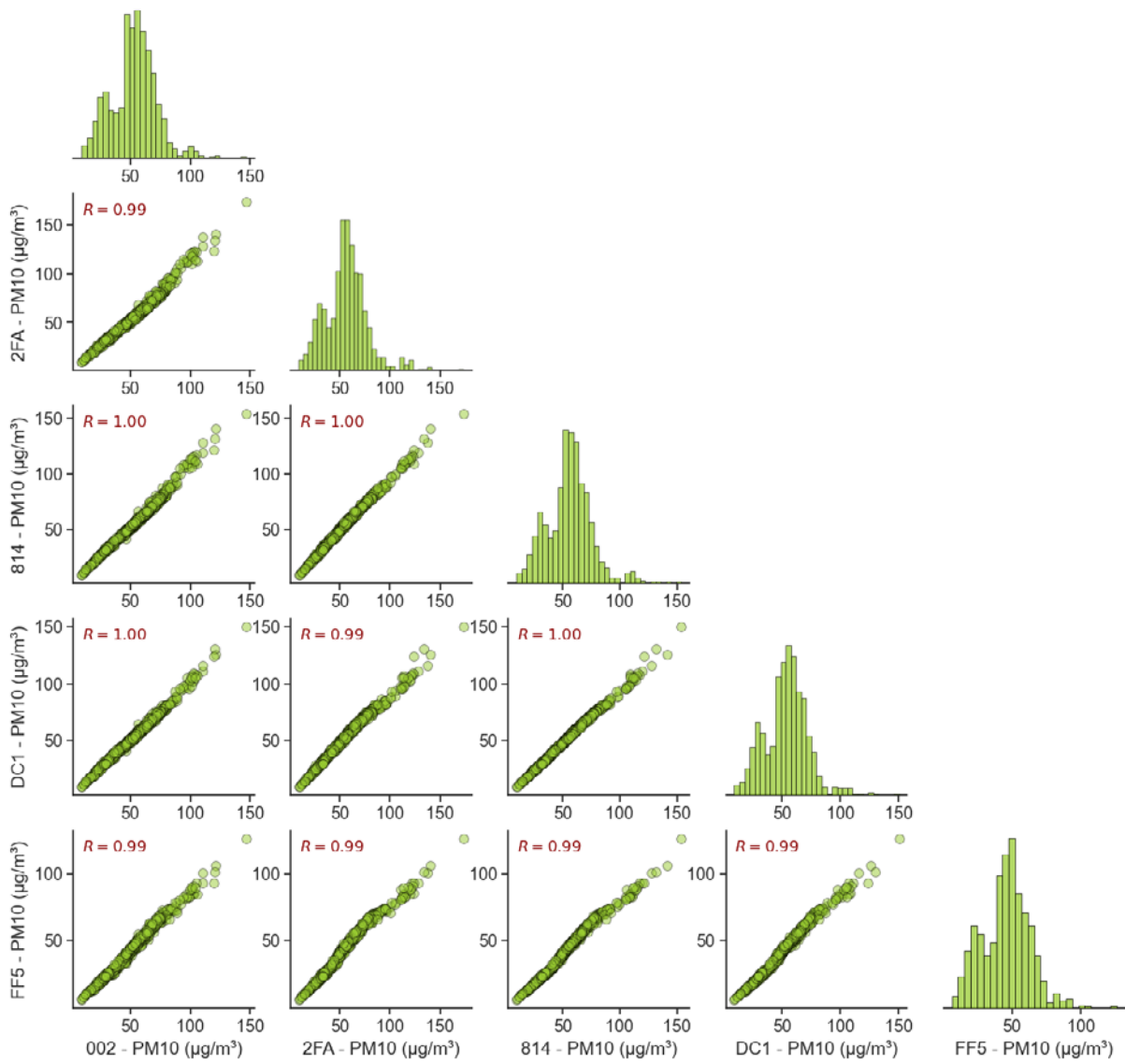
Figure A34: Intra-device correlation for raw data of Plantower PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Respirer sensor



**Figure A35:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of OPC PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the Respirer sensor



**Figure A36:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of Plantower PM<sub>10</sub> from the Respirer sensor



**Figure A37:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of  $PM_{10}$  from the Respirer sensor

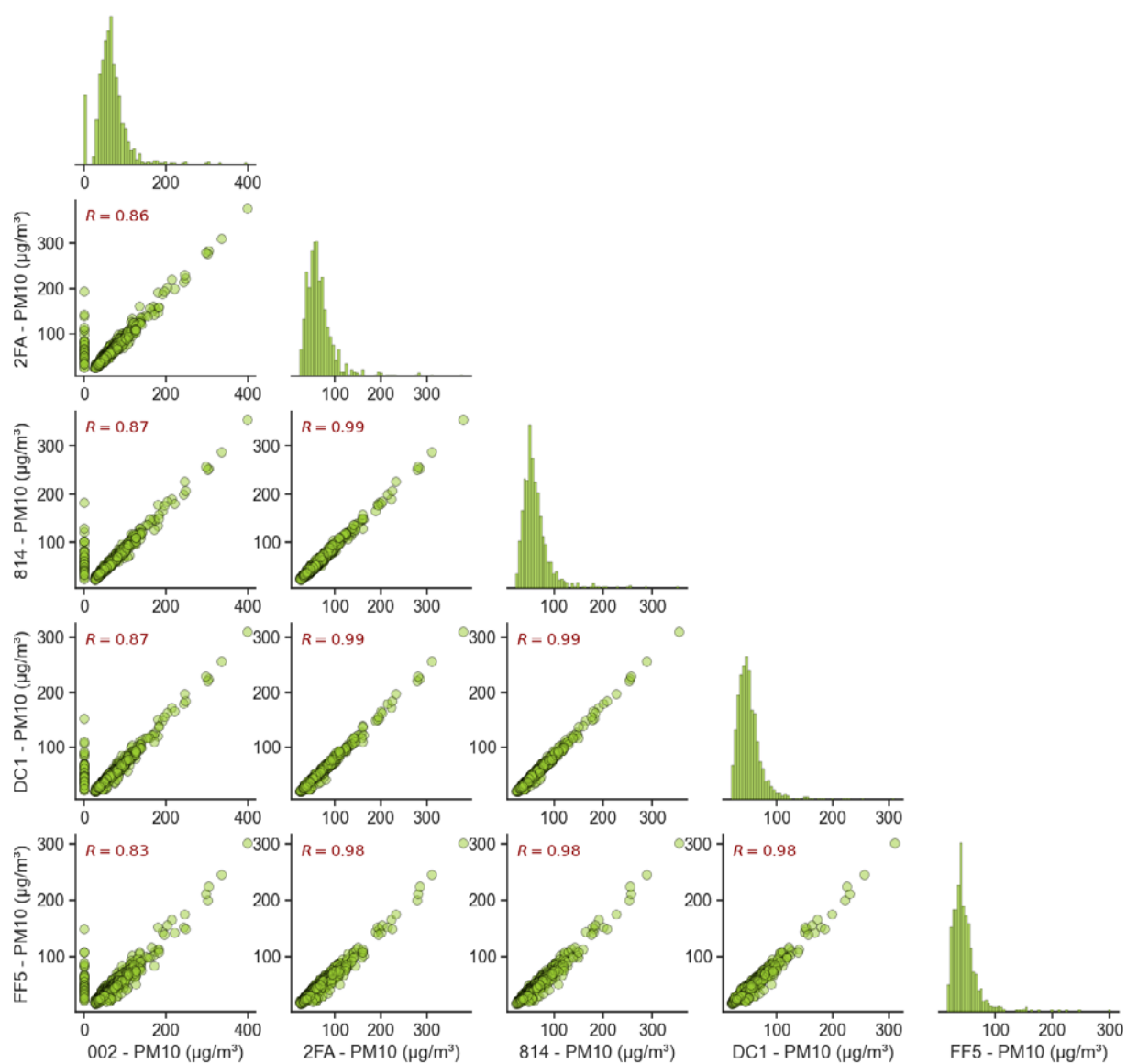


Figure A38: Intra-device correlation for raw data of NO<sub>2</sub> from the Respirer sensor

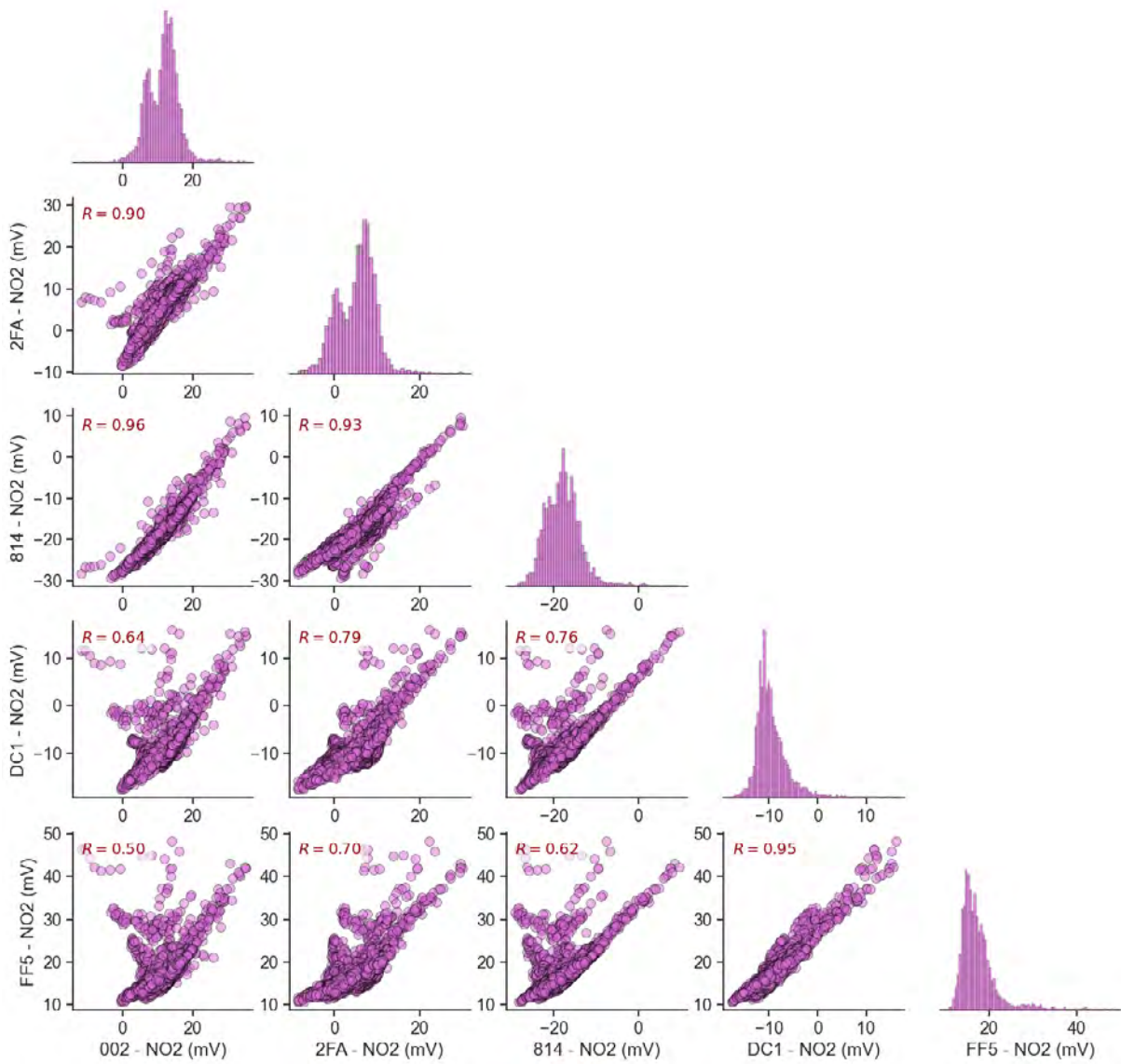


Figure A39: Intra-device correlation for raw data of O<sub>3</sub> from the Respirometer sensor

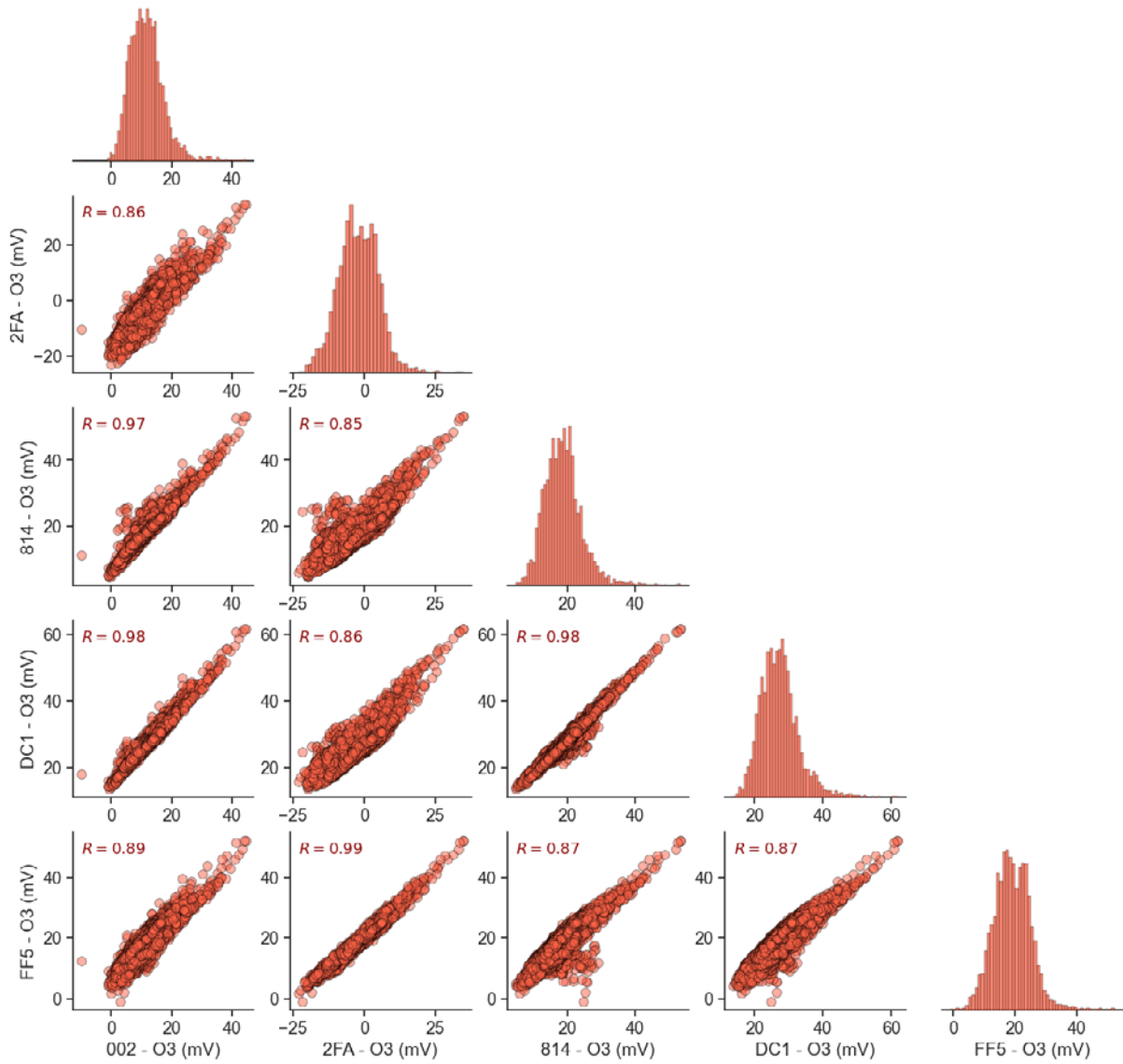
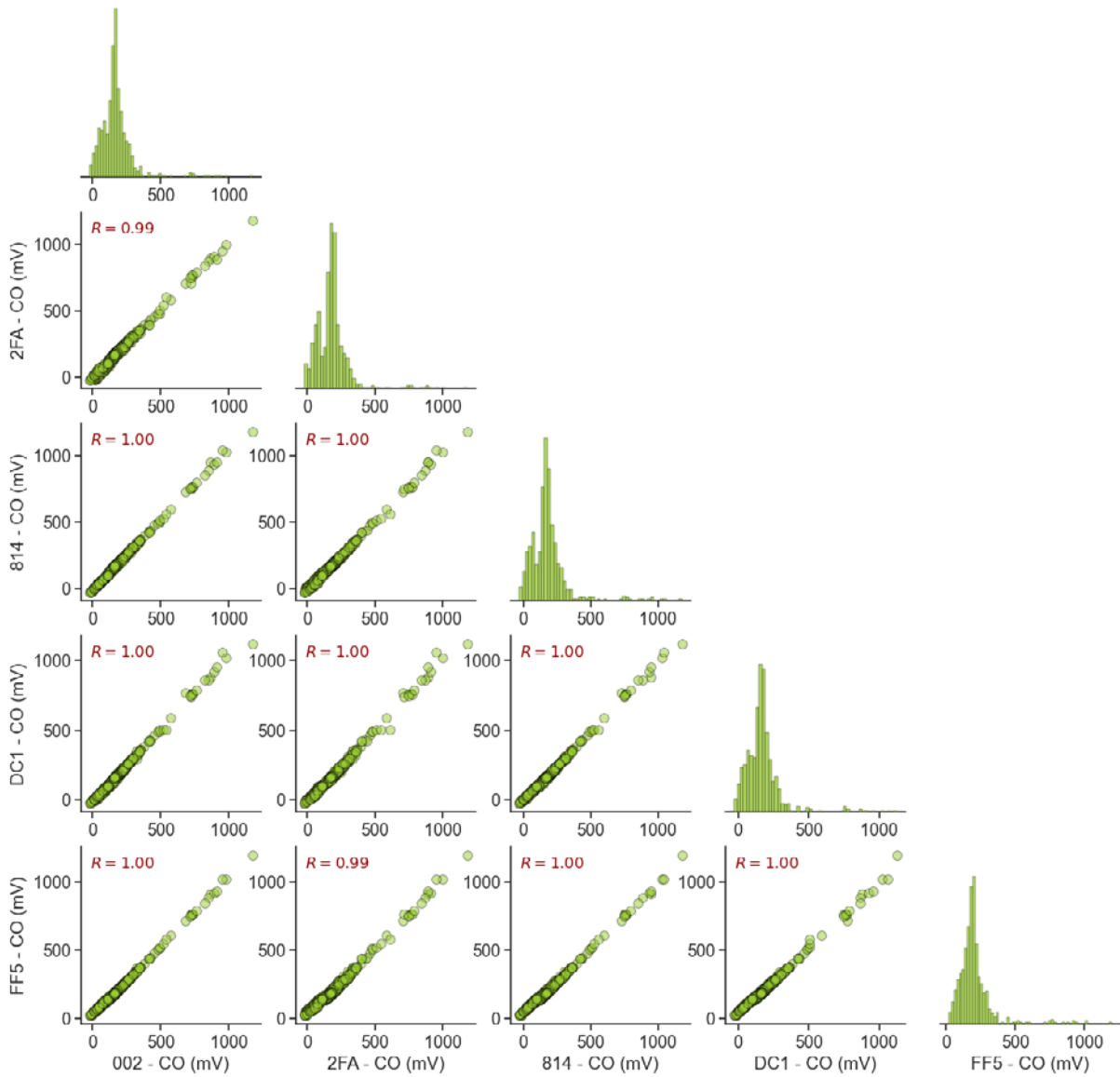


Figure A40: Intra-device correlation for raw data of CO from the Respirometer sensor



# Sensit

**Figure A41:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of Plantower PM<sub>2.5</sub> from Sensit

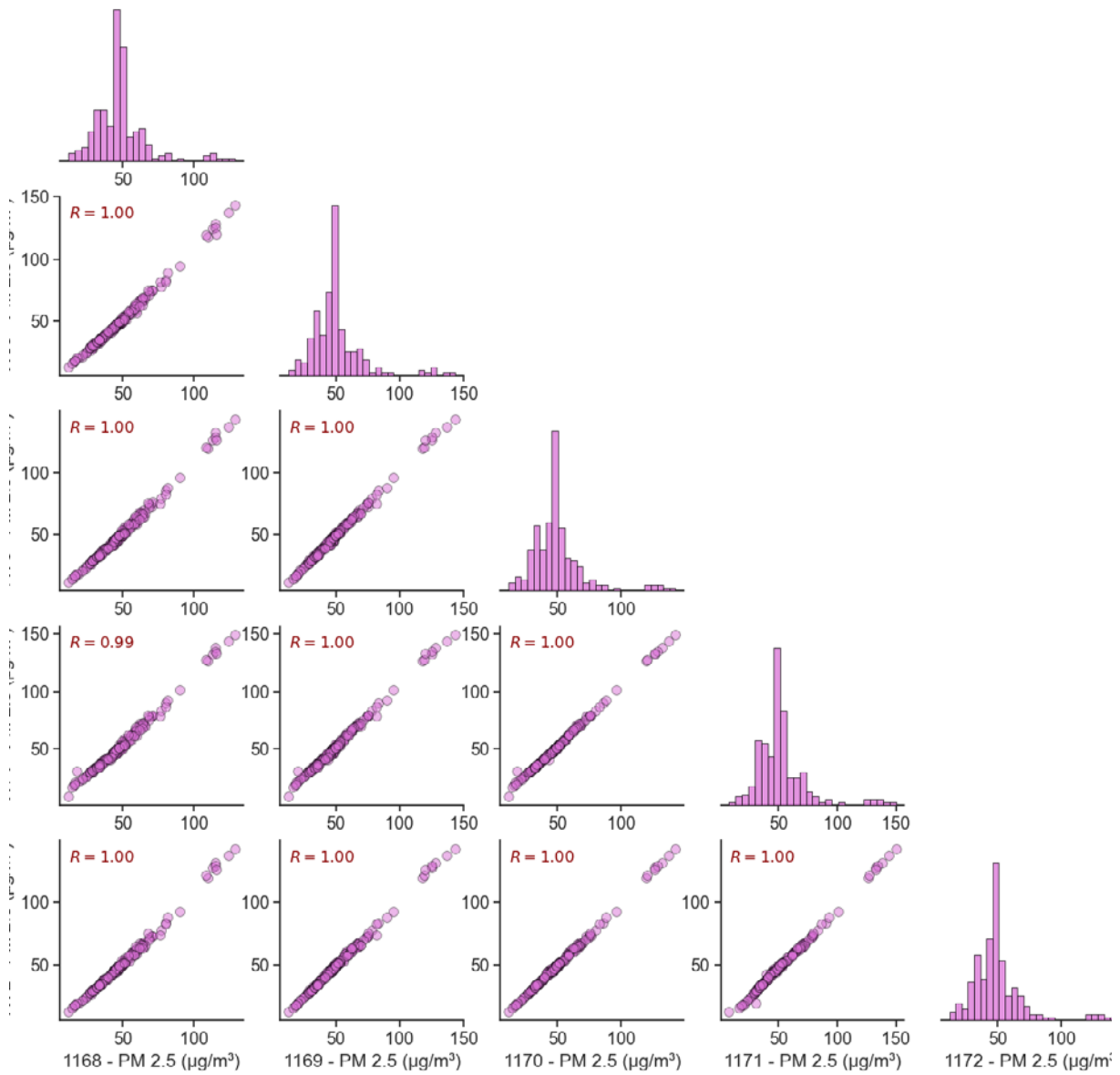
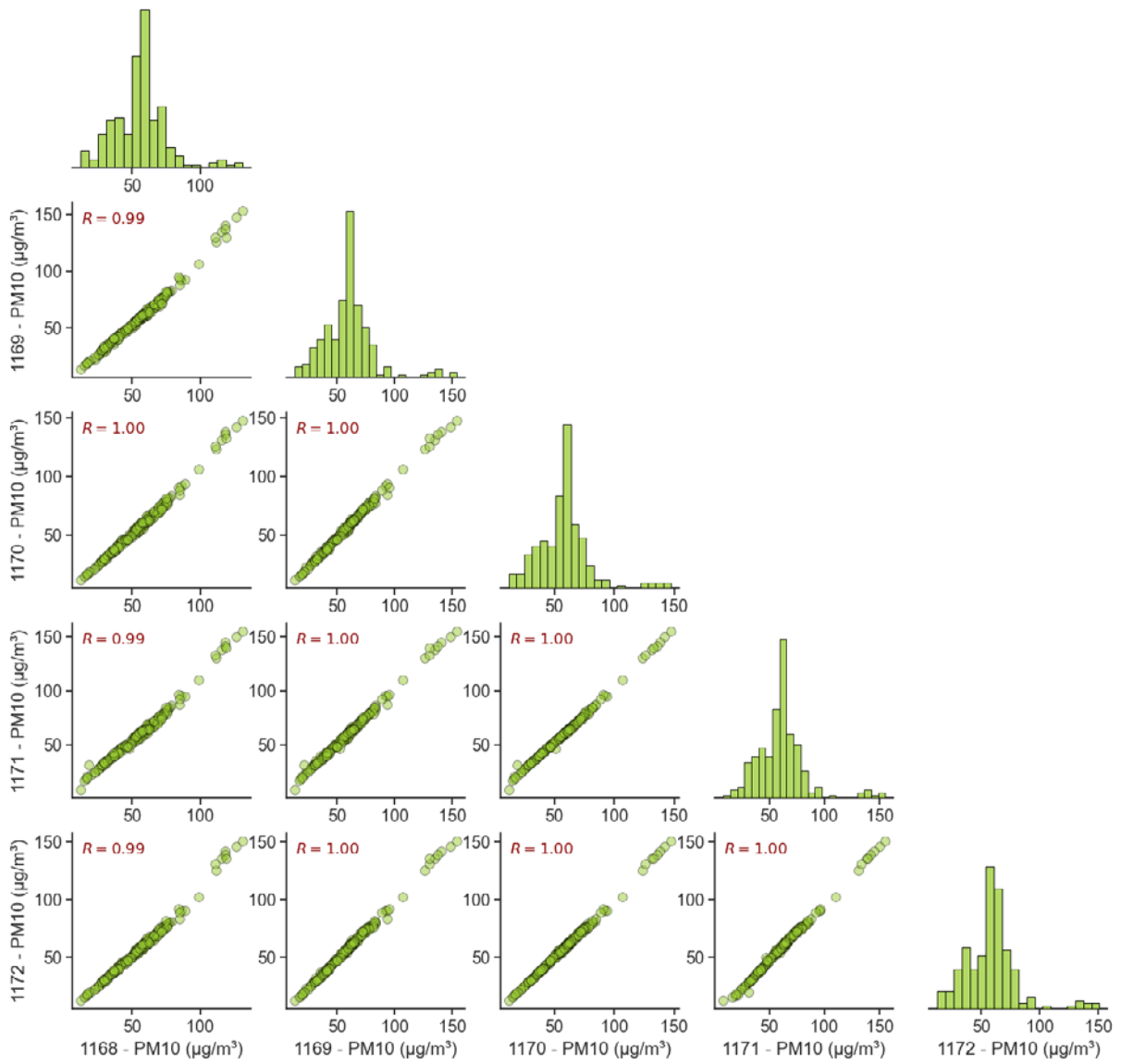
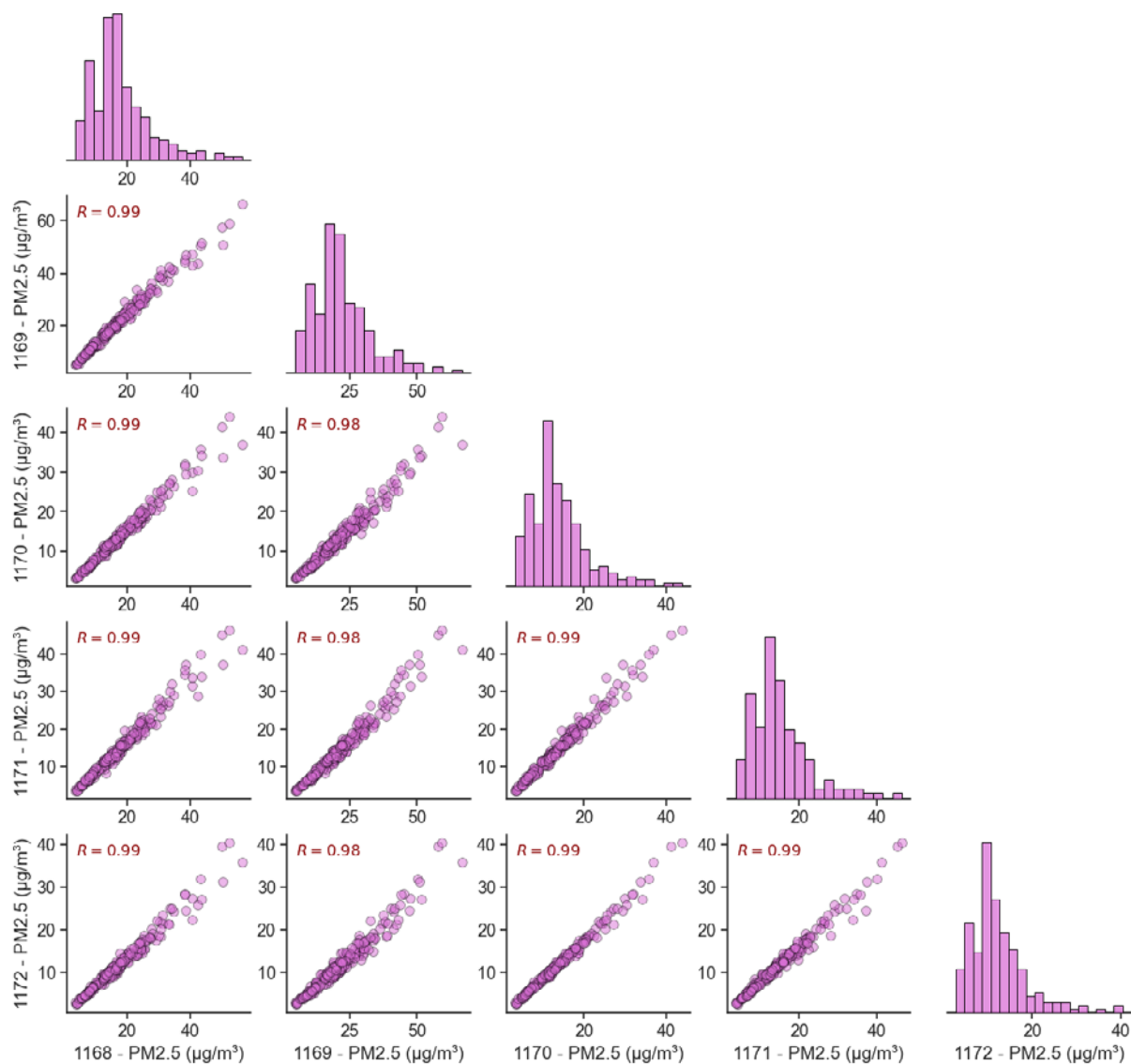


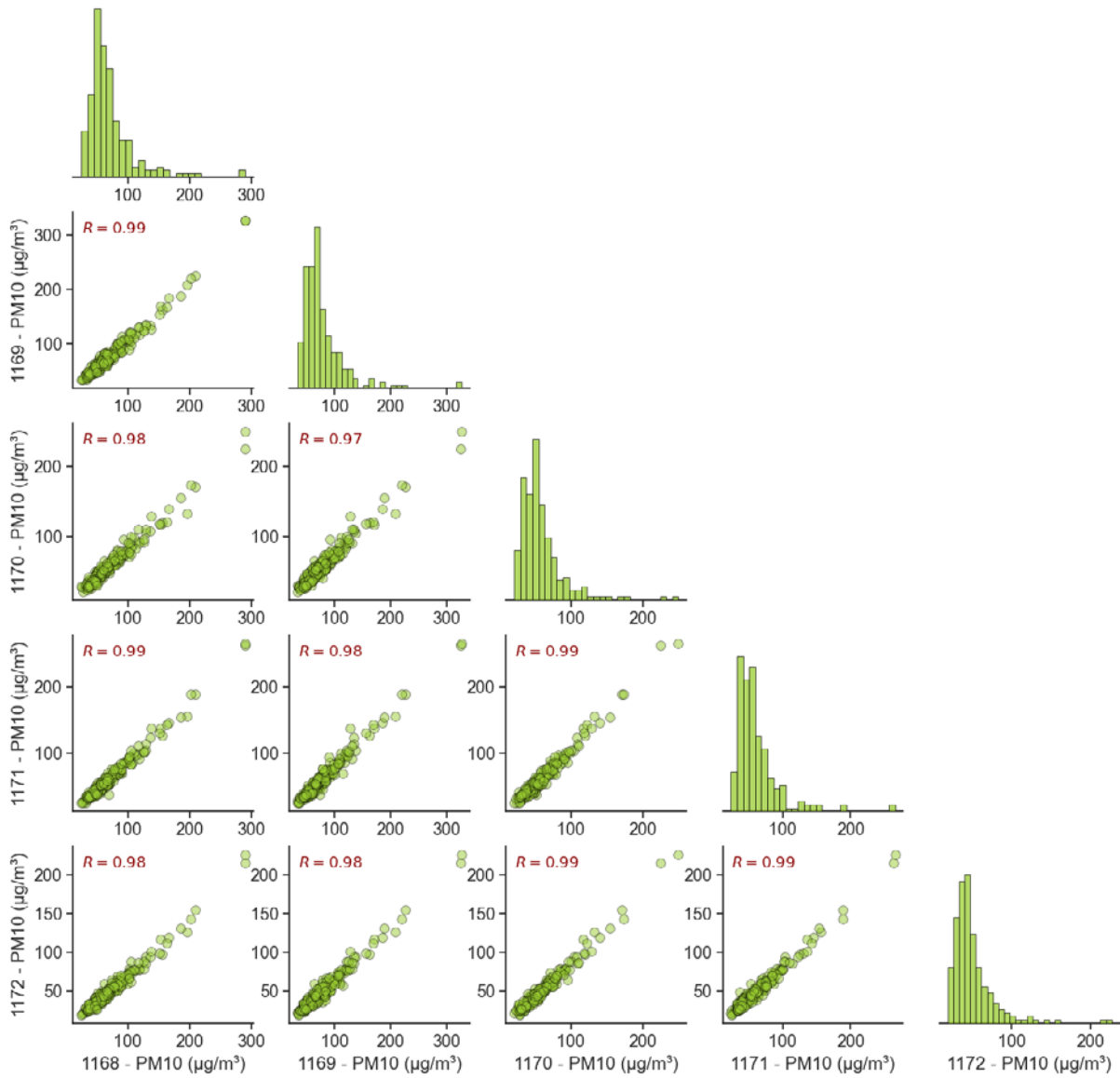
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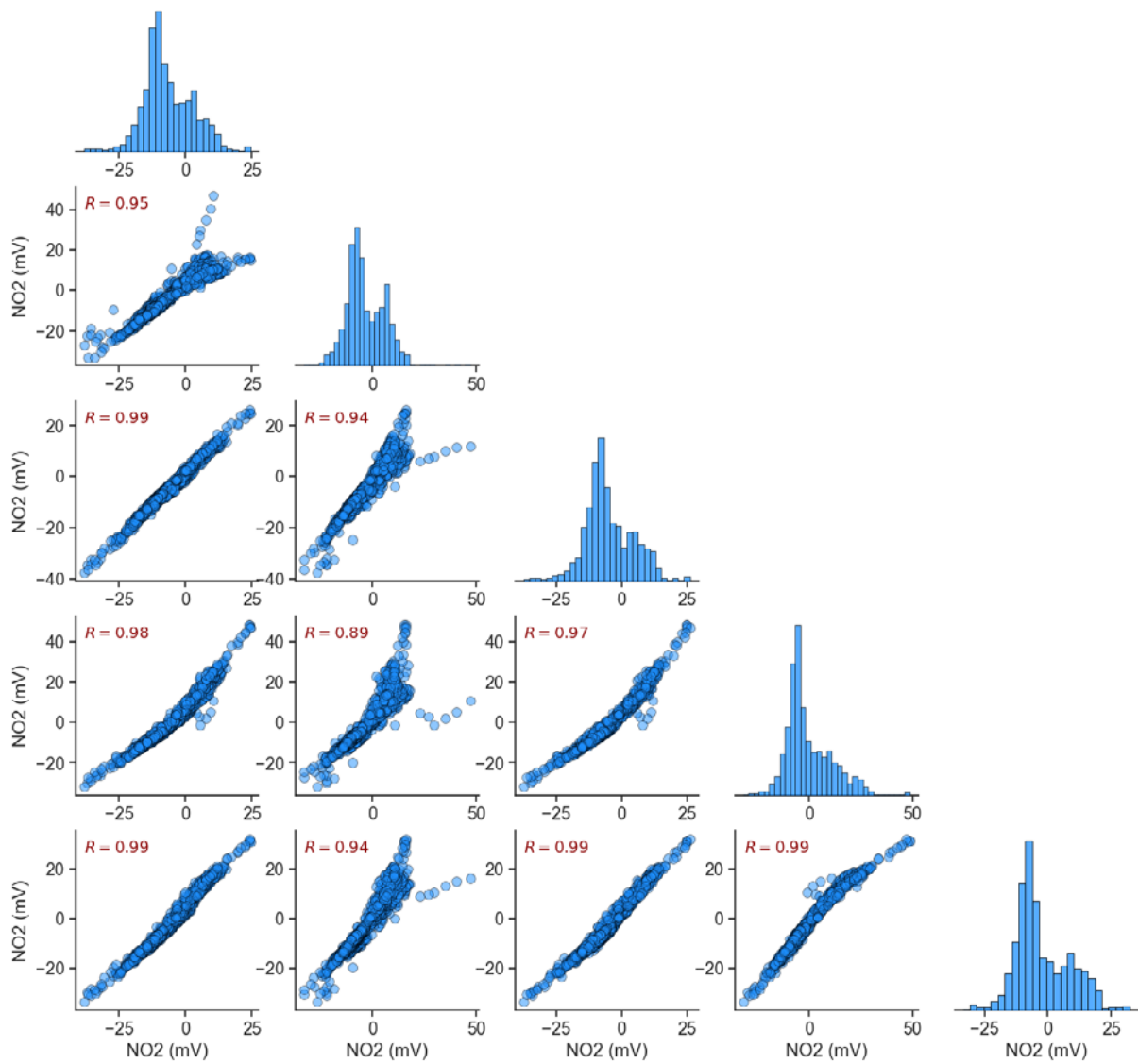
**Figure A43:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of OPC PM<sub>2.5</sub> from Sensit



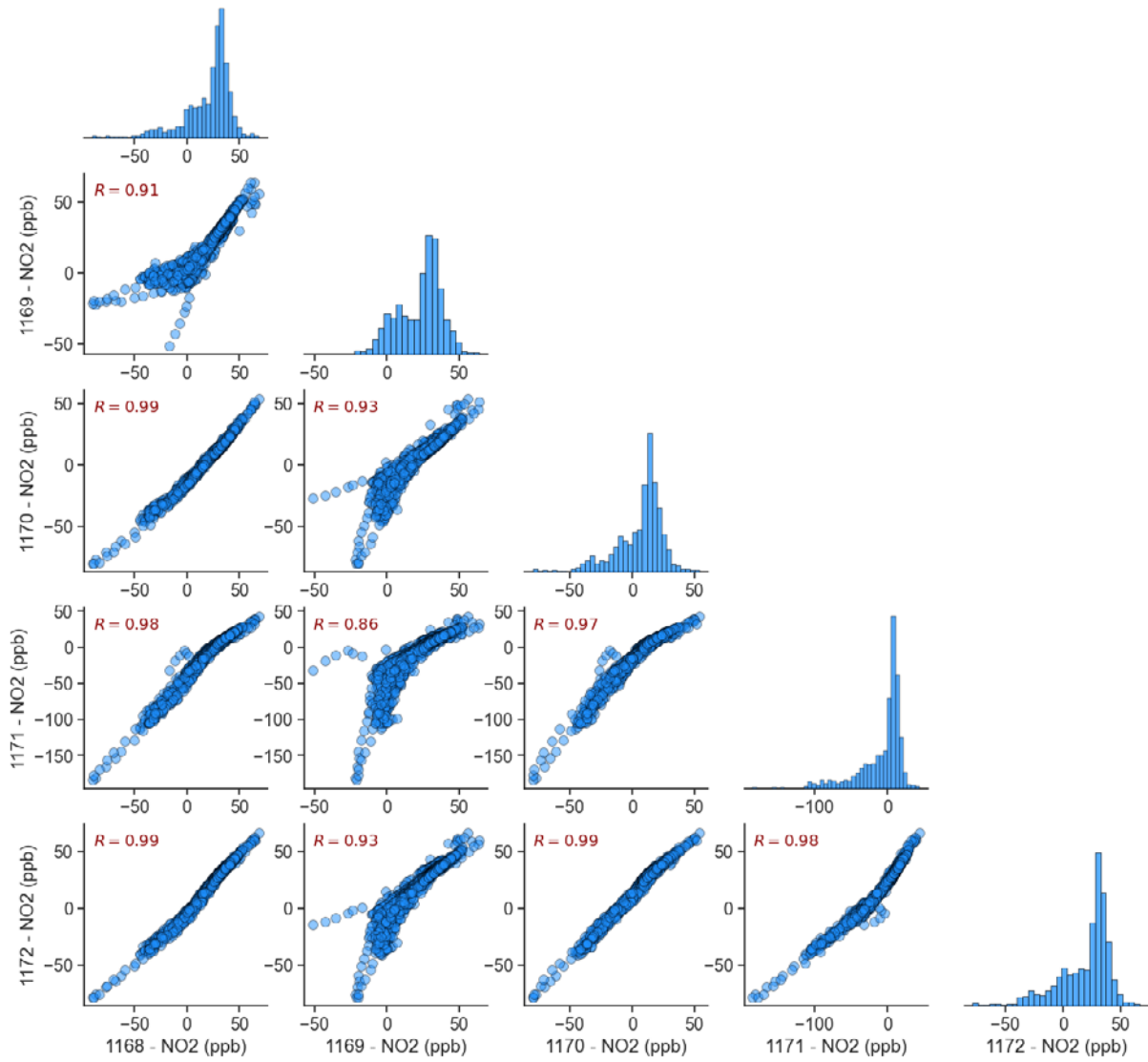
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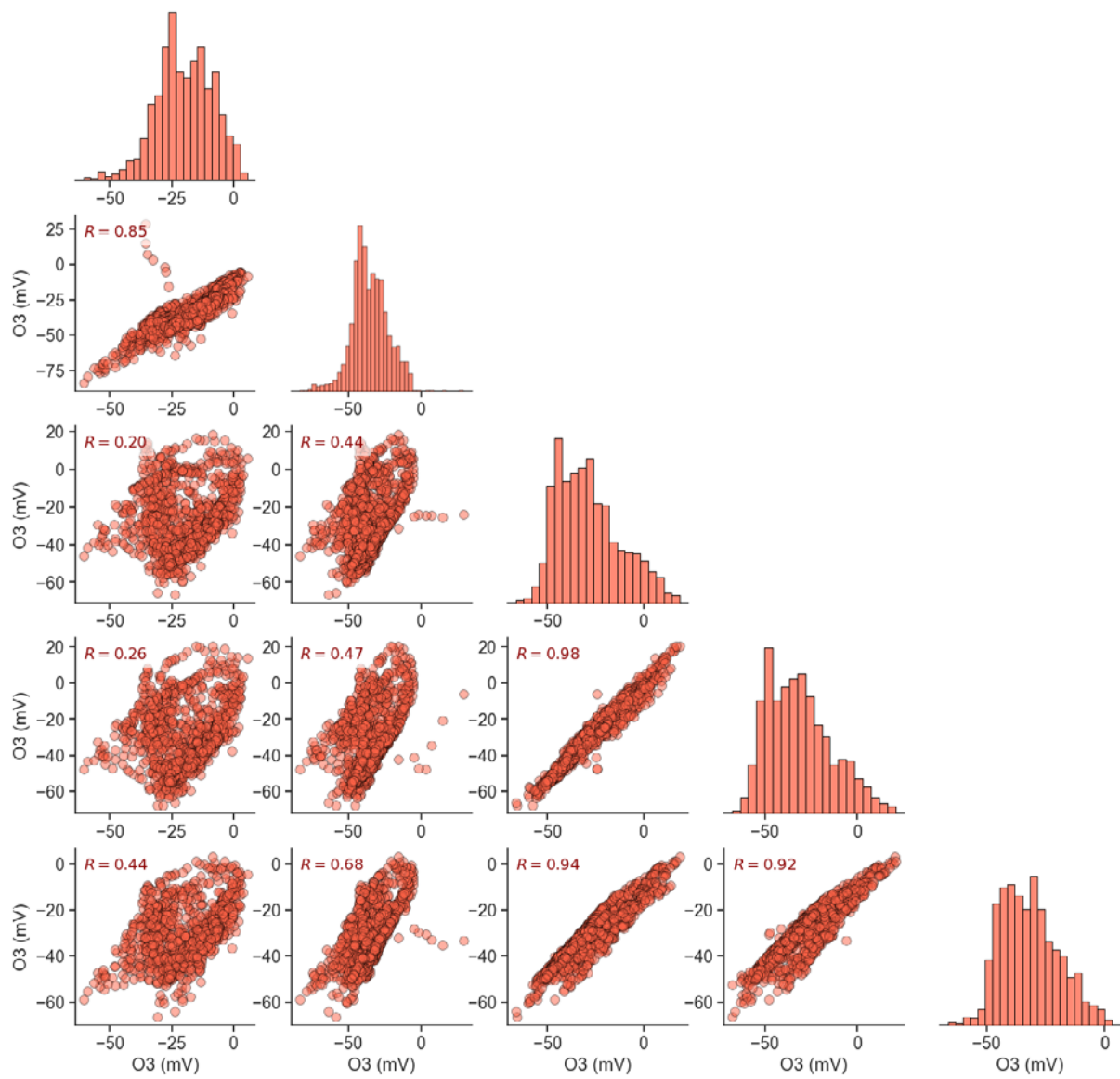
**Figure A45:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of NO<sub>2</sub> from Sensit



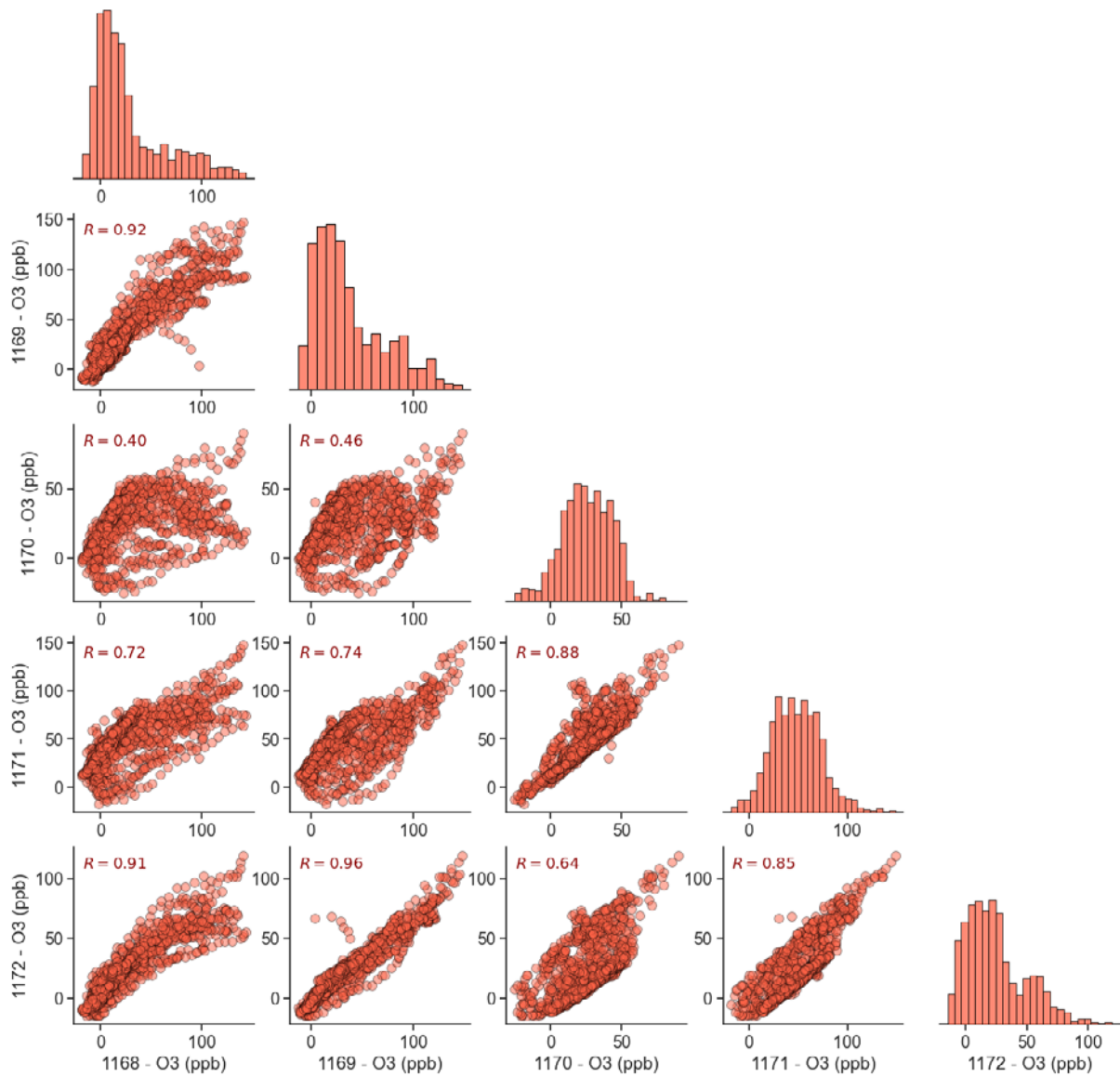
**Figure A46:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of NO<sub>2</sub> from Sensit



**Figure A47:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of O<sub>3</sub> from Sensit



**Figure A48:** Intra-device correlation for manufacturer-reported data of O<sub>3</sub> from Sensit



**Figure A49:** Intra-device correlation for raw data of CO from Sensit

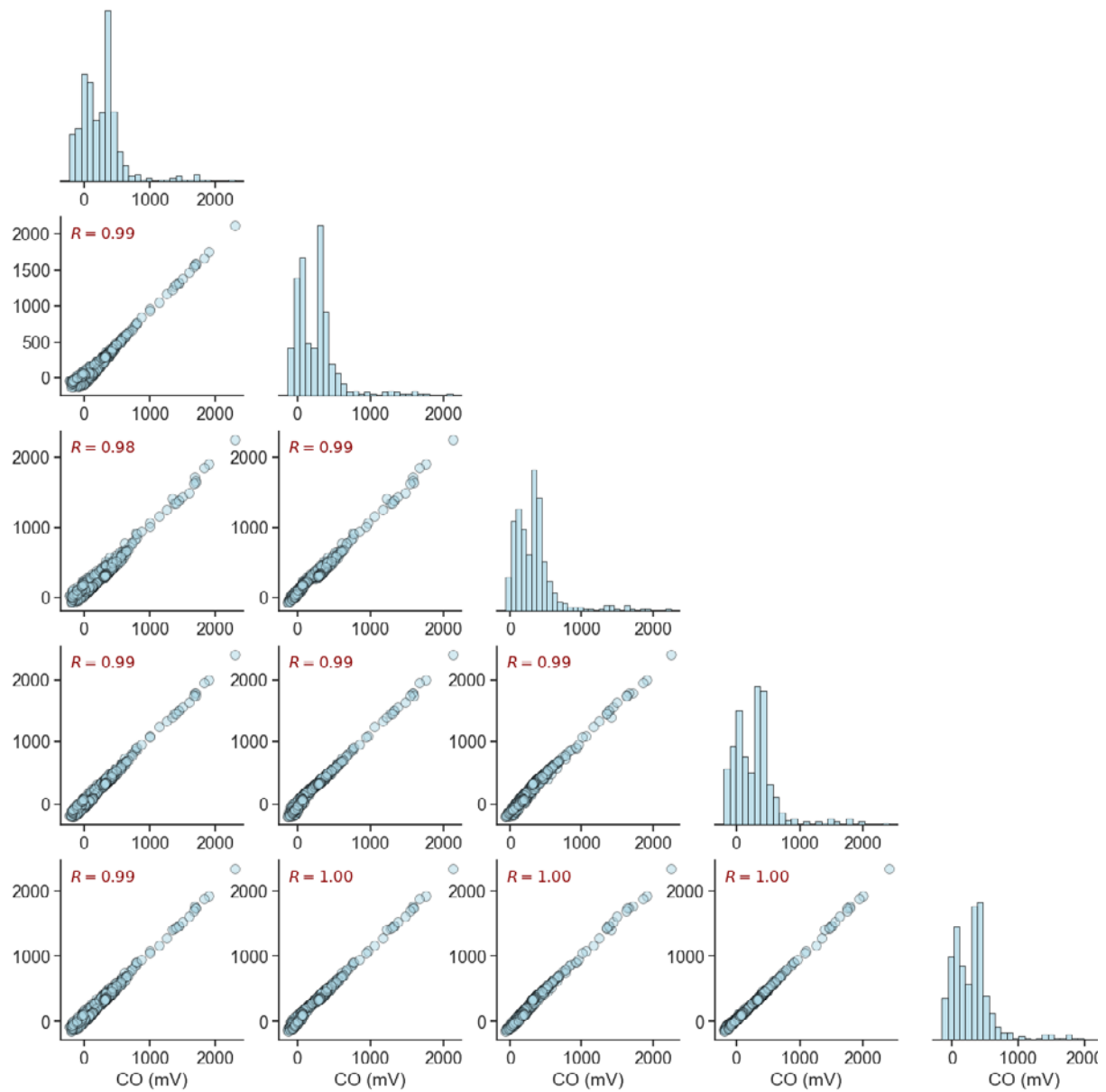
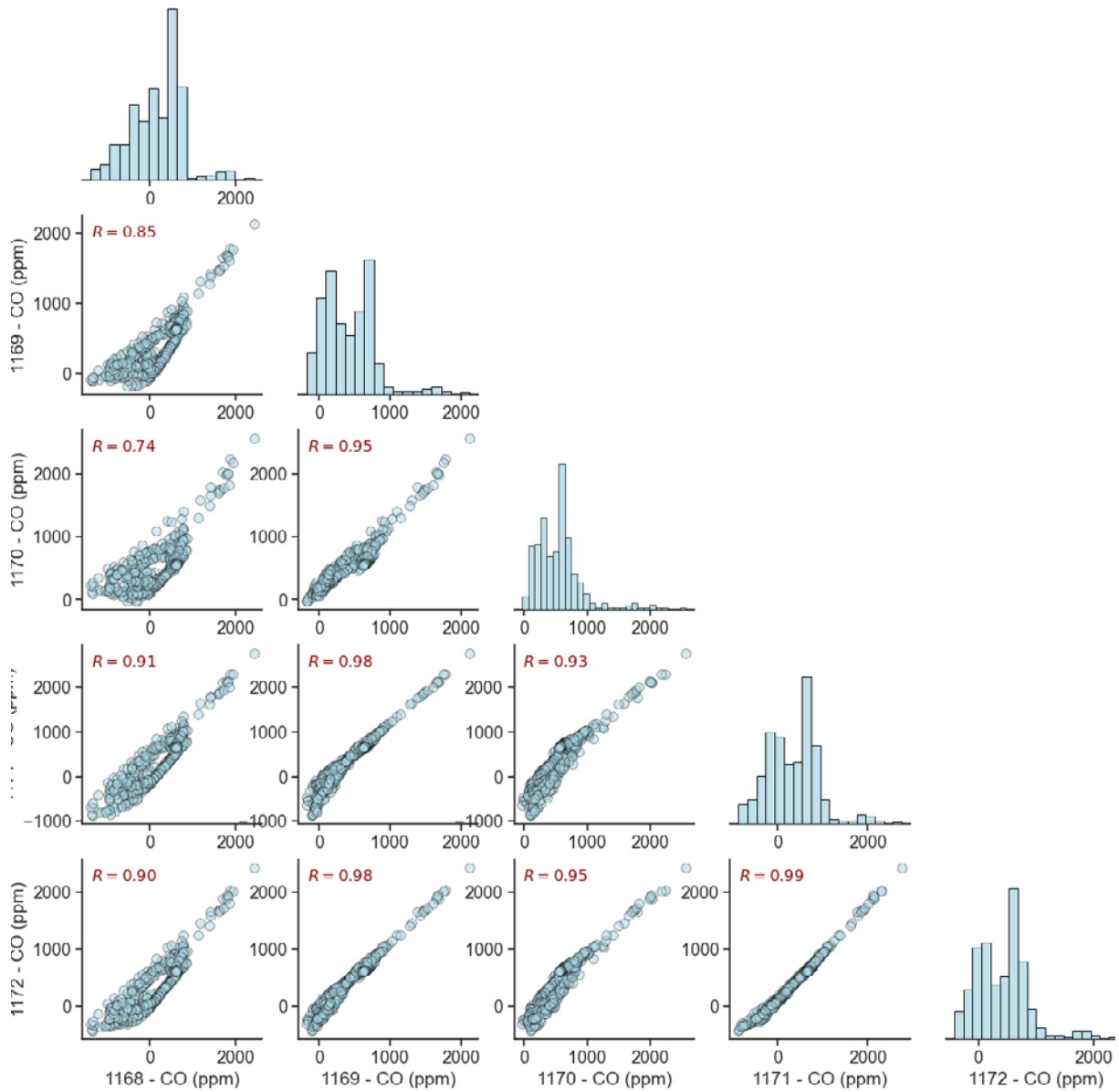


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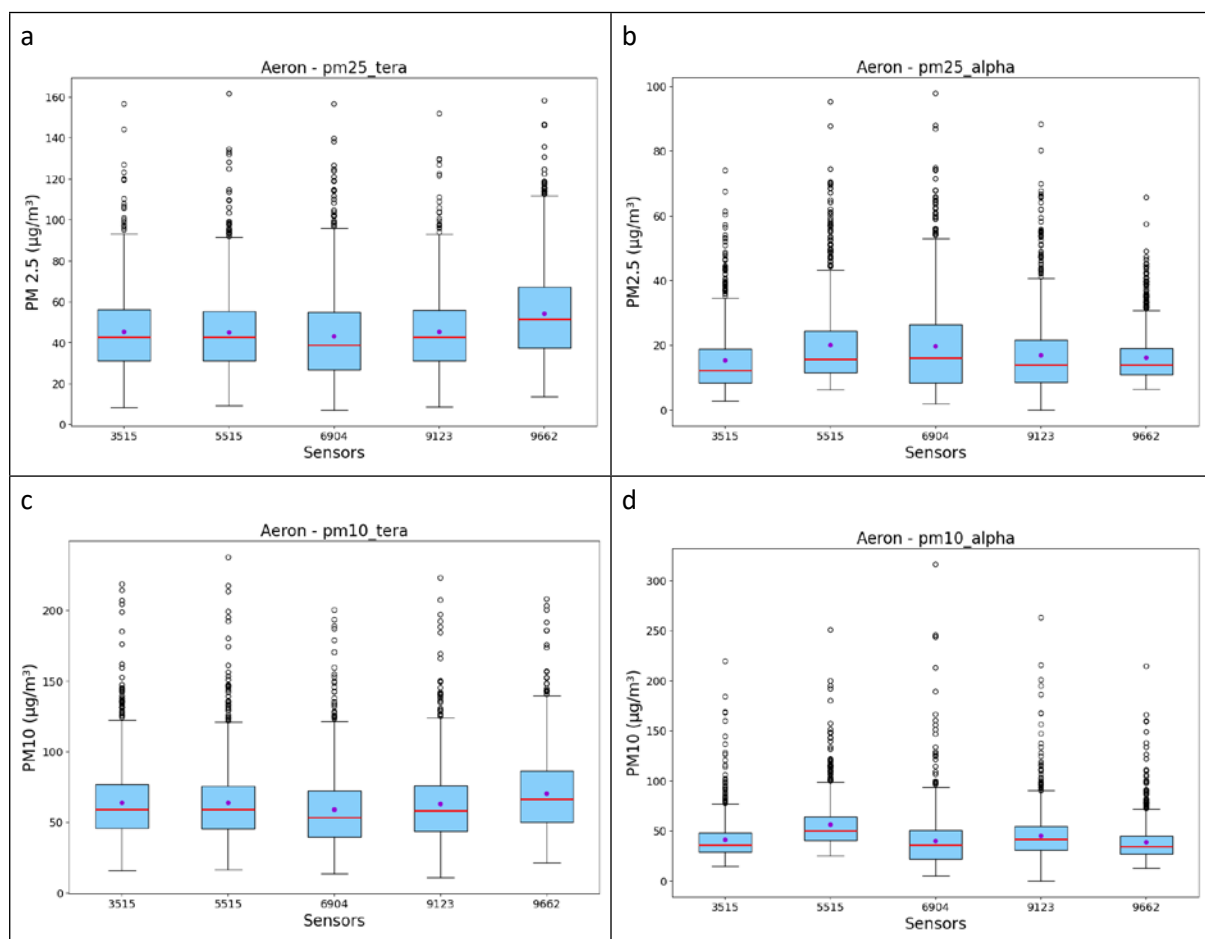


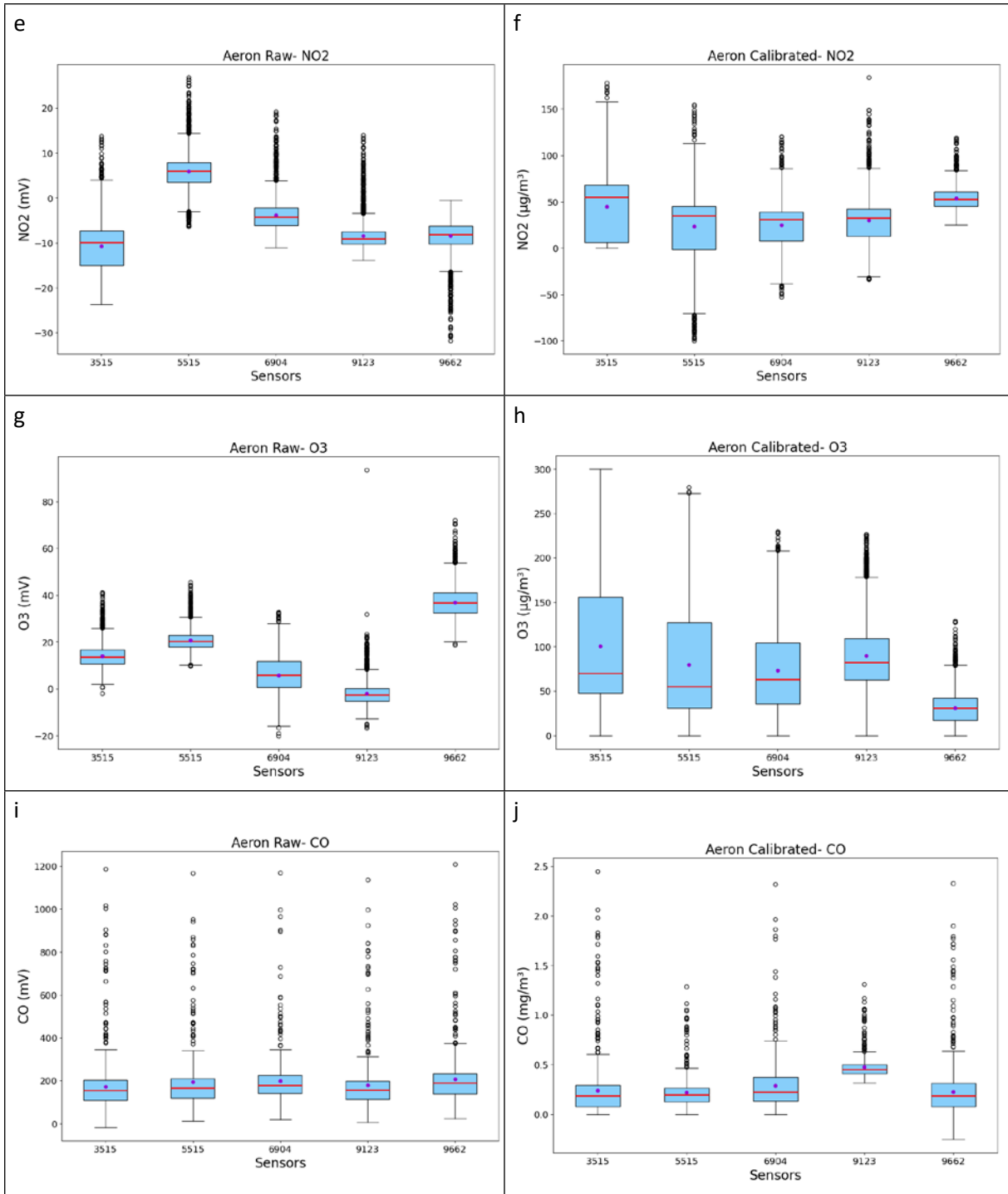
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## Aeron

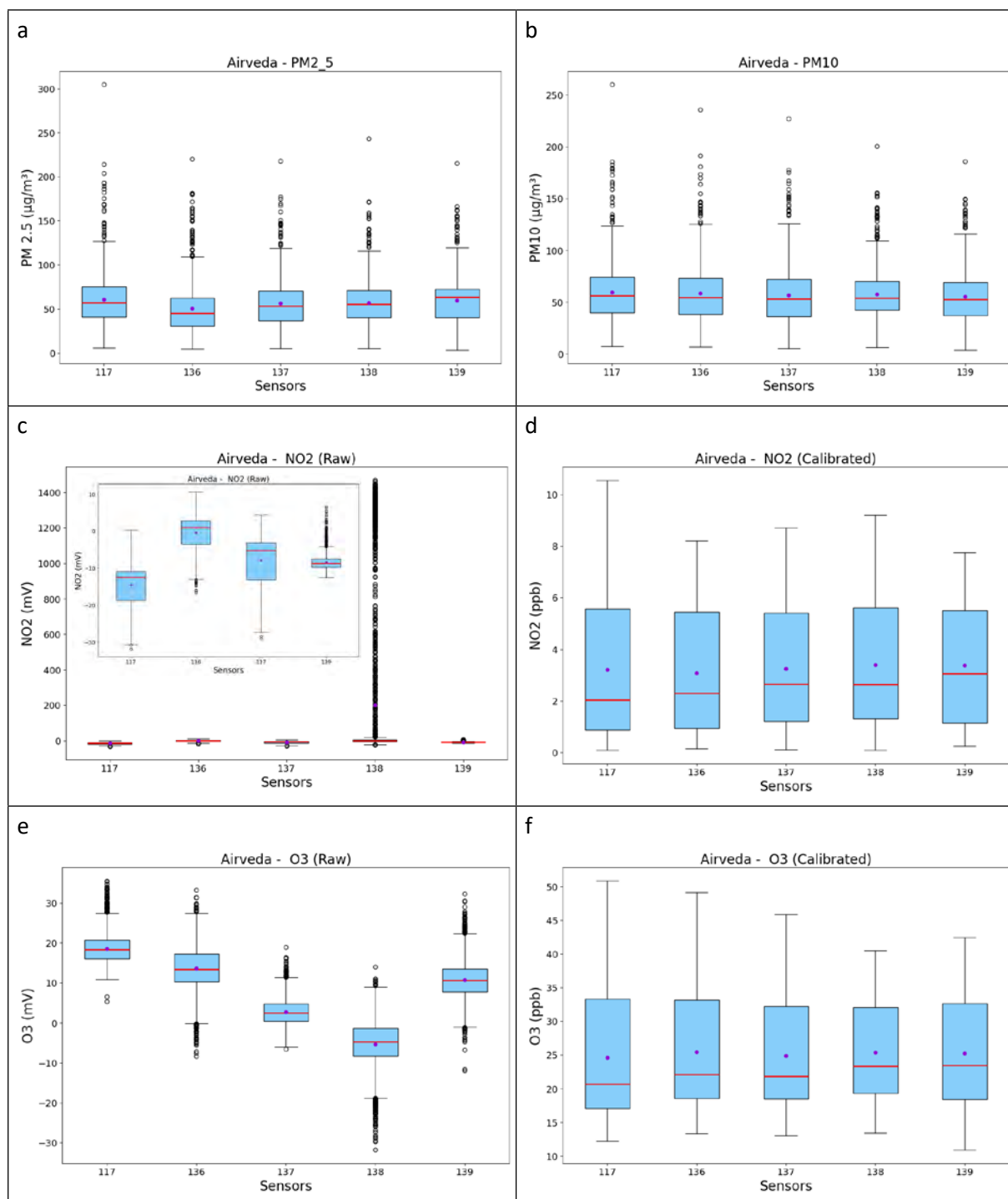
**Figure A51:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM (both Tera Sensor and Alphasense OPC) and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants (Alphasense) from each Aeron device. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  reported from the Tera Sensor and Alphasense OPC, respectively; (c) and (d)  $PM_{10}$  reported from the Tera Sensor and Alphasense OPC, respectively; (e) and (f) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $NO_2$ , respectively; (g) and (h) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $O_3$ , respectively; and (i) and (j) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $CO$ , respectively.

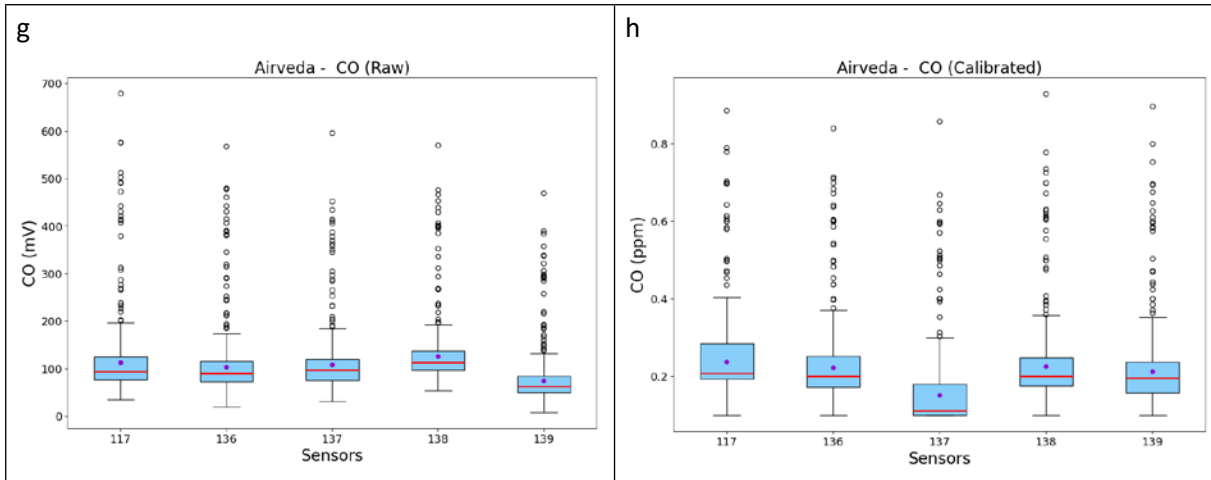




## Airveda

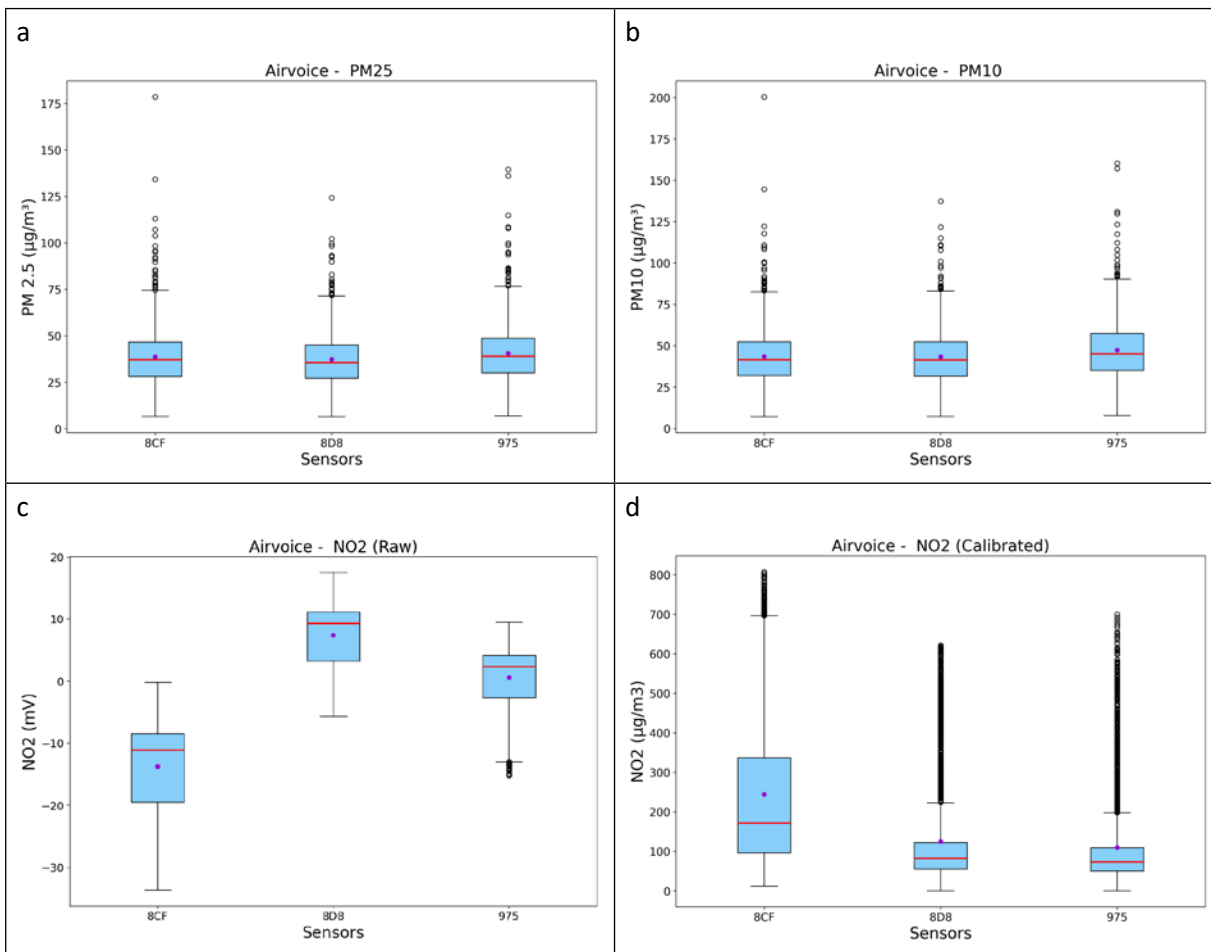
**Figure A52:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM (Plantower) and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants (Alphasense) from each Airveda device. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  reported from the Plantower sensor, respectively; (c) and (d) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $NO_2$ , respectively (Inset in (c): Enlarged view of four devices plotted on a shortened y-axis to highlight their distribution); (e) and (f) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $O_3$ , respectively; and (g) and (h) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $CO$ , respectively.

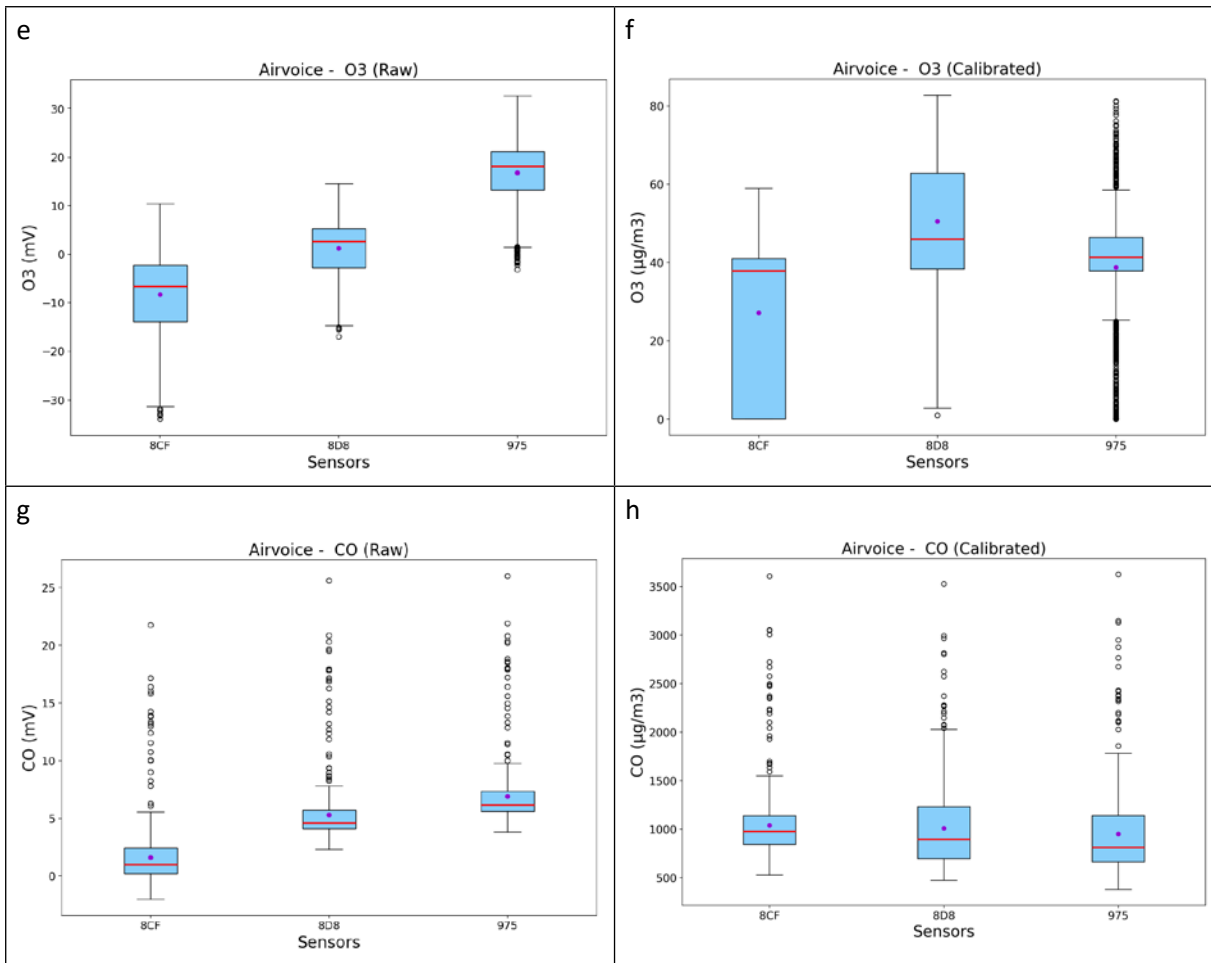




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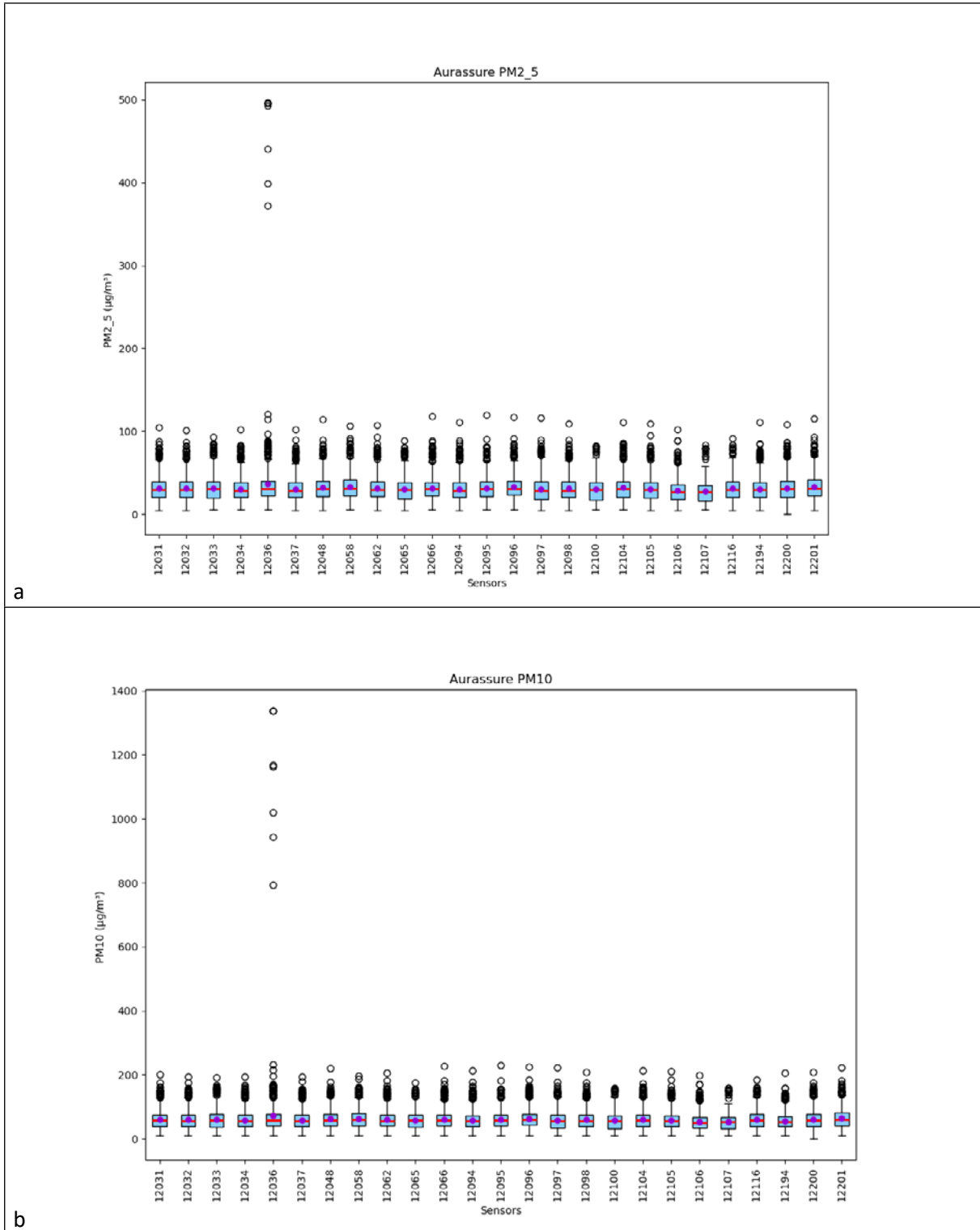
**Figure A53:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM (Plantower) and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants (Alphasense) from each Airvoice device. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  reported from the Plantower sensor, respectively; (c) and (d) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $NO_2$ , respectively; (e) and (f) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $O_3$ , respectively; and (g) and (h) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of CO, respectively.

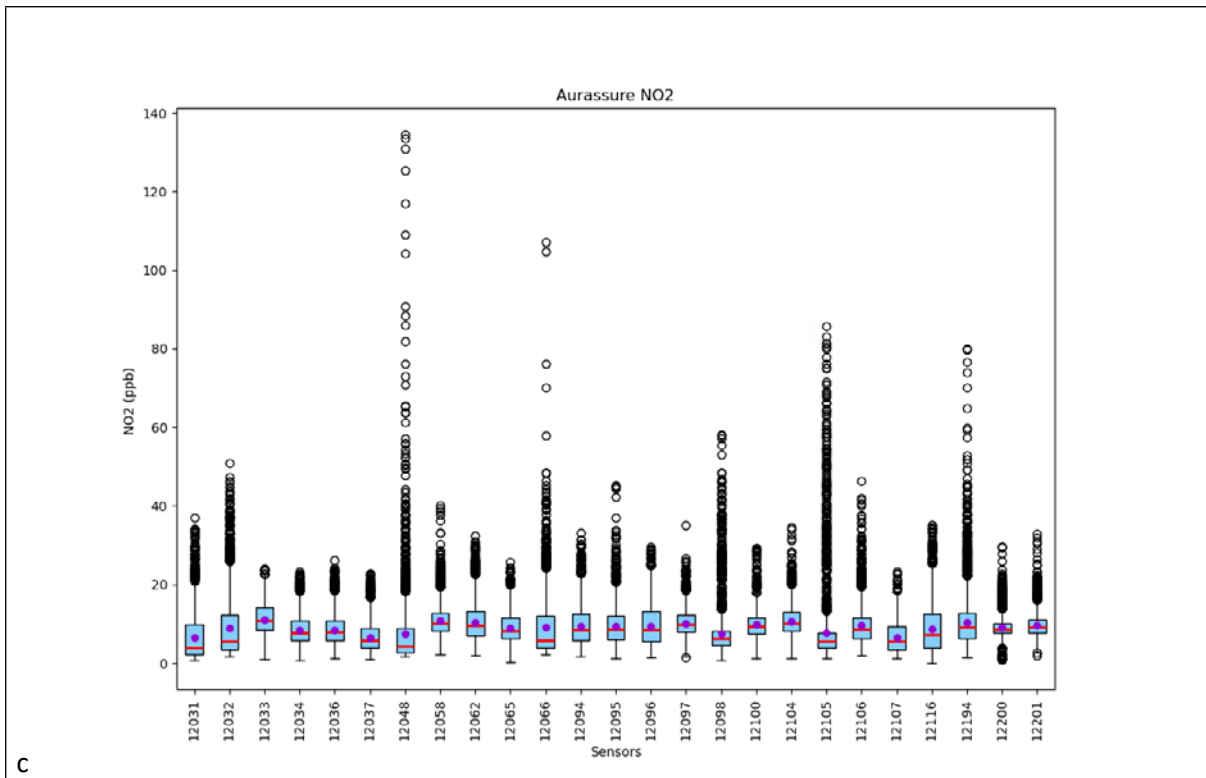




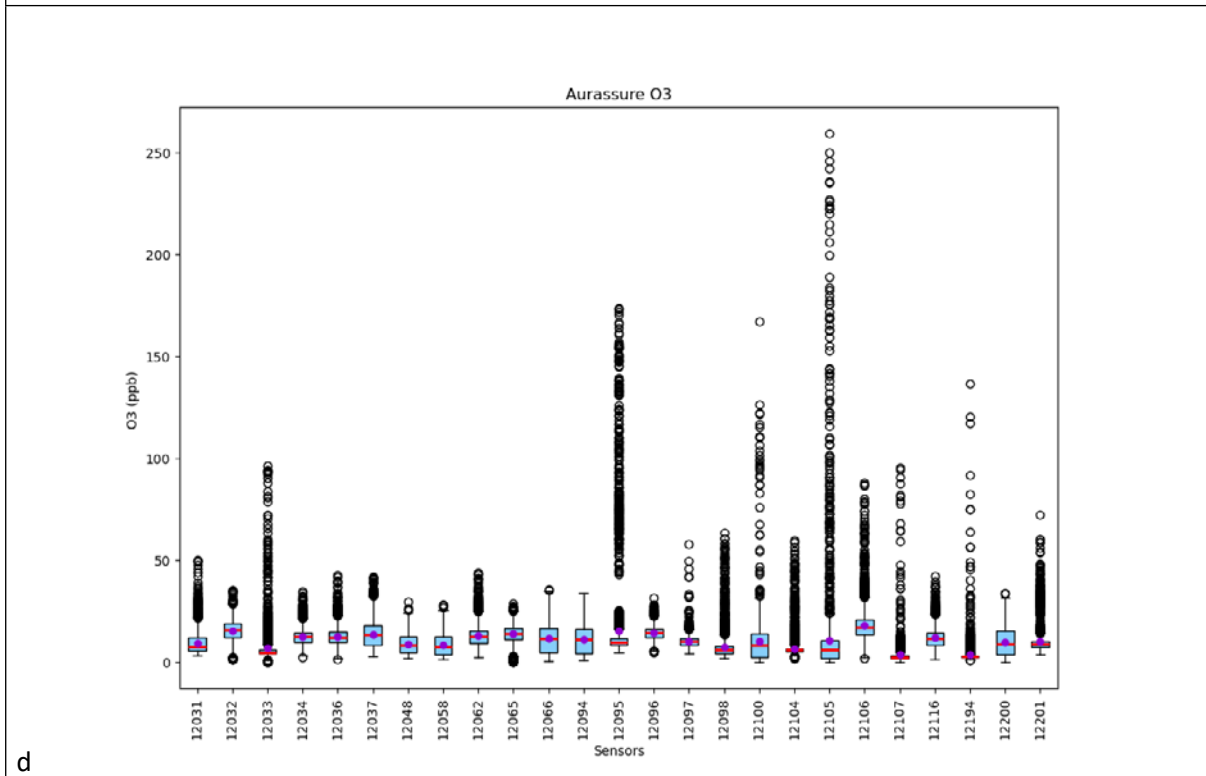
# Aurassure

**Figure A54:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants from each Aurassure device and AQMS. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  reported from the Sensirion sensor, respectively; (c) to (e)  $NO_2$ ,  $O_3$  and CO reported using the EC Sense sensor, respectively.





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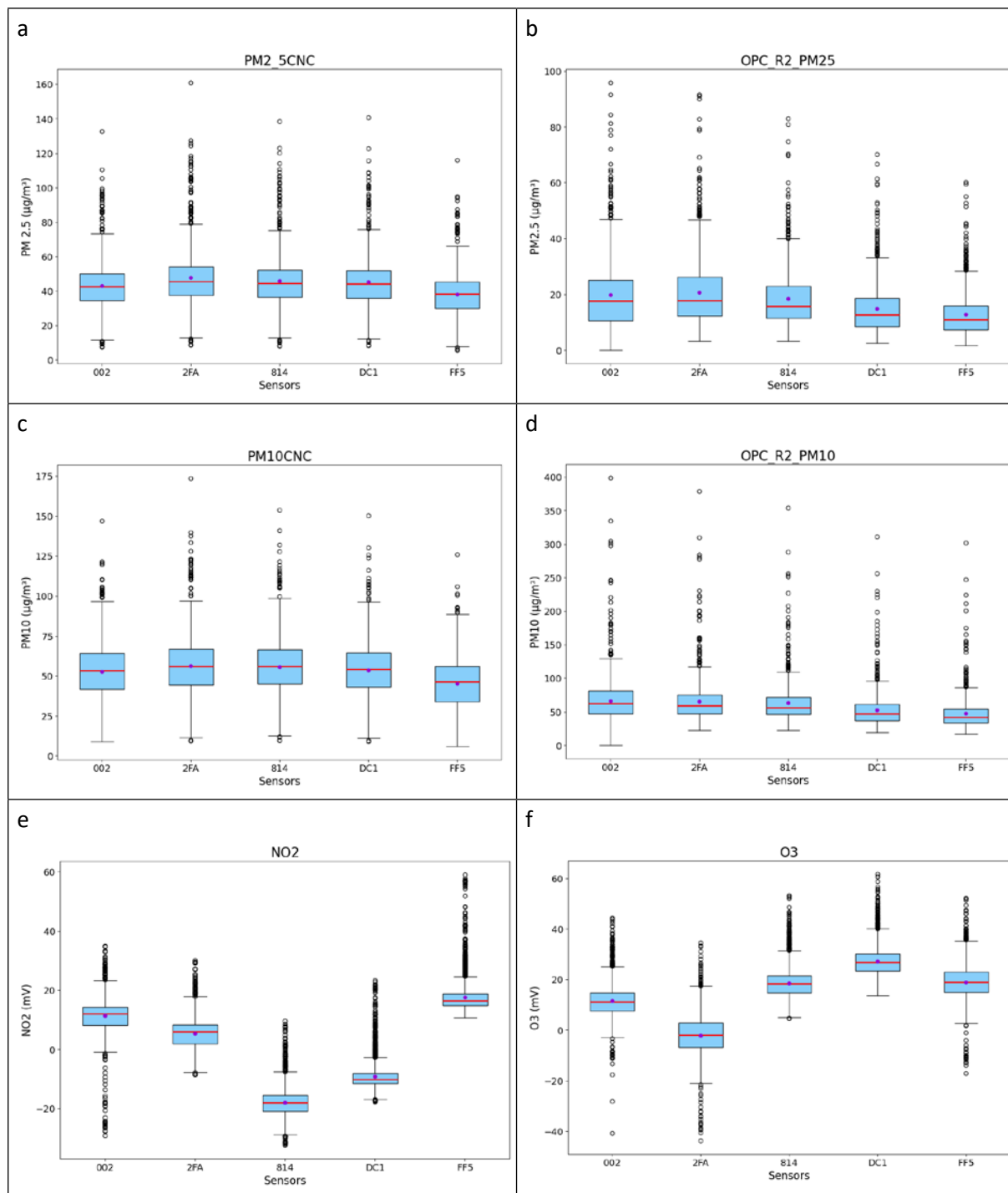


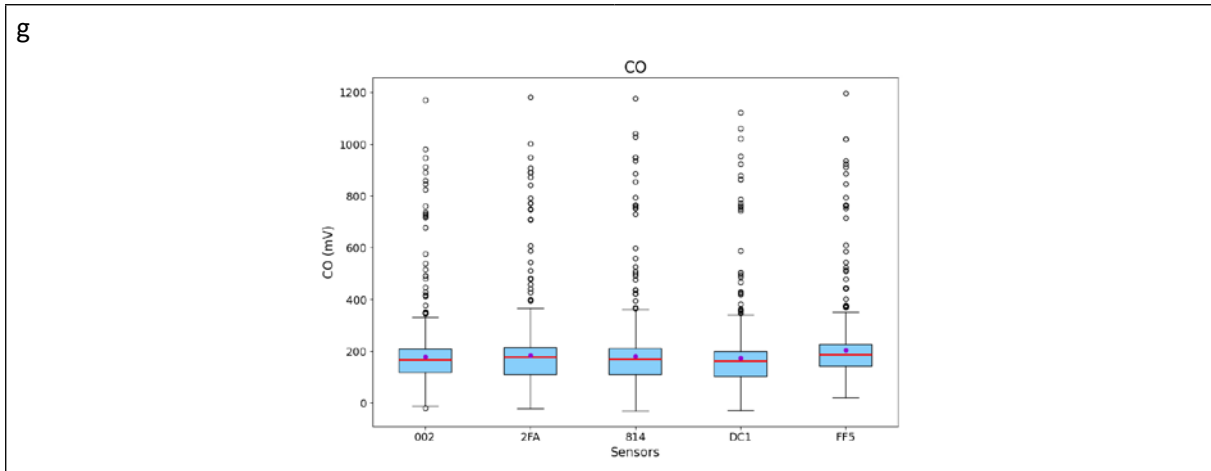
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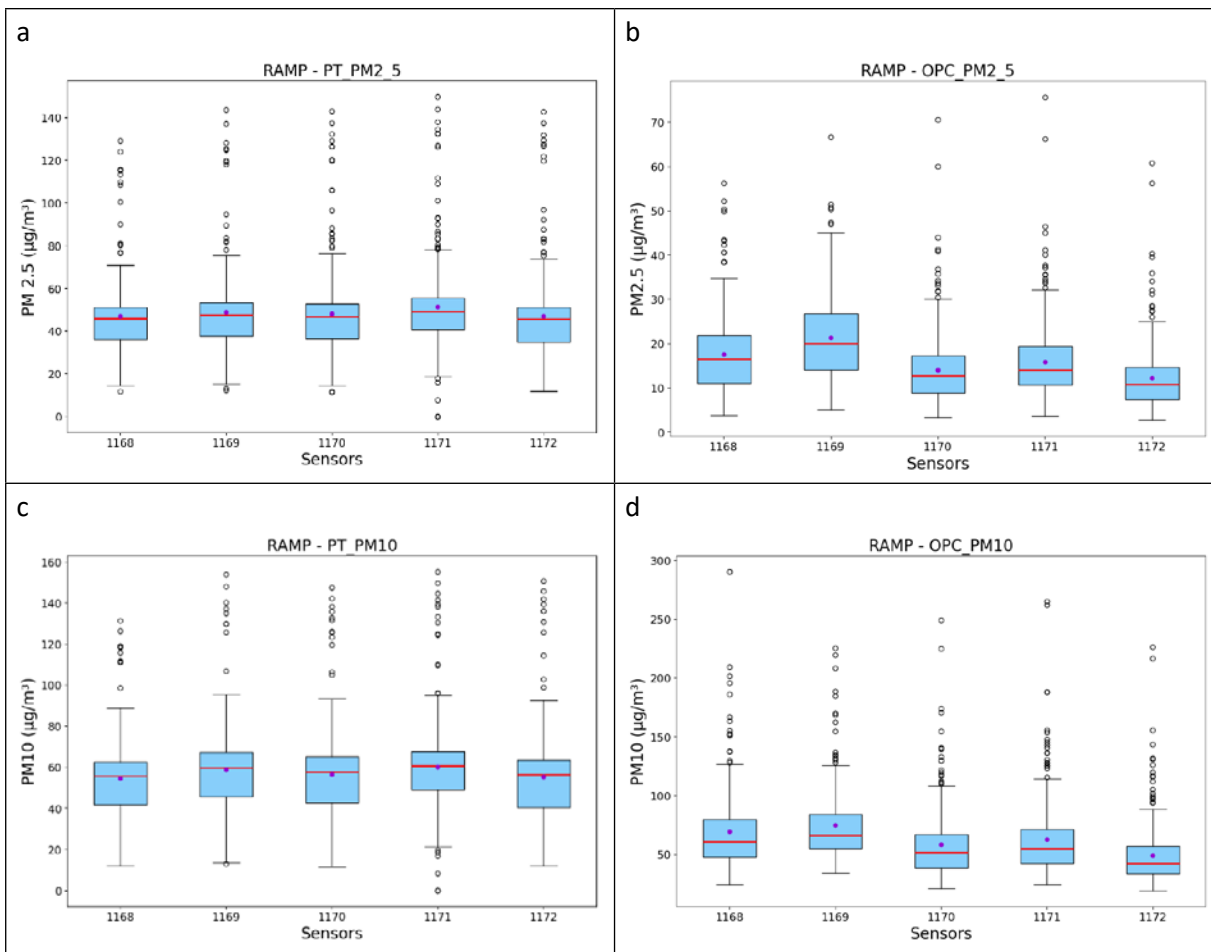
**Figure A55:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants (raw values) from each Respirer device. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  reported from the Plantower sensor and Alphasense OPC, respectively; (c) to (g) Raw values of  $NO_2$ ,  $O_3$ , and  $CO$ , respectively, reported using the Alphasense sensor.

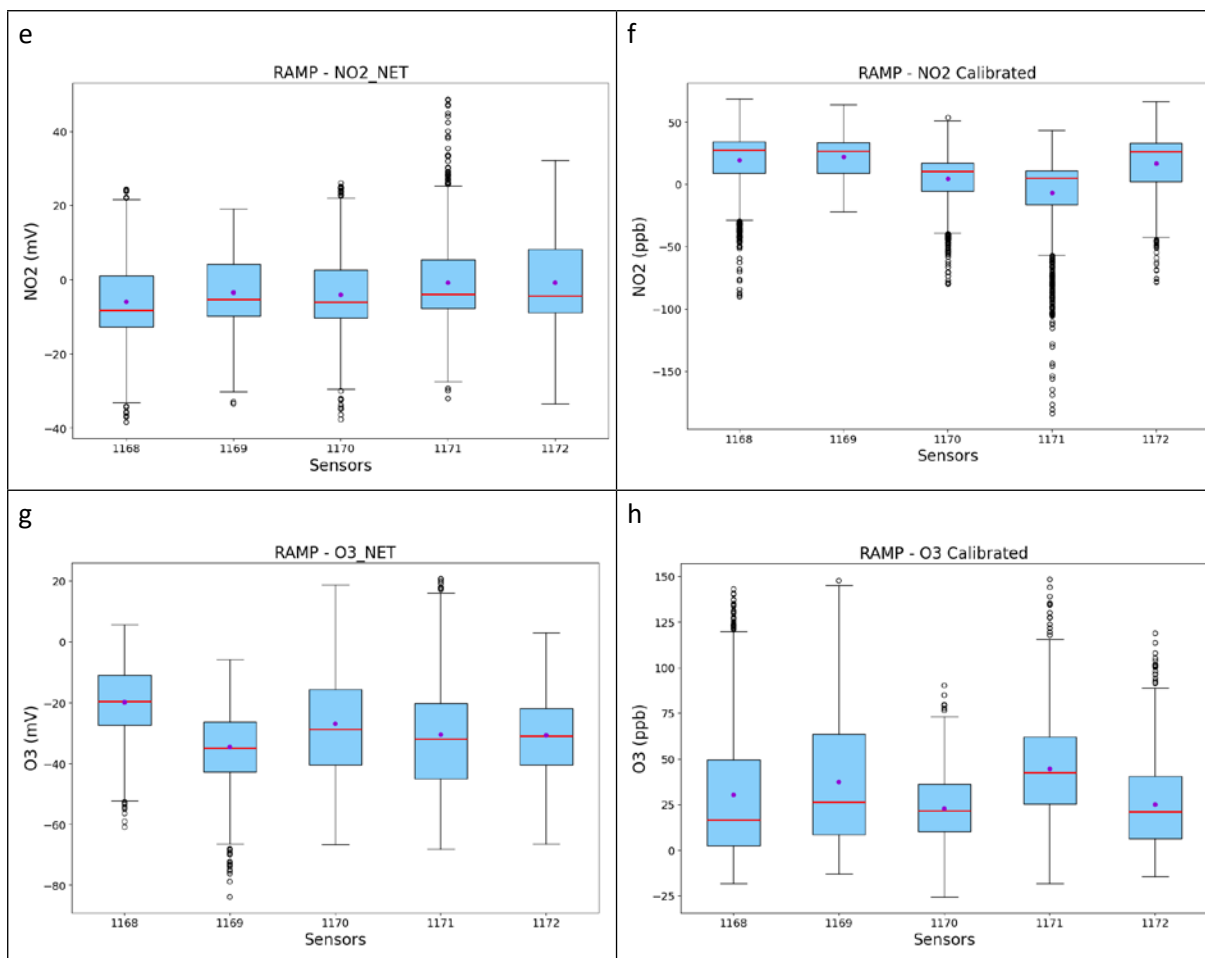




## Sensit

**Figure A56:** Intra-model data distribution of hourly averaged PM (both Plantower and Alphasense OPC) and 15-minute averaged gas pollutants (Alphasense) from each Sensit device. (a) and (b)  $PM_{2.5}$  reported from the Plantower sensor and Alphasense OPC, respectively; (c) and (d)  $PM_{10}$  reported from the Plantower sensor and Alphasense OPC, respectively; (e) and (f) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $NO_2$ , respectively; (g) and (h) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of  $O_3$ , respectively; and (i) and (j) Raw values and manufacturer-reported values of CO, respectively.



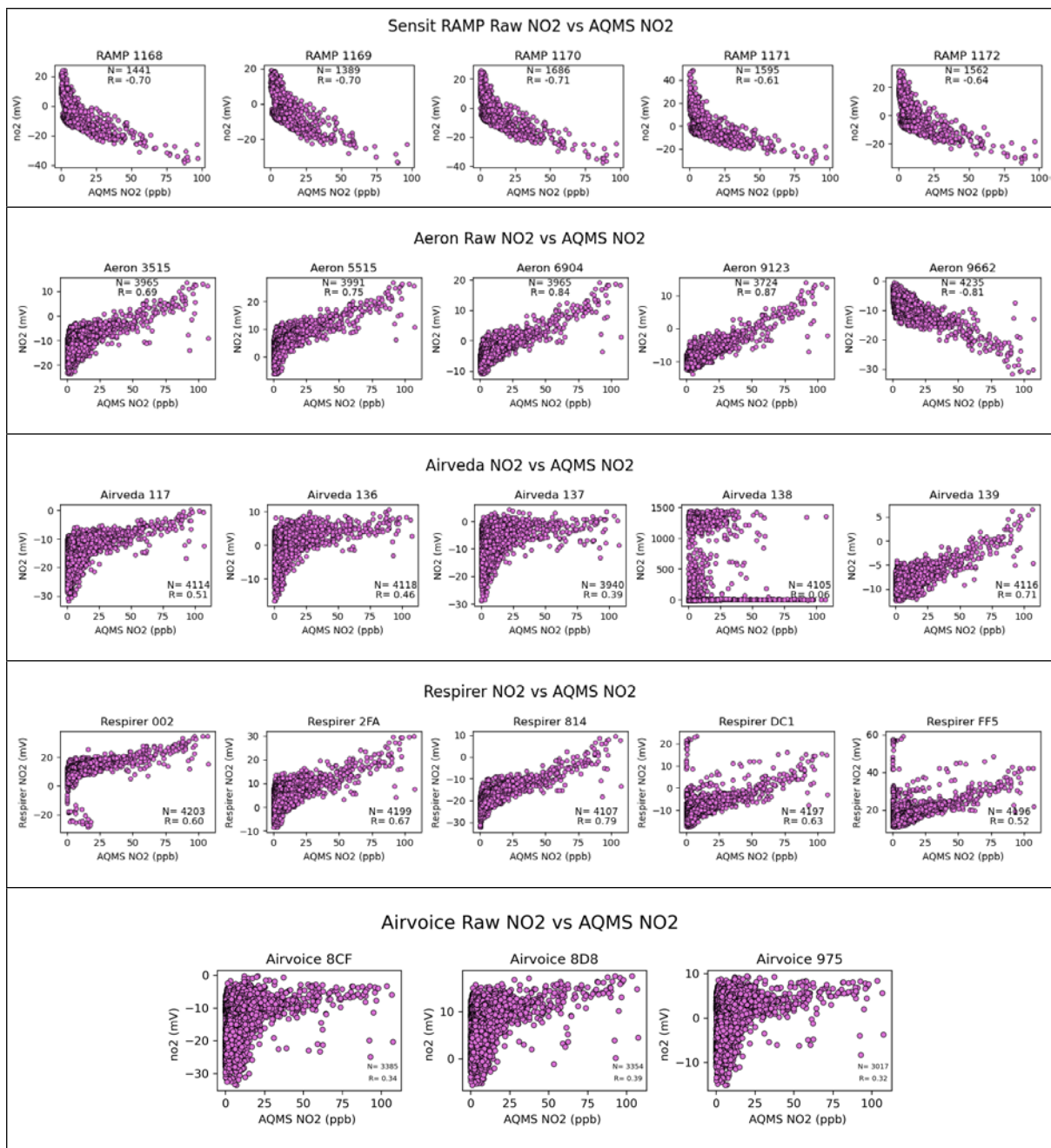


# Annexure D: Performance of Various Sensors

This sub-section provides the performance comparison of raw and manufacturer-calibrated values with the AQMS-reported values. Further, 1-hour averaged data are used for PM, and 15-minute averaged data are used for gas pollutants.

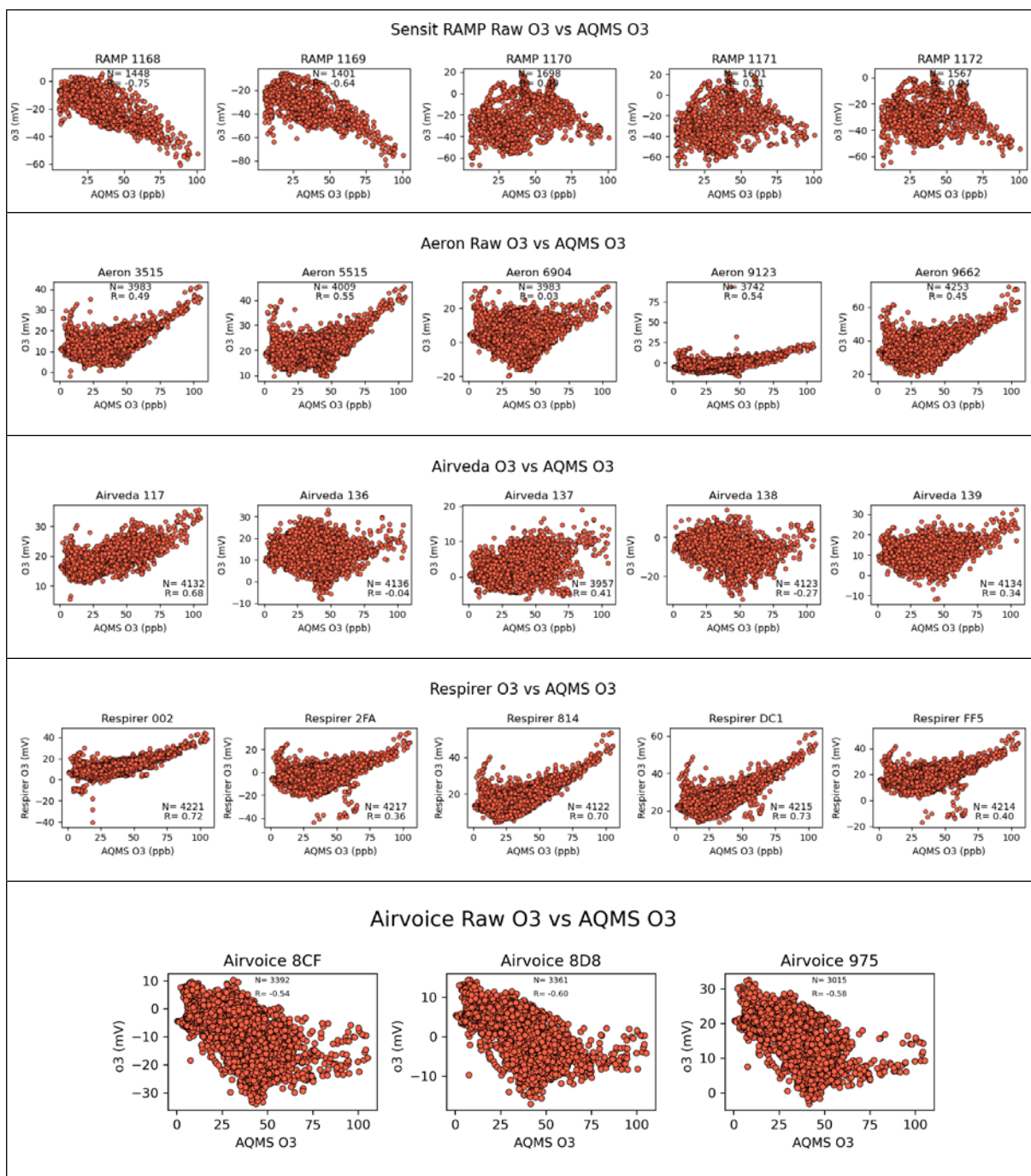
## Sensor (raw) with AQMS: NO<sub>2</sub>

**Figure A57:** Comparison of raw NO<sub>2</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument



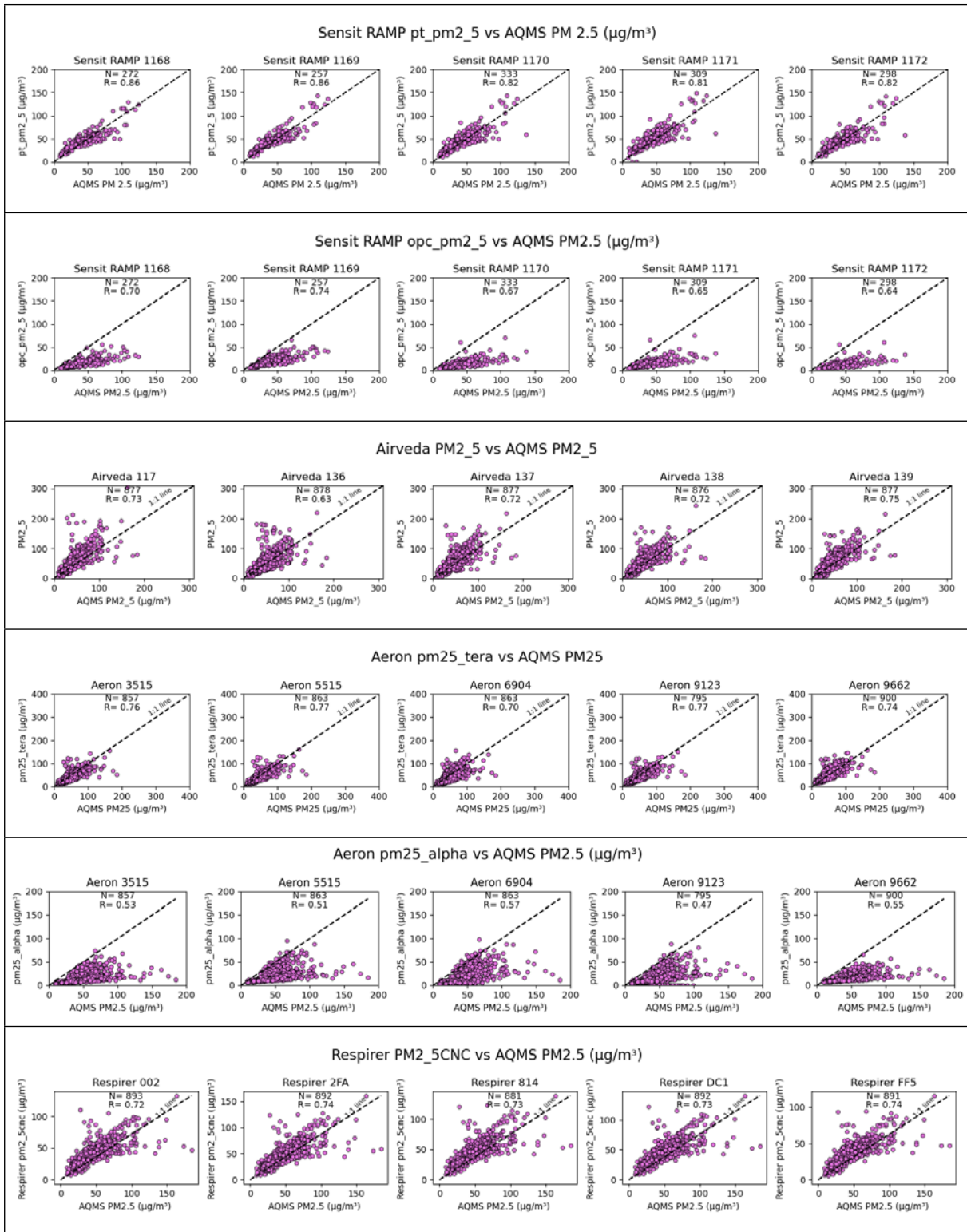
## Sensor (raw) with AQMS: O<sub>3</sub>

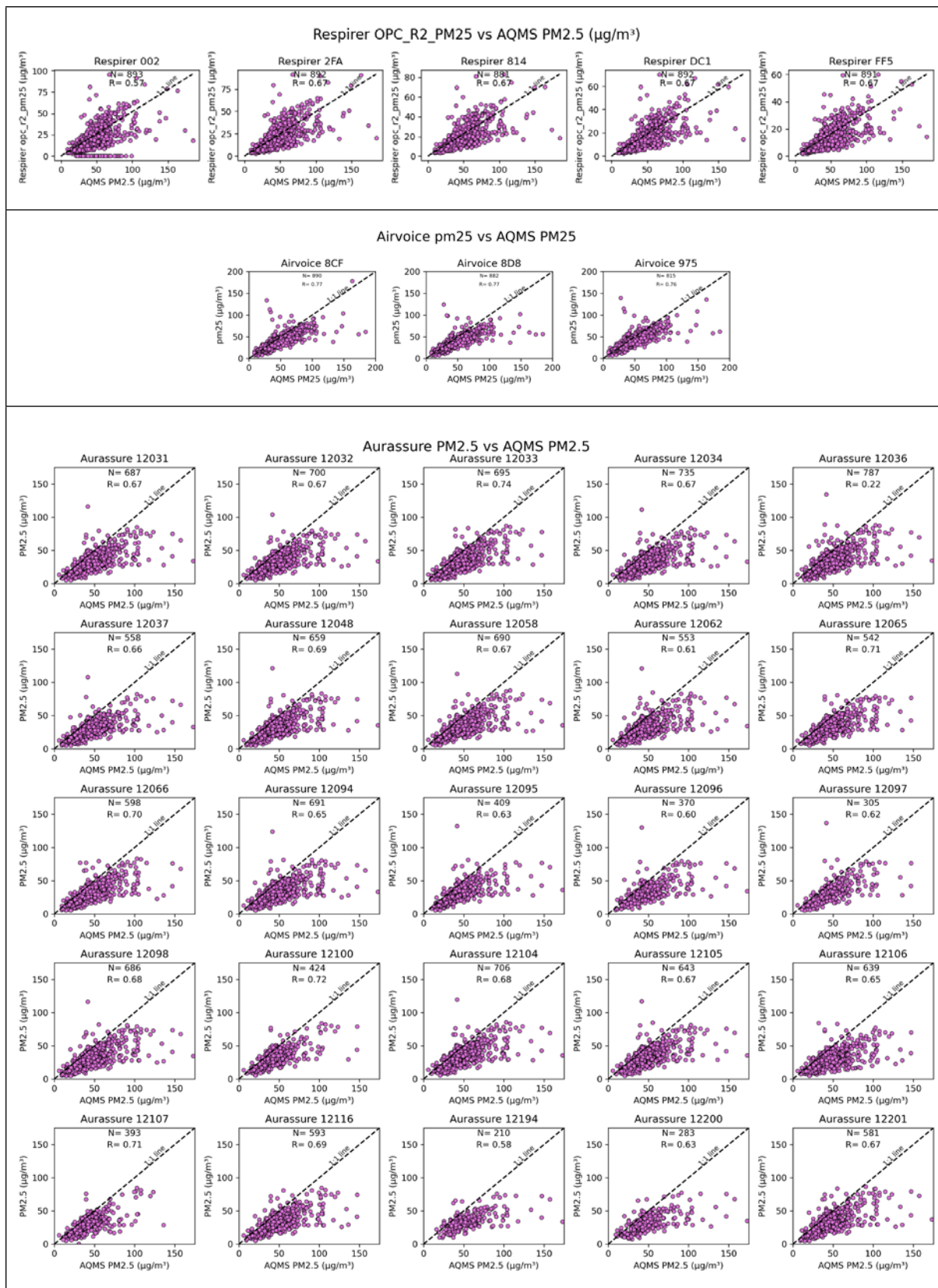
**Figure A58:** Comparison of raw O<sub>3</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument



# Sensor (manufacturer-reported) with AQMS: PM<sub>2.5</sub>

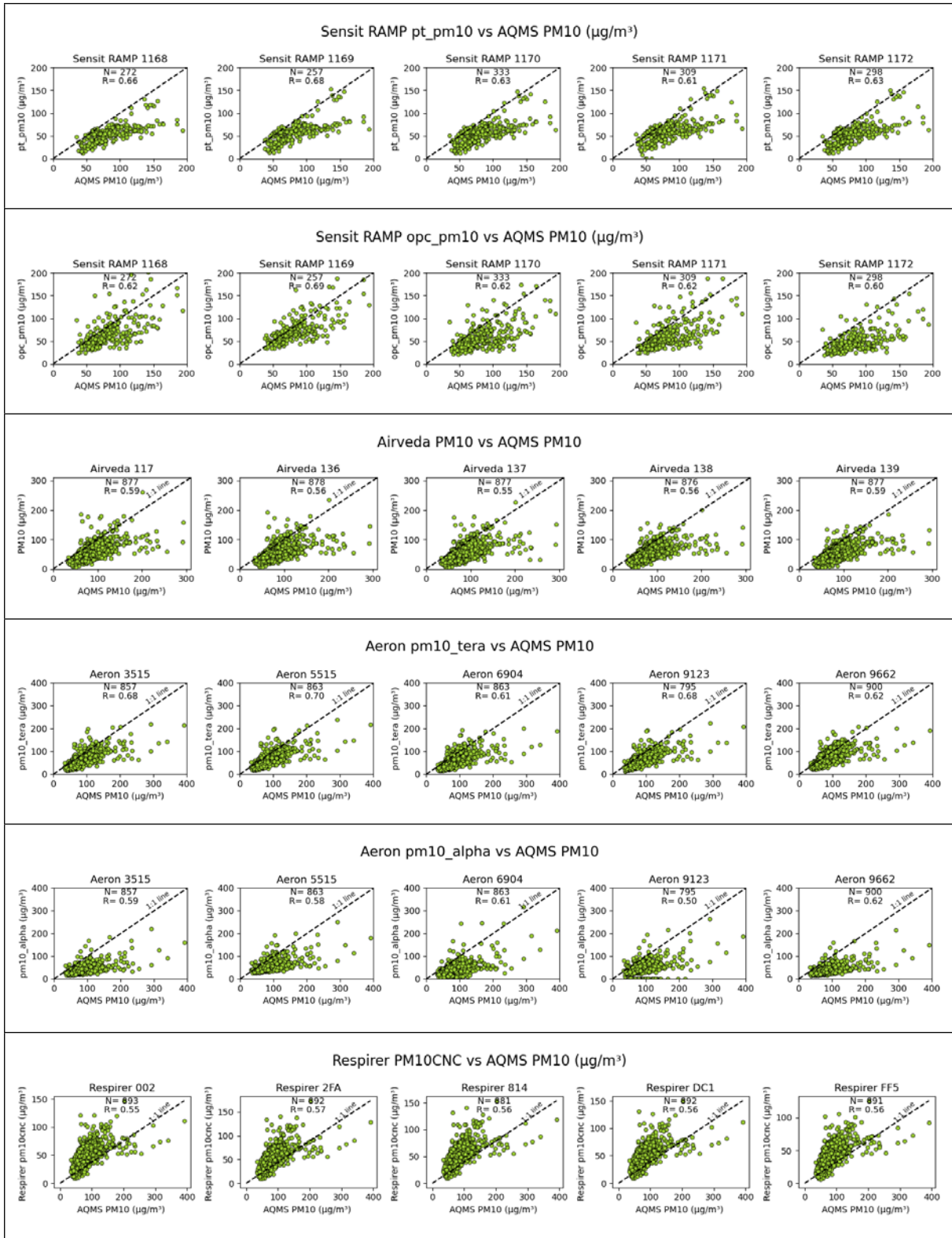
Figure A59: Comparison of manufacturer-reported PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument

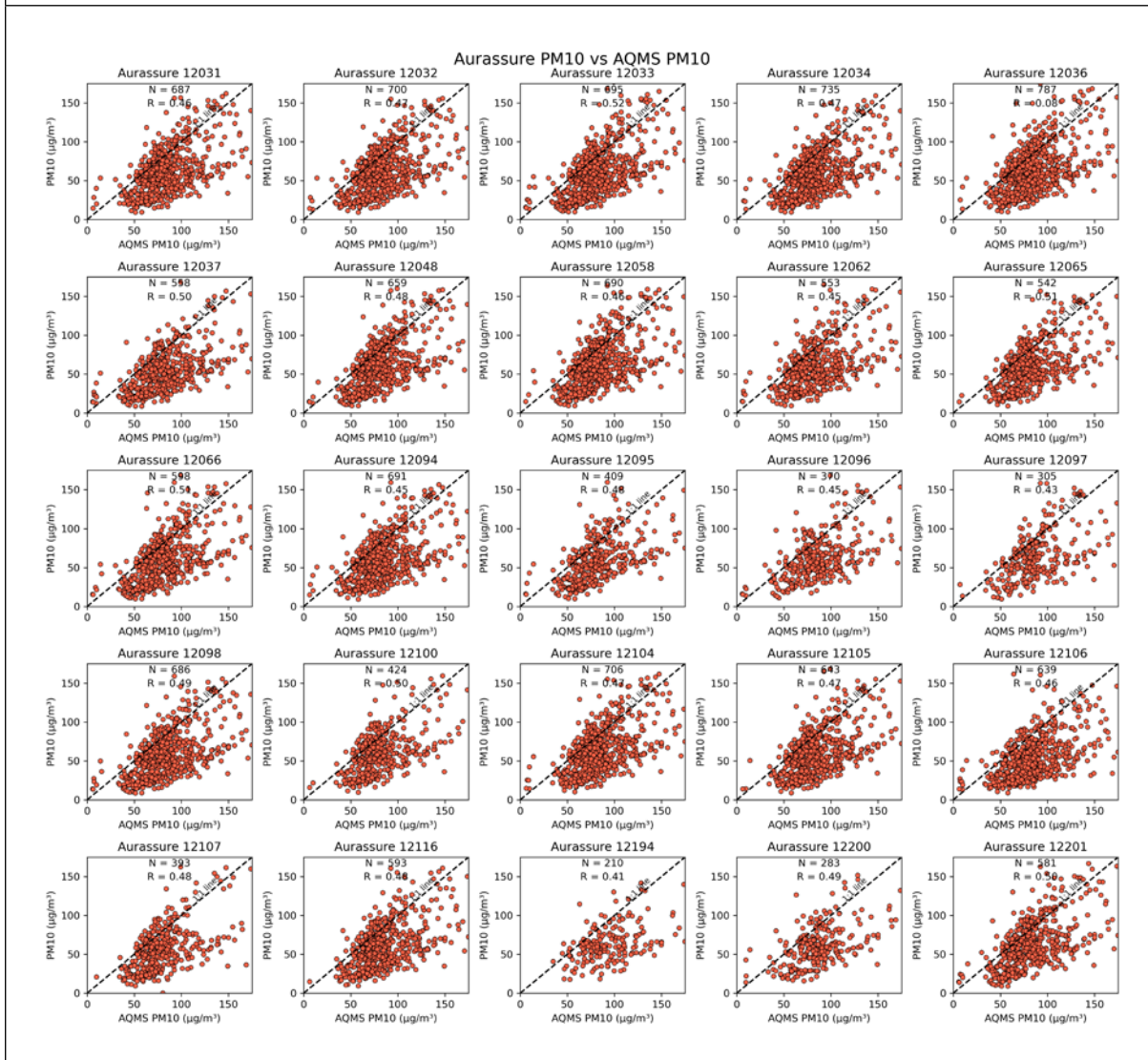
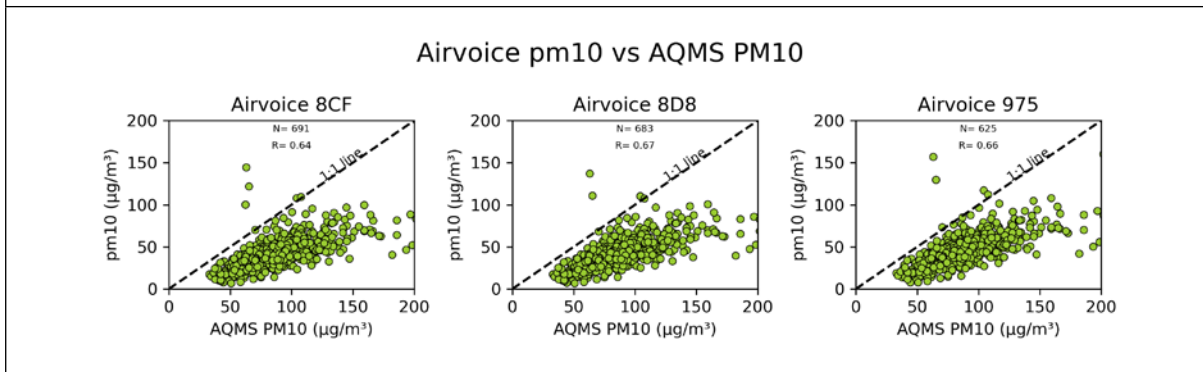
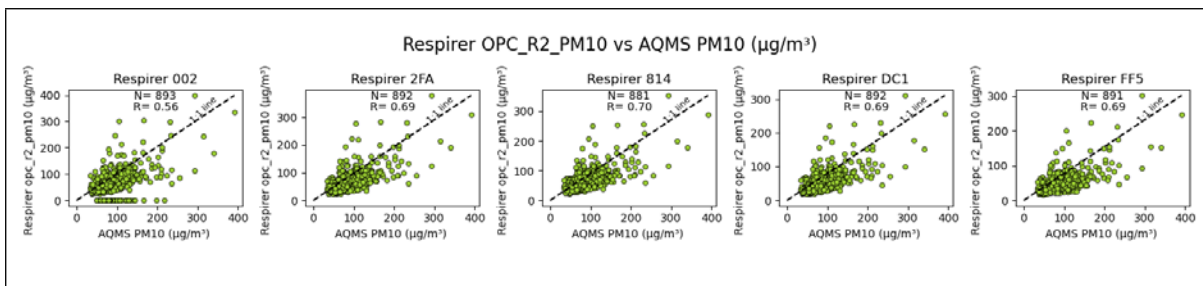




# Sensor (manufacturer-reported) with AQMS: PM<sub>10</sub>

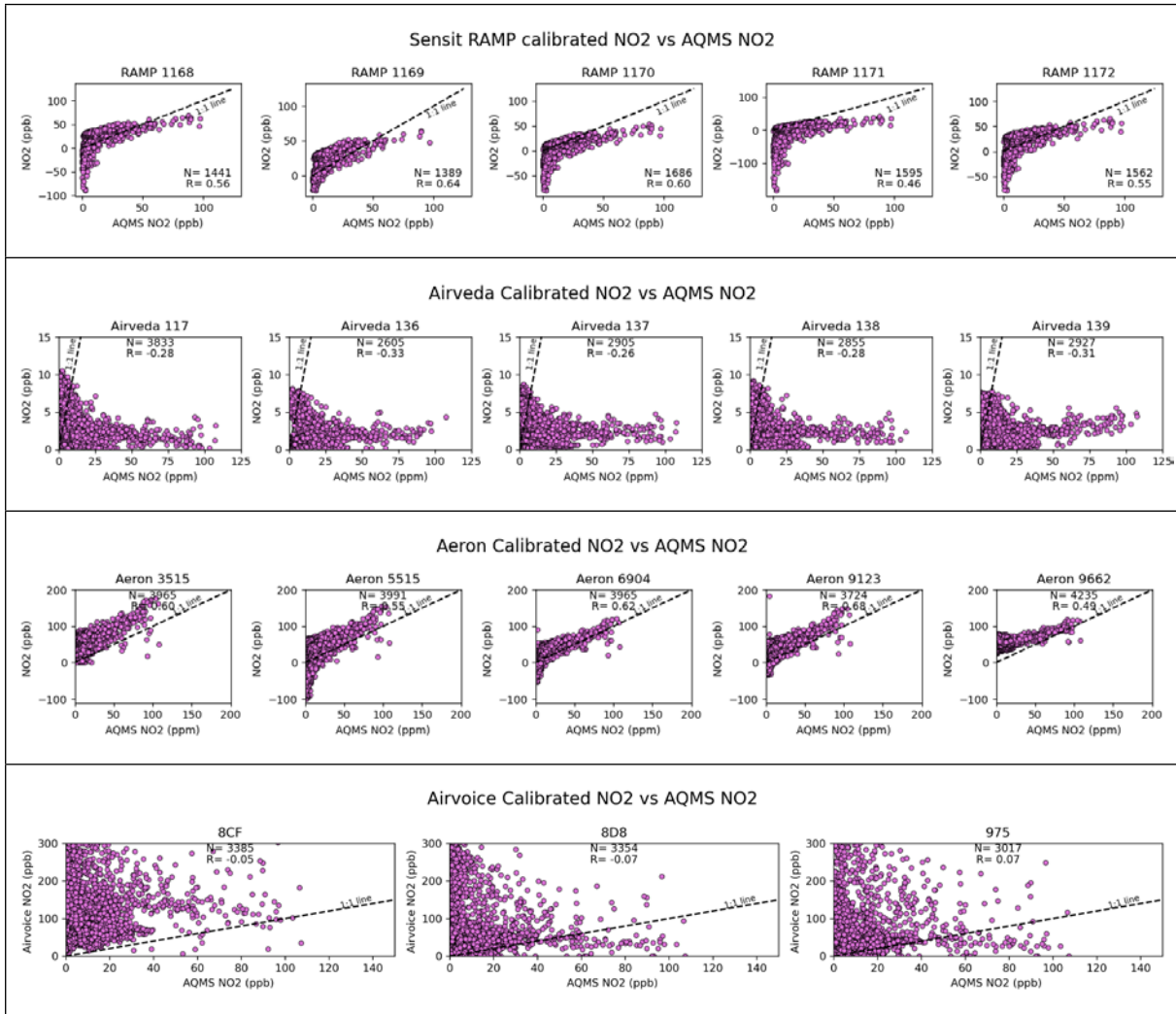
Figure A60: Comparison of manufacturer-reported PM<sub>10</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument

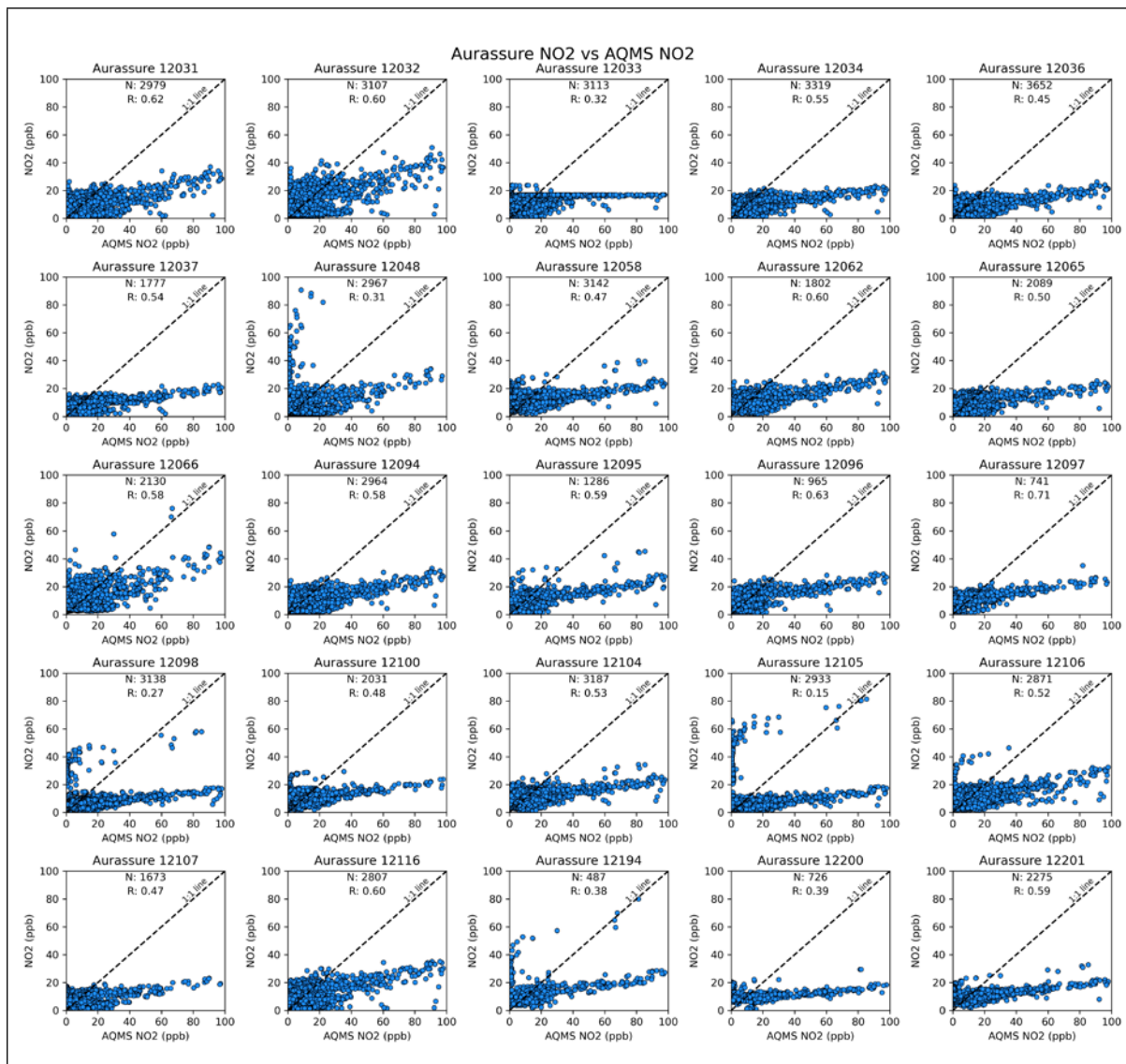




## Sensor (manufacturer-as-reported) with AQMS: NO<sub>2</sub>

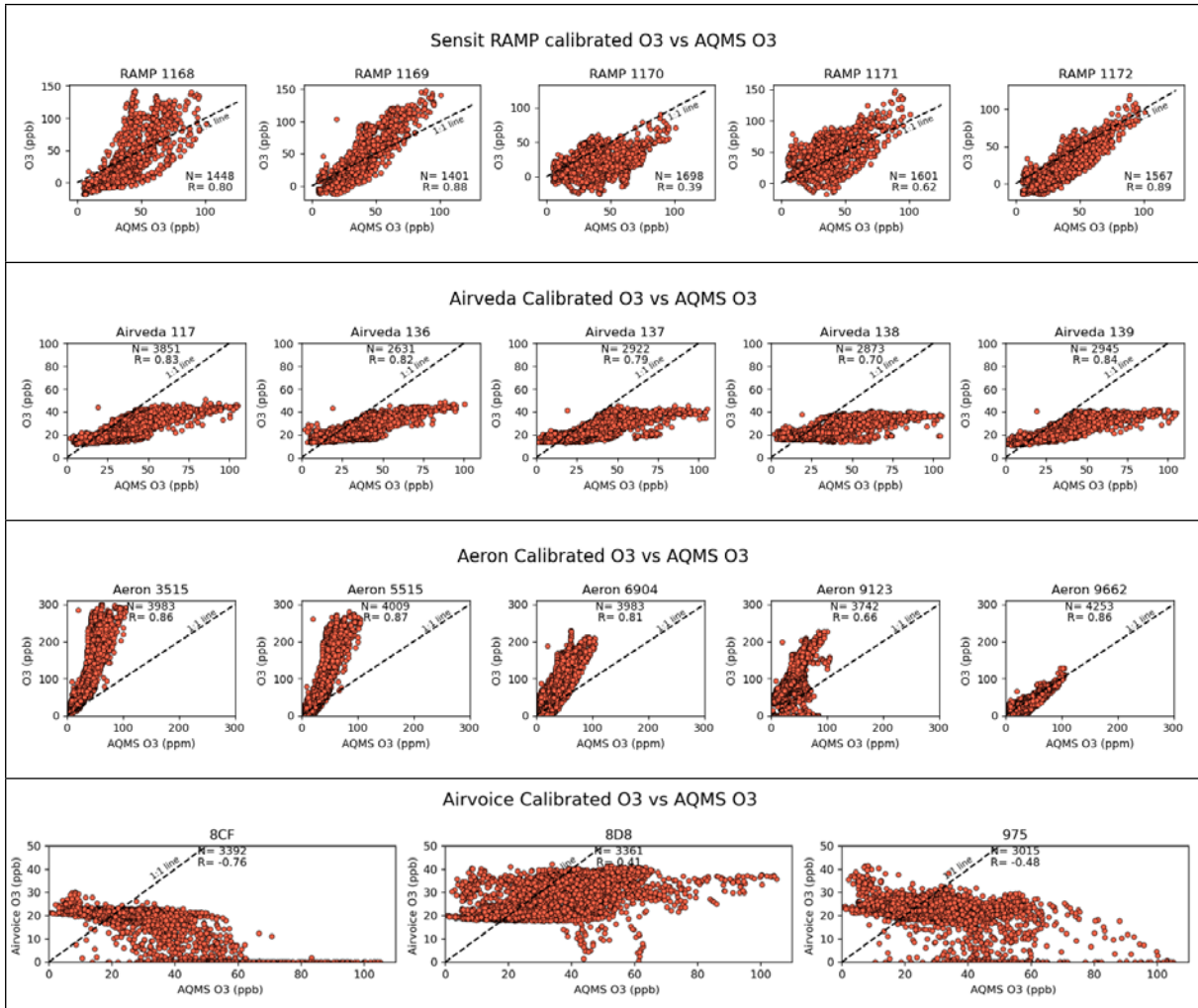
Figure A61: Comparison of manufacturer-reported NO<sub>2</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument

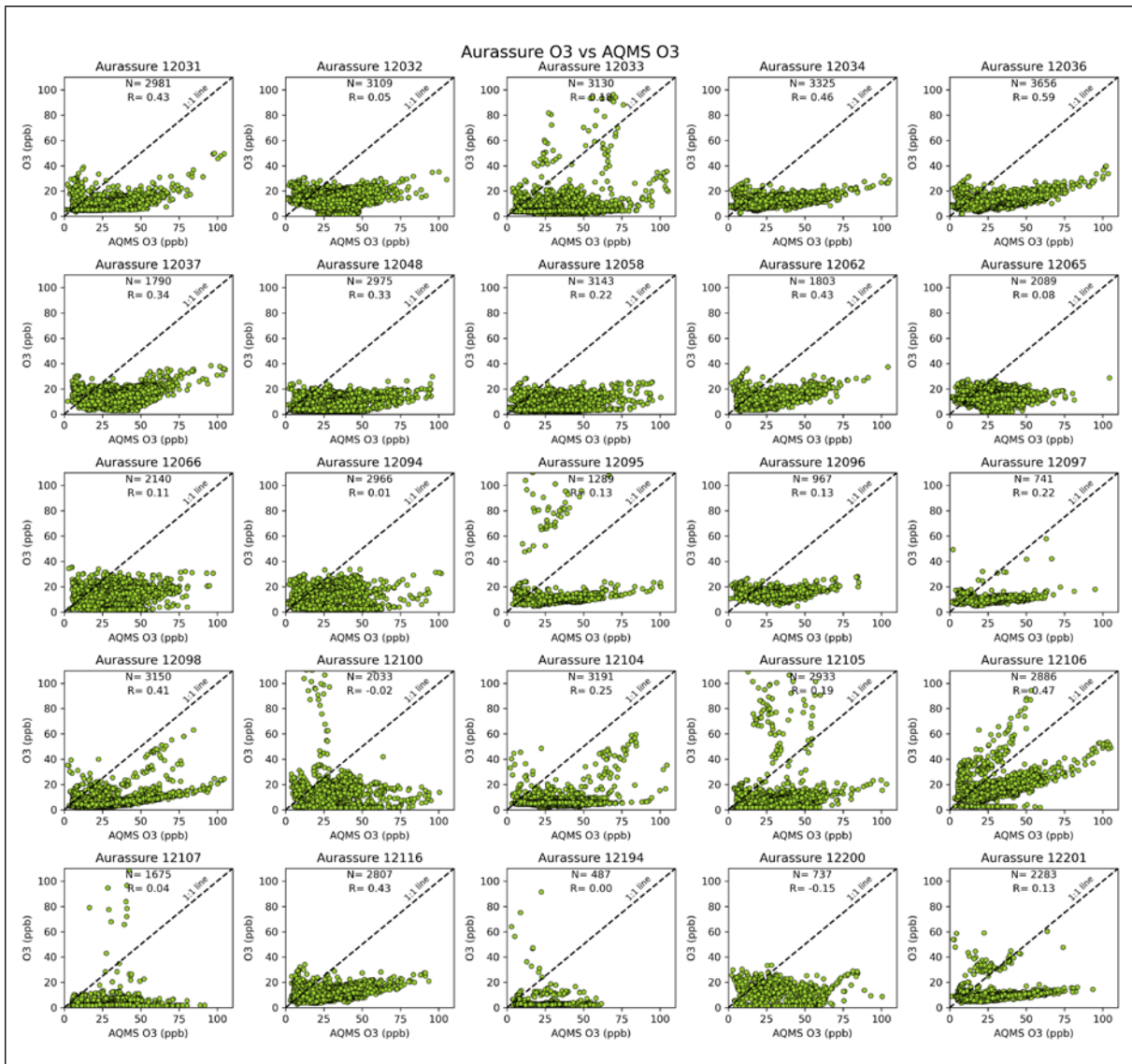




## Sensor (manufacturer-reported) with AQMS: O<sub>3</sub>

Figure A62: Comparison of manufacturer-reported O<sub>3</sub> measurements reported from the sensor nodes against the reference instrument





# Annexure E: Advantages and Disadvantages of Various Model Algorithms

**Table A3:** Advantages and disadvantages of the various algorithms used for developing calibration models

Method	Advantage	Disadvantage
Linear regression	Easy and fast, no hyperparameters to tune, and coefficients are easy to obtain. Test values can be outside the range of training values, and the method will extrapolate.	May not be able to capture non-linear relationships in the data.
Quadratic regression	Easy and fast, no hyperparameters to tune, and coefficients are easy to obtain. Test values can be outside the range of training values, and the method will extrapolate.	May not be able to capture non-linear relationships in the data.
Random forest regression	Provides feature importance and high-quality results. Is robust to noise because we average over multiple trees.	Highly prone to overfitting, computationally intensive, and many hyperparameters to be tuned.
Support vector regression	It provides feature importance, high-quality results, and robustness to noise as we average over multiple trees.	Somewhat highly prone to overfitting, computationally intensive, and many hyperparameters to be tuned.
XGBoost regression	It focuses on minimising the loss function only on high residual points, making it relatively more robust to outliers and giving it a high generalisation capacity. The radial kernel helps to generalise non-linear relationships easily.	Long training time for large data sets underperforms when the number of features significantly exceeds the number of data points.





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