## **Supplemental Figures and Tables**

	Calibration Period, Location	Sensors	Activities	Gravimetric Concentration <sup>a</sup> (MiniVol)
Home I (built in 2002; 5 occupants)	20 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2016, Bedroom #1	Grimm DustTrak AirU (4) UMDS (10)	Cooking (kitchen), burning candle, using a humidifier and air purifier, Febreze <sup>TM</sup> , hairspray	17.2 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
Home II (built in 1942; 2 occupants)	15 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2016. Bedroom #1	Grimm (2), DustTrak UMDS (4)	Laundry, burning candle, cooking, vacuuming	19.7 μg/m <sup>3</sup>

Table S1. Summary of annotated events during the calibration period in both homes.

<sup>a</sup> Average concentration for the calibration period.

Table S2. Slopes of the linear regression model for indoor sources during calibration in home I<sup>a</sup>.

	AirU (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )	UMDS (count per	AirU (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	UMDS (count per
	vs. DustTrak	0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) vs.	vs. GRIMM	0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) vs. GRIMM
	(µg/m³)	DustTrak (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$(\mu g/m^3)$	(μg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Cooking	0.539	82.3	1.99	302
Candle	0.467	97.2	1.89	380
Febreze <sup>TM</sup>	0.398	42.7	2.39	199
Hairspray	0.443	103	0.889	211
Unknown	0.094	43.5	0.0506	28.7

<sup>a</sup> UMDS count is the count of the small minus the large bin. The dependent variable (x) is the reference instrument.

Table S3. Slopes of the linear	r regression model of indo	or sources during calibration	in home II .
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	UMDS (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) vs. DustTrak (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )	UMDS (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) vs. GRIMM 1 (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )	UMDS (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) vs. GRIMM 2 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Cooking	43.9	288	128
Candle	28.2	299	116
Vacuum	73.4	475	84.2
Unknown	72.1	562	234

<sup>a</sup> UMDS count is the count of the small minus the large bin. The dependent variable (x) is the reference instrument.

**Table S4-a.** Bias corrections obtained for individual sensors in home I. To obtain AirU PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>), multiply the raw PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration by the following bias correction for each sensor. To obtain UMDS PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>), multiply the raw PM<sub>2.5</sub> count (small-large, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) by the following bias correction for each sensor.

AirU corrected PM <sub>2.5</sub> (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )	UMDS corrected PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
AirU 2 ( $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> ) * 1.46	UMDS 110 (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) * 4.85e-3
AirU 6 ( $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> ) * 1.58	UMDS 113 <sup>b</sup> (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) * 4.56e-3
AirU 8 ( $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> ) * 1.30	UMDS 115 (count per 0.01 $ft^3$ ) * 4.71e-3
AirU 3 ( $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> ) * 1.56	UMDS 124 (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) * 4.97e-3

\* UMDS 113 was not utilized in the calibration week. The average bias correction for all UMDSs was used for this sensor.

**Table S4-b.** Bias corrections obtained for individual sensors in home II. To obtain UMDS PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass concentration ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>), multiply the raw PM<sub>2.5</sub> count (small-large, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) by the following bias correction for each sensor.

UMDS corrected PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		
UMDS 114 (count per $0.01 \text{ ft}^3$ ) * 5.29e-3		
UMDS 116 (count per $0.01 \text{ ft}^3$ ) * 4.78e-3		
UMDS 117 <sup>a</sup> (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) * 4.55e-3		
UMDS 121 (count per $0.01 \text{ ft}^3$ ) * 4.64e-3		
UMDS 124 <sup>b</sup> (count per 0.01 ft <sup>3</sup> ) * 1.43e-3		

<sup>a</sup> The average bias correction was used for this sensor.

<sup>b</sup> The outdoor bias correction was used for this sensor.

**Table S4-c.** Correction factors for different indoor activity sources. Multiply this CF by the DustTrak PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration to obtain the aerosol-corrected PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration. These same factors is for the low-cost sensors after bias correction.

Source	CF
Candle	0.371
Cooking	0.133
Febreze, Hairspray and Unknown	1.33

	Home I		Home II	
	AirU (R <sup>2</sup> )	UMDS $(R^2)$	UMDS $(R^2)$	Slope
Living Room	0.933	0.02	0.712	0.644
vs. Bedroom				
Living Room	0.00	0.0389	0.974	0.832
vs. Kitchen				
Kitchen vs.	0.011	0.00	0.678	0.731
Bedroom				

**Table S5.** Coefficients of determination for the fitted linear model  $(R^2)$  between low-cost sensors in different rooms in home I and home II.

Table S6. Range of Air Exchange Rates (AER) in different rooms in home I and home II.

	Home I (hr <sup>-1</sup> )	Home II (hr <sup>-1</sup> )
Living Room	0.27-0.67	0.51-2.10
Kitchen	0.36-2.76	0.54-2.66
Bedroom	1.30-1.96	0.33-1.86



**Fig. S1.** Top view showing the floor plan with location of sensors in home I and home II. All sensors were placed on a table approximately 0.75-80 m above the ground and at least 0.3 m away from the nearest wall. The network icon indicates the location of the sensor in the room.



**Fig. S2.** Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) from the linear regression (low-cost sensor and GRIMM) for 5-minute rolling average of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) for several types of aerosols measured with a GRIMM (uncorrected), average of 4 AirUs (uncorrected) and average of 10 UMDS, uncorrected (PM<sub>2.5</sub> count, small minus large bin, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) during 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 (home I).



**Fig. S3.** Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) from the linear regression for 1-minute PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>) for 4 AirU sensors (uncorrected) during 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 (home I). The top right corner of the figure shows the slopes of linear regression of the fitted model (columns are the x-axes).



**Fig. S4.** Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) from the linear regression for 1-minute UMDS PM<sub>2.5</sub> count (small minus large bin, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) between each sensor (uncorrected) during 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 (home I). The top right corner of the figure shows the slopes of linear regression of the fitted model (columns are the x-axes).



**Fig. S5.** Comparison of co-located 5-minute rolling average of  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) measured by two GRIMM, DustTrak, and the average of four UMDS ( $PM_{2.5}$  count, small minus large bins, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) for the calibration period of 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 (home II). The concentrations measured by all sensors were uncorrected, raw data.



Fig. S6. Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) from the linear regression (UMDS and DustTrak) for 5-minute rolling average of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) measured with a DustTrak (uncorrected), average of 4 UMDS, uncorrected (PM<sub>2.5</sub> count, small minus large bins, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) during 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 (home II).



Fig. S7. Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) from the linear regression (UMDS and GRIMMs) for 5-minute rolling average of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) measured with 2 GRIMMs (uncorrected) and the average of 4 UMDS, uncorrected (PM<sub>2.5</sub> count, small minus large bins, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) during 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 (home II).



**Fig. S8.** Scatter plots and coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) from the linear regression for 1-minute UMDS PM<sub>2.5</sub> count (small minus large bin, per 0.01 ft<sup>3</sup>) during  $15^{th} - 21^{st}$  October, 2016 (home II). The top right corner of the figure shows the slopes of linear regression of the fitted model (columns are the x-axes).



**Fig. S9.** PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in the bathroom when using a hairspray product (home II) as measured by a UMDS sensor bias corrected with a CF from the calibration week (Table S4-b).



**Fig. S10.** PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in the bedroom during cleaning activities (home II) as measured by a UMDS sensor bias corrected with a CF from the calibration week (Table S4-b).

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**Fig. S11.** Change in PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels caused by the furnace (30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017) (home II). Sensors were individually bias corrected with a CF from the calibration week (Table S4-b).

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**Fig. S12.** Outdoor and indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels as measured by the AirU sensor on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016 (home I). Sensors were individually bias corrected with a CF from the calibration week (Table S4-a).

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**Fig. S13.** Comparison of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations from the AirU and UMDS sensors with relative humidity (RH) measured by the respective sensors (home I). The UMDS and the AirU were located within 0.5 m of each other. Although the exact RH measurements from the two sensors do not agree with each other, the trends are consistent with high-quality RH measurements (from MesoWest, 2018 and Weather Underground, 2018) in the vicinity. The gaps in the left panel indicate the missing data from the AirU.

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