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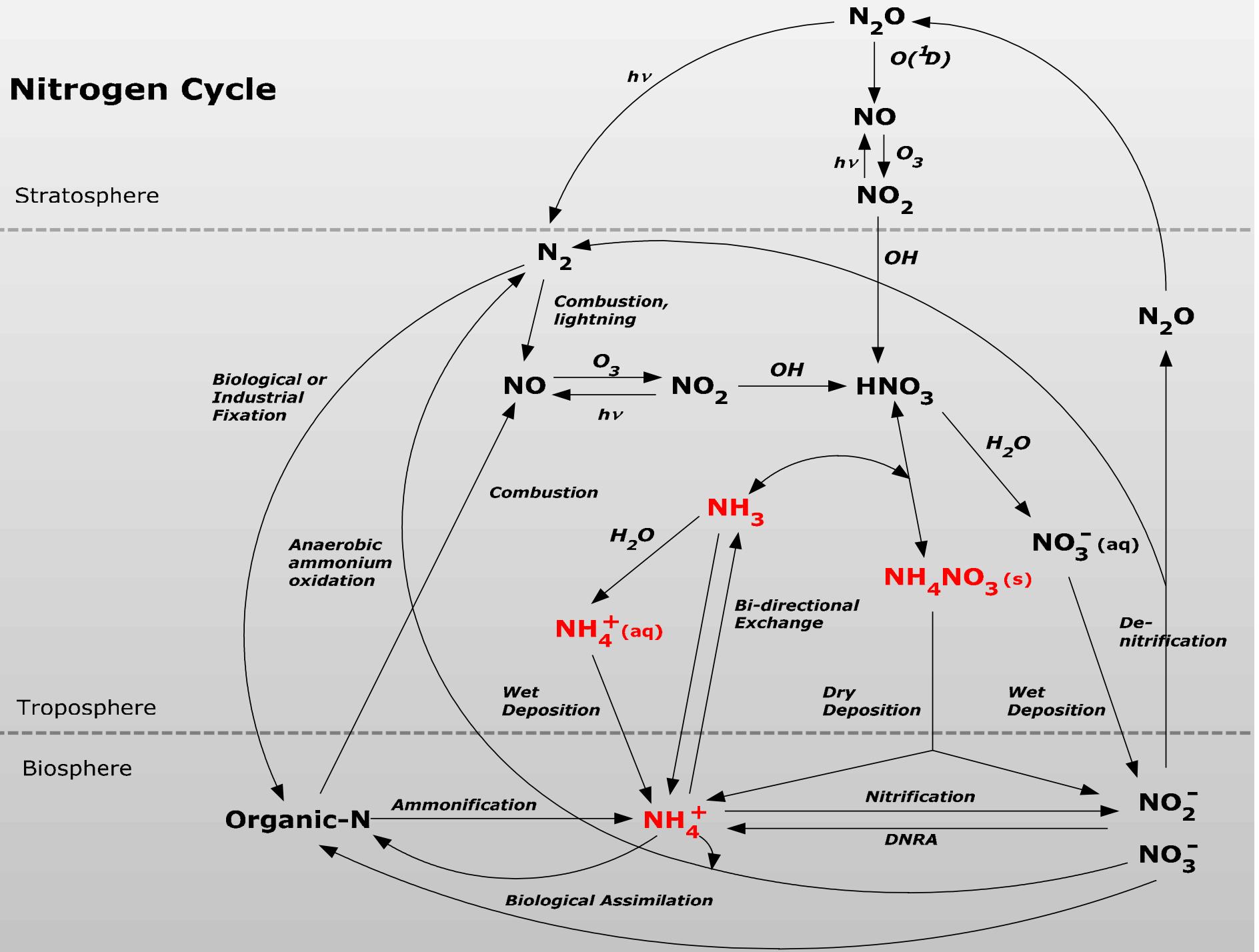
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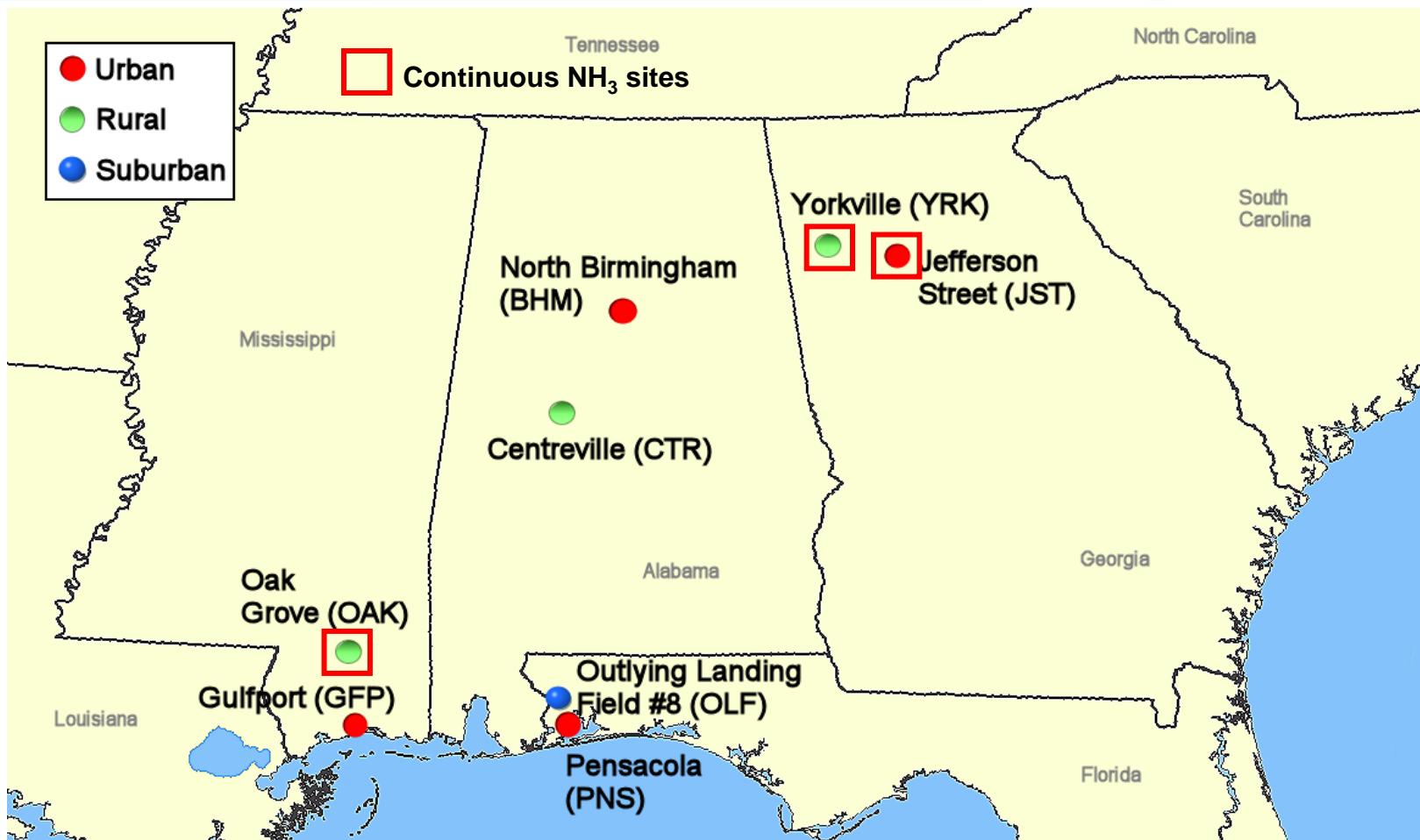
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Nitrogen Cycle



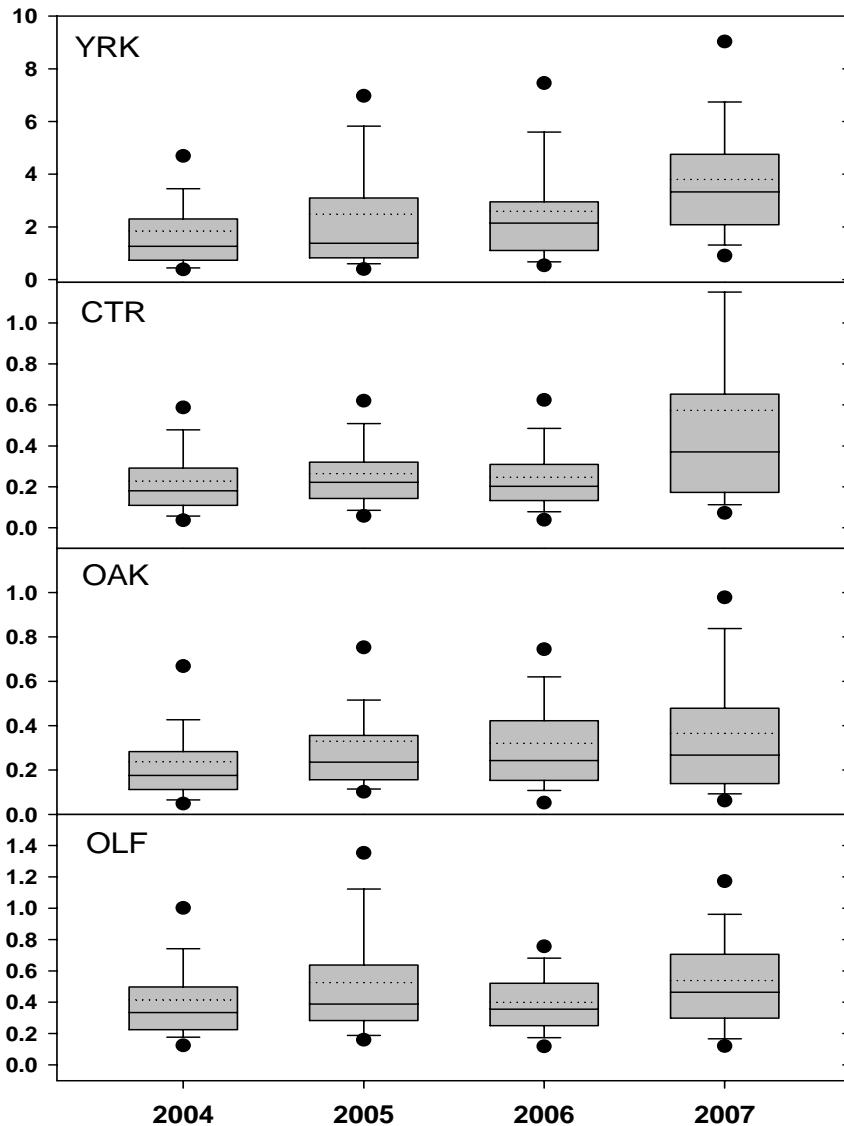
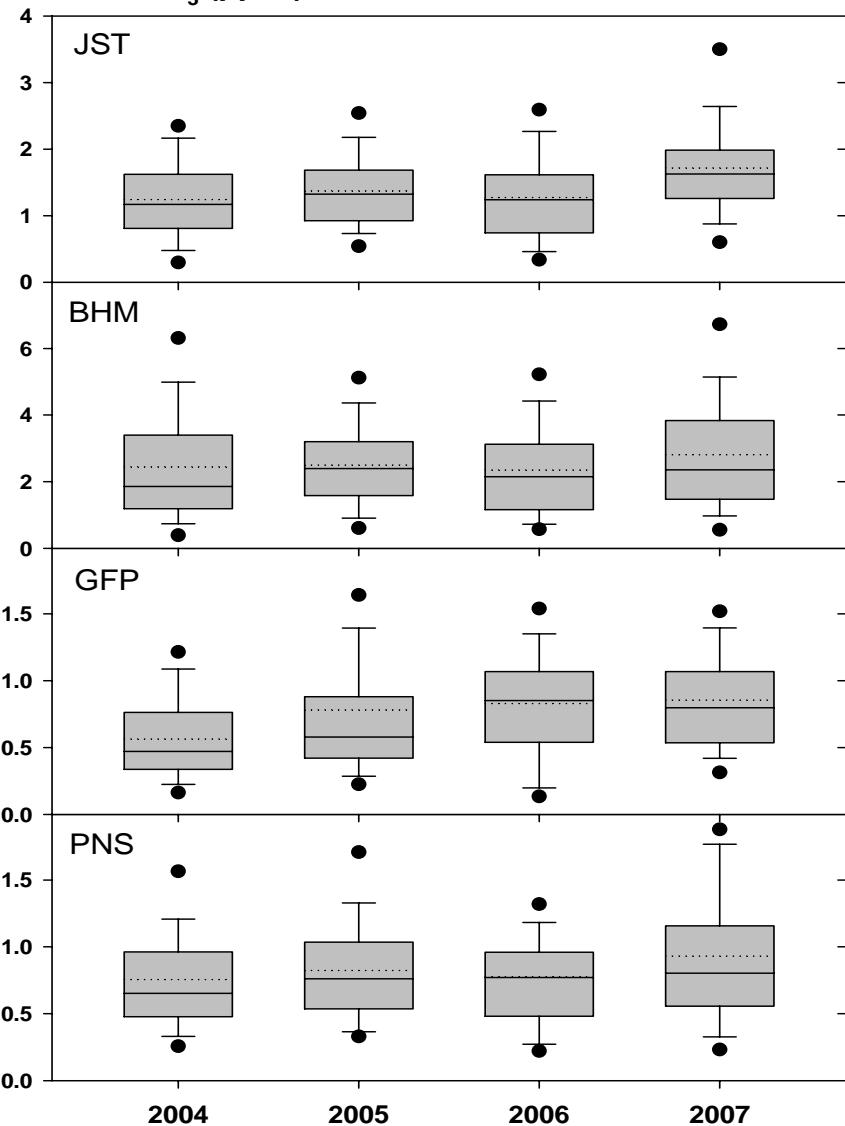
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- Discrete Particles and Gases (24-hour)
 - » PM_{2.5}, PM_{10-2.5} filter-based mass and chemical speciation (incl. PM_{2.5} NH₄⁺)
 - » NH₃ (denuder)
- Continuous Particles (5-min to 1-hr)
 - » PM_{2.5}, TC, OC, BC, NH₄⁺, NO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻
- Trace Gases (5-min to 1-hr)
 - » O₃, NO, NO₂, NO_y, HNO₃, SO₂, CO, NH₃
- Meteorology (5-min to 1-hr)
 - » WS, WD, T, RH, BP, SR, rainfall
- Visibility (5-min to 1-hr)
 - » B_{sp} (dry)

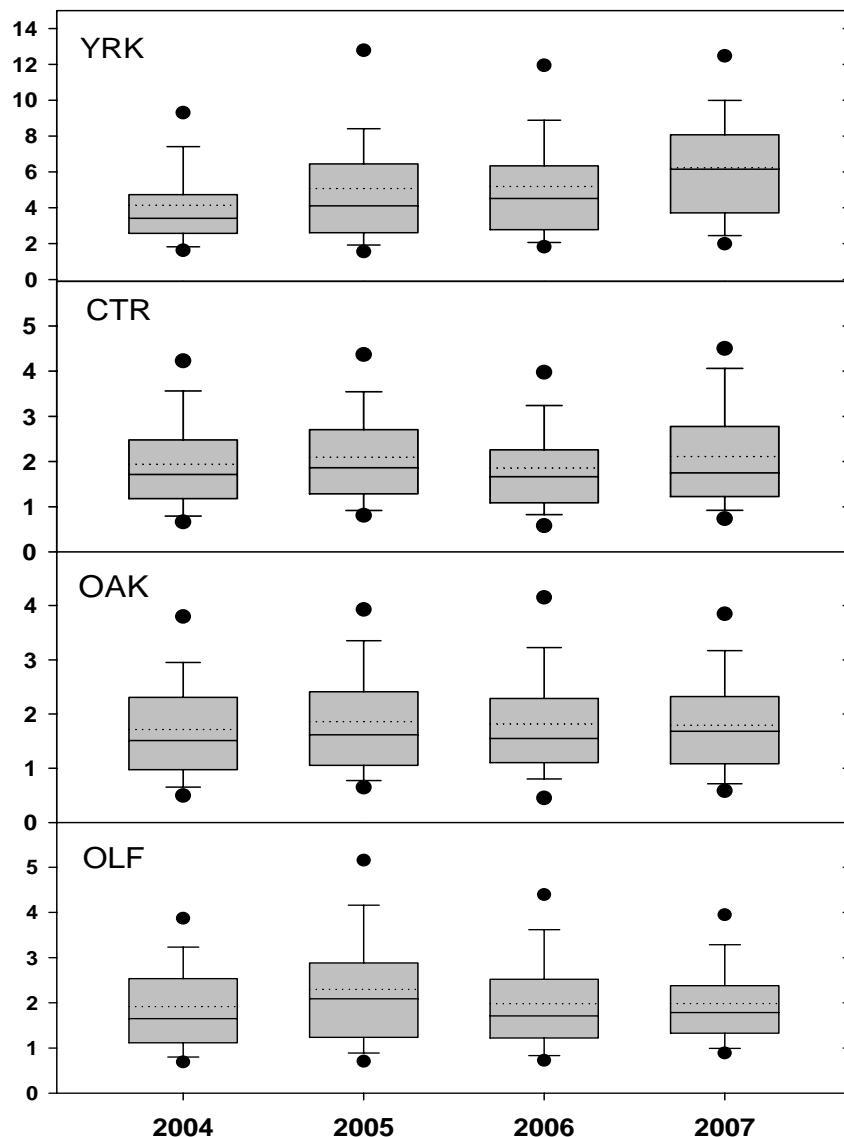
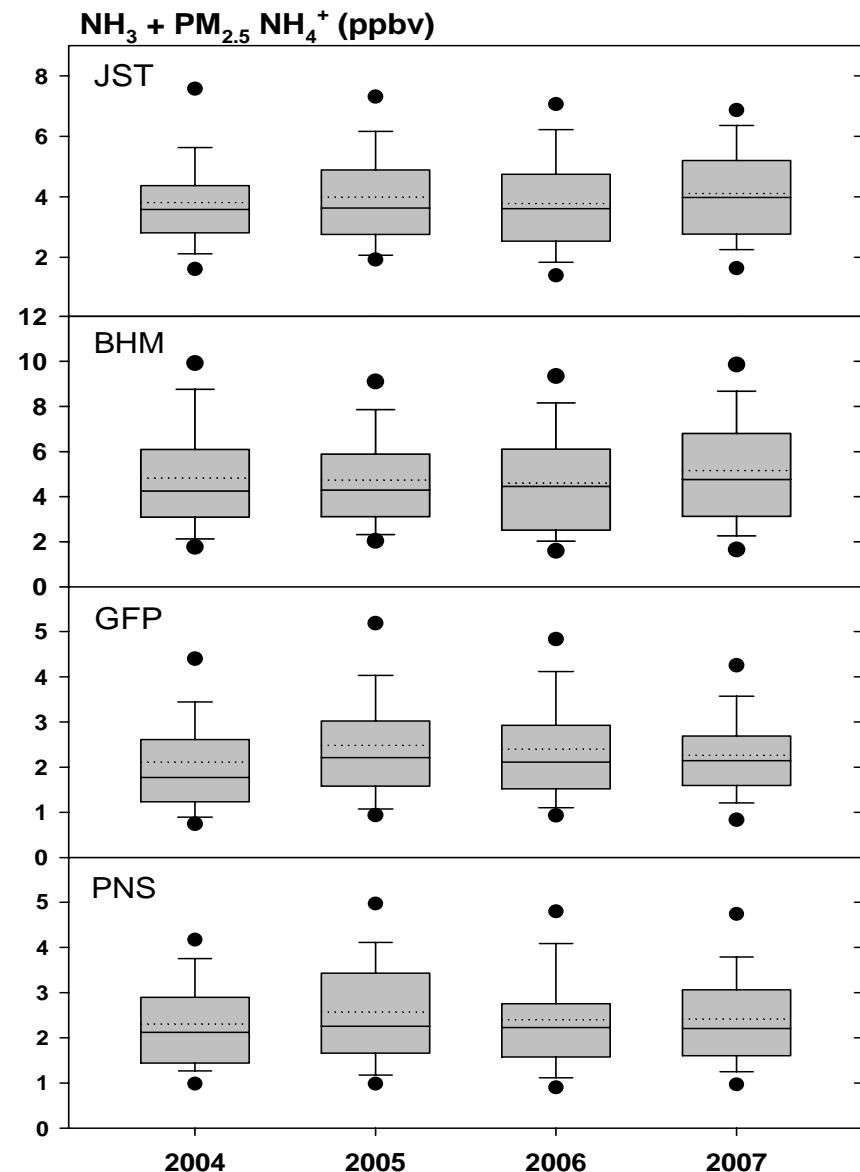
24-hr NH₃ (ppbv)

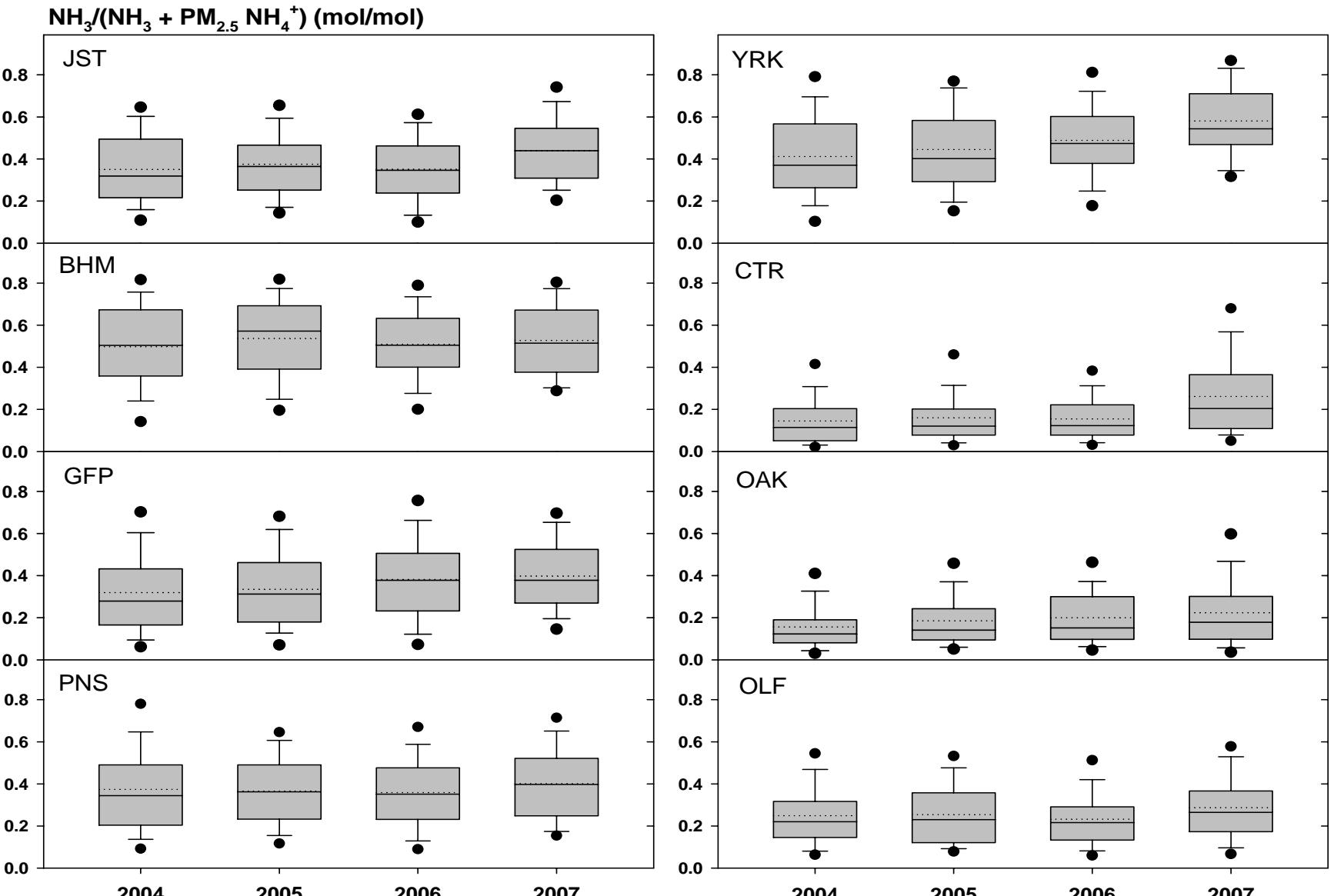


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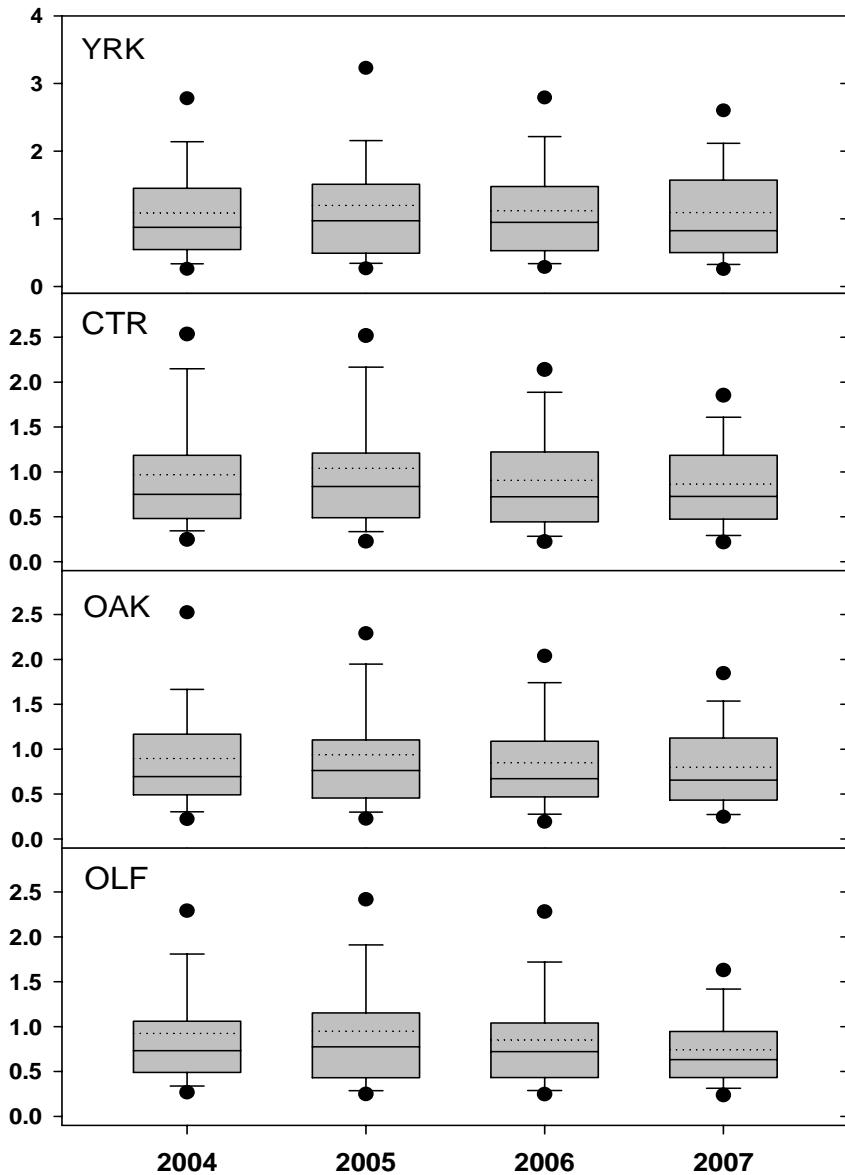
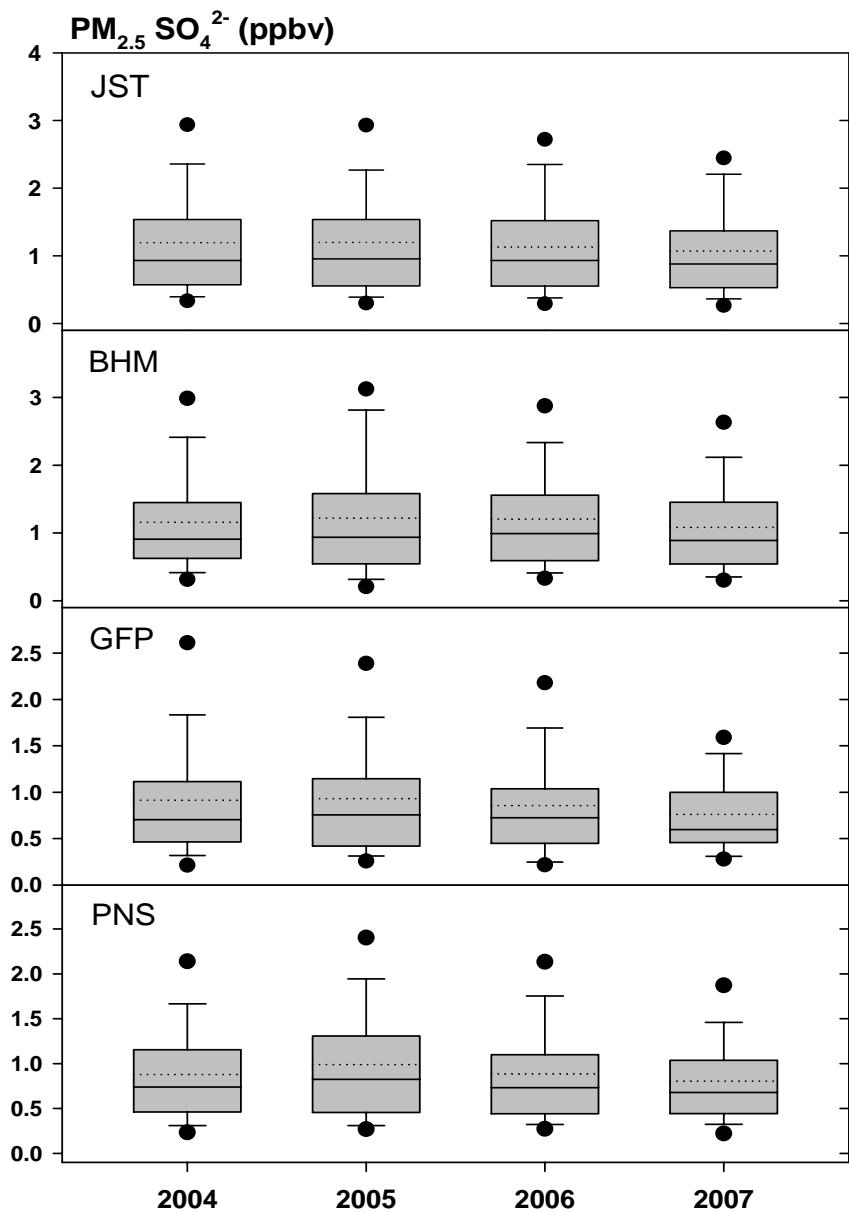
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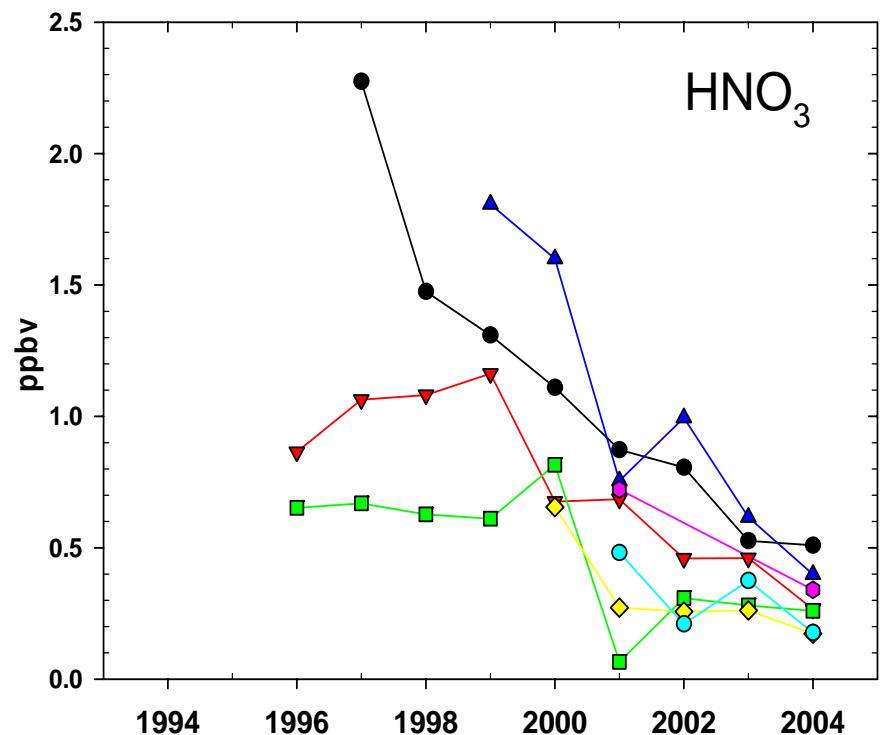
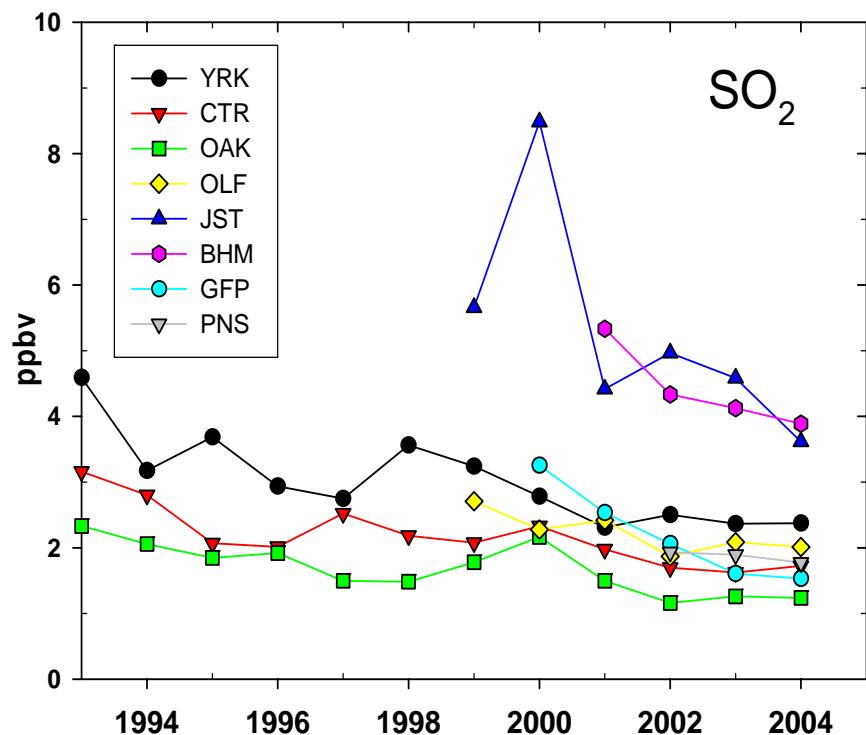


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Annual Average SO₂ and HNO₃ at SEARCH Sites



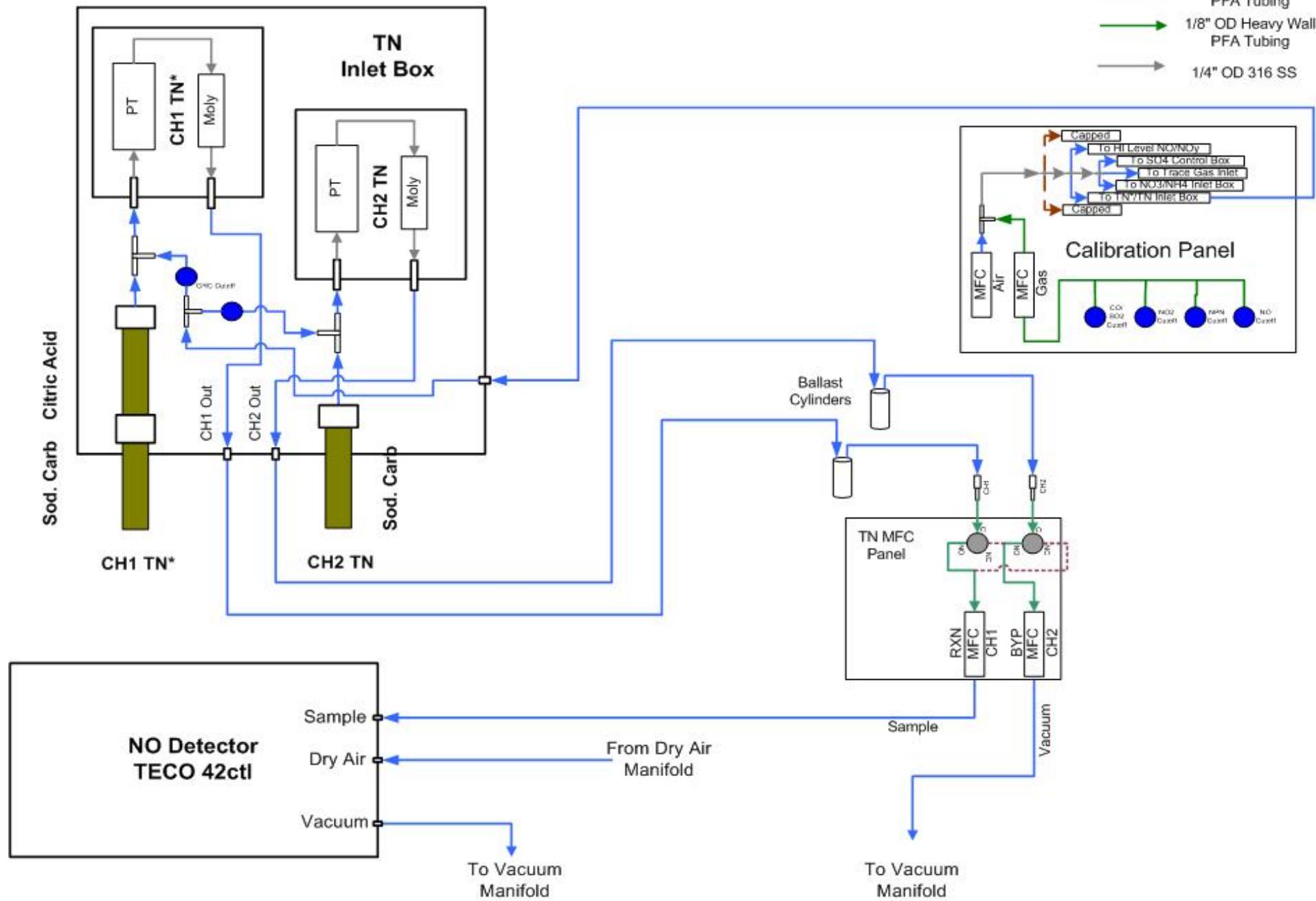
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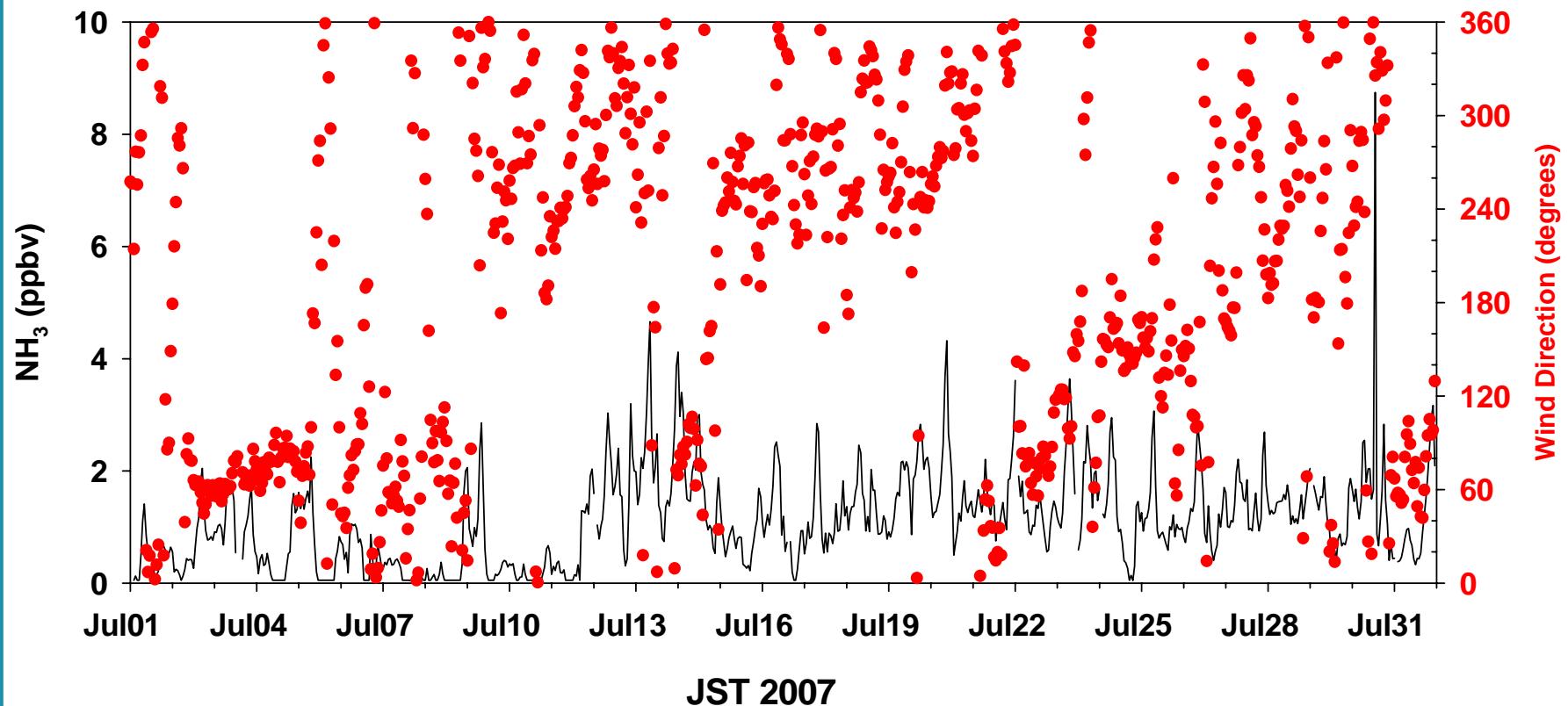
TN Plumbing Overview

Legend

- 1/4" OD Heavy Wall PFA Tubing
- 1/8" OD Heavy Wall PFA Tubing
- 1/4" OD 316 SS



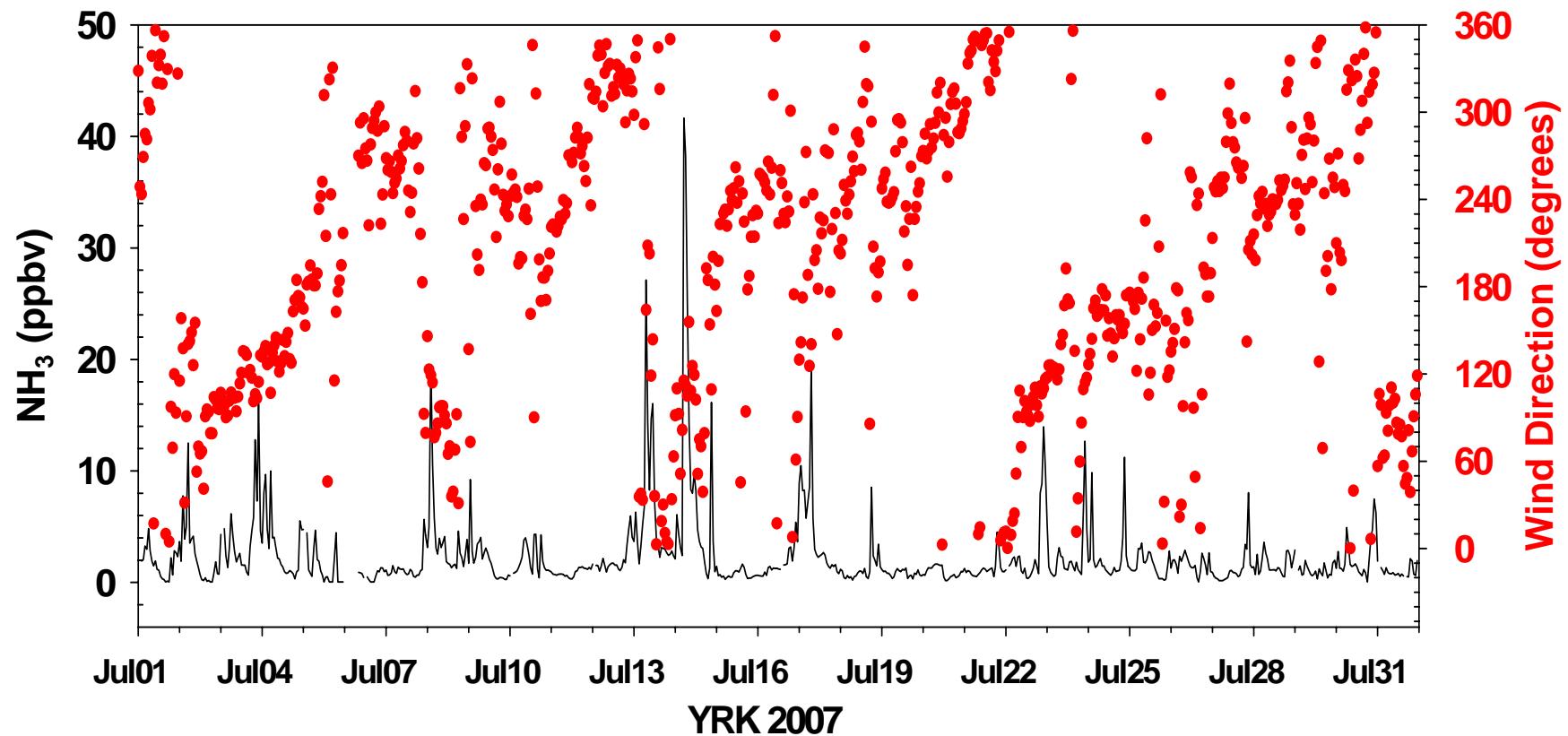
JST Hourly-Averaged NH₃ Jul 2007



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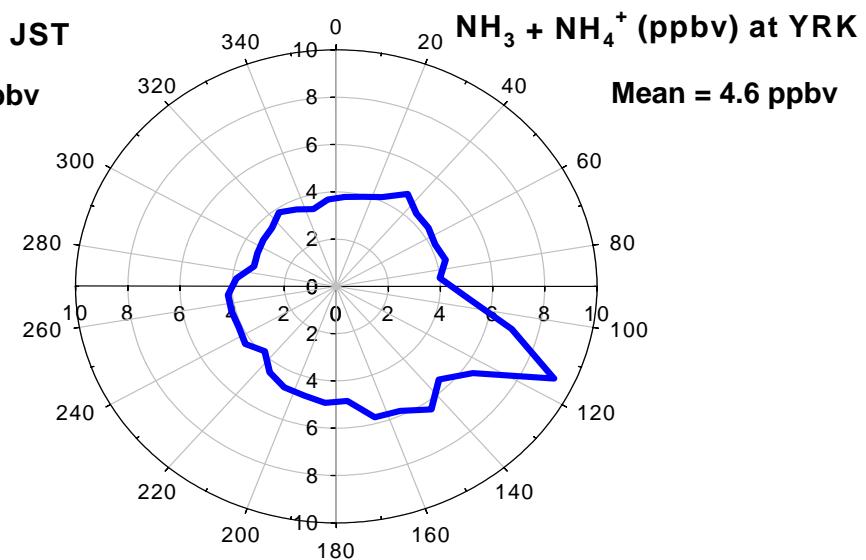
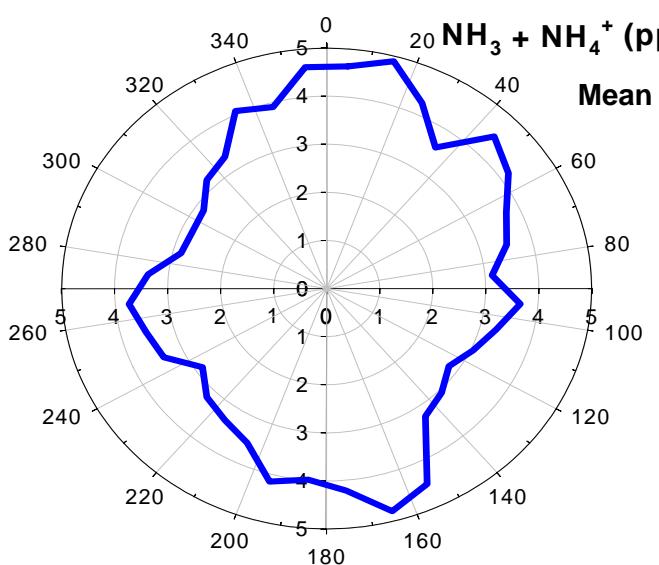
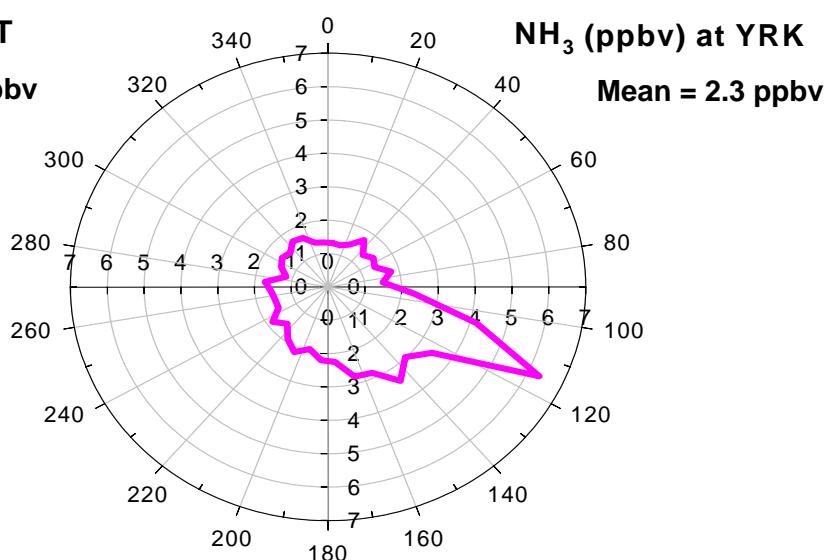
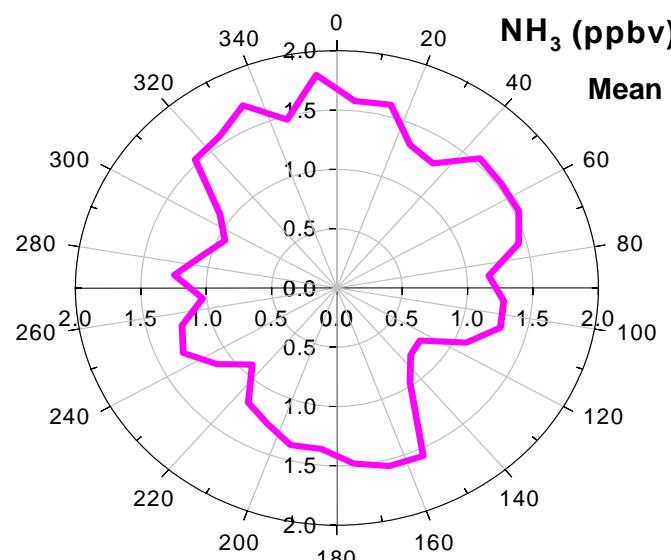
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YRK Hourly-Averaged NH₃ July 2007



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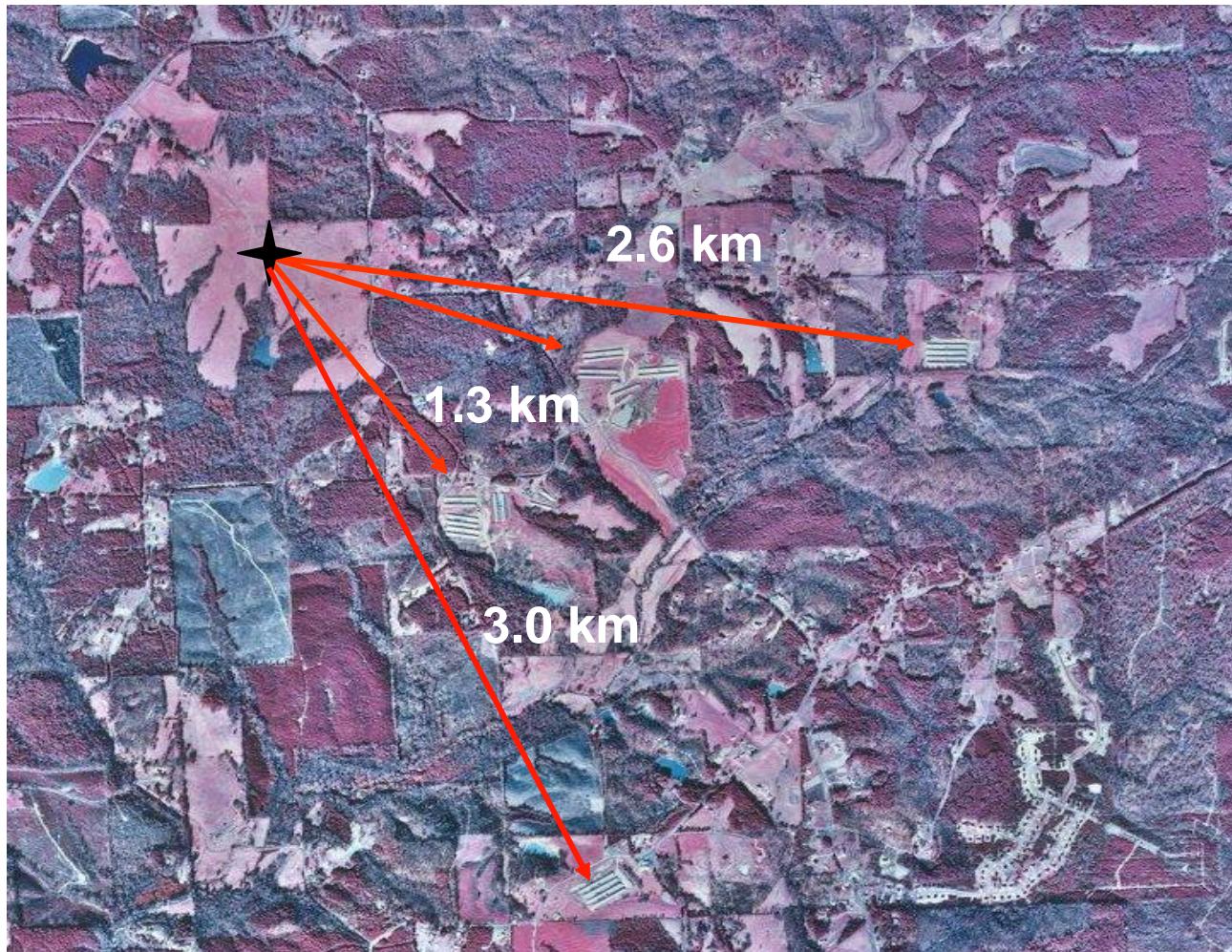




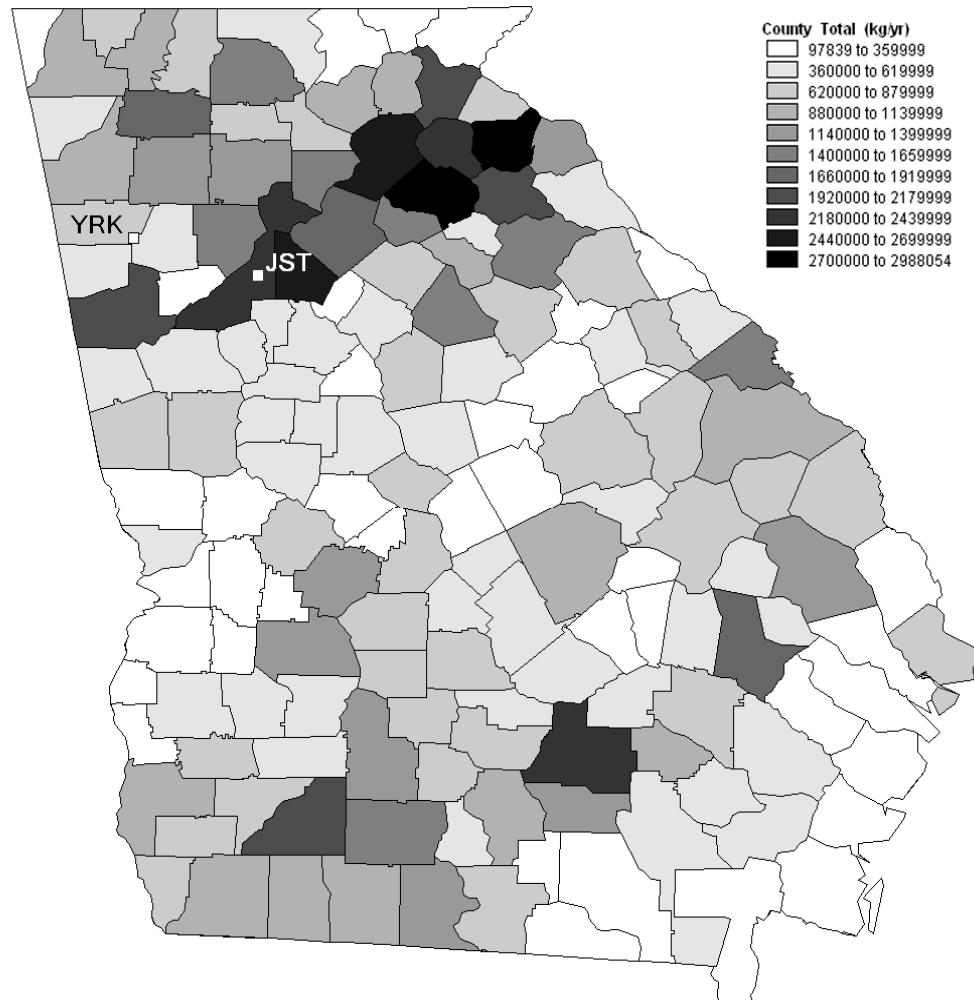
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Poultry Houses near YRK



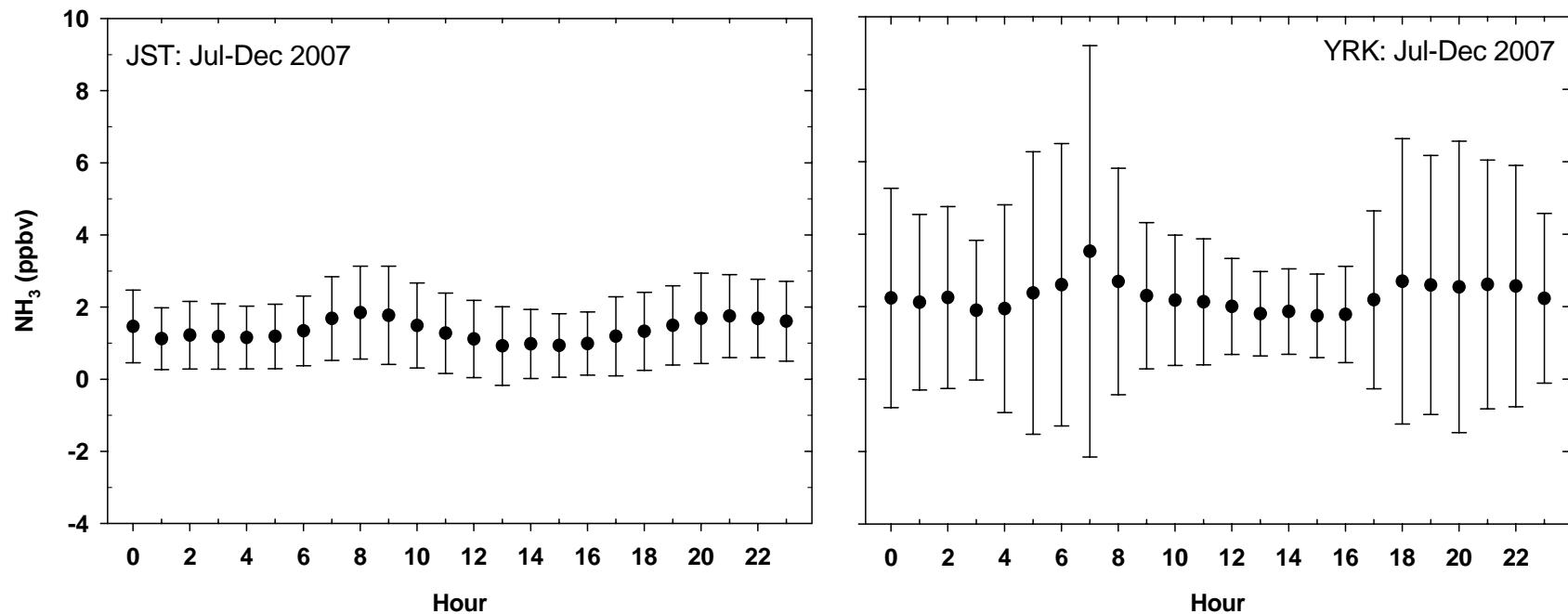
Annual NH₃ Emissions in Georgia (Cardelino 2000)



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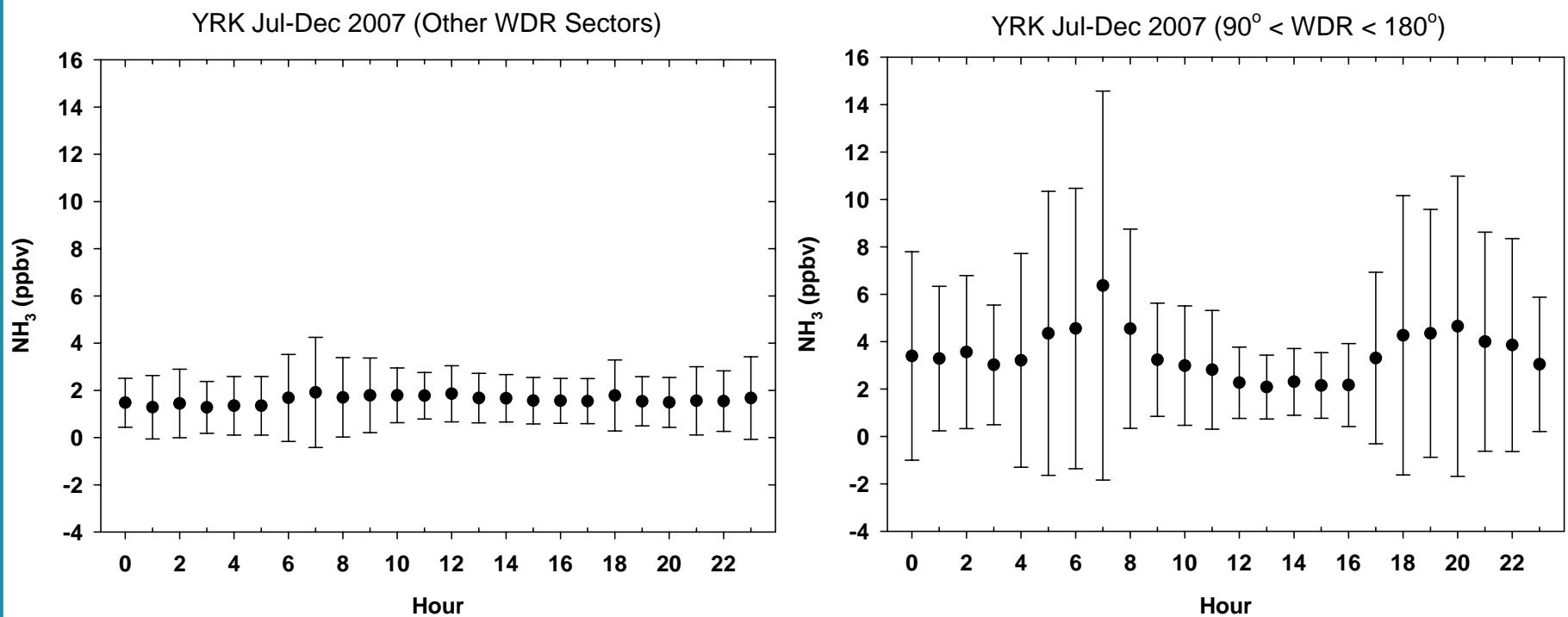
Hourly Means/StdDev at JST and YRK for Jul-Dec 2007



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Wind Direction Dependence at YRK



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Box Model - Equations

$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = \frac{q_i}{H(t)} + R_i - \frac{v_{d,i}}{H(t)} C_i + k_v (C_i^b - C_i) \quad \frac{dH}{dt} \leq 0$$

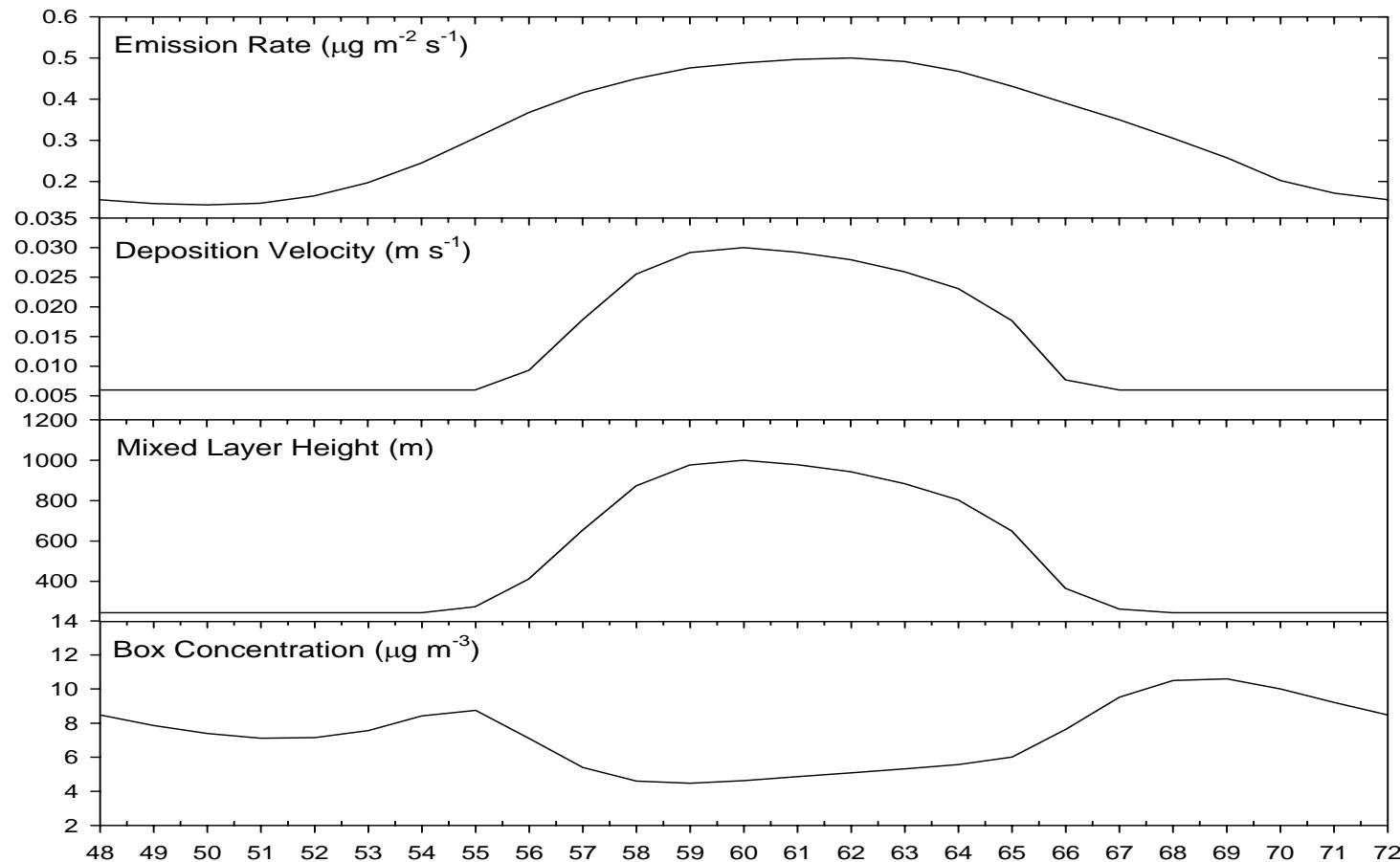
$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = \frac{q_i}{H(t)} + R_i - \frac{v_{d,i}}{H(t)} C_i + k_v (C_i^b - C_i) + \frac{C_i^a - C_i}{H(t)} \frac{dH}{dt} \quad \frac{dH}{dt} > 0$$

- C_i = concentration of species i in the box ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
 $H(t)$ = time dependent mixed layer height (m)
 q_i = emission of species i into the box ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{-s}$)
 R_i = chemical production rate of species i within the box ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3\text{-s}$)
 $v_{d,i}$ = dry deposition velocity of species i (m/s)
 C_i^b = background concentration of species i ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
 C_i^a = concentration of species i above the mixed layer ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
 k_v = mixing rate of background air (s^{-1})

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Base Simulation



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Compare Largest Removal Terms

$$\frac{v_{d,i}}{H(t)} C_i \quad \ll \quad \frac{C_i^a - C_i}{H(t)} \frac{dH}{dt}$$

$$v_{d,i} \quad \ll \quad \frac{dH}{dt}$$

0.005-0.03 m s⁻¹

200-240 m/3600s
= 0.06-0.07 m s⁻¹

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Summary

- Gaseous NH₃ and PM_{2.5} NH₄⁺ measurements from SEARCH ...
- 24-hr denuder-based NH₃ and filter-based NH₄⁺ at all 8 SEARCH sites since 2004.
- Continuous NH₃ (and PM_{2.5} NH₄⁺) at 3 SEARCH sites since 2nd-half of 2007.
- Increase in annual NH₃ at many sites since 2004.
- Poultry operations impact measurements at Yorkville site (potential impact on NE Georgia, southern Appalachians?)
- Average diurnal profile of NH₃ affected by interaction of emissions and boundary layer dynamics.
- Data available at <http://www.atmospheric-research.com>.

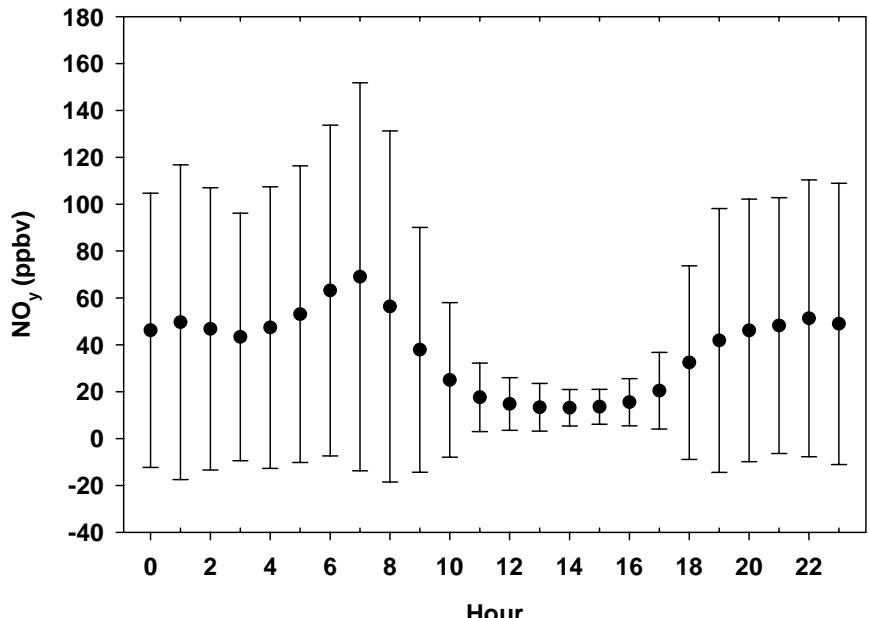
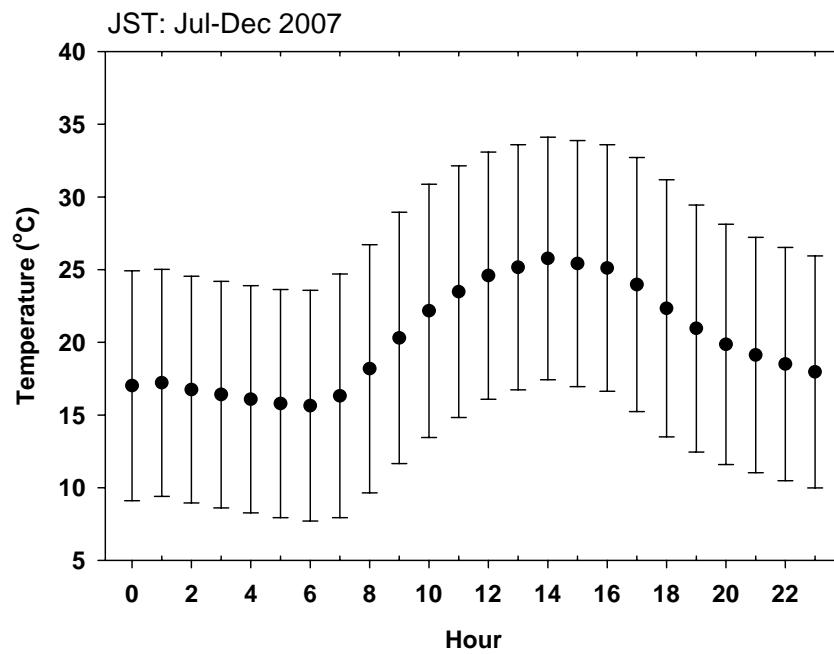
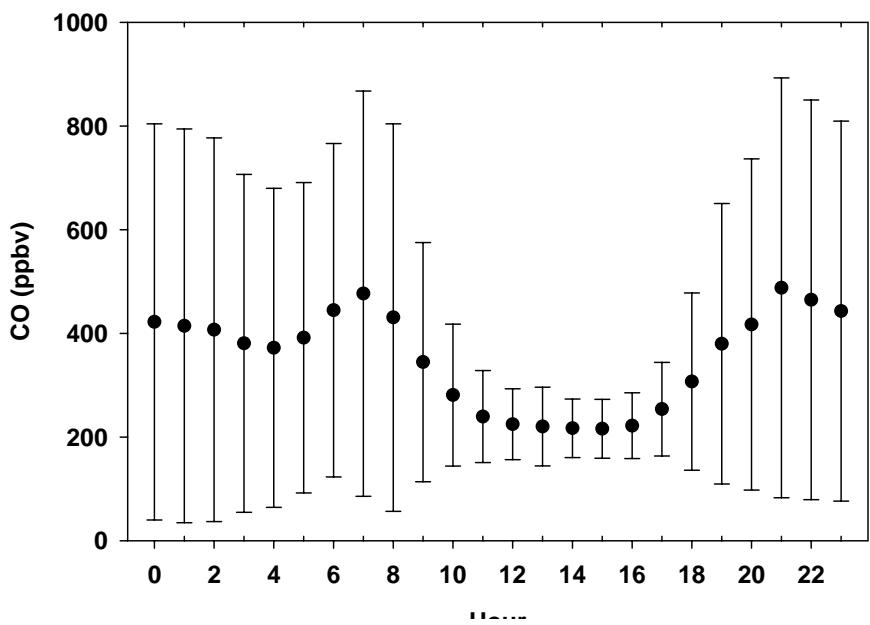
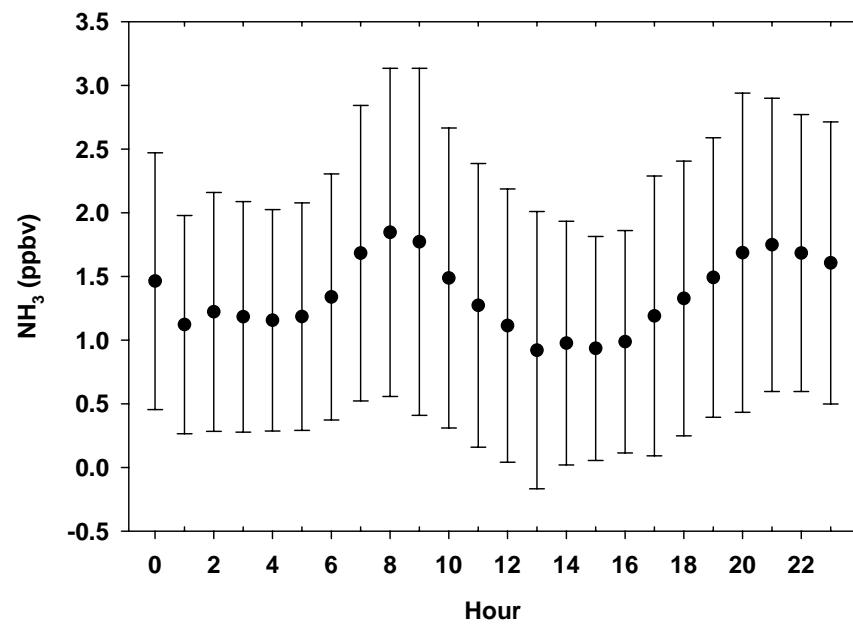
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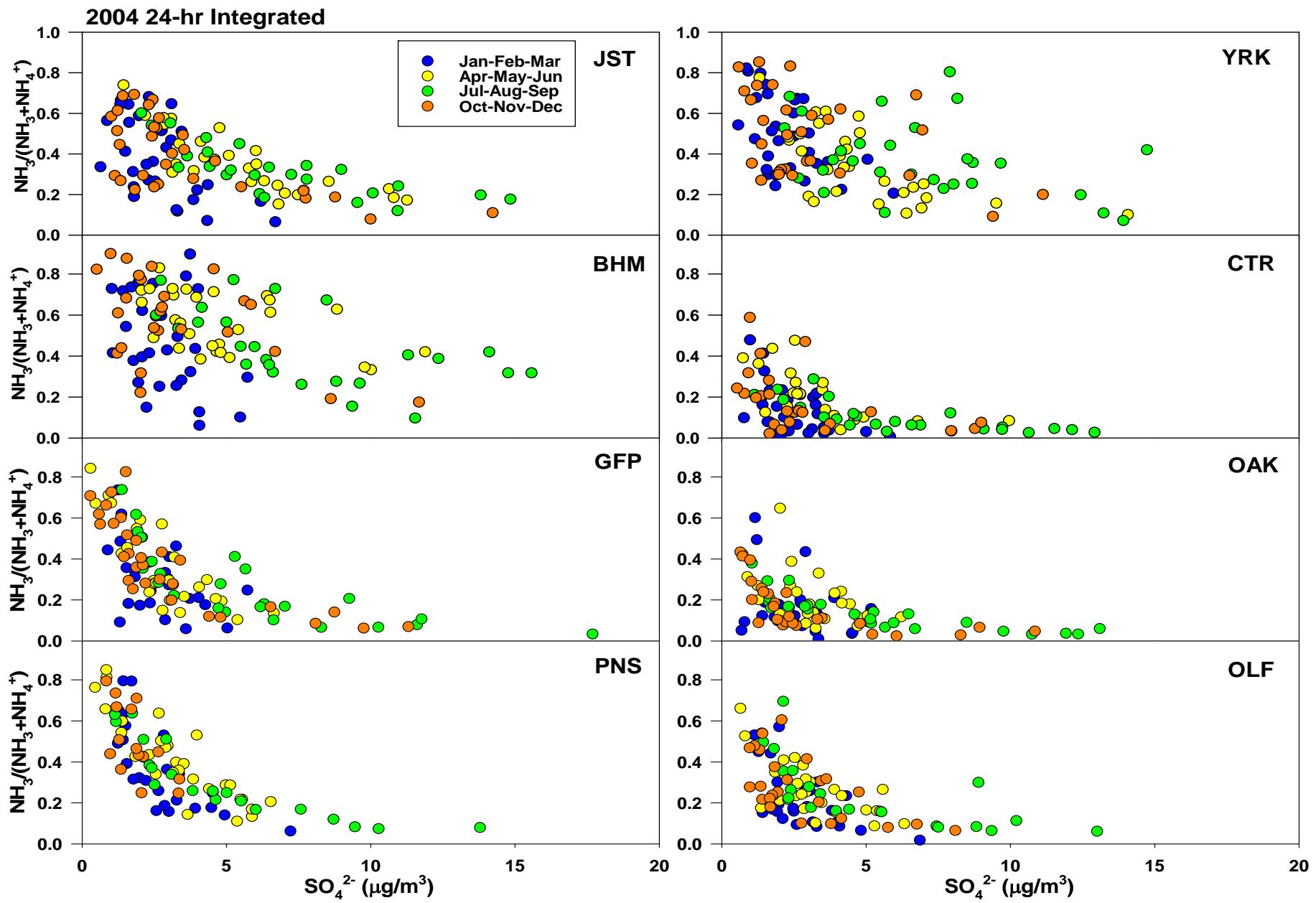


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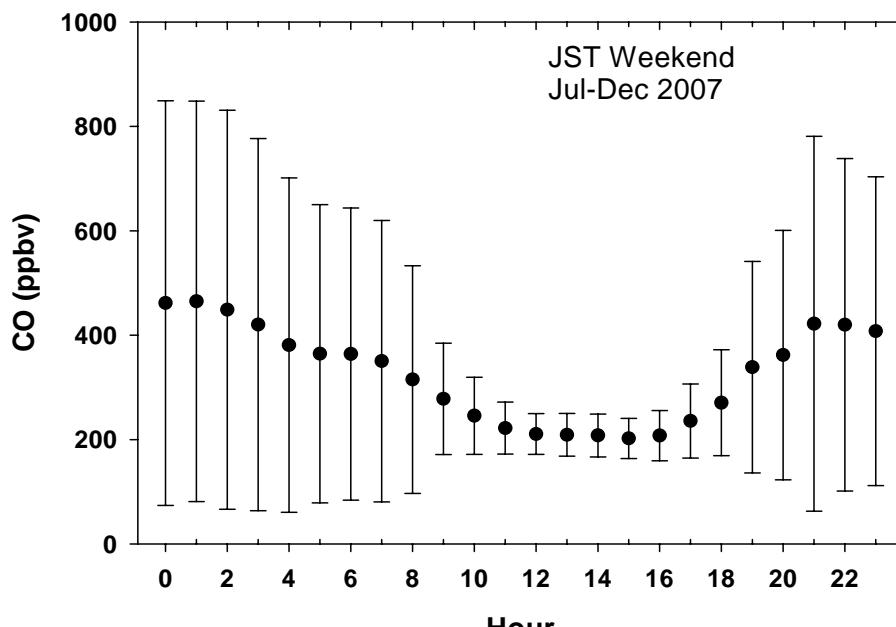
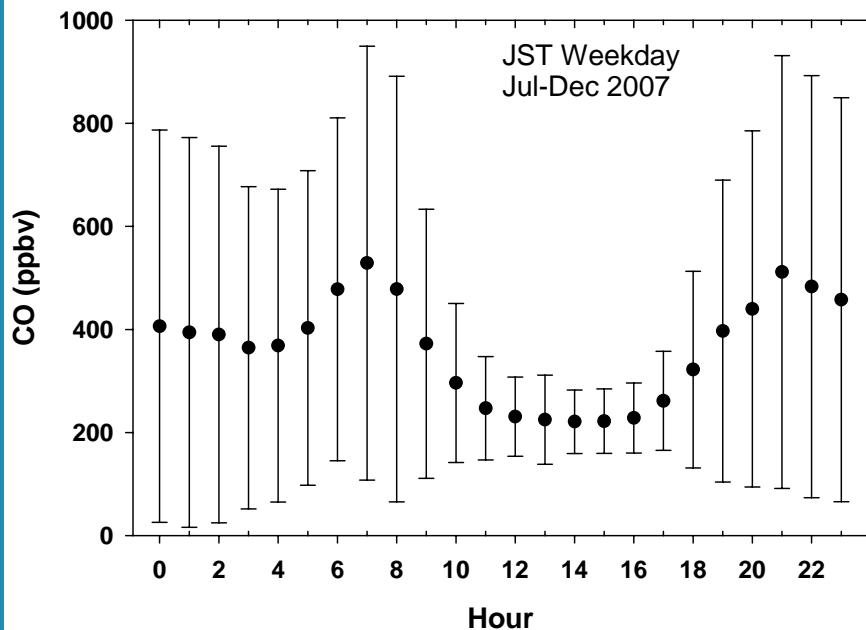
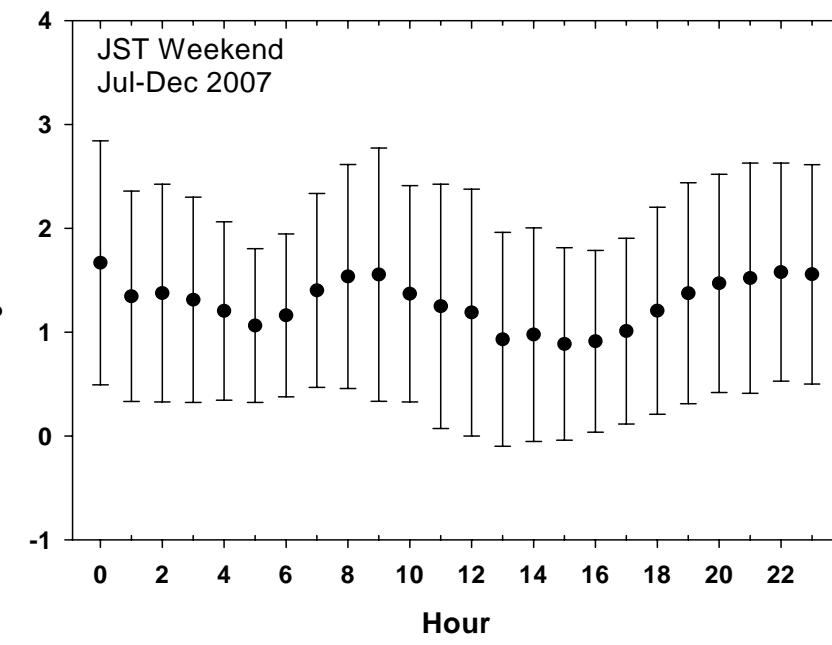
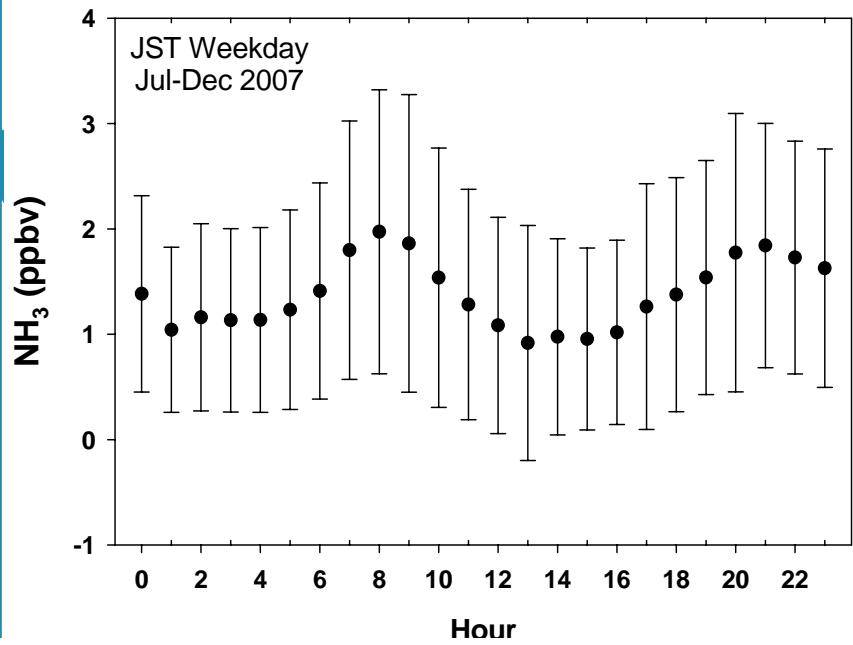


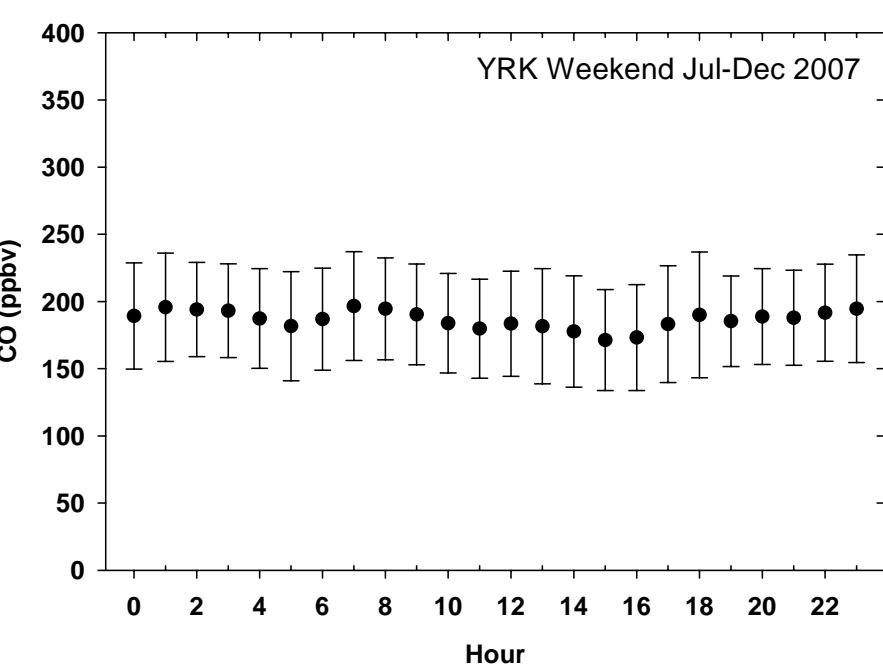
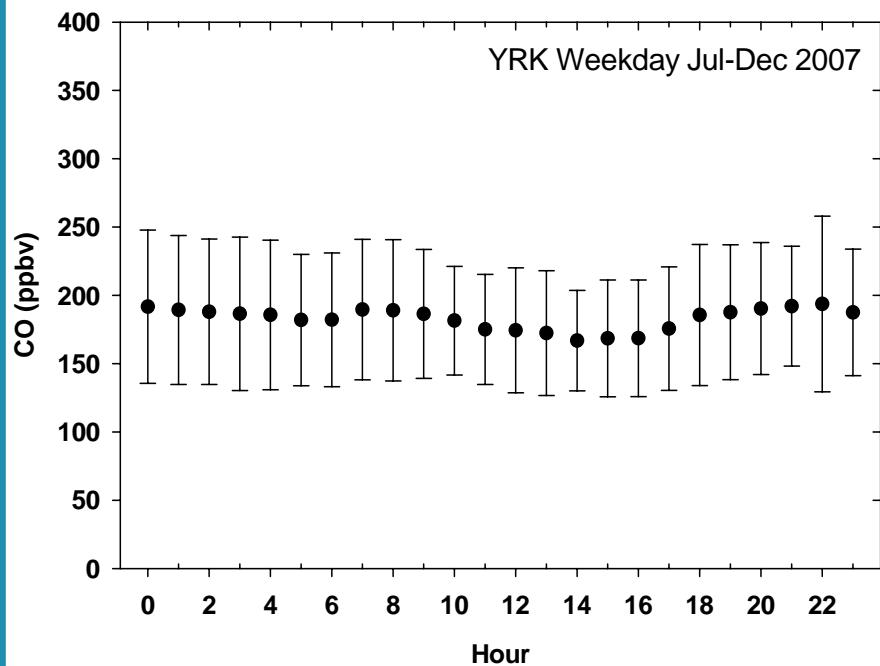
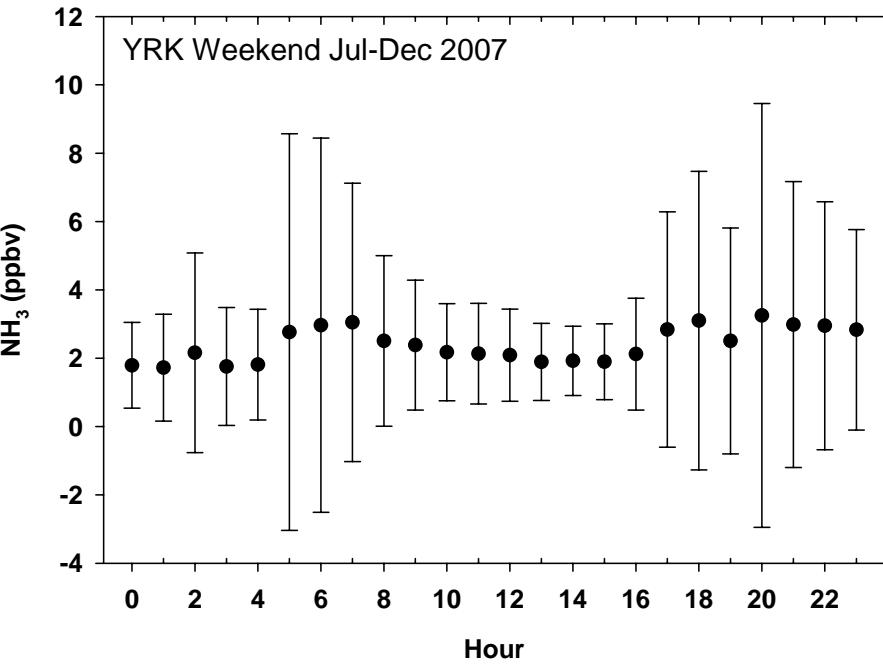
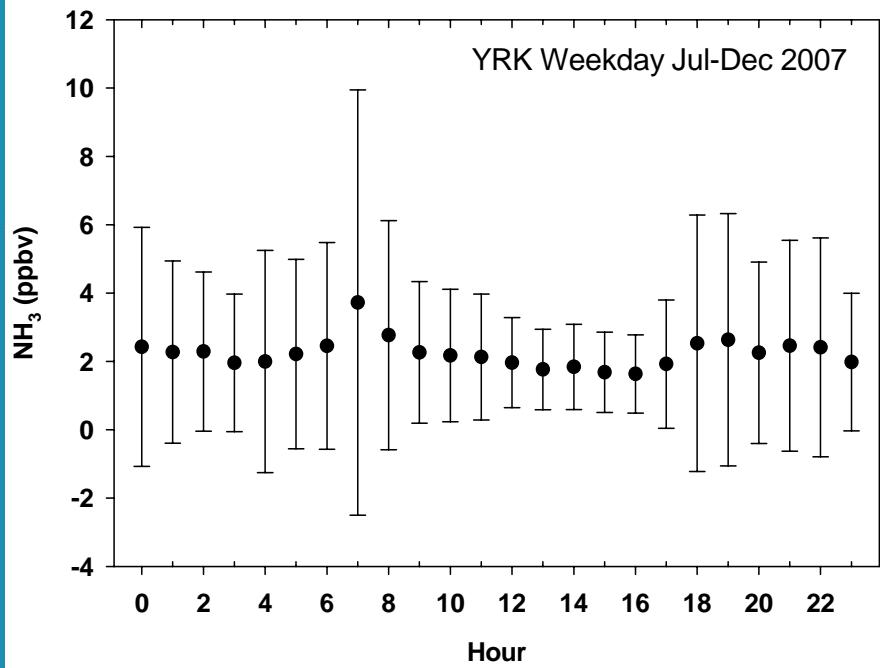


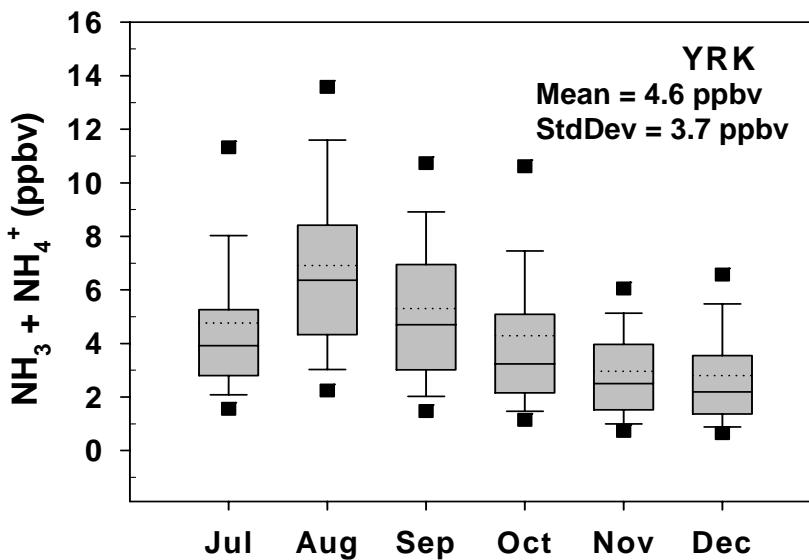
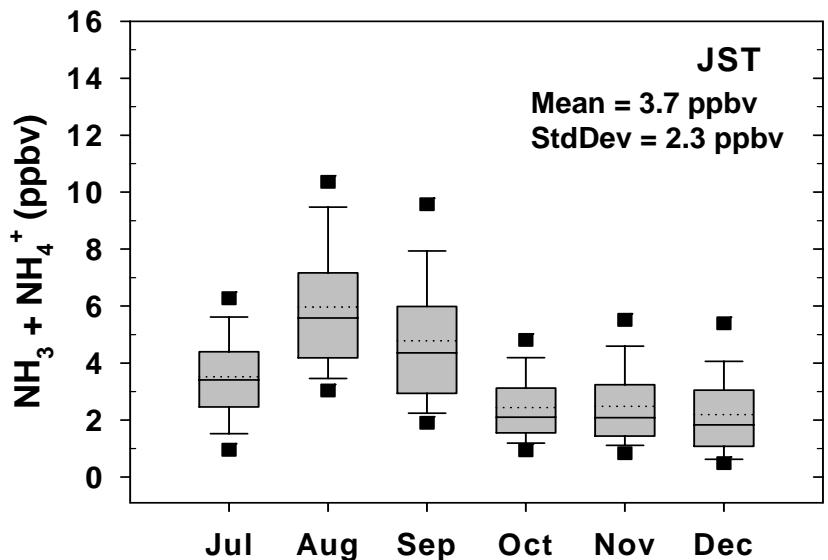
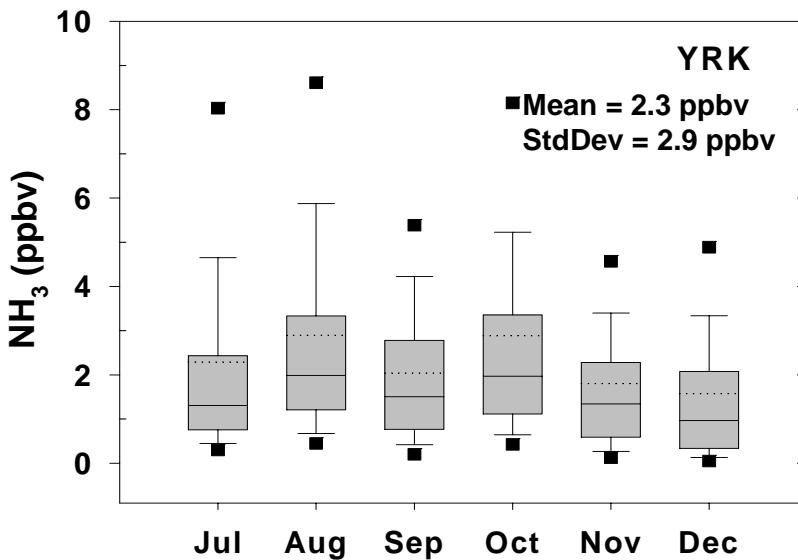
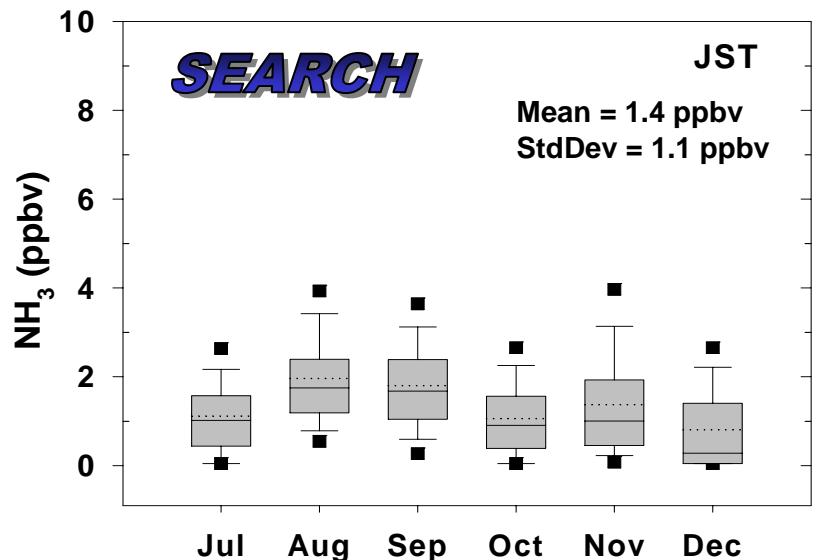
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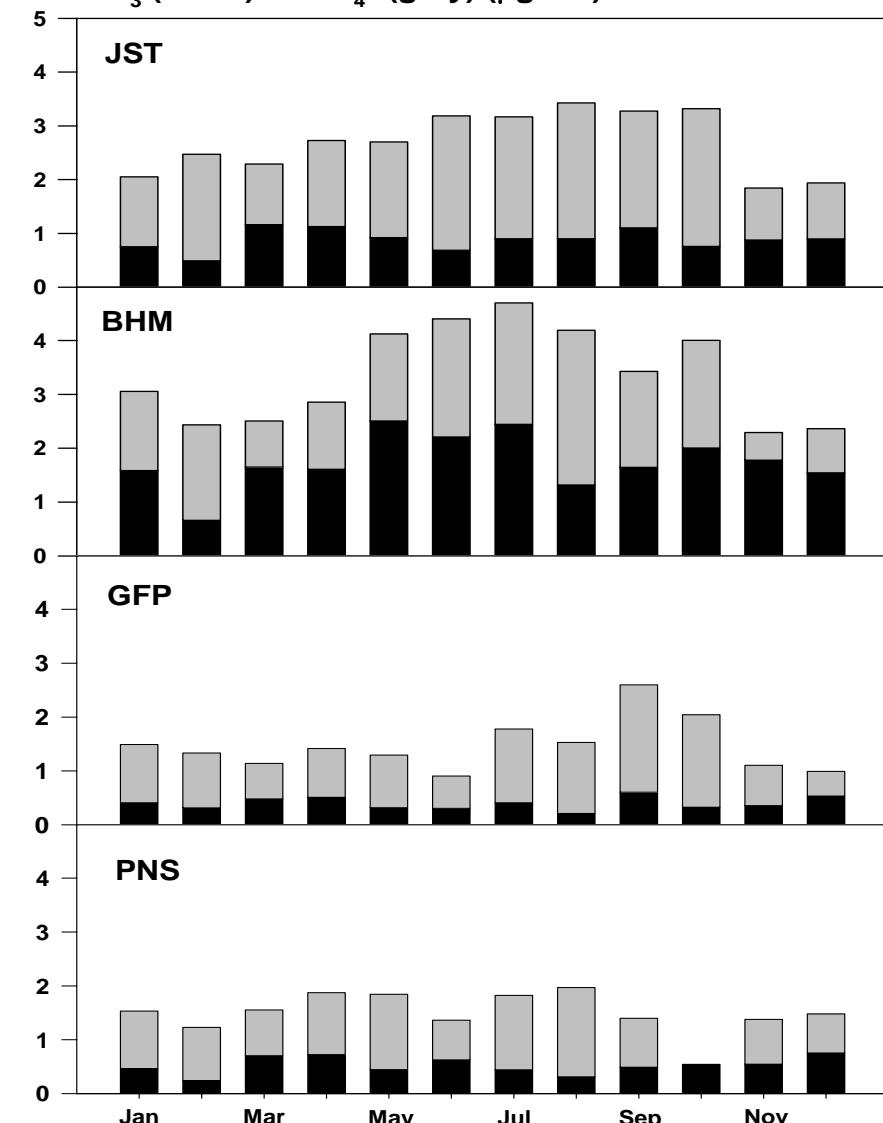
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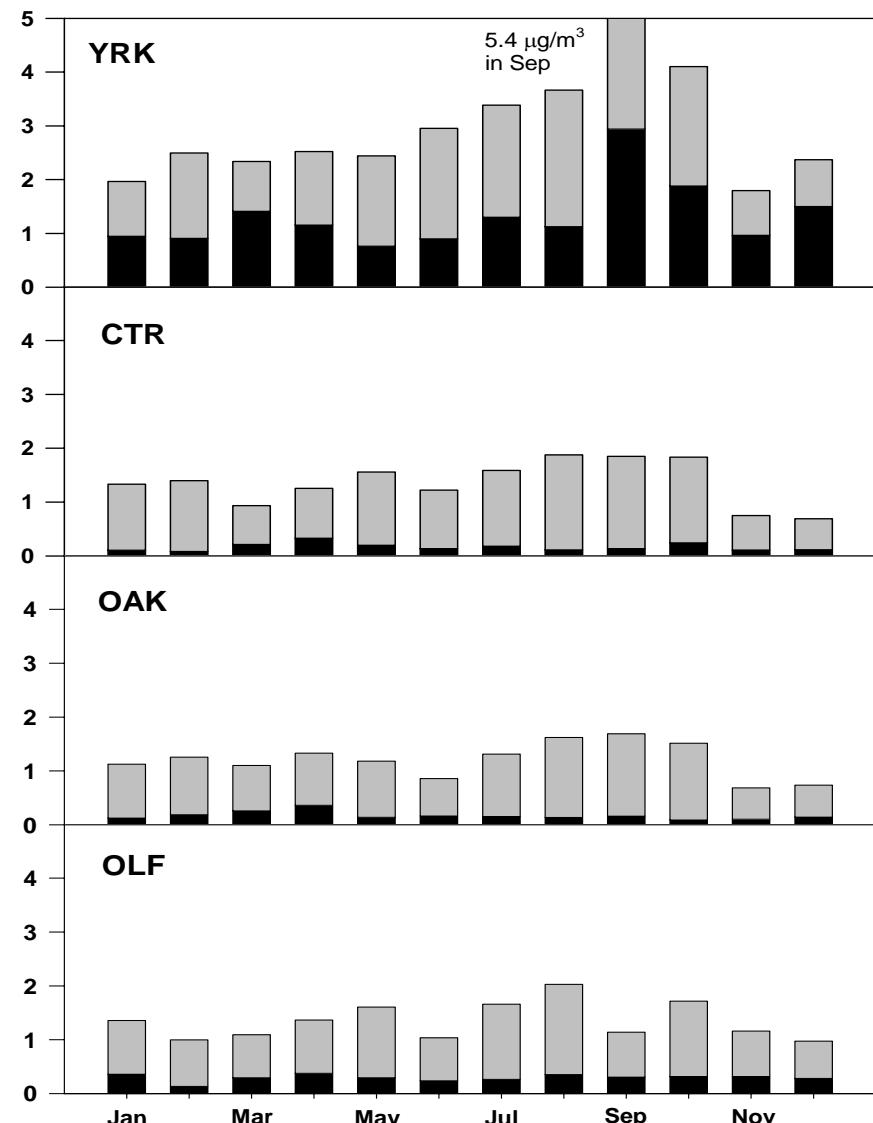




NH₃ (black) or NH₄⁺ (gray) ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



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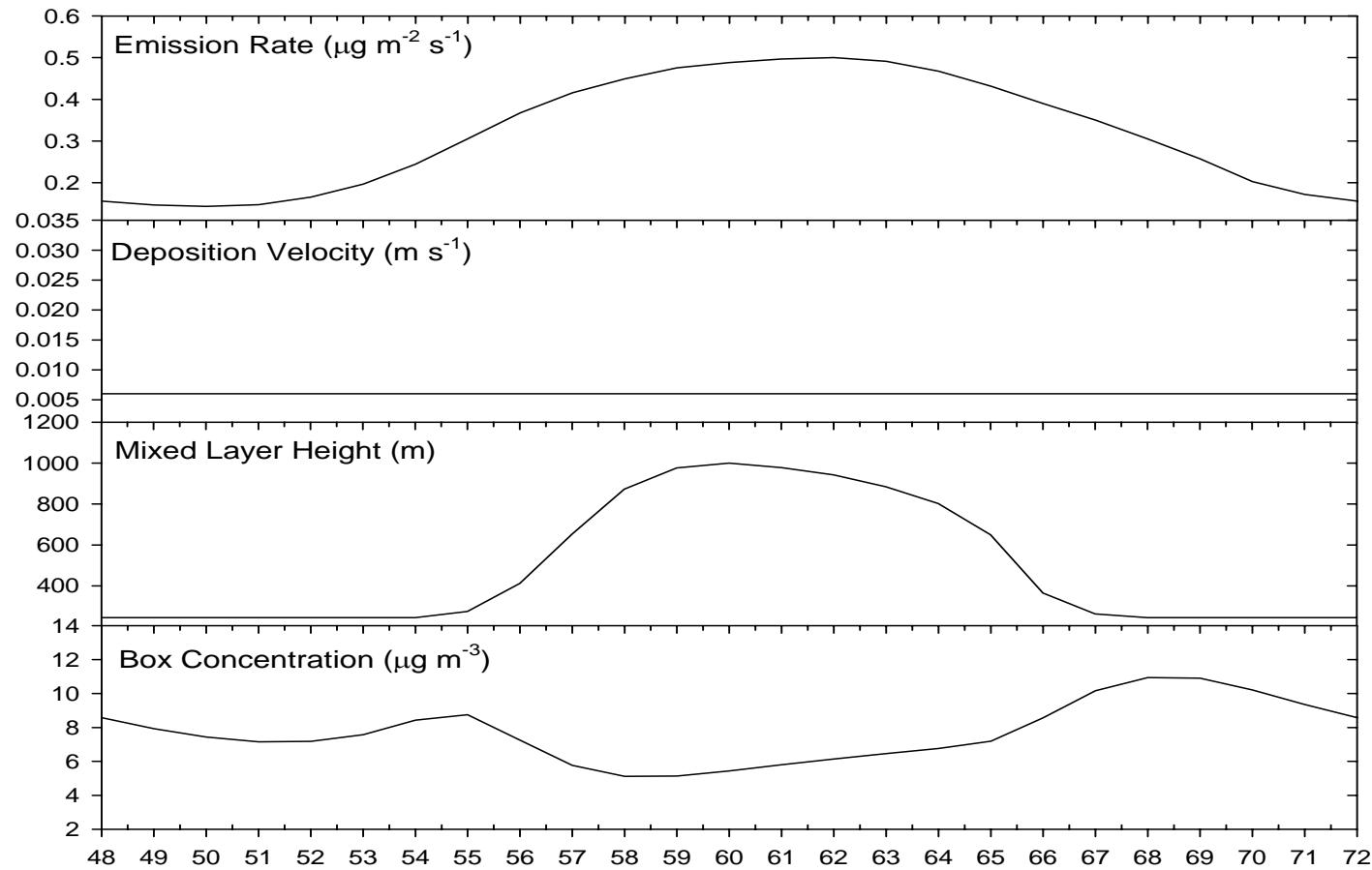


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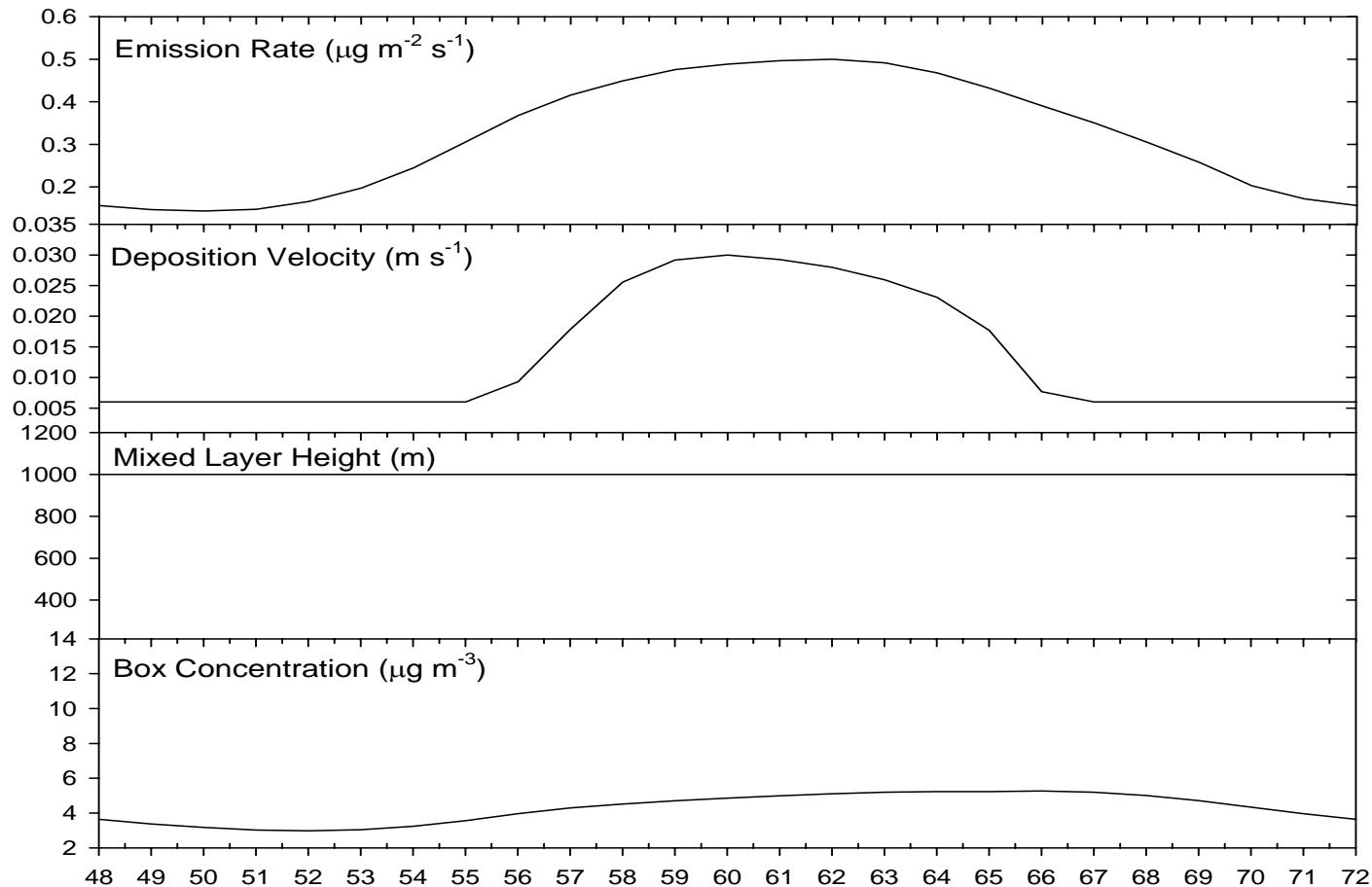
Constant V_d



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