# An Urban Sub-Network of NADP Monitoring Stations Chapter 2: Annual Update

## The Influence of Spatiotemporal Heterogeneity



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# WHY??

# Roads as nitrogen deposition hot spots

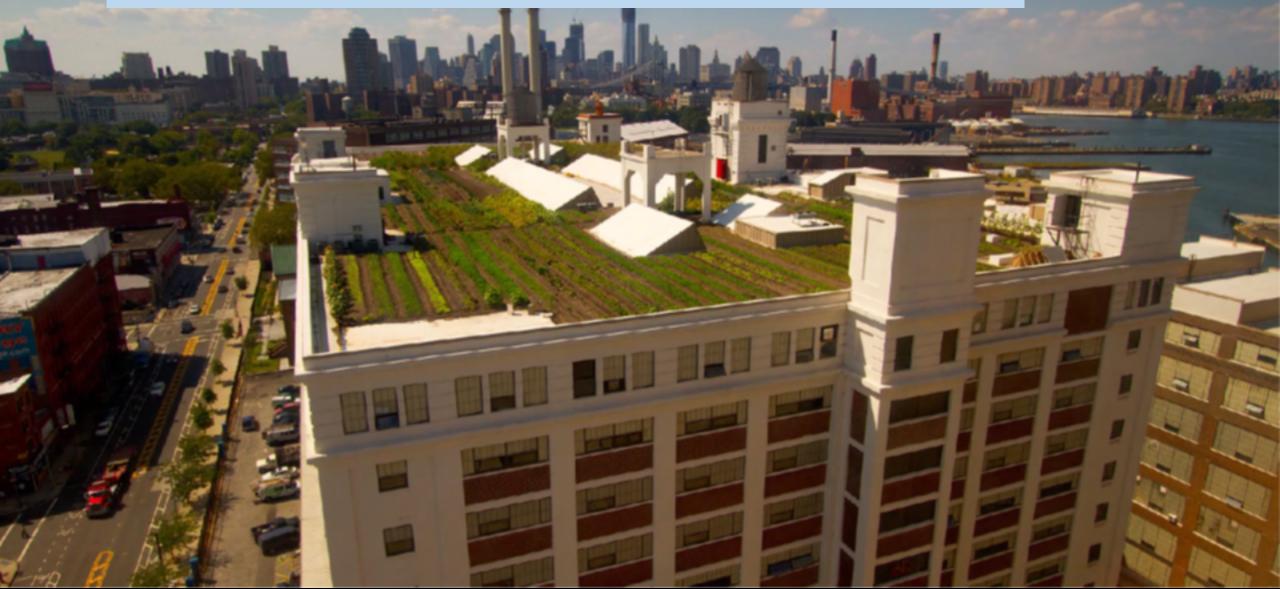
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Abstract. Mobile sources are the single largest source of nitrogen emissions to the atmosphere in the US. It is likely that a portion of mobile-source emissions are deposited adjacent to roads and thus not measured by traditional monitoring networks, which were designed to measure long-term and regional trends in deposition well away from emission sources.

Understanding the impact of mobile source emissions is especially important in urbanized and suburban areas like the northeastern US where vehicles account for over 50 % of total NOx emissions (Butler et al. 2005).

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# The Grange at the Brooklyn Navy Yard: An on-farm test case



### Peaking power plant

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# The Grange

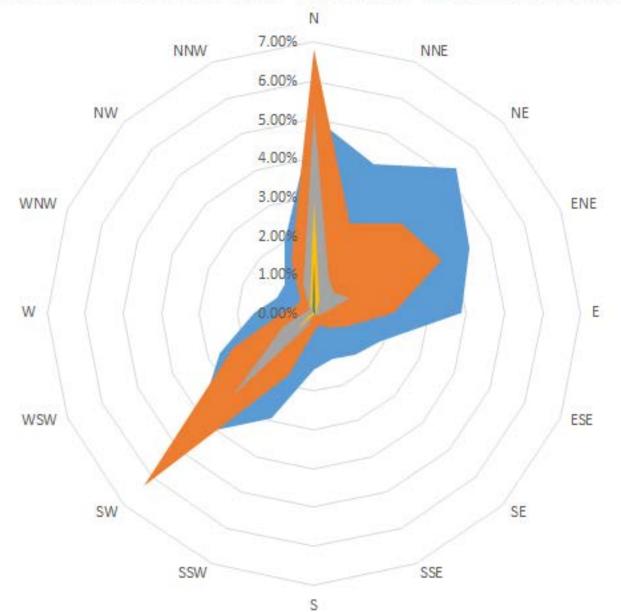
# **Queens Midtown Expressway**

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#### Annual prevailing wind is from the N and SW

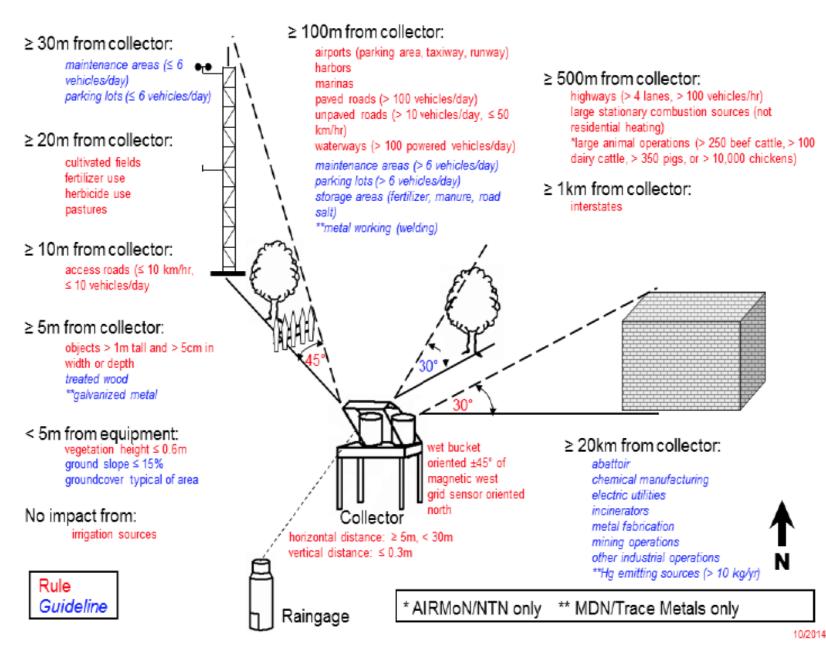
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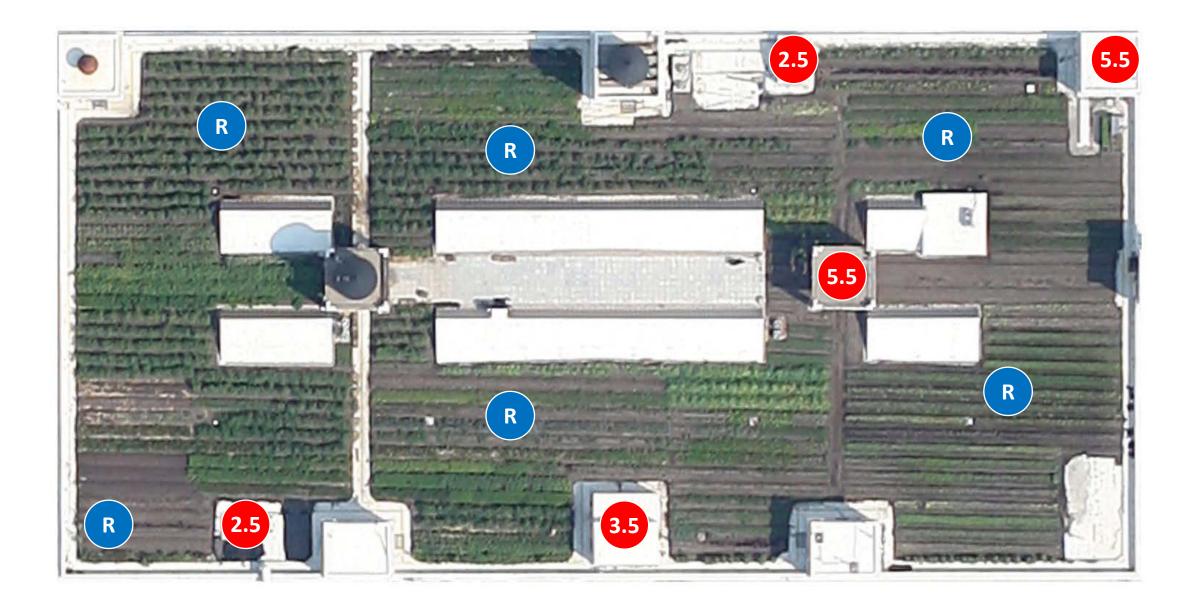


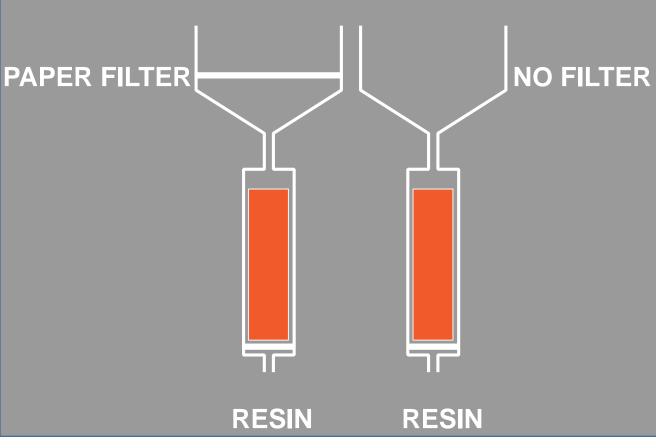
# How do we meet these criteria?

#### NADP Siting Criteria – Wet Deposition



# **11 Sampler Locations**



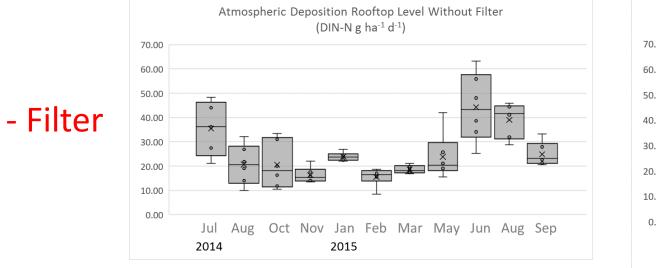


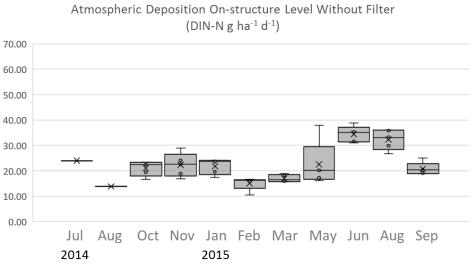


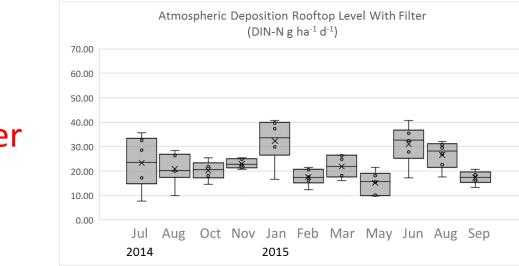
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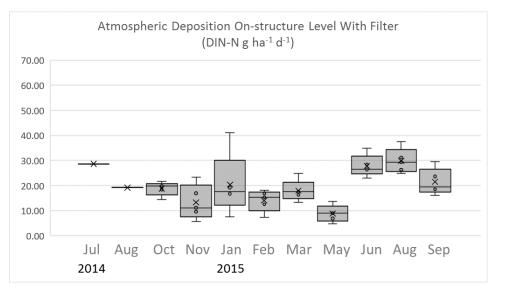
#### Roof

#### Elevated







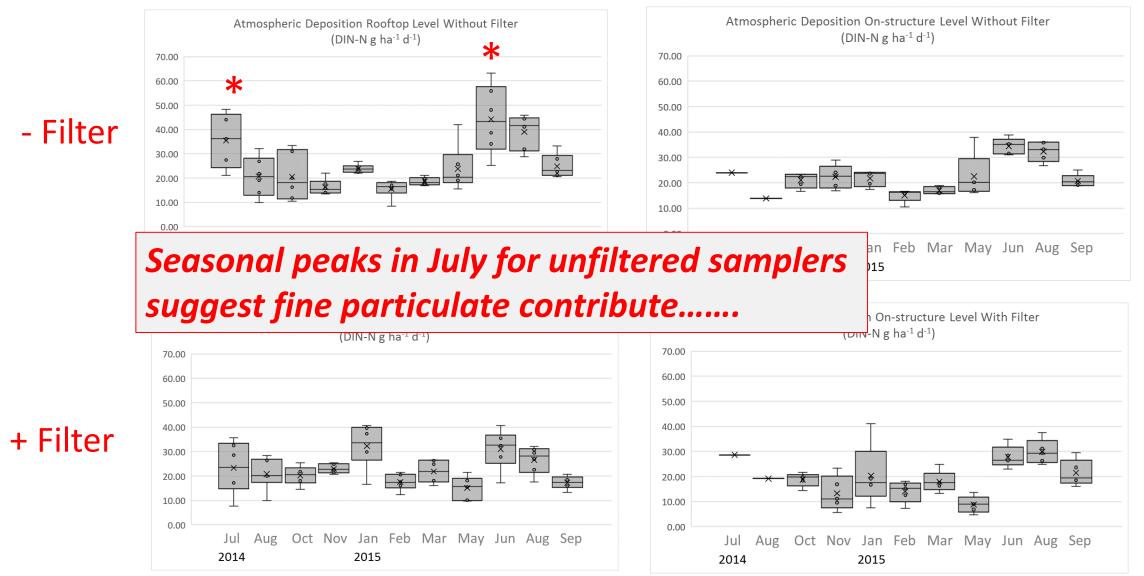


#### + Filter

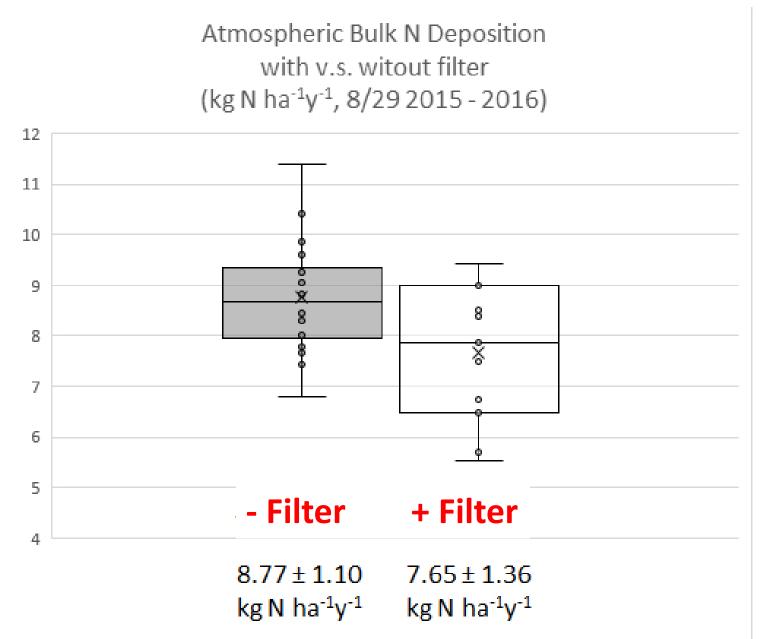
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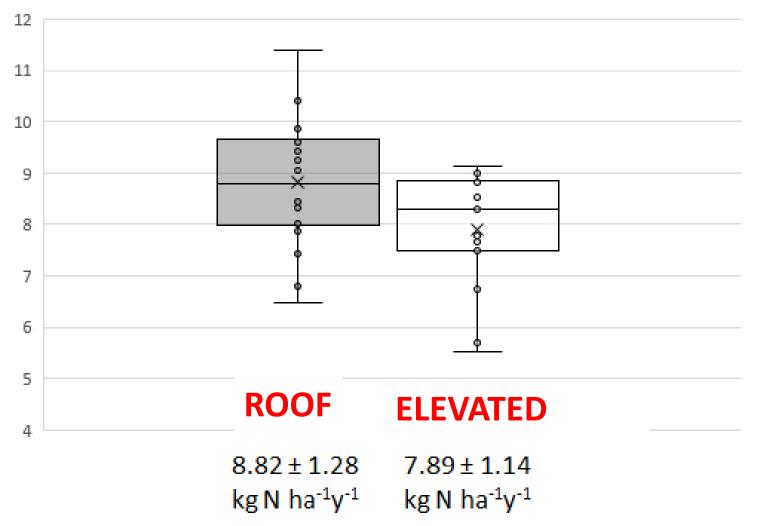


## **Total Annual N Deposition: Filter Effects**



### **Total Annual N Deposition: Elevation Effects**

Atmospheric Bulk N Deposition rooftop v.s. on top of structure (kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>y<sup>-1</sup>, 8/29 2015 - 2016)



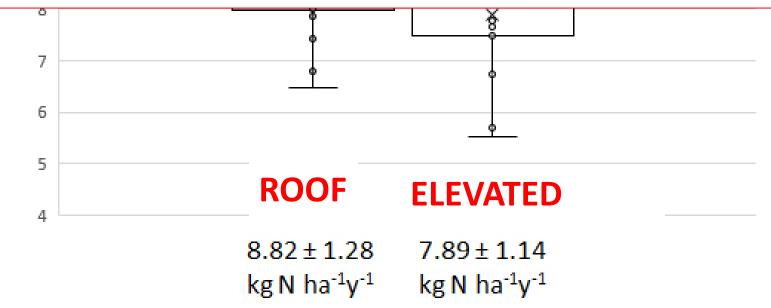
## **Total Annual N Deposition: Elevation Effects**

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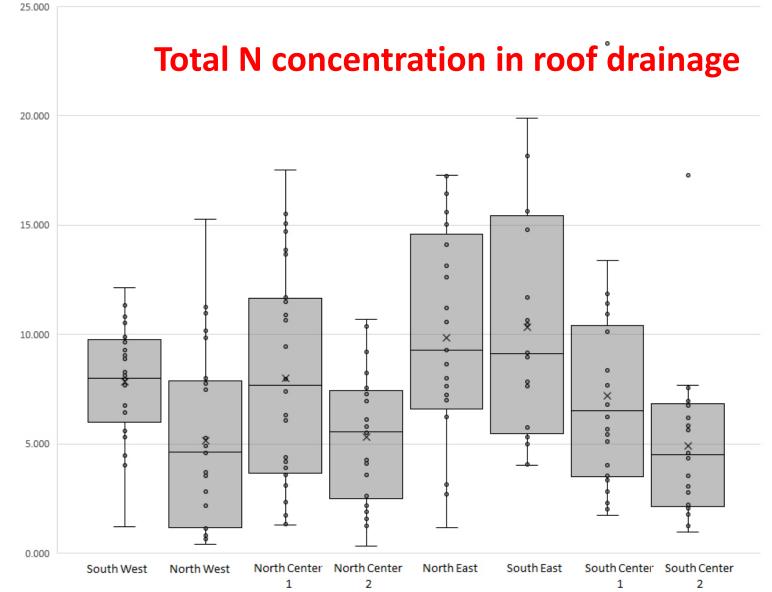
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Atmospheric Bulk N Deposition rooftop v.s. on top of structure (kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>y<sup>-1</sup>, 8/29 2015 - 2016)

......And higher deposition at the roof level suggests that farm maintenance is a contribution factor



In terms of critical loads, the concentrations and total mass of N leaving the farm via storm sewers and then entering surface water is an important variable to consider.

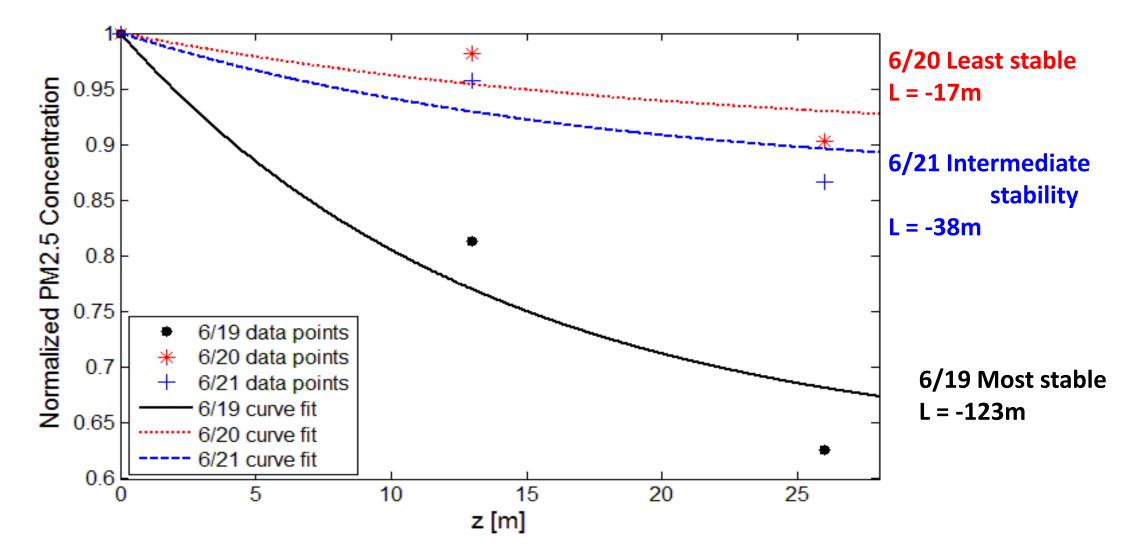


How do rooftop measurements compare with ground level measurements?

# **Height Affects PM2.5**

### **Concentration declines with height**

Stable atmospheric conditions increase rate of decline



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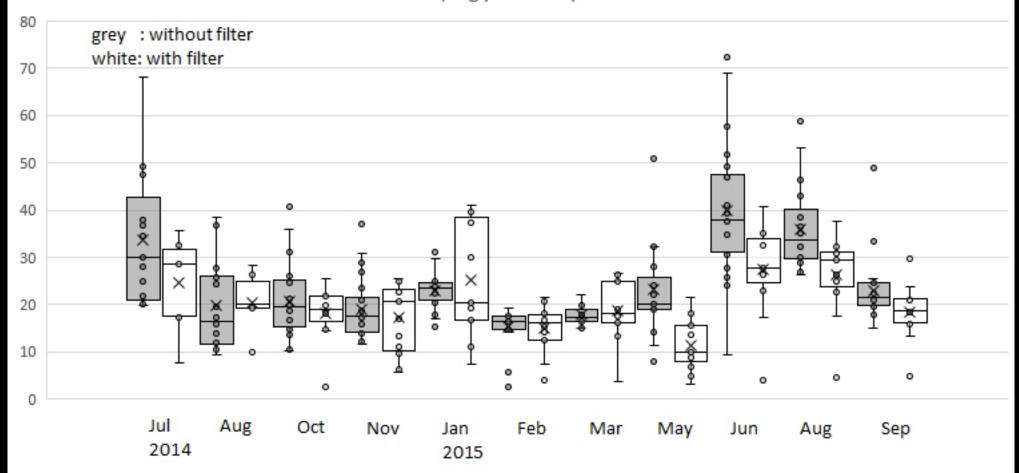
Knowledge of details increases understanding of mechanism and process, which in turn can lead to best management practices



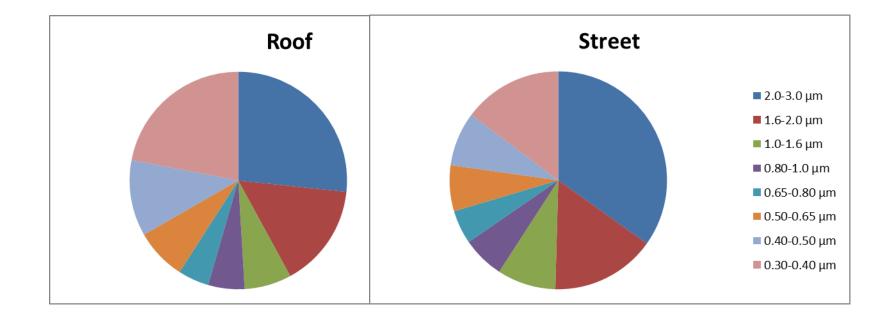
# Which sampler location (roof or elevated)gives the most useful estimate of N deposition?

Can the difference between samplers with filters and samplers without filters be used as an estimate of dry deposition?

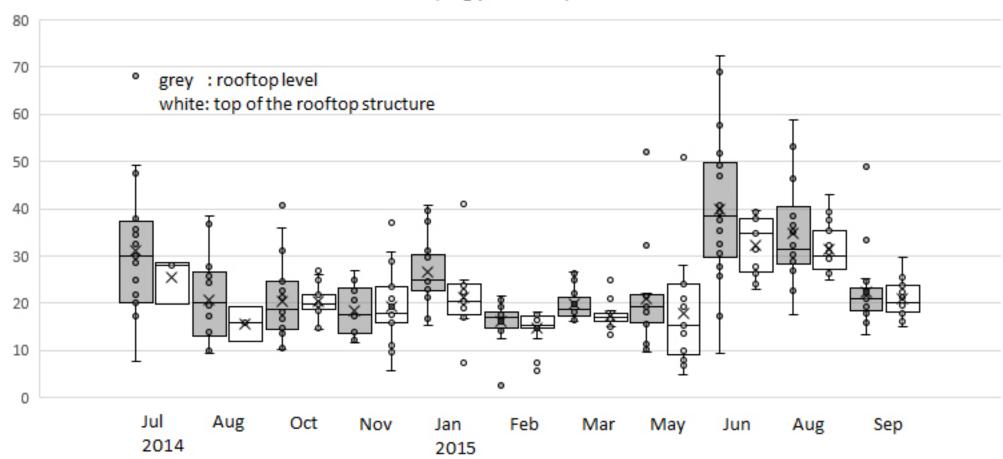
# Atmospheric Bulk Deposition with v.s. without filter (N g / ha<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

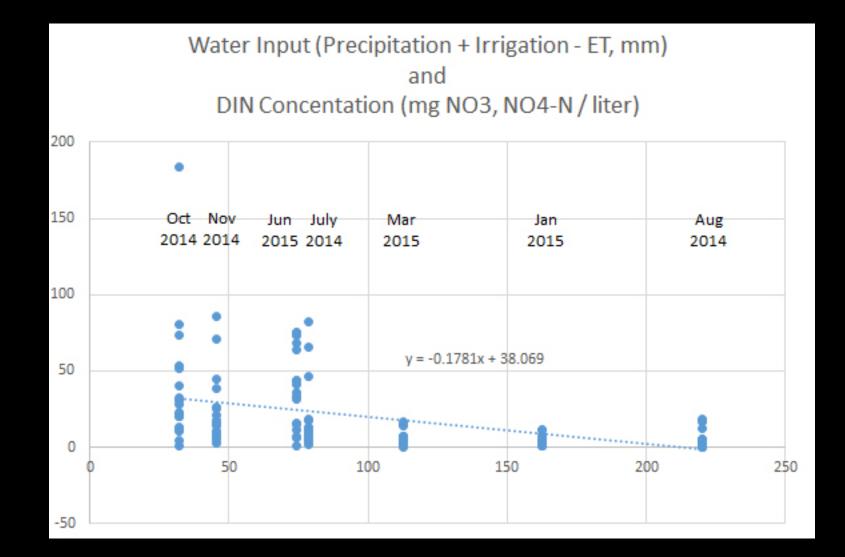


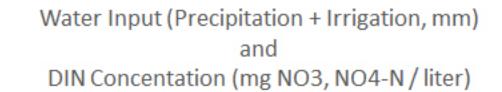
# Proportion of each particle size class

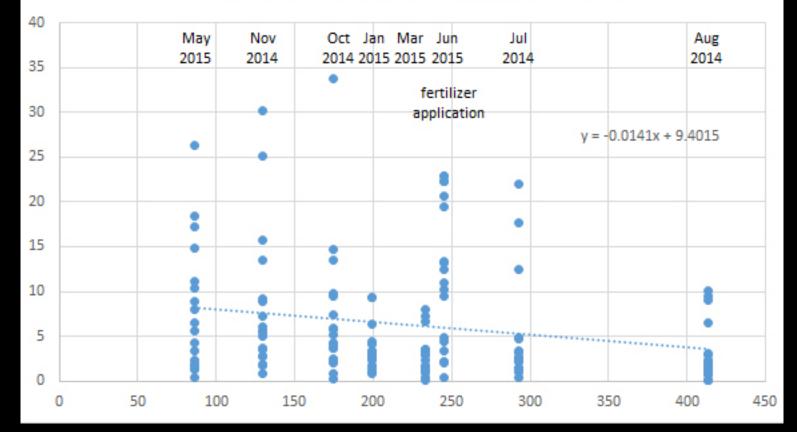


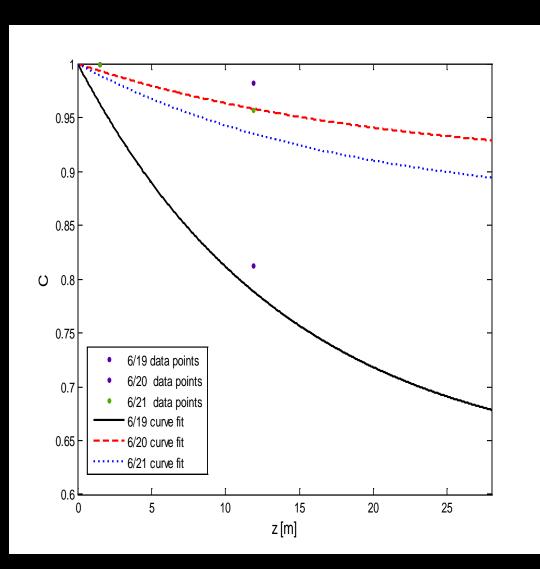
#### Atmospheric Bulk Deposition rooftop v.s. structure (N g / ha<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)





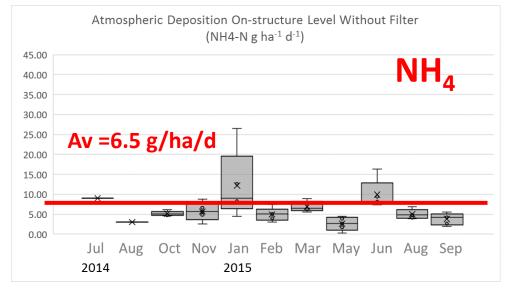


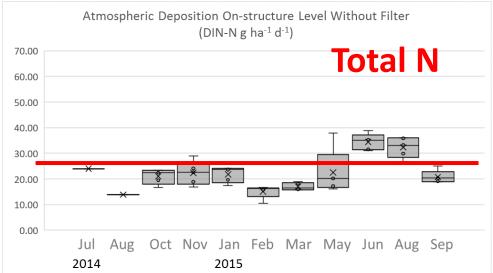




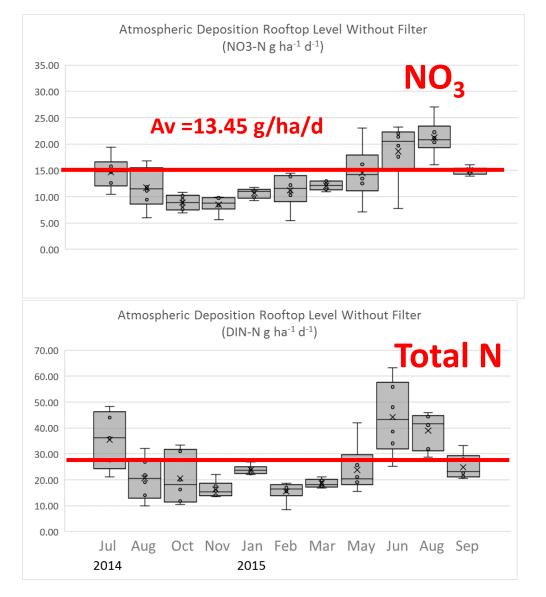
#### Roof > Elevated, $NO_3 > NH_4$

#### **Elevated**



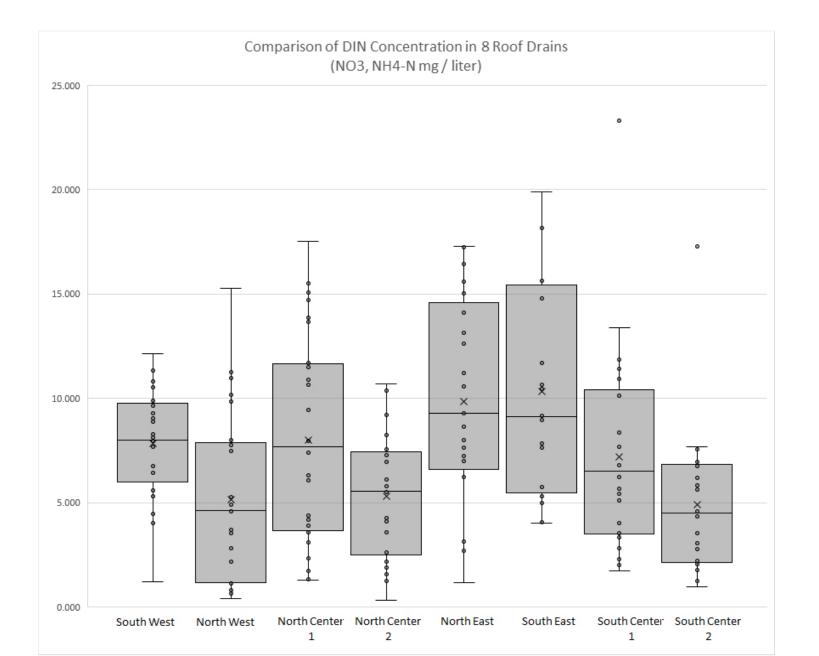


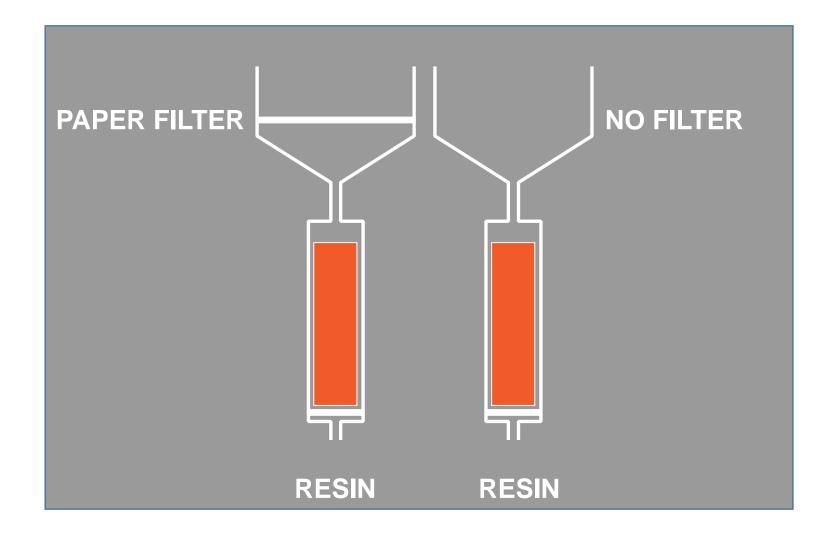
#### Roof



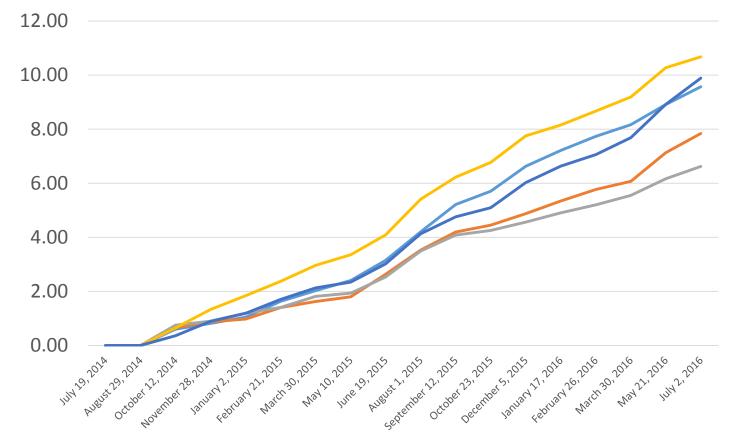


# Spatial Hotspots: Roof Drains

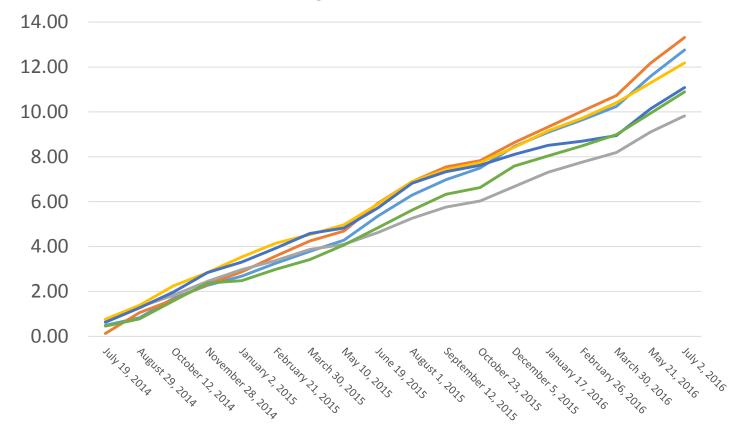




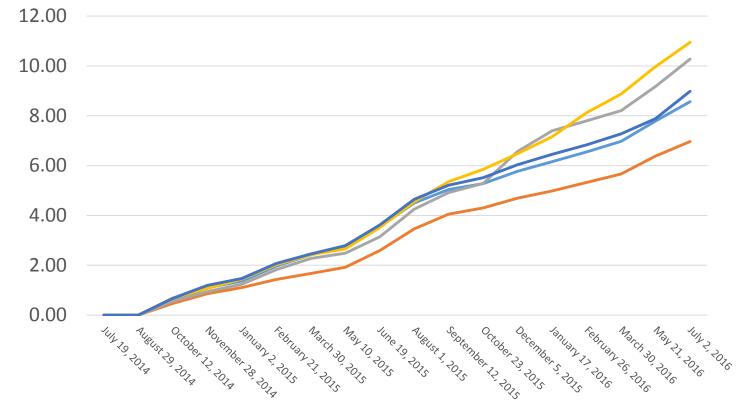
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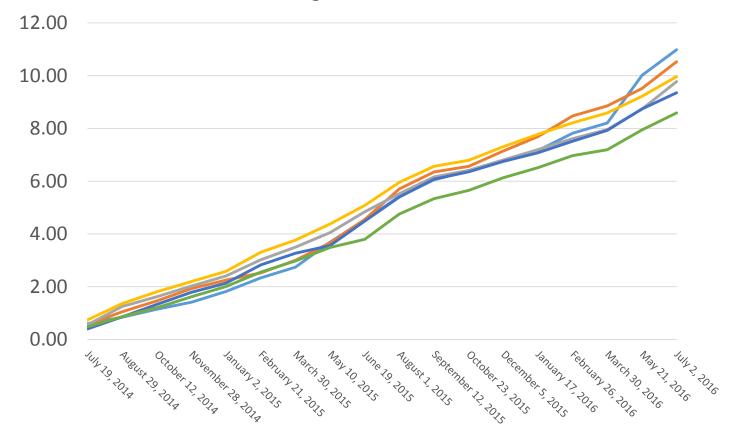
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# SOIL RESIN BAG



# Creating a Sub-Network of NADP Monitoring Stations in Urban Centers: Test Cases in NYC and Boston

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