

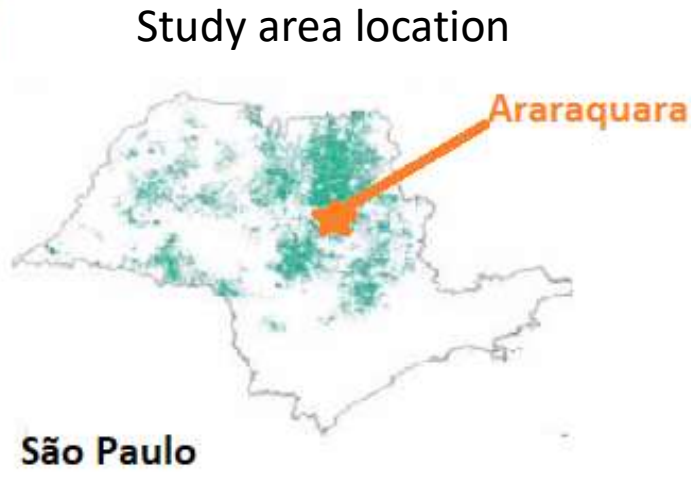


# **Impact on atmospheric chemistry during Biofuel Ethanol Production: past, current trends and future perspectives**

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# Impact on atmospheric chemistry during Biofuel Ethanol Production



2018 population 235,000

Planted area 56,000 Km<sup>2</sup> = 10% territory of France



Predominant economic activity: sugar cane



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# Sugar cane harvest

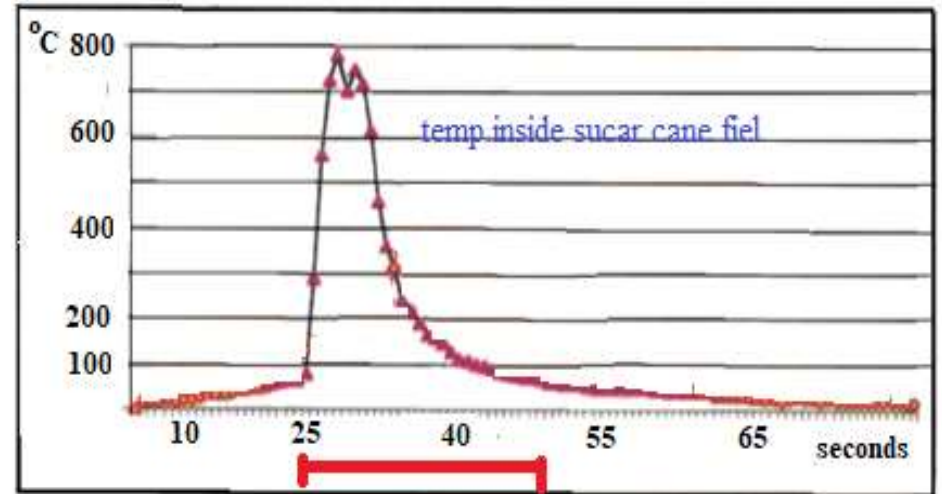
- ✓ The sugar cane harvest occurs during the dry season ( May to November)
- ✓ The manual harvesting is a common practice with prior burning of the crop.



The burning is allowed only after sunset when the winds are less intense.



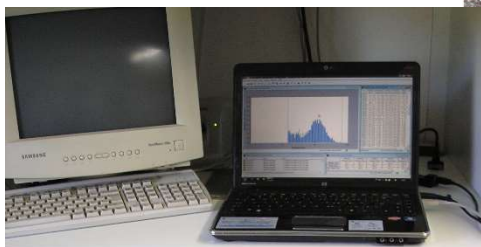
The burning practice results in emissions to the atmosphere of large quantities of gases and particles



~20 sec

The burning of sugarcane straw is fast

The sampling site  
on the campus of  
São Paulo State  
University  
situated ~1 km  
west of the urban  
limit of  
Araraquara city



UNESP campus, Araraquara ★

# Running towards the fire!



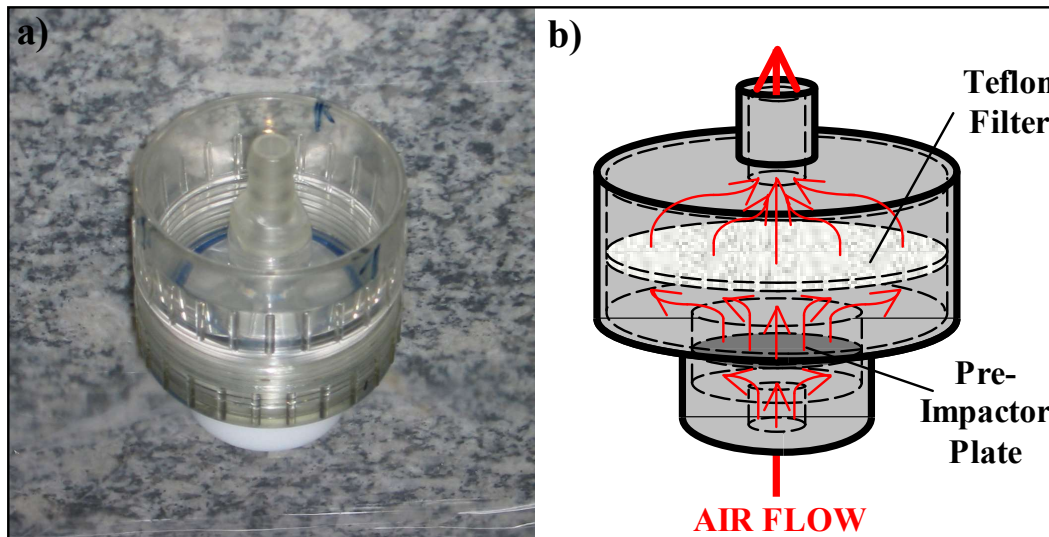
Sugar cane burning plume samples were collected in a rural area 15 km distant from Araraquara

# Aerosol Sampling Techniques - Impactor

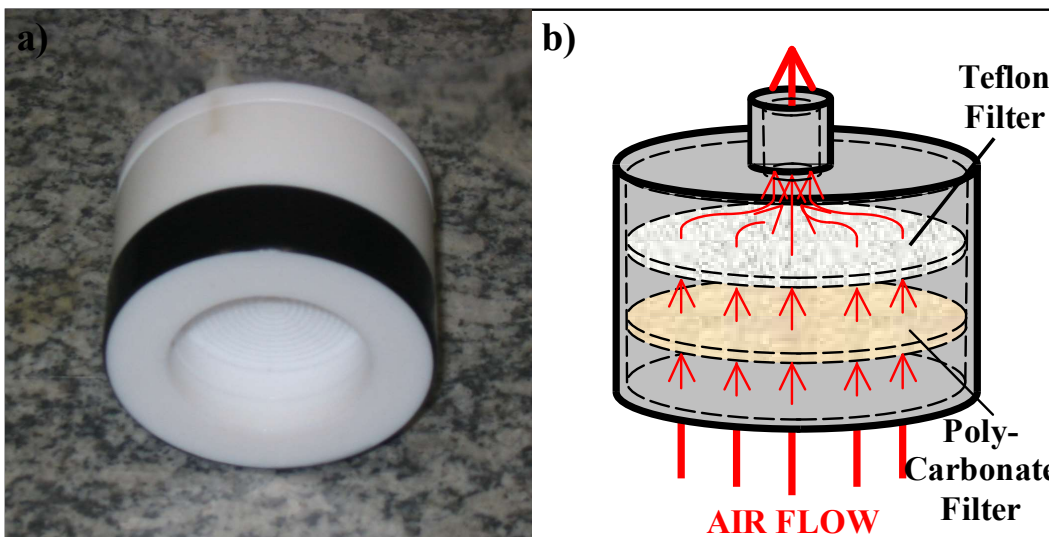


<i>MOUDI Stage Number</i>	<i>50 % Cut-off Particle Diameter (<math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</i>
Inlet	18.00
Stage 1	10.00
Stage 2	5.60
Stage 3	3.20
Stage 4	1.80
Stage 5	1.00
Stage 6	0.56
Stage 7	0.32
Stage 8	0.18
Stage 9	0.10
Stage 10	0.06
Backup or Stage 11	0

# Aerosol Sampling Techniques - Filters



- $PM_{10}$
- Steel pre-impactor plate
- 50 % cut-off at flow rate of  $8.5 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- Teflon filter

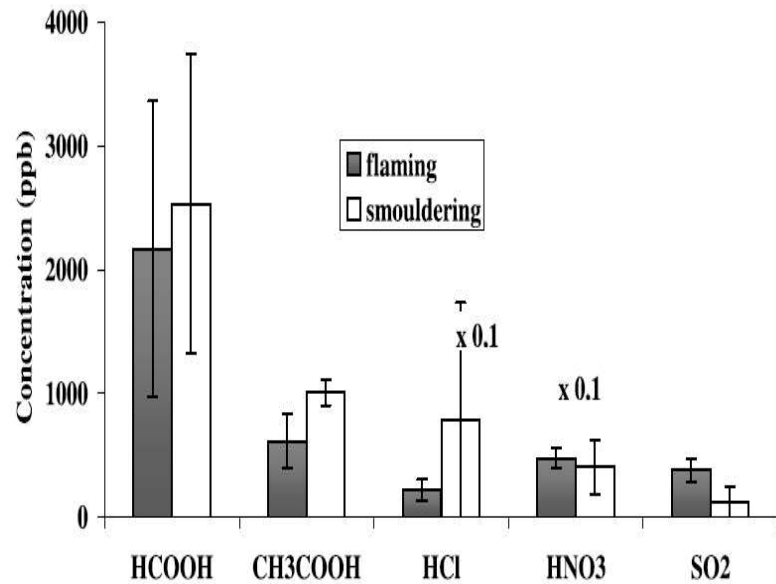


- $PM_{2.5} / PM_{>2.5}$
- Nuclepore pre-filter ( $12 \mu\text{m}$  pore size)
- 50 % cut-off at flow rate of  $30.0 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- Teflon filter



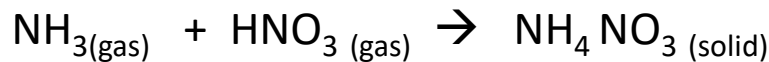
# Sources of atmospheric acidity in an agricultural-industrial region of São Paulo State, Brazil

G. O. da Rocha and A. Franco A. G. Allen A. A. Cardoso



Mean concentrations in primary emissions from sugar cane burning (n = 5 for flaming conditions, n = 4 for smoldering conditions, error bars indicate ± standard error for each datapoint).

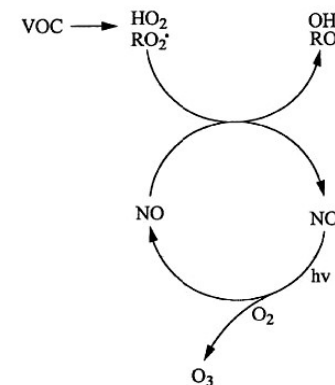
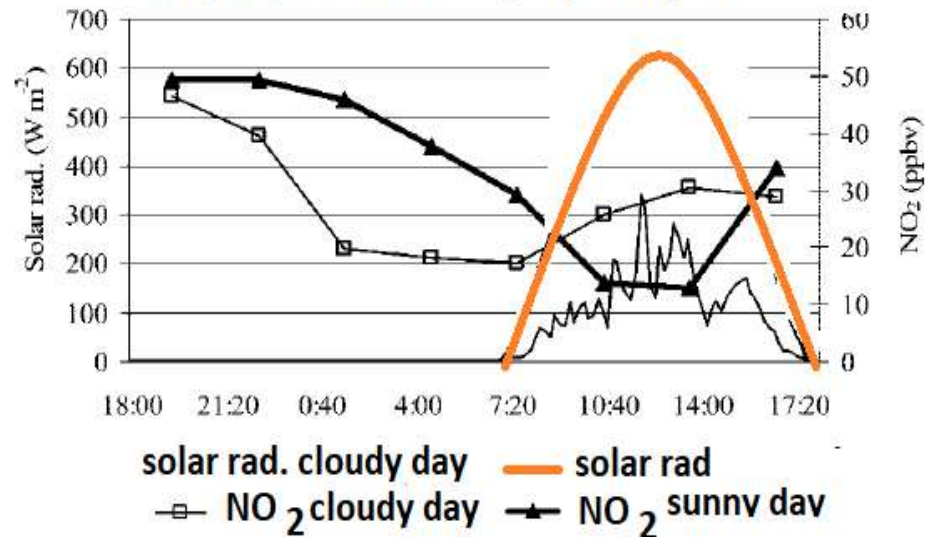
**Fine particles:** formed in the atmosphere



**NO<sub>x</sub> gas is ubiquitous in all types of combustion**

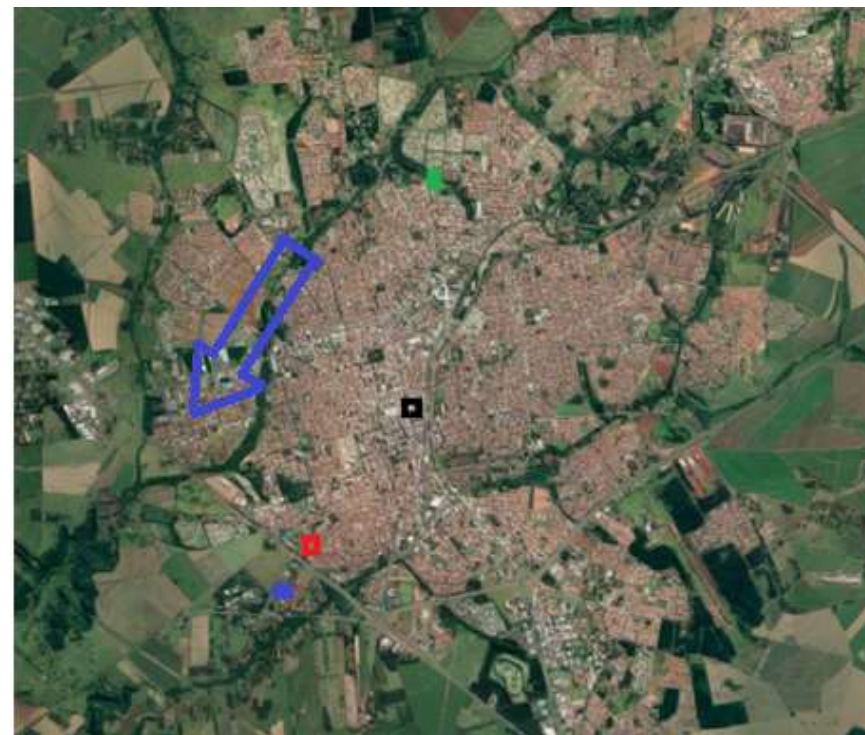
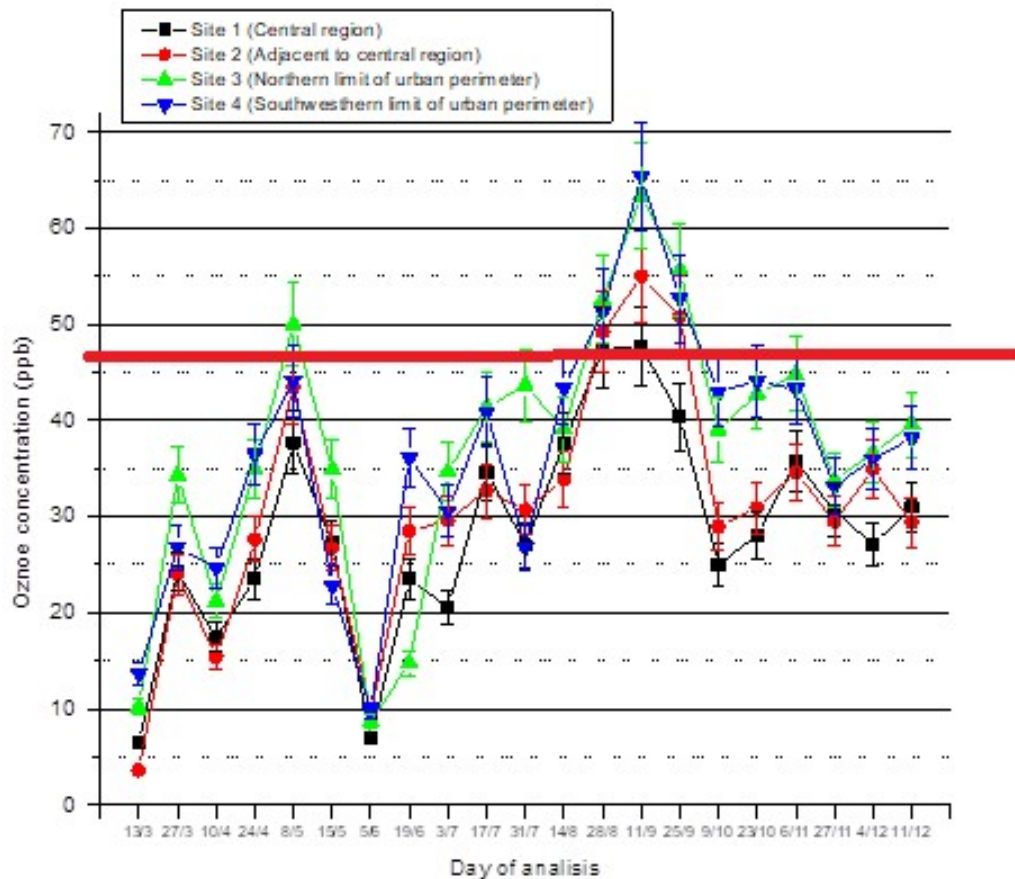
**Oxidation VOC (photocatalyzed NO<sub>2</sub>) → ozone**

NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and solar radiation intensity on a sunny day and on a cloudy day during June 2004.



# Development of a sensitive passive sampler using indigotrisulfonate for the determination of tropospheric ozone

Gabriel Garcia, Andrew George Allen and Arnaldo Alves Cardoso\*  
 DOI: 10.1039/b920254d



Four sampling sites Araraquara (Brazil)

wind direction

Mapping and monitoring of ozone concentrations

Ambient ozone measurements , between  
 March and December 2008

Air Quality Guidelines 2005 (WHO) --- 47 ppb



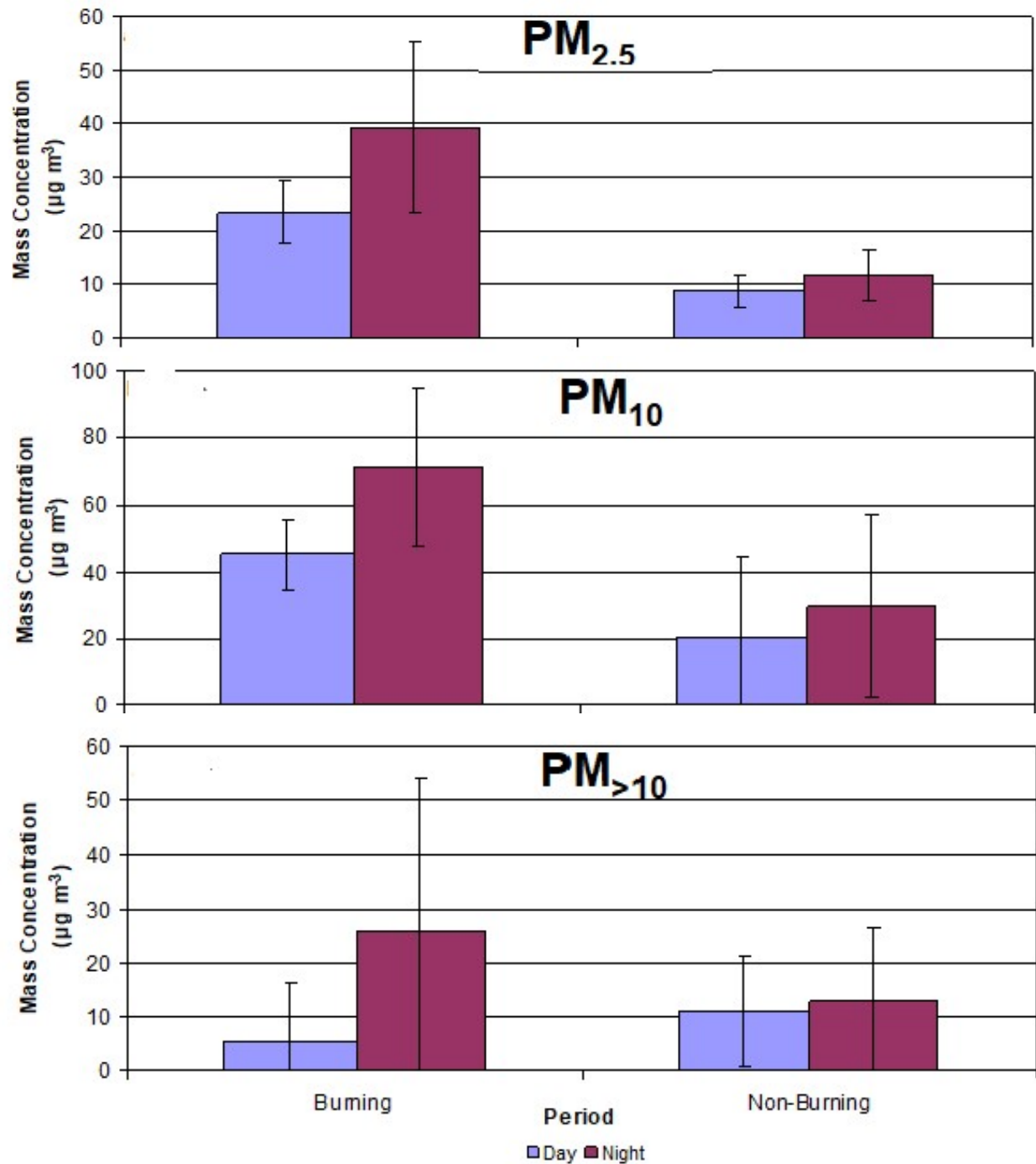
## Influence of Agricultural Biomass Burning on Aerosol Size Distribution and Dry Deposition in Southeastern Brazil

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Diurnal variation of PM mass concentrations during burning and non-burning periods



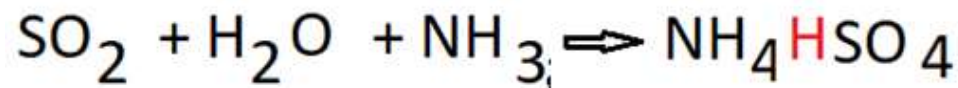
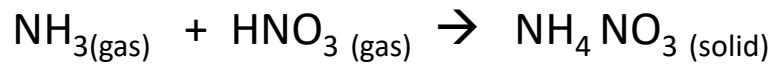
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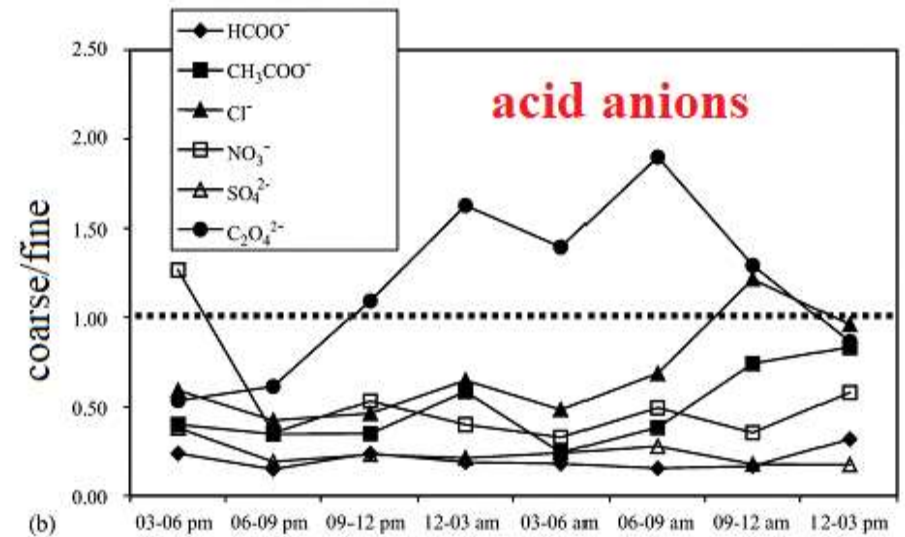
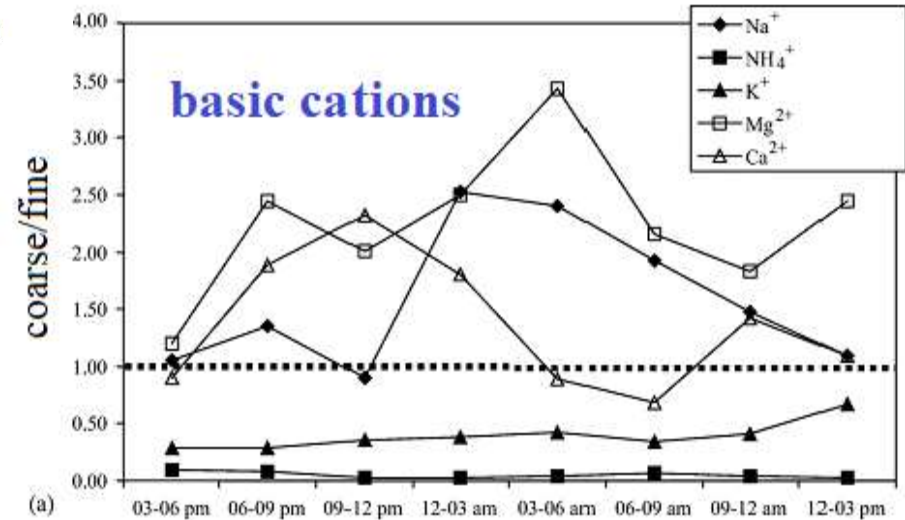


**Coarse particles:** direct emission

**Fine particles:** formed in the atmosphere

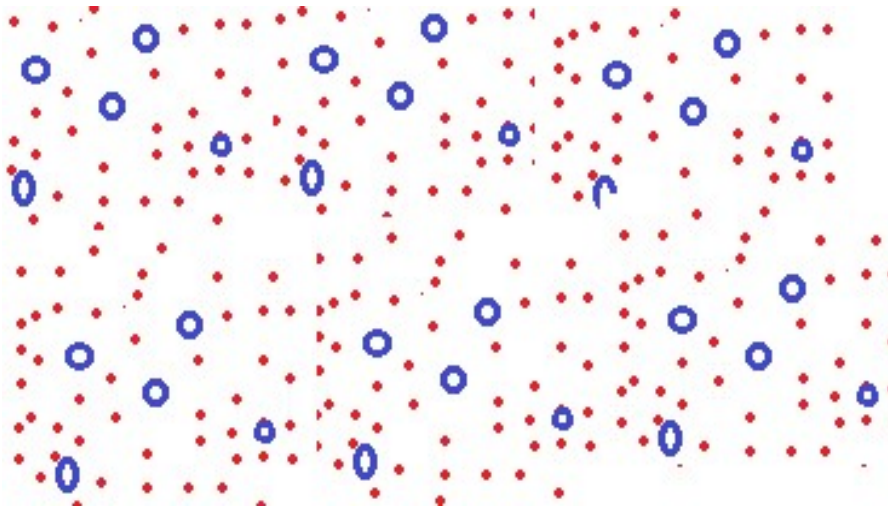


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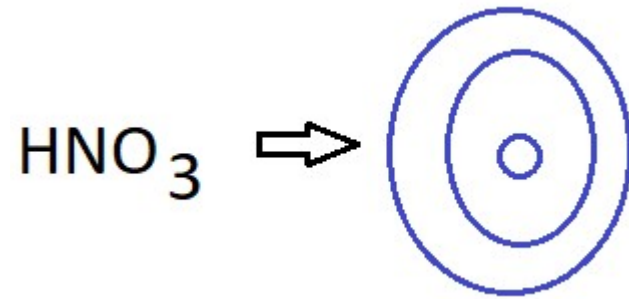


Distribution of acidic and basic species between coarse and fine particles

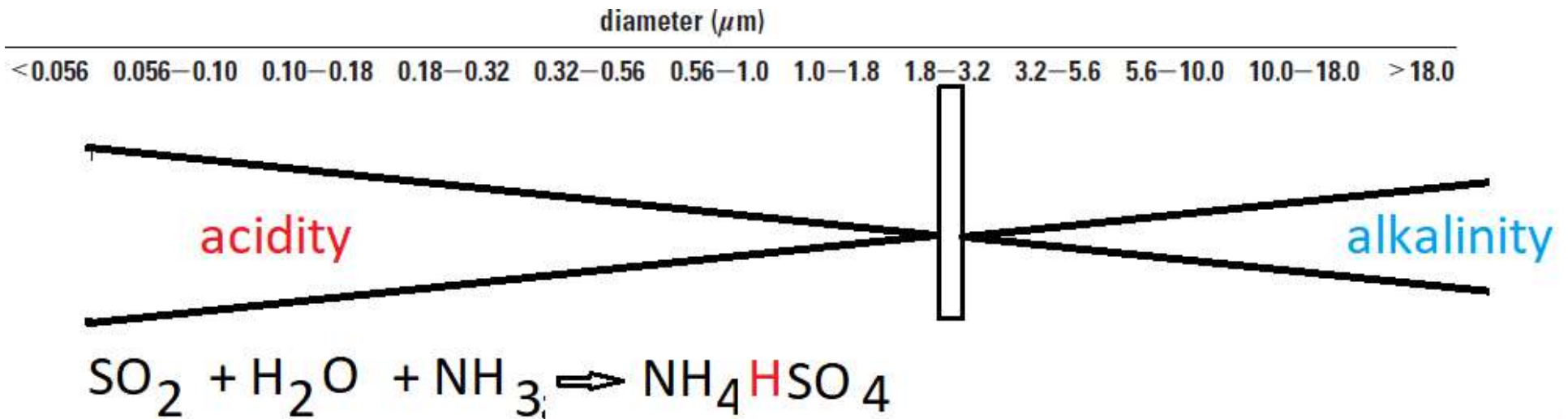
# Atmospheric aerosol chemical characteristic



Aerosol



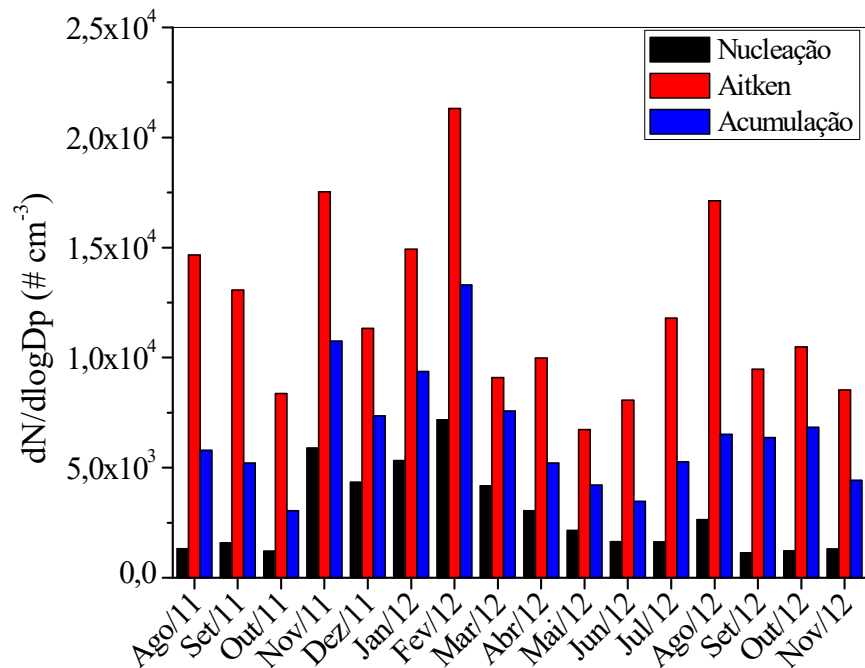
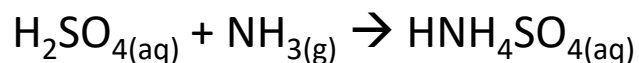
Coarse particles play an important role in control of atmospheric acidity





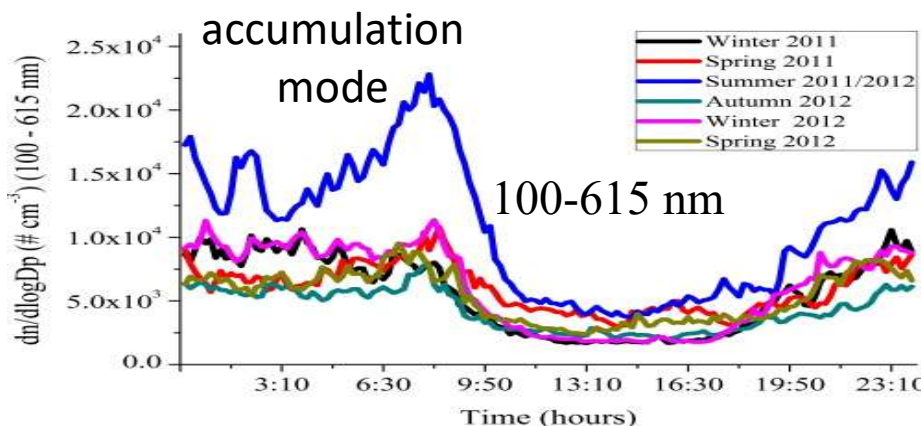
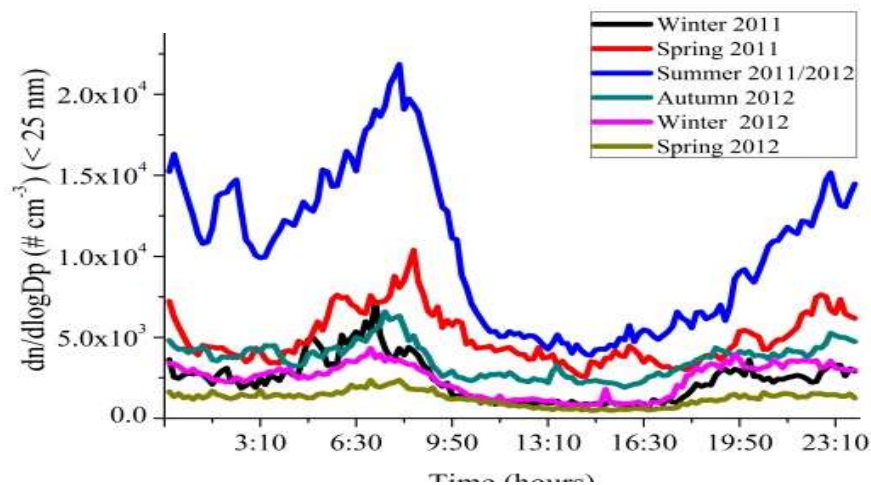
## Understanding aerosol formation mechanisms in a subtropical atmosphere impacted by biomass burning and agroindustry

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Mean aerosol number concentrations in the nucleation, Aitken, and accumulation size ranges period August 2011–November 2012.

nucleation mode  
<25 nm

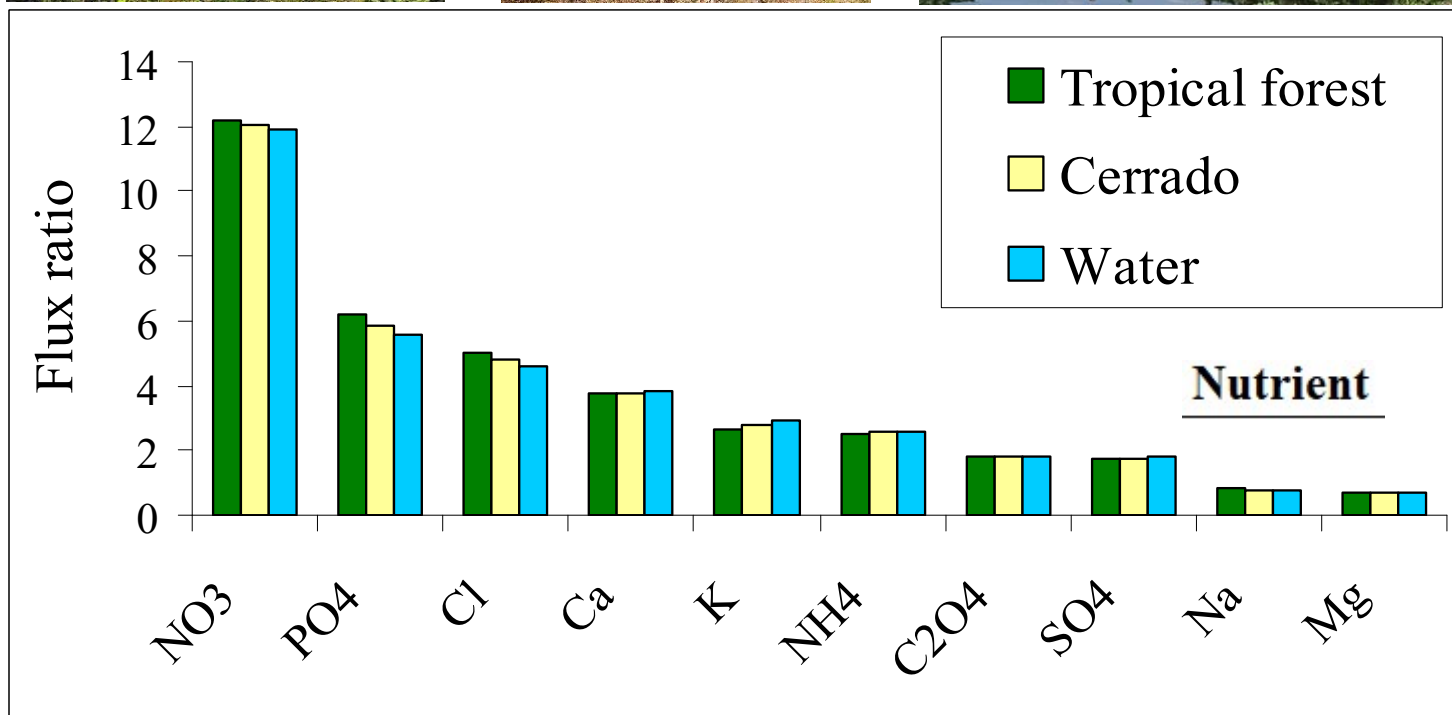


Diurnal variation in aerosol number concentrations

### Influence of Intensive Agriculture on Dry Deposition of Aerosol Nutrients

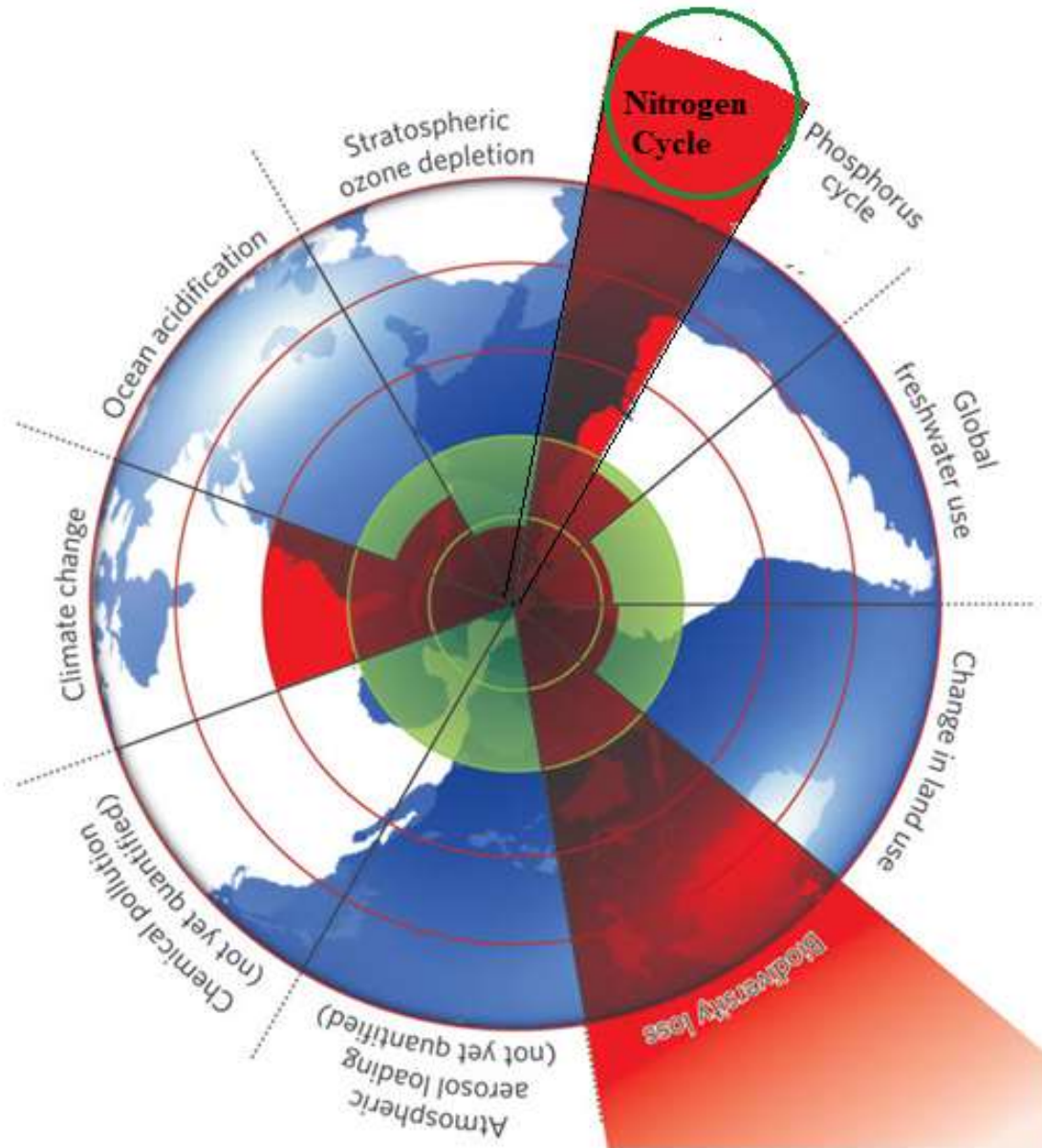
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Willian C. Paterlini<sup>a</sup> and Jacob Baker<sup>b</sup>

in the past



Aerosol Dry Deposition Flux Ratio (Current / Pre-industrial)

# A safe operating space for humanity: Planetary boundaries



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## Atmospheric Emission of Reactive Nitrogen during Biofuel Ethanol Production

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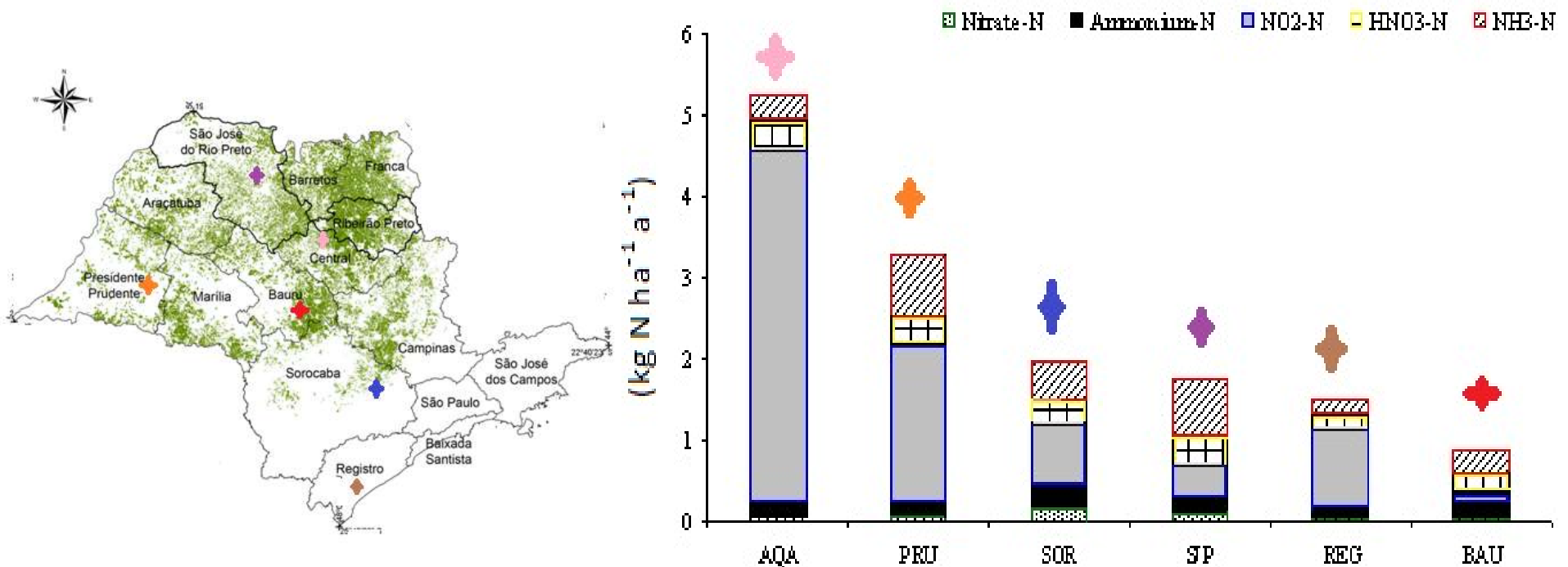
## NO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Agricultural Burning in São Paulo, Brazil

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1. The corresponding **emission fluxes** are 1.1 Gg NH<sub>3</sub>-N yr<sup>-1</sup>, 0.2 Gg NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N yr<sup>-1</sup> and 1.2 Gg NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N yr<sup>-1</sup>. The **total** current combined **emission** of the measured gas phase and particulate species is then ~57 Gg N yr<sup>-1</sup> (**57 x 10<sup>3</sup> ton N yr<sup>-1</sup>**)
2. Around 225 x 10<sup>3</sup> ton N yr<sup>-1</sup> (225 Gg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) are applied as fertilizer to a total planted area. **The quantity of nitrogen released to the atmosphere** during burning **is equivalent to ~35 % of the annual fertilizer-N application to the plantations.**

## Measurements and modeling of reactive nitrogen deposition in southeast Brazil

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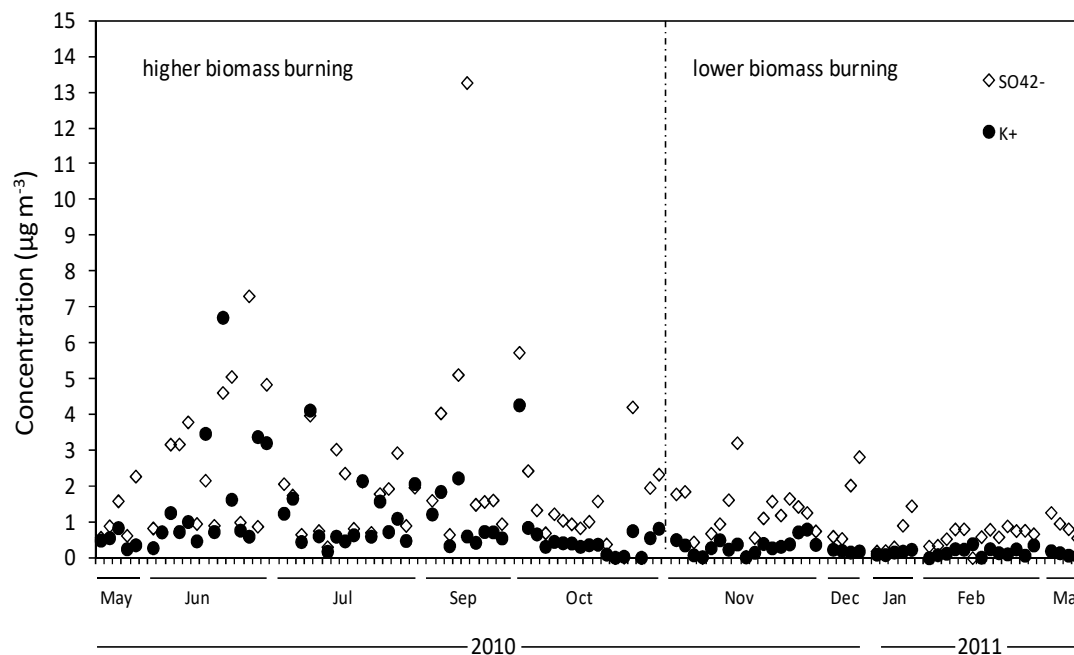


Map of São Paulo State showing locations of sampling stations.

Annual deposition fluxes to forest (kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> a<sup>-1</sup>) NO<sub>2</sub>-N, HNO<sub>3</sub>-N, NH<sub>3</sub>-N, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N at six sites in São Paulo State (2008–2009)

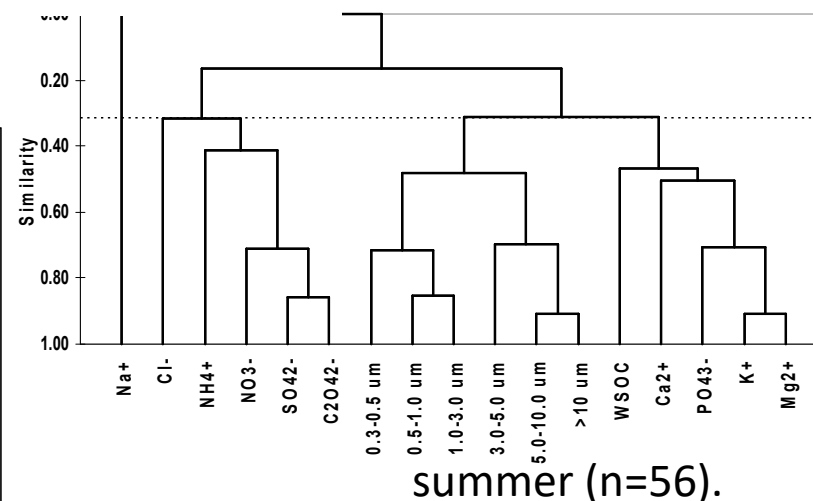
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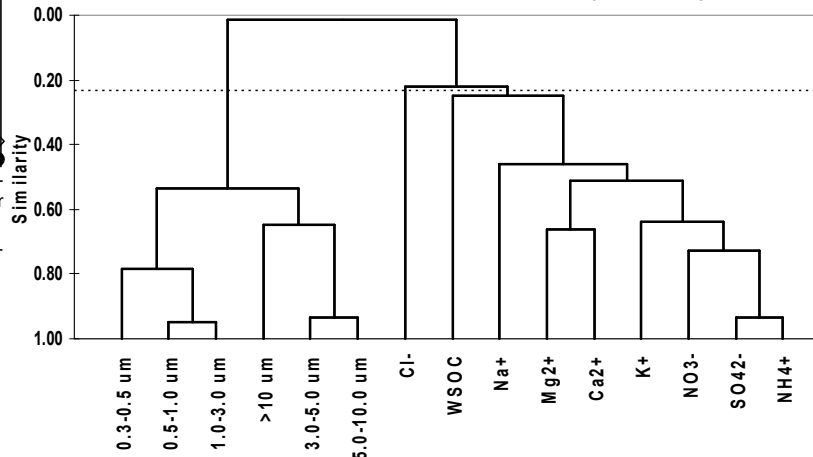


Concentrations of sulfate and potassium in total suspended particulates (TSP) between 13 May 2010 and 15 March 2011

Pearson correlation coefficient  
Winter (n=48)



summer (n=56).

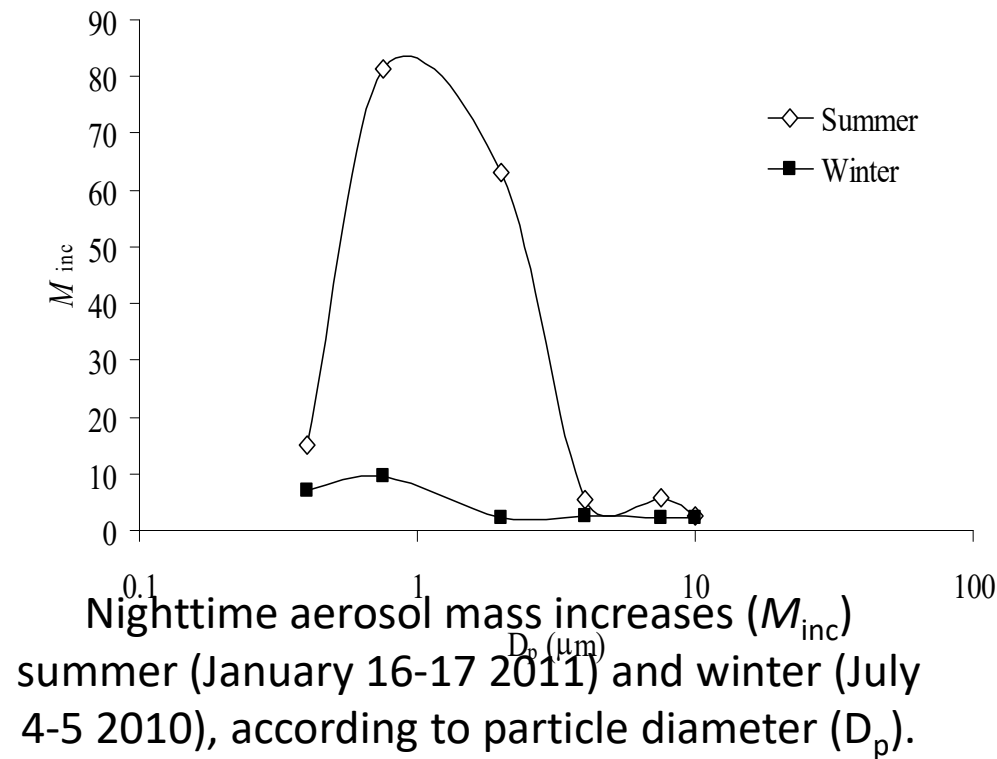


Dendrograms: agglomerative hierarchical clustering (AHC) to aerosol mass concentrations ( six size bins) and chemical components

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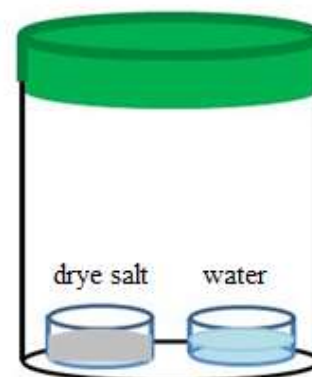
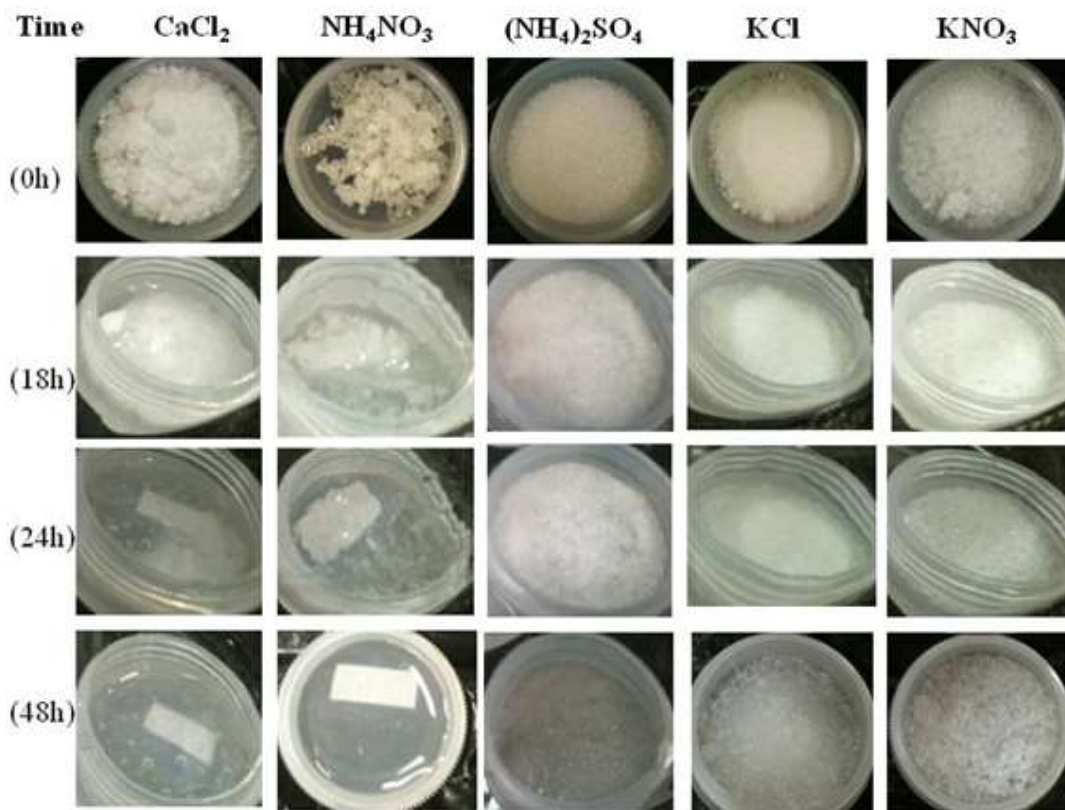
**The aerosol composition can affect the hydrological cycle by suppressing precipitation.**



Journal of Chemical Education 92 (4), 672-677 (2014)

**“Will It Rain?” Activities Investigating Aerosol Hygroscopicity and Deliquescence**

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Schematic illustration (left) and photograph (right) of the arrangement used in the experiments employing different salts.

Humidity Relative Deliquescence →

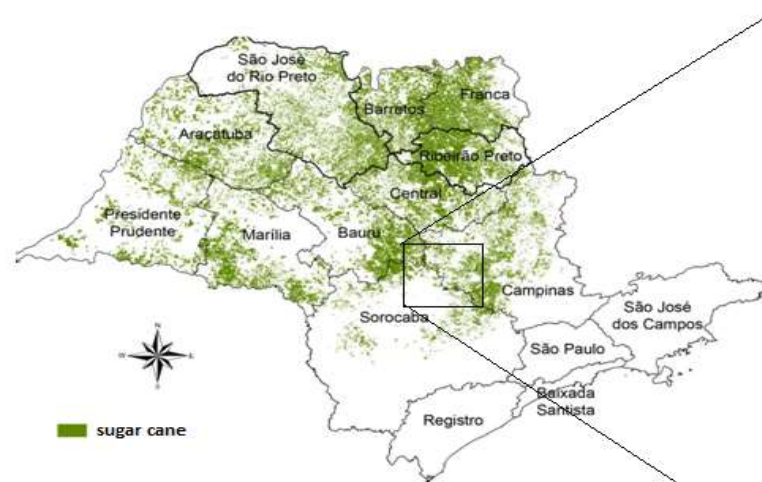
Photographs of the salts studied, immediately prior to insertion in the glass flasks containing water, and then at intervals up to 48 h.

## Research Article

Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis 57:41–50 (2016)

# Mutagenicity Profile of Atmospheric Particulate Matter in a Small Urban Center Subjected to Airborne Emission From Vehicle Traffic and Sugar Cane Burning

Debora Kristina M. Alves,<sup>1</sup> Fábio Kummrow,<sup>2</sup> Arnaldo A. Cardoso,<sup>3</sup> Daniel A. Morales,<sup>4</sup> and Gisela A. Umbuzeiro<sup>1,4\*</sup>



About 2,200,000 inhabitants live in the 50 km radius of the sampling point

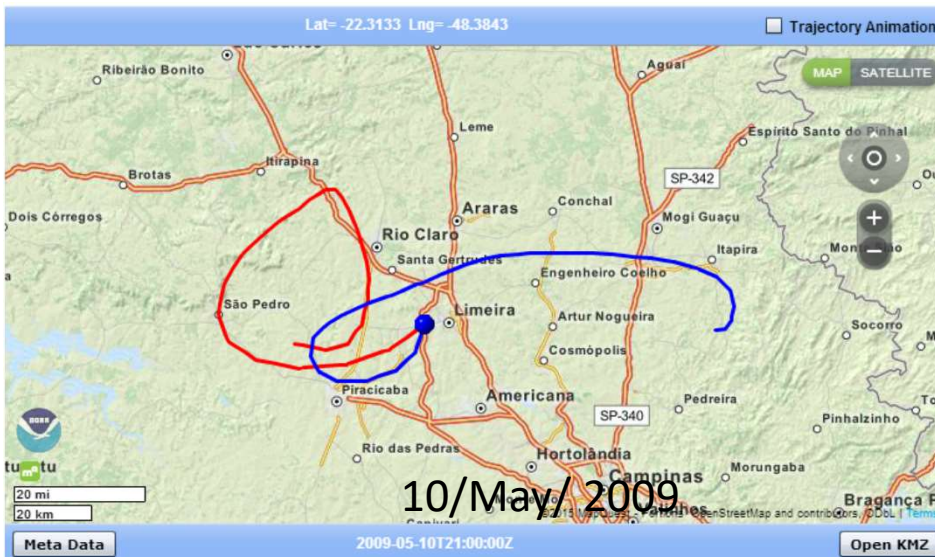
Collection date, number of fire foci in São Paulo State and concentration of each PM sample.

Sample	Number of fire foci**	Date	$\mu\text{g PM}^* / \text{m}^3$
1	14	07/May/2009	164.8
2	40	10/May/2009	129.1
3	30	18/May/2009	136.6
4	4	27/May/2009	129.3
5	33	10/June/2009	145.6
6	27	18/June/2009	77.4

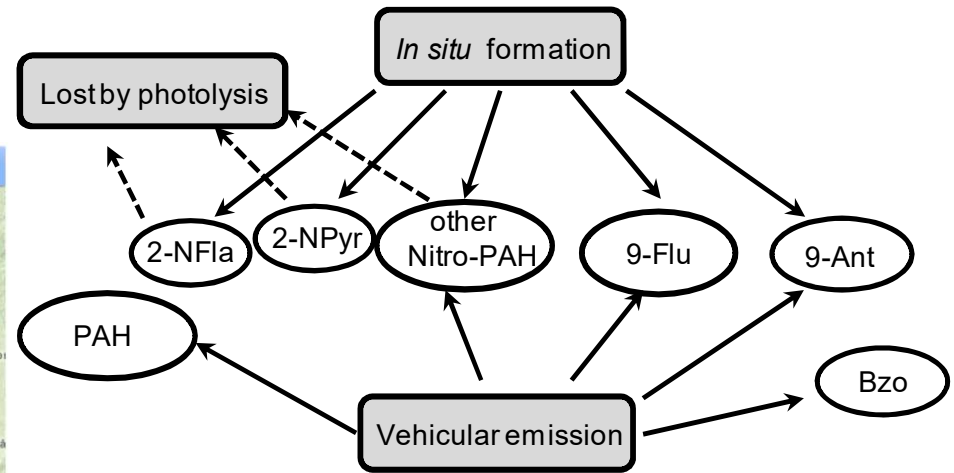
Organic extracts were assayed in the *Salmonella*/microsome microsuspension mutagenicity assay using TA98, YG1041, and TA1538, with and without metabolic activation (S9).

\*PM: particulate matter; \*\*Fire focus: number of burning sites per day

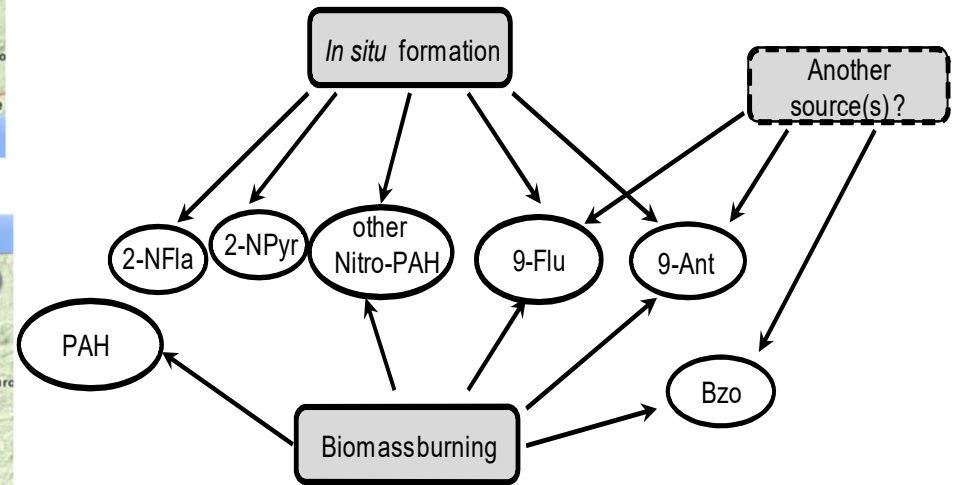
The 24 h back-trajectories arrived at a height of **100 m (blue line)** and **500 m above the ground (red line)**, over the sampling site.



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Schematic proposal for the main sources of PAHs; nitro- and oxy- derivatives aerosols during daytime and nighttime.

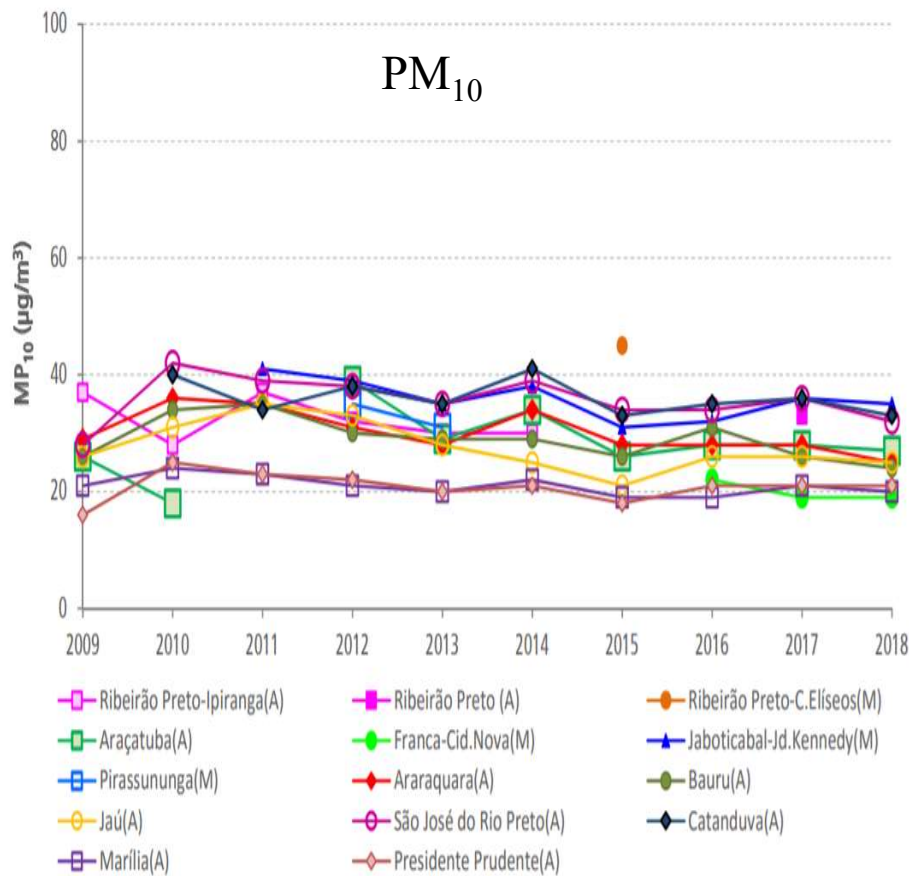
**The legislation (State Law no. 11.241/02) requires cessation of sugar cane burning**

**In 2018: mechanized harvesting was used on 90% of the sugarcane.  
This type of harvest does not use previous sugarcane burning.**

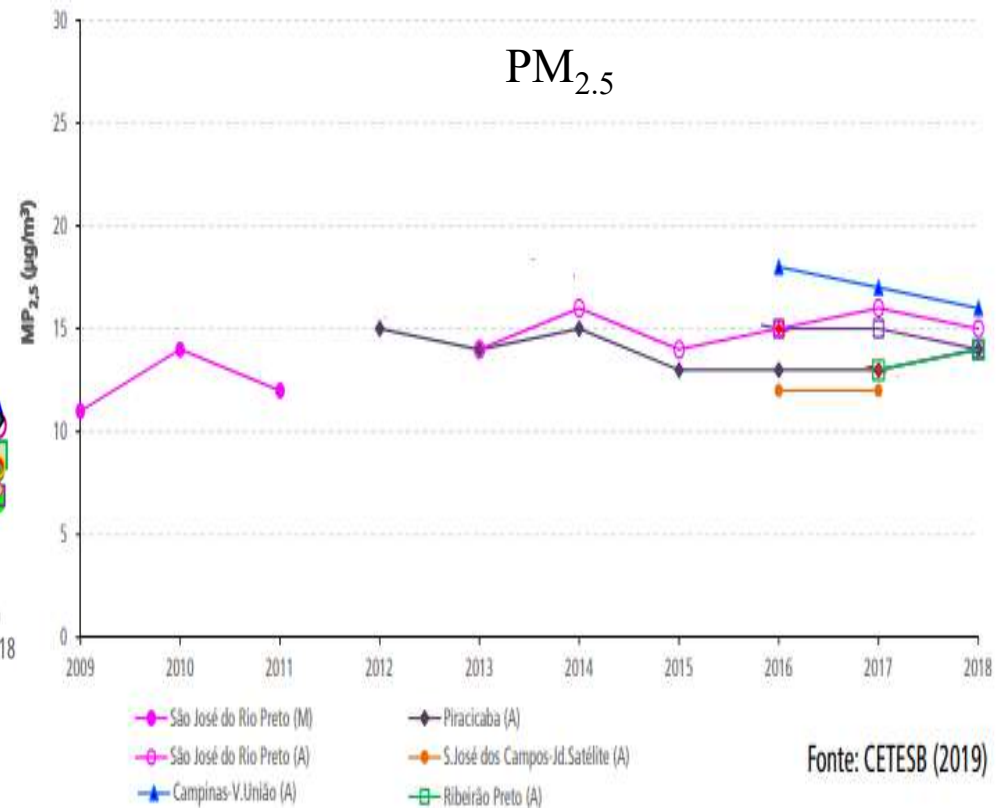
**What changed in air quality in 2019?**



# What changed in air quality in 2019? Aerosol concentrations ?



MP<sub>10</sub> average annual aerosol concentrations (2009 to 2018) in sugarcane production areas

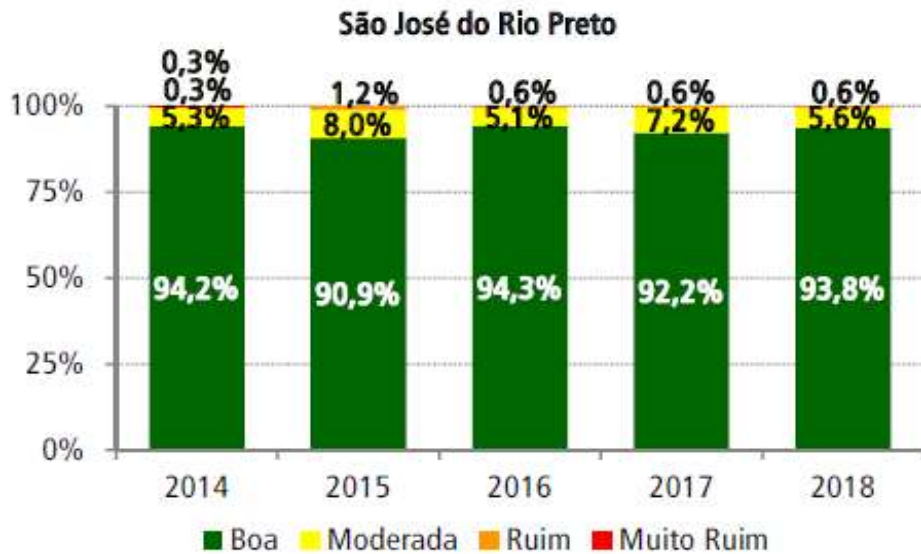
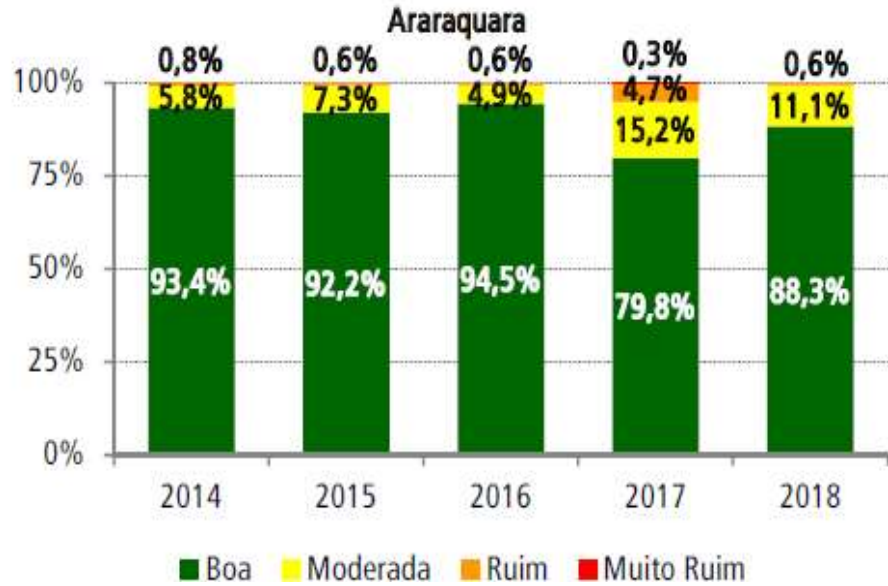


MP<sub>2,5</sub> average annual aerosol concentration (2009 to 2018) in sugarcane production areas

Fonte: CETESB (2019)

# What changed in air quality in 2019?

## Ozone concentrations ?



O<sub>3</sub> - distribution of air quality (%)

CETESB : São Paulo State Environmental Protection Agency (report 2018)



Winter raises risk of respiratory disease



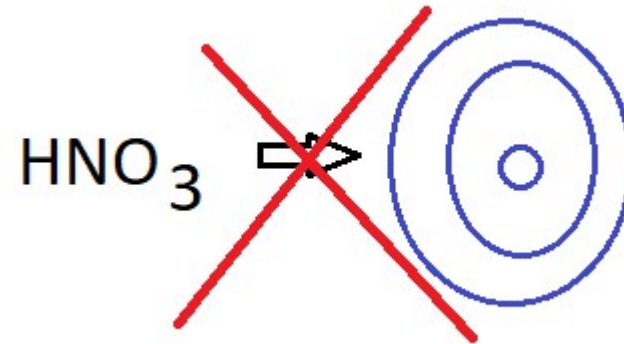
Araraquara

Local Newspaper; 20 September 2019

Other sources of gas and particulate emissions?  
Which are? What is the amount of emission of gases and particles to the atmosphere?



Data from the Decennial Energy Expansion Plan (PDE 2024) indicate that the annual energy generation potential for sugarcane biomass can reach two Itaipu-equivalent hydroelectric plants, generating 165 TWh / year by 2024.



**Coarse particles plays an important role in control of atmospheric acidity**

I hope to answer these questions in the near future!

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