

Author's response to Referee #1

General Comments to the Author

The author reports two years of NH_x and NH_4^+ data collected in Nagoya, Japan, and uses it to infer local sources of NH_3 , such as traffic, plant stomata, soil pore water, and bird droppings. Observations of NH_3 are consistent with other studies (e.g., daytime maximum, strong seasonal variations), and data are presented in a fairly clear manner. The most novel part of the manuscript is the finding that bird droppings could be a relevant local source of NH_3 in urban areas. Although the manuscript is fairly well written, phrasing and grammar could be improved throughout the manuscript. Portions of the data analysis and discussion could be expanded to improve the manuscript, as noted below. Nonetheless, this measurement report contains valuable insight for understanding urban ammonia sources, and publication is recommended once the comments below are addressed.

General Comments:

Most of the data analysis only considers parts of the data set (e.g., July/December 2018, and $\text{RH} < 70\%$ when wind speed < 3 m/s). A more holistic look at the entire data set might give additional insight on various sources.

For example, the morning NH_3 peak ~2-4 hours after sunrise is decoupled from the maximum ambient temperature which is inconsistent with bi-directional exchange (i.e., stomata and soil) driving NH_3 emissions, since these emissions should peak with temperature. Is it possible the lack of a coincident peak of NH_3 and temperature is caused by enhanced vertical mixing (i.e., dilution) later in the day?

Furthermore, examining days with presumed surface wetness (i.e., $\text{RH} > 70\%$) might provide insight on whether or not the morning peak in Fig. 4 (top left) is related to evaporation of surface wetness. In other words, the different peak times for NH_3 and temperature, as well as the impact of surface wetness evaporation should be explored further.

Response:

I thank anonymous Referee #1 for constructive comments exploring the cause of the morning NH_3 peak described in the manuscript. I asked a native-English proofreader to review the revised manuscript, particularly for clarity in preference to subjective style. Modified words and sentences in the text have been highlighted as yellow in the manuscript.

To cover a longer span and details of seasons, I modified Fig. 4 including the monthly average of diurnal variations for every 3 months from December 2017 through September 2019. I also added a new Fig. 5 to discuss the effects of direct sunshine on the morning peak. Related to the new figures, I have added additional discussion of the boundary layer height (BLH). Unfortunately, data related to BLH were not available for this study. I agree that dilution effects

during daytime reduce the NH₃ concentration. Diurnal variation of NH₃ concentrations for cloudy days shows a coincident peak with air temperature. In addition, strong effects of the inversion layer on NH₃ concentration must be limited for days of calm winds in winter, when the morning peak was absent.

Specific comments

Comment #1:

Line 108 – what was the measurement height above the ground?

Response:

The inlet height was ca. 26 m above the ground. I have added this explanation to the text and to the caption of Figure 1d.

Comment #2:

Lines 108 to 124 – what is the approximate residence time of the air sample, and distance it travels from the inlet, before it comes into contact with the water droplets (i.e., is dissolved)? Is it possible that some relevant fraction of NH₃ partitions to the surface of the sampling inlet, which could desorb later at high temperatures and/or lower NH₃ concentrations? In other words, has collection efficiency of the system been tested?

Response:

The distance from the end of the denuder glass tube to the mixing point of water droplets is approximately 10 cm. Because the sample air is transported through the PTFE tube (id: 3 mm) at a flow rate of 1 L min⁻¹, the residence time from the end of the denuder to the mixer is ca. 0.04 s, which means that water droplets immediately contact with the sample air after leaving the denuder glass tube. The collection efficiency of the system was higher than 95% for the condition employed in this study. I added these points to the revised text.

Comment #3:

Lines 144 to 145 – presumably diurnal variation in wind speed is not as clear in winter time due to the lack of sea breeze circulations, although the current phrasing implies a direct link between sunlight and wind speed. Recommend rephrasing to clarify that it's not sunlight that's directly impacting wind speed.

Response:

I revised this part of the text as suggested.

Comment #4:

Section 3.1 – the analysis focuses on only two months (July and December 2018). Is there a reason that more months weren't considered (e.g., Dec 2017, July 2019, Nov/Jan, June/Aug) when trying to interpret seasonal differences? Considering these additional months would likely make the analysis more representative of the winter/summer seasons.

Response:

To present more data, I renewed Fig. 4 to include the monthly average of diurnal variations for every 3 months from December 2017 through September 2019.

Comment #5:

Section 3.2 – there is a lot of discussion about mist/droplet pH; however, the impact of pH on NH₃ release from evaporating mist/droplets is not made clear. It would be helpful to provide a few sentences explicitly stating how NH₃ emissions from droplets are impacted by pH.

Response:

Additional explanations of chemical composition and pH were added to the manuscript, highlighting effects on NH₃ emission after the evaporation of mist droplets.

Comment #6:

Lines 226 to 227 – the assumption is that the air being sampled before sunrise under low wind conditions reflects local sources. However, is it possible that the nocturnal boundary layer is sufficiently shallow during these times, such that the sampling inlet on the 7th floor is above the nocturnal boundary and is decoupled from surface sources?

Response:

Although a detailed time evolution of the nocturnal boundary layer was not known for the site, the sampling inlet (26 m above the ground) is presumed to be located well within the boundary layer. I added discussion specifically related to the controlling factors of NH₃ concentration related to the boundary layer height, dry deposition of NH₃, and local emissions.

Comment #7:

Lines 303 to 306 – the description of crow abundance and behavior is very anecdotal. A more detailed description on what is meant by terms like “visual impression” and “rarely observed” would be useful.

Response:

I modified the sentence related to appendix photograph 1 and deleted the sentence that used

“rarely observed” from the revised manuscript.

Comment #8:

Line 322 – is this a unit conversion error (3.4 mol m⁻² day⁻¹ to 100 mmol m⁻² month⁻¹)?

Response:

I corrected the unit of deposition (3.4 mmol m⁻² day⁻¹).

Comment #9:

Figure 1b – please add a scale for distance.

Response:

I added a scale for distance in Figure 1b to the revised manuscript.

Author's response to Referee #2

General Comments to the Author

The author presents the analysis of 2 year hourly NH_x data in Nagoya, Japan suggesting trends in ambient NH₃ are due to mist evaporation and the N input of bird dropping into the surrounding vegetation. This manuscript aims at better characterizing NH₃ emission sources in urban areas, which is needed. This study shows the increasing importance of bird guano as a significant source of NH₃ is also true for urban areas where high populations of fowl can congregate. The long-term measurements of NH_x for this region are valuable and the analysis is sound but somewhat incomplete. I would recommend publishing this manuscript after some revisions.

Response:

I thank anonymous Referee #2 for valuable comments on the overall clarity of the intended message conveyed by the manuscript. We have improved the manuscript according to comments from reviewers. Modified words and sentences have been highlighted as yellow in the revised manuscript.

Major comment #1:

What was the measurement height of NH_x? Could the repeated morning increase also be due to the increase in the boundary layer height?

Response:

The inlet height was 26 m above the ground. I added this point to the manuscript and the caption of Fig. 1d. Referee #1 also pointed out the aspects of time change of the boundary layer height. I agree that the dilution effect during daytime reduces NH₃ concentration. Unfortunately, no micrometeorological observation was conducted during this study. Instead, I added some discussion about the controlling factors of NH₃ concentration related to boundary layer height, dry deposition of NH₃, and local emissions.

Major comment #2:

The correlation to NO_x measurements is useful in getting a sense of how much vehicles are contributing to total NH₃ emissions. Since, as the author mentions, NH₃ can easily react to form NH₄⁺, do the correlations of NO_x to NH_x look similar? since NH_x is a better-conserved tracer for all emitted NH₃.

Response:

As the lowest panels in Figs. 2 and 3 show, temporal variation of NH_3 concentration did not correlate well with NO_x concentration. Similarly, NH_x and NO_x showed no good correlation. I added more discussion on this point using supplemental Figure 1, which shows scatter plots between NH_x and NO_x as well as CO and NO_x in December 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Major comment #3:

Related to the comment above, the discussion around seasonal and interannual variations is focused on NH_3 , which may underestimate the impact of local sources if any NH_3 is reacted to form NH_4^+ - especially at the time resolution of the measurements. Since the study includes measurements of NH_3 and NH_4^+ (not an easy task) for such an extensive period, what do the variations in total NH_x (and what % NH_x is NH_3) look like? are the conclusions the same?

Response:

I added more data and discussion on NH_4^+ and NH_x , such as average diurnal variation of NH_4^+ in new Fig. 4, seasonal variation of NH_4^+ , and the fraction of NH_3 to NH_x in the new Fig. 7.

Major comment #4:

In section 3.2, there is a brief mention of some of the other chemical components in rain. The NH_4^+ content is reported later in section 3.3. Based on the reported pH and assuming the rain and mist content have similar NH_4^+ content, could the fraction of NH_3 emitted from mist evaporation be calculated using the expression for dew? Does this match the observed increase in NH_3 ?

Response:

According to an acid rain report by Nagoya City Institute of Environmental Sciences (NCIES), the volume weighted mean pH of the weekly collected rain samples from 13–20 November, 2017 was 6.00. Based on major ionic data reported for the sample, $\text{Frac}(\text{NH}_4^+)$ proposed in Wentworth et al. (2016) was estimated as 0.14, which suggests the possibility of NH_3 evaporation. However, rain was observed twice on the 14th (9 mm) and 18th (16.5 mm) during the sampling period. Unfortunately, the chemical composition of individual rain was not known. In addition, the amount of mist droplets of the event was unavailable. Therefore, the amount of NH_3 evaporated from mist droplets could not be estimated. The statement of “A similar rapid NH_3 increase up to 15 ppb during 4 hr” was related to another event which occurred in December 11, 2015. For the event in 2015, detailed data about the rain composition were collected; we were able to use it. In the present manuscript, the date of the event in 2015 was added. The description of sea salt and Ca^{2+} for the rain in 2015 was deleted to avoid confusion. In addition, the explanation of NCIES data was rewritten as presented above.

Major comment #5:

There is no discussion on the role of cuticular deposition, which is generally represented as a constant NH₃ sink (Sutton et al. 1995, 1998; Flechard et al. 1999) in forest canopies. From the photograph of bird dropping, there also appears to be an increase in vegetation. The increase in leaf surface area could potentially increase the amount of NH₃ dry deposited to the cuticles, also reducing overall ambient NH₃ concentrations. The author discusses the potential difference in N inputs between years and is correct that both soil and leaf stoma can act as reservoirs. Can the author also comment on changes in the local NH₃ sinks between years as well that would also affect the overall ambient NH₃ concentrations?

Response:

I agree with the importance of cuticular deposition on NH₃ concentration. Brief discussion of the importance of cuticular deposition and its variation in 2018 and 2019 were added to the revised manuscript.

Major comment #6:

Work by Decina S.M. et al (Ponette-González A.G., Rindy J.E. (2020) Urban Tree Canopy Effects on Water Quality via Inputs to the Urban Ground Surface. In: Levia D., Carlyle-Moses D., Iida S., Michalzik B., Nanko K., Tischer A. (eds) Forest-Water Interactions. Ecological Studies (Analysis and Synthesis), vol 240. Springer, Cham) shows vegetation in urban environments tend to concentrate pollutants and input them into the ground surface. The author makes an important point that for NH₃ this exchange is bi-directional.

Response:

I added relevant discussion with this reference to the last part of section 3.3.

Major comment #7:

The discussion around comparing the estimated compensation point of soil/leaf surface with ambient NH₃ concentration does not account for the transfer velocity that ultimately determines the magnitude (and likelihood) of the exchange. Massad et al. (2010) provide a detailed description of this parameter. Would the conclusions be the same when accounting for the transfer velocity?

Response:

I agree that the ambient NH₃ concentration depends on various parameters including the transfer

velocity. Data related to flux estimation were not available for this study. Further study including flux estimations is necessary to evaluate the impact of bird droppings on urban NH₃ emissions. Nonetheless, important suggestions can be made for potential sources at the site. I added need of further data to evaluate NH₃ exchange.

Minor suggested edits #1:

The article would benefit from another round of general grammar and writing edits.

Response:

I asked an experienced native-English speaking proofreader for further improvement and clarification of the text of the revised manuscript. Although preferences for style can be subjective, we hope that the changes will clarify all points for all readers.

Minor suggested edits #2:

Include dates in Figure captions: Figure 5. Impact of the rain–mist event on the ambient NH₃ concentrations from 14 to 17 November 2017.

Response:

The caption of the new Fig. 6 (previously Fig. 5) was modified as the reviewer has suggested.

Minor suggested edits #1:

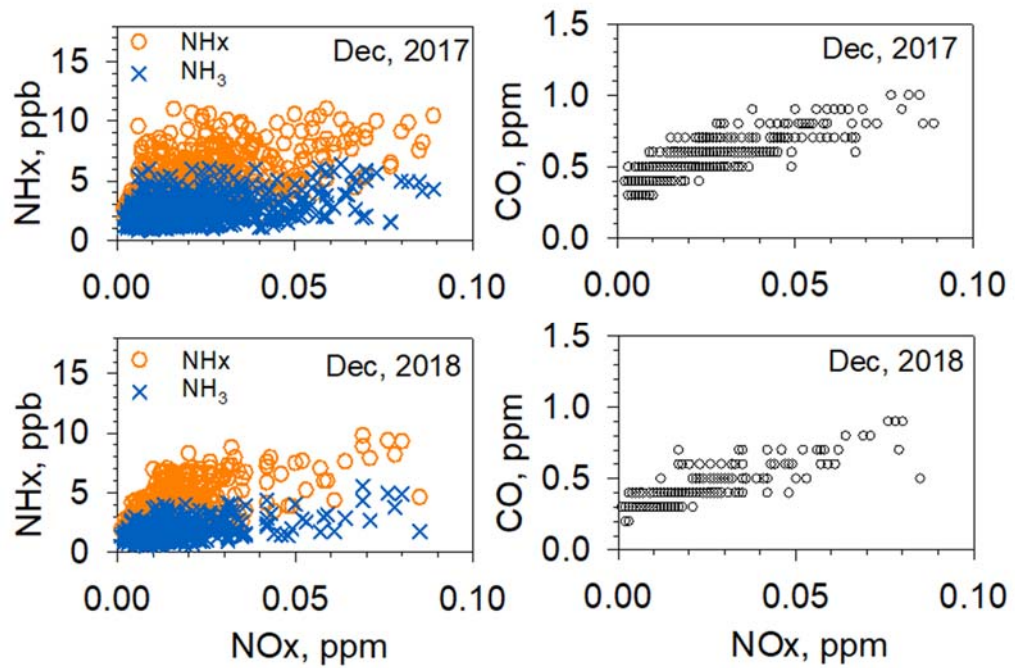
Measurements highlighting the importance of bird guano as a significant NH₃ source is relatively recent, the authors should also include the work of Croft, B.; Wentworth, G. R.; Martin, R. V.; Leaitch, W. R.; Murphy, J. G.; Murphy, B. N.; Kodros, J. K.; Abbatt, J. P. D.; Pierce, J. R. Contribution Of Arctic Seabird-Colony Ammonia To Atmospheric Particles And Cloud-Albedo Radiative Effect. *Nature Communications* 2016, 7, 13444.

Work by Hrdina, A. H. I.; Moravek, A.; Schwartz-Narbonne, H.; Murphy, J. G. Summertime Soil-Atmosphere Ammonia Exchange In The Colorado Rocky Mountain Front Range Pine Forest. *Soil Systems* 2019, 3(1) (Special Issue "Formation and Fluxes of Soil Trace Gases") also supports the dynamic range of soil emission potentials chosen by the author

Response:

These references were cited in the revised manuscript.

Supplement Figure



Supplement Figure 1 Scatter plots between NO_x and NH_x (NH₃ + NH₄⁺), and NO_x and CO concentrations. Upper row, December, 2017; lower row, December, 2018.

Measurement report: Short-term variation of ammonia concentrations in an urban area ~~exacerbated~~ increased by ~~contributions of~~ mist evaporation and emissions from a forest canopy with bird droppings

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Abstract. Local meteorological conditions and natural and anthropogenic sources affect atmospheric Short-term variations of NH₃ concentrations in the urban ~~arcas~~ atmosphere are affected by local meteorological ~~ogical~~ conditions and variations of natural and anthropogenic sources. To investigate potential sources and processes of NH₃ variation in ~~an~~ urban areas, ~~hour~~ hourly NH₃ and NH₄⁺ concentrations were measured ~~during from~~ November 2017 ~~through~~ October 2019 in Nagoya, a ~~central Japanese~~ megacity ~~located in central Japan~~. Monthly ~~a~~ averages of NH₃ concentrations ~~were~~ ~~are~~ high in summer and low in winter. Daily minimum NH₃ concentrations ~~were~~ ~~are~~ almost linearly correlated with daily minimum air temperatures. ~~In~~ ~~By~~ contrast, daily maximum NH₃ concentrations ~~revealed an increase~~ exponentially ~~increase~~ with temperature, suggesting ~~that~~ ~~that~~ different ~~nighttime and daytime~~ processes ~~with and~~ air temperature ~~acted during the~~ affect concentrations ~~nighttime and daytime~~. Short-term increases of NH₃ concentrations of two types were examined closely. ~~The first is a~~ infrequent ~~rare~~ but large increases (11 ppb for 2 hr) ~~occurred~~ after mist evaporation during daytime. ~~During two years of observations~~ ~~It is noteworthy that~~ ~~that~~ ~~an only one~~ event of this magnitude ~~was~~ ~~was~~ identified ~~in Nagoya~~ ~~only once during two years of observations~~, at Nagoya ~~even~~ ~~although~~ evaporation of mist ~~or~~ ~~and~~ fog droplets is ~~expected to be~~ ~~occurs~~ frequently after rains. ~~The second~~ ~~Also~~, short-term increases ~~was~~ ~~occur~~ with a large morning peak in summer. ~~Amplitudes of diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration (daily maximum minus minimum) were analyzed~~ ~~After on selected days were fulfilled with non-wet and weak low-wind conditions, the amplitude of diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration (daily maximum minus minimum) was analyzed:~~ the amplitudes ~~was~~ ~~were~~ small (ca. 2 ppb) in winter, but ~~#~~ ~~they~~ increased from early summer along with new leaf growth. ~~#~~ ~~Amplitudes~~ peaked in summer (~~up to~~ ca. 20 ppb) ~~during intense addition of~~ ~~because of~~ droppings from hundreds of crows ~~before roosting on in trees in on the campus assembled before roosting~~. ~~The~~ ~~h~~ High daily maximum NH₃ concentrations ~~was~~ ~~were~~ characterized ~~by a~~ ~~cd~~ ~~using~~ ~~aby~~ a rapid increase occurring 2–4 hr after local sunrise. In summer, ~~the~~ peak NH₃ concentrations at around 8 a.m. ~~under fine~~ ~~in~~ sunny weather ~~was~~ ~~ere~~ larger ~~greater~~ than ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~under in~~ cloudy weather, suggesting ~~that~~ ~~that~~ receiving direct sunlight ~~particularly is important for~~ ~~boostings~~

the morning peak. Daily and seasonal findings related to the morning peak implied that stomatal emission at the site was responsible for the increase. Daily differences between daily amplitudes during the two summers was explained by the difference in the input amounts of reactive nitrogen derived from bird droppings and some rain, suggesting that bird droppings, a temporary rich source of NH₃, affected the small forest canopy of a small forest affected by the bird droppings might act as a temporary but strong source of NH₃.

1 Introduction

Ammonia (NH₃) plays an important role in various atmospheric chemical processes (Behera et al., 2013). In fact, NH₃ is the major precursor of fine aerosol particles containing ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016). In addition, aerosol particle acidity is modified by neutralization with NH₃ (e.g. Murphy et al., 2017; Song and Osada, 2020). Aerosol particles affect human health and climate; therefore, reduction and control of its aerosol concentration are desired for many most situations (Dockery et al., 1993; IPCC, 2013). As an important gaseous precursor of aerosol particles, NH₃ sources and factors affecting concentrations have been studied for decades. Various natural and anthropogenic sources of NH₃ are known have been identified (Sutton et al., 2008; Behera et al., 2013). Although agricultural NH₃ sources (such as domestic animals, and fertilizer loss, etc.) are dominant emitters on a global scale, non-agricultural sources (such as motor vehicles, industries, garbage, sewage, humans, and wild animals, etc.) are also major contributors, especially in urban areas (e.g., Perrino et al., 2002; Pandolfi et al., 2012; Reche et al., 2012; Sutton et al., 2000). For example, in the UK, Sutton et al. (2000) estimated non-agricultural NH₃ emissions that comprised 19% of the total emissions. As a non-agricultural source, seabirds were also widely recognized as important contributors (Sutton et al., 2000; Blackall et al., 2007; Riddick et al., 2012; Croft et al., 2016).

According to the source-receptor analysis of atmospheric NH₃, the effective distance of a strong point source is mostly limited to within a few kilometers (Asman et al., 1989; Hojito et al., 2006; Theobald et al., 2012; Shen et al., 2016). Agricultural facilities and seabird colonies acting as strong NH₃ sources are normally absent in densely populated urban areas. Therefore, a mixture of the various small non-agricultural sources is expected to be the main contributor for local atmospheric NH₃, which potentially acts as a precursor of aerosol particles.

Three-way catalytic converters and selective catalytic reduction systems have been applied as after-treatment devices to reduce air pollutant emissions (such as CO, hydrocarbons, and NO_x) in vehicular exhausts. However, exhausts from devices often contain NH₃ as a side product created under non-ideal conditions of the after-treatments (Kean et al., 2009; Suarez-Bertoa et al., 2017). Vehicular emissions of NH₃ engender local and regional

increases of ambient concentrations, especially during stagnant calm wind conditions in some megacities (Osada et al., 2019). ~~In fact, In addition,~~ garbage containers have been ~~suggested-implicated~~ as a more important contributor than sewage systems in Barcelona, Spain (Reche et al., 2012). ~~Furthermore, e~~Emissions from humans and pets, ~~etc.,~~ have been implicated as a major nonagricultural urban source of NH₃ (Sutton et al., 2000). Recently, Hu et al. (2014) reported ~~the~~ green spaces in downtown Toronto, Canada as a potential source of ambient NH₃ based on analyses of local, regional, and temporal variations of NH₃ concentrations. Similarly, Teng et al. (2017) pointed out the importance of NH₃ emissions from urban green spaces in Qingdao, a coastal urban area in northern China. Nevertheless, NH₃ emission processes from green spaces are not well known for urban environments. Green spaces in urban areas provide habitable environments for wild animals. Among wild animals found in urban areas, crows have adapted particularly well with to city environment for their lifes. As a consequence, numbers of quantities of crow populations have increased in many urban areas in recent years (Ueta et al., 2003; Vuorisalo et al., 2003). They form large roosts in scattered forests in urban areas and drop excreta from trees and wires to the ground during pre-roosting assembly and when resting in roosts. ~~Nevertheless, no report has described a study of~~ ~~However,~~ the potential of NH₃ emissions related to bird droppings in urban green areas ~~has not been studied~~.

Analysis of ~~hour~~ hourly concentrations in the atmosphere is useful to ~~explain-ascertain~~ the sources and processes of ambient NH₃. For example, a temporal correlation between vehicular exhaust species such as NO_x, CO, and elemental carbon in urban area has been ~~inferred-found~~ for vehicular emissions of NH₃ (e.g. Perrino et al., 2002; Nowak et al., 2006; Osada et al., 2019). Moreover, temporal analyses have been made of NH₃ concentrations at grassland areas, ~~which which~~ have ~~allowed elucidation of therevealed a~~ link between the morning peaks and dew formed on plant surfaces during the previous night (Wentworth et al., 2014; 2016). Hourly NH₃ measurements are ~~also- also-aa~~ key technique to ascertain the bidirectional exchange of NH₃ through the canopy layer (e.g. Wyers and Erisman, 1998; Nemiz et al., 2004; Kruit et al., 2007; Hansen et al., 2013; Hrdina et al., 2019) because NH₃ transfer is governed by rapidly changing meteorological-ogical (sunlight availability, temperature, relative humidity, etc.) and plant physiological-ogical (stoma opening and closing, etc.) parameters (Schjoerring et al., 1998; 2000). In fact, NH₃ exchange between plants and ambient air occur mainly through stoma when they open during daytime for photosynthesis (Farquhar et al., 1980). Therefore, the degree and direction of ~~the~~ NH₃ exchange are expected to vary diurnally, highlighting the importance of ~~hour~~ hourly measurements of related parameters.

To investigate potential sources and processes controlling the variation of NH₃ concentration, ~~hour~~ hourly data of NH₃ and NH₄⁺ were ~~measured-recorded~~ from November 2017 ~~to-through~~ October 2019 in Nagoya, central Japan. The data were analyzed by particularly ~~addressing-examining~~ various time scales and the amplitude of diurnal variation in relation to potential reactive nitrogen sources and plant physiology near the site. These data

~~are were~~ expected to elucidate ~~effects of large amounts of bird droppings on ambient NH₃ concentrations~~ in urban areas with scattered forests ~~affected by large amounts of bird droppings~~.

2 Observation

100 Atmospheric observations ~~was were conducted made~~ at Nagoya University in Nagoya city located in the central area of Honshu Island of Japan (Fig. 1a). ~~Industrial This industrial~~ area with a busy port is located ~~at~~ about 10 km southwest from the campus of Nagoya University (Fig. 1b). The Nagoya city population is about 2.3 million. Despite the large city population engaged in ~~numerous various~~ industrial activities, ~~the air pollution level~~ ~~is concentrations are~~ not so high. Recent ~~levels of the~~ annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations ~~are have been~~ approximately 12 µg/m³ (Nagoya City, 2019: <http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kankyo/page/0000117927.html>). The nearest agricultural activities (farming land) are done about 4 km southeast from the campus. Garbage collection in the city requires 1) ~~that that~~ burnable waste including food waste and other materials be packed into predesignated plastic bags and 2) ~~that that~~ the garbage bags ~~must~~ be put out in a specified collection place by 8:00 a.m. on ~~the a~~ regular (twice per week) collection day, preventing unnecessary NH₃ emissions during garbage collection. However, the garbage bags might be pecked by crows when deterrents to bird pecking are insufficient, ~~providing presenting the a~~ possibility of ~~le~~ food supply for ~~the~~ adaptation of omnivorous animals, such as crows, in urban areas (Kurosawa et al., 2003). The observation site is located within the campus. Therefore, ~~the~~ effects of residential garbage are expected to be small. The annual mean air temperature in Nagoya is 15.8°C; ~~the its~~ annual mean rain amount is about 1540 mm (Japan Meteorological Agency: <http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html>). Seasons in Nagoya have warm-humid summers with southern winds from the Pacific Ocean and cold-dry winters with winds from the northwest, originating from continental Eurasia.

115 Measurements of NH_x (NH₃ and NH₄⁺ in fine particles) were taken at Nagoya University (35.16°N, 136.97°E), located in an eastern residential area of Nagoya city. Meteorological data (air temperature, relative humidity, etc.) were obtained from the Nagoya Local Meteorological Observatory, ca. 2 km north from Nagoya University (data available from <https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html>). ~~For this study, NO_x and CO concentrations were observed at the Nagoya national air pollution monitoring site located ca. 2 km north from Nagoya University (data available from <http://soramame.taiki.go.jp/>).~~

125 The equipment used for NH_x measurements was set ~~up~~ in a room ~~located~~ on the seventh floor (ca. 26 m above the ground) of the Environmental Studies Hall on the main campus of Nagoya University. The northeastern side of the building faced upslope with a small forest ~~with~~ mixed ~~with~~ deciduous and evergreen trees (Fig. 1c). ~~As seen in Fig. 1c, shows, the seventh floor height of the seventh floor is almost the same almost identical a equal to the level height of the forest canopy growing about 40 m away on the northeastern slope about 40 m apart.~~

Scattered trees and buildings are located on the other side of the hall. Hourly measurements of NH_x were conducted using a semi-continuous microflow analytical system (MF-NH3A; Kimoto Electric ~~Co. Co. Co. Ltd. Co. Ltd.~~) described in an earlier report; (Osada et al., 2011). Two identical sampling lines were used to differentiate total ammonium (NH₃ and NH₄⁺) and NH₄⁺(p) alone after removal by a H₃PO₄-H₃PO₄-coated denuder. The sample air flow rate of the NH_x system was 1 L min⁻¹. After passing an ~~impactor~~ ~~impactor~~ (about 2 μm cut-off diameter ~~of about 2 μm~~) and an inner frosted glass tube (one coated, ~~the other uncoated,~~ both ~~are of~~ 3 mm inner diameter and 50 cm long), pure water droplets were ~~added~~ immediately ~~added~~ to the sample air at 100 μl min⁻¹. The collection efficiency of the system was ~~more~~ ~~greater~~ than 95% for the conditions ~~employed~~ ~~used~~ in this study. The equilibrated sample water was analyzed ~~respectively~~ ~~respectively~~ using a microflow ~~fluorescence~~ ~~fluorescence~~ analyzer to quantify NH₄⁺ in the lines of NH₄⁺ and total ammonium. The NH₃ concentration was calculated based on their difference. The temporal resolution was ca. 30 min for one pair of NH₄⁺ and total ammonium measurements. The detection limit of NH₃ concentration was about 0.1 ppbv (Osada et al., 2011) under stable atmospheric NH₃ and NH₄⁺ concentrations. Equivalence of two sample lines and the span of the calibration slope was checked monthly using NH₃ standard gas at about 4 ppb diluted from 100 ppm (Taiyo Nippon Sanso ~~Corp. Corp. Corp.~~). The NH_x system was calibrated monthly using a standard NH₄⁺ solution prepared from a certified 1000 ppm solution (Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical ~~Corp. Corp. Corp.~~).

145 3 Results and Discussion

3.1 Diurnal variation during summer and winter

Results of measurements taken in summer (July, 2018; Fig. 2) and winter (December, 2018; Fig. 3) are presented to explain the relation between NH₃ concentrations and other parameters. In summer (Fig. 2), the Pacific high-pressure system dominates the Japan archipelago, engendering continuous good weather with land-sea breeze cycles: south-southwest winds during afternoon and north-northeast winds after midnight to early morning. ~~When.~~ ~~When~~ good weather continued, for example of 14–24 July, regular diurnal variations were ~~visible in~~ ~~found~~ ~~for~~ air temperature and wind speed: high in the afternoon and low in the midnight to early morning. ~~During For~~ ~~this period,~~ the difference between maximum and minimum NH₃ concentrations was large ~~and ranged:~~ ~~from~~ nearly 10 ~~to more~~ ~~to~~ more than 20 ppb. ~~In contrast,~~ ~~However,~~ the NH₃ concentration dropped to a few ~~ppb parts~~ ~~per billion.~~ ~~It~~ ~~and~~ remained constantly low for the duration of the rain with small diurnal variation ~~as that~~ ~~because,~~ ~~during that~~ ~~found in~~ 4–7 July ~~when,~~ ~~the~~ Baiu front (East Asian rainy front) was active near the site. A similar tendency of low NH₃ concentration during rainy days was ~~also~~ ~~also~~ found during observations, as reported ~~at~~ ~~other places~~ ~~from other studies~~ (Roelle and Aneja, 2002; Ellis et al., 2011). Increased contents of soil pore water dilute NH₄⁺ in liquid phase and inhibit evaporation as NH₃. Furthermore, wet surfaces of ~~cuticular~~ ~~cuticular~~ of

160 leaf~~ves~~ absorb ambient NH₃ under high relative humidity during rain. Moreover, NH₃ concentrations were low during ~~the~~ days of higher wind, such as 23 July. The NO_x concentrations in July were mostly below 0.02 ppm with no clear correlation with NH₃ variation.

Figure 3 presents data of NH₃ concentrations and other parameters ~~in~~ for December 2018. The maximum value of the vertical axis of NH₃ concentrations is 15 ppb, ~~which which~~ is half of ~~that that~~ in Fig. 2. In winter, the amplitude of the diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration was much smaller than ~~those~~ in summer. Diurnal variation of wind speed was ~~also~~ also not un~~clear~~ clear in winter because of the lack of sea breeze circulations. In contrast to summer, wind speed dependence of NH₃ concentrations ~~were shown~~ is more clearly clearer, showing as higher concentrations under calm winds and lower concentrations under strong wind ~~conditions~~ conditions, because ~~the~~ local sources contributed more effectively ~~under~~ strongly affect local conditions under stagnant air conditions. Under ~~With~~ low winds during winter, a surface inversion layer often developed in the lower atmosphere, preventing vertical diffusion of locally emitted pollutants (e.g., Kukkonen et al., 2005, Osada et al., 2019). It is particularly interesting ~~that that~~ temporal variations of daily minimum NH₃ concentrations in winter is roughly following the day to day variation of the daily minimum temperature. For example, a higher minimum NH₃ concentration of about 3 ppb during 2–4 December decreased to ca. 1 ppb around 10 December, ~~which which~~ corresponds to a decreasing trend of high to low air temperatures for these days.

In contrast to ~~the~~ modest variation ~~in~~ found for July, NO_x concentrations in December showed large variation: ~~it was~~ concentrations were displayed frequently as found to be more greater than 0.05 ppm during calm winds. In Fig. 3, the concentration peaks on 3–4, 11, 19–23, and 25–26 December were associated with low winds. High NO_x concentrations ~~were correlated well~~ were strongly associated with high CO concentrations (Suppl. Fig. ~~Figure~~ Figure 1), suggesting strong contributions of vehicular emissions for both species. In addition ~~In addition~~ to ~~In addition to~~ Similarly to the NO_x, the NH₃ concentrations increased ~~also~~ also under low winds. The similarity of NH₃ temporal variation with NO_x suggests ~~that that~~ motor vehicle emissions ~~from motor vehicles~~ partly contribute to ambient NH₃ concentration in winter (Osada et al., 2019). However, neither NH₃ nor NH_x (NH₃ and NH₄⁺) ~~did not show~~ showed ~~no a~~ strong correlation with NO_x (Suppl. Fig. ~~Figure~~ Figure 1), suggesting ~~that~~ that a source other than vehicular emissions contributes more to NH₃ concentrations in winter.

Figure 4 depicts average diurnal variations of NH₃ and NH₄⁺ concentrations, air temperature, solar radiation, relative humidity (RH), wind speed (WS), NO_x and CO concentrations from December 2017 ~~to~~ through September 2019 for every 3 months. For NH₃ variation, seasonal change was ~~clearly seen~~ readily apparent. Broad and modest maximum of NH₃ concentrations were observed ~~at~~ around noon in December and March. ~~On the contrary~~ By contrast, in June and September, sharp peaks at around 8 o'clock in the morning ~~was~~ were superimposed ~~to~~ on the broad and modest variation during colder season. The start timing of the NH₃ increase in the morning during ~~the~~ warm season was similar to the ~~hour~~ hours of rising air temperature and dropping relative

195 humidity. In contrast to diurnal variations of NO_x and CO concentrations, NH₃ concentrations in December and March showed no large morning peak at rush ~~hour~~ hour around 7–9 o'clock, suggesting ~~that~~ ~~that~~ contributions of NH₃ from motor vehicular emissions are apparently limited ~~for only~~ to those days under calm wind conditions, even in December.

200 Diurnal variation of NH₄⁺ concentration was nearly flat for all examples ~~shown in Fig. 4~~ portrayed in Fig. 4. Regarding the relation between NH₄⁺ concentrations and air temperature, dissociation of particulate NH₄NO₃ in the atmosphere is known to be strongly related to temperature: partitioning toward gas phase is favored under higher air temperatures (Mozurkewich, 1993). However, ~~the~~ NH₄⁺ concentrations in ~~Fig. Fig. Fig-ure~~ Fig. 4 were not simply a mirror of diurnal temperature variations. Therefore, NH₃ increases ~~at~~ around noon ~~during the~~ in cold season ~~was are~~ not attributable to dissociation of NH₄NO₃. Solar radiation showed higher values around noon. 205 Wind speed was low from mid-night to the morning and high during afternoon and early evening.

Diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration is ~~controlled~~ mainly ~~controlled~~ by time variations of 1) atmospheric boundary layer ~~dynamics~~ dynamics, 2) dry deposition to ~~cuticular~~ cuticular of vegetation and other surfaces, and 3) local emission strength (Sutton et al., 1995; Saylor et al., 2010; Hrdina et al., 2019). First, the ~~boundary layer~~ height ~~of boundary layer~~ increases with surface heating by solar radiation, leading ~~more to greater~~ dilution of ~~the~~ NH₃ concentration ~~in at~~ noon. ~~If~~ If this is the case, ~~then~~ diurnal variation of NH₃ ~~is resembles to~~ those of NO_x and CO. However, it ~~looks appears to be~~ different in Fig. 4, suggesting dominance of other factors. Second, dry deposition velocity of NH₃ varies with wetness of the surfaces. Diurnal variation of RH shows minimum ~~values~~ around noon, implying ~~that that the~~ NH₃ dry deposition in daytime ~~is slower~~ time is greater than ~~that that during~~ in nighttime. Evaporation of dew and ~~that from other~~ wet surfaces ~~is also~~ also a potential source of NH₃, ~~which~~ ~~will be as~~ discussed ~~in greater~~ detail in section 3.2. Lastly, time variation of local emissions ~~is also~~ also important, especially for ~~a~~ low wind conditions. ~~However,~~ ~~rush~~ ~~hour~~ ~~hour~~ emissions from motor vehicles ~~was~~ ~~were~~ not the major contributor, as discussed earlier. To seek an effective source creating the morning peak, diurnal variations were analyzed again for days selected by weather condition (more specifically duration of sunshine) as ~~presented~~ ~~noticed~~ in Fig. 2. 215

220 Figure 5 depicts the ~~impact effects~~ of sunshine on the morning peak of NH₃ concentrations during July and August for 2018 and 2019. ~~Left~~ ~~The left~~ column represents fine weather of ~~the~~ days receiving direct sunlight longer than 10 hr (~~namely~~ clear sky for ~~the~~ most of the day). ~~Right~~ ~~The right~~ column shows cloudy weather with sunshine duration shorter than 5 hr and daily rain ~~of~~ less than 3 mm. ~~The~~ NH₃ concentration showed ~~a~~ strong peak at 8 a.-m. under fine weather, ~~while although~~ ~~whereas~~ the peak concentration was slightly lower in 2019. ~~In~~ ~~By~~ contrast, ~~a~~ strong peak was absent ~~in on~~ the mornings ~~for of~~ cloudy days. This evidence ~~relating~~ ~~related~~ to direct solar radiation suggests ~~that that~~ the morning peak is attributed ~~from to~~ plant physiological activities such 225

as photosynthesis or stoma opening. ~~Importance-The importance~~ of stomatal NH₃ emissions ~~-will be~~ discussed ~~later again-further~~ in section 3.3.

230 3.2 Peak after mist evaporation

Figure 6 presents an example of a sudden increase from 2 ppb to 13 ppb of NH₃ concentration during 2 hr associated with drying mist after rain on 15 November, 2017. ~~This. This~~ magnitude of NH₃ increase after rain was ~~only~~ rarely observed during the ~~two year~~ study period ~~-of two years~~. Mist is defined as reduced horizontal visibility ~~to between-1-and-10 km~~ ~~bybecause of suspending-suspended~~ water droplets in the atmosphere. In Nagoya, mist ~~is-often~~ ~~observed-occurs~~ before or after rain. In this case, rain ceased in the early evening of November 14, but the mist ~~continued-persisted~~ until 10 am ~~of-on 15~~ November ~~-15~~. Associated with relative humidity ~~dropped-dropping~~ sharply from ca. 90% at 10 ~~AM-am~~ to ca. 40% at noon, ~~the~~ mist disappeared ~~and. The~~ NH₃ concentration ~~increased~~ abruptly ~~increased~~ as a mirror of temporal variation of relative humidity (RH). Slight enhancement of NH₃ concentration after the rain has been described in some reports of the literature (Roelle and Aneja, 2002; Ellis et al., 2011). ~~They-Those reports presented discussed-discussion of~~ the hypothesis on enhancement associated with the combination of an increase in the ammoniacal nitrogen concentration in the soil and diffusion from the soil to air after the drying pore solution. However, this process requires more time after ~~rain~~ cessation ~~of-rain~~ to decrease soil moisture; then, it is too slow to raise the atmospheric NH₃ concentration. In contrast, Wentworth et al. (2014, 2016) reported ~~that- that a~~ rapid increase of NH₃ in the morning was attributed to evaporation of dew containing ~~relatively-elatively~~ high concentrations of NH₄⁺ with ~~the~~ nearly neutral pH. They ~~pointed-out-reported-that- that~~ the amount of NH₃ volatilize ~~utilized~~ from dew is governed by the ionic composition (excess amount of NH₄⁺ rather than forming less-volatile salts from constituents) and pH (gas-~~aqueous~~ partitioning and chemical equilibria in solution). Although the magnitude of the morning increase reported ~~in-by~~ Wentworth et al. (2016) was less than half ~~that~~ of the present case, ~~the~~ timing and quickness of NH₃ increase were similar to ~~the aspect-those shown in Fig. 6-depicted in Fig. 6~~, suggesting ~~that- that~~ mist droplet evaporation ~~of mist droplets~~ is a major source process for ~~the~~ high NH₃. A similar rapid NH₃ increase up to 15 ppb during 4 hr was ~~previously~~ observed ~~earlier~~ on 11 December ~~-11~~, 2015 in Nagoya (Osada et al., 2018). According to ~~an~~ acid rain report ~~in~~ 2017 ~~published~~ by ~~the~~ Nagoya City Institute of Environmental Sciences (NCIES, 2018), the volume weighted mean pH of the weekly collected rain sample from 13–20 November, 2017 was 6.00. Based on major ionic data reported for the sample, Frac (NH₄⁺) proposed by Wentworth et al. (2016) was estimated as 0.14 ~~that- that~~, ~~which~~ suggests ~~the~~ possibility of NH₃ evaporation after drying ~~of~~ the rain. However, rain was observed twice during the sampling period: ~~in-on 14 November -14th~~ (9mm ~~9 mm~~) and ~~18 November -18th~~ (16.5 mm). Unfortunately, ~~the~~ chemical composition of rain ~~in-on 14 November -14~~ was not known, ~~so and further discussion is thus~~ difficult ~~to discuss more~~. Instead, the duration of mist after the rain might

260 be an important factor to form a favorable composition for releasing NH_3 . In fact, the duration of mist after the rain was unusually long (16 hr). Therefore, ambient NH_3 during the mist was able to dissolve into the droplets ~~more better into the droplets~~. Subsequently, a large amount of NH_3 was released from ~~the~~ mist droplets after evaporation, engendering a spike of the NH_3 concentration.

265 3.3 Emissions from the tree canopy ~~around~~ surrounding the site: relation to bird droppings

Figure 7 presents results of data analysis of NH_3 and NH_4^+ concentrations. Monthly NH_x ($\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+$) concentrations (Fig. 7a) are high in summer and low in winter. Daily and monthly NH_4^+ (Fig. 7b) concentrations show higher values from spring to summer and lower in fall and winter, whereas daily and monthly NH_3 concentrations (Fig. 7c) depict clear seasonal variation: high in summer (maximum in August) and low in winter (minimum in January). Amplitudes of seasonal variations of NH_3 ~~is-are~~ larger than ~~that- those~~ of NH_4^+ , ~~thus~~. Consequently, thereby, NH_3 ~~is~~ controlling the seasonal variation of the NH_3 fraction (Fig. 7b): ca. 60–75% in late summer (maximum in August–September) and 40–50% ~~&~~ in late winter to early spring (minimum in February and March). For the NH_3 concentration, the monthly minimum (1.6 ppb) in January 2018 was almost equal to ~~that- that~~ (1.7 ppb) in January 2019, although the monthly maximum (7.0 ppb) in August 2018 was higher than ~~that- that~~ (4.9 ppb) in August 2019. Furthermore, day-to-day variation was ~~also- also~~ greater in 2018 than in 2019. To examine the relation with source factors, ~~hour- hourly~~ NH_3 concentrations were analyzed for two subjects: the daily minimum and the -diurnal range (maximum minus minimum) under dry ($\text{RH} < 70\%$) and weak wind ($< 3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) conditions as fulfilled for days with both daily mean values. Reasons for the meteorological ~~ogical~~ limitations were the following. Wet surfaces on building walls, litter, soil, and leaves can act as a NH_4^+ reservoir, ~~which~~ which might change ambient NH_3 concentration shortly after evaporation. To avoid this effect, the daily average of relative humidity was set to below 70% for extraction as “non-wet days”. As Figs. 2 and 3 show, the wind speed exhibited a strong effect on local source dilution. Therefore, a day of weak wind was selected to illustrate a stronger effect of the local source.

The daily minimum NH_3 concentrations are shown together with the daily minimum air temperature (Fig. 285 7d). As briefly described earlier for Fig. 3, day-to-day variation of daily minimum NH_3 concentration in December covaries with the baseline trend in daily minimum temperature. Analogously to this, the seasonal variation of daily minimum NH_3 concentrations follows closely with the seasonal variation of the daily minimum temperature: high in summer with larger variation, and low in winter with less variation during the month. Monthly averages of daily minimum NH_3 concentrations were higher in summer of 2018 (ca. 4 ppb) than those of 2019 (ca. 2.8), 290 but almost identical values (0.7–1 ppb) were obtained for the respective winters. Daily minimum values of concentration and temperature were usually observed in the early morning before sunrise (Fig. 4). Although vertical profiles of NH_3 concentration and meteorological ~~ogical~~ parameters were not available, the ambient NH_3

at the time of daily minimum is presumably derived from local ~~in~~-origin under low wind. ~~The~~ NH₃ in the air is equilibrated with ~~the~~ local surfaces of plants and soils. Stomata of plants do not open before sunrise. Therefore, stomatal gas exchange is expected to be negligible before sunrise. Furthermore, ~~the~~-plant surface ~~is~~ ~~are~~ less effective as ~~the~~-NH₄⁺ reservoirs because ~~of~~ RH < 70%. However, pore water or moisture in soil can remain. ~~They~~ ~~That moisture~~ might act as a bidirectional exchange source of NH₃. For NH₃ equilibrium between soil pore water and air, known as a compensation point, ~~important parameters aside from the atmospheric NH₃ level include the~~ temperature, pH_s and NH₄⁺ concentrations in the solution ~~are important parameters aside from the atmospheric NH₃ level~~ (Farquhar et al., 1980). We discuss ~~more details related to~~ this point later ~~in greater detail~~.

Another ~~point~~ is analysis of the amplitude of diurnal variation as the difference between ~~the~~ maximum and minimum of the day ~~(Δ), denoted as daily max–min,⁵(Fig. 7e)~~. As anticipated from the difference between summer and winter in daily NH₃ variations portrayed in Fig. 4, the daily max–min values were larger in warm months than ~~these~~ in cold months. The daily max–min values were ~~found to be~~ quite large in summer (12.8 ppb as averages ~~during from~~ July ~~to~~ August in 2018 and 9.2 ppb in 2019) and small in winter (2.3 ppb as the average ~~during from~~ January ~~to~~ February in 2018 and 2.2 ppb in 2019). The increase of the daily max–min values began around May and ended gradually in September for these years. The timing of the start and the end for the large amplitude implies ~~the a~~ connection with ~~the~~ leaf growth stage of deciduous trees around the site. Although evergreen trees (*Quercus glauca*, *Pinus*, *Machilus thunbergii*, etc.) are ~~mixing~~~~mixed~~, deciduous trees (*Quercus variabilis*, *Zelkova serrata*, Japanese cherry, *Liquidambar*, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, *Aphananthe aspera*, etc.) ~~are~~ growing in ~~the a~~ small forest (ca. 380 × 30 m) near the site. ~~Fig. Figure Figures 1c and 1d~~ ~~respectively~~~~respectively~~ show the tree belt and autumn leaves at the front of the building.

To study the emission potential of NH₃ from various reservoirs (i.e. apoplastic fluid of plants and soil pore water), the compensation point model is applied for comparison by ~~estimating~~ ~~estimation~~ from temperature and thermodynamic equilibrium among various surfaces and the atmosphere. The compensation point (X) is predicted as ~~to~~ the following.

$$X = \frac{161500}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{10880}{r}\right) \Gamma \quad (1)$$

Therein, T denotes the ~~surface reservoir~~ temperature ~~of the surface reservoir~~ in Kelvin, Γ represents the emission potential equal to the concentration ratio between [NH₄⁺] and [H⁺] in the surface reservoir ($\Gamma = [\text{NH}_4^+]/[\text{H}^+]$), and X is given in units of parts per billion or in nanamoles per mole (Nemitz et al., 2004). Greater emission potential ~~engenders~~ ~~represents~~ higher equilibrium NH₃ concentration with the surface for the same temperature. Higher temperature raises the equilibrium NH₃ concentration ~~present~~ as gas phase.

325 Apoplastic fluid in stomata of plants and pore water in soil are assumed as the major reservoirs of NH_4^+ . To
equilibrate apoplastic fluid with ambient atmosphere, stomata must be opened, ~~which which~~ is regulated by the
plant physiology ~~relating-related~~ to photosynthesis. Consequently, ~~the~~ daily maximum NH_3 concentrations were
observed at about 2–4 hr ~~later-from~~ after sunrise. In other words, the initial stage of stomata opening is
synchronized well with the timing of the morning increase. The daily maximum NH_3 concentrations are shown
330 versus the average air temperature of the day (Fig. 8a). ~~The~~ leaf temperatures ~~was-were~~ not measured ~~in-for~~ this
study. The ambient temperature was used as a surrogate of ~~the~~ leaf temperature. In Fig. 8a, two hypothetical
compensation curves are ~~also-also~~ shown using Γ of 1500 and 200. ~~Above-an~~ At air temperatures ~~of-higher than~~
about 10–15°C, most observed data ~~were-are~~ shown between these two curves, suggesting ~~that-that~~ the Γ of the
forest canopy around the site ~~was-is~~ in the range of 200–1500. ~~According to the literature regarding-related to~~
335 ~~compensation points (Massad et al., 2010; Zhang et al., (2010);, Massad et al. (2010), and Hrdina et al. (, 2019)),~~
 ~~Γ was several tenths to 10^5 depending on the type of ground, vegetation, and richness of reactive nitrogen available~~
~~for the plant, types-ofs- types of ground, and vegetation.~~ For stomatal emission potential of NH_3 , the range of
300–3000 for trees of deciduous and evergreen forests was proposed by Zhang et al. (2010). A similar range of
~~the-values was-also-also~~ listed by Massad et al. (2010).

340 Furthermore, daily minimum NH_3 concentrations are ~~also-also~~ shown versus the minimum air temperature
of the day (Fig. 8b). As described earlier, the condition observed for daily minimum NH_3 concentration is
~~connected-related~~ to the emission potential from soil around the site because stomatal emissions are negligible.
Although soil temperatures were not measured ~~in-for~~ this study, the minimum air temperature was used as a
surrogate for nighttime soil temperatures. In Fig. 8b, two hypothetical compensation curves are shown using Γ of
345 500 and 200. Observed data were in the range of the hypothetical compensation curves only for minimum air
temperatures ~~above-higher than~~ 20°C. Below 20°C, most observed data were over the curve for Γ of 500. Two
possibilities ~~are-can be~~ considered for these relations. One is ~~that-that~~ higher Γ for soil is responsible for winter
because litter from deciduous trees can be decomposed by microbial activity. ~~Also, In addition,~~ subsequent NH_4^+
production raised Γ higher than 500. ~~Another possibility is a-that the contribution from vehicular emissions was~~
350 ~~enhanced by stagnant air pollution in winter (Yamagami et al., 2019).~~

As shown separately in Fig. 8, concentrations of NH_3 in summer of 2018 were higher than those of 2019 for
comparison with the same temperature. Γ for the canopy of a site varies with various parameters such as seasonal
variation of plants's stages of growth and supply of reactive nitrogen (Schjoerring et al., 1998; 2000; Massad et
al., 2010). Senescent and mature leaves have high potential for NH_3 emissions (Mattsson and Scjoerring, 2003).
355 For deciduous trees ~~in-related to the present this~~ study, new leaves start to grow in April ~~and;~~ they mature after
June. They turn red in November. The duration of active ~~leaf-leaves~~ of deciduous trees roughly accords with the
season of the higher daily ~~max-minax-min~~ shown in Fig. 7 ~~portrayed in Fig. 7c.~~ However, the values of the daily

~~max-min~~~~max-min~~ in summer differed between 2018 and 2019, with no great change of trees ~~in-on~~ the campus. As discussed in section 3.1, dry deposition of NH₃ is controlled by surface conditions of the soil and ~~cuticular~~~~cuticular~~ of plant surfaces. In the analyses of ~~portrayed in~~ Figs. 7 and 8, ~~drier-drier~~ days were selected, excluding the complexity of wet processes for NH₃ exchange between air and the various surfaces. In addition, leaf conditions of trees and weeds were ~~almost the same~~~~almost identical~~ for these years, suggesting ~~that that~~ conditions of NH₃ dry deposition did not change. In addition, micrometeorological factors govern the transfer velocity ~~that that~~ ultimately determines the magnitude of the NH₃ exchange. Unfortunately, meteorological data required for estimating the transfer velocity were not available in this study. Further data for flux estimations ~~are needed~~ ~~to are necessary to~~ evaluate NH₃ exchange in urban areas. Nonetheless, important suggestions can be made for potential source variation at the site. As input to the system, the amount of reactive nitrogen brought by wet deposition (rain) ~~vary-varies~~ slightly ~~year-to-with~~ year. According to annual reports of acid rain (NCIES, 2019; 2020), monthly average wet depositions of NO₃⁻ ~~during from~~ May ~~to~~ September were 2.3 mmol m⁻² in 2018 and 2.0 mmol m⁻² in 2019, ~~respectively~~~~respectively~~. Similarly, monthly average wet depositions of NH₄⁺ during May–September were ~~, respectively~~~~respectively~~, 2.9 mmol m⁻² in 2018 and 2.4 mmol m⁻² in 2019. Wet depositions of these species during warm months ~~were-as~~ slightly (ca. 15%) higher (ca. 15%) in 2018 than ~~those~~ in 2019. However, the observed differences (ca. 30%) in the average daily ~~max-min~~ between 2018 and 2019 were almost double ~~for the difference~~~~those~~ in wet depositions, requiring more input to explain yearly ~~discrepancy~~~~discrepancies~~.

To seek more input to the system, the importance of bird droppings at the site is discussed below. From June or July ~~to-through~~ September or October, rooftops of the buildings and trees ~~in-on~~ the campus are used frequently by more than ~~several hundreds of~~ several hundred crows for pre-roosting assembly or flight line assembly in early evening before going to roost, located ~~in-on~~ or presumably near the campus. Normally, a murder of crows stays a short time (mostly less than 2 hr). They then leave to their primary roost area (Nakamura, 2004). More crows gathered in the murder in the summer in 2018 than in 2019, ~~which which~~ is ~~seen-as-regarded as~~ the number density of white fecal remains in photographs under trees at the front of the building (see Appendix Photograph 1).

Bird droppings are rich in reactive nitrogen: nitrogen contents in dry weight of droppings are 3.5% for chickens (Nakamura and Yuyama, 2005) and 4.7% for crows (Fujita and Koike, 2007). The major reactive nitrogen of bird droppings is the uric acid, ~~which which~~ is readily transformed into NH₄⁺ by microbial activity in the soil. It is later incorporated and used by plants through roots. To evaluate the effects of bird droppings at the site, the flux of reactive nitrogen added by bird droppings over the unit area ($Flux_{bd}$, mol m⁻² day⁻¹) is estimated as shown below.

$$Flux_{bd} = \frac{Freq \cdot W \cdot R}{14} \quad (2)$$

In ~~that~~ ~~that~~ equation, *Freq.* (number m⁻² day⁻¹) represents the input frequency of excreta shot per day over unit area, *W* (g shot⁻¹) stands for the dry weight of excreta per ~~an~~ excreta shot, *R* (%) denotes the nitrogen content per dry excreta weight, and 14 is the atomic weight of nitrogen for conversion. For simplicity, the following values are used to estimate *Flux_{bd}*: *Freq.* is once per day per square meter, *W* is 1 g per shot, and *R* is 4.7% (Fujita and Koike, 2007). Evaluating the relevance to the assumptions is difficult, but it is believed to ~~be~~ the best guess from the dropping situations observed around the building (Appendix Photograph 1). The estimated result is 3.4 mmol m⁻² day⁻¹, ~~which~~ ~~which~~ is converted as ca. 100 mmol m⁻² month⁻¹. ~~This.~~ ~~This~~ value is nearly 40 times higher than the NH₄⁺ flux by rain. *Flux_{bd}* includes large uncertainty depending on the number of crows gathered and their behavior ~~in-on~~ the campus. However, it is useful for comparison with reactive nitrogen flux by rain. Even assuming *Freq.* was one-tenth of the initial assumption above (0.1 number m⁻² day⁻¹), *Flux_{bd}* is still larger than the NH₄⁺ flux by rain. In this study, the dense area of bird droppings was not so large ~~in-on~~ the campus. However, the excess inputs of reactive nitrogen brought by crows to a small area might engender strong local emissions of NH₃ from the soil and through the forest canopy. Indeed, Fujita and Koike (2007) pointed out ~~that~~ ~~that~~ jungle crows brought substantial amounts of nutrients to their roost of fragmented forests in an urban area. Populations of crows and the distribution of crow roosts vary with food availability and trees for sleeping and breeding. Crows have adapted well to urban areas. ~~For that reason.~~ ~~Therefore,~~ their populations are often increasing in urban areas worldwide (Ueta et al., 2003; Vuorisalo et al., 2003). Through the increase of bird droppings, reactive nitrogen in urban small forests is oversaturated for tree growth and emitted excess nitrogen as NH₃ from the tree canopy. Vegetation in urban environments tends to catch and concentrate gaseous and particulate reactive nitrogen pollutants and to supply them ~~into~~ the ground surface (Decina et al., 2020). The present study ~~made-yielded~~ a ~~particularly~~ important point ~~that~~ ~~that~~: this process is bi-directional for NH₃. Furthermore, NH₃ emissions from the tree canopy have become ~~more~~-important for neutralizing acidic urban aerosol particles.

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4 Summary and Conclusions

Hourly measurements of NH₃ and NH₄⁺ were conducted from November 2017 through October 2019 in Nagoya, central Japan. Monthly average NH₃ concentrations were high ~~in summer~~ (7.0 ppb and 4.9 ppb, ~~respectively~~~~respectively~~, for August in 2018 and 2019) ~~in summer~~ and low ~~in winter~~ (1.6 ppb and 1.7 ppb for January 2018 and 2019, ~~respectively~~~~respectively~~) ~~in winter~~. During the study period, a surge event (11 ppb during 2 hr) was observed after mist evaporation during daytime, ~~which~~ ~~which~~ was very rare at Nagoya, even though evaporation of mist or fog droplets ~~are-is~~ expected to be frequent after rain. A plausible condition of the surge

event was discussed in terms of [the](#) composition and pH of rain. The amplitude of diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration (daily maximum minus minimum) was small (ca. 2 ppb) in winter and large (ca. 10 ppb) in summer. The daily ~~max-min~~~~max-min~~ increased from late spring synchronized with new leaf growth and peaked in summer during intense addition of droppings from hundreds of crows assembled on trees and rooftops near the site before going to their roosts. ~~The~~~~l~~arge diurnal variation of NH₃ concentration was characterized ~~ed by a~~~~ed~~ ~~using~~~~by~~ a peak at 2–4 hr after sunrise. In summer, the peak NH₃ concentration at around 8 a.m. under fine weather was larger than ~~that~~ ~~that~~ under cloudy weather, suggesting ~~that~~ ~~that~~ receiving direct sunlight is important for boosting the morning peak. The timing of seasonal and daily increases of the morning NH₃ peak imply ~~that~~ ~~that~~ reactive nitrogen inputs from ~~Crow-crow~~ droppings and rain increased NH₃ emissions from the tree canopy. Preliminary estimates suggest ~~that~~ ~~that~~ reactive nitrogen input by crow droppings was greater than the effect of wet deposition. Therefore, ~~as-crow~~ populations ~~are of crows~~ ~~increase~~~~ing~~ in some urban areas through adaptation; ~~the~~~~r~~ reactive nitrogen supplied by crow droppings might become an increasingly important source of NH₃ emissions in urban areas.

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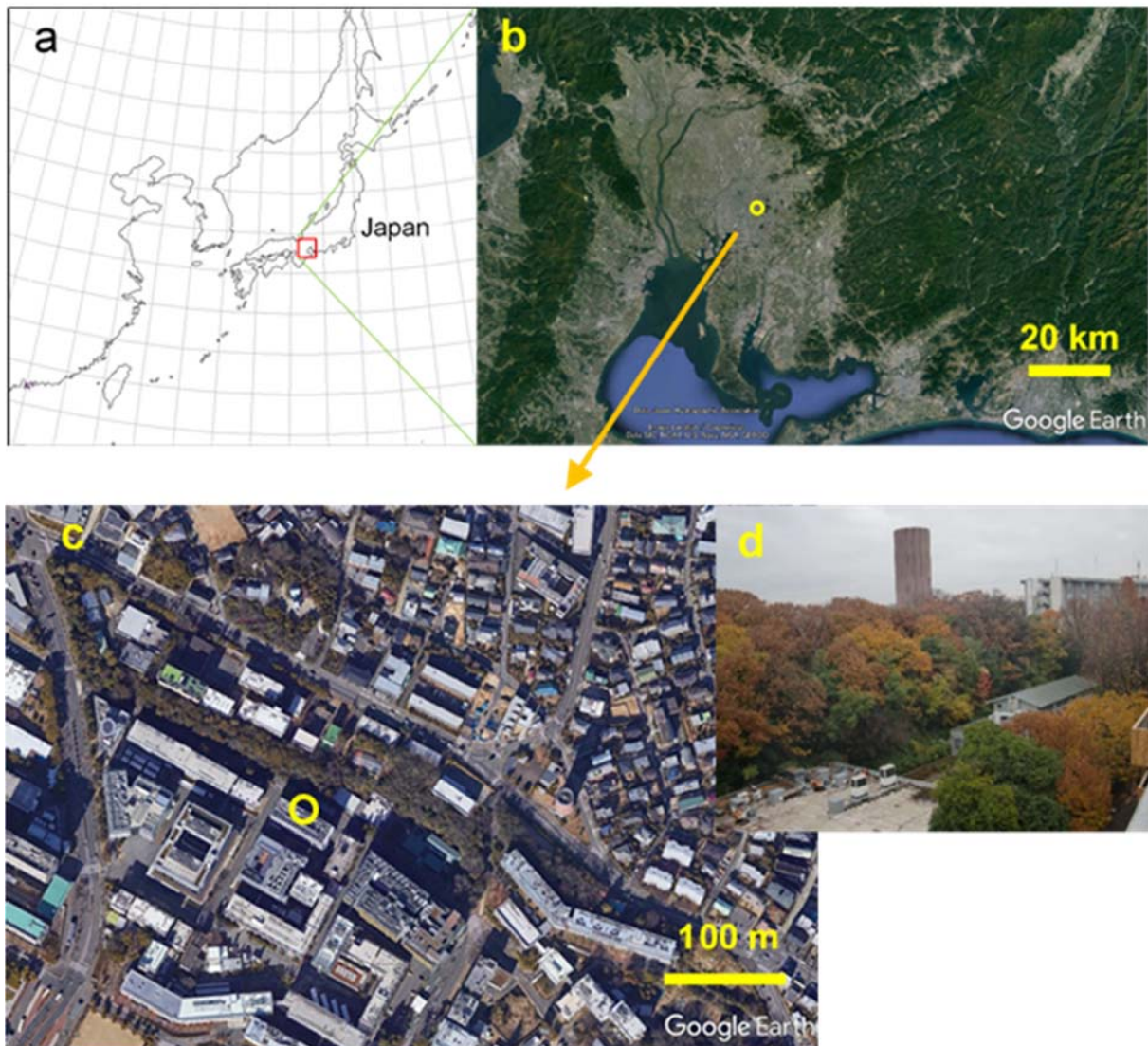


Figure 1(a): Map of the area around the observation site. (b): ~~Satellite~~ ~~Satellite~~ image (from © Google Earth) near Nagoya University (open circles: 35.67°N, 139.83°E) in Nagoya, Japan. ~~Local~~ ~~A local~~ ~~meteorological~~ ~~ogical~~ station (air temperature, relative humidity, rain, wind speed and direction, solar radiation, weather records) and ~~a~~ national air pollution monitoring site (NO_x and CO) are located at about 2 km north ~~from of~~ the site. (c): © Google Earth ~~close~~ ~~close~~ ~~up~~ image of the campus. NH_x measurements were ~~conducted~~ ~~taken~~ at the Environmental Studies Hall (open circle in c). (d): Outside view from the seventh floor (26 m above the ground) to the northeast taken in early December.

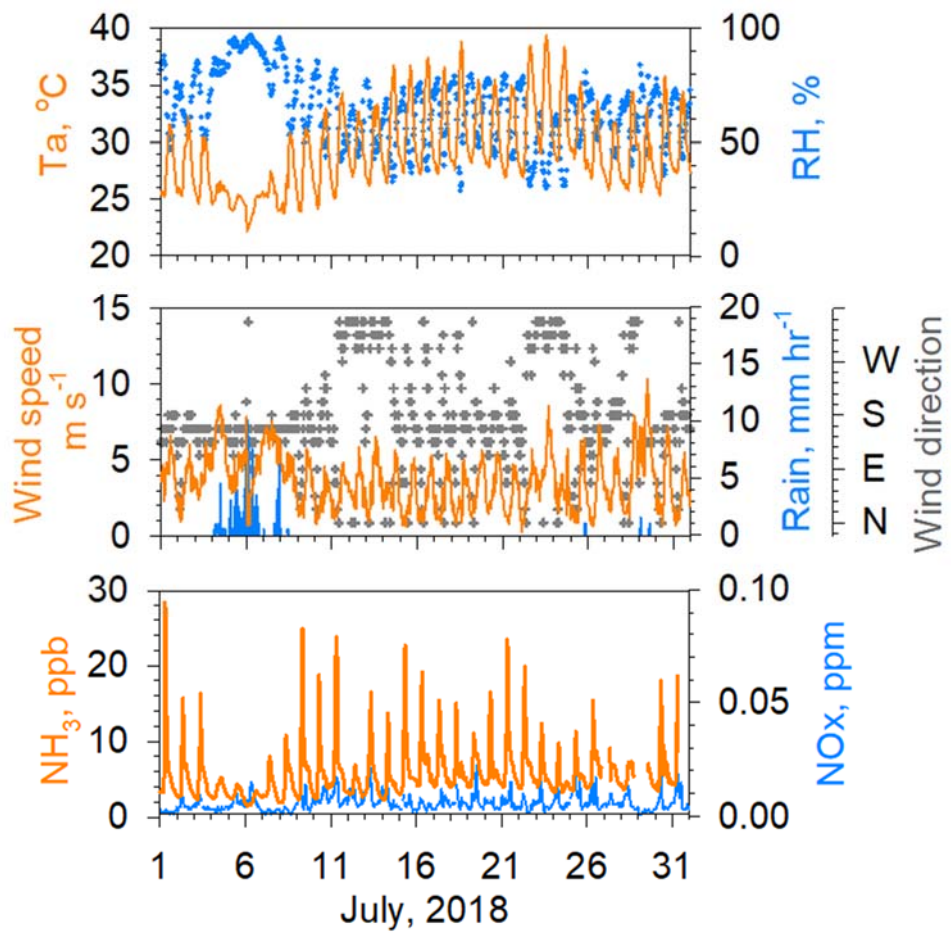


Figure 2 NH₃ and NOx concentrations with meteorological data in Nagoya during July, 2018.

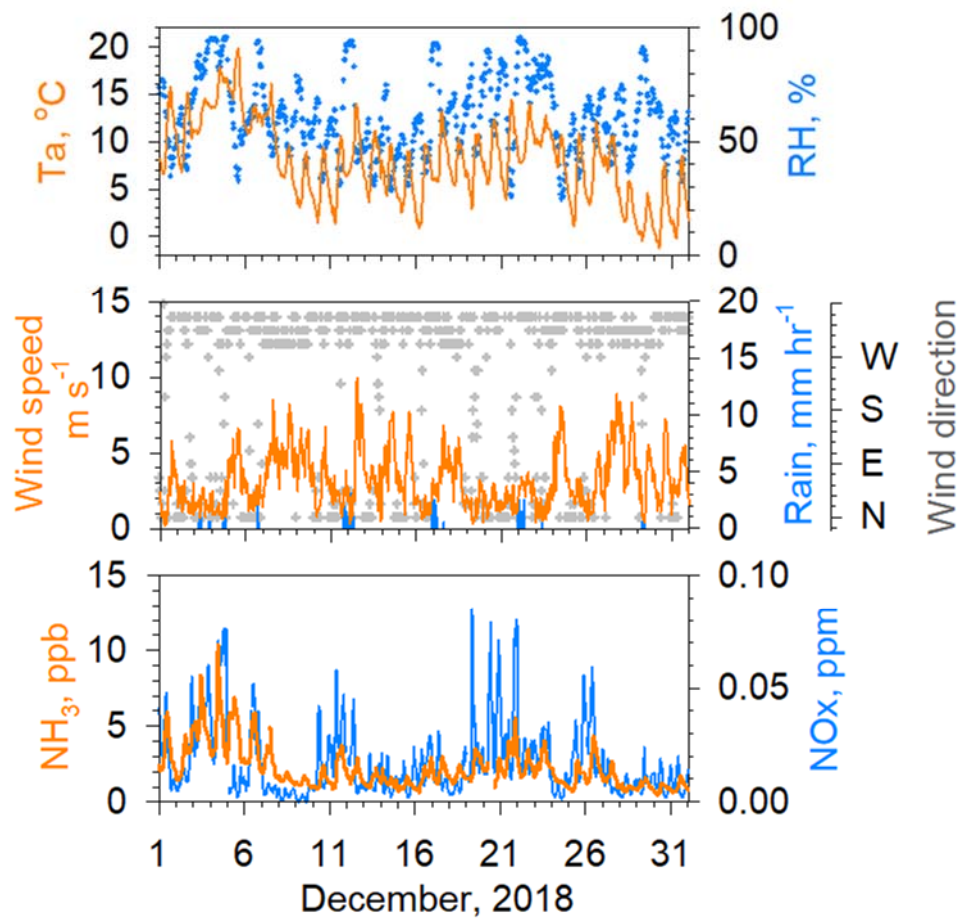


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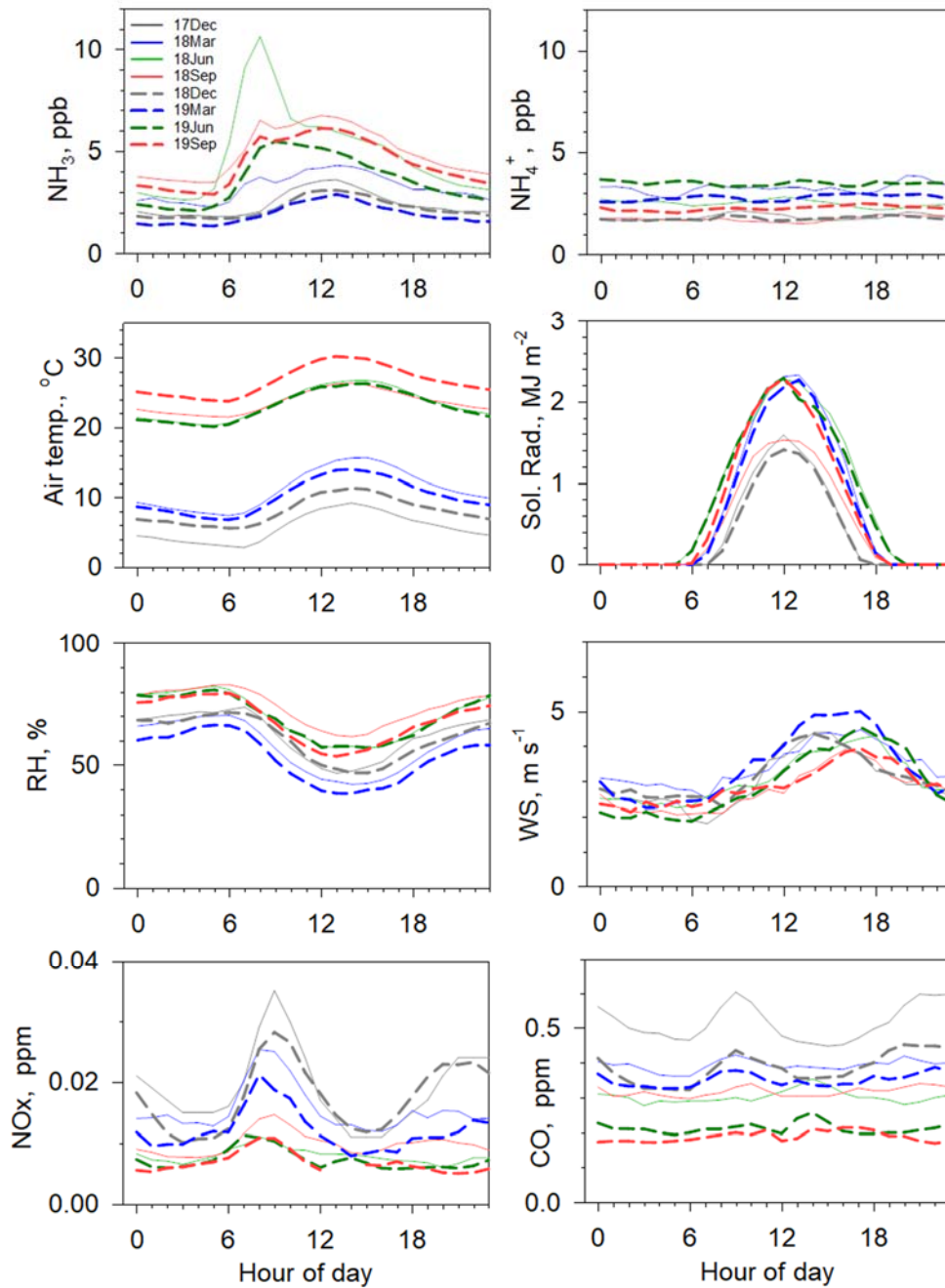


Figure 4 Hourly averages of various concentrations and meteorological parameters for several months: December (fine gray), 2017; March (fine blue), June (fine green), September (fine orange), and December (dotted gray), in 2018; March (dotted blue), June (dotted green), September (dotted orange), 2019; RH, relative humidity; WS, wind speed.

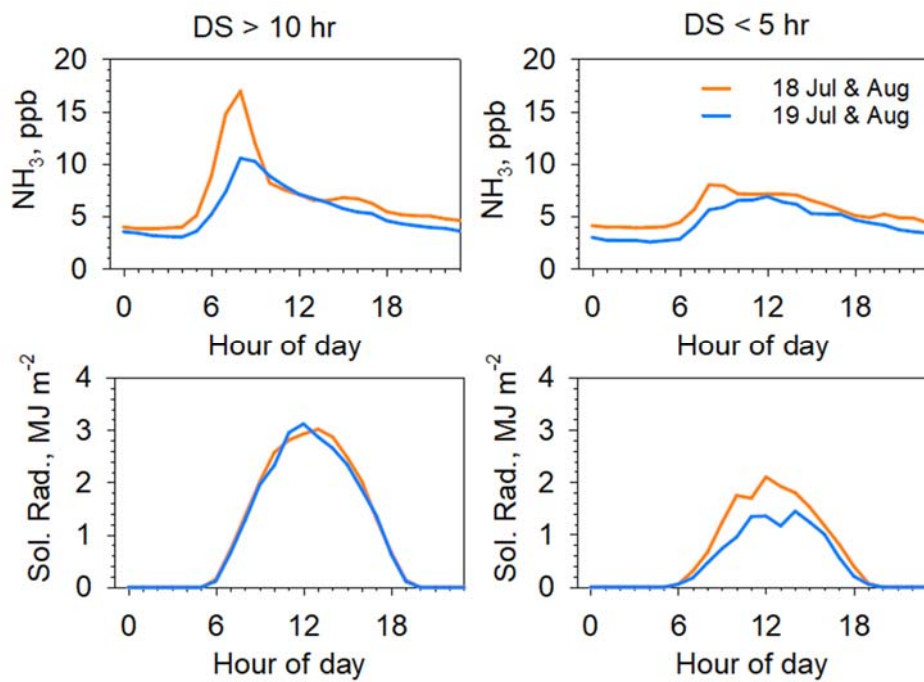


Figure 5 Hourly average of NH_3 concentration and solar radiation during from July to August in 2018 (orange) and 2019 (blue). Left column: averages for the fine the days both fulfilled daily sunshine >10 hr and daily wind speed $<3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (11 days in 2018 and, 10 days in 2019, respectively). Right column: averages for the cloudy days all fulfilled daily sunshine $<5 \text{ hr}$, daily wind speed $<3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, and daily rain $<3 \text{ mm}$ (4 days in 2018 and, 7 days in 2019).

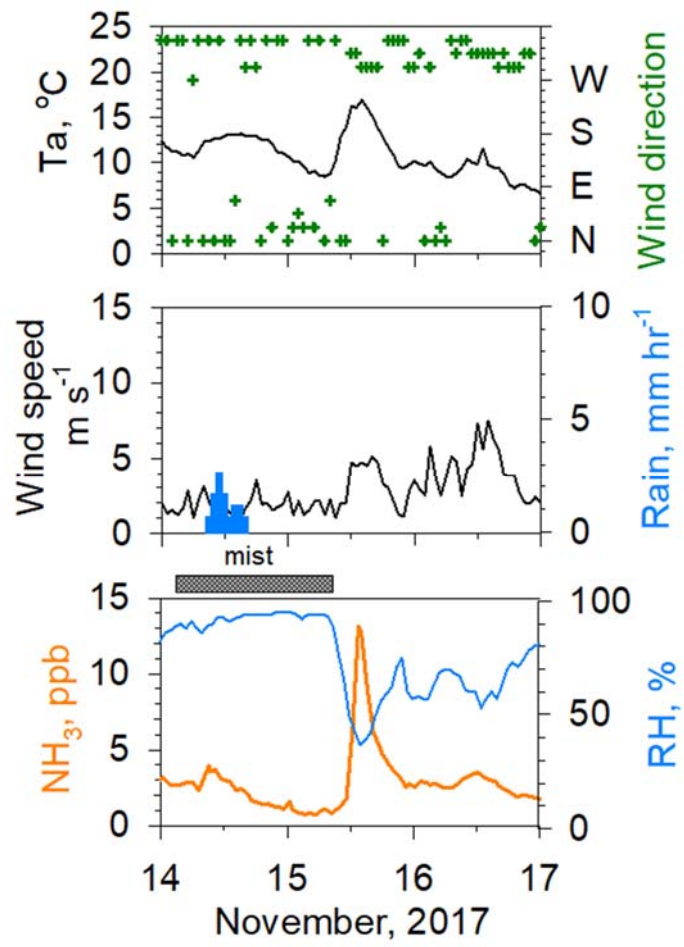


Figure 6 Impact Effects of the rain-mist events on the ambient NH_3 concentrations during from 14 to 17 November 2017

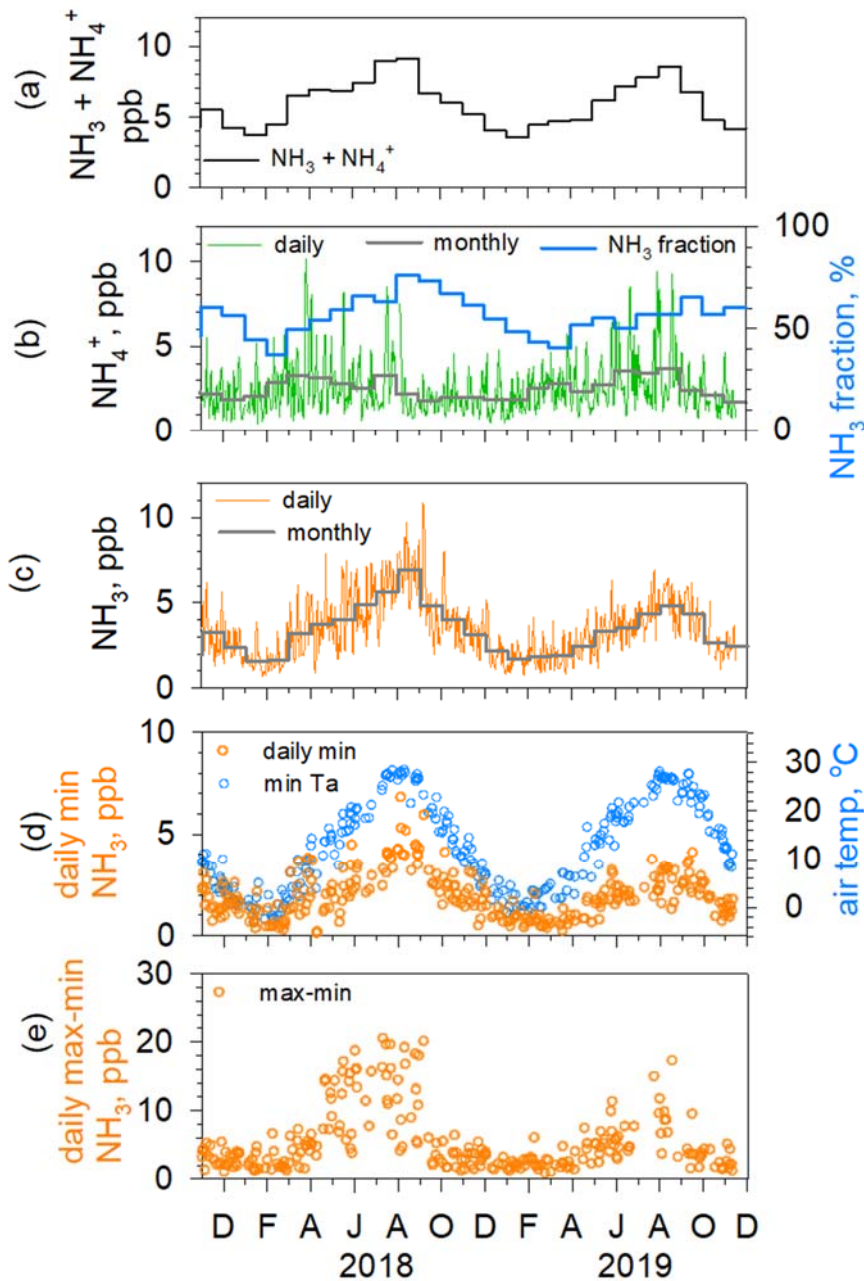


Figure 7(a) Monthly $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+$ concentrations. (b) Daily (thin green) and monthly (thick gray) NH_4^+ concentrations with NH_3 fraction (thick blue) to $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+$ concentration. (c) Daily (thin orange) and monthly (thick gray) NH_3 concentrations. (d) Daily minimum NH_3 concentrations (orange circle) and minimum air temperature (blue circle) for the days of both fulfilled average relative humidity <70% and daily average wind speed <3 m s⁻¹. (e) Range of diurnal NH_3 concentrations (max-min: orange circle) for the days of both fulfilled average relative humidity <70% and daily average wind speed <3 m s⁻¹.

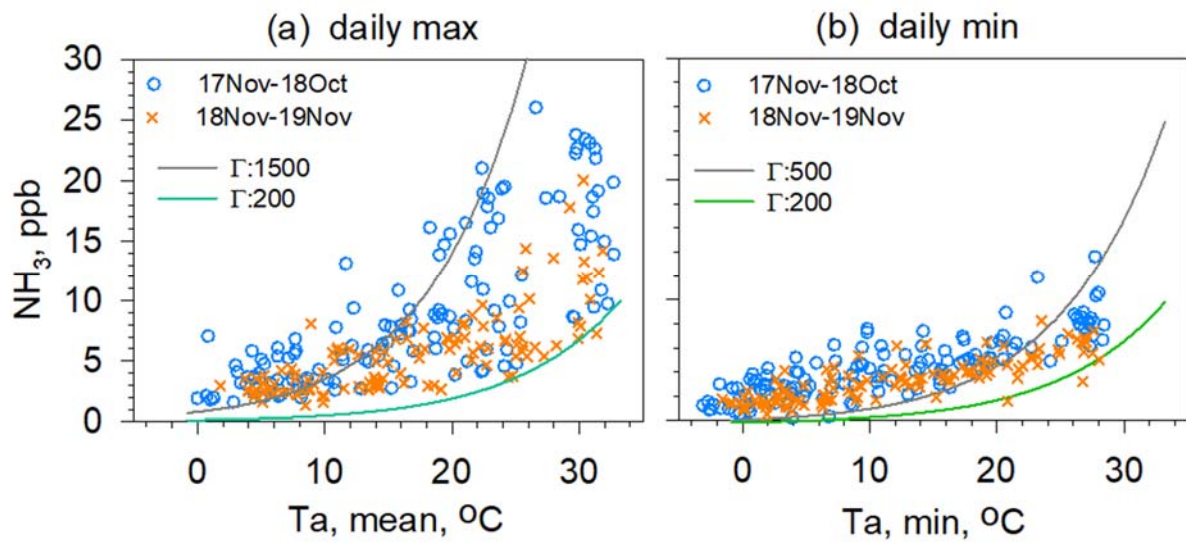


Figure 8 (a) Scatter plot showing the maximum NH₃ concentration and average air temperatures for days of both fulfilled average relative humidity below 70% and daily average wind speed below 3 m s⁻¹. (b) Scatter plot showing the daily minimum NH₃ concentration and minimum air temperature for days of both fulfilled average relative humidity below 70% and daily average wind speed below 3 m s⁻¹. Green and gray curves show compensation points for the temperature using Γ values shown in the panels.

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Appendix Photograph 1 Crow droppings (photographs taken at the same place on (a) 28 July-~~28~~, 2018; (b) 17 October-~~17~~, 2019) in front of the Environmental Studies Hall of Nagoya University.