

A tractor is pulling a large blue slurry tank in a green field. The tractor is white and has a red light on the back. The slurry tank is blue and has a red pipe on top. The field is green and has some tracks from the tractor. In the background, there are trees and a building.

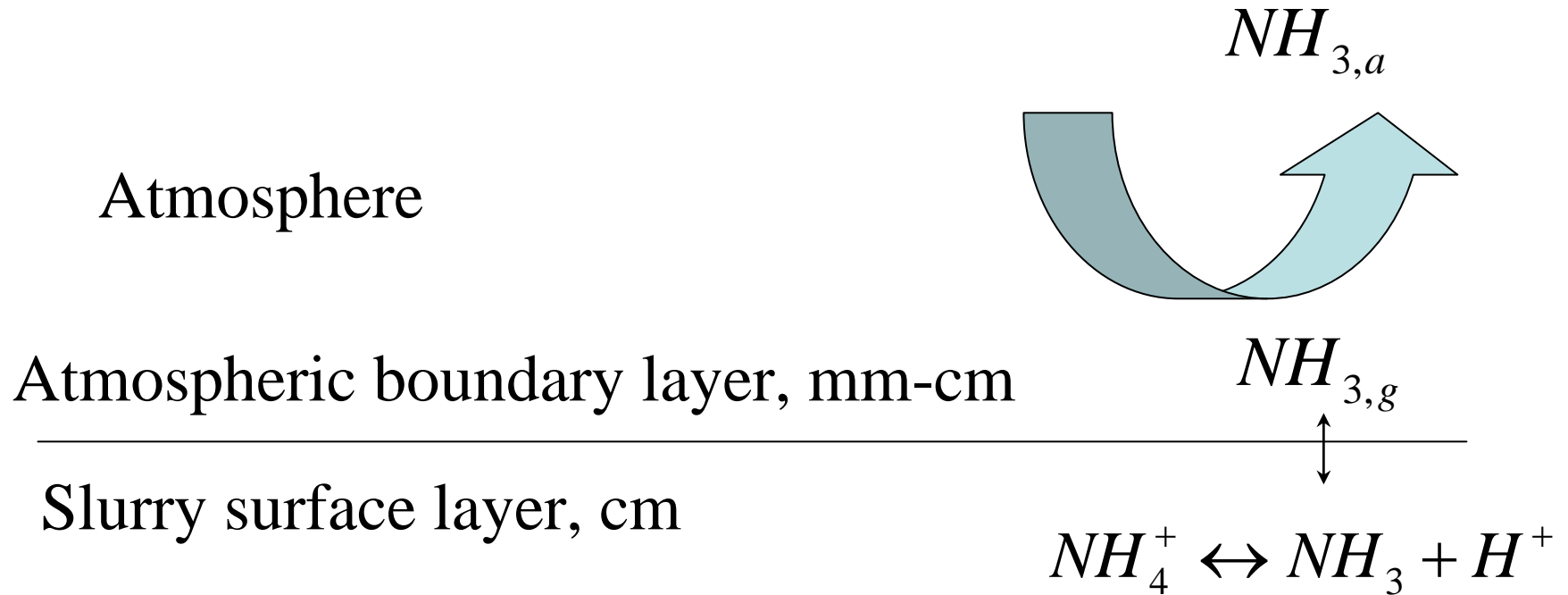
# Emissions and Abatement of ammonia emission from slurry and fertilizers

**Sven G. Sommer**  
**University of Southern Denmark**

# Why being concerned about ammonia volatilisation

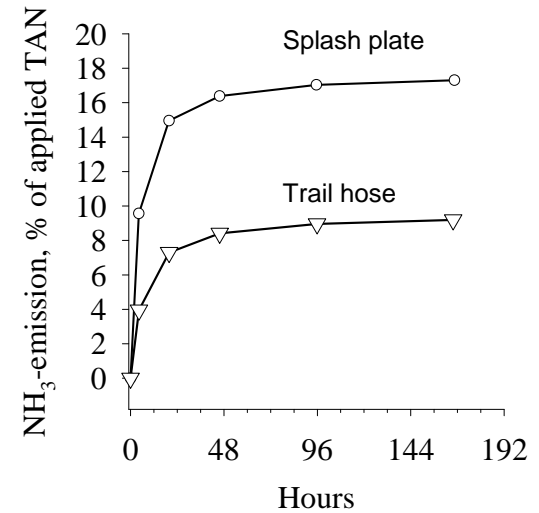
- Reduce plant nutrient value of livestock manure
- Causes environmental problems (eutrofication)

# Ammonia loss processes



$$NH_3 = \frac{TAN}{1 + (H_3O)^+ / K_N(Temp)}$$

# Trail hose application/band application

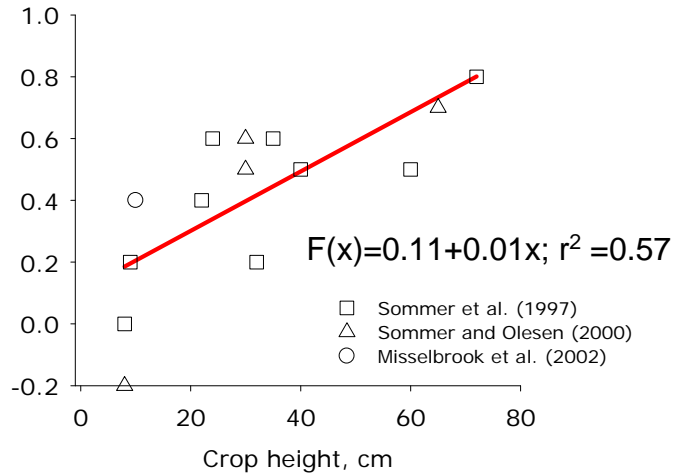


- On the soil below crop canopy
- Plants: Provide shadow, i.e. reduced wind speed and temperature,  $\text{NH}_3$  is taken up by crops (up to 25% of emitted  $\text{NH}_3$ )
- Soil: Improved infiltration in the soil, reduced area of slurry band

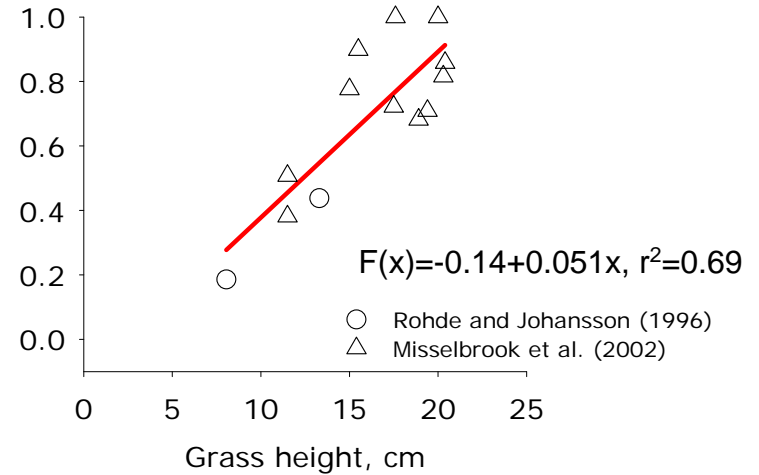
# Trailhose efficiency

Thorman R.E., Hansen, M.N., Misselbrook T.H., Sommer S.G. 2008. [Algorithm for estimating the crop height effect on ammonia emission from slurry applied to cereal fields and grassland](#). Agronomy for Sustainable Development. 28, 373–378

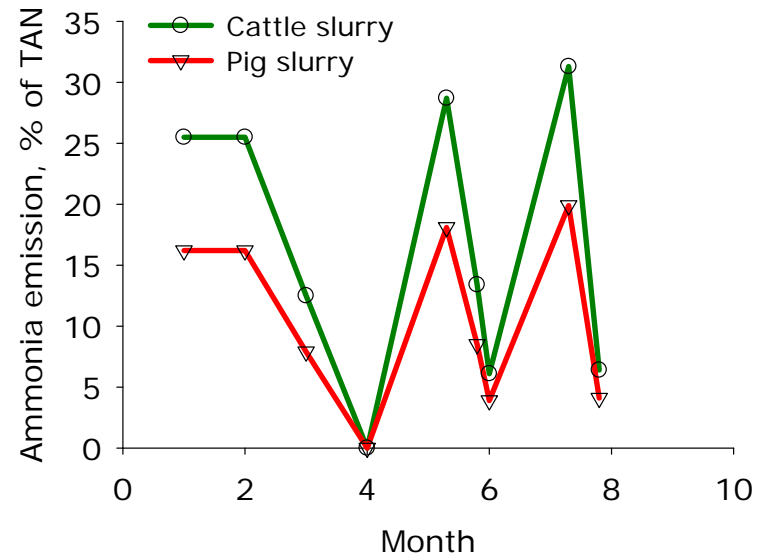
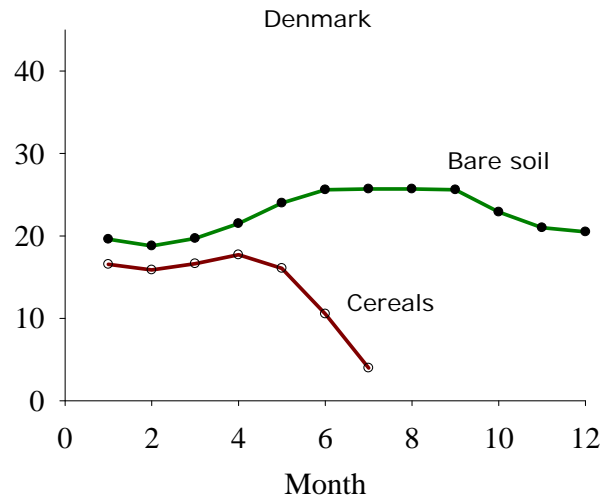
Reduction efficiency factor



Reduction efficiency factor

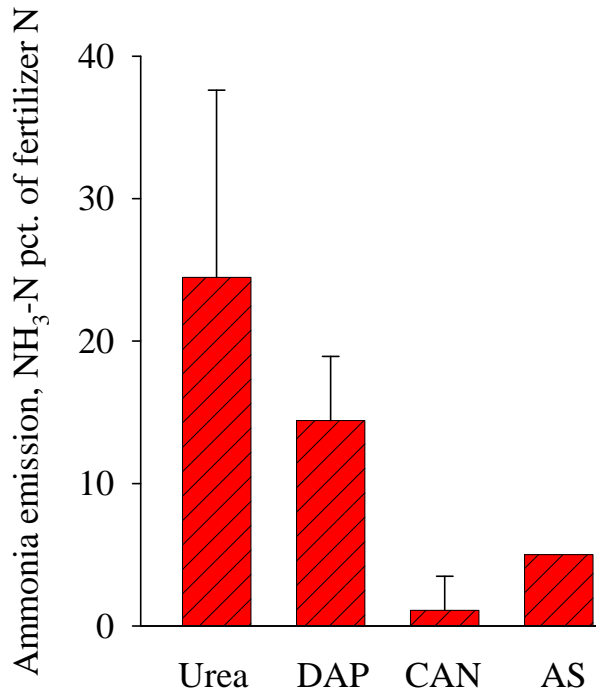


NH<sub>3</sub> emission, % TAN (NH<sub>3</sub>+NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>)

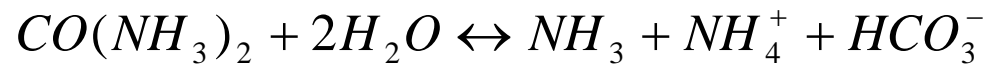
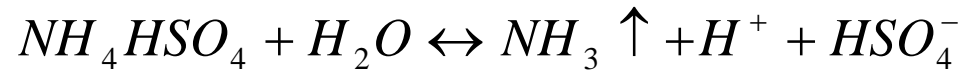


Sommer, S.G. , Schjørring, J.K.  
and Denmead, O.T. 2004.  
Ammonia volatilization from  
mineral fertilizers and plants in  
fields ammended with  
ammoniacal fertilizers. Advances  
in Agronomy 82, 557-662.

# Ammonia emission from mineral fertilizers, wind tunnel studies

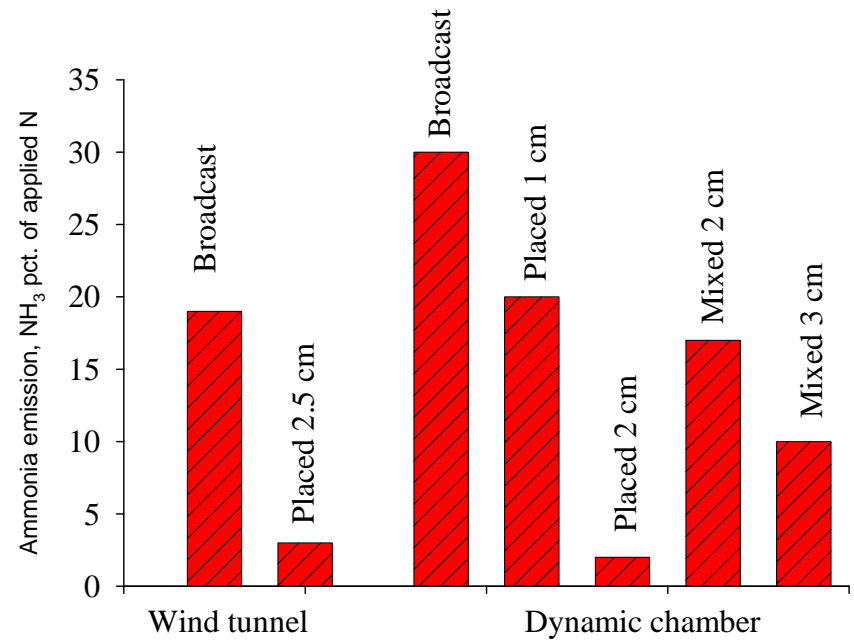
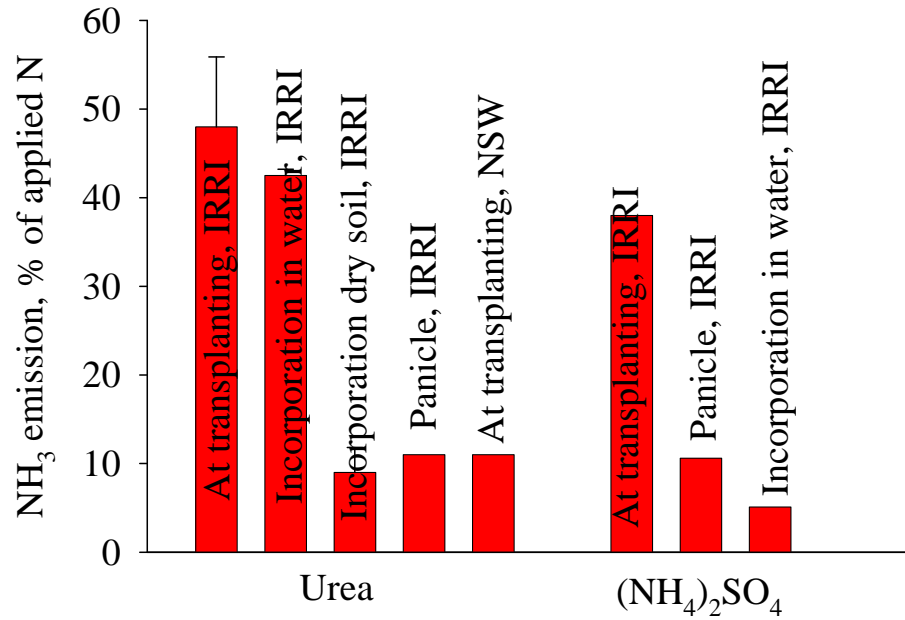


Sommer et al. 2004



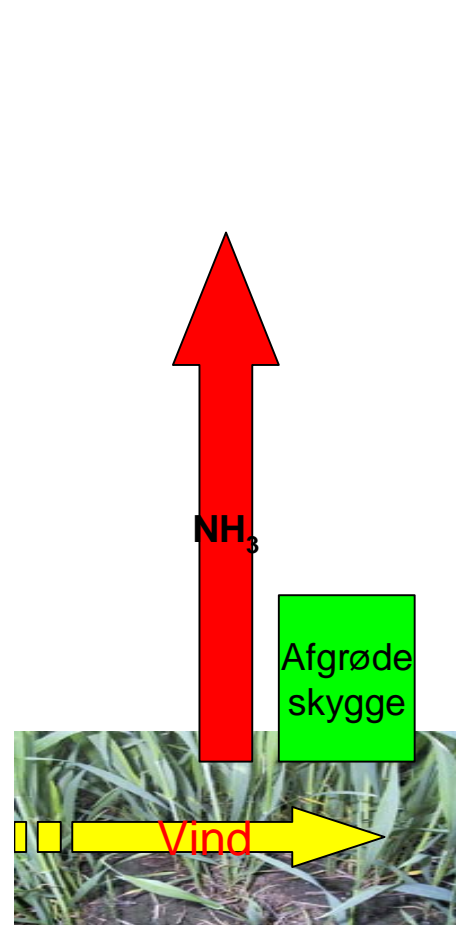
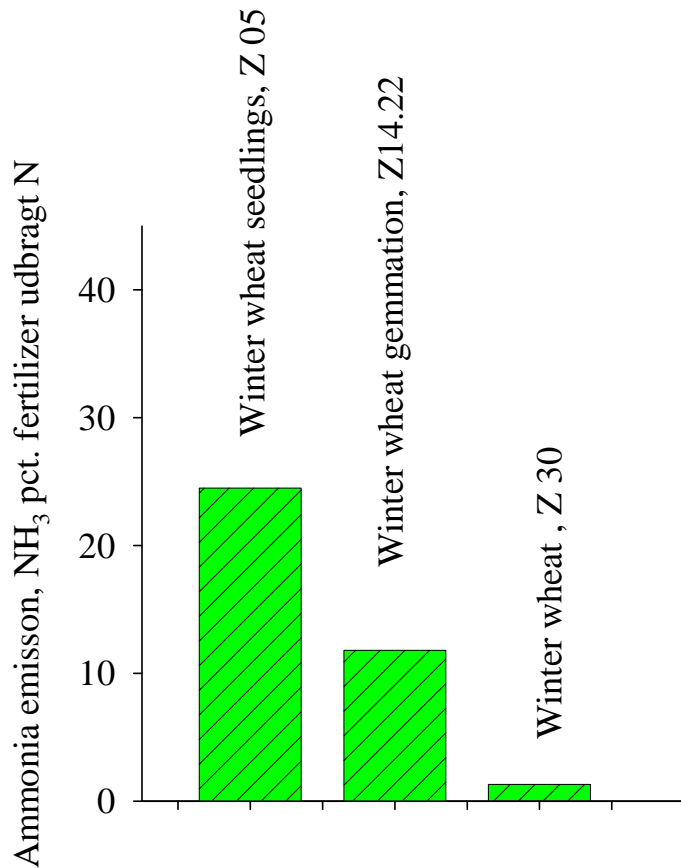
# Effect of placing fertilizers

## Paddy rice and bare soil

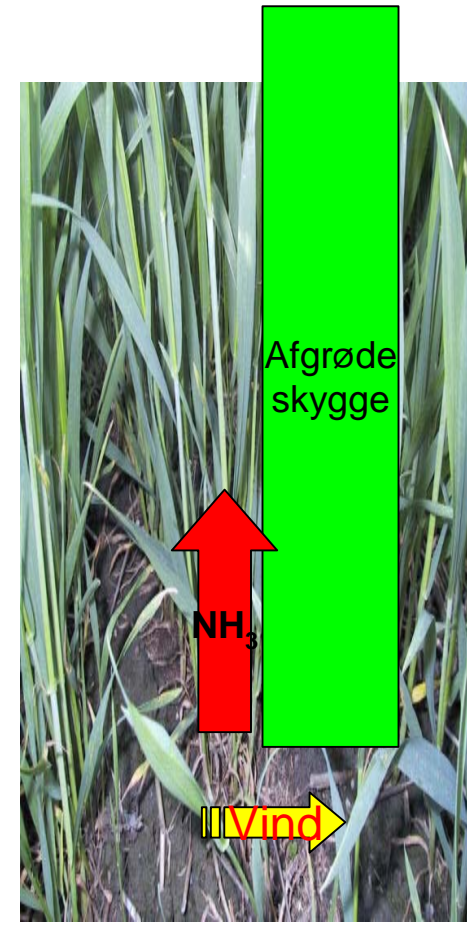




# Ammonia emission from urea applied to winter wheat, mikro. met studier

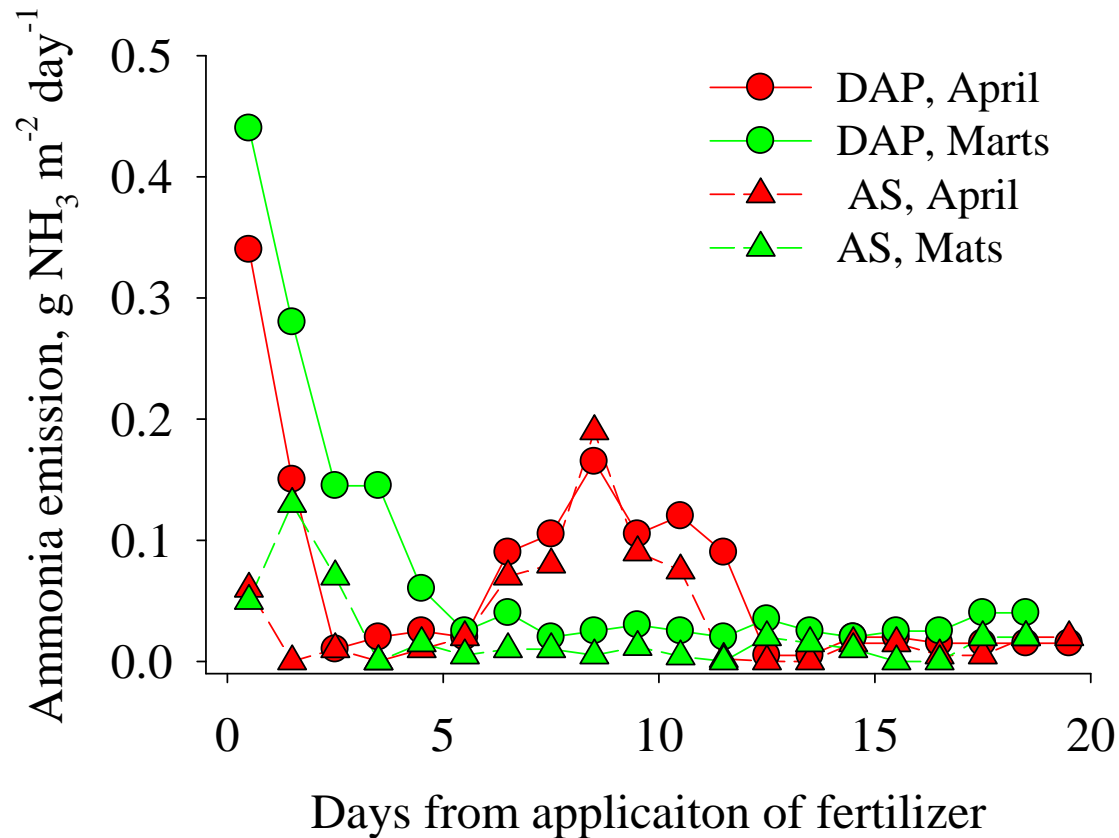


April

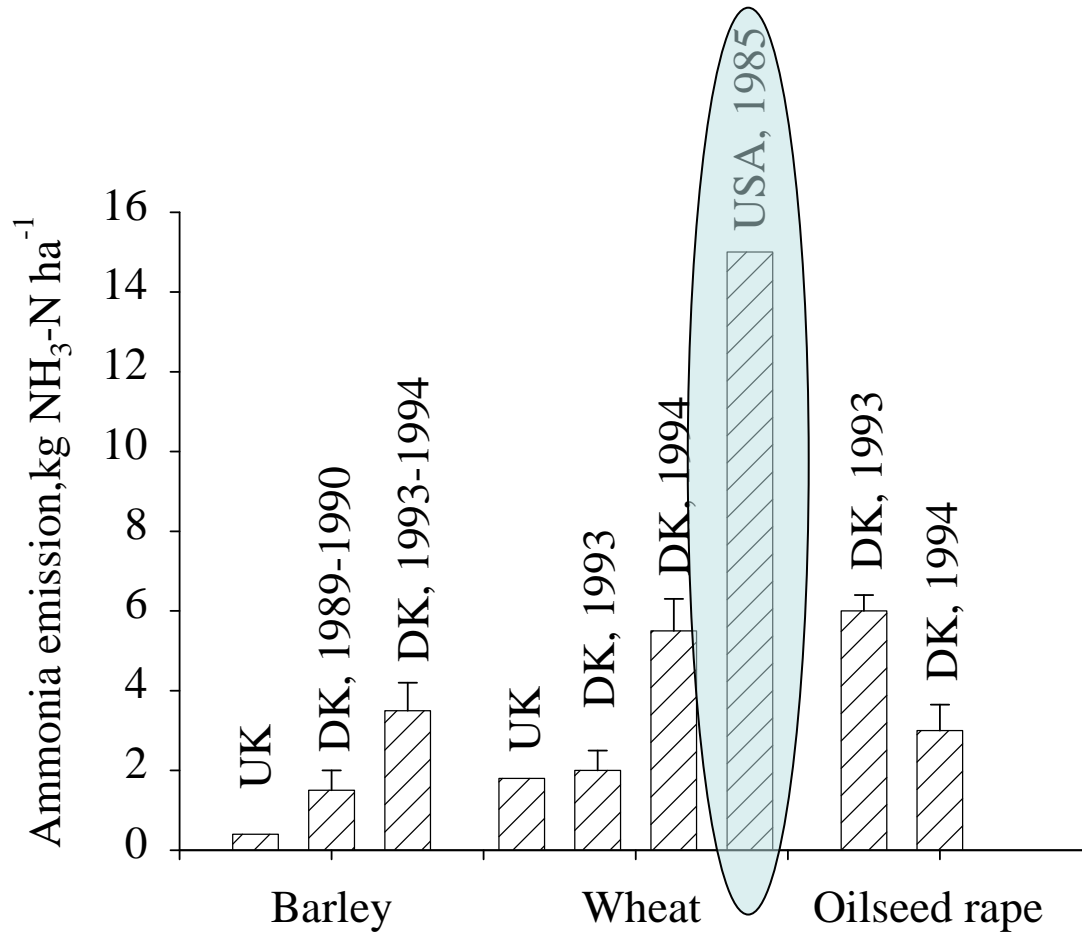


Juni

# Mineral fertilizer application to grass (Ital. ryegrass), $\text{NH}_3$ emission from plant



# Ammonia emission from crops



# Kompensations punkt

- Ingen transport gennem cellevæg

$$F_{NH_3} = g_{leaf} (\chi - NH_{3,a})$$

- Al transport gennem stomata (læbeceller)
- Lineært op til 500 nmol mol<sup>-1</sup>
- Kompensationspunkt fra
  - Mellem gødskning 0,02 microg NH<sub>3</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>
  - Efter gødskning 10 microg NH<sub>3</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>
  - Variation på 1-7 nmol mol<sup>-1</sup>

Whole system effect of  
acidification of slurry in-house

# Acidification of slurry in house

Acid treated slurry

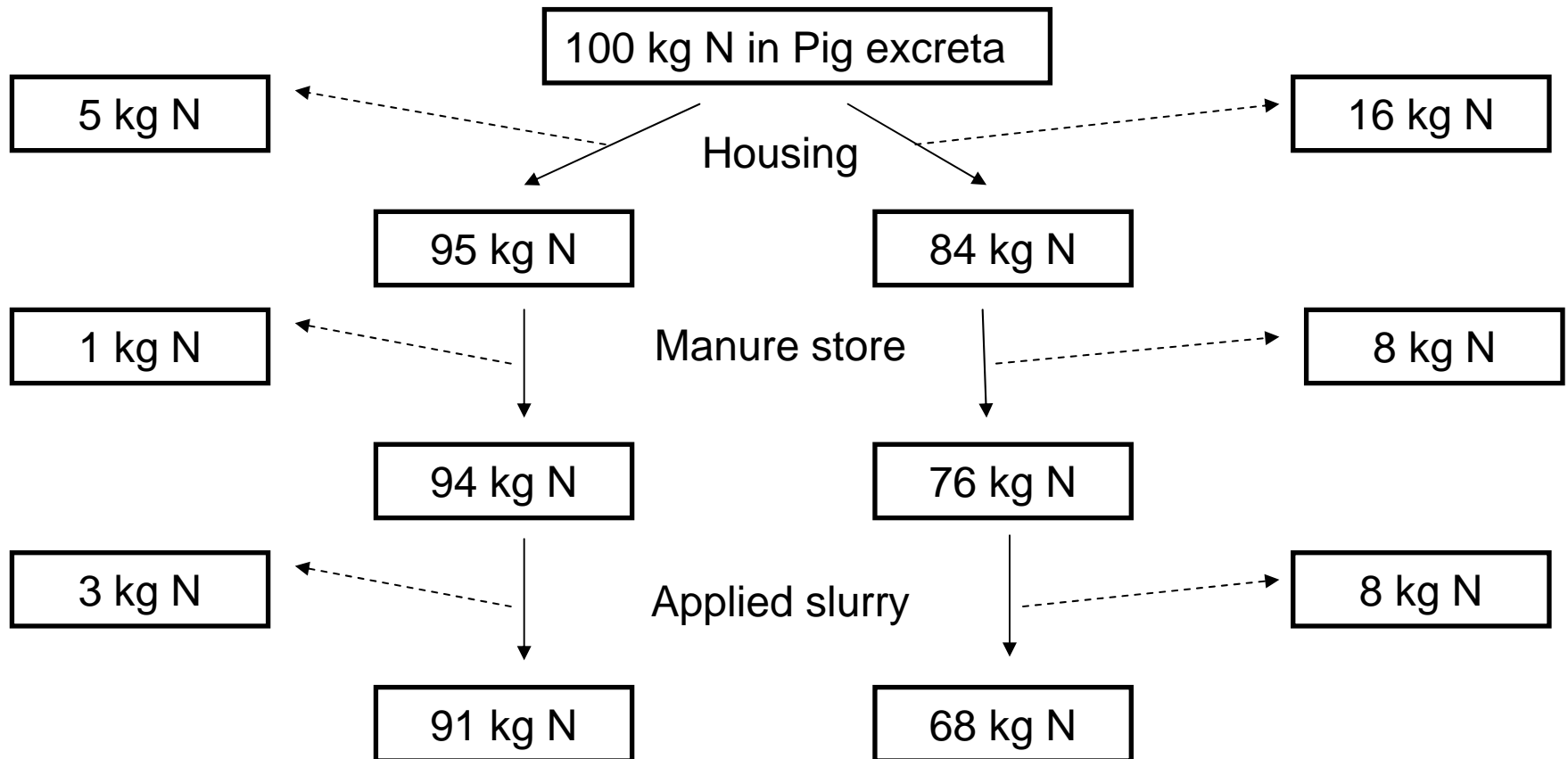
Untreated slurry

*Gaseous emission*

*N in slurry*

*N in slurry*

*Gaseous emission*



81 kg  $fe_N$

46 kg  $feN$

# Conclusion

- Trail hose application: Efficiency related to crop height