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Are ammonia emissions from field-applied slurry substantially over-estimated in European emission inventories?

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Abstract

The EMEP/EEA guidebook 2009 for agricultural emission inventories reports average ammonia (NH_3) emission factors (EF) by volatilisation of 55 % of the applied total ammoniacal nitrogen (TAN) content for cattle slurry, and 35 % losses for pig slurry, irrespective of the type of surface or slurry characteristics such as dry matter content and pH. In this review article, we compiled over 350 measurements of EFs published between 1991 and 2011. The standard slurry application technique during the early years of this period, when a large number of measurements were made, was spreading by splash plate, and as a result reference EFs given in many European inventories are predominantly based on this technique. However, slurry application practices have evolved since then, while there has also been a shift in measurement techniques and investigated plot sizes. We therefore classified the available measurements according to the flux measurement technique, measurement plot size, the year of measurement, and the year of publication. Medium size plots (usually circles between 20 to 50 m radius) generally yielded the highest EFs. The most commonly used measurement setups at this scale were based on the Integrated Horizontal Flux method (IHF or the ZINST method (a simplified IHF method)). Several empirical models were published in the years 1993 to 2003 predicting NH_3 EFs as a function of meteorology and slurry characteristics (Menzi et al., 1998; Søgaard et al., 2002). More recent measurements that appeared subsequently show substantially lower EFs, and appear to indicate a need for a revision of the EF in emission inventories.

1 Introduction

Anthropogenic ammonia (NH_3) release to the atmosphere contributes to a large extent to the environmentally harmful effects of high nitrogen loads in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems (Galloway et al., 2003; Erisman et al., 2007). Over 90 % of these emissions in Europe have agricultural sources (Erisman et al., 2008; Reidy et al., 2008a;

Hertel et al., 2011). NH_3 emissions following the field application of organic fertilisers contribute roughly 30–50 % to the total agricultural NH_3 losses (Reidy et al., 2008b,a; Jarvis et al., 2011; Leip et al., 2011). The nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium content of organic manure make it an important nutrient resource for crop and forage production, and sustainable agriculture demands that losses to air and groundwater should be minimised. Consequently, abatement measures to reduce NH_3 emissions from agriculture have a high priority. The evaluation of the efficiency of these measures depends on reliable emission inventories that must be based on reliable measurements under realistic field conditions.

In order to assess the variability and consistency of emission results reported in the literature, we compiled over 350 measurements from studies published between 1991 and 2011 that reported NH_3 emission from agricultural fields after slurry application. We selected those studies for which the NH_3 emission factor (EF), defined as the cumulative NH_3 loss expressed as a percentage of the applied total ammoniacal nitrogen content (TAN) of the slurry, could be derived. The standard application technique, when the measurements started, was broad-spreading with splash plate. Figure 1 shows an overview of the reported EF values for splash plate application used in our analysis. The EF data are plotted against the year of publication and range from 4 % to 100 %. Different management techniques, slurry properties (e.g. pH, TAN, dry matter content: DM) and varying environmental conditions (e.g. soil properties, history of management, etc.) are certainly responsible to some extent for the wide range of EF results, but potential biases in some of the used flux measurement methods may also account for a large fraction of the variability. The latter is very likely, given that NH_3 volatilisation is a complex process and that NH_3 flux measurements still face significant methodological challenges.

The EMEP/EEA guidebook 2009 (EEA, 2009, updated June 2010) for NH_3 emission inventories indicates an average EF of 55 % for cattle slurry and 35 % for pig slurry for application with splash plate, which is considered as the reference case. These values are mainly based on the compilation of emission data of the Concerted Action

(FAIR6-PL98-4057) that resulted in the ALFAM (Ammonia Loss from Field-applied Animal Manure) database (Søgaard et al., 2002). Major measuring programs were devoted to characterising the influence of meteorological variables and of slurry composition on the NH_3 volatilisation using empirical models (Sommer and Olesen, 1991; Sommer et al., 1991; Menzi et al., 1998; Huijsmans et al., 2001, 2003).

Over the last few years, low emission techniques such as trailing hose and trailing shoes have been increasingly introduced, for which the associated NH_3 EFs are reduced in emission inventories by a certain percentage in relation to the reference case (splash plate). For trailing hose typically a reduction of 35 % and for trailing shoes about 60 % can be reached (Webb et al., 2010).

Most of the NH_3 emission measurements published over the last 30 years have been carried out using wind tunnels (e.g. Lockyer, 1984) and the integrated horizontal flux (IHF) measurement technique (Wilson et al., 1983; Denmead, 1995). Wind tunnel measurements are generally performed on a small-scale plots (<10 m^2), while the IHF is applied on medium-scale circular plots between 20 m and 50 m radius. These two techniques allow the measurement of (parallel or serial) replicates and are useful to investigate the relative influences of different drivers for the emission process, such as air temperature, wind speed, slurry DM content, etc. On the other hand, measurements at the full field scale (>0.5 ha) are relatively scarce. However, following technological advances in NH_3 analysers, several field scale studies have appeared over the last few years (Berkhout et al., 2008; Gärtner et al., 2008; Loubet et al., 2010; Spirig et al., 2010; Sintermann et al., 2011a), and most of them seem to yield significantly lower EFs than the average/reference values suggested by the EEA guidebook.

In this paper, we review published EFs and flux measurement methods and analyse the data with the aim to disentangle possible biases caused by analytical and methodological procedures, experimental setups and management influences. An important objective of the article is to critically examine the plausibility of published EFs and their suitability as data to underpin inventory methodologies for field NH_3 emissions.

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2 Material and methods

2.1 Literature dataset

The datasets used here were collected from studies published in peer-reviewed literature (93 % of data) and in project reports or other grey literature (7 % of data) between 1991 and 2011. We selected reported experiments of NH_3 emission measurements on agricultural fields after application of pig or cattle slurry. The minimum required information for inclusion in our dataset included the EF or the parameters needed to derive the EF (cumulative NH_3 emission and the slurry application rate and TAN content), the slurry and spreading type, the NH_3 emission measurement technique, the field type (grassland or arable), the year of the experiment, and a characterisation of the plot size. Table A1 provides an overview of the literature studies used in the analyses, sorted in alphabetical order. The various emission measurement methods that have been implemented in these studies are reviewed in the following section.

2.2 Flux measurement approaches

2.2.1 Chamber techniques

Placing a closed chamber on top of an emitting surface is, in principle, a simple way to determine exchange fluxes. Chambers can be run either in the static (non-steady state) or dynamic (steady state) modes. In a static chamber the flux is derived from the temporal change in the concentration within the chamber headspace. In a dynamic setup the air in the chamber headspace is ventilated and the flux is obtained from the concentration differences between the inlet and outlet air. The main advantages of chamber measurements are the conceptual simplicity, the possibility for many replicates and the limited costs. Disadvantages are the limited spatial representativeness of the measurements and the potential of inner chamber walls to alternately adsorb and release the sticky NH_3 molecules. In most chamber applications published in the

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literature, NH_3 concentrations were measured with either passive diffusion samplers (PDS) or impingers.

2.2.2 Wind tunnel

Wind tunnels are a special form of large dynamic chambers (Lockyer, 1984), in which a fan is used to push air through "tunnels" formed by a translucent polyethylene roof covering a small area of about $1\,m^2$ of slurry treated surface area. Within the wind tunnel, the air flow and thus also the aerodynamic resistance are controlled, which can lead to a different emission flux compared with the flux level outside the wind tunnel, where the turbulence regime is different (Loubet et al., 1999b). Other difficulties with this method include the design and location of the sampling lines for the NH_3 concentration measurements that can lead to varying recovery efficiencies (Loubet et al., 1999a), as well as low frequency turbulent motions in the tunnel which can be avoided by using properly designed inlets. Usually, impingers are used to measure the NH_3 concentration in air at the inlet and outlet of the wind tunnel.

2.2.3 Integrated horizontal flux approach

The IHF method is a mass balance approach applied for the emission plume of a spatially limited source area. In order to be independent of wind direction, it is usually used with slurry spread onto circular plots (Denmead, 1983; Wilson et al., 1983; Denmead and Raupach, 1993). With a mast in the centre of the circle with radius X_R, the horizontal (advection) flux F of the upwind emitted NH_3 is determined from the measured vertical (z) profiles of concentration (c) and horizontal wind speed (u):

$$F_{IHF} = \frac{1}{X_R}\int_{z_0}^{z_{max}} u(z)\left\{c(z) - c_{bgd}(z)\right\} dz, \tag{1}$$

where c_{bgd} is the "background" concentration outside the emission plume, z_0 is the aerodynamic roughness length of the surface, and z_{max} is the maximum height of the emission plume (where the concentration equals c_{bgd}).

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The IHF method is widely considered a very robust approach, as it is independent of surface characteristics and the state of atmospheric diffusion (Denmead, 2008; Laubach, 2010). In IHF studies over the last 20 years, NH_3 concentration profiles have mostly been measured using impingers (e.g. Huijsmans et al., 2001, 2003) or passive flux samplers (e.g. Leuning et al., 1985; Misselbrook et al., 2005).

2.2.4 Aerodynamic gradient method

The Aerodynamic Gradient Method (AGM) is based on the flux-gradient relationship in the constant flux layer. The flux (F) is calculated from the friction velocity (u_*) and the concentration scaling parameter (c_*) as (e.g. Sutton et al., 1993):

$$F = -u_* c_*, \tag{2}$$

$$c_* = k \frac{\partial c}{\partial[\ln(z-d) - \Psi_H]},$$

where k is von Karman's constant ($k = 0.4$), z is the height above the ground, d is the zero plane displacement, c is the NH_3 concentration and Ψ_H is the integrated stability correction function for scalar properties calculated from the Obukhov length (L).

The parameters u_* and L can be obtained either from ultrasonic anemometry using eddy covariance (EC) or with AGM using temperature and wind speed profiles. This method requires a high-resolution NH_3 analyser to accurately resolve vertical concentration gradients. Applied instruments include sampling units like wet annular denuders as in the AMANDA (Milford et al., 2009), GRAHAM (Wichink-Kruit et al., 2007), or GRAEGOR (Thomas et al., 2009) systems, as well as mini wet effluent denuders (Neftel et al., 1998; Herrmann et al., 2001; Milford et al., 2009; Loubet et al., 2010) or membrane diffusion samplers like AiRRmonia (Flechard et al., 2010), but also photoacoustic analysers (de Vries et al., 1995; Pogany et al., 2010) have been used. The uncertainty of the AGM mainly depends on the precision of the analyser. Milford et al. (2009) found that the coefficient of variation of fluxes measured by several AMANDA systems side-by-side ranged from 20 to 30 % for large fluxes and was larger than 76 %

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for small fluxes. Moreover, in a spatially heterogeneous source/sink landscape the AGM is sensitive to advection errors (Loubet et al., 2001, 2009).

2.2.5 Eddy covariance approach

Following the EC method (Baldocchi et al., 1988; Dabberdt et al., 1993), the vertical flux of a trace gas at the sampling point is calculated as the covariance of the discrete time series (average product of the instantaneous deviations from the mean values) of the vertical wind $w(t)$ and concentration $c(t)$ over an averaging period T_a of typically 10 to 30 minutes. For closed path sampling systems the two time series have to be synchronised by a time lag (τ_del) in order to account for the delayed detection of the trace gas, mainly due to the tube transit time:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \mathrm{cov}_{wc}(\tau_\mathrm{del}) \\ &= \left(\frac{\Delta t}{T_\mathrm{a}}\right) \cdot \sum_{t=0}^{T_\mathrm{a}} \left(w(t) - \overline{w}\right) \cdot \left(c(t-\tau_\mathrm{del}) - \overline{c}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where Δt = time difference between two recordings.

Closed path sampling of sticky molecules produces a considerable amount of high-frequency attenuation that must be corrected for. This problem is a main limitation for the applicability of the EC approach for NH_3 (Shaw et al., 1998; Whitehead et al., 2008). Ammann et al. (2006) presented an ogive-based empirical correction that accounts for signal loss due to insufficient time resolution of the analytical system, damping effects in the inlet line, and sensor separation. Assuming co-spectral similarity, the attenuation factor is derived by comparison with the ogive of the sensible heat flux that is assumed to be unaffected by damping. Recently, Sintermann et al. (2011b,a) published EC-based NH_3 flux measurements, successfully verified against established methods. They had to use a long inlet line heated to 150 °C to reduce NH_3 adsorption to the inner tube surface. The flux correction due to high-frequency damping was of the order of 20 to 40 %.

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2.3 Concentration-based dispersion modelling

2.3.1 Backward Lagrangian modelling

NH_3 emissions in field trials can also be determined with the help of dispersion models that relate a single (or multiple) concentration measurement within an emission plume to the emission rate of the corresponding (spatially limited) source area. The backward Langrangian stochastic model (bLS) by Flesch et al. (1995, 2004) is based on Lagrangian stochastic particle dispersion and uses Monin-Obukhov similarity theory to characterise turbulent transport. The model calculates an ensemble of particle trajectories, tracing the particles backward from the concentration sensor location to determine the resulting particle-ground intersections within or outside a given source area. The bLS approach has proven to be robust even with slightly perturbed turbulent conditions (Flesch et al., 2005). The model has been implemented in a freely available software called "*WindTrax*" (Thunder Beach Scientific, Halifax, Canada; www.thunderbeachscientific.com) that can be used via a graphical user interface (see review by Denmead, 2008).

A simplified version of the IHF method based on bLS modeling was published by Wilson et al. (1982). They used a 2-dimensional bLS model (a predecessor of the *WindTrax* model) and showed that the ratio of $\overline{u}\,\overline{c}/F$ for a homogeneous radial source F in a narrow height interval mainly depends on the surface roughness, and only marginally on atmospheric stability. Consequently, a reliable estimation of the source strength is possible by measuring the product of wind speed and concentration in the centre of a circle at one height (ZINST). This approach assumes a constant source strength over the manured circle and thus does not take into account the oasis effect (see Sect. 3.3.4).

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2.3.2 Eulerian inverse modelling

The inversion method used in the bLS approach can also be used with Eulerian models. The FIDES inverse model (Loubet et al., 2001) is based on a semi-analytical solution of the advection-diffusion equation in the surface layer, initially developed by Godson (1958). In the FIDES model, the source is subdivided into grid cells each contributing to the observed concentration at a certain measurement height. A marked difference to the bLS model is the possibility to consider the surface as a concentration driven source as opposed to a flux driven source (Loubet et al., 2001, 2009, 2010).

2.4 Empirical emission models

2.4.1 The ALFAM model

In order to empirically describe cumulative NH_3 emissions over time t after slurry spreading, the ALFAM model (Søgaard et al., 2002) uses a Michaelis-Menten type equation:

$$N(t) = N_{max} \frac{t}{t + K_m}, \quad (4)$$

where $N(t)$ is the cumulative loss fraction of TAN, N_{max} the total time integrated loss, and K_m the time when half of the total emission occurred.

The instantaneous emission rate corresponds to the derivative dN/dt of the above equation:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N_{max} \frac{K_m}{(t + K_m)^2}. \quad (5)$$

The equation implies a steady decrease of the emission intensity after the slurry application with an initial emission rate of N_{max}/K_m. In the ALFAM model values of N_{max} and K_m have been statistically determined by a regression analysis of the compiled

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emission dataset. The two key factors influencing the total NH_3 volatilisation were DM content of the slurry with an increase of +11 % N_{max} per 1 % DM and the TAN content with a dependence of −17 % N_{max} per 1 g N kg^{-1} TAN.

2.4.2 The Swiss empirical model

Menzi et al. (1998) derived their empirical model from a combination of medium scale circular plot measurements using the ZINST approach and windtunnel measurements for typical Swiss conditions. The cumulative emission rate E (in kg NH_3-N ha^{-1}) is given as:

$$E = (19.41 \cdot \mathrm{TAN} + 1.1 \cdot \mathrm{SD} - 9.15)(0.02 \cdot \mathrm{AR} + 0.36), \tag{6}$$

with SD = water vapour pressure saturation deficit (in mbar) and AR = application rate (in m^3 ha^{-1}).

The empirical model was validated for the following conditions: liquid cattle slurry applied on grassland with splash plate, TAN content between 0.7 and 5 g kg^{-1}, mean air temperature 0–25 °C, mean relative humidity 50–90 % (SD range 1–11 mbar), and no rain. Contrary to the ALFAM model, no statistically significant dependence of E on the DM content was observed (in a DM range of 2.8–5.4 %) in the underpinning measurements and therefore DM is not a model parameter.

3 Data analysis and discussion

We first checked the overall consistency of the dataset of collected EFs. Figure 2 shows the overview of the reported EFs separated for splash plate and band or near-surface spreading (trailing hoses and trailing shoes), plotted versus the year of measurement. The data are also split according to slurry type (cattle and pig) and measurement plot scale (small, medium, field). Since splash plate spreading was the standard application type during the last decades, there are more data available for this method.

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The data in Fig. 2a show a high variability of reported EFs between a few percent up to 100 %, reflecting the large variability of conditions over the trials. The apparent decrease of measured EFs over the years is striking for splash plate data. Testing the difference in EFs for trials made before and after 2003 shows a significant difference ($p < 0.001$). All statistical tests were made using the (non-parametric) Mann-Whitney test, since the Shapiro-Wilk test indicated a non-normal distribution of the datasets. The EFs for cattle and pig slurry are not significantly different, while EFs for band spreading (Fig. 2b) were generally lower than for splash plate and do not show a decrease after 2003.

Classifying NH_3 loss rates for all splash plate trials according to experimental scale (Fig. 3a) yields a surprising result. Pair wise differences in EFs between small scale, medium scale, and field scale were all found to be significant ($p < 0.001$). Medium size plots, generally circles between 20 and 50 m using either the IHF or the ZINST method, show the highest EFs, typically between 50 and 75 %. These values are considerably higher than the loss rates derived from field scale measurements using AGM and EC approaches.

The presented meta-analysis for slurry application with splash plate seems to imply that either (i) EFs for splash plate spreading have dropped substantially over the last 20 yr (Fig. 2a), or (ii) different measurement techniques provide different emission results (Fig. 3), regardless of agronomical factors. As the EFs for splash plate application over medium size plots and determined by IHF or ZINST were systematically elevated, the main question is whether these deviations are caused by analytical differences (determination of the NH_3 concentration), by systematic biases in the experimental setup, or by a true tendency for lower emissions over time e.g. due to changes in slurry characteristics and/or different meteorological conditions during the experiments (or a combination of all factors).

Figure 4 shows a comparison of measured EFs from field scale experiments in Switzerland performed by ART versus EFs as predicted by the ALFAM and Swiss empirical models presented in Sect. 2.4.2. Both models do exhibit a large offset as

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already noted by (Spirig et al., 2010). Beside the large offset, the Swiss model is better correlated to the measurements than the ALFAM model, which to some extent is reasonable as the Swiss model was developed for Swiss conditions. The comparison with these two models underpins the discrepancy between field scale values and medium scale values and suggests that the difference cannot be explained with differences in meteorological and/or slurry characteristics.

In contrast to the results for splash plate application (Fig. 2a), the EFs for band spreading (near-surface application by trailing hose or trailing shoe) show no clear time trend (Fig. 2b). This also suggests that changing slurry characteristics cannot explain the downward trend in Fig. 2a.

In the following we discuss possible biases of the first generation methods (predominantly small to medium plots with impingers or PDS) in view of the more recent analytical and methodological developments (mostly field scale with continuous analysers).

3.1 Concentration measurement

The accuracy of all emission flux measurements is directly related to the accuracy of the respective NH_3 concentration measurements. If EFs of different studies are compared, biases in NH_3 concentration measurements will propagate to the reported EFs, making the comparison between studies flawed. Details concerning the NH_3 concentration measurements are often missing in the publications, hinting that it is commonly and implicitly assumed that the measurements are well mastered and precise, but this may not be true of all studies.

In many applications the NH_3 concentration measurements were done with impingers, an active sampling unit where the NH_3 molecules in the sampling air are supposed to be scrubbed quantitatively in a liquid acidic trap. Doing so, an underestimation of the concentration can in principle only occur in case of an imperfect scrubbing efficiency. A second impinger behind the first one might be used to check this. A systematic overestimation of the concentration is only possible in case a contamination in

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the second impinger is used to correct the apparently low collection efficiency of the first impinger. Impingers are considered more accurate than PDS, as the latter cannot be easily checked for their collection efficiency and must be calibrated against a reference method. PDS can both under- or overestimate the true concentrations in case diffusion properties change. For example, Misselbrook et al. (2005) reported severe overestimation of PDS concentration compared to impingers.

Norman et al. (2009) presented an intercomparison of three instruments (PTR-MS, AiRRmonia, GRAEGOR) and also discussed several intercomparison studies. They concluded that deviations of 15 to 35 % are common features of NH_3 measurements. In a recent intercomparison experiment, von Bobrutzki et al. (2010) characterised eleven state-of-the-art instruments based on eight different detection methods under varying conditions. Inter-instrumental variations in measured NH_3 concentrations up to 50 % were found. Despite such measurement challenges, there is no evidence suggesting that the potential errors in the NH_3 concentration measurements had a systematic influence on the different studies on NH_3 emissions. Consequently, problems with concentration measurements can neither explain a potential bias in medium plot vs. small plot vs. large plot, nor a bias between the early 1990s and studies carried out later on.

3.2 Limitations of chamber and wind tunnel methods

3.2.1 Potential biases in static chamber method

For static enclosure measurements, linear regressions versus time of consecutive concentration measurements are often used to calculate the flux (Flechard et al., 2005). When applying a linear method, an underestimation of the flux easily occurs due to a decrease over time of the soil-air concentration gradient, and a non linear fit is required (Kroon et al., 2008). For sticky molecules like NH_3 it is also possible that the concentration increase after closure is strongly dampened due to the sink activity of the chamber walls and thus even a non-linear fit can lead to a severe underestimation.

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3.2.2 Potential biases in wind tunnel method

Loubet et al. (1999b,a) studied the wind-tunnels developed by Lockyer (1984) in detail. They showed that the tunnels tend to overestimate fluxes due to both an oasis effect (see Sect. 3.3.4) and a larger friction velocity inside the tunnel than outside, which is due to an increased wind speed gradient close to the surface. They also showed that the sampling design used to measure the outgoing air concentration could lead to under or over estimation of the flux.

In the construction of the empirical ALFAM model it was distinguished whether the used emission data had been derived from wind tunnel or micrometeorological approaches (mainly IHF). It is striking that as a result the ALFAM model predicts lower EFs for wind tunnel measurements (Søgaard et al., 2002). The authors argued that this was due to the lower wind speeds in the tunnels compared to typical ambient situations. This is in contradiction to the analysis by Loubet et al. (1999b,a) and must be regarded as an indication of a systematic overestimation of the other (IHF derived) data that determined the ALFAM model.

3.3 Limitations and potential biases of horizontal flux methods

3.3.1 Turbulent horizontal flux contribution

It is common practice to approximate the IHF integral by a discrete sum using the average wind speed and concentration data $\overline{u}_i$ and $\overline{c}_i$ measured at several height levels i:

$$F \cong \frac{1}{X_\mathrm{R}} \sum_{1}^{n} \left(\overline{u_i}\;\overline{c_i}\right)\,\Delta z_i, \tag{7}$$

with n denoting the number of measurement points, X_R the radius of the circular plot, and Δz_i the height of layer i. The measurements are usually averaged over the sampling time of the concentration detection, typically about 1 h. However, from turbulence theory it is known (Denmead et al., 1977; Denmead, 1995) that:

$$\overline{uc} = \overline{u}\,\overline{c} + \overline{u'c'}. \tag{8}$$

The first term on the right hand side of Eq. (8) represents the transport due to advection, and the second term that due to horizontal turbulent diffusion (Denmead, 1983). Raupach and Legg (1984) already reported on the need to account for this turbulent backflow term $\overline{u'c'}$, which was further discussed by (Denmead, 1995). Only if u' and c' were not correlated, $\overline{u'c'}$ would vanish. Since turbulence always leads to a similar vertical transport of horizontal momentum transported towards the surface (represented by u) and trace gas concentrations, there is a correlation between c' and u'. In case of an emission the sign of the trace gas flux is opposite to the momentum flux and consequently is negative (Leuning et al., 1985; Wilson and Shum, 1992). EC measurements with high temporal resolution can illustrate this effect. In Fig. 5, c'_{NH_3} is plotted vs. u' for a 10 min raw dataset, recorded 1 m above ground downwind of an arable field fertilised with slurry (see Sintermann et al., 2011a). The NH_3 flux was around 7000 ng m^{-2} s^{-1}, a typical flux following slurry application. c' is anti-correlated to u' in a non-linear way with highest positive deviations of the concentration associated to lowest horizontal wind speeds. Not correcting for the $\overline{u'c'}$ term will lead to a systematic overestimation of the reported flux, provided uc is not measured with a sampler that collects NH_3 proportional to u (see Leuning et al., 1985; Schjoerring et al., 1992). The $\overline{u'c'}$ correction can be somewhere between 5 % and 20 % depending on stability. Time integrated measurements by definition do not provide the information to quantify the correction and values derived from model calculation have to be applied.

3.3.2 Wind speed measurements

A potential problem might arise in case wind speeds are measured with cup anemometers that show an imperfect behaviour at low winds. On the one hand, cup anemometers need a certain minimum wind speed before they begin to move. The stalling speed is instrument-dependent and ranges from 0.2 to 1 m s^{-1}. Therefore, without

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specific calibration they underestimate the wind speed in this range. However, the instruments are often calibrated in a wind tunnel (with laminar air flow) to correct for this effect. On the other hand, in the real atmosphere with fluctuating wind speed due to turbulence, cup anemometers show an "overspeeding" effect (i.e. their response to increasing wind speed is faster than to decreasing wind speed leading to an overestimation of the average value) at lower wind speeds (Rotach, 1991; Kristensen et al., 2003). The lowest measuring points carrying a large fraction of the horizontal fluxes are especially affected by this overestimation. Only with information about the performance and possible correction of the wind speed measurements is it possible to assess this effect quantitatively.

3.3.3 Limited measurement height

Part of the emitted flux might pass above the mast if it is lower than the internal boundary layer height (z_{max}) of the manured plot. A check on this is possible when background tower measurements are available to determining the background concentration level. If the NH_3 concentration measured (at the circle centre) at the highest level is at the background concentration, the entire internal boundary is seen by the measurement. However, while this check is normally carried out for the first measurements taking place after fertilisation (with 1-2-4 h intervals), for the last intervals which can be 1–2 days long, the wind direction might change and expose the "background mast" to NH_3 originating from the measurement plot.

3.3.4 Oasis effect

An additional effect is the oasis effect, where the emission from a plot in the middle of a "clean" environment will be higher than compared to the same plot located in the middle of a field that is also strongly emitting (for a detailed investigation see Sommer et al., 2003 and Loubet et al., 2010). In the first case, the concentration in the atmosphere above the emitting patch will in general be significantly lower than in the second case,

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leading to a difference in the concentration gradient driving the emission. In theory, the TAN in the slurry therefore will have more time to penetrate into the soil, and this too could explain higher estimates when the IHF method is used. The oasis effect depends strongly on the plot size and becomes negligible in case the extension of the source area upwind of the mast exceeds ~50 m. For a circle with a radius of 20 m Loubet et al. (2010) calculated an effect between 5 % for unstable and about 15 % for stable conditions. Table 1 summarises the potential biases of small and medium plot size methods.

3.3.5 Assessment of bLS and ZINST

In the past years, the bLS method has been evaluated in detail with reported accuracies better than 10 % under most circumstances (Flesch et al., 2004, 2005; McBain and Desjardins, 2005; Gao et al., 2009, 2010). The bLS is considered to be currently among the most accurate micrometeorological techniques to calculate dispersion and determine emission rates (Denmead, 2008; Laubach, 2010; Loubet et al., 2010). It calculates emissions accurately provided that there are homogenously emitting source areas (or well represented point sources), a precise monitoring of c_{bgd}, and a wind field sufficiently undisturbed by obstacles.

A combination of bLS modeling and IHF method, the ZINST approach, was used by Menzi et al. (1998). In their calculations, they used values of 0.7 cm for z_0 and a factor of 8 for $\overline{u}\ \overline{c}/F$ (Katz, 1996). They applied a downward correction in the order of 15 % for the horizontal turbulent diffusion as suggested by Denmead and Raupach (1993). A re-assessment based on the new *WindTrax* software yields systematically lower $\overline{u}\ \overline{c}/F$ values of around 10 to 15 %, thus in the same order of magnitude as the correction suggested by Denmead and Raupach. The *WindTrax* bLS approach implicitly takes into account the horizontal turbulent diffusion and therefore the two approaches agree.

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3.4 Limitations of vertical flux methods

3.4.1 Limited fetch, advection and footprint correction

Whereas the horizontal flux approaches discussed above rely on a limited source area, the vertical flux methods (AGM or EC) were originally based on the assumption of an unlimited homogeneous source area or fetch. In order to account for limited fetch conditions and associated vertical flux divergence, the flux footprint has to be determined. It describes the spatial weight distribution of the upwind surface area contributing to the flux measured at a given point (Schmid, 2002). Footprint analysis (Neftel et al., 2008) can be used to correct for the flux divergence (e.g. Spirig et al., 2010; Sintermann et al., 2011a). This is possible for the typical situation of slurry application with strongly emitting surfaces surrounded by areas with a negligible exchange flux. Alternatively, a model such as FIDES may be used to calculate the "advection error" (Loubet et al., 2009). The models used to correct for the limited fetch assume idealised conditions, such as flat surfaces with homogeneous roughness and a wind profile that can be represented by a power law or a logarithmic function. The footprint is usually defined by few parameters (z_m, σ_v, u_*, $\overline{u}$, and z/L). Based on Monin-Obukhov surface layer similarity, the use of z_0 and $\overline{u}$ as input parameter is equivalent under ideal conditions (see Neftel et al., 2008).

The accuracy of the footprint or advection correction depends on the stability and is poor for stagnant (non turbulent) conditions. For unstable daytime conditions the accuracy of the correction is generally better than 20 % (Neftel et al., 2008; Tuzson et al., 2010). The larger the footprint correction, the larger will also be the relative error of the final footprint corrected flux. As a rule of thumb, the field of interest, for which the emission has to be determined, should contribute about half or more to the flux footprint.

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3.4.2 High-frequency correction of EC measurements

As mentioned above (Sect. 2.2.5) high-frequency attenuation effects in EC measurements can be corrected for by the ogive method. The observed damping is often parameterised as a function of horizontal wind speed in order to decrease the scatter of the individual corrections (Ammann et al., 2006). Optical detection systems such as tunable diode laser systems or quantum cascade laser systems as well as CIMS do have a high enough time resolution and sensitivity to be used in EC approaches (Whitehead et al., 2008; Sintermann et al., 2011b), but it is the damping in the inlet system which reduces the high-frequency response of the measurement system as a whole. The ogive method (and similar spectral approaches) implies that below a certain frequency turbulent variations of NH_3 passed the inlet line undamped. This is perhaps an oversimplification (Ellis et al., 2010; Sintermann et al., 2011b) that may lead to an underestimation of the high-frequency correction und thus of the final flux.

3.5 A proposed plausibility check for initial volatilisation from slurry

A common observation in most experiments is that the temporal course of the NH_3 emission from an area where slurry was instantaneously applied can be described by a Michaelis-Menten equation (Eqs. 4 and 5) as it is done in the ALFAM framework (Søgaard et al., 2002) or by a bi-exponential decay (Sintermann et al., 2011a). The Michaelis-Menten function is often used to describe the temporal behavior of biological systems showing non-linear exhausting behavior. Using this functional time dependence, the initial volatilisation flux (immediately after slurry spreading) can be empirically determined and may be compared to physical-chemical constraints of NH_3 volatilisation. The temporal behaviour of the NH_3 volatilisation after slurry broadspreading is generally remarkably well represented by a Michaelis-Menten equation. The initial flux equals the ratio of the total integrated emission N_{max} to the half time K_m. In case a bias in the measurements would exist, it would affect mainly the concentration measurements and therefore also the absolute integrated emission, but not the temporal behaviour of fluxes.

Considering, for simplification, slurry as an ideal solution initially containing a given amount of TAN, the theoretical flux immediately after slurry application can be calculated using the slurry TAN content, pH, surface temperature and turbulence characteristics. Assuming liquid-gas phase equilibrium, the initial NH_3 concentration $c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0)$ above the hypothetical slurry surface can be inferred with the help of Henry's law and the NH_3 protonation constant (Génermont and Cellier, 1997; Spirig et al., 2010):

$$c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0) = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+] \cdot 10^{4.1218-4507/T(z'_0)}}{[\text{H}^+] \cdot 10^{-9}}, \tag{9}$$

$c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0)$ in ppb, $[\text{NH}_4^+]$ and $[\text{H}^+]$ in mol l^{-1}, and $T(z'_0)$ in K.

The concentration $c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0)$ represents the surface NH_3 emission potential of applied slurry and can be used to compute the initial flux F_{ini} one would expect to measure at a certain height over the emitting slurry. F_{ini} relates to $c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0)$ via the corresponding air concentration at a reference height above the zero-plane displacement, i.e. $c_{\text{ini}}(z-d)$, and the aerodynamic and viscous sublayer resistances R_a and R_b (e.g. Flechard et al., 2010):

$$F_{\text{ini}} = \frac{c_{\text{ini}}(z'_0) - c_{\text{ini}}(z-d)}{R_a(z-d) + R_b}. \tag{10}$$

Using the corresponding relationship for temperature, $T_{\text{ini}}(z'_0)$ can be extrapolated down to the surface from the air temperature $T_{\text{ini}}(z-d)$ and the sensible heat flux measured by ultrasonic anemometer.

Contrasting this slurry derived estimate of F_{ini} to the respective emission derived value determined by fitting the proposed time dependent function (Michaelis-Menten type: see Sect. 2.4.1 or bi-exponential following Sintermann et al. (2011a) provides a rough test for the physical and chemical plausibility of the measured NH_3 emission. Such an investigation can only be made in case an experiment was well documented in the original publication, which was often the exception rather than the rule. Table 2 lists the range of input parameters needed for the calculation of the expected distribution of

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F_{ini}. Our analysis includes an uncertainty analysis based on a Monte Carlo simulation that reflects the uncertainty of the input parameters. For this analysis, two examples of measurements reported in Menzi et al., 1998 and Sintermann et al., 2011, were used as an illustration. The cumulated emissions given in Menzi et al. (1998), Fig. 1, were described by fitting Eq. (4) (Michaelis-Menten) to derive the initial emission rate F_{ini} (dN/dt_0, Eq. 5). Two examples of a comparison of observation derived F_{ini} and from slurry and environmental condition modelled fluxes are shown in Fig. 6. The flux measurement derived F_{ini} was assigned an uncertainty of 10 %. Required input parameters are not precisely known and are associated with an uncertainty range. To reflect this situation, a large number of random sets of input parameters was sampled from normal-distributions, characterised either by specified mean values and standard deviations (or according to reported min/max values) or were arbitrarily chosen to reflect the range of probable values. Estimation of the upper limit of the initial fluxes has a large uncertainty as the determining factors themselves are not precisely known. Especially the uncertainty range of the pH results in an asymmetrical distribution of the initial fluxes that is amplified with the corresponding uncertainty range of $T_{ini}(z_0')$. Indication of an overestimation was found e.g. for the EFs published by Menzi et al. (1998) and Huijsmans et al. (2001) (Table 2).

3.6 Consequences for emission inventories

EFs for slurry application are generally defined for the reference case using splash plate spreading for annual average conditions. For example, in the Swiss inventory the EF of 50 % for cattle slurry refers to a mean TAN content of 1.15 g l^{-1}, an application rate of 30 m^3 per hectare, a mean air humidity saturation deficit of 4.2 mbar. Application mainly on warm summer days shows a 10 % increased emissions, application after 18:00 a reduction of 20 %, application only in cold conditions a reduction of 20 % in reference to the base case. The modification factors are based on the empirical model published by Menzi et al. (1998). As mentioned earlier, this model does not take the DM into account, although several authors have recommended the inclusion

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of DM as a control parameter (see e.g. Sommer and Olesen, 1991; Misselbrook et al., 2004). On an European average we estimate that around 30 % to 40 % of the total NH_3 emissions are associated to field losses after application of slurry. These estimates are based on the assumption of broadcast-only application, which is a first approach simplification and probably yields upper range estimates. By comparison, the ECETOC report (ECETOC, 1994) indicated a 31 % fraction of field application of manure to the total NH_3 emissions (Table 12, page 44). Misselbrook et al. (2006) indicate 34 % for the year 2004, for the UK, Valli et al. (2001) 30 % for Italy, (Döhler et al., 2002) 35 % for Germany. The increasing use of low emission techniques potentially reduces this percentage to around 20 %. Therefore we expect that the proposed reduction of the EF for field losses of slurry for the reference case would reduce the overall emission in the order of 10 % to 15 %.

Over the last few years a great effort has been undertaken to relate NH_3 emission inventories and ambient NH_3 concentration measurements (The Netherlands: Bleeker et al., 2009; Switzerland: Thöni et al., 2004). At the present stage it is assumed that the calculated emission levels, together with modelled atmospheric chemistry and deposition, successfully predict the measured ambient concentrations. Consequently, a systematic reduction of field losses in emission inventories would have to be counterbalanced by greater losses in the stables, during storage or during grazing, or by reduced atmospheric deposition. However, similar to the analysis of the uncertainty of the initial fluxes it remains to be investigated how precise the relation between emissions and ambient concentration is. Such analysis is further complicated by the fact that over the last 20 years low emission techniques have been promoted. It seems possible that compensating errors have preserved the established source-receptor relationships: high reference EFs could be compensated by over-estimated reduction factors resulting from the abatement measures. It is well documented that band spreading onto bare soil or short grass reduces NH_3 emissions only by about 10 % relative to splash plate spreading (Döhler et al., 2002), whereas application to canopy heights of e.g. 30 cm yields reduction between 30 and 50 % (Thorman et al., 2008). It is likely

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that even though low emission techniques are increasingly used, they are still mainly applied to bare soils and short grass canopies.

4 Conclusions

We report on the paradoxical situation that the most trusthworthy and robust measuring techniques applied on medium plot scales yield much higher emissions compared to new, recent field scale measurements using more complex and delicate approaches. Overall, IHF results might have asymmetrical biases leading to an overestimation up to 30 % or a small underestimation up to 10 %, but a systematic positive bias in the order of up to a factor of 2 is not proven. There are no clear and unambiguous reasons for the observed differences, nor is it to clear which cluster of measurements is closer to reality. An analysis of the initial fluxes derived from the measurements suggests a substantial bias toward an overestimation for at least some of the medium plot scale based measurements.

A new series of measurements that systematically compare emissions from medium and large scale plots under indentical conditions, regarding slurry, application technique, soil, and meteorlogical conditions using a range of different techniques is urgently needed. Ultimately, the presented assessment implies that current emission inventories need to be updated to reflect the findings of the new generation of field scale NH_3 emission measurements.

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Table 1. Summary of methodological issues and their potential bias effects on different NH_3 flux measurement methods.

Flux method	Methodological issue	Potential effect	Chance of occurrence
chambers	linear interpolation	underestimate up to 50 %	likely
	wall effects on NH_3	underestimate/hysteresis up to 50 %	likely
	ventilation	both under-/overestimate, depending on fan speed up to 50 %	likely
IHF on medium plots	cup anemometer & gusts	overestimate	unlikely
	cup anemometer $<1\ m\ s^{-1}$	underestimate	likely
	turbulent backflow	overestimate ~5-20 %, (see Denmead, 1995, and ref. therein)	high
	tower too small	underestimate	low
	impinger error	overestimate	unlikely
	oasis effect	overestimate 5 to 10 %	high

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Table 2. Comparison of measured ($F_{ini,meas}$) and (from slurry and atmospheric properties) estimated initial flux ($F_{ini,est}$) from slurry applied to grassland using splash plate; values derived from (a) Menzi et al. (1998)/Katz (1996), (b) Huijsmans et al. (2001), and (c) Sintermann et al. (2011a).

		(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)
slurry type		cattle	cattle	pig	cattle
crop		grass	grass	grass	grass
canopy height	[m]	0.07 ± 0.02*	0.072 ± 0.03**	0.072 ± 0.03**	0.05 ± 0.02*
pH		7.4 ± 0.2	7.0 ± 0.4*	7.5 ± 0.4*	7.49 ± 0.19**
TAN	[$\mathrm{g\,l^{-1}}$]	1.3 ± 0.1*	2.2 ± 1.2**	5.4 ± 1.6**	1.18 ± 0.05**
T	[K]	292.0 ± 3*	287.6 ± 10*	287.6 ± 10*	295.0 ± 3*
H	[$\mathrm{W\,m^{-2}}$]	50 ± 40	100 ± 50	100 ± 50	88 ± 20*
L	[m]	−10 ± 8	−10 ± 8	−10 ± 8	−4.6 ± 2*
U	[$\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$]	2.0 ± 1.5*	3.2 ± 2.5*	3.2 ± 2.5*	1.2 ± 0.5*
u_*	[$\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$]	–	–	–	0.18 ± 0.05*
z_0	[m]	0.025 ± 0.015	0.05 ± 0.03	0.05 ± 0.03	0.027 ± 0.01*
c_{bgd}	[$\mathrm{\mu g\,m^{-3}}$]	5 ± 4	8 ± 5	8 ± 5	5.8 ± 2*
EF	[% of TAN]	58.0*	68.8*	62.4*	18.7*
$F_{ini,meas}$	[$\mathrm{\mu g\,m^{-2}\,s^{-1}}$]	556	862*	1894*	332*
$F_{ini,est}$ 25 %	[$\mathrm{\mu g\,m^{-2}\,s^{-1}}$]	86	26	231	195
$F_{ini,est}$ 50 %	[$\mathrm{\mu g\,m^{-2}\,s^{-1}}$]	159	86	707	291
$F_{ini,est}$ 75 %	[$\mathrm{\mu g\,m^{-2}\,s^{-1}}$]	272	244	1938	433

* When value given, ** when mean value and standard deviation given.

Table A1. Used NH_3 EFs and related data.

Reference	Spread.	Crop	Method	Trial Scale [class or m^2]	Trial Yr	Sl. Type	U [$m\,s^{-1}$]	TAN [$g\,kg^{-1}$]	TN [$g\,kg^{-1}$]	pH	DM [%]	App. Rate [$m^3\,ha^{-1}$]	EF [%]
Amon et al. (2006)	TH	grass	DC	small plot	2000	cattle		1.82	3.25	7.80	5.7	40.0	8.4
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	2000	cattle		1.73	3.66	7.88	4.2	40.0	3.6
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	2000	cattle		1.55	2.48	7.78	4.2	40.0	11.7
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	2000	cattle		1.64	3.84	7.55	7.8	40.0	13.5
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	2000	cattle		1.30	3.85	7.58	7.5	40.0	13.6
ART, unpublished	SP	grass	WT	field scale	2008	cattle	2.0	0.86	1.04	7.30	1.0	33.5	6.7
	SP	grass	WT	field scale	2009	cattle	1.1	1.02	1.42	7.60	2.0	27.5	15.6
	SP	grass	WT	field scale	2010	cattle	1.1	1.13	1.65	7.20	0.6	30.7	12.1
	TH	grass	WT	1296	2010	cattle	1.0	1.11	2.28	7.30	3.8	26.4	16.2
	SP	grass	WT	1296	2010	cattle	1.0	1.18	2.28	7.30	3.8	26.9	23.2
	SP	grass	WT	field scale	2010	cattle	3.0	1.22	1.84	7.50	0.8	29.6	26.3
Balsari et al. (2008)	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.6	2.10		7.60	5.7	20.0	58.7
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.6	2.10		7.80	4.4	21.2	50.5
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	2.10		7.60	5.7	20.0	20.0
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	2.10		7.80	4.4	21.2	20.8
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	2.10		7.60	5.7	11.4	26.8
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	2.10		7.80	4.4	12.1	23.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.6	1.50		7.50	7.1	20.6	52.7
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.6	1.70		7.80	4.4	21.2	32.4
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	1.50		7.50	7.1	20.6	26.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	1.70		7.80	4.4	21.2	20.9
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	1.50		7.50	7.1	11.8	27.5
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot		cattle	0.0	1.70		7.80	4.4	12.1	18.7
Bhandral et al. (2009)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.20	1.80	7.00	2.8	120.0	39.2
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.30	2.40	6.80	6.8	100.0	37.5
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.10	1.50	7.40	2.2	126.0	51.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.20	2.40	6.80	7.2	104.0	36.7
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.00	1.20	8.10	1.3	133.0	16.3
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	cattle	1.0	1.10	2.50	7.50	7.0	109.0	39.1
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	0.90	1.70		2.8	124.0	38.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	1.00	2.10		6.0	115.0	39.3
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	0.90	1.30		0.2	141.0	39.1
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	1.00	2.00		5.7	120.0	37.4
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	0.60	1.00		1.3	127.0	13.4
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	cattle	1.0	1.00	2.00		4.6	70.0	41.9
Bittman et al. (2005)	SP	grass	IHF	400	2000	cattle	2.1	1.40	2.30	7.30	6.1	56.0	57.5
	SP	grass	IHF	400	2000	cattle	1.6	1.20	2.00	7.20	5.5	54.0	37.2
	SP	grass	IHF	400	2001	cattle	1.9	0.90	2.10	7.90	5.6	66.0	63.6
	SP	grass	IHF	400	2001	cattle	4.7	0.70	1.70	7.20	5.1	69.0	66.5
Chantigny et al. (2004)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2000	pig		6.70	9.70	7.70	5.9	90.0	27.1
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2000	pig		5.40	7.80	8.10	3.3	90.0	28.5
Chantigny et al. (2009)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2004	pig		3.50	7.20	7.40	5.2	14.0	47.6
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2004	pig		3.70	6.00	7.70	2.8	16.0	33.1
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2004	pig		3.20	4.70	8.10	1.6	34.0	42.6
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2004	pig		3.70	5.40	8.00	2.6	16.0	31.7
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2004	pig		2.80	4.60	8.30	1.0	25.0	37.7

Table A1. Continued.

Reference	Spread.	Crop	Method	Trial Scale [class or m^2]	Trial Yr	Sl. Type	U [$m\,s^{-1}$]	TAN [$g\,kg^{-1}$]	TN [$g\,kg^{-1}$]	pH	DM [%]	App. Rate [$m^3\,ha^{-1}$]	EF [%]
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		5.30	6.40	7.50	7.6	21.0	30.3
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		5.10	6.30	7.80	4.1	24.0	34.3
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		3.50	4.10	8.10	3.2	34.0	33.8
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		4.90	6.10	8.30	4.8	23.0	24.2
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		4.40	5.10	8.30	2.7	28.0	22.2
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		5.40	6.80	8.70	5.0	21.0	24.1
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		3.40	4.10	8.20	1.2	24.0	10.3
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		3.50	4.30	8.40	1.3	34.0	15.2
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		5.60	6.30	8.80	2.6	24.0	14.2
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig		4.70	5.10	9.00	1.2	30.0	19.0
Gärtner et al. (2008)	SP	arable	MBM	field scale	2005	pig		4.33			4.0	15.0	8.9
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2005	pig		4.33			4.0	14.0	4.1
	PV	arable	MBM	field scale	2005	pig		4.33			4.0	12.0	7.7
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2006	pig		4.33			4.0	38.0	9.6
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2006	pig		4.33			4.0	29.0	9.4
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2006	pig		4.33			4.0	39.0	4.2
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2006	pig		4.33			4.0	17.0	5.0
	SP	arable	MBM	field scale	2006	pig		4.33			4.0	18.0	4.5
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2007	pig		4.33			4.0	27.0	8.0
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2007	pig		4.33			4.0	35.0	9.9
	TH	grass	MBM	field scale	2007	pig		4.33			4.0	20.0	8.4
	TH	arable	MBM	field scale	2007	pig		4.33			4.0	30.0	11.2
Hansen et al. (2003)	TH	grass	IHF	1296	1999	cattle	3.2	1.33	2.13	7.70	3.6		17.0
	TH	grass	IHF	1296	2000	cattle	7.7	1.58	3.24	7.00	8.5		45.0
Huijsmans et al. (2001)	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1989	cattle		3.20		7.00		17.2	29.3
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1989	pig		6.00		7.50		10.0	27.3
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1989	pig		5.40				12.7	68.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1989	cattle		1.60				15.4	66.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		3.30				16.3	43.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		3.30				12.5	47.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				19.0	14.7
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				6.6	12.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				19.7	47.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				10.2	58.3
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.80				8.7	71.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				17.3	31.4
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				8.4	14.6
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				16.1	64.3
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				9.8	44.2
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		6.30				14.9	31.0
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		6.30				7.9	16.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		6.30				17.5	67.4
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				9.9	33.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				8.6	19.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		6.40				8.8	32.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				8.3	61.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		6.40				8.6	49.5
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.40				8.8	84.5
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				9.8	51.0

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	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				8.7	58.4
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				8.7	43.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.20				8.6	83.5
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	pig		3.50				8.4	66.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.00				12.7	52.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1990	cattle		2.30				9.6	49.7
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.90				10.7	21.7
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.90				10.6	10.6
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.90				16.2	80.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.90				15.3	64.7
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1991	pig		5.00				12.0	14.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1991	pig		5.00				10.6	8.5
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	pig		5.00				16.3	73.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	pig		5.00				15.2	84.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.80				24.6	37.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.80				13.0	97.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.50				9.8	96.7
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		1.60				14.0	70.8
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1991	cattle		2.50				16.4	67.8
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				17.3	86.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.20				17.6	84.8
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		1.80				18.7	57.2
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.60				13.5	30.1
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.60				14.0	11.9
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.60				24.9	66.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.00				11.6	87.7
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				28.1	50.3
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				27.1	38.2
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				15.0	42.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				13.6	39.5
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.10				13.7	78.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.30				13.6	97.5
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.30				16.2	30.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.30				11.5	28.6
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.30				14.6	91.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.00				15.5	92.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1992	cattle		2.00				16.3	87.3
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				19.4	81.2
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				19.0	95.2
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.00				14.4	17.0
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.00				15.7	16.1
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.00				14.8	11.1
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.00				15.5	13.0
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.20				17.9	71.1
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.20				18.5	71.9
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				10.4	37.5
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				10.3	38.1
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				11.6	34.6
	TS	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				10.0	37.4
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				15.1	68.9
	SP	grass	IHF	1963	1993	cattle		2.10				15.8	66.7

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Huijsmans et al. (2003)	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		2.80			6.4	29.2	37.6
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		5.50			10.1	38.6	68.7
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		6.10			8.6	21.4	46.9
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		5.50			8.8	17.9	80.4
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		5.30			8.2	22.0	95.4
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		4.90			9.7	20.4	68.0
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1990	pig		5.00			8.7	22.6	66.3
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		4.10			7.6	18.2	54.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		3.90			7.8	14.4	56.9
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		4.10			9.4	13.6	78.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		2.40			6.0	18.8	41.1
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		4.50			8.4	14.6	72.8
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1991	pig		4.20			7.1	15.9	66.3
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		4.50			9.8	19.0	62.1
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		4.40			10.7	29.5	81.4
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		4.00			9.8	16.4	82.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		3.90			6.6	17.4	75.0
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		4.40			7.8	15.3	92.7
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		3.80			6.1	29.1	86.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		3.90			5.6	28.7	93.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1992	pig		3.80			5.5	28.9	100.0
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1993	pig		4.40			13.6	28.9	63.4
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1993	pig		4.40			13.6	27.3	69.7
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1993	pig		4.60			15.3	15.7	33.9
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1998	pig		4.80			7.4	21.5	58.2
	SP	arable	IHF	1521	1998	pig		4.70			6.2	20.8	61.0
Katz (1996) (excerpts published in Menzi et al. (1998))	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1992	cattle		0.72	1.70		4.0	32.6	33.7
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.13	2.40		5.4	33.1	65.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.26	2.40		4.4	29.4	58.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.25	2.20		3.9	31.1	69.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.09	1.90		3.3	34.1	55.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.83	1.50		2.8	32.2	48.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.96	1.70		3.3	31.8	60.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.93	1.60		3.0	30.0	42.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.91	1.70		3.2	25.8	44.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1994	cattle		0.93	1.70		3.3	33.3	35.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1994	cattle		0.82	2.00		4.7	32.8	27.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.85	1.90		4.0	32.0	35.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.12	1.90		3.4	48.8	51.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.10	1.90		3.4	20.5	75.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.96	1.70		3.3	32.5	35.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		0.96	1.70		3.3	31.9	74.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	pig		1.23	1.80		1.7	24.8	54.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	pig		1.80	2.80		4.3	19.8	55.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	pig		1.65	2.50		3.5	23.0	68.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	pig		2.01	3.30		5.7	18.2	73.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.81	2.00		1.6	16.4	38.0
	SP	grass	IHF-Zinst	1257	1993	cattle		1.04	1.80		3.4	28.7	42.0

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Loubet et al. (2010)	SP	arable	AGM	field scale	1994	cattle				7.10	4.7		50.0
	SP	arable	AGM	field scale	2008	cattle				7.90	11		37.5
Pfluke et al. (2011)	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	3.7				14.0	25.0	14.0
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	3.7				14.0	50.0	21.3
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	3.7				14.0	25.0	9.7
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	3.7				14.0	50.0	11.0
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	1.2				10.4	25.0	24.0
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	1.2				10.4	50.0	41.0
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	1.2				10.4	25.0	13.3
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	1.2				10.4	50.0	22.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	2.3				11.8	25.0	52.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	2.3				11.8	50.0	58.7
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	2.3				11.8	25.0	6.0
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1995	cattle	2.3				11.8	50.0	11.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.0				8.5	25.0	18.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.0				8.5	50.0	35.0
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.0				8.5	25.0	18.0
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.0				8.5	50.0	24.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.4				9.3	25.0	9.0
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.4				9.3	50.0	34.3
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.4				9.3	25.0	16.0
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.4				9.3	50.0	20.0
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.1				10.8	25.0	31.7
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.1				10.8	50.0	30.7
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.1				10.8	25.0	38.7
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1996	cattle	1.1				10.8	50.0	21.3
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	0.8				12.6	25.0	7.3
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	0.8				12.6	50.0	27.8
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	0.8				12.6	25.0	4.9
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	0.8				12.6	50.0	10.8
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	1.4				11.3	25.0	8.3
	SP	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	1.4				11.3	50.0	16.3
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	1.4				11.3	25.0	5.3
	TH	grass	DC	small plot	1997	cattle	1.4				11.3	50.0	9.7
Berkhout et al. (2008)	TH	arable	MBM	452	2006	pig		3.81		7.60	7.6	49.6	22.5
	TH	arable	MBM	804	2007	pig		3.83		7.80	5.9	41.8	50.0
	TH	arable	IHF	804	2007	pig		3.83		7.80	5.9	41.8	62.0
	TH	arable	MBM	804	2007	pig		3.83		7.80	5.9	41.8	42.0
	TH	grass	MBM	field scale	2007	pig		3.98		8.00	5.4	30.9	39.0
	TH	grass	MBM	field scale	2007	pig/cattle		2.74		7.50	5.9	33.5	33.0
	TH	grass	MBM	field scale	2007	pig/cattle		2.47		7.50	6.1	23.3	38.0
	TH	grass	MBM	field scale	2007	pig/cattle		2.43		7.50	7.2	22.2	40.0
Rochette et al. (2001)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1999	pig		2.03	2.52	8.20	1.6	74.0	16.9
Rochette et al. (2009)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2006	pig		2.90	5.20	7.00	6.7	29.7	46.5
Sanz et al. (2010)	SP	arable	WT	field scale	2006	pig		1.60	2.10	6.80	4.6	59.5	20.0
Sherlock et al. (2002)	SP	grass	IHF	9	1995	pig		4.20	6.10	8.14	4.4	60.0	22.5

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Sintermann et al. (2011a)	SP	arable	EC	field scale	2009	cattle	2.0	0.87	1.07	7.82	1.0	41.0	15.7
	SP	grass	EC	field scale	2009	cattle	1.5	1.18	1.57	7.49	2.0	22.5	18.7
Smith et al. (2000)	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.80	7.30	3.4	30.0	96.0
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.70	7.40	3.6	30.0	41.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		2.00	5.00	7.50	8.8	30.0	62.7
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.10	2.10	7.50	4.0	30.0	49.4
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.60	7.40	2.5	30.0	23.0
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		0.80	1.60	7.30	3.6	30.0	22.1
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.80	7.30	3.4	30.0	33.3
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.70	7.40	3.6	30.0	23.7
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		2.00	5.00	7.50	8.8	30.0	62.5
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.10	2.10	7.50	4.0	30.0	37.0
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.60	7.40	2.5	30.0	22.3
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		0.80	1.60	7.30	3.6	30.0	15.8
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.80	7.30	3.4	30.0	34.0
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.70	7.40	3.6	30.0	31.7
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		2.00	5.00	7.50	8.8	30.0	40.5
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.10	2.10	7.50	4.0	30.0	47.9
	TS	arable	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		1.00	1.60	7.40	2.5	30.0	18.0
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1995	cattle		0.80	1.60	7.30	3.6	30.0	14.6
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	1.50	7.50	2.0	30.0	9.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.40	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	31.9
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		0.90	1.40	7.20	2.0	30.0	21.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	59.4
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		0.60	1.10	6.70	1.9	30.0	49.5
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.50	1.90		4.6	30.0	24.9
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	1.50	7.50	2.0	30.0	10.3
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.40	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	13.1
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		0.90	1.40	7.20	2.0	30.0	16.1
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	38.2
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		0.60	1.10	6.70	1.9	30.0	22.6
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.50	1.90		4.6	30.0	13.3
	TS	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	1.50	7.50	2.0	30.0	13.9
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.40	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	7.9
	TS	arable	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		0.90	1.40	7.20	2.0	30.0	15.4
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.30	4.6	30.0	25.6
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1996	cattle		1.50	1.90		4.6	30.0	9.6
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		0.80	1.10	7.20	2.1	30.0	16.5
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.00	2.40	6.90	4.8	30.0	44.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		0.40	1.00	7.60	2.4	30.0	31.7
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.40	4.4	30.0	50.0
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		0.80	1.10	7.20	2.1	30.0	10.4
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.00	2.40	6.90	4.8	30.0	20.0
	TH	arable	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		0.40	1.00	7.60	2.4	30.0	17.5
	TH	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.40	4.4	30.0	29.7
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	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.00	2.40	6.90	4.8	30.0	16.0
	TS	arable	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		0.40	1.00	7.60	2.4	30.0	45.0
	TS	grass	WTu	small plot	1997	cattle		1.10	2.30	7.40	4.4	30.0	30.3
Smith et al. (2007)	SP	arable	MBM	38	2006	pig	0.9	2.80	7.00	6.30	5.5	33.0	41.1
	SP	arable	MBM	38	2006	pig	0.8	2.80	7.00	6.30	5.5	33.0	44.4
	SP	arable	MBM	38	2006	pig	0.8	2.80	7.00	6.30	5.5	33.0	45.5

Table A1. Continued.

Reference	Spread.	Crop	Method	Trial Scale [class or m^2]	Trial Yr	Sl. Type	U [m s^{-1}]	TAN [g kg^{-1}]	TN [g kg^{-1}]	pH	DM [%]	App. Rate [m^3 ha^{-1}]	EF [%]
Smith et al. (2008)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.0	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	30.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.0	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	72.0	27.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.0	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	180.0	24.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.1	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	26.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.1	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	72.0	44.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.2	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	20.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.2	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	72.0	25.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.2	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	180.0	21.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.2	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	12.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.2	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	22.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.3	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	40.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.3	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	36.0	33.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	2005	pig	1.1	2.80	7.00	6.30	6.0	30.0	22.0
Sommer and Olesen (1991)	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.4	1.60	4.90		22.0	30.0	68.0
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.4	2.50	2.90		0.9	30.0	5.4
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.6	2.50	2.90		0.9	30.0	6.6
	SP	arable	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.8	1.60	4.90		22.0	30.0	37.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.2	1.70	3.10		6.9	30.0	30.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	2.8	2.20	3.30		4.1	30.0	18.5
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	2.8	2.60	3.70		3.6	30.0	11.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.6	2.70	3.90		2.8	30.0	4.6
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.7	2.80	4.20		8.2	30.0	12.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.4	2.90	4.90		15.6	30.0	31.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.6	2.70	3.90		2.8	30.0	18.6
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.7	2.80	4.20		8.2	30.0	27.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.4	2.90	4.90		15.6	30.0	51.2
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.3	3.00	4.40		5.2	30.0	15.1
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.1	2.90	4.30		6.0	30.0	17.9
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.2	2.90	4.60		10.0	30.0	39.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.3	3.00	4.40		5.2	30.0	13.3
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.1	2.90	4.30		6.0	30.0	12.7
	SP	grass	WTu	small plot	1989	cattle	3.2	2.90	4.60		10.0	30.0	25.0
Sommer et al. (2006)	SP	arable	DC	small plot		cattle	0.1	1.70	3.50	7.50	7.6	109.0	10.5
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	3.30	4.70	7.40	3.8	109.0	7.5
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	4.10	5.60	8.10	3.4	109.0	9.5
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	4.00	5.00	8.20	2.3	109.0	5.0
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		cattle	0.1	1.70	3.50	7.50	7.6	109.0	13.0
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	3.30	4.70	7.40	3.8	109.0	12.5
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	4.10	5.60	8.10	3.4	109.0	15.0
	SP	arable	DC	small plot		pig	0.1	4.00	5.00	8.20	2.3	109.0	12.0
Spirig et al. (2010)	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2006	cattle	1.1	1.05			1.1	45.0	10.5
	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2006	cattle	1.6	0.79			1.0	56.1	4.1
	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2006	cattle	1.7	1.44			3.5	44.7	8.3
	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2007	cattle	2.6	1.25			4.8	41.8	8.3
	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2007	cattle	1.0	1.04			2.5	46.9	12.2
	SP	grass	AGM	field scale	2007	cattle	5.1	1.09			2.7	41.8	6.1
Wulf et al. (2002)	SP	grass	SC	9	1999	cattle		2.20	3.80	8.90	4.8	30.0	33.0
	TH	grass	SC	9	1999	cattle		2.20	3.80	8.90	4.8	30.0	23.0
	TS	grass	SC	9	1999	cattle		2.20	3.80	8.90	4.8	30.0	14.0
	SP	arable	SC	9	1999	cattle		2.20	3.80	8.90	4.8	30.0	33.0
	TH	arable	SC	9	1999	cattle		2.20	3.80	8.90	4.8	30.0	30.0
	TH	grass	SC	9	1999	cattle		1.60	4.30	7.60	8.1	30.0	47.0
	TH	arable	SC	9	1999	cattle		1.60	4.30	7.60	8.1	30.0	34.0

SC(+E) = Static Chamber (+E), DC = Dynamic Chamber, WTu = Wind Tunnel, MBM = Mass Balance Method, IHF = Integrated Horizontal Flux Method, WT = WindTrax, AGM = Aerodynamic Gradient Method, EC = Eddy Covariance, SC = standard comparison, SP = Broadspreading (Splash Plate), TH = Trailing Hose, TS = Trailing Shoe, PV = Pendelverteiler

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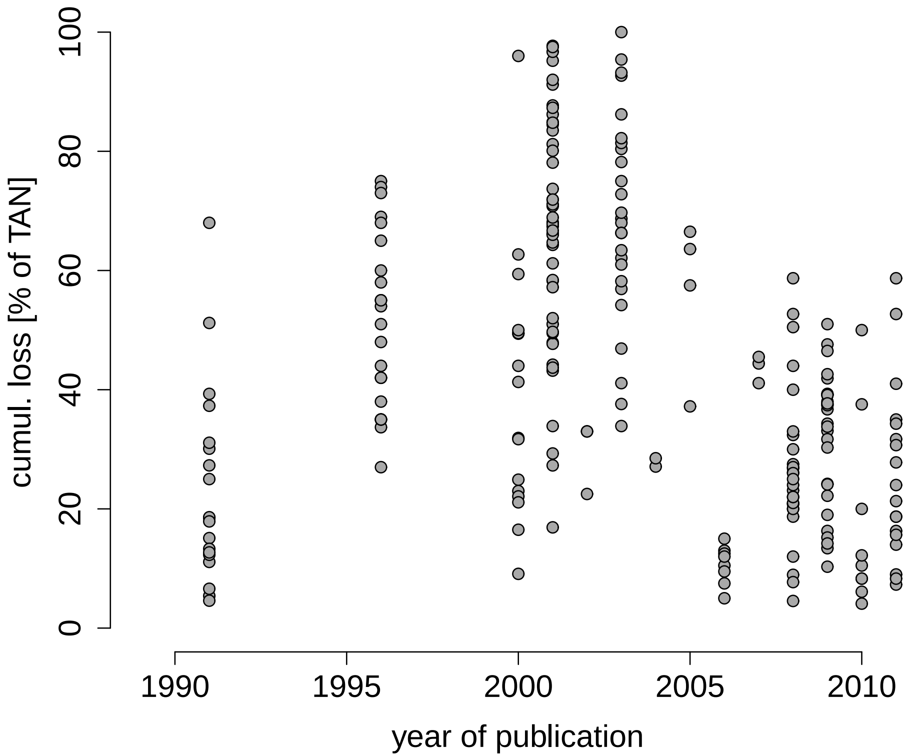

Fig. 1. Published NH_3 EFs for splash plate application vs. the year of publication (note that four unpublished values from ART, given in Table A1, are excluded in this figure).

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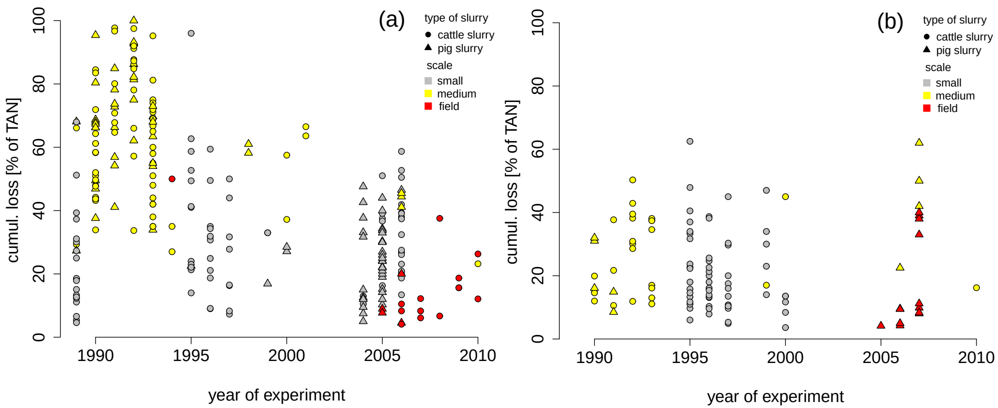

Fig. 2. Reported NH_3 EFs for **(a)** splash plate application and **(b)** band (near-surface) spreading, plotted vs. the year of measurement. Circles show trials using cattle slurry and triangles represent pig slurry trials. A colour code is used for three classes of measurement plot scale (note that the resultes of Balsari et al. (2008) are excluded from this figure as no measurement year is reported).

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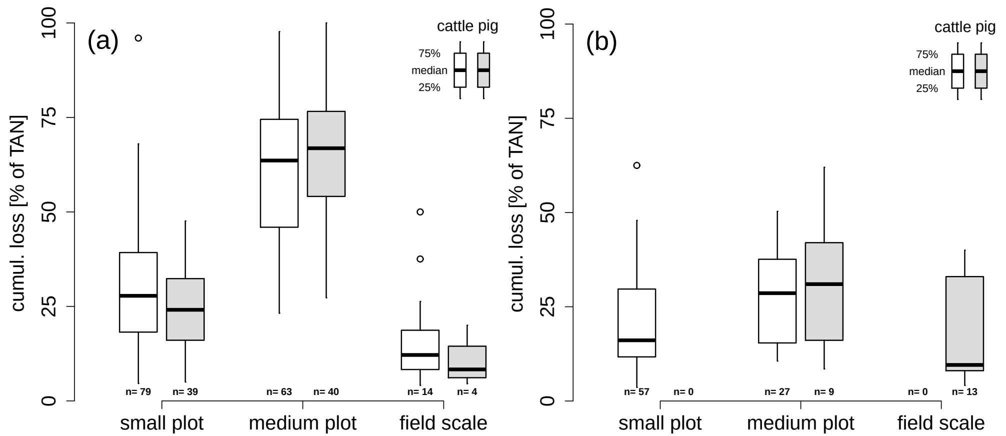

Fig. 3. Reported NH_3 EFs for cattle and pig slurry depending on the measurement scale for **(a)** splash plate spreading and **(b)** band (near-surface) spreading; small plot scale: < 10 m^2, medium plot scale: mostly circles with radius of 20 to 50 m, field scale: typically >5000 m^2.

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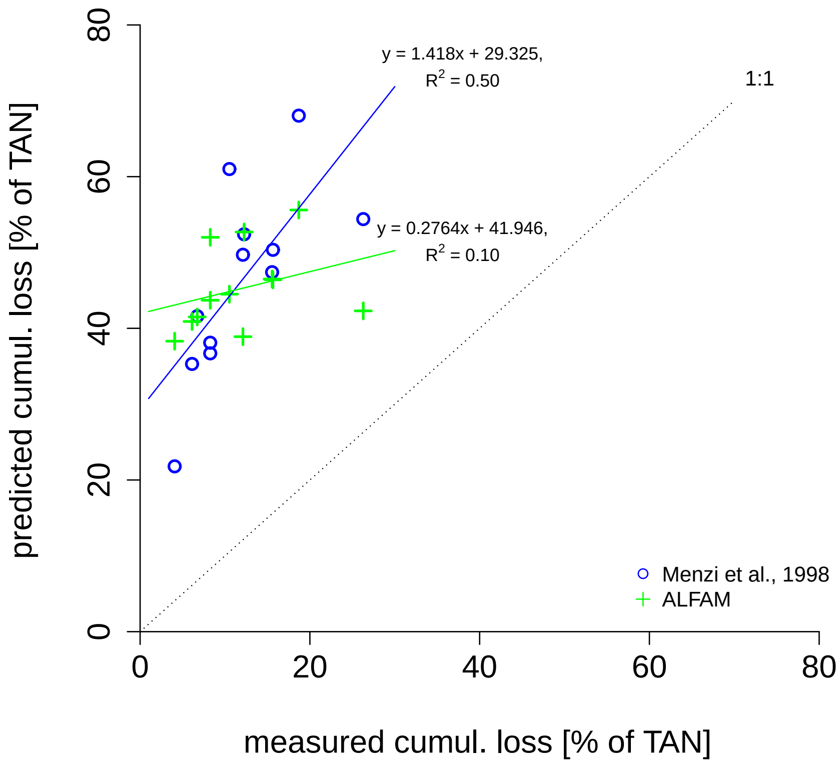

Fig. 4. Predicted vs. measured cumulated NH_3 loss using the empirical models ALFAM (Søgaard et al., 2002) and that described by Menzi et al. (1998) for predictions; measured data come from a range of field-scale experiments (splash plate slurry distribution) carried out in Switzerland between 2006 and 2010 using AGM, bLS, and EC (Table A1: ART, Spirig et al., 2010; Sintermann et al., 2011a).

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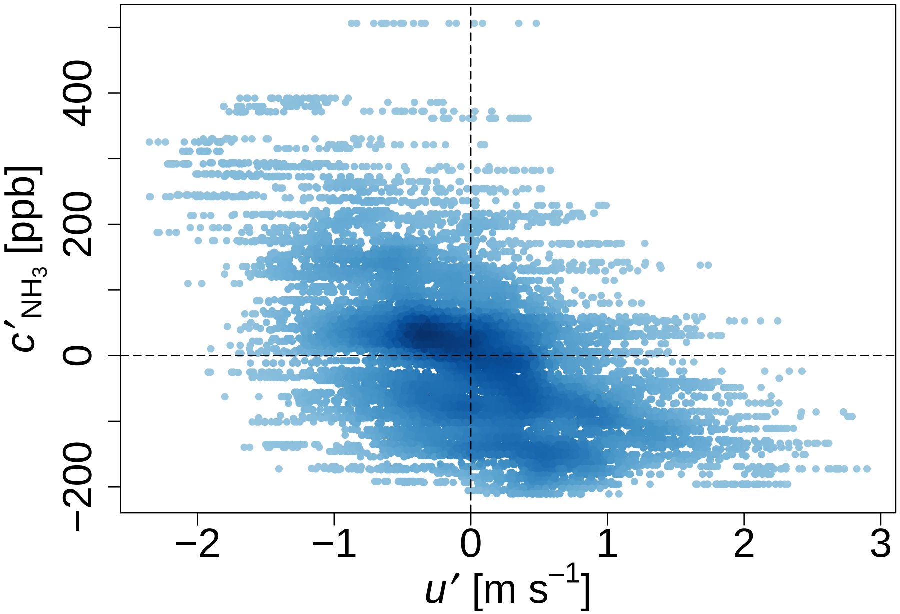

Fig. 5. One 10 min interval of c' vs. u' measured by EC using CIMS following slurry spreading (splash plate) on arable land (Sintermann et al., 2011a), 4 August 2009.

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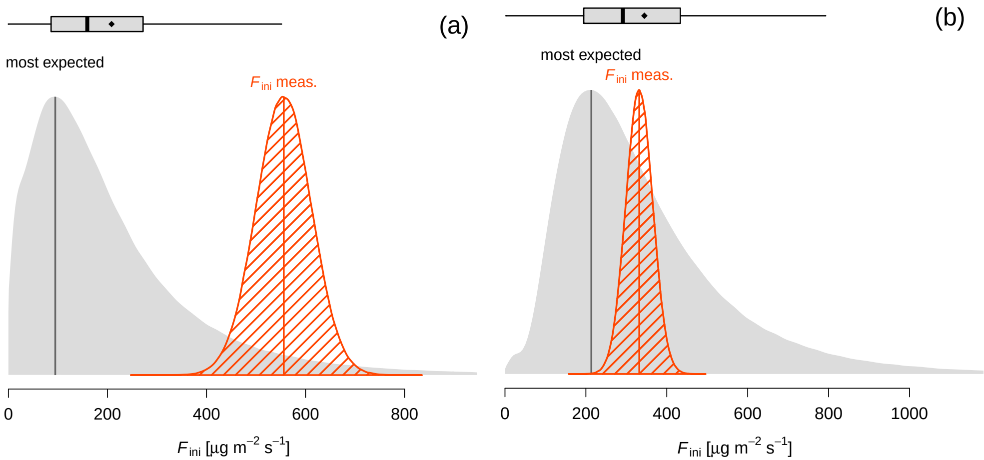

Fig. 6. Distribution of the initial flux (F_{ini}) immediately after slurry spreading, derived from slurry and turbulence characteristics (grey) and from flux measurements (red) for two cases as in Table 2: **(a)** Menzi et al. (1998), and **(b)** Sintermann et al. (2011a).

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