

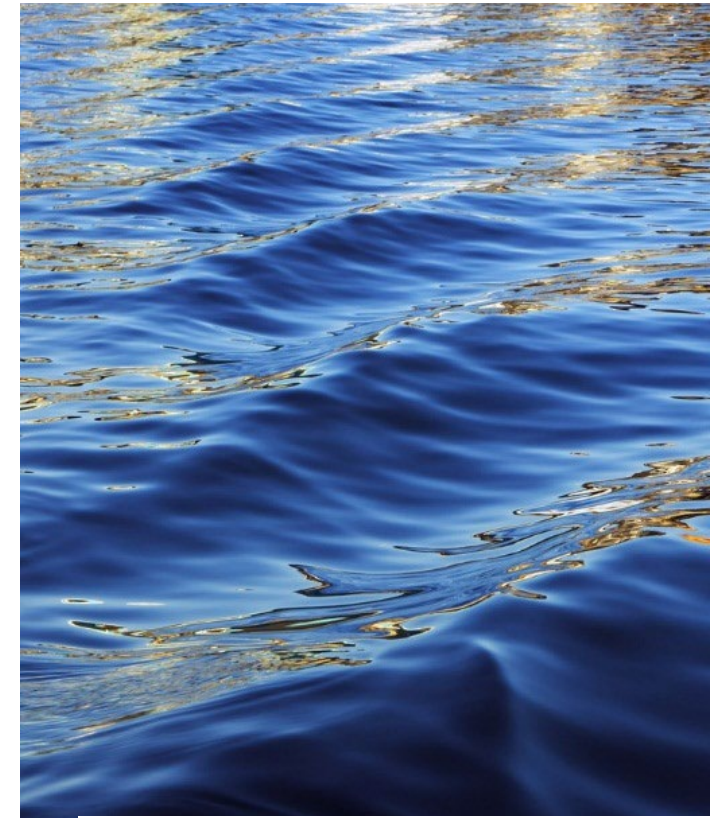
# From Flow to Flux — chasing the wind

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# Paired-watershed monitoring in the Philippines (2013.06 – 2014. 06)



Rainfall measurement & sampling



Throughfall & stemflow measurement & sampling



Soil physical characterization



Streamflow & EC measurement & sampling

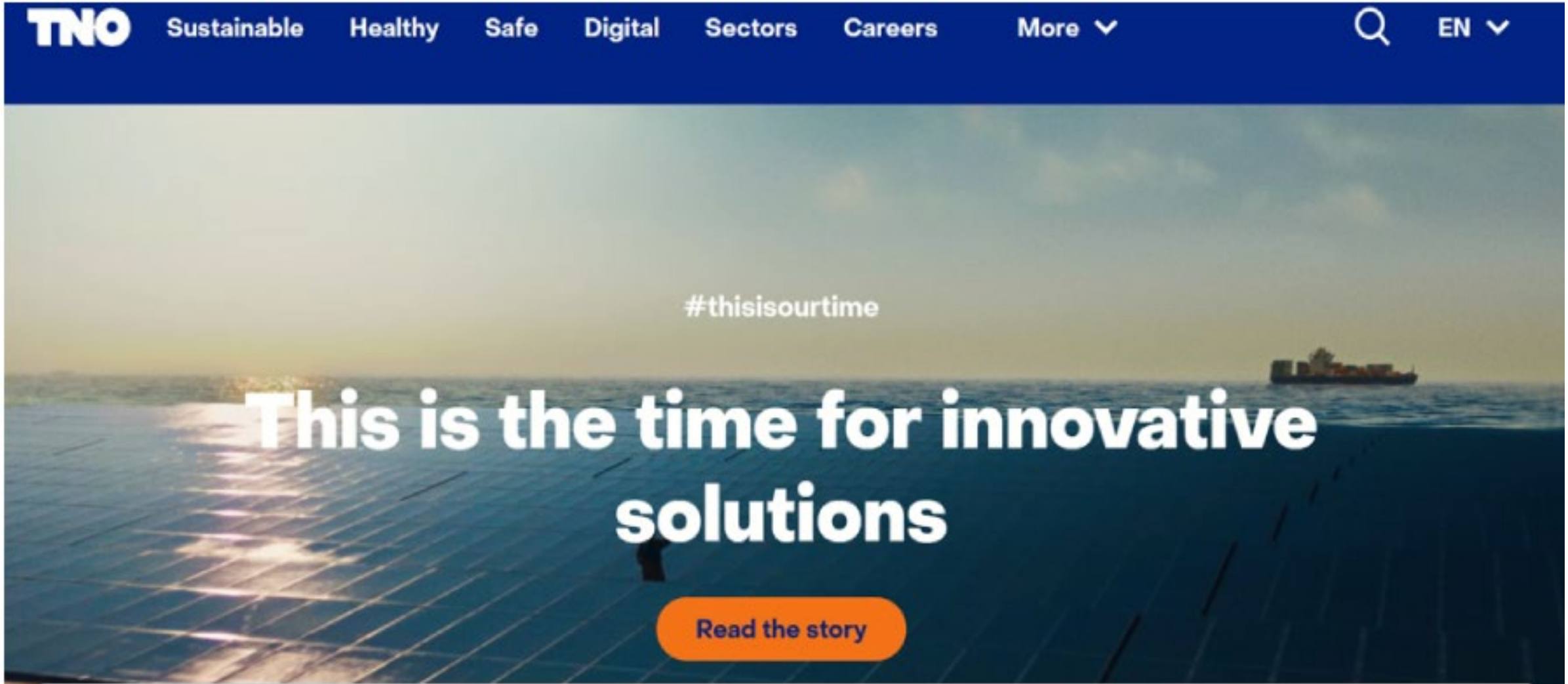


Soil moisture measurement

# 8 November 2013: super-TYPHOON HAIYAN strikes...



# March 2019: joint TNO, Applied Science Research Institute of NL



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# The dual role of nature-based carbon sinks

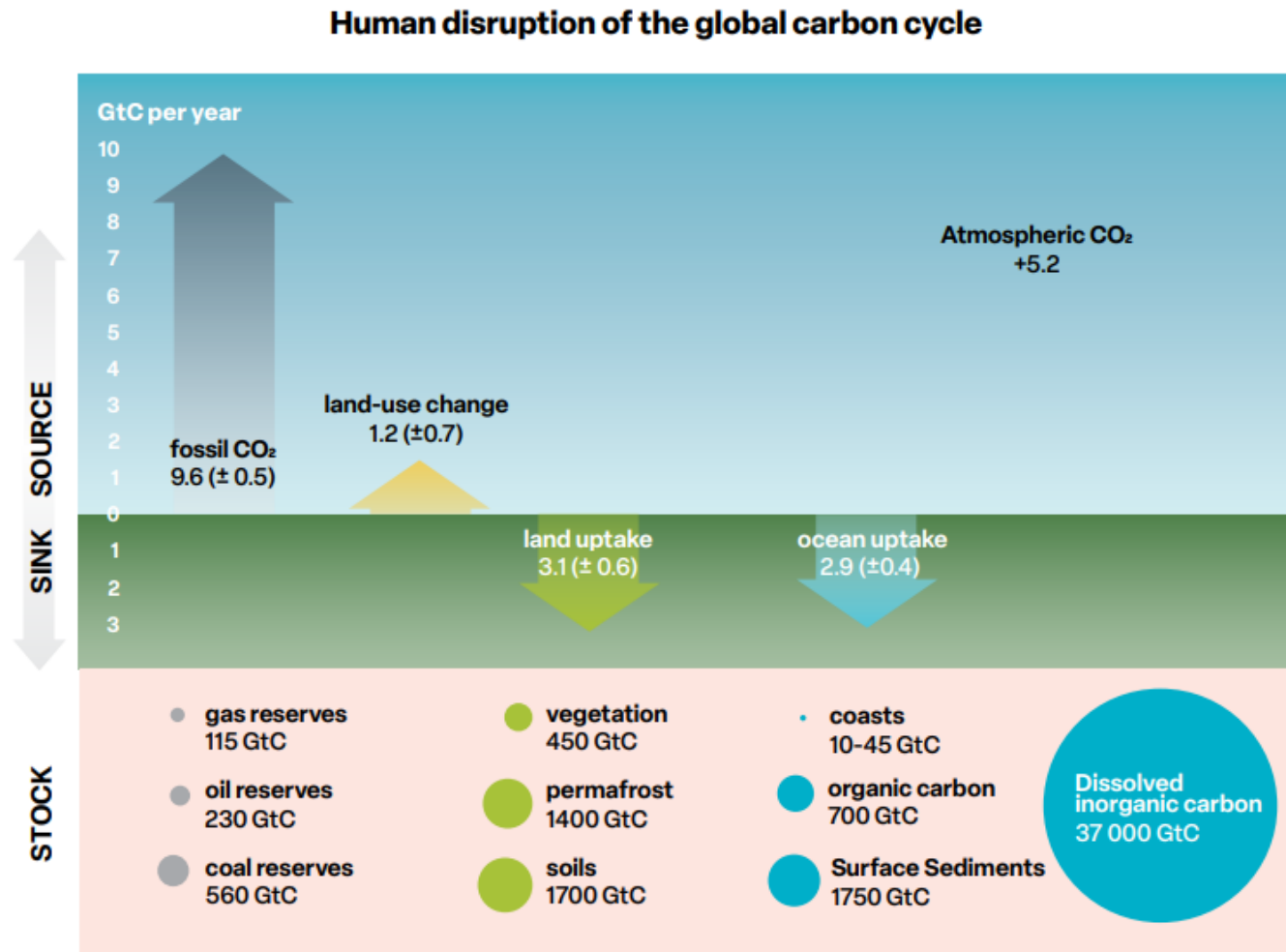
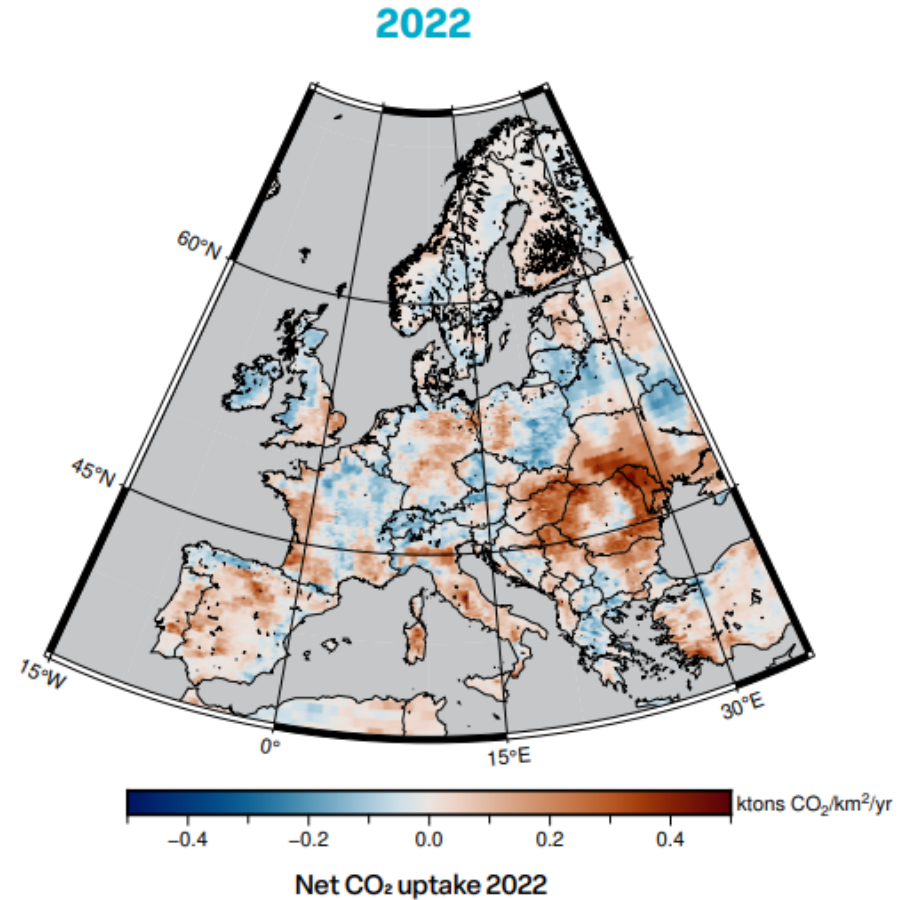
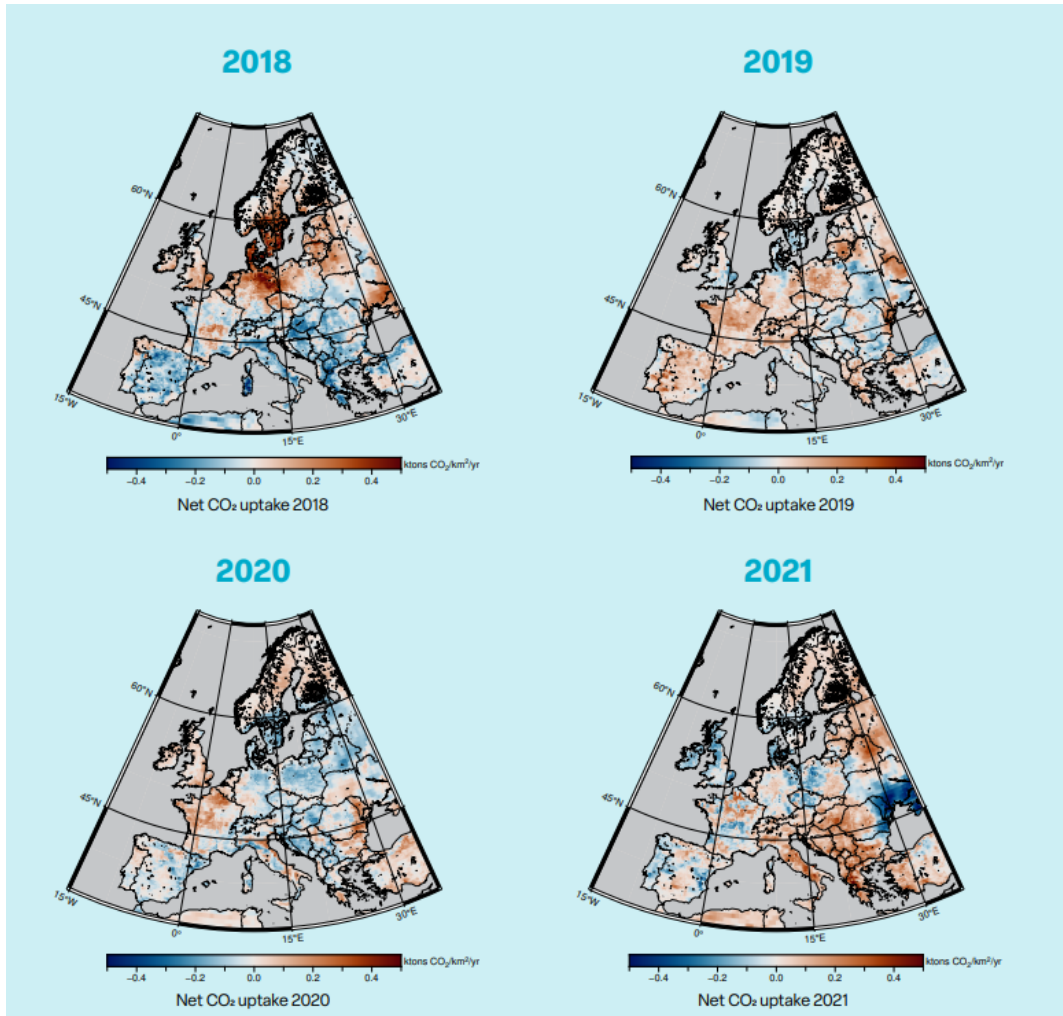


Figure 1. Average human influence in the global carbon cycle in GtC per year, gigatonnes of carbon, for the decade 2012-2021. adapted from Global Carbon Project 2022<sup>1</sup>.

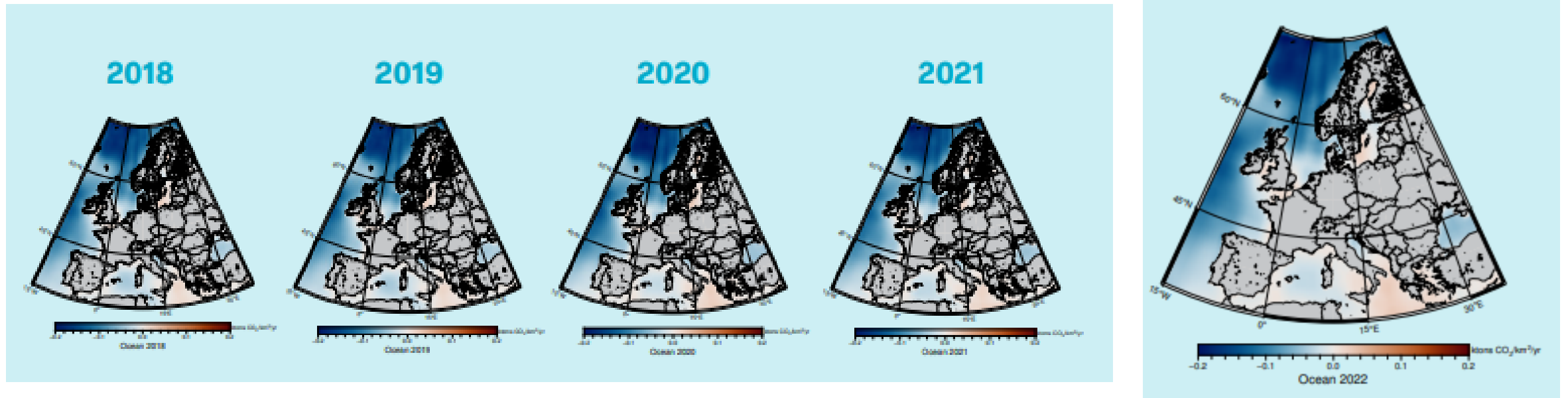


# Net carbon dioxide uptake in the land ecosystems of Europe



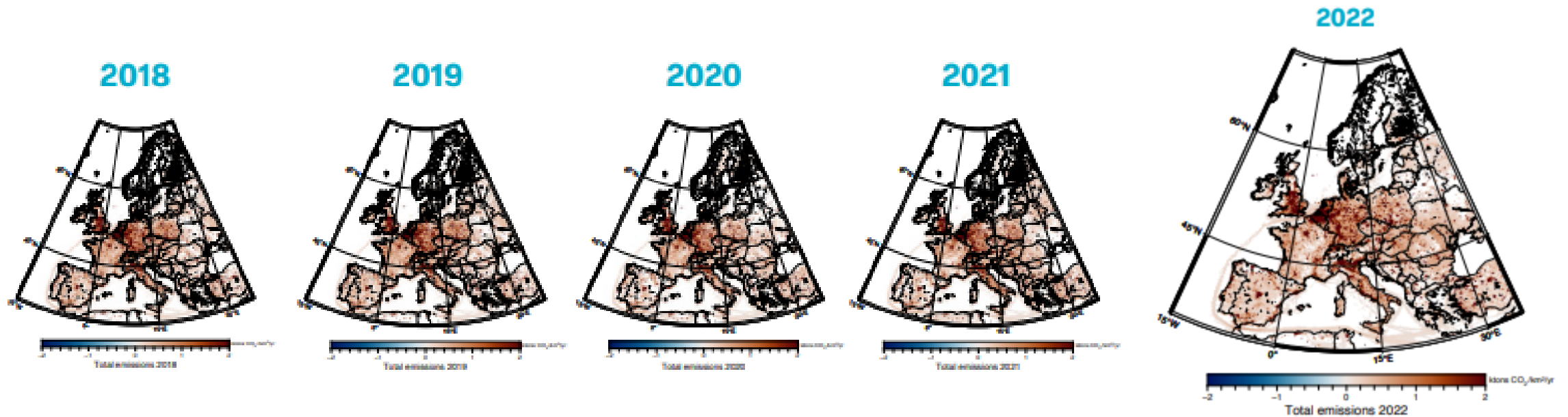
The maps use highly-integrated products based on observations, inventory data and models (hence are not the outcome of one kind of data alone). The colour scales in the maps are different to account for the different magnitude of the fluxes.

# Net carbon dioxide uptake in the ocean of Europe



Strong CO<sub>2</sub> uptake in the open ocean. Fluxes in the coastal areas, the Baltic Sea, the English Channel, and the Mediterranean Sea show a more complex pattern of sources and sinks. The inter-annual variation is small.

# Carbon dioxide emissions from human activity

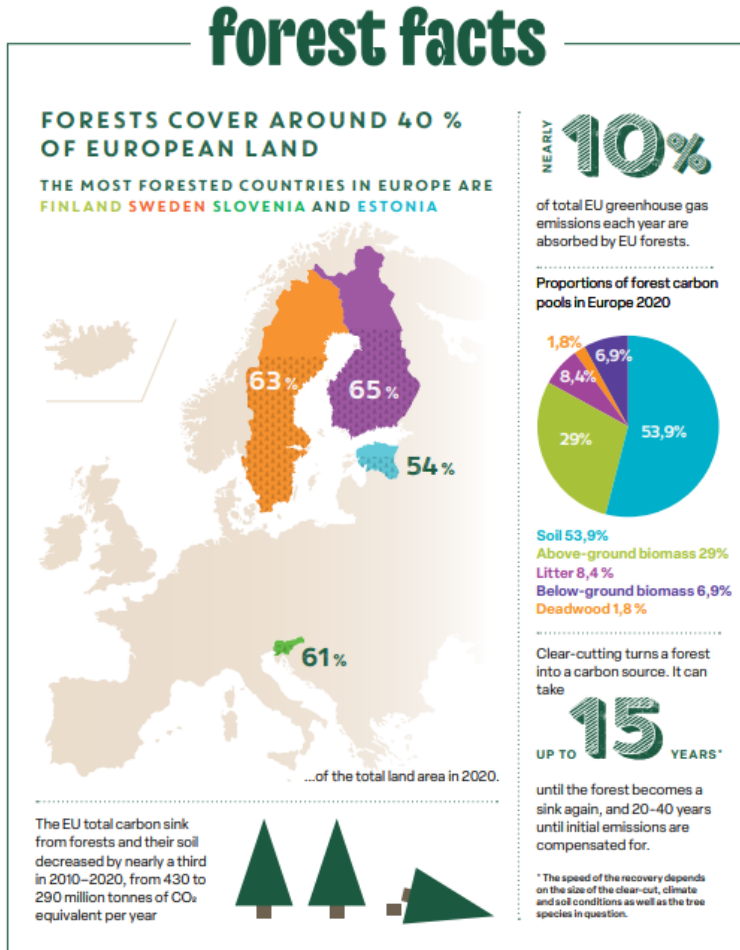


CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from human activity include contributions from electricity production, industry, households, ground transport, aviation, shipping and cement production. Highest emissions are seen in industrial areas and densely populated cities.



# Forest carbon sink ?

The EU's total forest carbon sink decreased by nearly a third between 2010 and 2020. This decrease is attributed to increased harvests and natural ageing of the forests.



**Modelling of the forest carbon sink under three different Finnish forest strategies**

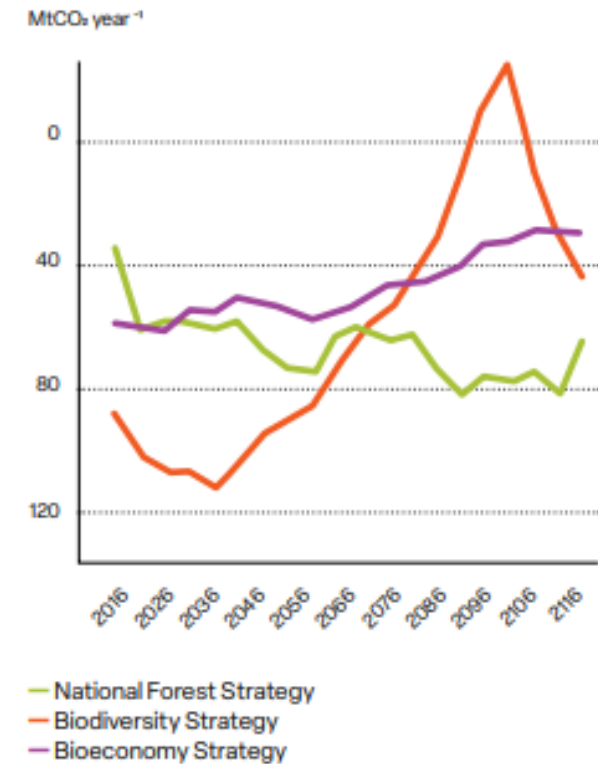
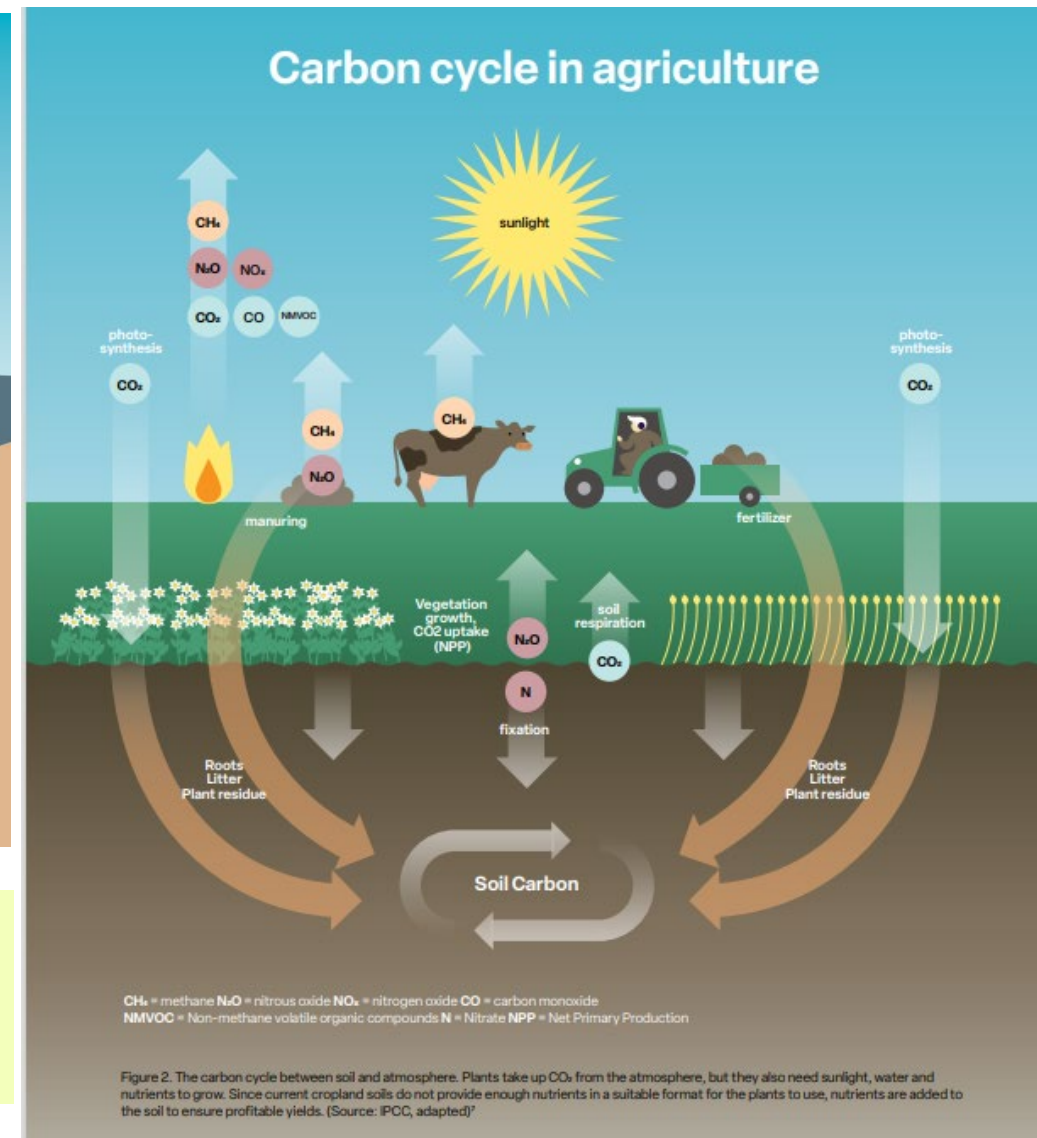
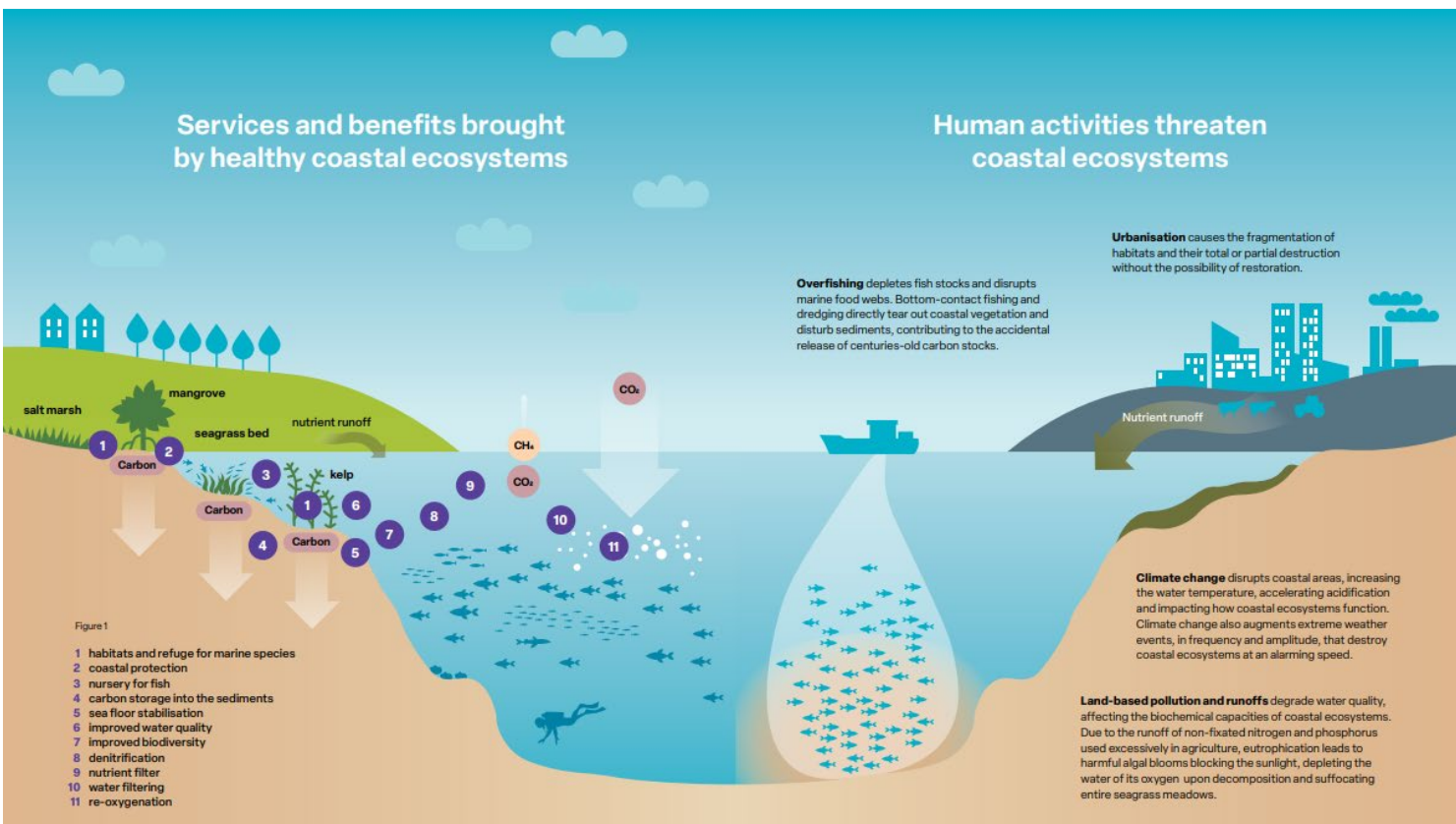


Figure 4. Graph showing the results of a modelling study done on the outcomes of three different Finnish forest strategies. The model did not include natural disturbances (i.e., insects, storms, or droughts).<sup>1</sup>

# Ocean and agriculture carbon cycle



Currently, blue carbon observations around the world are almost all project-based. There are no long-term studies, and there are no standardized measuring processes.

# Nitrogen emissions into the Environment

- Limited natural availability of reactive nitrogen ( $N_r$ ) → great demand for synthetic fertilizer
- $N_r$ :  $NH_3$ ,  $NO$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $HNO_3$ ,  $HONO$ ,  $pNO_3$ ,  $pNH_4$
- 1908: Haber-Bosch process →  $(NH_3)$ :  $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$
- Industrial revolution: increasing concentrations of nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ ).

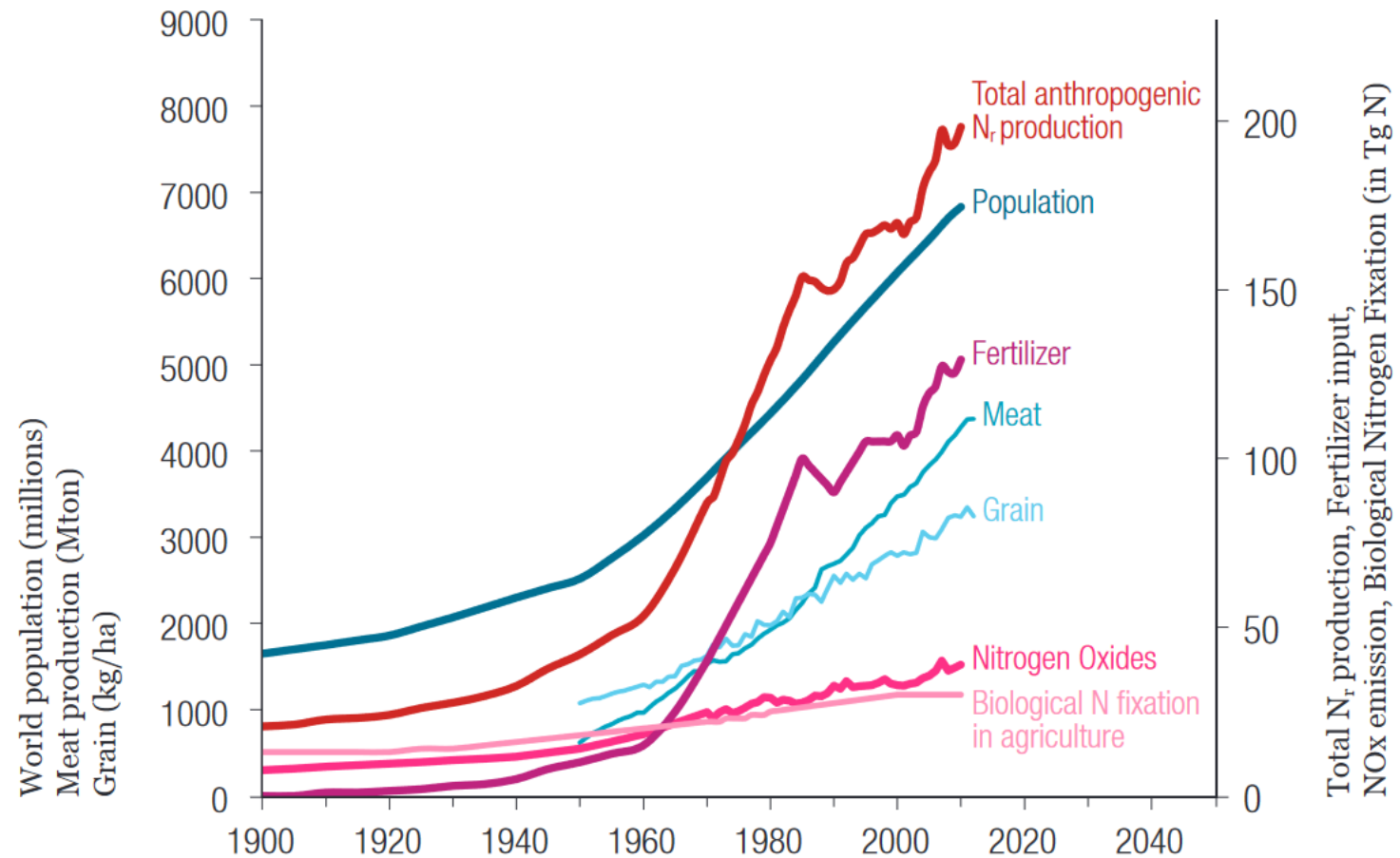
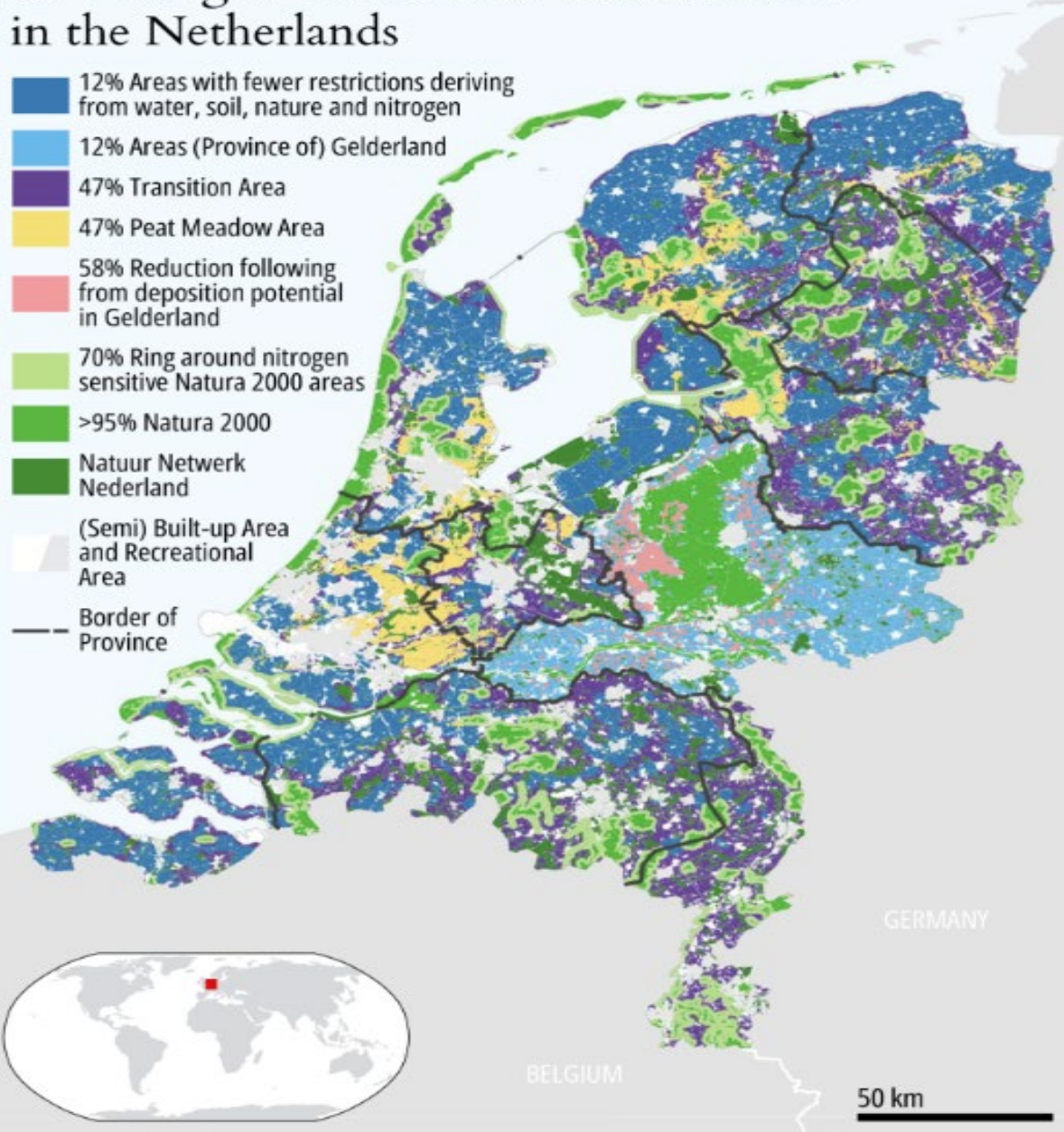


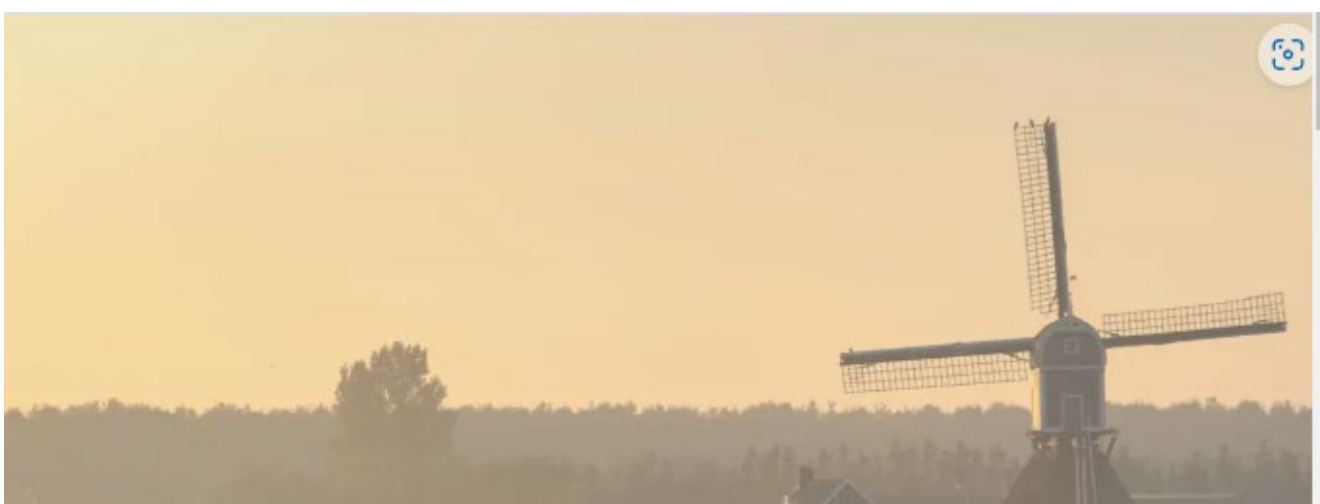
Image source: Erismann et al. (2015)

# Reduction Targets for Nitrogen Greenhouse Gas emissions in the Netherlands

- 12% Areas with fewer restrictions deriving from water, soil, nature and nitrogen
- 12% Areas (Province of) Gelderland
- 47% Transition Area
- 47% Peat Meadow Area
- 58% Reduction following from deposition potential in Gelderland
- 70% Ring around nitrogen sensitive Natura 2000 areas
- >95% Natura 2000
- Natuur Netwerk Nederland
- (Semi) Built-up Area and Recreational Area
- Border of Province



Source: USDA; Startnotitie Nationaal Programma Landelijk Gebied (2022)

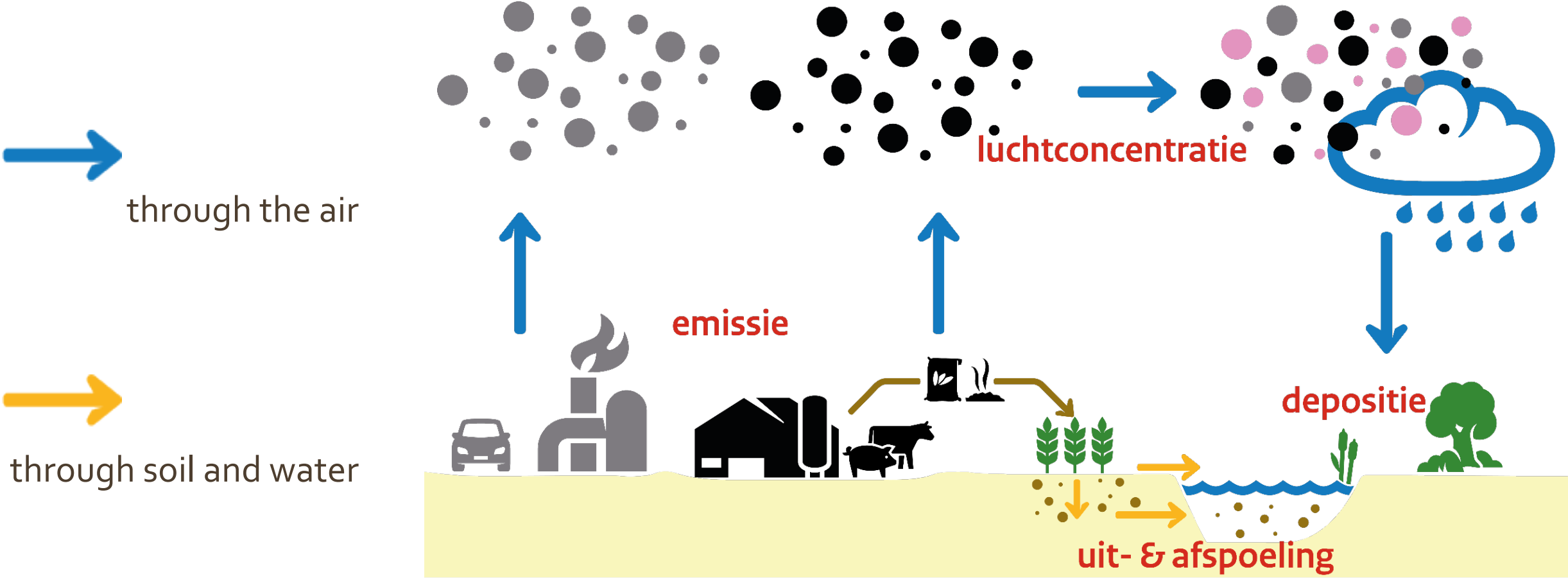


# Reactive Nitrogen ( $N_r$ ) – Environmental effects

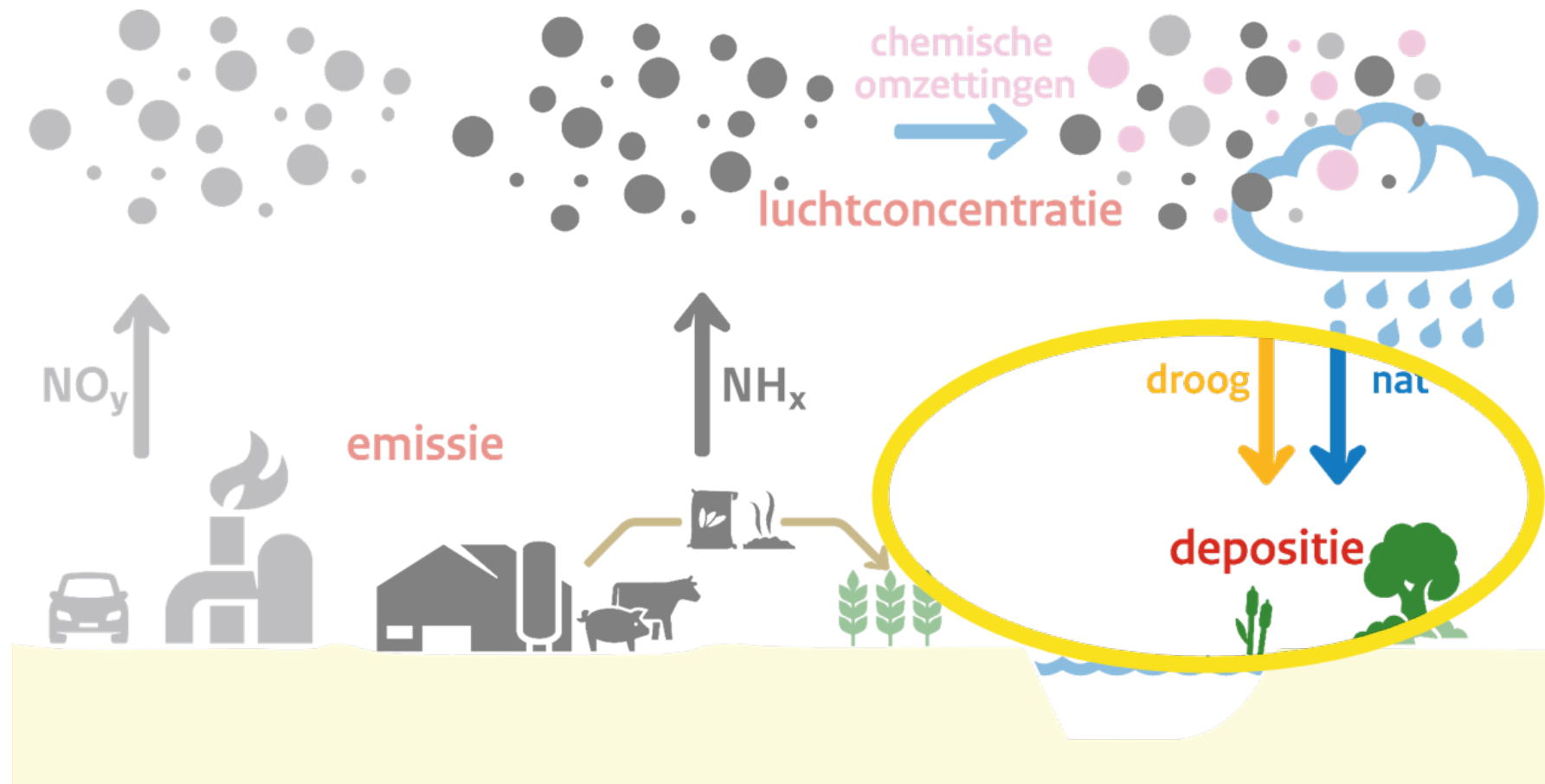
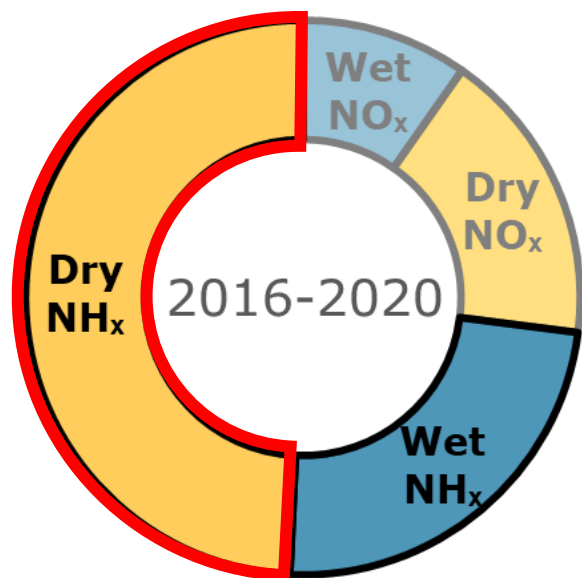
- **Biodiversity loss: eutrophication and acidification** → e.g. grassing, leaching of minerals, algae blooms, fish death.
- **Health effects:** respiratory diseases due to particles and Ozone ( $O_3$ ), lower drinking water quality.
- **Climate forcing effects:** formation  $N_2O$  and  $O_3$  (**warming**) versus impacts on  $CH_4$  depletion, carbon sequestration, and particle formation (**cooling**).



# Nitrogen in the nature?



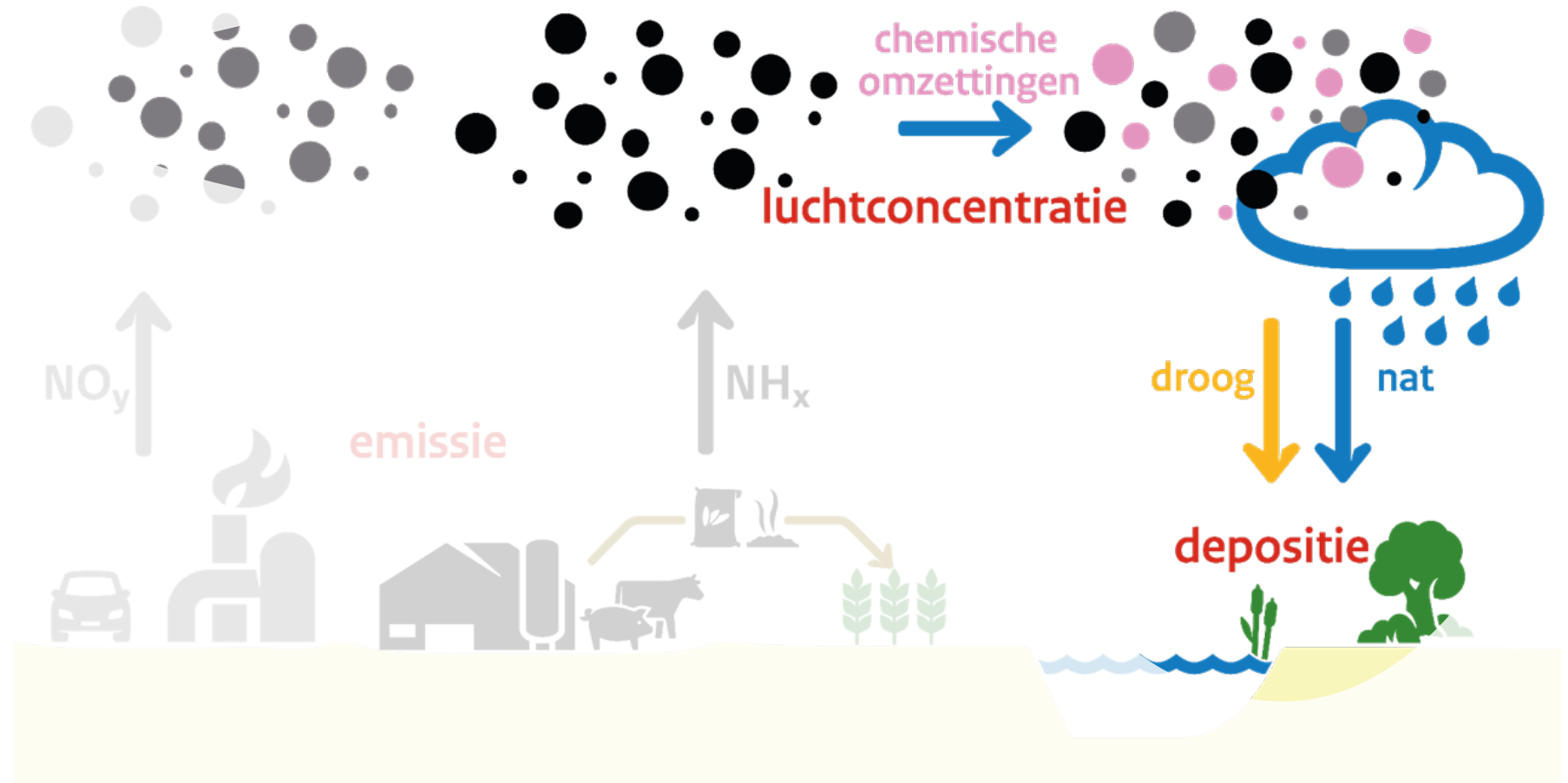
# Path through the air



$$\text{Total nitrogen deposition} = \text{NO}_y(\text{wet}) + \text{NO}_y(\text{dry}) + \text{NH}_x(\text{wet}) + \text{NH}_x(\text{dry})$$

# Measurement in the air

- $\text{NH}_3$  concentrations is difficult to measure
- because it dissolves easily in water
- suction problem

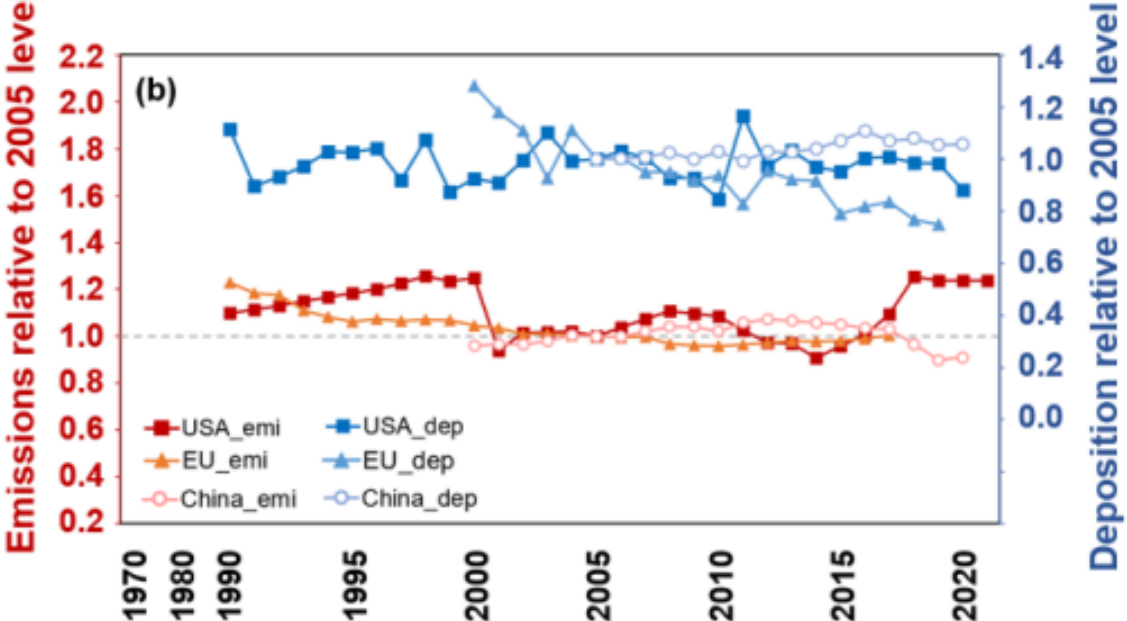
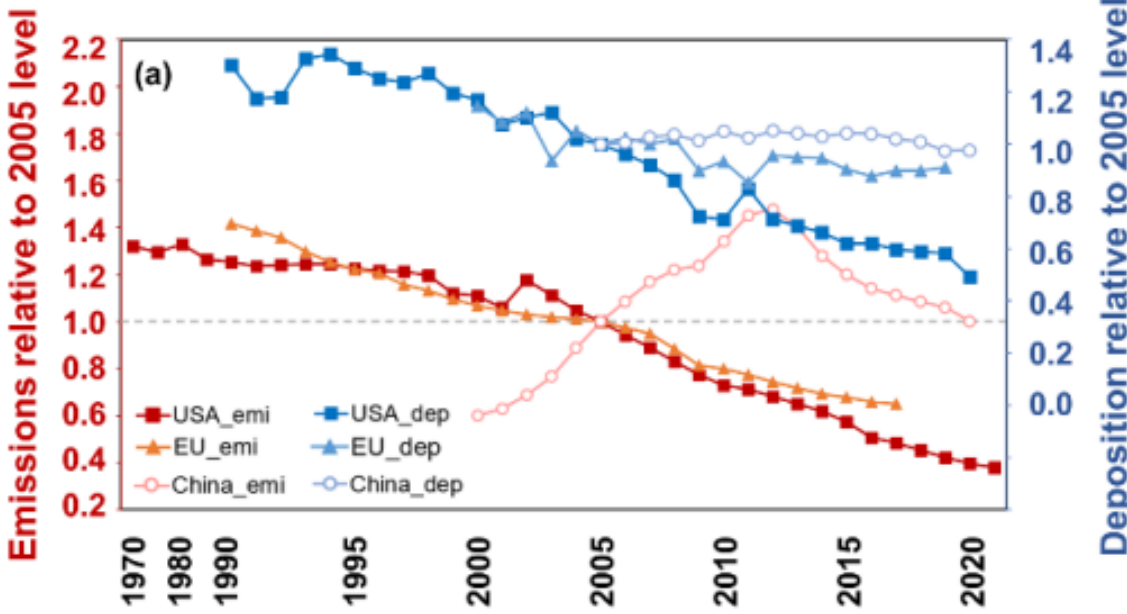




# Comparison of N emissions and deposition in the process of pollution control in the USA, Europe, and China.

(a) NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and NO<sub>y</sub> deposition

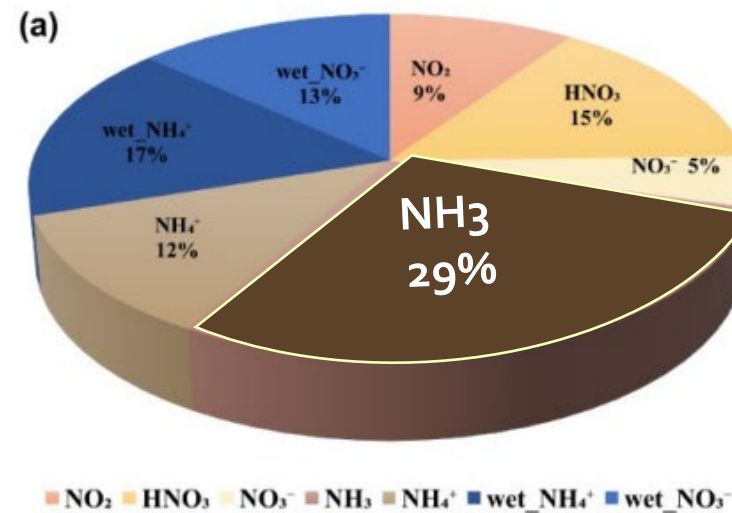
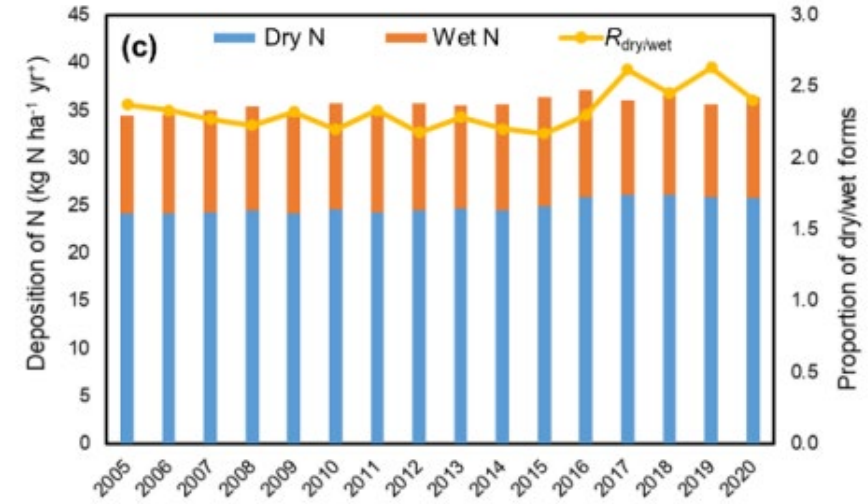
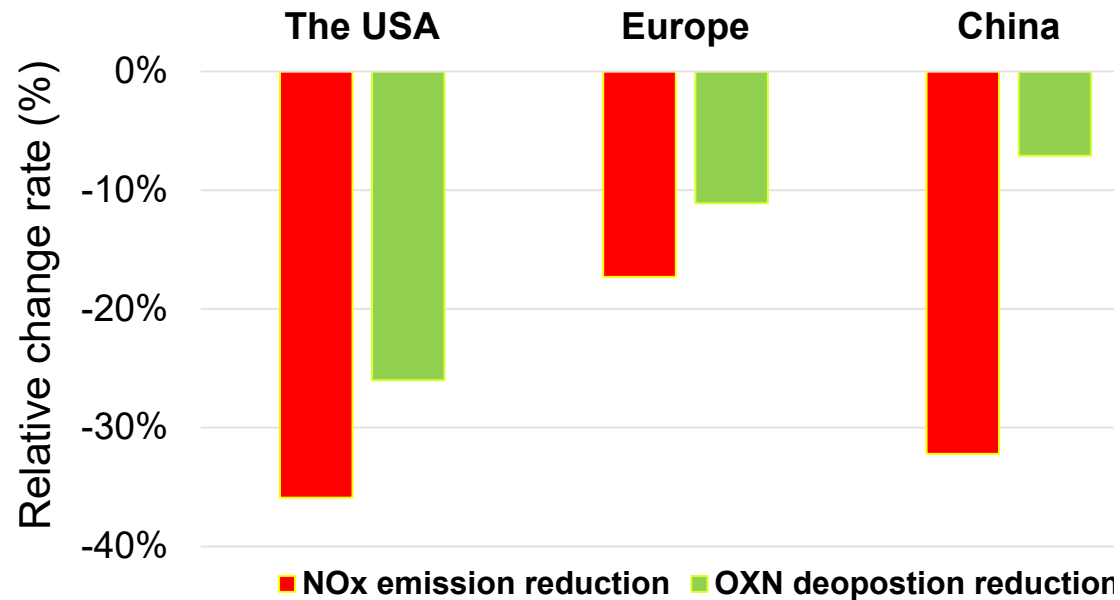
(b) NH<sub>3</sub> emissions and NH<sub>x</sub> deposition



source: Zhou et al, Estimating nitrogen and sulfur deposition across China during 2005-2020 based on multiple statistical models (2023).

# Current status of N deposition in China

- Comparison of relative change rates of emissions and deposition in the process of pollution control in China, Europe, and the USA.



Wet N deposition: 30%  
 Dry N deposition: 70%  
 NH<sub>3</sub> dry deposition: 29%

# Ammonia pollution in China

## Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>):

- Important precursor of PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- Localized emission/deposition
- Mainly from agricultural sources



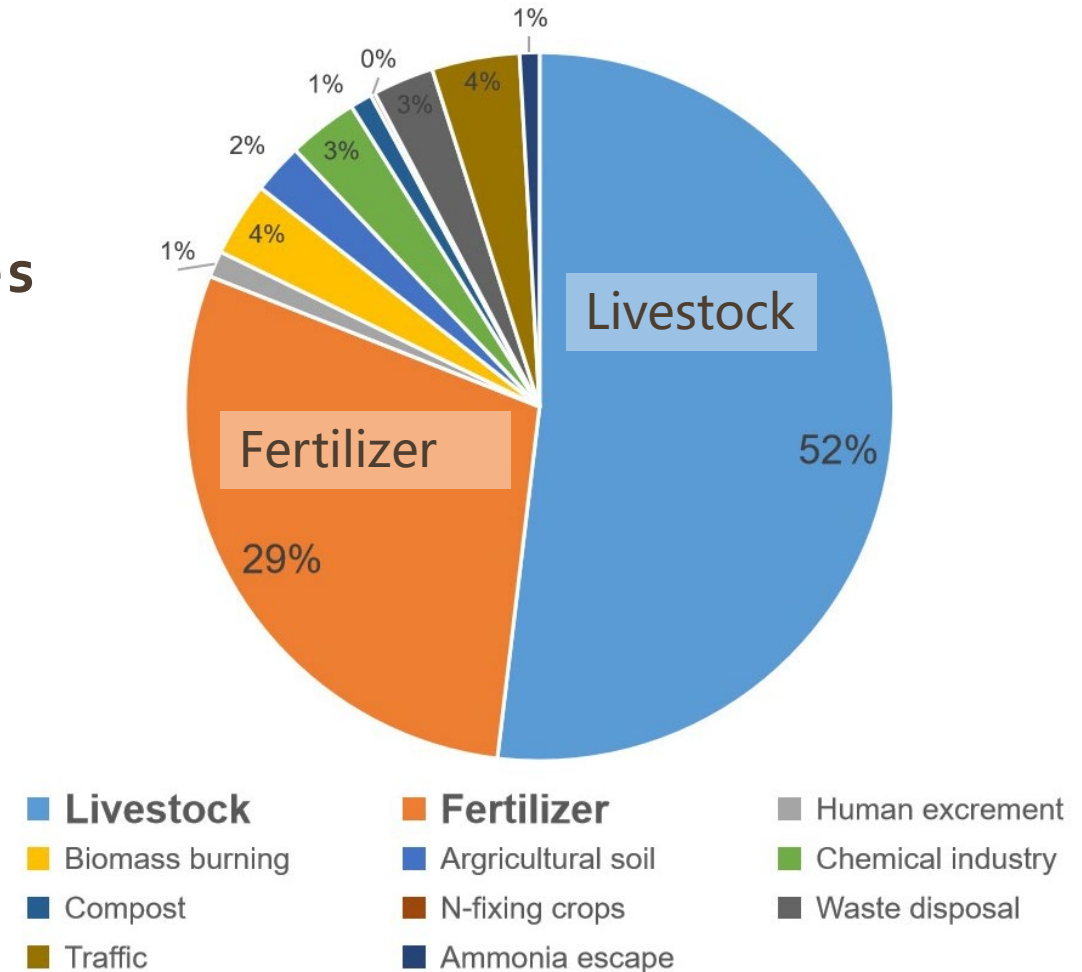
Clean day



Polluted day

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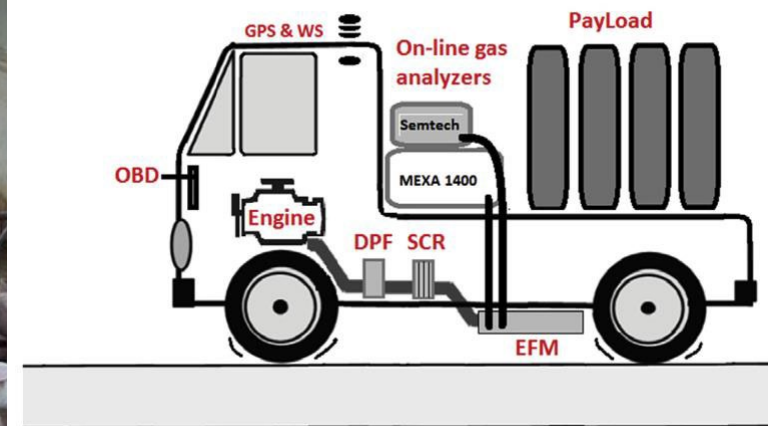
NH<sub>3</sub> source contributions in China (2012)



Kang, Y., Liu, M., Song, Y., Huang, X., Yao, H., Cai, X., Zhang, H., Kang, L., Liu, X., Yan, X., He, H., Zhang, Q., Shao, M., and Zhu, T.: High-resolution ammonia emissions inventories in China from 1980 to 2012, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 16, 2043–2058, <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-16-2043-2016>, 2016.

# 气态氨排放的观（监）测需求

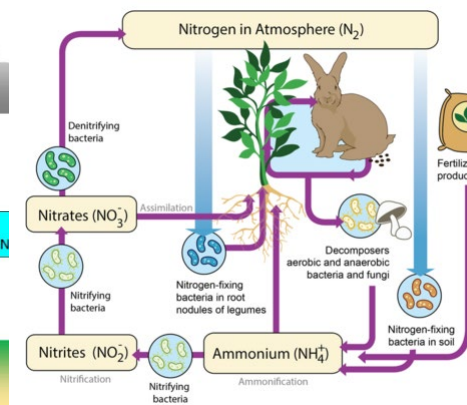
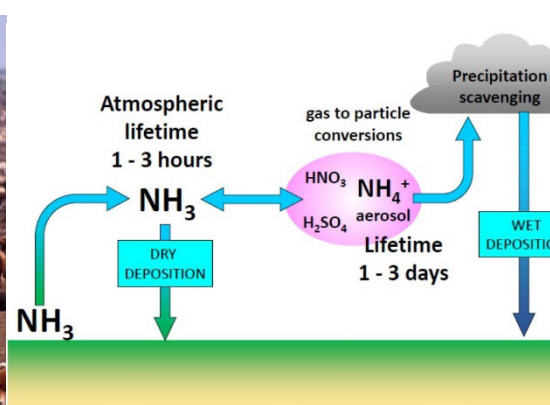
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面源-通量



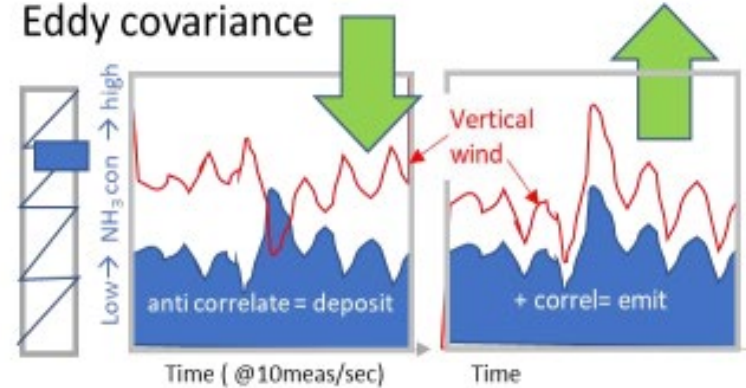
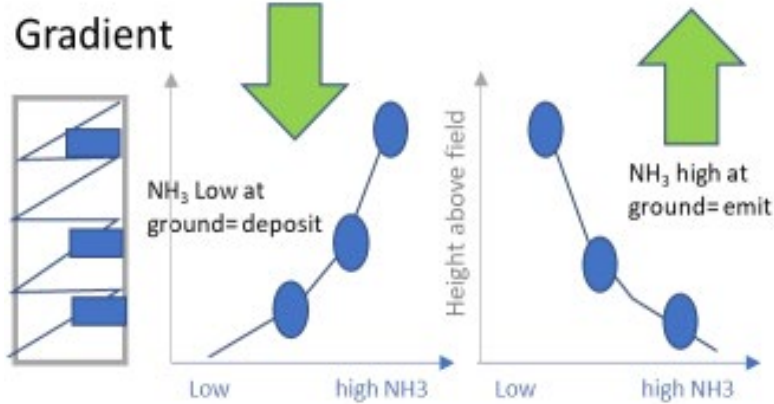
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# 氨通量测量：梯度法vs涡动法



- 在2-3个高度获取15分钟的平均浓度
- 根据不同高度的浓度差
- + 成熟技术，对气体分析仪速度要求不高
- + 上世纪80'和90'年代数据获取方法
- 白天和黑夜数据，需做大量校正

- 在1个高度获取10 Hz的高频浓度数据
- 利用与浓度相关的垂直风速脉动的协方差
- + 新一代技术，理论上更优越
- + 现已成为H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>及其他温室气体通量测量标准
- 需要快速、高精度NH<sub>3</sub>分析仪器

# The motivation of design A good NH<sub>3</sub> analyzer

- **Aim**: 探索农业施肥及畜牧养殖对不同生态系统中NH<sub>3</sub>排放/沉降通量的影响
- **METHOD**: Use **QCL光谱技术 open-path** (痕量) NH<sub>3</sub> analyzer  
Apply Eddy Convergence Method (涡动协方差技术)
- **Requirement**:
  - **Highly sensitive and high frequency sampling speed**
  - Large concentration range ( pre & post fertilizer)
  - Reduce NH<sub>3</sub> absorption loss
  - Low power
    - Apply at remote monitoring station without main power
    - Deploy rice field/wetland/coastal area without wet-issue



# 海尔欣光电——科研级气体分析仪器供应商

- 由美国普林斯顿大学校友创办，位于中国宁波
- 专注于中远红外激光光谱检测技术（QCL/ICL+TDLAS-可调谐激光吸收光谱技术）的高科技公司
- 产品主要包括：中高端气体分析仪器、工业过程监测、激光光谱研究等领域



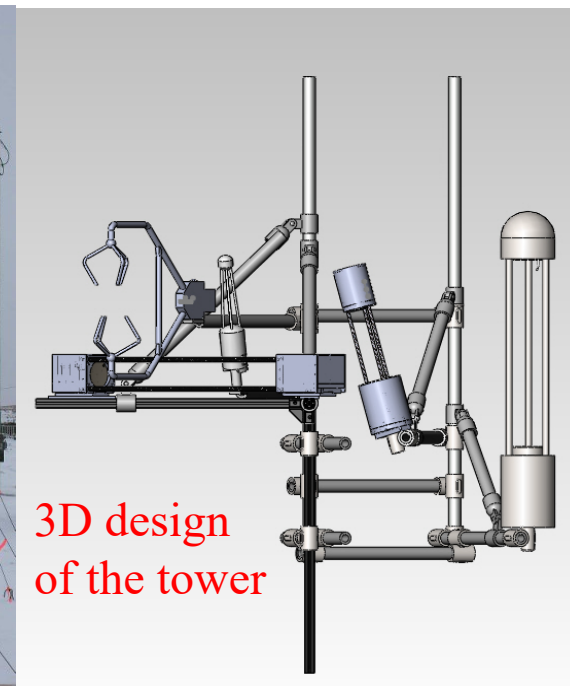
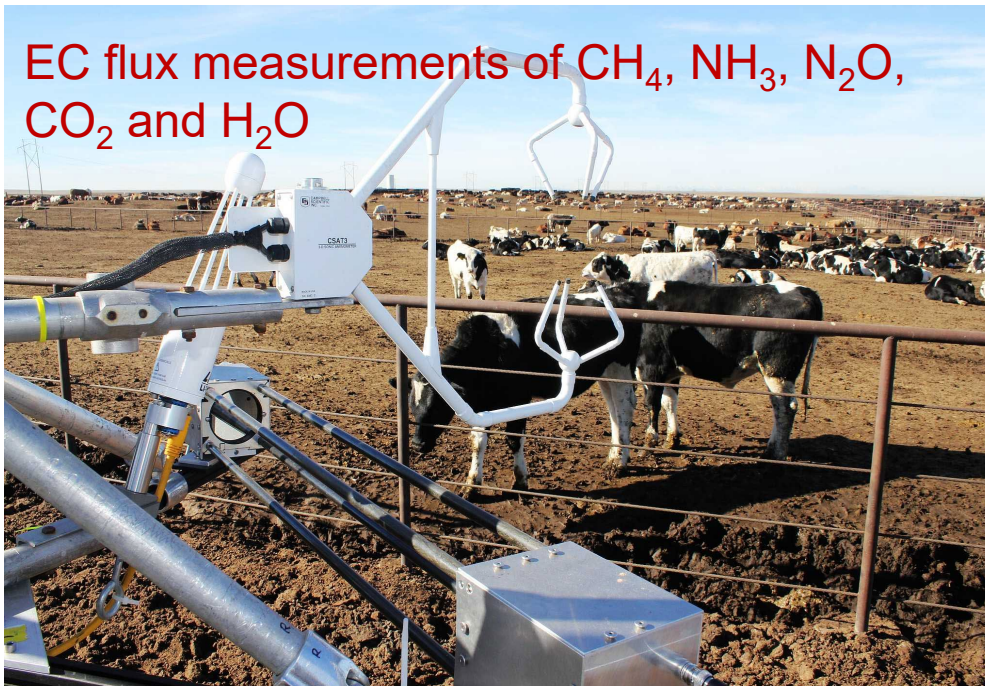
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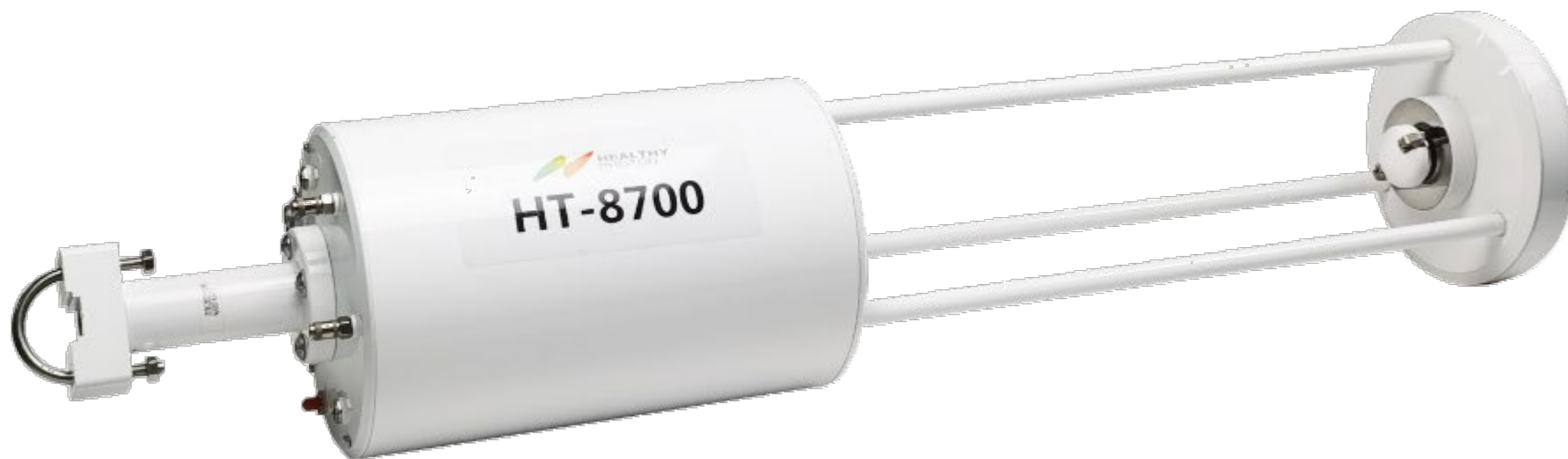
# 开路氨分析仪科研原型机 @Princeton

- Mid-InfraRed Technologies for Health and the Environment (主要以普林斯顿大学和莱斯大学为基地)
- 开路氨分析仪科研原型机诞生于此  
(Courtesy: Prof. Mark Zondlo, Princeton University)





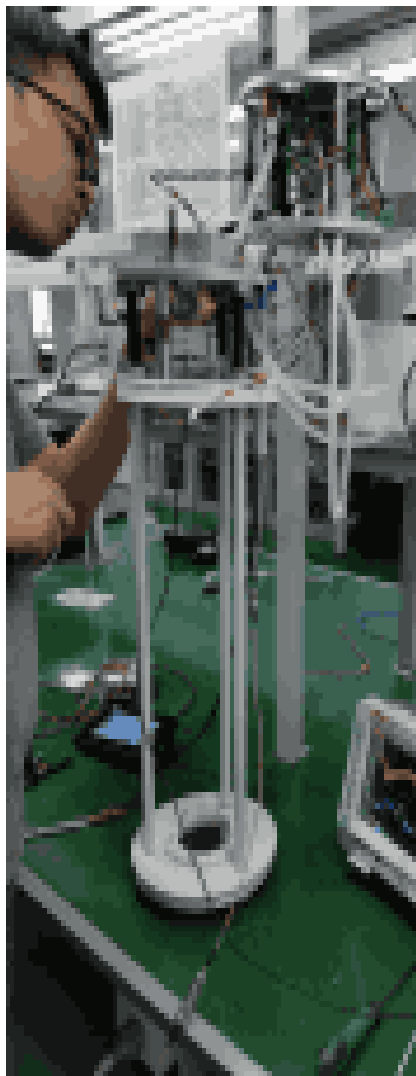
# HT8700系列开路氨分析仪的特点



# Product design → update → optimization



产品定义及设计



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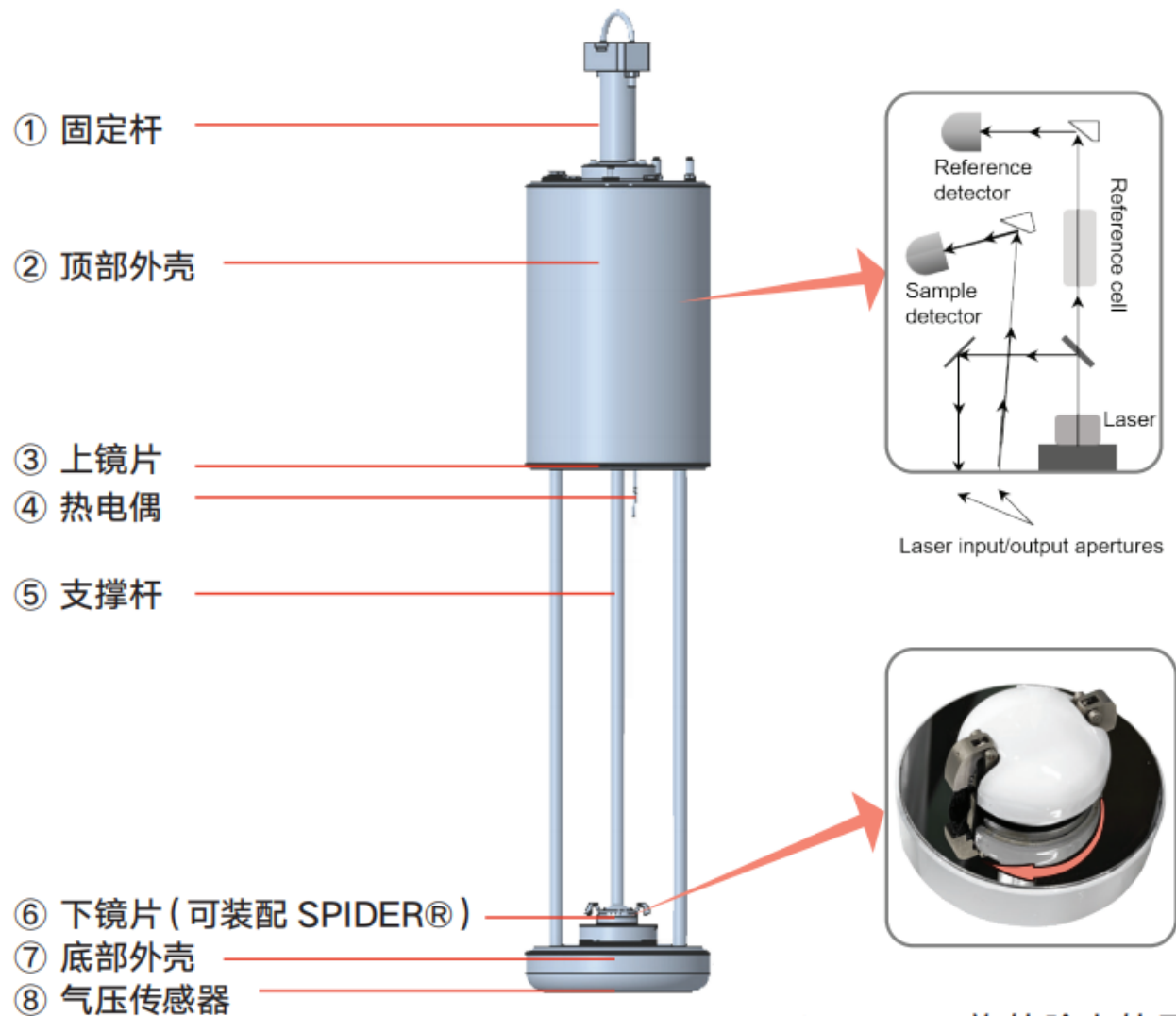


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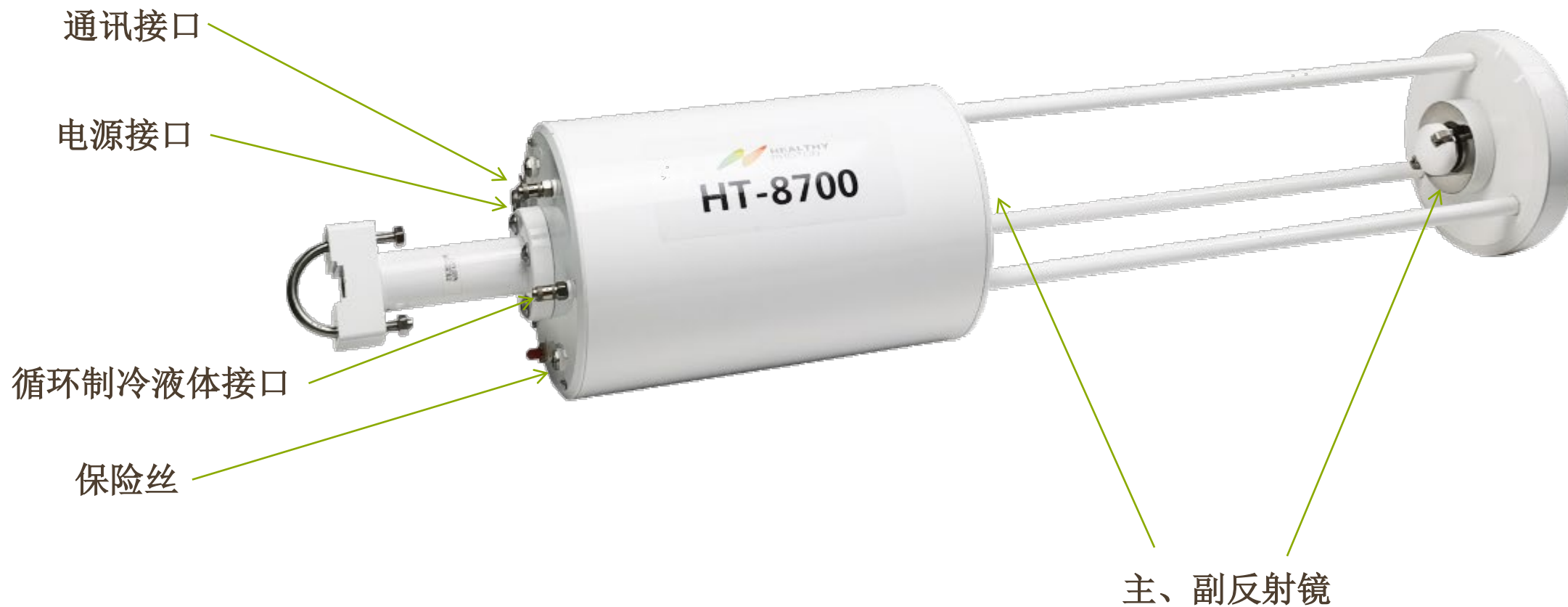
室外测试

# Structure



- SPIDER® 旋转除尘转子是一项专利技术，利用刷子的自动旋转来清除下镜片上的灰尘，避免了常规的手动清洁维护。

# Appearance



检测技术	量子级联激光吸收光谱 (QCLAS)
光学路径长度	物理长度: 0.5 m; 有效光程: 50 m
测量精度 (1; 0.1s/1s/10s)	0.5 ppb / 0.15 ppb / 0.05 ppb
量程范围	0 - 5 ppm (其他量程可选)
输出带宽	10 Hz
大气压力范围	70 - 110 kPa
操作环境湿度	0-99%
操作环境温度	-10 ~ 45 °C
存储方式	通过Campbell Scientific®采集器CF卡存储
操作方式	PC端UI界面
通讯接口	RS232串口 (以太网可选)
电源	18 to 29 VDC
功率	50 W
尺寸	834 mm × φ 200 mm
分析仪重量	5 kg
环境适应性	IP67

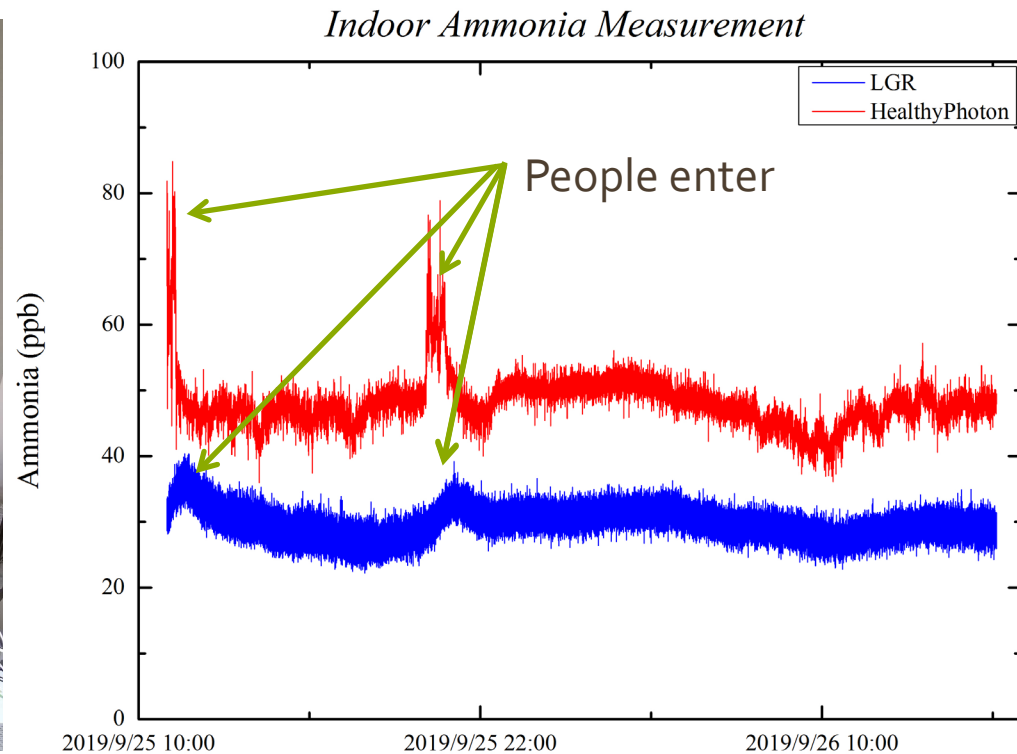
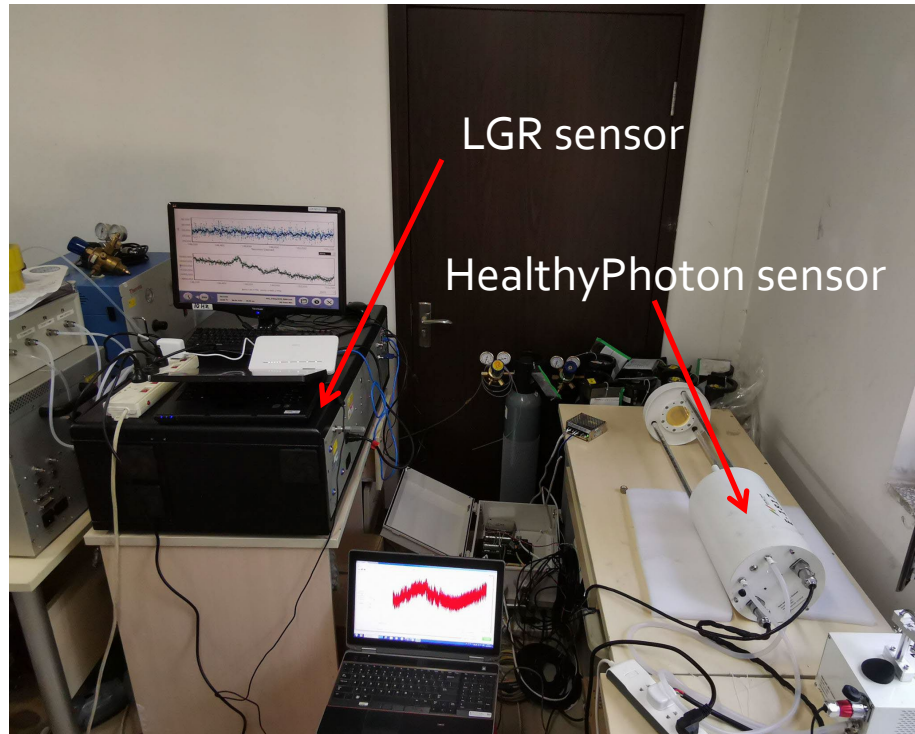
HT8700E	高精度大气氨激光开路式分析仪 包括: 24VDC电源适配器, 光学清洁套件, 循环液态冷却系统, 便携防震仪器包装箱
HT8700E-B120 (可选)	24VDC, 120 Ah便携式可充电蓄电池
HT8700E-DL (可选)	多通道数据记录系统: 同步记录来自多个分析仪和其他设备 (例如
HT8700E-GPS (可选)	GPS, 风速计) 的串行 (RS-232) 输出 GPS模块, 带RS-232输出

# Advantages of HT-8700 NH<sub>3</sub> open-path analyzer

- 中红外独立强吸收谱线：实现高灵敏度（亚ppb）、高选择性分析
- 开放光路设计：避免氨的吸附效应造成的迟滞，保证10Hz高速测量；高频衰减减小
- 避免大流量真空泵：仪器便携，功耗低（50W），部署灵活



# Indoor comparison

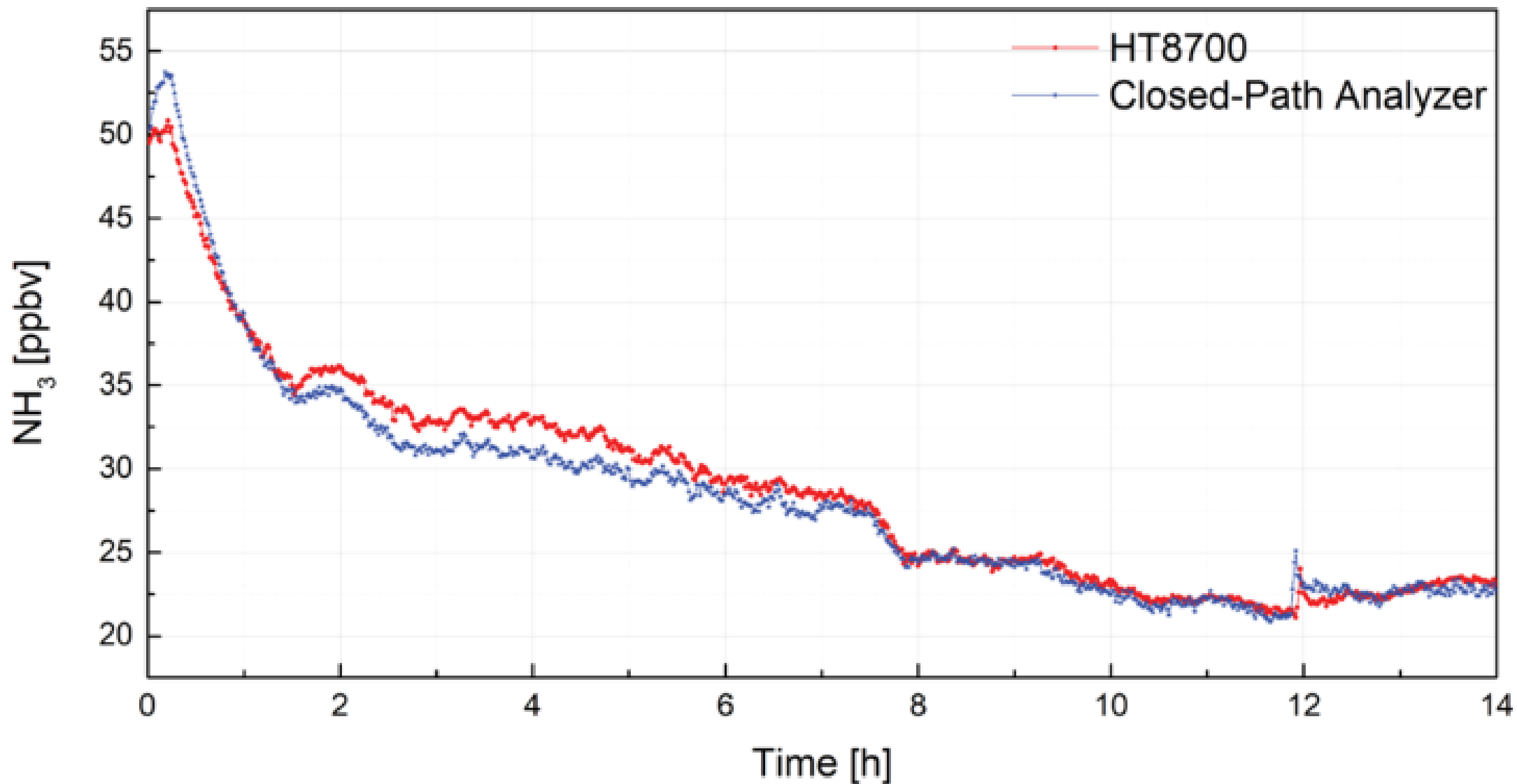


- The open-path sensor shows better response to  $\text{NH}_3$  concentration change due to personnel entry of the room
- ~30% discrepancy due to calibration or sampling loss

*\* In collaboration with State Key Laboratory of Atmospheric Boundary Layer Physics and Atmospheric Chemistry, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China*

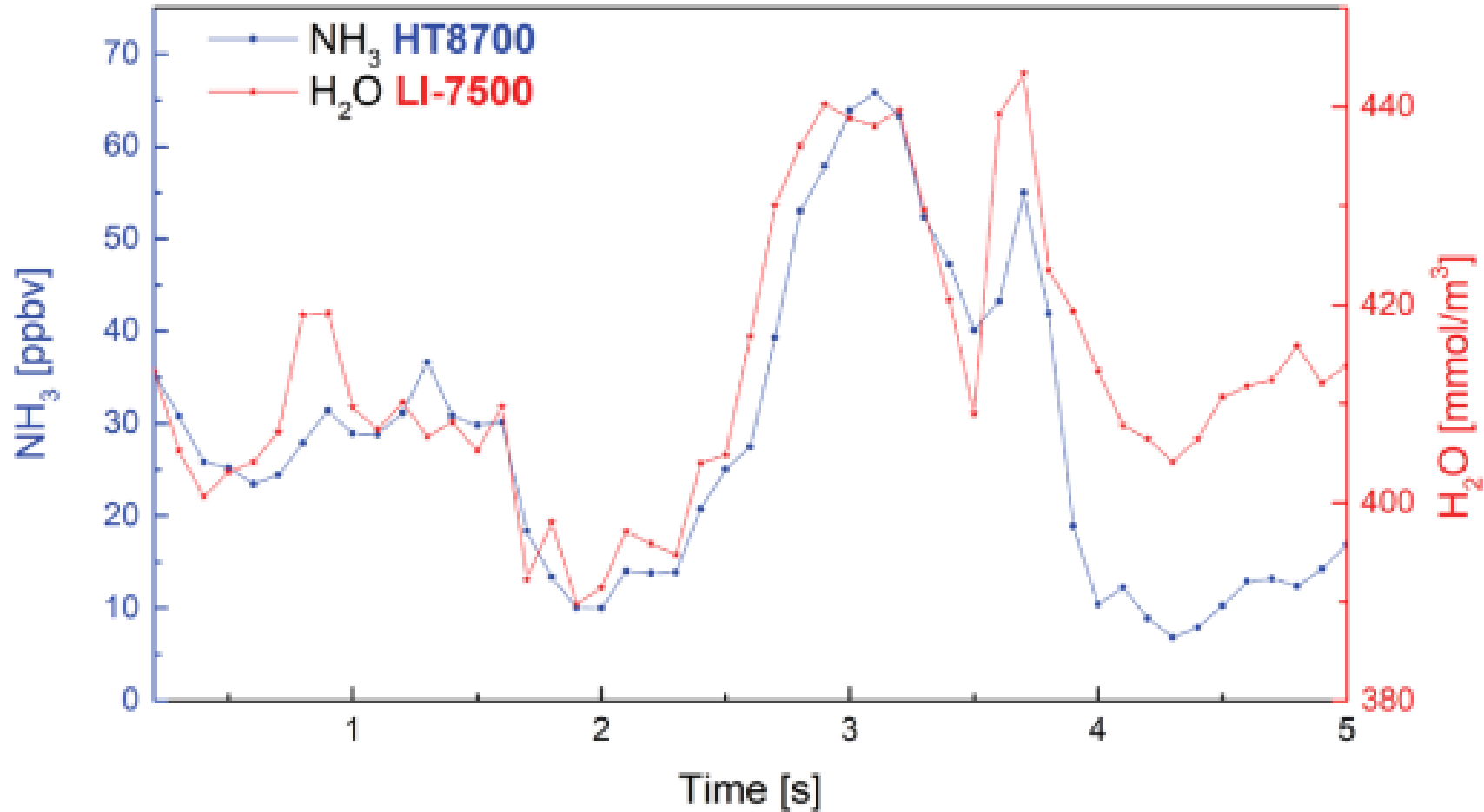


# Measurement accuracy





# Response speed



- 与LICOR®的LI-7500的开路水汽测量相比，HT8700的NH<sub>3</sub>测量没有明显的延迟
- HT8700的速度与其他开路分析仪处于同一水平，这对于涡动测量至关重要

# Case study in the Netherlands

- HT's first long journey from CN to Cabauw, the Netherlands...



# Motivation and Aim of the Cabauw RITA-campaign

- $\text{NH}_3$  dry deposition is the largest fraction of nitrogen deposition
- Very difficult to measure (close-path versus open-path)
- Until recently only monthly averaged measurements
- Ruisdael campaign aim: at least *half-hourly* measurements to see the deposition and emission PROCESSES.



# Four main goals to measure Nitrogen

- validation and calibration for the models



- studying nitrogen processes



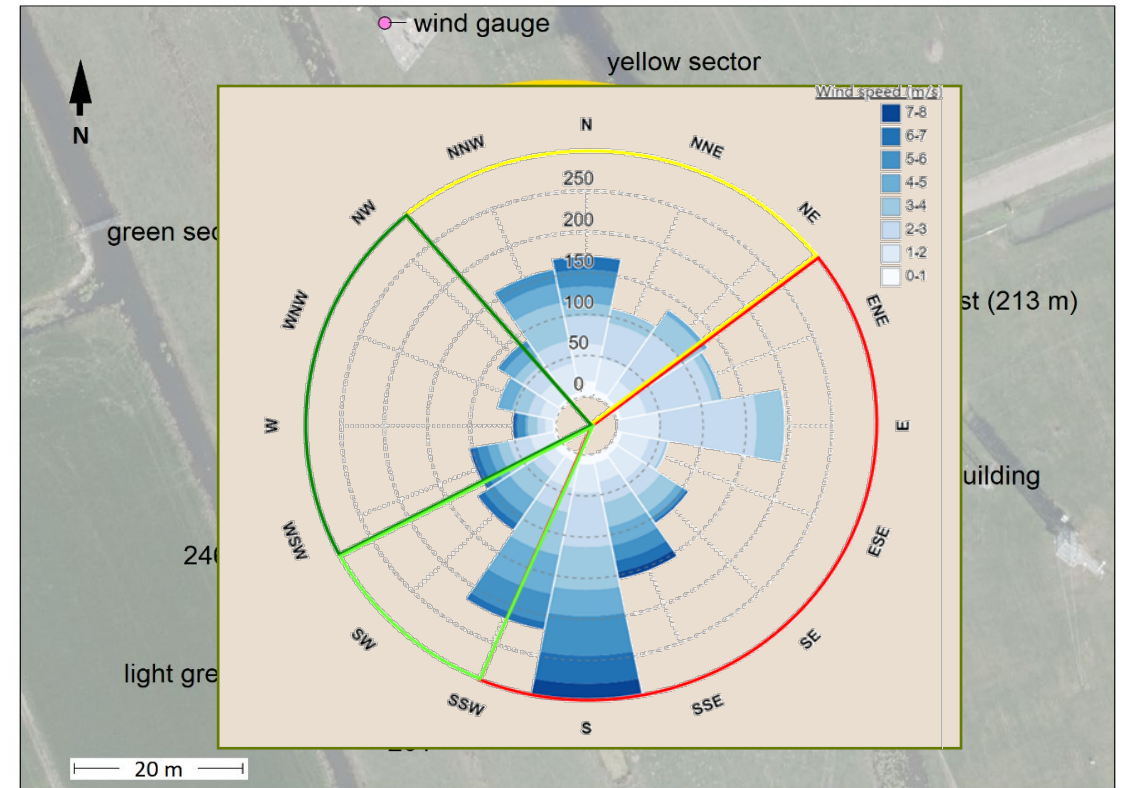
- Follow N development in real-time



- assessing the quality of other measurements



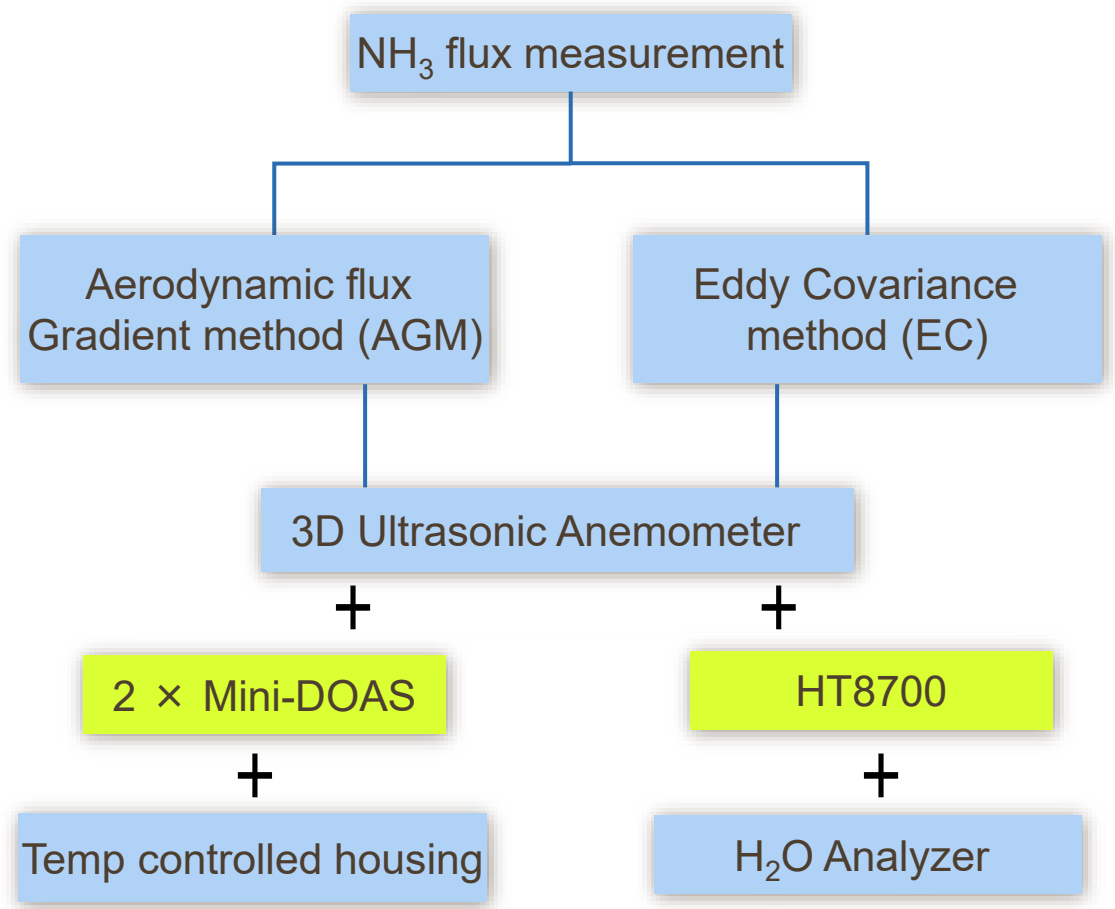
# Cabauw - ICOS station



Soil: Peatland, covered by heavy clay  
 Land use: grassland  
 Occasionally grazing animals on the north side.

Campaign period: Aug. 27 – Oct. 11, 2022  
 Average  $T_{air}$  : 14.8°C  
 Precipitation: 84 mm  
 Dominant wind direction: South

# NH<sub>3</sub> dry deposition measurement in Cabauw



# 2021 RITA CAMPAIGN: OPEN-PATH INSTRUMENTS

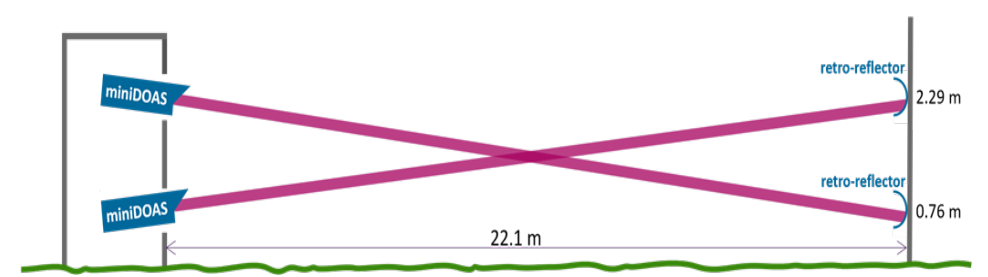
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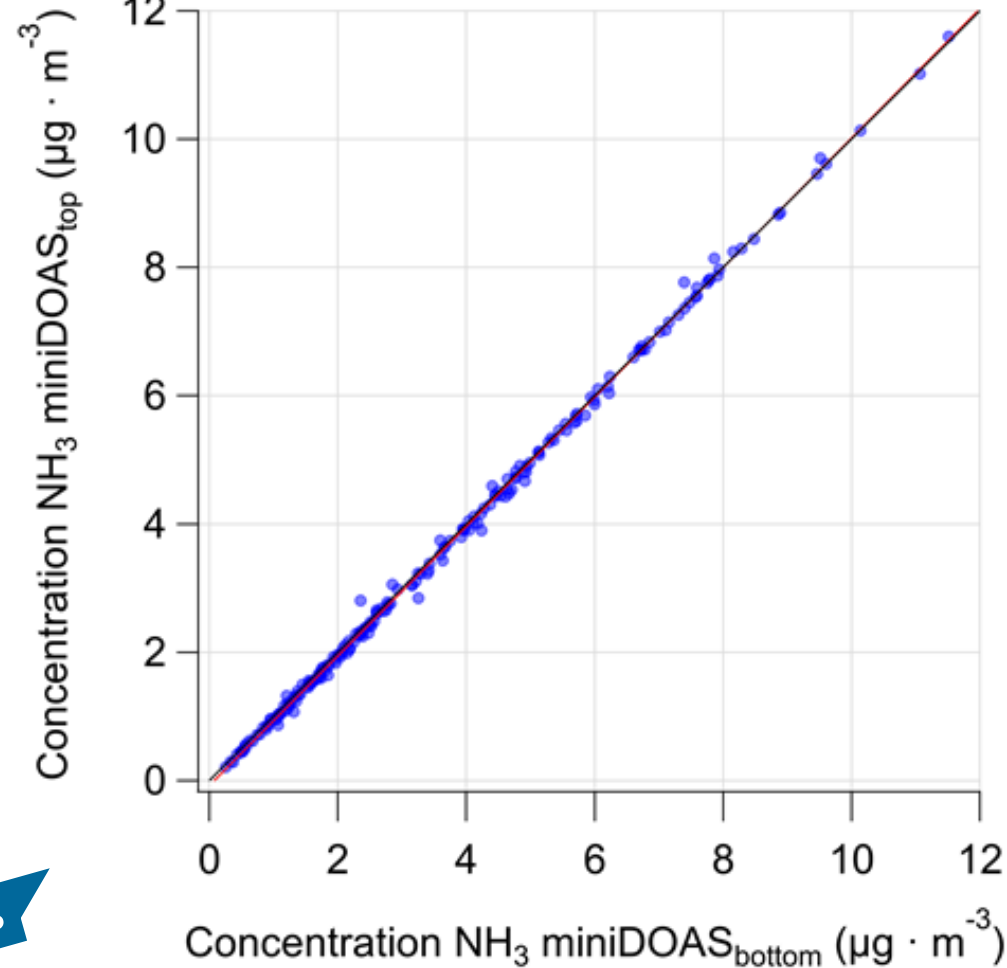
QCL INFRARED-BASED HT8700 (HEALTHY PHOTON LTD., CN)

# miniDOAS – cross measurement

quantify and correct the bias

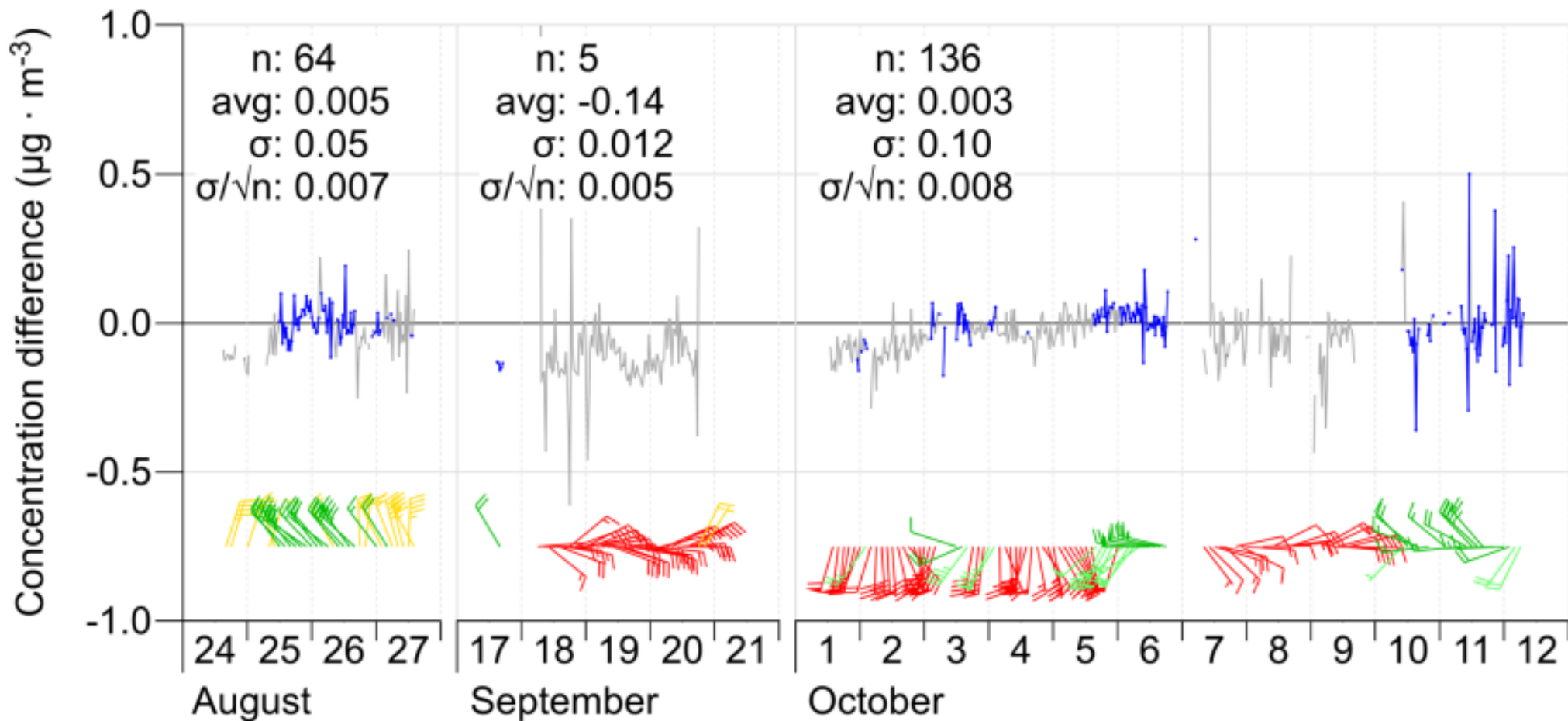


miniDOAS



miniDOAS





**Figure 6. Top trace:** Time series of the observed  $\text{NH}_3$  concentration difference between the two miniDOAS instruments during the three cross periods, after correction of the top miniDOAS values based on the intercalibration as described in the text. Only data during well-mixed conditions ( $u_x > 0.1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ) are shown. Measurements from obstacle-free wind directions are blue, other directions are grey. The sets of statistics given in the plots apply to the blue measurements only. **Bottom trace:** 30-minute wind vectors colour-coded with the wind sectors described earlier. Wind speed is indicated as barbs, as used on meteorological maps. To reduce clutter, only 1 in 4 wind vectors are shown.

# HT: Eddy Covariance method

- Direct measure fluxes
- Quick response (10 Hz)

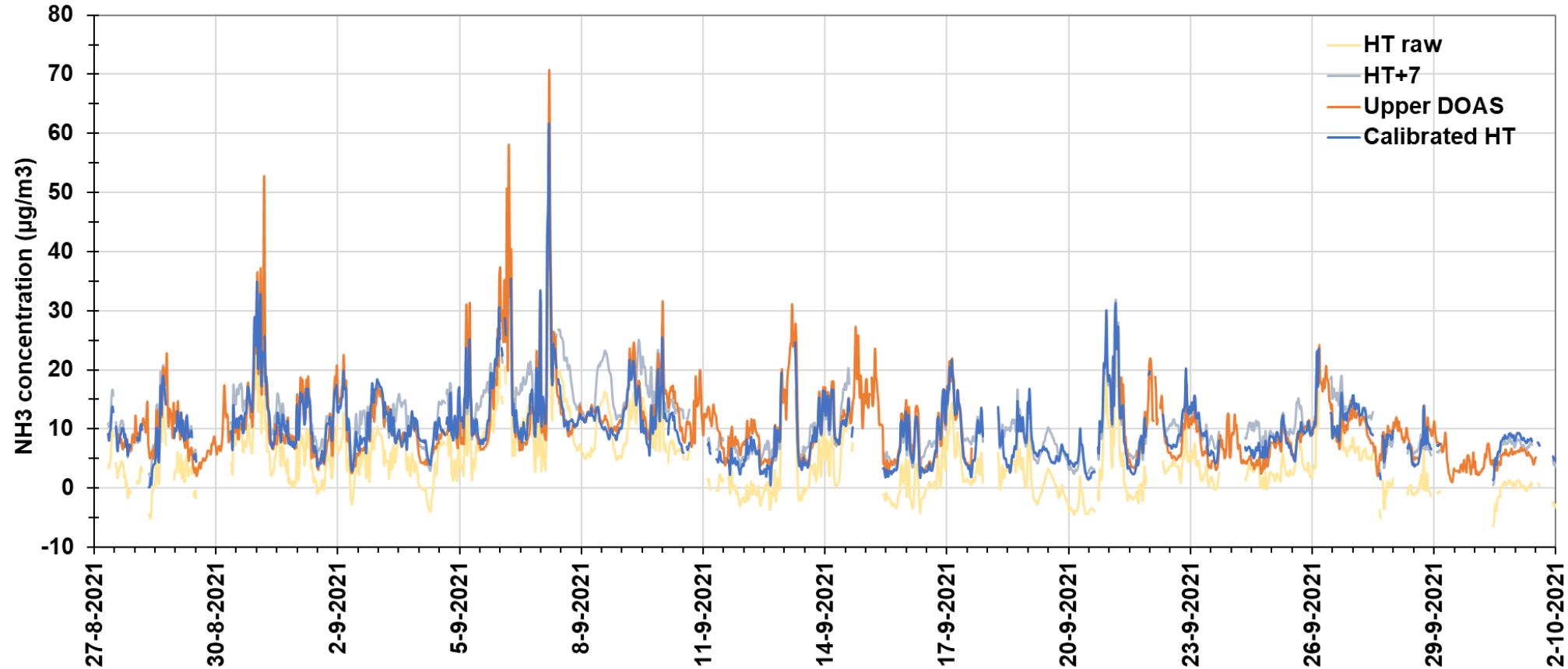
$$F_{\text{NH}_3} = -\overline{w' \text{NH}_3'}$$

- Corrections needed:
  - Concentration offset
  - Density changes (WPL)
  - Missed flux due to not measuring small eddies (dampening)
- Instrument in the testing phase at Dutch field

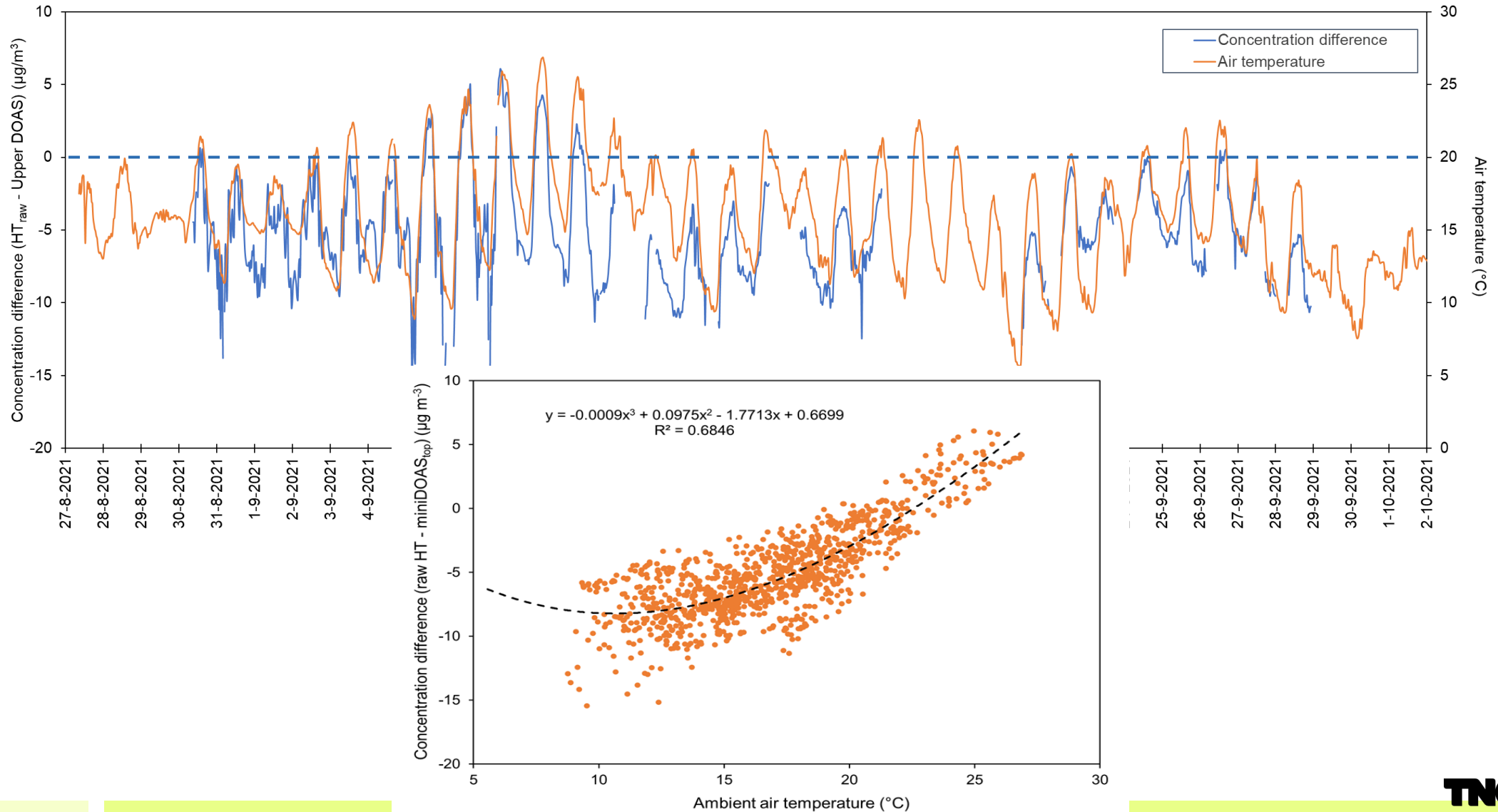


# Measured concentrations

HT MEASURED CONCENTRATION SLOWLY CHANGES WITH AIR TEMPERATURE

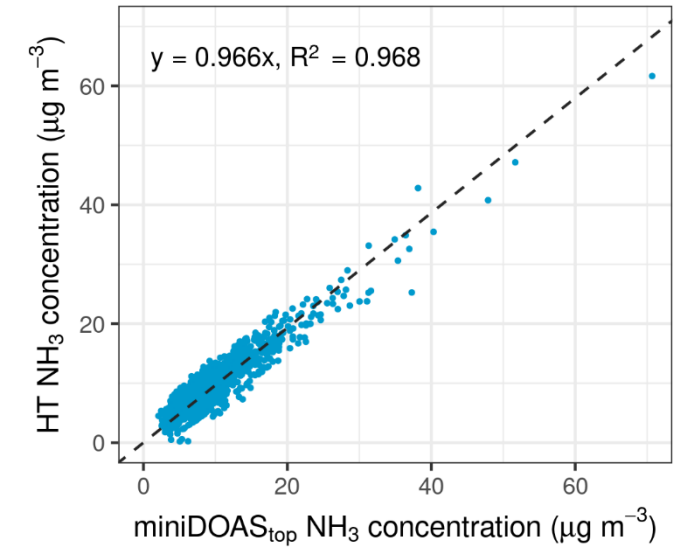
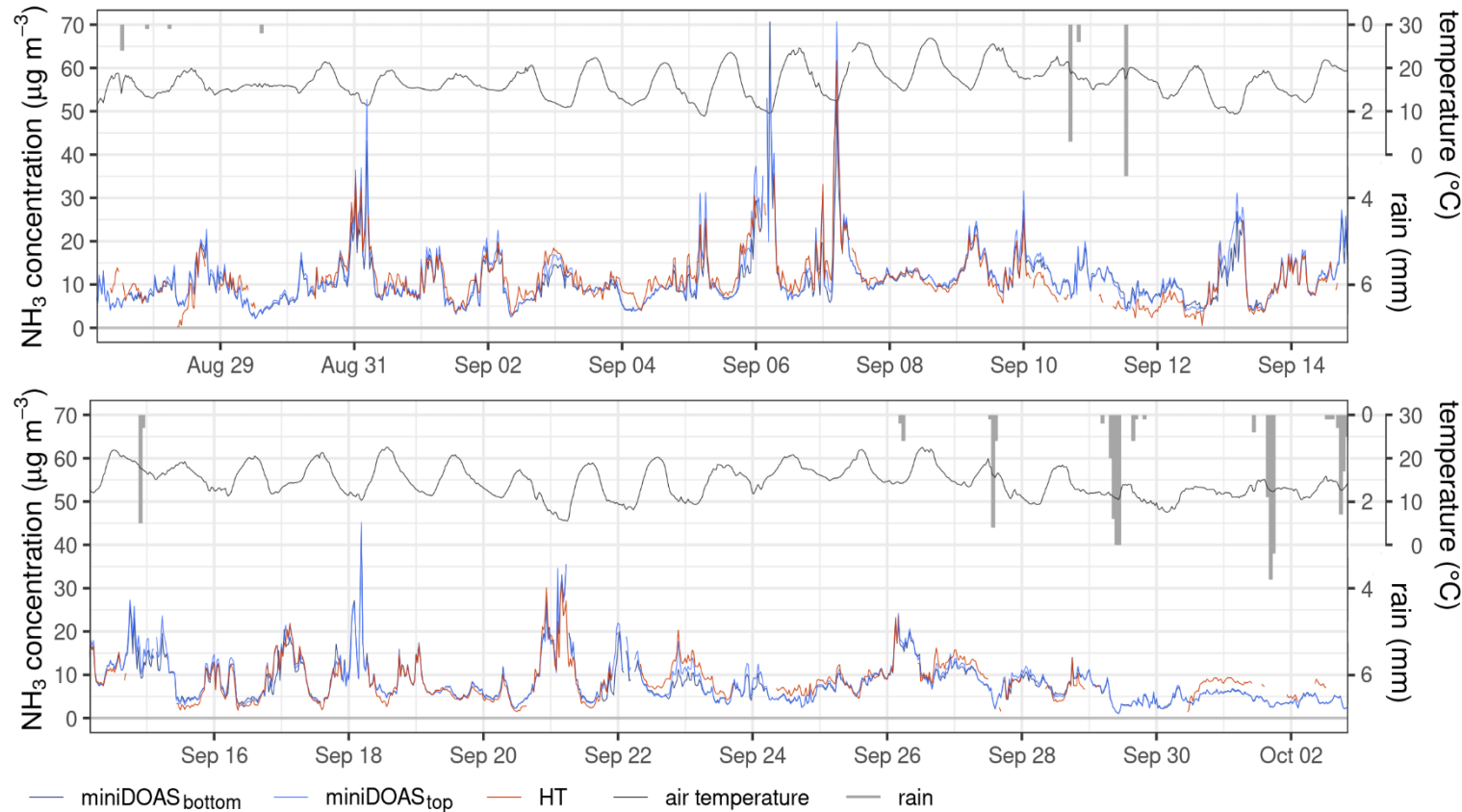


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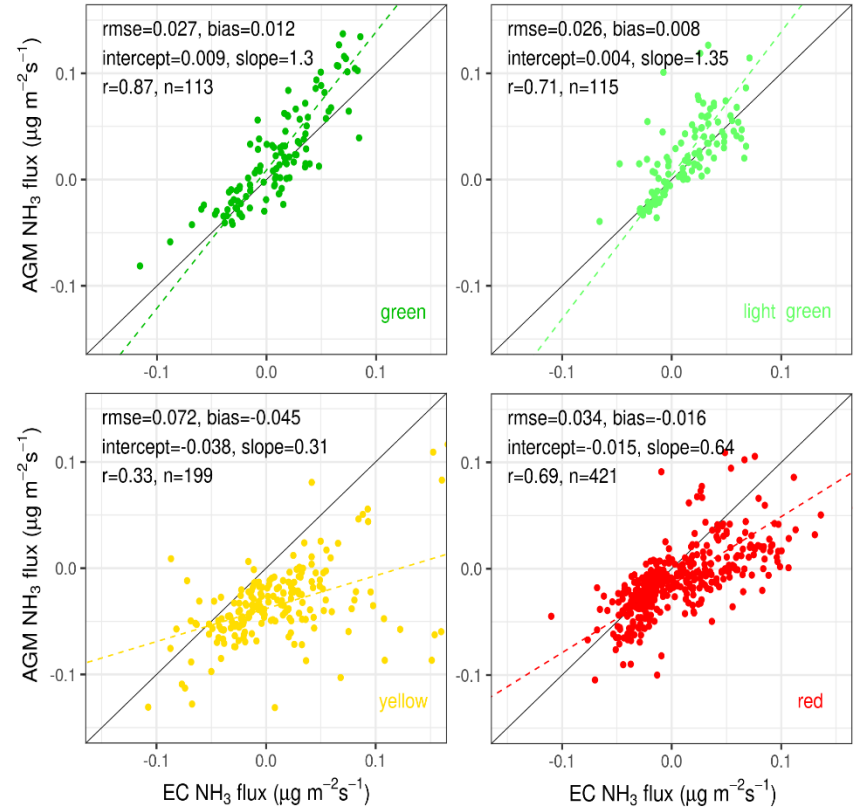
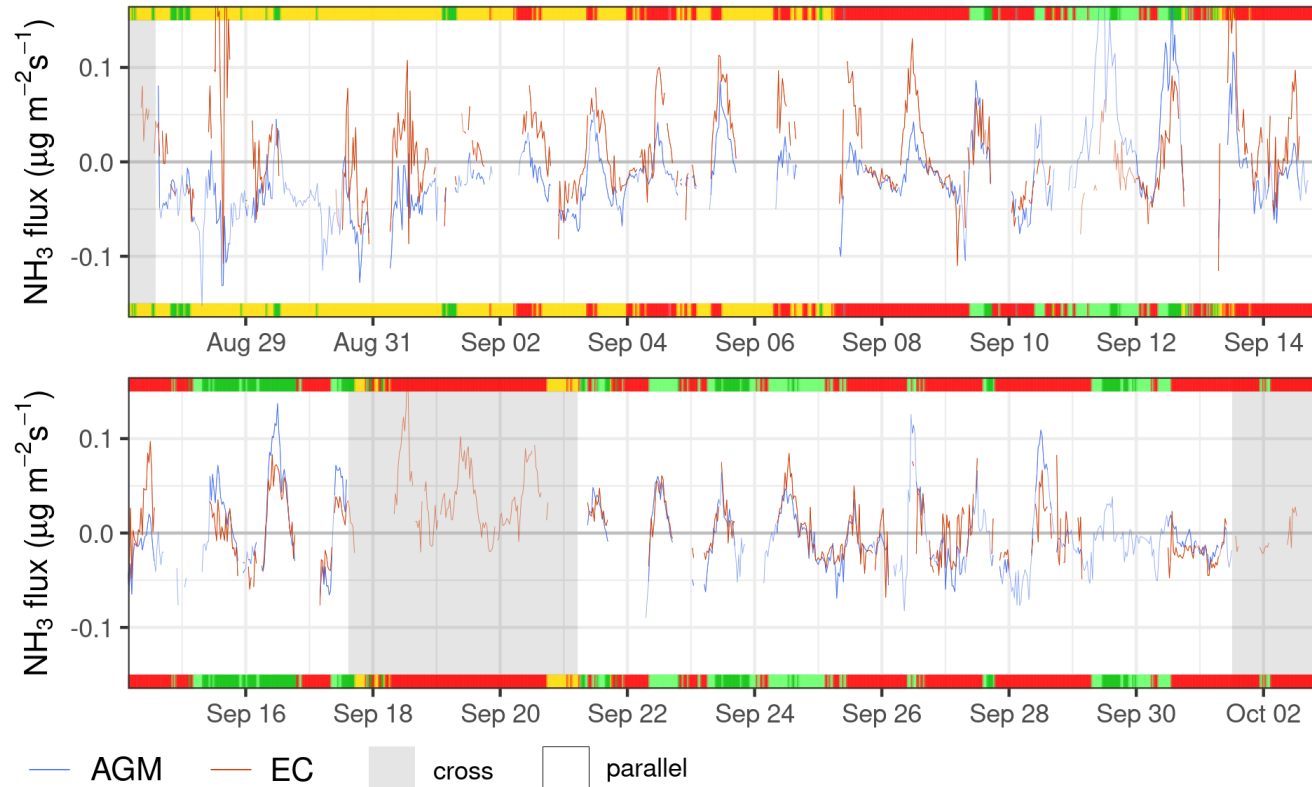
# Measured concentration comparison

AFTER HT-TEMPERATURE CORRECTION: HIGHLY COMPARABLE



# Measured NH<sub>3</sub> fluxes comparison

## OBSTACLE-FREE AREA: HIGHLY COMPARABLE



$$F_{AGM} = -\frac{ku_*}{\ln\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) - \Psi_H\left(\frac{z_2}{L}\right) + \Psi_H\left(\frac{z_1}{L}\right)} \times [c_{NH_3}(z_2) - c_{NH_3}(z_1)] \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$F_{EC} = A \left[ \overline{w' \rho'_A} + B \mu \frac{\overline{\rho_A}}{\rho_d} \overline{w' \rho'_V} + C \left( 1 + \mu \frac{\overline{\rho_V}}{\rho_d} \right) \frac{\overline{\rho_A}}{T_a} \overline{w' T'_a} \right] \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

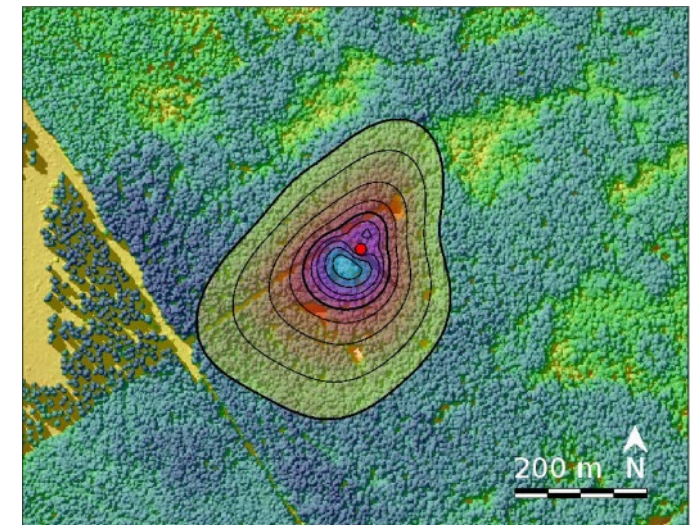
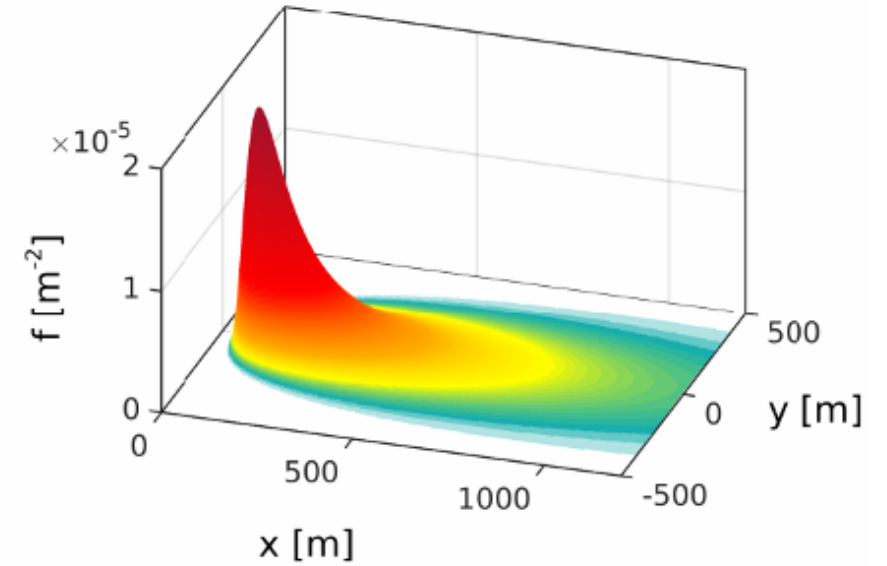
# Potential cause of flux difference

## FLUX FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS

Flux footprint is the upwind area where the atmospheric flux measured by an instrument is generated. Specifically, the term flux footprint describes an upwind area "seen" by the instruments measuring vertical turbulent fluxes.

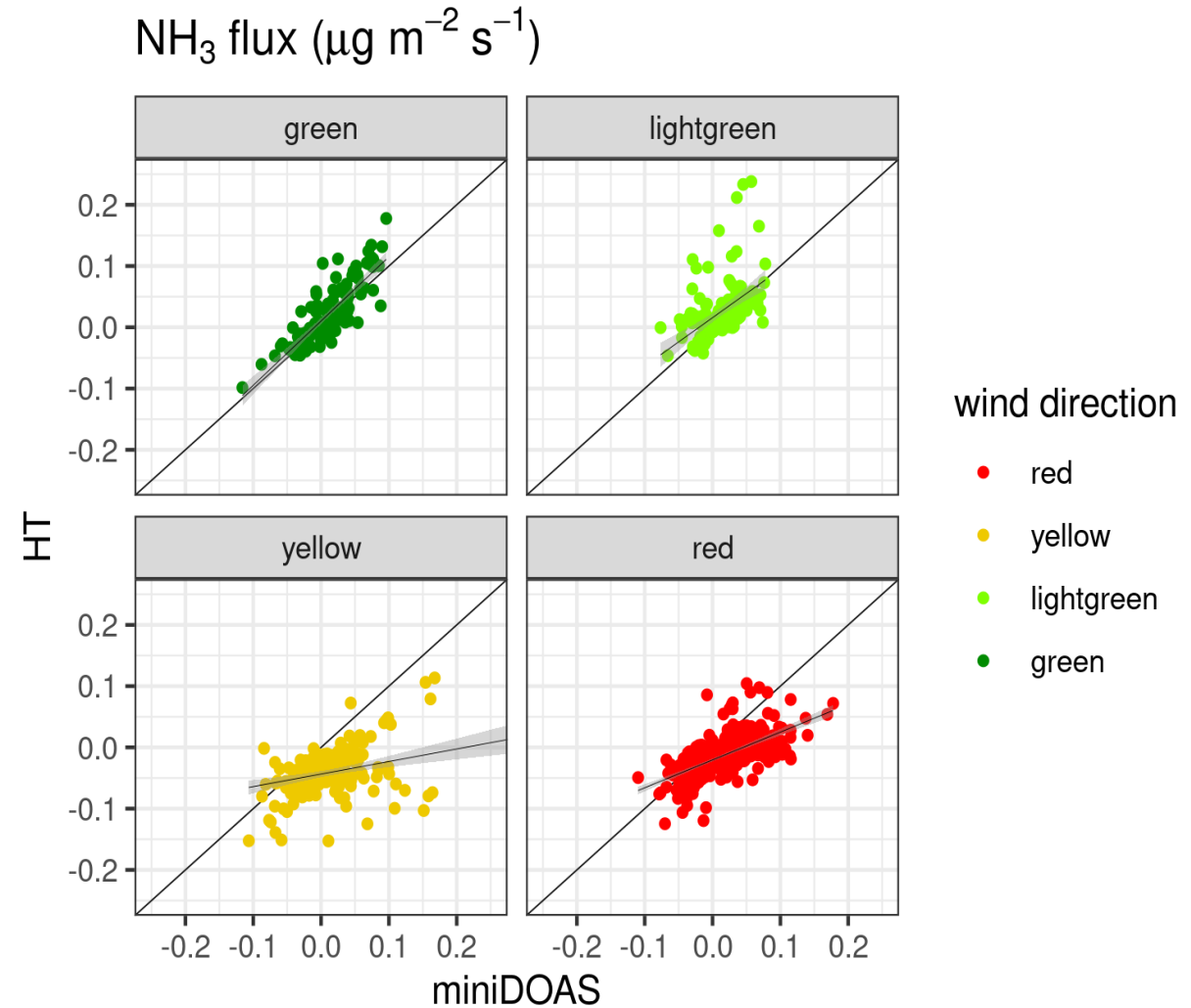
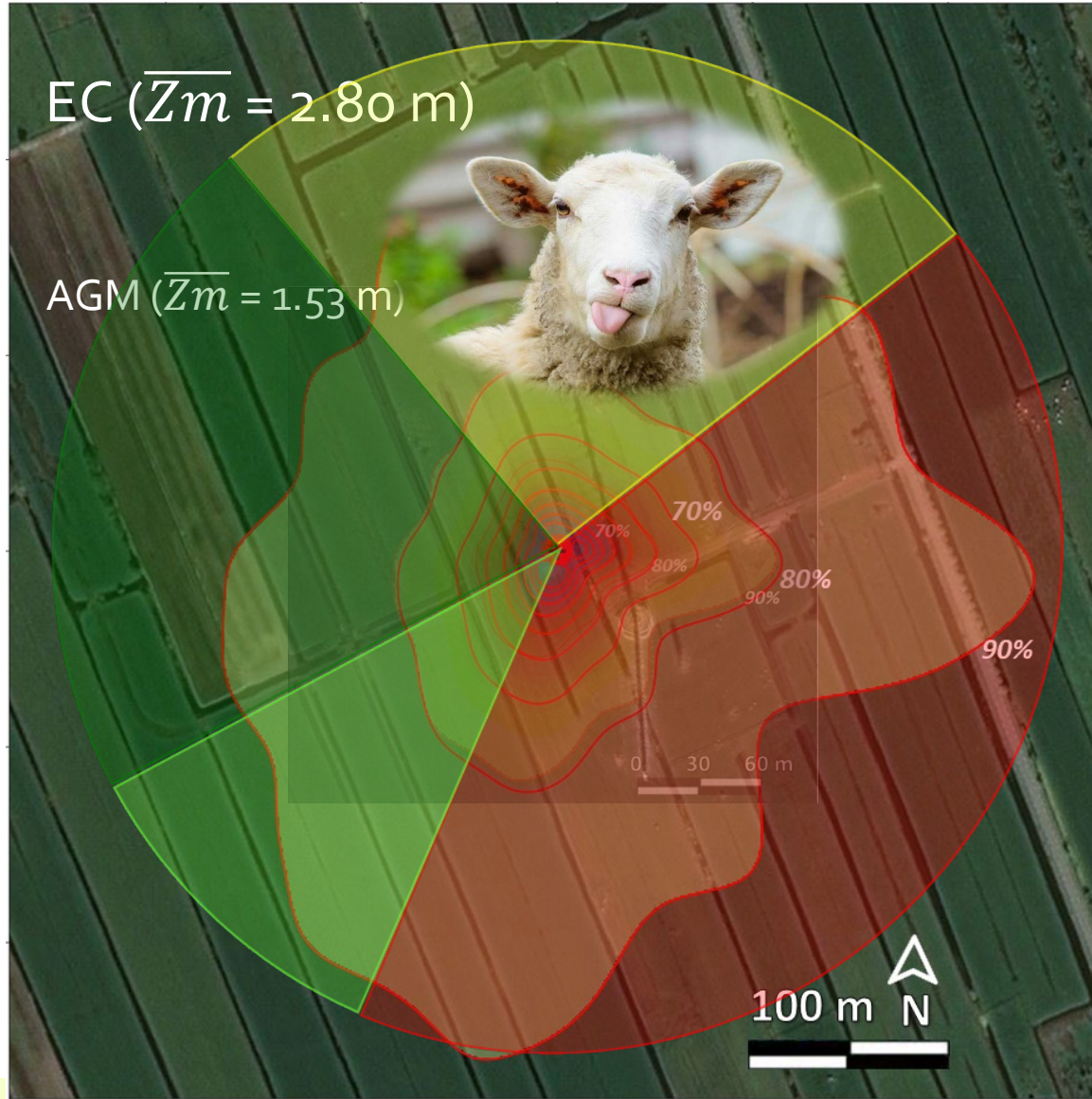
Three main factors affecting the size and shape of flux footprint:

- measurement height
- surface roughness
- atmospheric thermal stability



(Figure from <https://footprint.kljun.net/>)

# Footprint and homogeneity: key factors influencing flux comparison

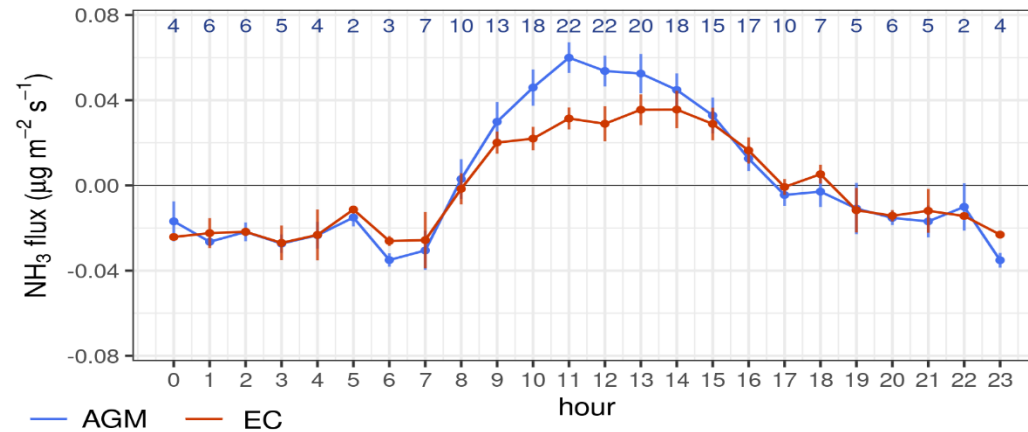




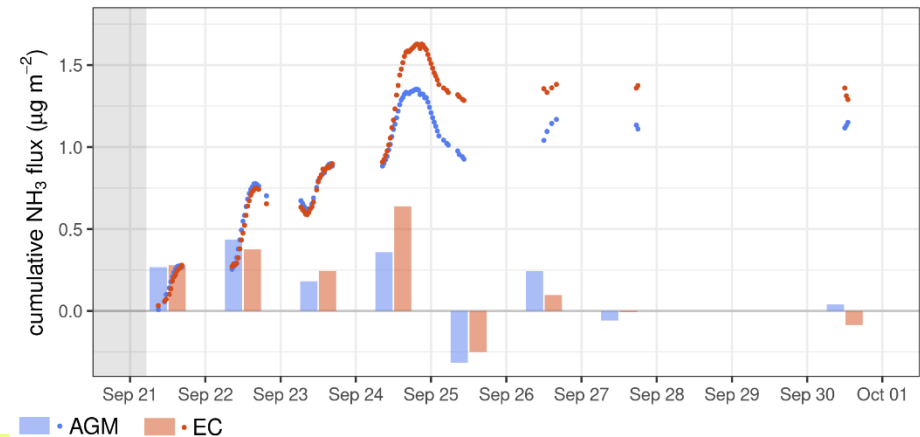
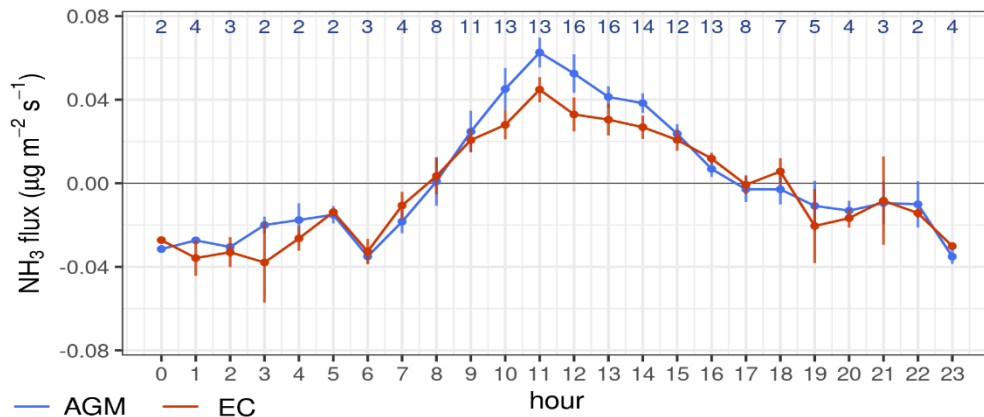
# Measured NH<sub>3</sub> fluxes comparison

DIURNAL CYCLE OF AGM AND EC NH<sub>3</sub> FLUX: COMPARABLE

*Whole period*



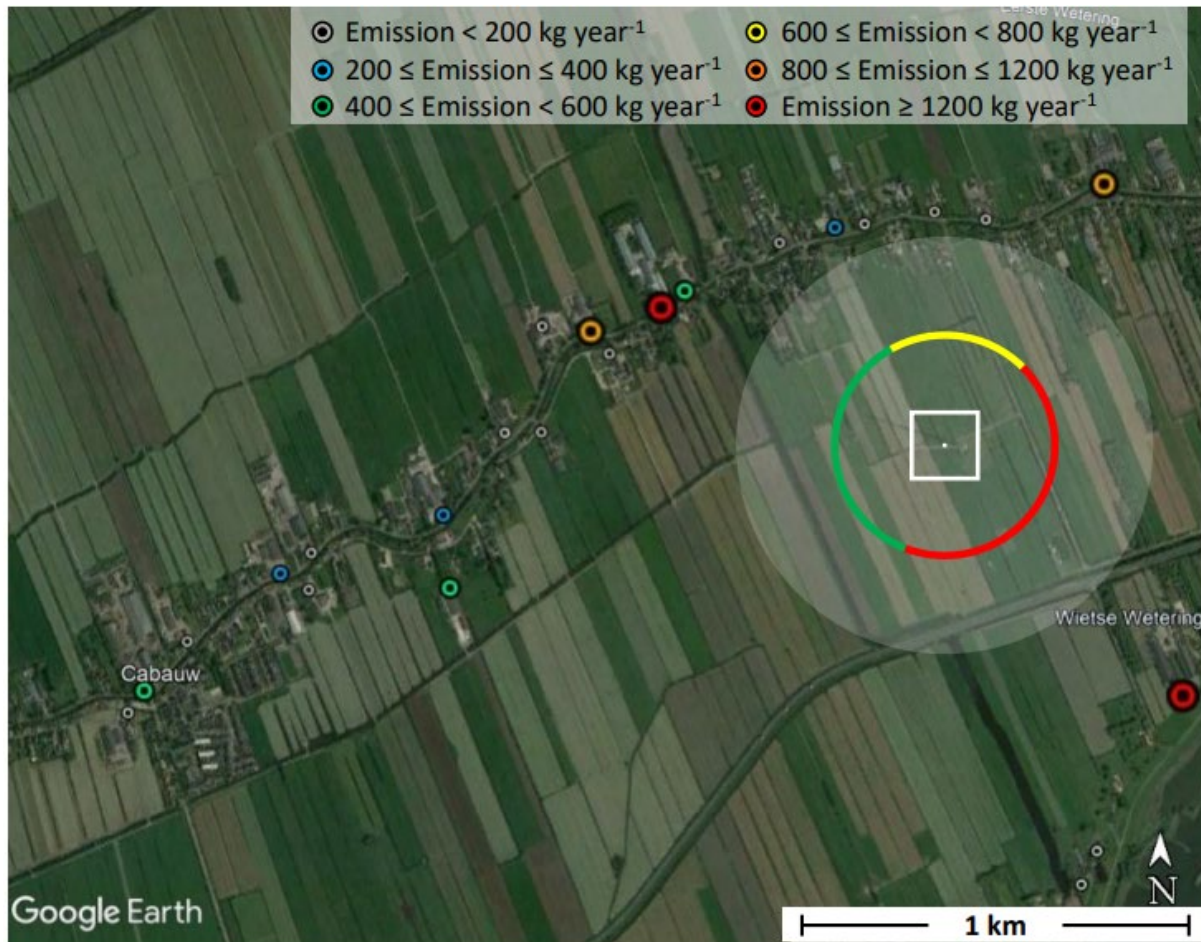
*Only after Sep. 15: farm manuring stopped*



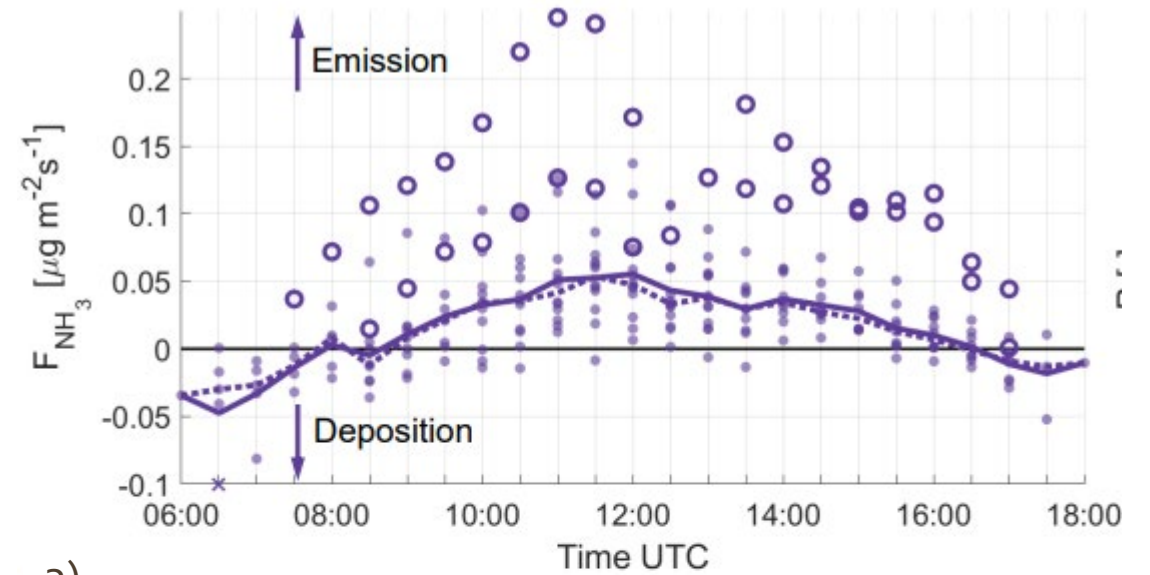
## › Lessons learned from this Campaign

- Half-hourly measurements proved feasible.
- Both instruments show:
  - Comparable deposition values
  - Similar structures of time series and diurnal cycles
- MiniDOAS had ~100% uptime outside calibration periods (~35% of the total period).
- HT data loss during rain (~21% of the total period), and mirror deterioration
- Although HT measured concentration is sensitive to air temperature, it almost had no impact on its fluxes.

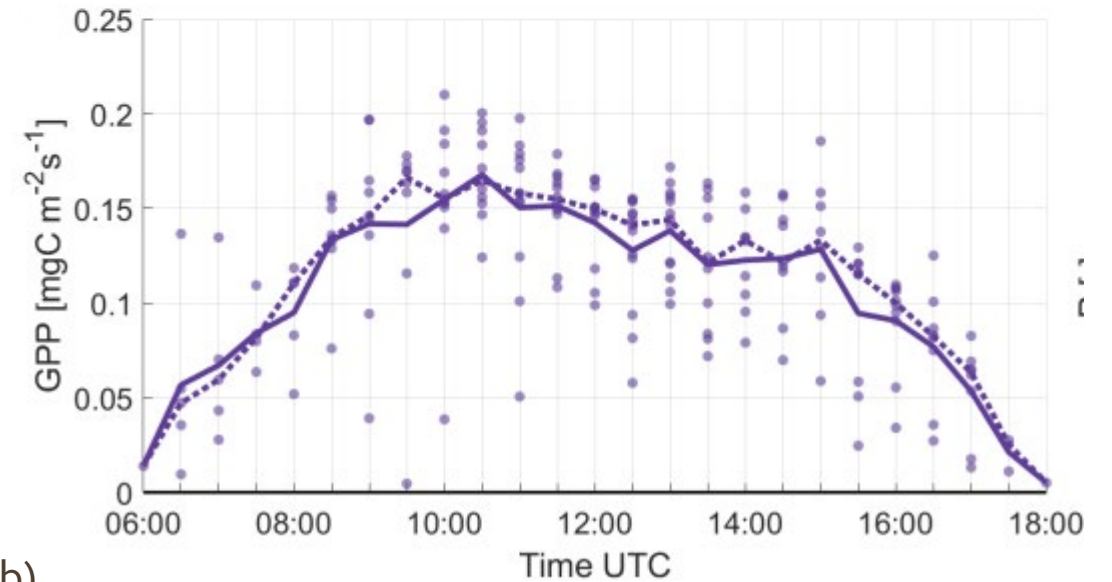
# Observational relationships between $\text{NH}_3$ and GPP



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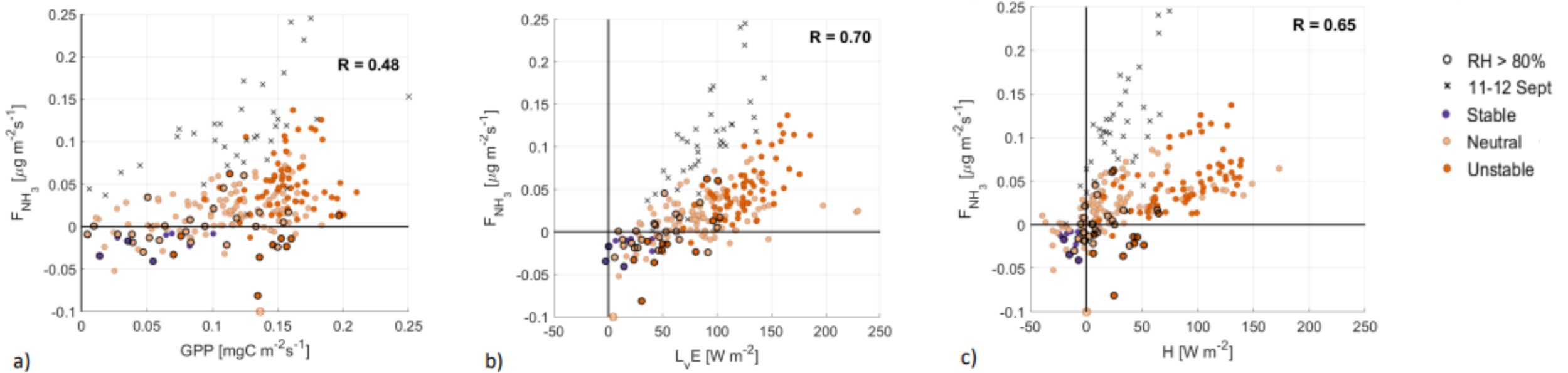


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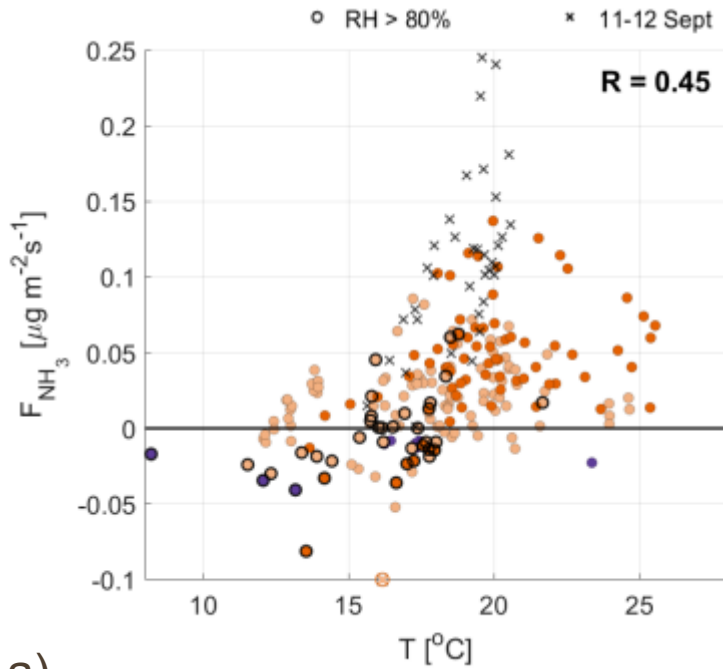
# Observational relationships between $\text{NH}_3$ , $\text{CO}_2$ and ET



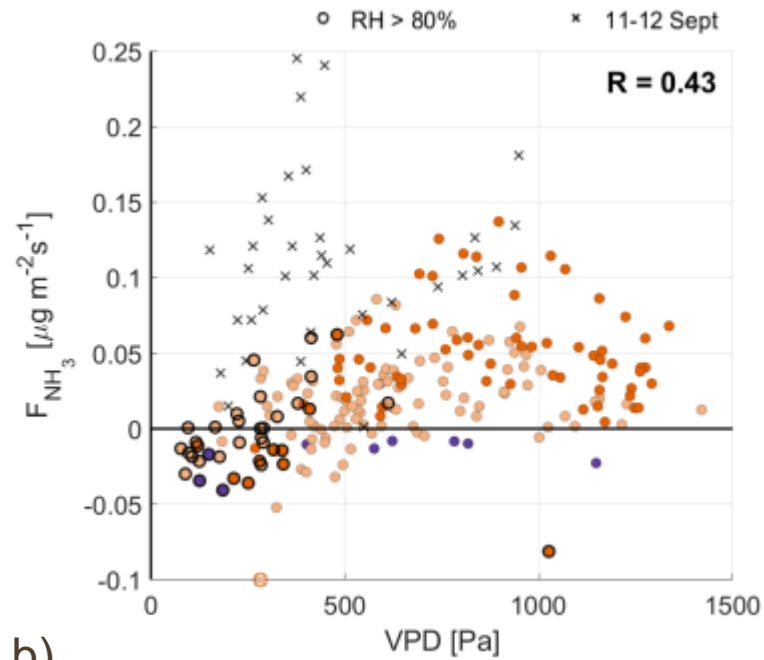
- There are relationships between the observed  $\text{NH}_3$  flux and the other turbulent surface fluxes such as sensible heat flux and photosynthesis, i.e. the stomatal exchange of  $\text{CO}_2$  and water vapor (plant transpiration).
- The process of photosynthesis has been more widely studied and such observations can be used to advance our understanding of  $\text{NH}_3$  *surface-atmosphere exchange through the individual exchange pathways, e.g. stomatal exchange.*

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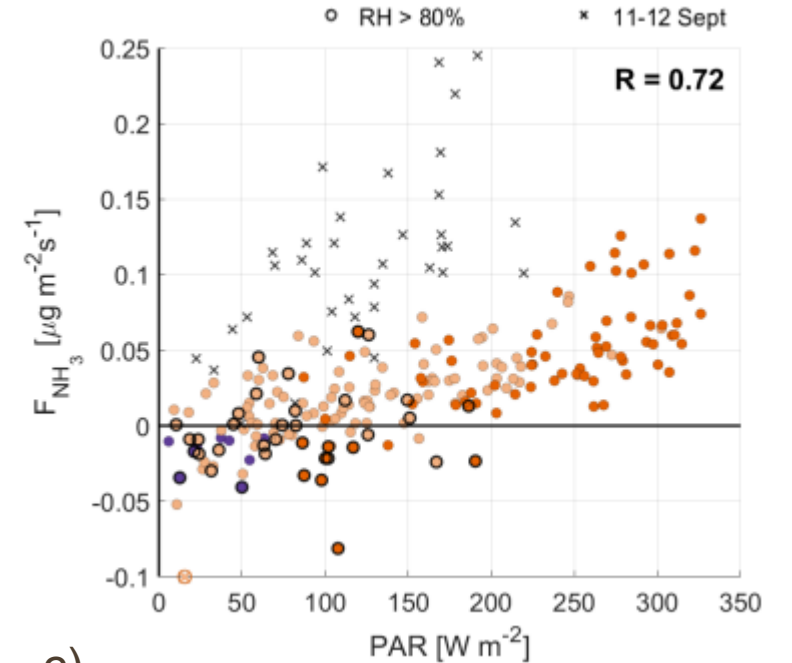
● Stable      ● Neutral      ● Unstable



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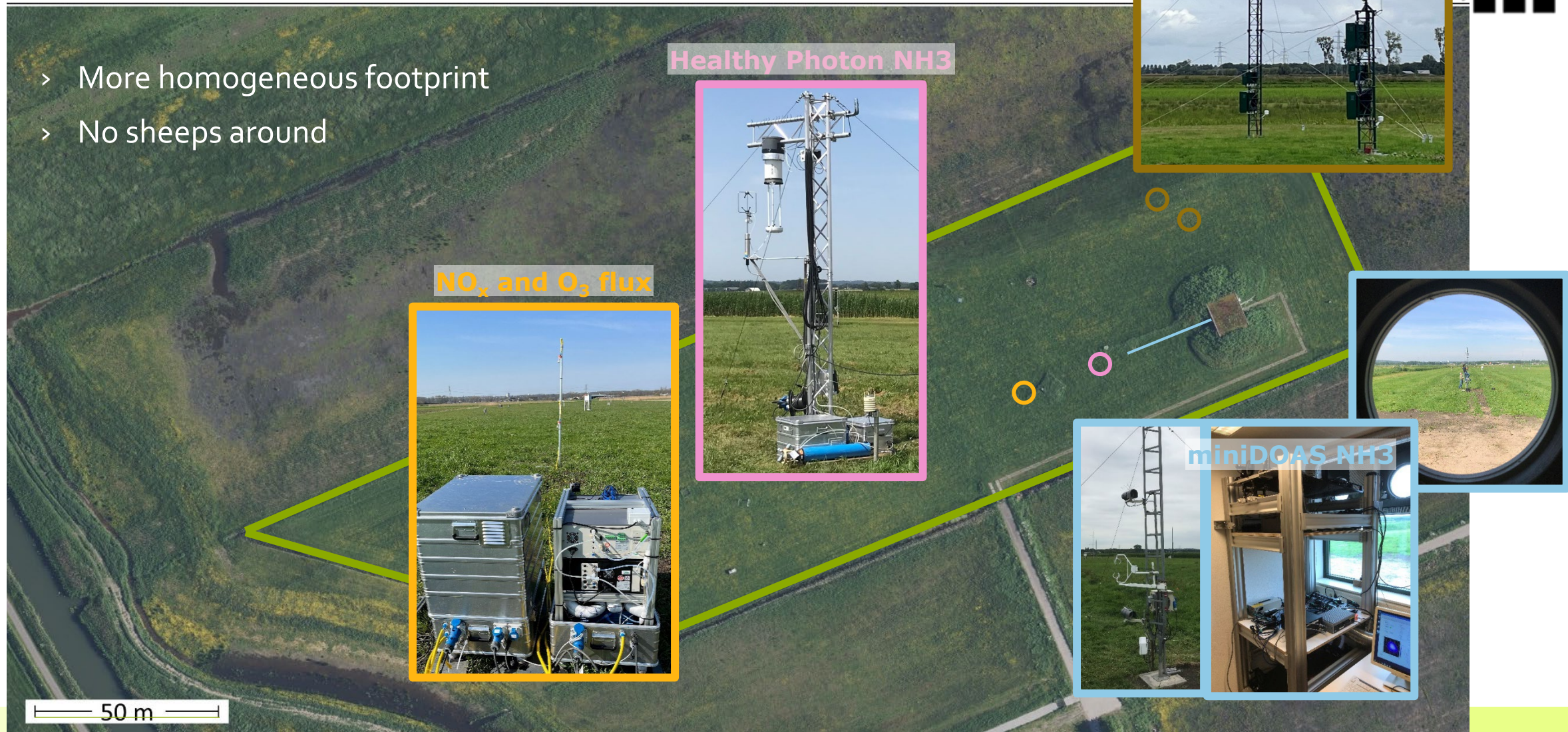
- There is high correlation between the observed daytime  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions and LE (0.70) and the photosynthetically active radiation (PAR, 0.72). These results provide a first order quantification of stomatal emission of  $\text{NH}_3$ .
- It shows that collocated flux measurements of  $\text{CO}_2$  and water vapor are appropriate variables to ***distinguish stomatal  $\text{NH}_3$  exchange from non-stomatal exchange.***

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> case study in the Netherlands



# Case study: Total N deposition measurement at Veenkampen, the Netherlands

- > More homogeneous footprint
- > No sheeps around



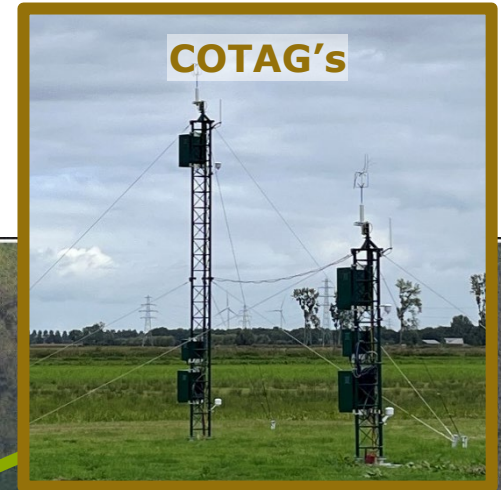
Healthy Photon NH<sub>3</sub>



NO<sub>x</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> flux



COTAG's



miniDOAS NH<sub>3</sub>



# Veenkampen

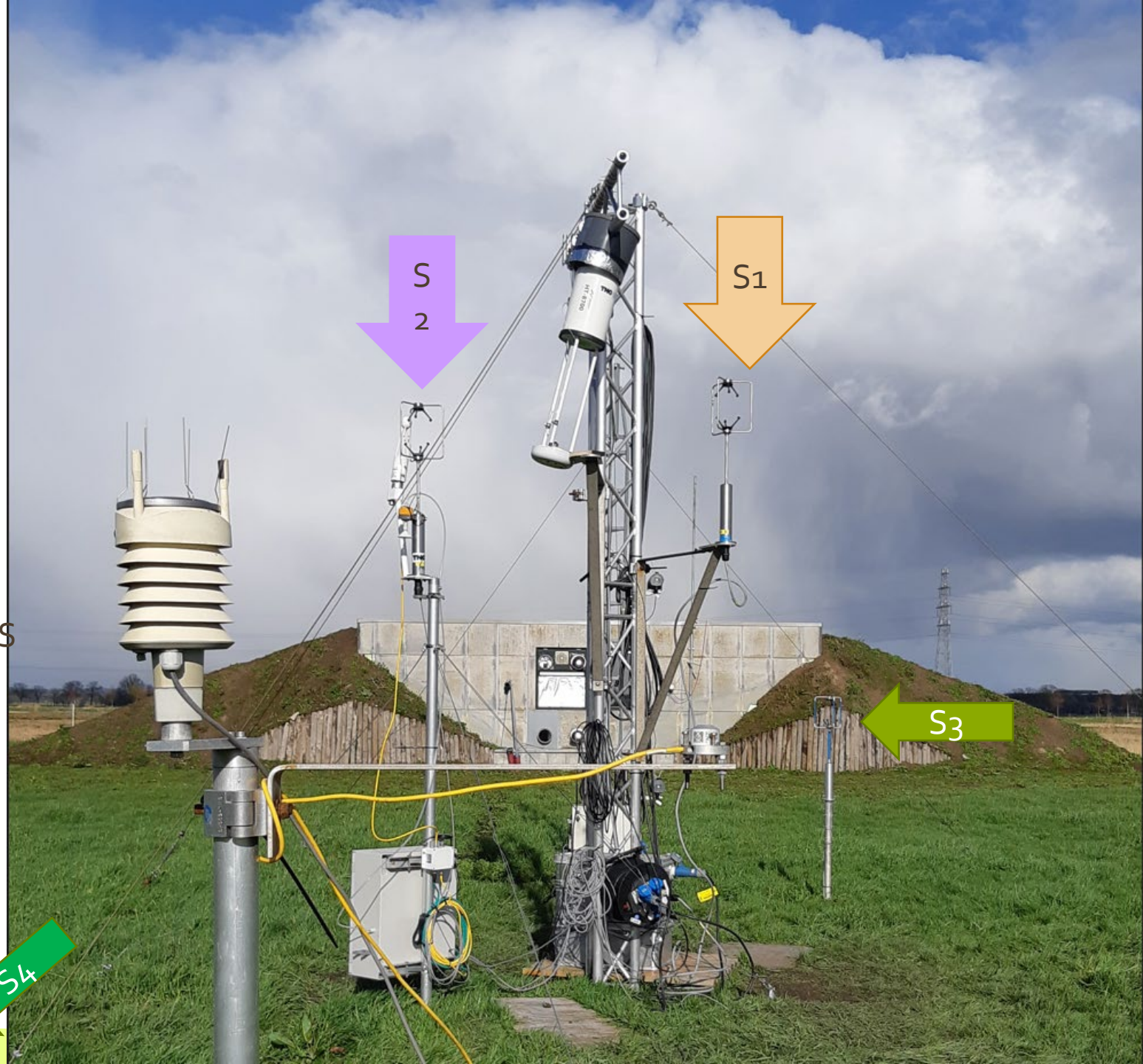
2 sonics from TNO at 2.6 m , 2.8 m height

SONIC 1\_72 cm from HT\_165 cm from LICOR-7500

SONIC 2\_65 cm from HT\_15 cm from LICOR7500

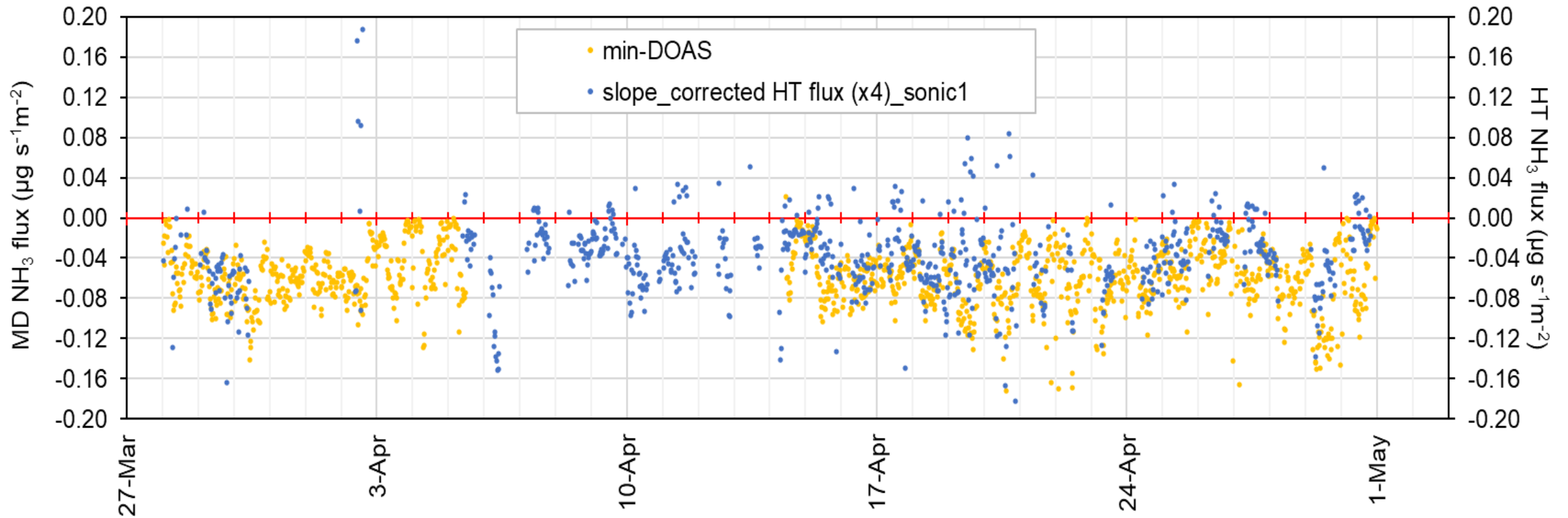
S<sub>3</sub>: from RIVM at 1.6 m height: close to miniDOAS

S<sub>4</sub>: from WUR at xx height, > 50 m away in SW





# Compare HT\*-MD measured fluxes (note: corrected HT flux as primary result)



Two systems – two methods both show deposition flux at the site.

# Auto-NH<sub>3</sub> Chamber measurement ?



2023 August  
Evergreen Needleleaf Forests  
NH<sub>3</sub> flux measuring at ICOS station



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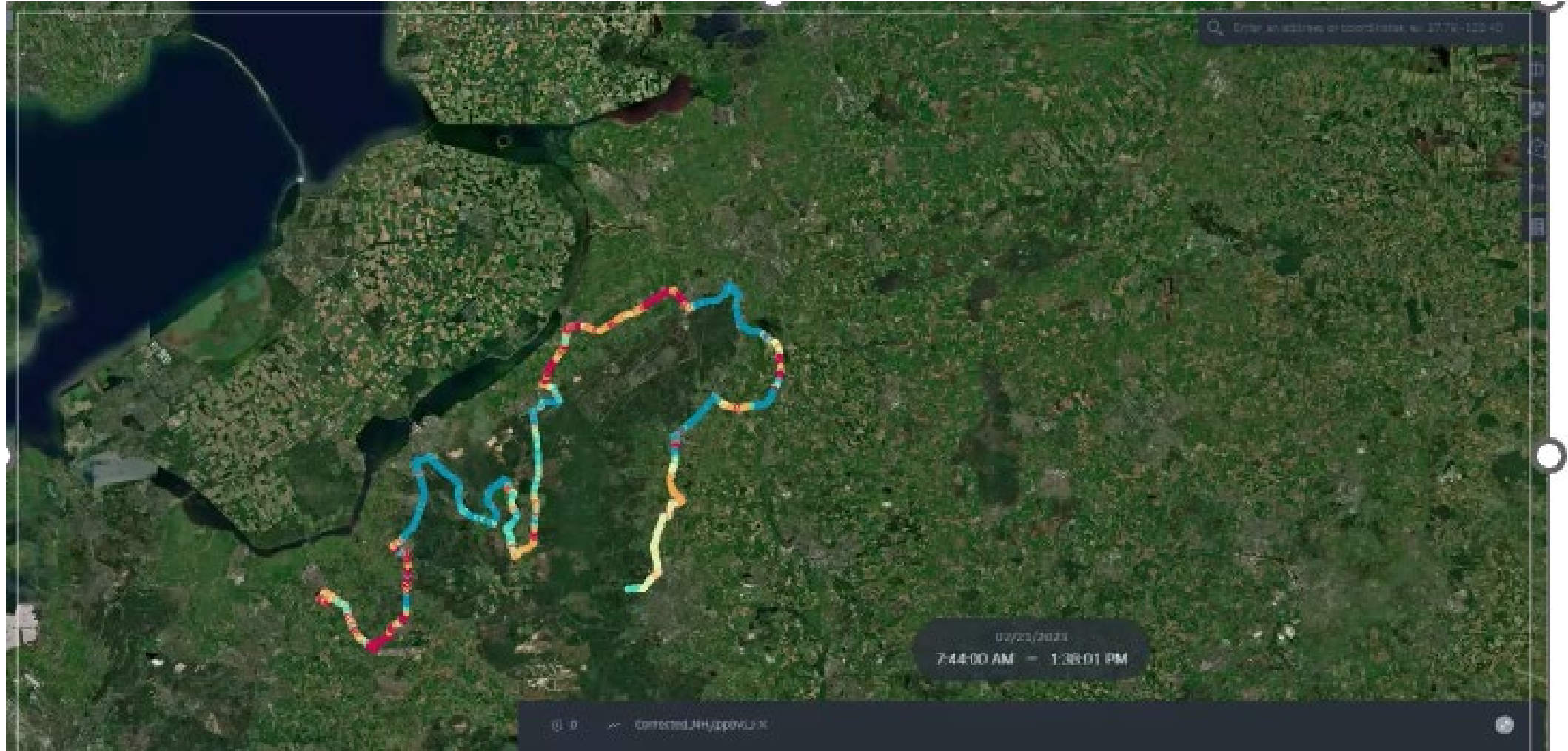


Ammonia deposition impacts on biodiversity ?

NH<sub>3</sub> emission source inventory through mobile measurement

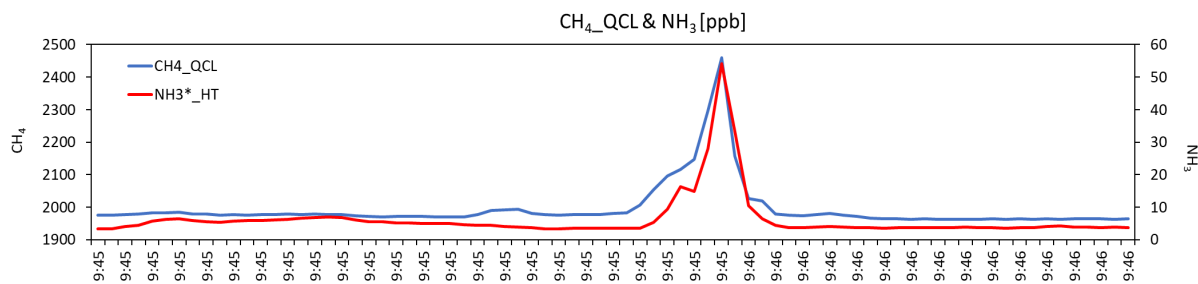
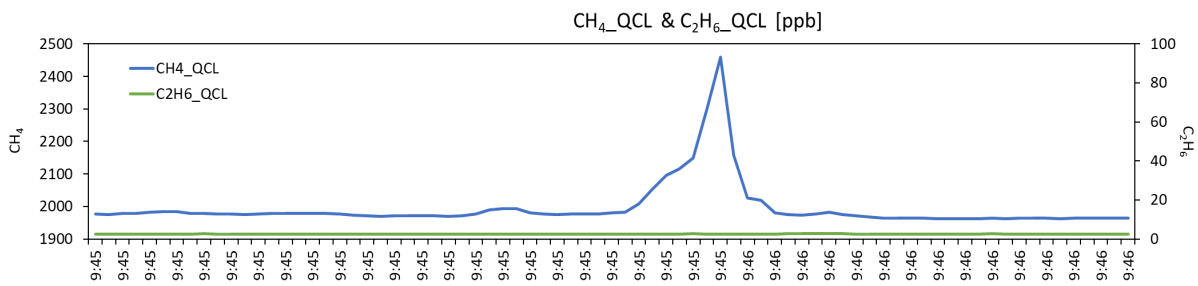
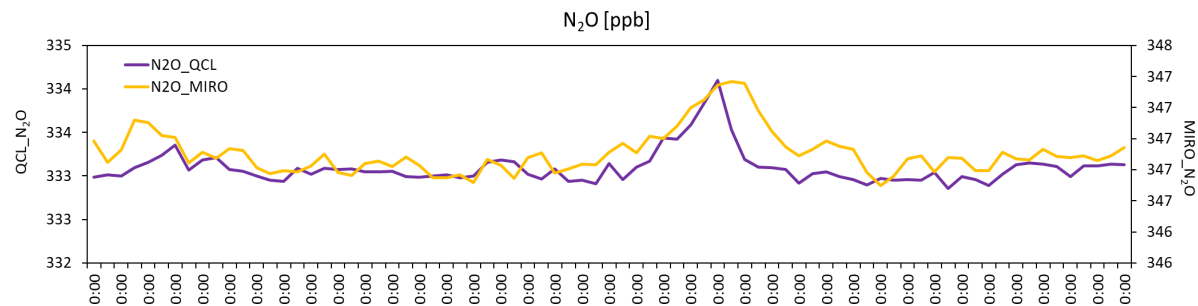
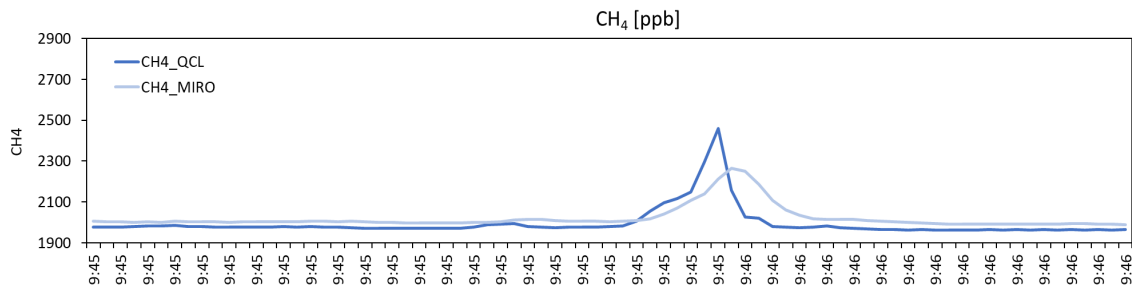


# HT measured $\text{NH}_3$ concentration at Veluwe area

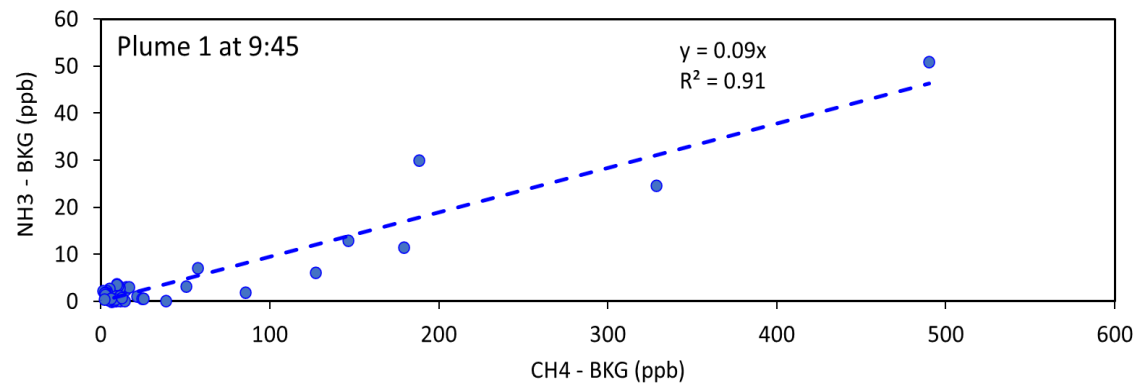
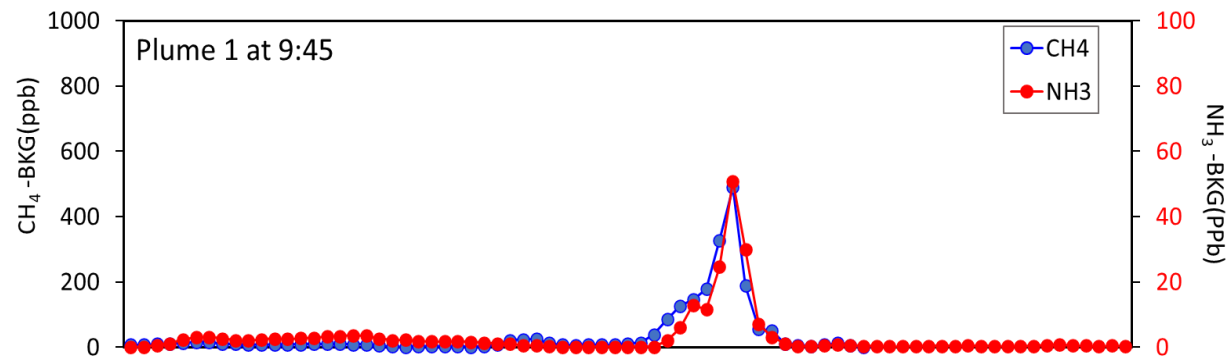


## Peak #1: upwind is a pig farm





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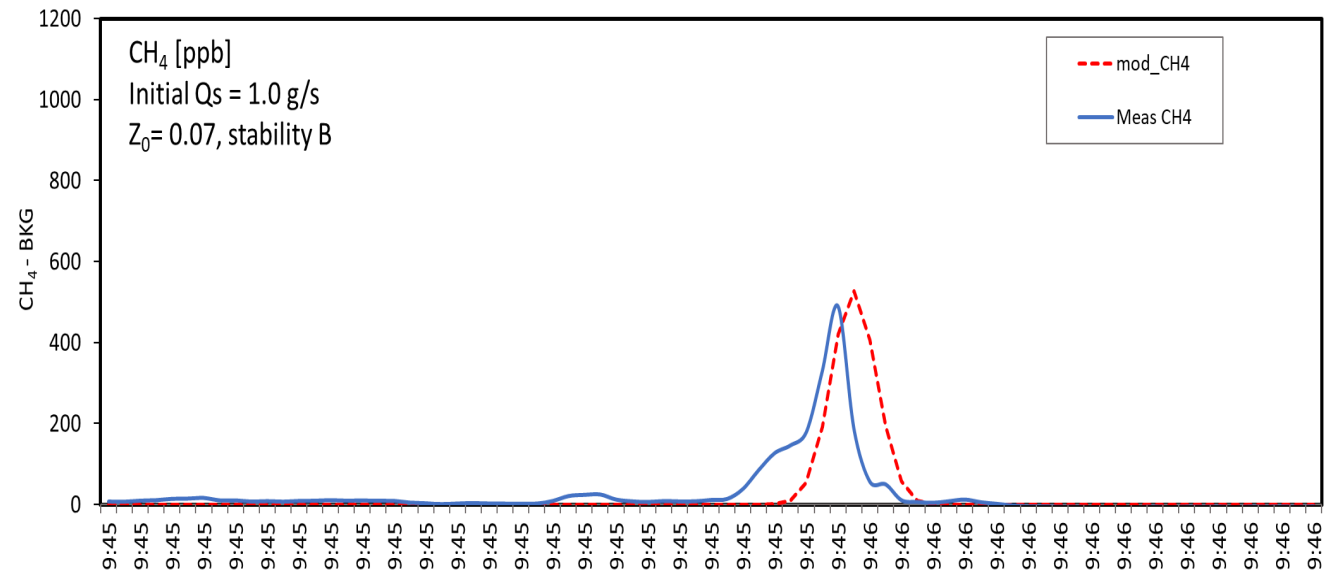


\*N<sub>2</sub>O peak from the same source – possible with open wet soil.



# Modelled emission

Plume No.	Possible source type	Modelled <b>NH3</b> emission (g/s)	Modelled <b>CH4</b> emission (g/s)	<b>NH<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub></b> concentration peaks ratio	<b>NH<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub></b> emission ratio
1	pig farm	<b>0.13</b>	<b>1.08</b>	0.09	0.12



# Conclusions

- Climate change and Nitrogen crisis is strongly connected.
- Dry  $\text{NH}_3$  deposition contributes to a large portion to total nitrogen deposition.
- $\text{NH}_3$  are the most challenging gas to be measured.
- Innovative equipment is available to use now.
- The methods (even EC method) to calculate N – fluxes still have their limitations.
- Development are still needed in both flux measurement instruments and analytical methods.
- Bridges between **C**arbon – **N**itrogen communication still need to be established.

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