

Spatiotemporal variability of ammonia through syntheses of in-situ-, ground-based, and remote sensing measurements

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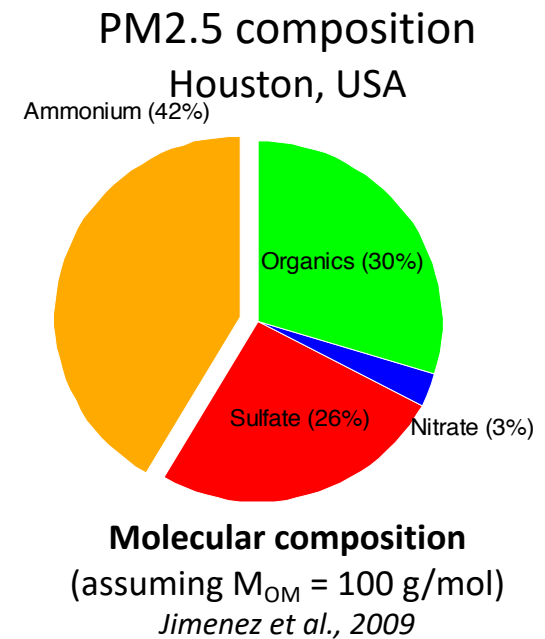
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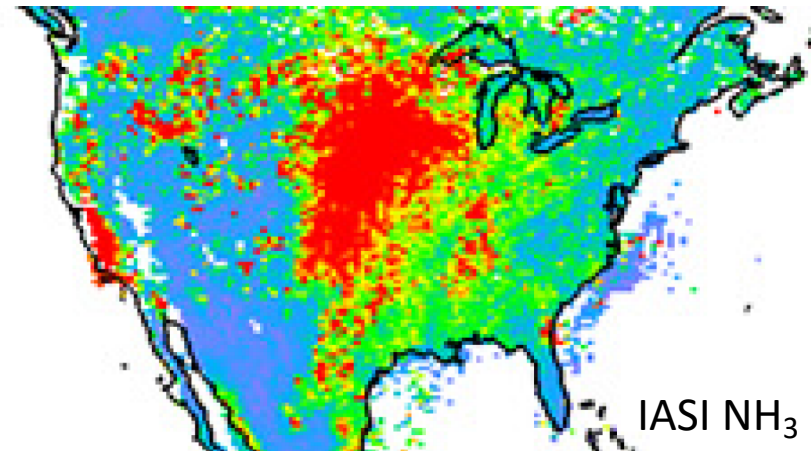
Why NH_3 ?

- human health: key precursor for $\text{PM}_{2.5}$
\$36 B USD annual health costs from food export
(*Paulot and Jacob, 2014*)
- ecological: nitrogen deposition, eutrophication
- expansive $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ blooms in Europe
upon fertilization of fields (*Fortems-Cheiney, 2016*)



Challenges

- NH_3 incredibly difficult to measure,
limited datasets
- new advances in satellite data
(IASI, CrIS, AIRS) but largely unvalidated
- agricultural emissions poorly constrained
- urban emissions underestimated but co-located
with NO_x sources, so disproportionately important for $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ (*Sun, 2016*)

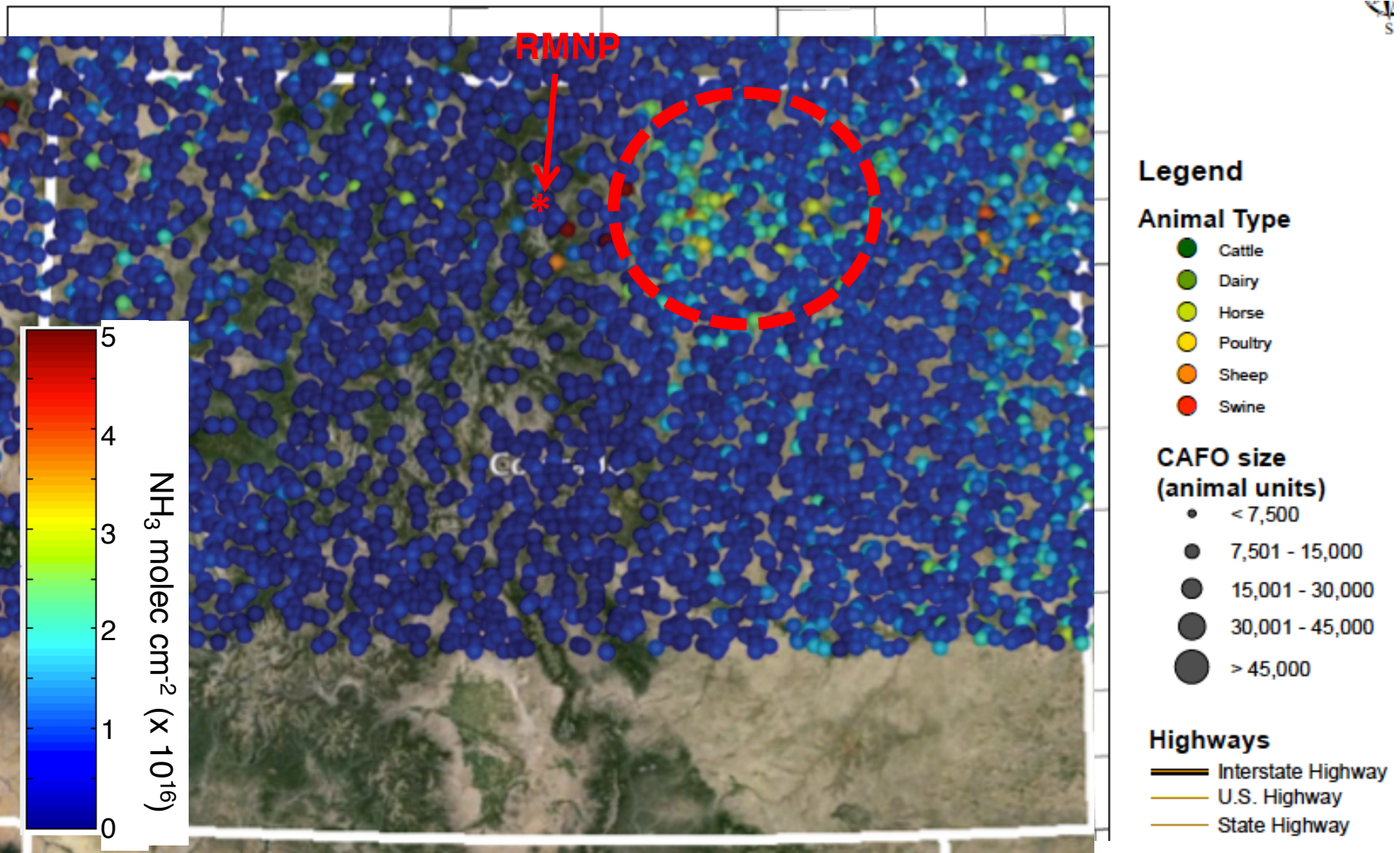


van Damme et al., 2015

Agricultural sources of NH_3 in Colorado

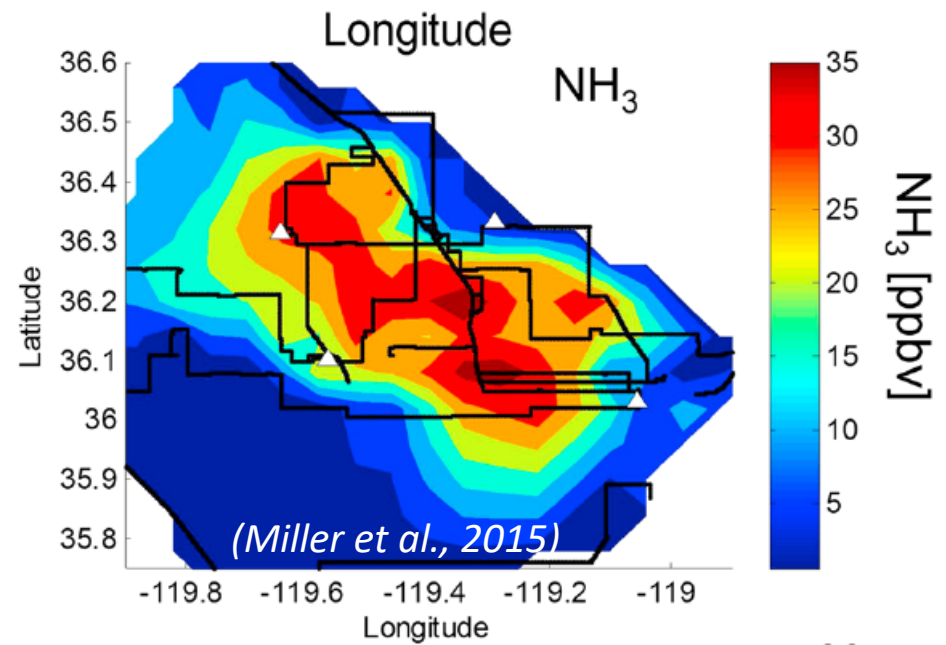
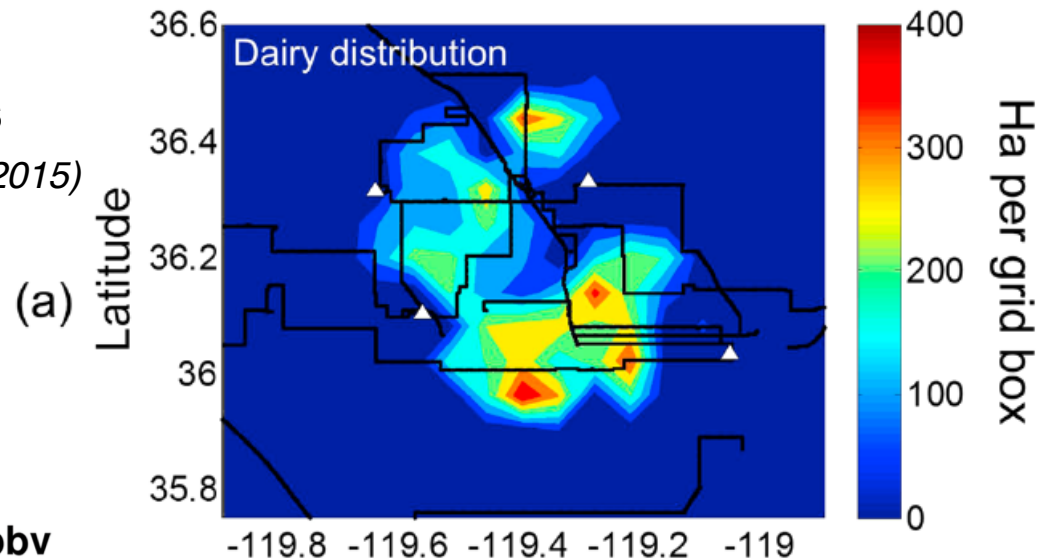
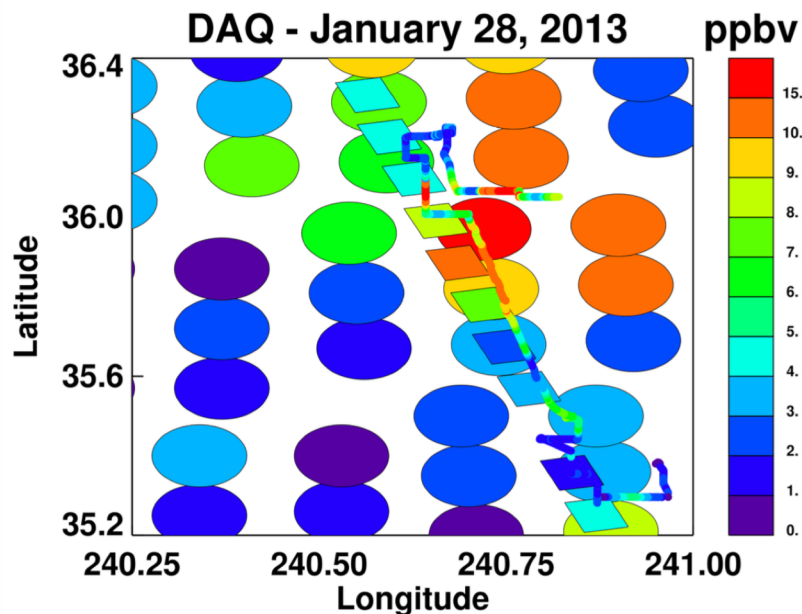
Large and many feedlots in NE Colorado, east of mountains

IASI NH_3 MetOp/A columns for July 14-Aug. 1, 2014 (*Whitburn et al., JGR-A, 2016*)



San Joaquin Valley: NH_3 and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$

- high concentrations of CAFOs emit copious amounts of NH_3 , large $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ problem
- CrIS, TES NH_3 capture spatial variability of surface measurements
(*Sun et al., 2015; Shephard and Cady-Pereira, 2015*)
- NH_3 in boundary layer, tracer for agricultural emissions



How to integrate NH₃ into air quality

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Impact

voluntary farm management practices to reduce local emissions/deposition (CDPHE)

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