





### "Upcoming Project: GuelleBest"

Mitigation of ammonia and greenhouse gas emission and improving nitrogen use efficiency by innovative slurry and digestate application techniques for growing crops



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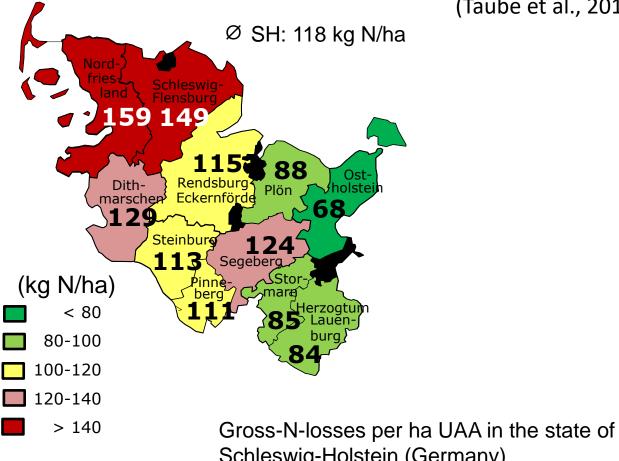
**Baltic Slurry Acidification** 

BSA Stakeholder Meeting, Kiel, 27.09.2018

## Background



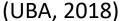
(Taube et al., 2015)

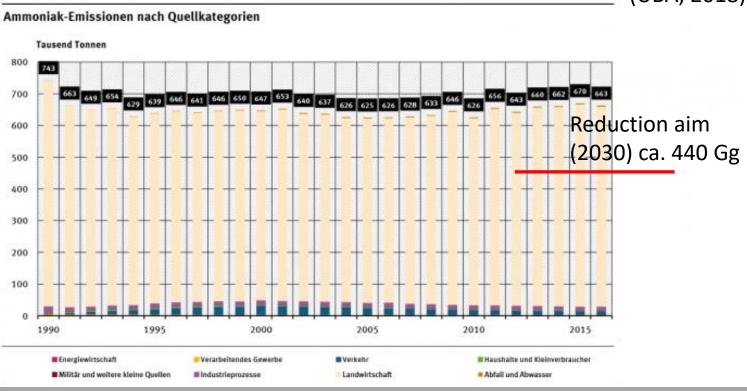


Schleswig-Holstein (Germany)

Currently the losses of nitrogen in agricultural production account > 100 kg/ha UAA, at which 30% could be easily avoided (~ 30.000 tons nitrogen in S-H).





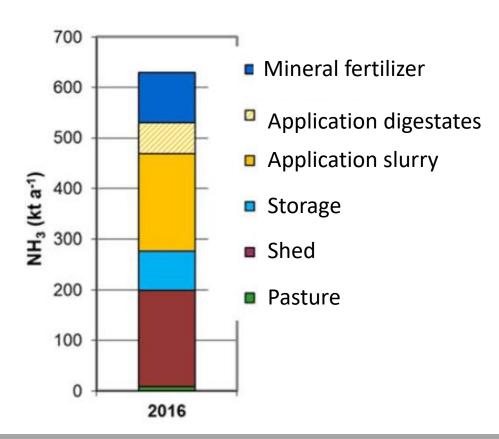


- Germany has to decrease the ammonia emissions until 2030 by 29% (NERC-Directive)
- Due to imrovements of the german fertilizer ordinance according to the EU-Nitrate Directive (2018) almost no application of manures after harvest are performable.
  - During spring no incorporation possible in winter crops.
- The use of BAT ("best availbale techniques") for slurry application is obligatory by law until 2020 for arabel and 2025 for grassland.

#### Background



Ammonia emissions from agriculture in Germany



Slurry application has the highest reduction potential for ammonia emissions in Gemany.

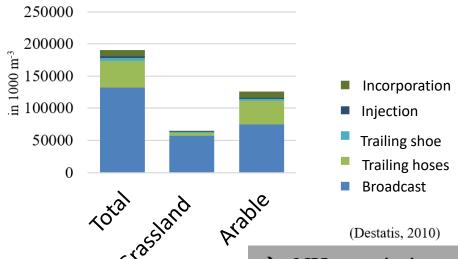
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#### **Mitigation strategies:**

- Reduction of ammonia emissions during application in standing biomass
- Highest potential for cattle slurry and digestates in Germany
  - → The large the substrate surface the larger the ammonia emissions

# Current application techniques used in Germany:



	Emission reduction compared to broadcast application
Trailing hoses	30%
Trailing shoe	40%
Injection	60%
Broadcast with acidification	55%

 $\rightarrow$  NH<sub>3</sub> –emissions with broadcast application up to 80% of NH4-N.

(KTBL, 2016a)

#### GuelleBest





**Project Call:** Mitigation of ammonia and greenhouse gas emission and improving nitrogen use efficiency by innovative slurry and digestate application techniques for growing crops

**Acronym:** GuelleBest

**Duration:** 2019-2021

Funding: ~1.5 Mio €

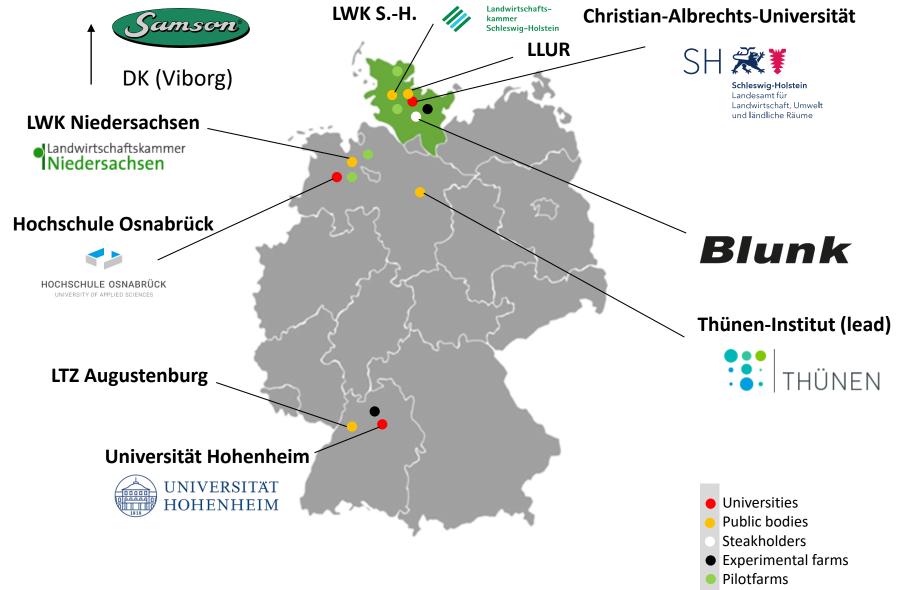
## GuelleBest partners

Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

CAU







# GuelleBest Work-Packages (WP) (2019-2022)





WP1

Network of co-ordinated field trials to reduce greenhouse gas and ammonia emissions from growing crops

WP2
Assesment of GHG-emissionis

WP3

Economy on farm-scale

WP4

Prediction of impact on the national inventories

WP5

Joint assessment, transfer of knowledge into practice

# GuelleBest field trials (2019-2022)



Permanent Grassland			Winter-Wheat			
Site	Avg. Air temp (°C)	Annual rainfall (mm a-1)	Freezing days	Soil	рН	Project- Partner
Schleswig- Holstein I Lower Saxony	8.9	732	33	Sandy loam	6.7	CAU
	8.8	826	33	Loamy sand	5.4	CAU
	9.0	837	55	Sandy loam	5.5	University Osnabrück
Baden- Württemberg	8.8	686	91	clay	6.8	University Hohenheim

# GuelleBest field trials (2019-2022)



#### Treatments and measurements

	Winter Wheat		Grassland
1	Control <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1	Control <sup>1,2,3</sup>
2	Mineral fertilizer - CAN <sup>1,2,3</sup>	2	Mineral fertilizer: CAN <sup>1,2,3</sup>
3	Slurry trailing hoses <sup>1,2,3</sup>	3	Slurry trailing shoe 1,2,3
4	Slurry acidification trailing hoses <sup>1,2,3</sup>	4	Slurry acidificataion trailing shoes <sup>1,2,3</sup>
5	Slurry injection <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>	5	Slurry injection <sup>1,2,3,</sup>
6	Slurry injection + nitirification inhibitor <sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>	6	Slurry injection + nitirification inhibitor <sup>1,2,3,</sup>
7	Digestates trailing hoses <sup>2</sup>		
8	Digestates acidificataion trailing hoses <sup>2</sup>		
9	Digestates injection <sup>12, 4</sup>		
10	Digestates injection + nitirification inhibitor <sup>2,</sup>		Maximum rate of slurry N: 170 kg applied in two dressings!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>-measurements with the Dräger-Tube-Method

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>-measurements with acid traps

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>N<sub>2</sub>O-measurements with the static chamber method

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In winter-wheat the first slurry dressing will be performed with injection and the second with trailing hoses







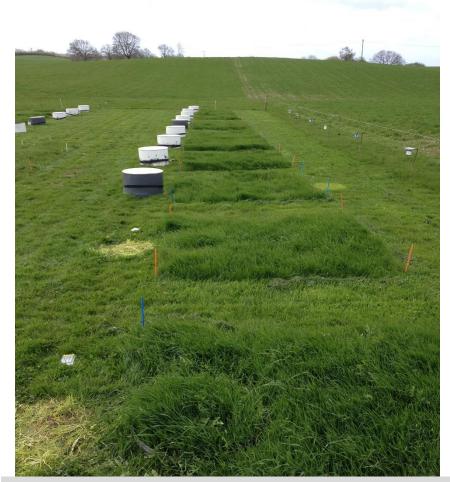
Former techniques will be improved in order to test the different application techniques



Slurry dressings will be performed with representative techniques to ensure comparibility and up-scaling of results.

# Methods







DM-Yield, N-Yield and forage quality will be estimated for each silage cut and winter wheat harvest respectively

# Methods









➤ Nitrous Oxide will be measured in minimum once a week for 365 days

## Methods



> Ammonia measurments will be quantified for >7 days after fertilizer application

