

# Poultry Emissions Studies Update

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# Presentation Outline

- Recently published studies
- Southeastern Broiler Air Emissions Study
- Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Mitigation Studies

# Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Emissions

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High-Rise House  
(manure under birds)



Belt Battery House  
Manure Storage



## Comparison of Ammonia Emission Factors for Layer Houses (g NH<sub>3</sub> AU<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>)

Country	House Type (season)	Manure Removal	NH <sub>3</sub> ER	Reference
England	Deep pit (winter)	NA	192	Wathes et al. (1997)
England	Deep pit (summer)	NA	290	Wathes et al. (1997)
England	Deep pit (N/A)	NA	239	Nicholsen et al. (2004)
USA (OH)	High-rise (March)	Annual	523	Keener et al. (2002)
USA (OH)	High-rise (July)	Annual	417	Keener et al. (2002)
USA (IA)	High-rise (all year)	Annual	299	Yang et al. (2002)
USA (IA&PA)	High-rise (all year) – <i>standard diet</i>	Annual	298	Liang et al. (2005)
USA (IA)	High-rise (all year) – <i>1% lower CP diet</i>	Annual	268	Liang et al. (2005)
Netherlands	Belt (N/A)	Twice/wk w/o drying	31	Kroodsma et al. (1988)
Netherlands	Belt (N/A)	Weekly w/ drying	28	Kroodsma et al. (1988)
Denmark	Belt (all year)	NA	52	Koerkamp et al. (1998)
Germany	Belt (all year)	NA	14	Koerkamp et al. (1998)
Netherlands	Belt (all year)	NA	39	Koerkamp et al. (1998)
England	Belt (all year)	Weekly	96	Nicholsen et al. (2004)
England	Belt (all year)	Daily	38	Nicholsen et al. (2004)
USA (IA&PA)	Belt (all year)	Daily w/o drying	17.5	Liang et al. (2005)
USA (IA&PA)	Belt (all year)	Twice/wk w/ drying	30.8	Liang et al. (2005)

1 AU (animal unit) = 500 kg body weight

Table adapted from - Liang et al. (2005)



# Broiler NH<sub>3</sub> Emissions

E.F. Wheeler, K.D. Casey, R.S. Gates, H.Xin,  
J.L. Zajackowski, P.A. Topper, Y. Liang, A.  
J. Pescatore. 2006. *Ammonia Emissions  
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## Comparison of Ammonia Emission Factors for Broilers (g NH<sub>3</sub> b<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>)

Reference (Year)	Flock Characteristics			Litter*	Emission Rate	Monitoring				
Study Location*	Market Age (Age during Measurement)	Final Wt.	Stocking Density			Number of...				
	(day)	(kg)	(b m <sup>-2</sup> )		g b <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	Houses (Flocks)	Seasons *	Periods	Duration	Methods*
Wheeler (this study) USA, PA, KY	42 (1-45)	2.2	14.7	N	0.47	2 (5 each)	All	13	48 hr	C-EC
	42 (2-42)	2.2	14.7	B, T	0.65	2 (6 each)	All	13	48 hr	C-EC
	49 (1-53)	2.5	13.4	B, T	0.76	4 (6 each)	All	17	48 hr	C-EC
	63 (1-55)	3.3	10.8	B, T	0.98	4 (5 each)	All	20	48 hr	C-EC
Seifert (2004) USA, DE	42 (29-37)	n/a	20.0	B?	1.18	1 (1)	Sp, Su	7	6-12 hr	S-CM <sup>1</sup>
Müller (2003) German/Czech	32 (13-30)	1.6	n/a	N?	0.09	2 (1)	W	5	1hr	C-PS?
Lacey (2003) USA, TX	49	2.4	13.5	B	0.63	4 (3 each)	F, W	10	3 S/d	S-CM
Burns (2003) USA, TN	42 (1-42)	2.3	16.1	B	0.92	1 (9)	All	9	42 d	C-EC
Demmers (1999) UK	32 (1-32)	1.9	25	N	0.11	1 (1)	Su	1	32 d	C-CL
Wathes (1997) United Kingdom	32 (24-35)	1.1W 1.4 Su	9.3 W 9.4 Su	N?	0.26	4	Su, W	2	24 hr	C-CL
Groot Koercamp (1998) <sup>2</sup> UK				N?	0.48	4	Su, W	2	24 hr	C-CL
Netherlands				N?	0.27	4	Su, W	2	24 hr	C-CL
Denmark				N?	0.21	4	Su, W	2	24 hr	C-CL
Germany				N?	0.44	4	Su, W	2	24 hr	C-CL

Table adapted from - Wheeler et al. (2006)

# Southeastern Broiler Air Emissions Study

(Burns, Xin, Gates & Hoff)

- Air emissions from two Tyson Foods broiler houses in Western Kentucky are being monitored
- Both broiler houses monitored continuously for a one year period
- Monitoring for all emissions began in January 2006, emissions calculation period 2/20/06 – 3/1/07



# Study Purpose



Data from this project are proposed as representative air emissions from southeastern U.S. broiler houses for use in the Air Compliance Agreement (ACA)

# Pollutants Measured

- Ammonia
- Carbon Dioxide
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Non-Methane Hydrocarbons
- Methane
- Particulate Matter
  - Total Suspended Particulate
  - PM<sub>10</sub>
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub>



# Monitoring Equipment Selection

Pollutant	Monitoring Instrument
NH <sub>3</sub>	Innova 1412, Innova AirTech Instruments A/S, Denmark
CO <sub>2</sub>	Innova 1412, Innova AirTech Instruments A/S, Denmark
H <sub>2</sub> S	UV Fluorescence Hydrogen Sulfide Analyzer Model 101E, Advance Pollution Instrumentation, San Diego, California
NMHC	Model 200 Heated Methane/Non-Methane/Total Hydrocarbon Analyzer, VIG Industries, Anaheim, California
THC	Model 200 Heated Methane/Non-Methane/Total Hydrocarbon Analyzer, VIG Industries, Anaheim, California & Innova 1412, Innova AirTech Instruments A/S, Denmark
CH <sub>4</sub>	Model 200 Heated Methane/Non-Methane/Total Hydrocarbon Analyzer, VIG Industries, Anaheim, California & Innova 1412, Innova AirTech Instruments A/S, Denmark
TSP	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) Series 1400a with TSP inlet head, Thermo Electron Corporation, East Greenbush, New York
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PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> - Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) Series 1400a with PM <sub>10</sub> head and a 2.5 micron cut cyclone, Thermo Electron Corporation, East Greenbush, New York



# Broiler Houses Monitored

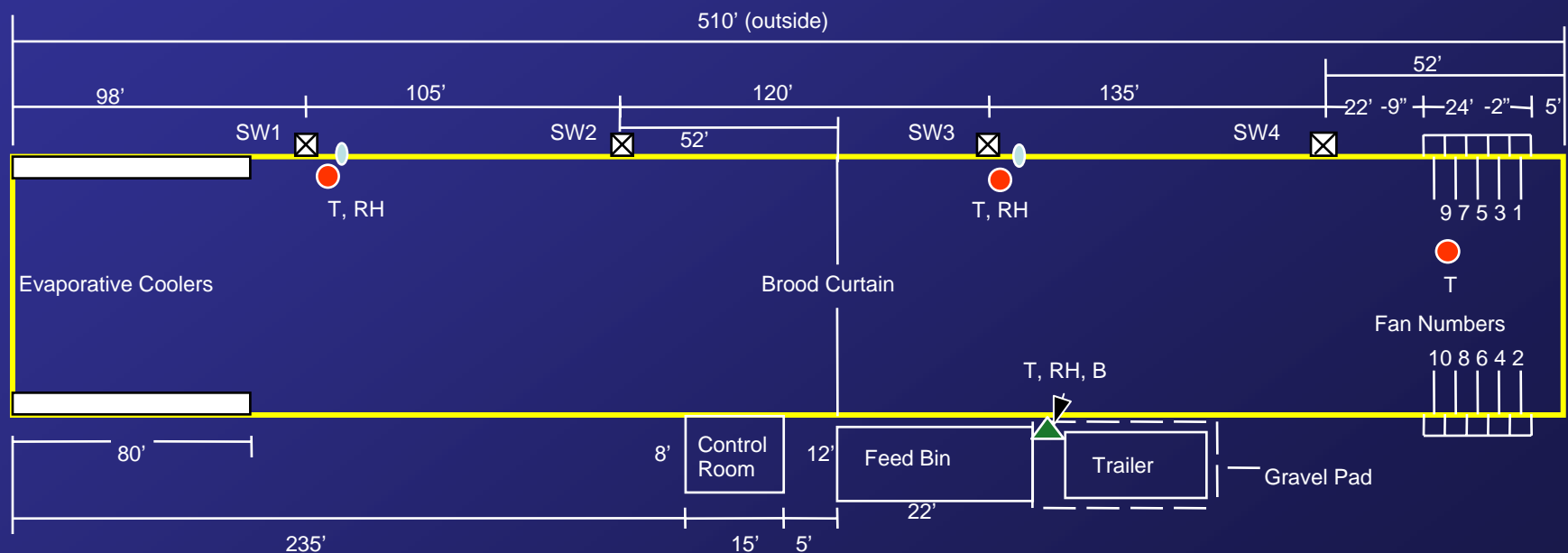
- Two sites about 30 miles apart
- Mechanically ventilated houses– four 36” sidewall fans and ten 48” tunnel fans
- 43 x 510 ft, each housing 25,800 birds in winter & 24,400 birds in summer
- 50-53 d growth period (~6 lb. market wt)



Monitoring for NH<sub>3</sub> emissions began in Oct. 2005

# Schematic Layout of Broiler House & Monitoring Locations

- ☒ = 36" sidewall fan
- ☐ = 48" fan
- ▲ = Ambient airsampling point
- = Pressure Differential Sampling Point
- = Air sampling point
- T = Temperature sample point
- RH = Relative Humidity sample point
- B = Barometric pressure sample point



# Mobile Air Emissions Monitoring Unit (MAEMU)

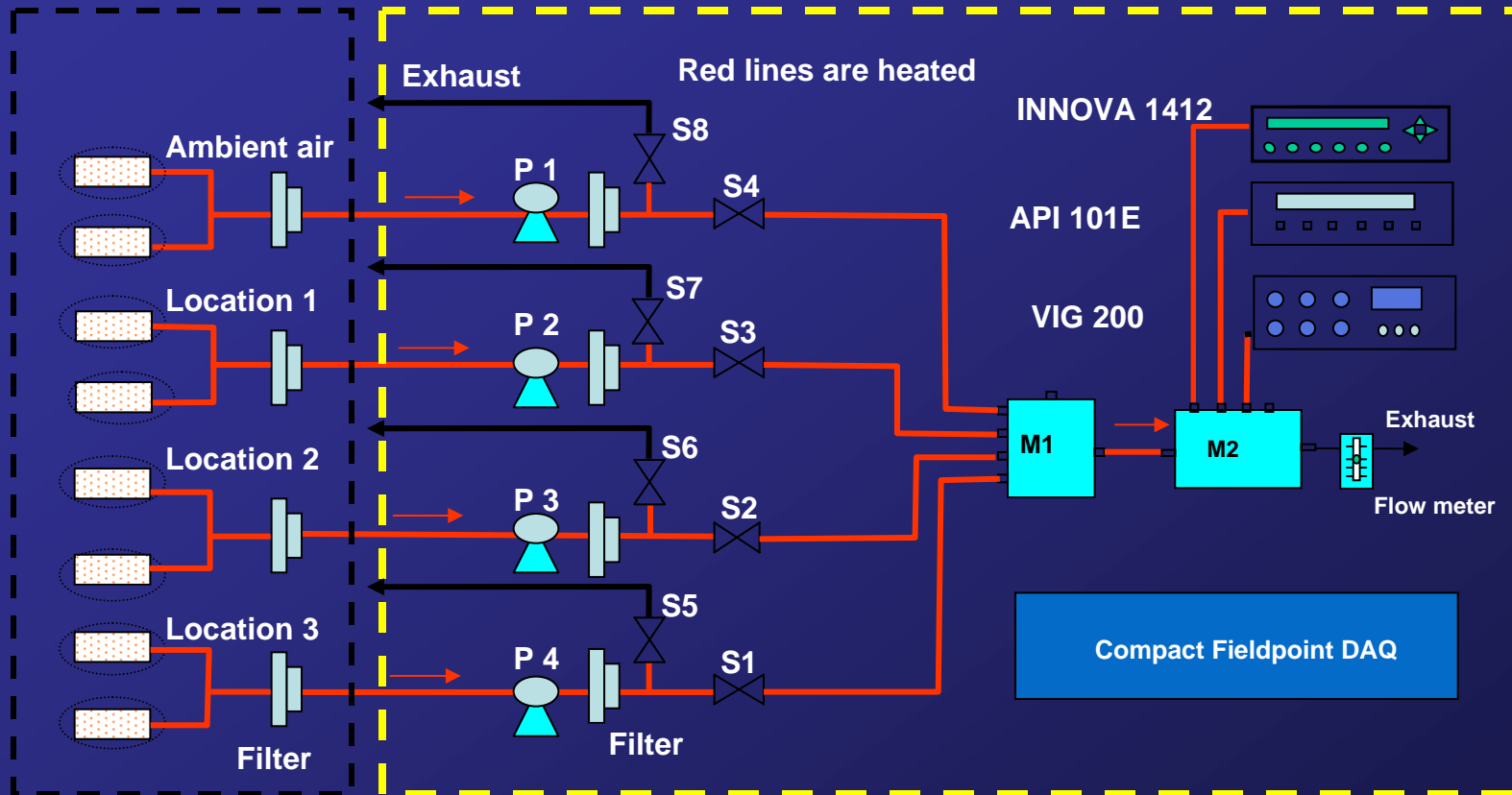




# In-house Air Sample Intake with In-line Filters



# Schematic of Gas Sampling System

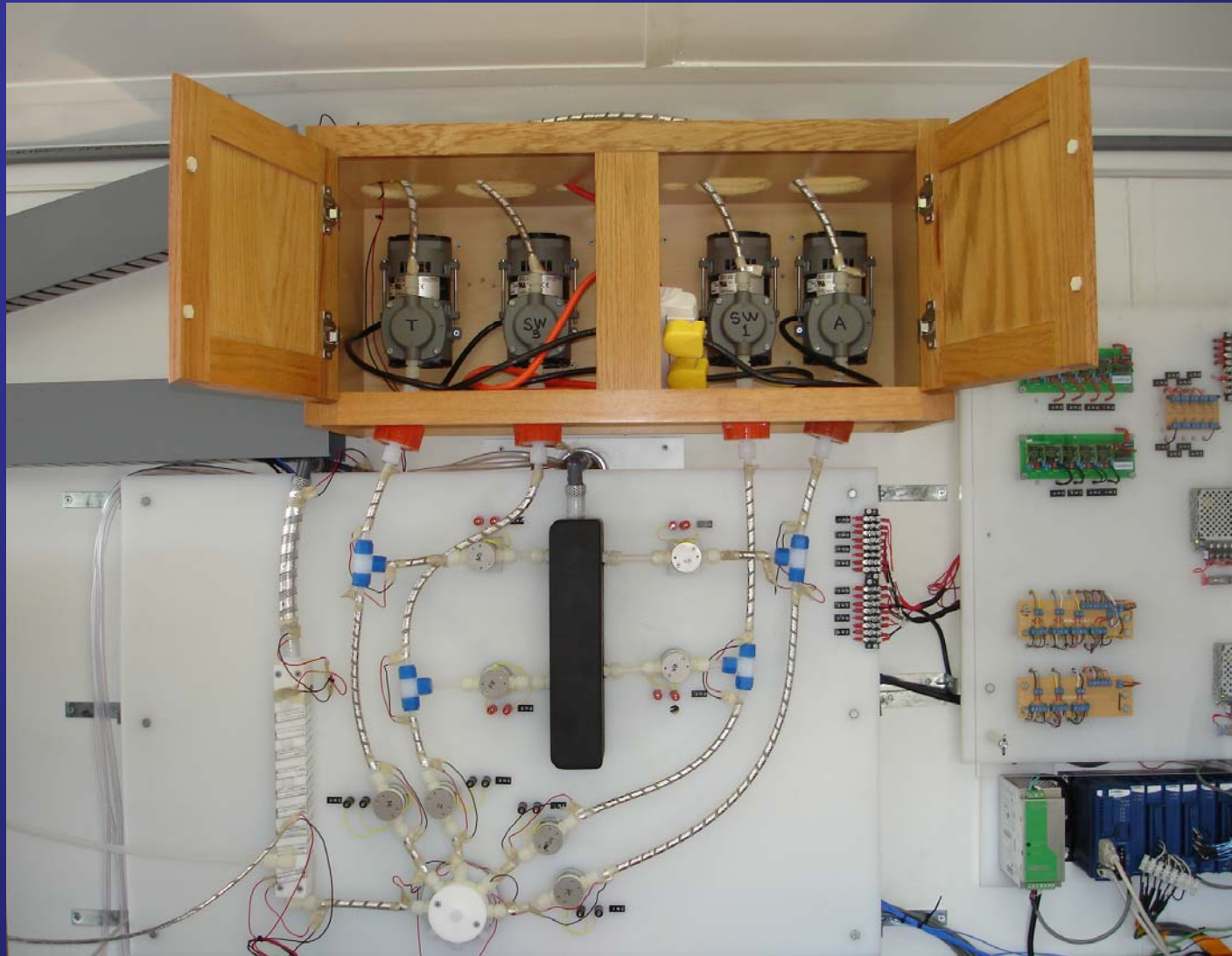


P: Pump, M: Manifold, S: Solenoid; S1- 4: Normal Closed; S5 - 8: Normally Open

Broiler House

MAEMU

# Positive Pressure Gas Sampling System (GSS)





# Gas Analyzers inside MAEMU



# Particulate Matter measured using TEOMs



TSP

PM<sub>10</sub>

PM<sub>2.5</sub>

# Determination of Building Ventilation Rate ( $Q_e$ )

- 14 ventilation fans per house
  - Four 36 inch sidewall fans
  - Ten 48 inch tunnel fans
- Operational curve for each exhaust fan developed in-situ using FANS system



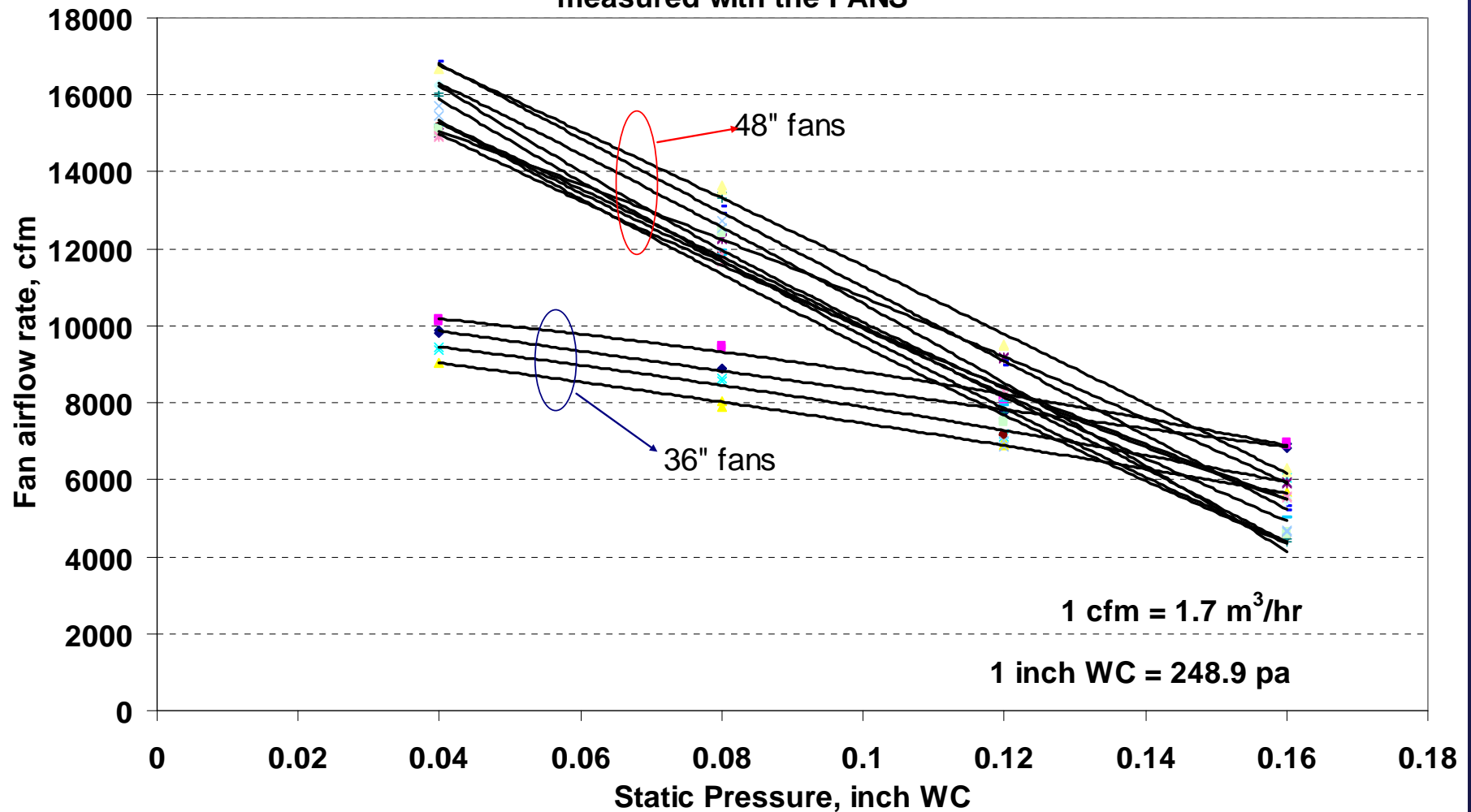
# FANS Testing



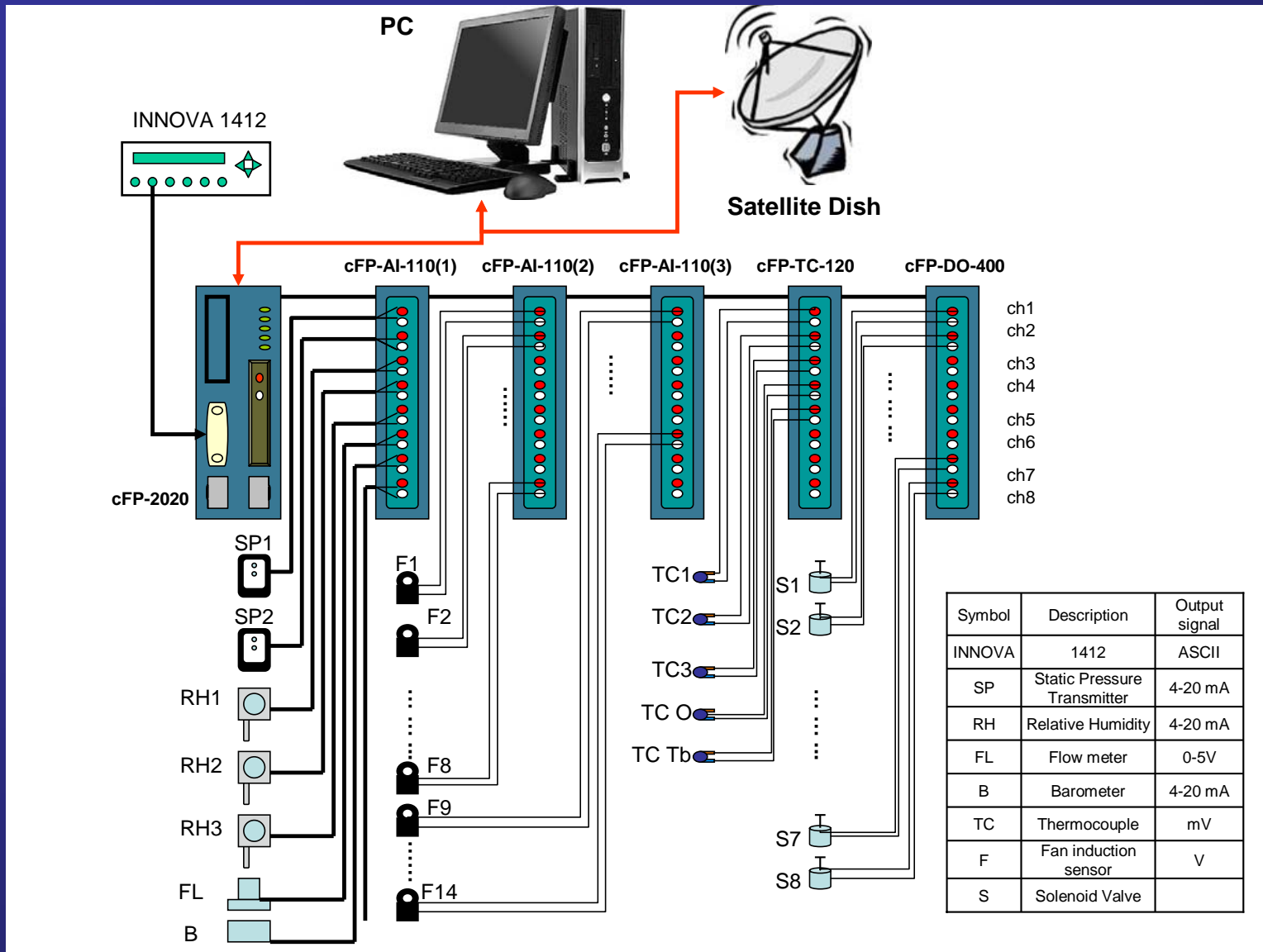


# Results of FANS Testing

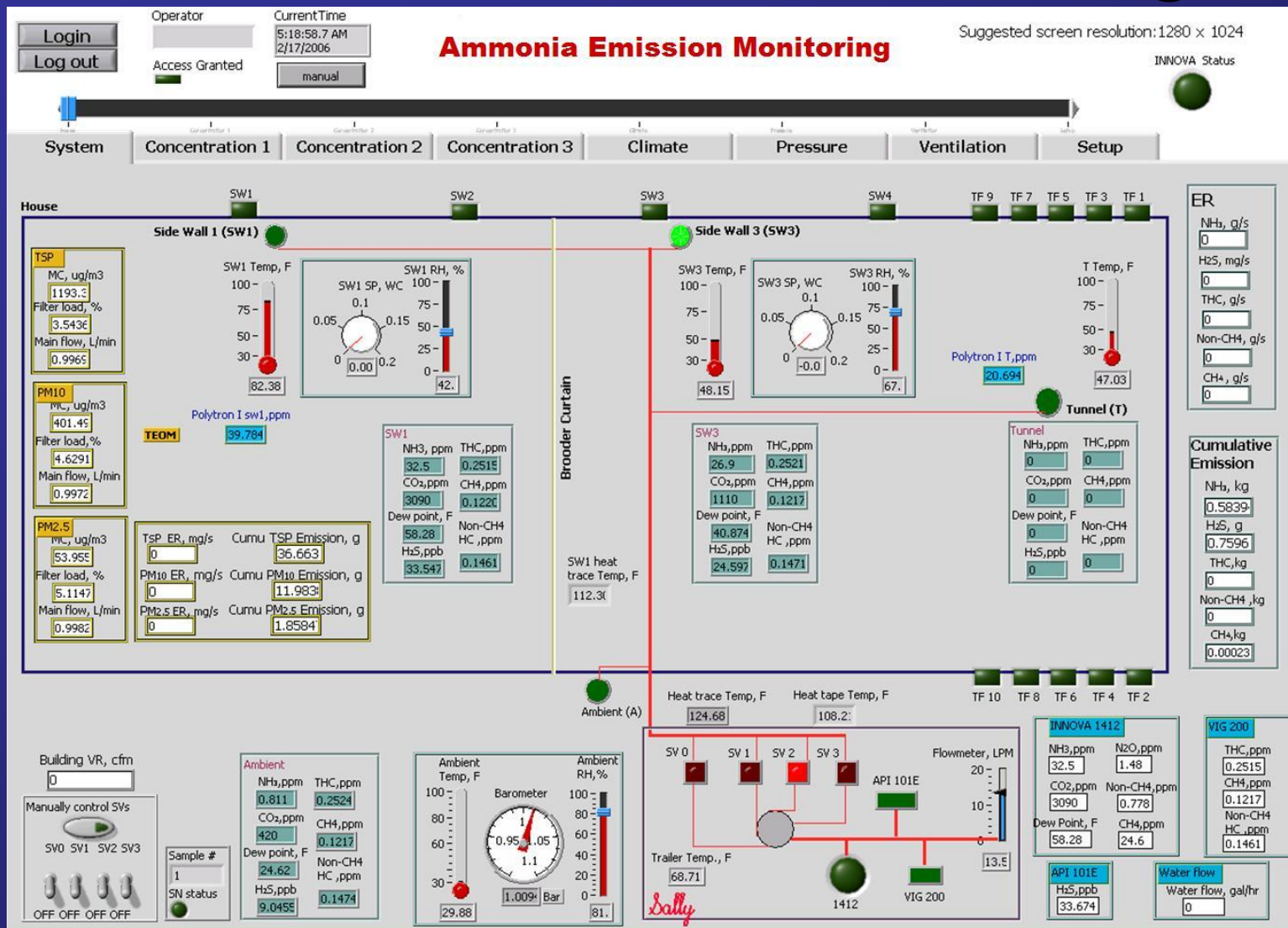
Variation in airflow rates among 0.9-m (36 inch) and 1.2-m (48 inch) fans, as measured with the FANS



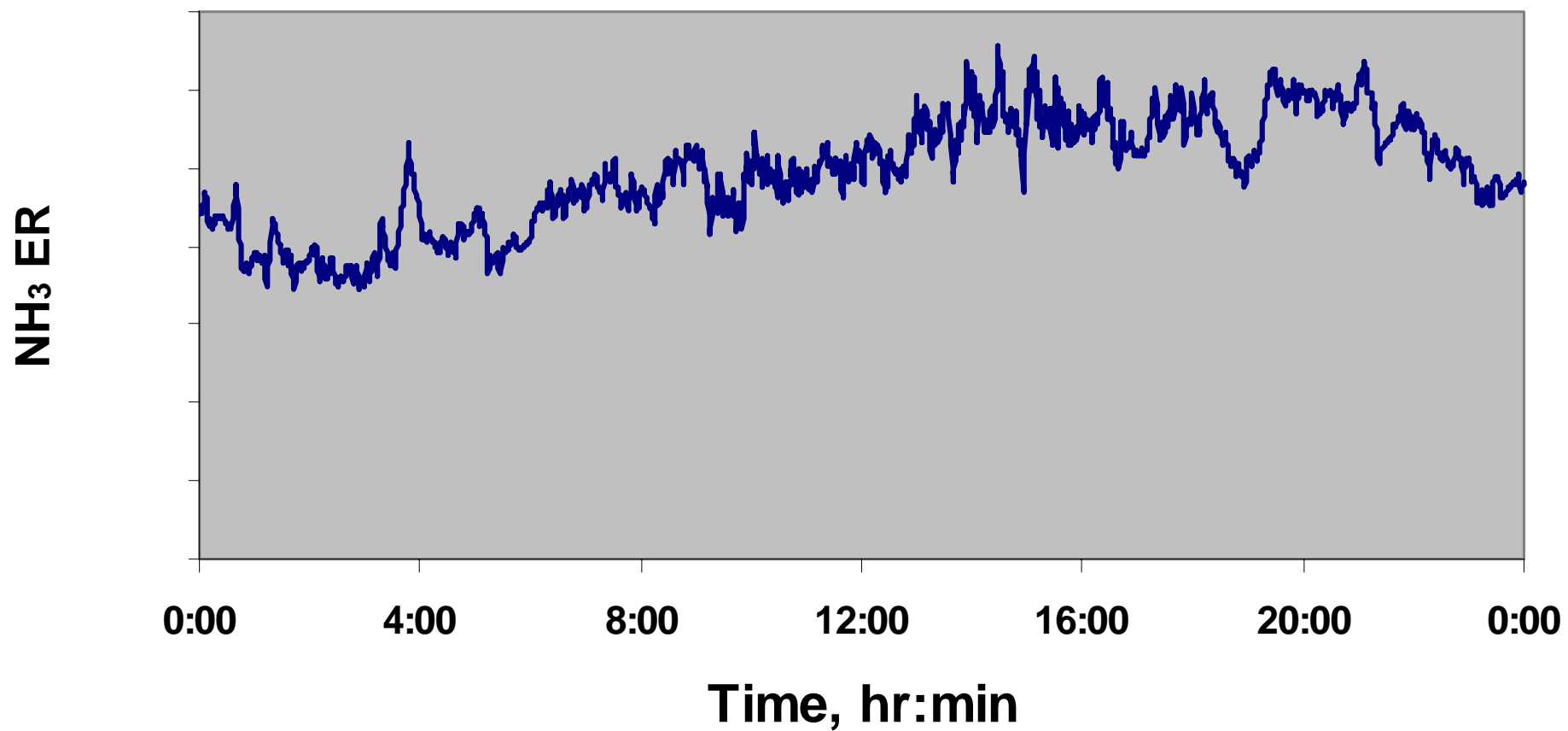
# DAQ and Control System



# Screen Display of Real-Time Air Emissions Monitoring

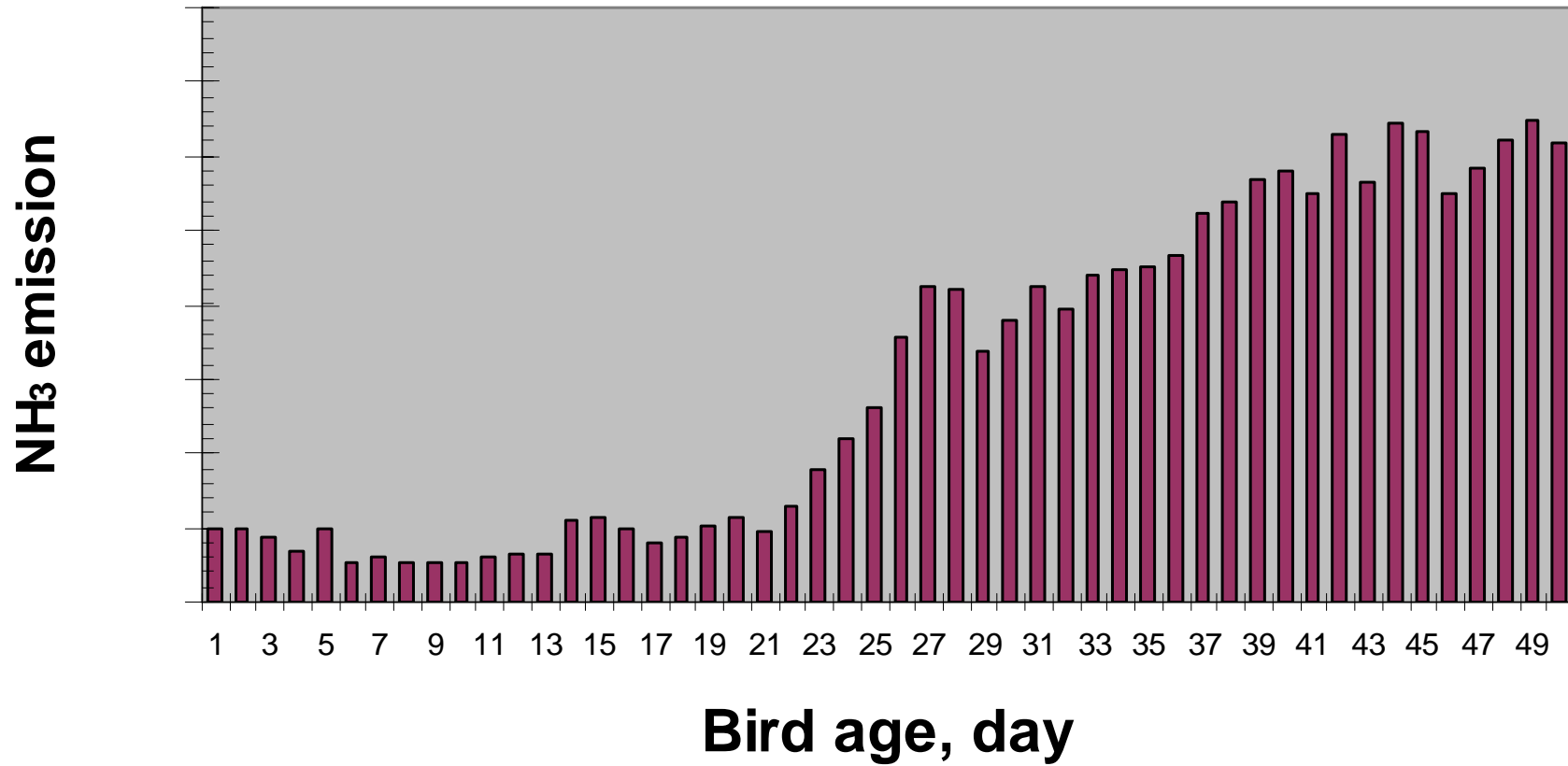


## Ammonia Emission Rate

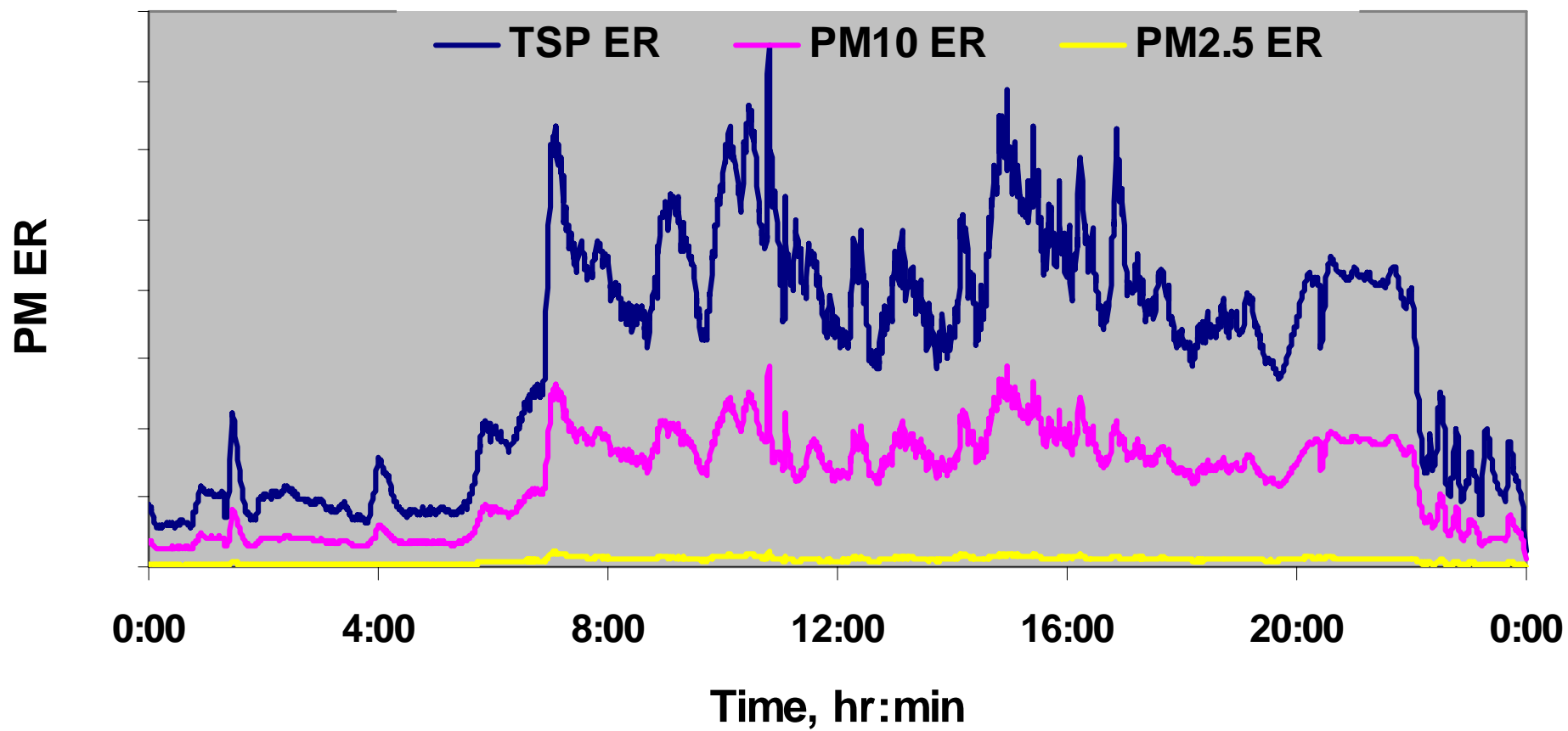




## Ammonia Emission (Flock Emission)



## Particulate Matter Emission Rate





# ISU Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Mitigation Study

(Xin & Burns)

- NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from two Rose Acre Farms High-Rise Layer houses in central Iowa are being monitored





# ISU Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Mitigation Study

- Both High-rise units house ~ 286,000 layers. Layers in the control house are fed a standard diet while layers in the treatment house are fed a diet designed to reduce ammonia emissions
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MAEMU placement so that two barns  
(control & treatment) can be  
measured using one unit





# Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Mitigation Study

- NH<sub>3</sub> emissions monitoring system installation was recently completed
- NH<sub>3</sub> emissions as well as bird performance will be monitored for one year from the control and treatment high-rise houses



# Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Emissions Study

(Xin, Burns & Arthur)

- NH<sub>3</sub> emissions are being calculated using a Nitrogen mass-balance approach for eight varieties of layers in conjunction with Hy-Line
- Project data collection is 2/3 complete





# Recently Completed ISU Layer NH<sub>3</sub> Mitigation Studies

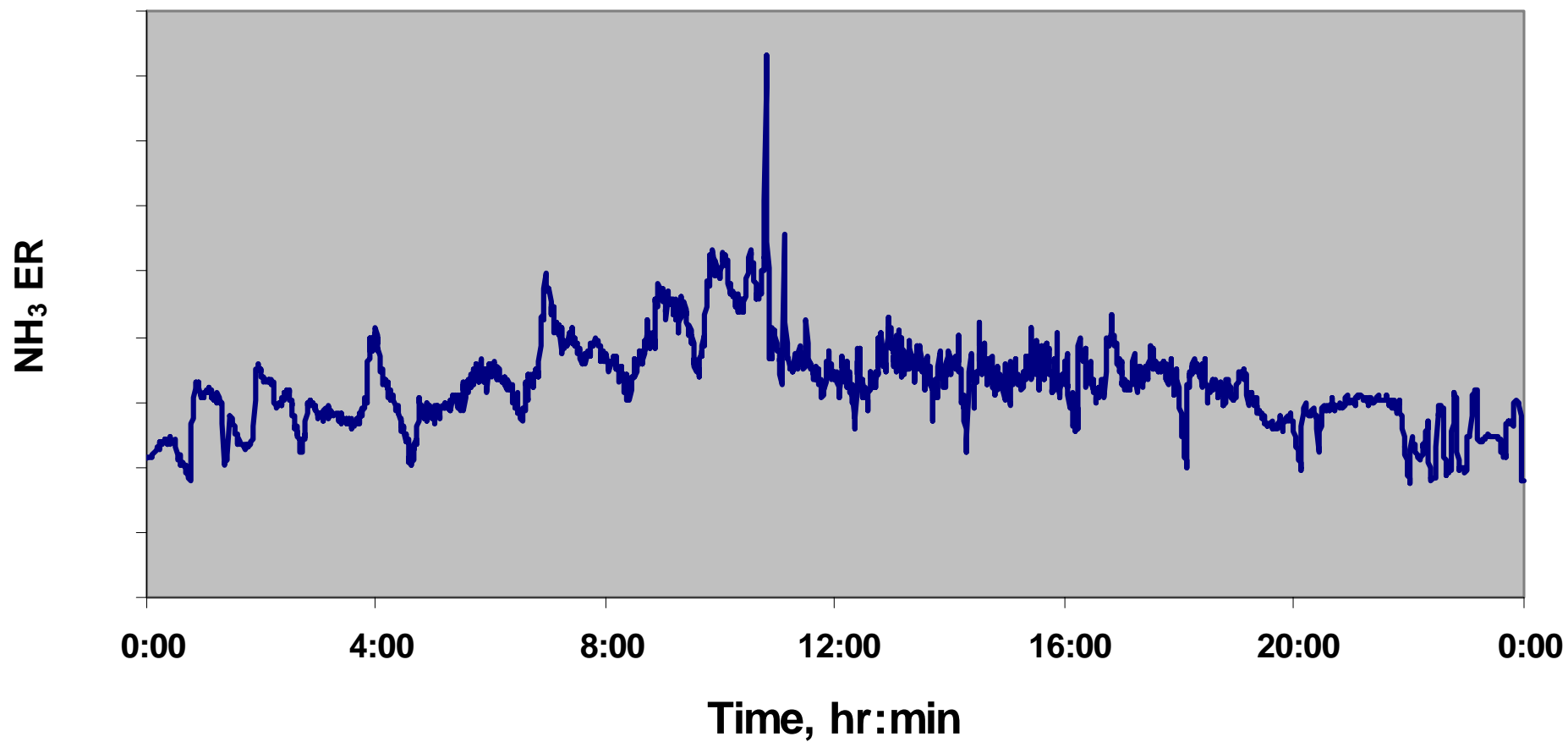
- *Reduction of Ammonia Emission from Stored Poultry Layer Manure Using Additives: Zeolite, Al+clear, Ferix-3 and PLT.* 2006 Li, Hong Li, H. Xin , R. T. Burns, and Y. Liang. Published in the proceedings of the 2006 ASABE Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- *Effects of Stack Surface to Volume Ratio and Air Exchange Rate on Ammonia Emission of Laying Hen Manure Storage.* 2005. Li, Hong and Y. Liang. Published in the proceedings of the 2005 AWMA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Questions ?



# Ammonia Emission Rate



# Positive Pressure Gas Sampling System

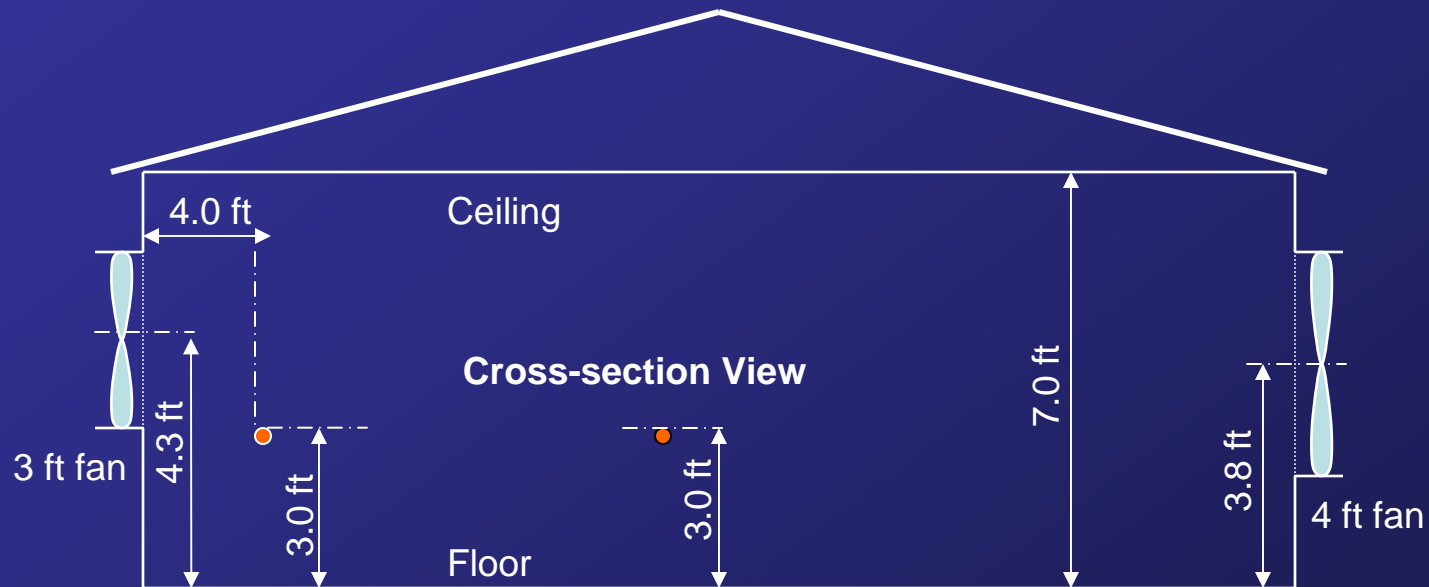


Initial “shake-down”  
data collection has begun





# Cross-section View of Air Sampling Point Location



● = Sampling point

