

1 **Estimate of changes in agricultural terrestrial nitrogen pathways and ammonia**  
2 **emissions from 1850 to present in the Community Earth System Model**

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14 **Abstract.** Nitrogen applied to the surface of the land for agricultural purposes represents  
15 a significant source of reactive nitrogen ( $N_r$ ) that can be emitted as a gaseous  $N_r$  species,  
16 be denitrified to atmospheric nitrogen ( $N_2$ ), run-off during rain events or form plant  
17 useable nitrogen in the soil. To investigate the magnitude, temporal variability and  
18 spatial heterogeneity of nitrogen pathways on a global scale from sources of animal  
19 manure and synthetic fertilizer, we developed a mechanistic parameterization of these  
20 pathways within a global terrestrial model land model, the Community Land Model  
21 (CLM). In this first model version the parameterization emphasizes an explicit climate  
22 dependent approach while using highly simplified representations of agricultural  
23 practices including manure management and fertilizer application. The climate dependent  
24 approach explicitly simulates the relationship between meteorological variables and  
25 biogeochemical processes to calculate the volatilization of ammonia ( $NH_3$ ), nitrification  
26 and run-off of  $N_r$  following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. For the year 2000,  
27 approximately 138 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> is applied as manure and 86 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> is applied as  
28 synthetic fertilizer. We estimate the resulting global  $NH_3$  emissions are 21 TgNyr<sup>-1</sup>  
29 from manure (15% of manure production) and 12 TgNyr<sup>-1</sup> from fertilizer (14% of  
30 fertilizer application); reactive nitrogen dissolved during rain events is calculated as 11  
31 TgNyr<sup>-1</sup> from manure and 5 TgNyr<sup>-1</sup> from fertilizer. The remaining nitrogen from  
32 manure (106 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) and synthetic fertilizer (69 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) is captured by the canopy  
33 or transferred to the soil nitrogen pools. The parameterization was implemented in the  
34 CLM from 1850 to 2000 using a transient simulation which predicted that, even though  
35 absolute values of all nitrogen pathways are increasing with increased manure and  
36 synthetic fertilizer application, partitioning of nitrogen to  $NH_3$  emissions from manure is

37 increasing on a percentage basis, from 14 % of nitrogen applied ( $3 \text{ Tg NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) in 1850  
38 to 17% of nitrogen applied in 2000 ( $22 \text{ Tg NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ). Under current manure and synthetic  
39 fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional  $1 \text{ Tg NH}_3$   
40 (approximately 3% of manure and fertilizer) emitted per year per degree C of warming.  
41 While the model confirms earlier estimates of nitrogen fluxes made in a range of studies,  
42 its key purpose is to provide a theoretical framework that can be employed within a  
43 biogeochemical model, that can explicitly respond to climate and that can evolve and  
44 improve with further observation.

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## 46 **1. Introduction**

47 Nitrogen is needed by all living things for growth. However, it is relatively inert in its  
48 most abundant form, diatomic nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ ), and needs to be converted to a form of  
49 reactive nitrogen ( $\text{N}_r$ ) before it can be used by most plants for growth [Visek, 1984].  
50 Supplying sufficient  $\text{N}_r$  for maximum crop yield is a major concern in agriculture. In pre-  
51 industrial times  $\text{N}_r$  demand was partly solved with the use of animal manure and seabird  
52 guano as well as crop rotation and the use of nitrogen fixing crops [Smil, 2000].  
53 However, by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the supply of these  $\text{N}_r$  sources could not match the  
54 demands of an increasing population and a process of creating synthetic  $\text{N}_r$  was  
55 developed; the Haber-Bosch process [Galloway et al., 2004].

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57 The use of  $\text{N}_r$  to improve crop yield has recently become an environmental concern as  $\text{N}_r$   
58 in synthetic fertilizer and manure cascades through the soil, water and the atmospheric  
59 nitrogen cycles. Plants can readily use applied  $\text{N}_r$  for plant growth; however,  $\text{N}_r$  washed

60 off fields or volatilized as gas can reduce ecosystem biodiversity through acidification  
61 and eutrophication [Sutton et al., 2013]. Increased  $N_r$  in the hydrosphere can lead to the  
62 subsequent degradation of riverine and near shore water quality as the water becomes  
63 more acidic and the growth of primary producers blooms [Turner and Rabalais, 1991;  
64 Howarth et al., 2002], which can alter the local interspecies competition and biodiversity  
65 [Sutton et al., 2012]. Reactive nitrogen emissions into the atmosphere impacts air quality  
66 through the ozone generation associated with NO emissions [e.g., Hudman et al., 2010]  
67 and the contribution of ammonia to aerosol formation [e.g., Gu et al., 2014]. Nitrogen  
68 cycling also impacts climate through the stimulation of plant growth and associated  
69 increased carbon storage; through the associated emissions of  $N_2O$ , a strong greenhouse  
70 gas; through emissions of nitrogen oxides and the associated ozone production; and  
71 through the emissions of ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) with its potential to cool the climate through  
72 aerosol formation [e.g., Adams et al., 2001].

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74 As a result of their dependency on environmental conditions,  $N_r$  pathways following  
75 manure or synthetic fertilizer application are likely to change in the future under climate  
76 change scenarios. This study describes a biogeochemically consistent process driven  
77 parameterization suitable for incorporation into Earth System Models that simulates  $N_r$   
78 flow following the surface addition of  $N_r$  as manure or synthetic fertilizer. The  
79 parameterization is evaluated on both the local and global scales against local  
80 measurements and independent global  $NH_3$  flux estimates. The calculated emission  
81 estimates for  $NH_3$  and the  $N_r$  runoff due to manure and synthetic fertilizer application will  
82 be used in ensuing studies in both present and future climates to investigate their impact



83 on nitrogen cycling and climate within the earth system. To our knowledge, no Earth  
84 System model has yet to explicitly predict changing nitrogen pathways from manure and  
85 synthetic fertilizer in response to climate.

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87 Sources of  $N_r$  largely fall into two categories, ‘new’ sources, created by chemical and  
88 biological processes, and those that are ‘recycled’, such as manure excretion of animals.

89 The largest natural new  $N_r$  producers are biological nitrogen fixers, found in the ocean

90 and on land, and as the by-product of lightning estimated at  $140 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50\%$ ,  $58 \text{ Tg}$

91  $\text{N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$  and  $5 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$ , respectively [Fowler et al., 2013]. The dominant

92 anthropogenic sources of new  $N_r$  are Haber-Bosch derived fertilizer (estimated at  $120 \text{ Tg}$

93  $\text{N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$  in 2005), the burning of fossil fuels, ( $30 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$  in 2000), and a

94 further  $60 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 30 \%$  circa 2005 estimated from biological nitrogen fixers grown

95 for human consumption, such as legumes [Fowler et al., 2013]. Since pre-industrial times,

96 anthropogenic  $N_r$  creation has increased from  $15 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  to the present estimate of  $210$

97  $\text{Tg N yr}^{-1}$  [Galloway et al., 2004; Fowler et al., 2013]. Animal manure is used to

98 stimulate plant growth in agriculture. It contains  $N_r$  recycled from the soil produced when

99 animals eat plants. A comprehensive increase in livestock population is estimated to have

100 increased global manure production from  $21 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  in 1850 to the present estimate of

101  $141 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  [Holland et al., 2005]. It is suggested that this increase in recycled  $N_r$

102 production speeds up the decay and processing of plant biomass, releasing different  $N_r$

103 products to the atmosphere when compared to natural decay processes [Davidson, 2009].

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105 Projections of agricultural activity [Bodirsky et al., 2012] suggest continued increases in  
106 the application of synthetic fertilizers until the mid-21<sup>st</sup> century (and possibly beyond)  
107 concurrent with likely increases in manure production [Tilman et al., 2001]. In addition to  
108 the increased use of organic and synthetic fertilizers in the future, NH<sub>3</sub> emissions are  
109 expected to increase because of changing climate on nitrogen biochemistry [Tilman et al.,  
110 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013; Sutton et al., 2013].

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112 Current estimates of the direct forcing of nitrate aerosols present as ammonium nitrate  
113 encompass the range from  $-0.03 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  to  $-0.41 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  over the ACCMIP (Atmospheric  
114 Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) [Shindell et al., 2013] and  
115 AeroCom Phase II [Myhre et al., 2013] simulations. With a future reduction in sulfate  
116 emissions the relative importance of nitrate aerosols is expected to dominate the direct  
117 aerosol forcing by 2100 with a resulting increase in radiative forcing of up to a factor of  
118 8.6 over what it would have been otherwise [Hauglustaine et al., 2014]. These estimates  
119 do not consider the temperature dependence of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions. Skjoth and Geels [2013]  
120 predict increases in future NH<sub>3</sub> emissions of up to 60% over Europe by 2100 largely due  
121 to increased NH<sub>3</sub> emissions with temperature. Sutton et al. [2013] predicts future  
122 temperature increases may enhance global NH<sub>3</sub> emissions by up to approximately 40%  
123 assuming a 5° C warming. In addition to future changes in climate-induced NH<sub>3</sub>  
124 volatilization from manure and synthetic fertilizer application, future changes in agro-  
125 management practices, soil microbiological processes and nitrogen runoff may be  
126 expected.

127 Studies calculating NH<sub>3</sub> emission from manure and synthetic fertilizer have broadly  
128 fallen into two categories: models that use empirically derived agriculturally-based  
129 emission factors and more complex process-based models. Global emissions have almost  
130 been universally estimated using the former approach. Emission factors were used by  
131 Bouwman et al. [1997] to estimate global NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in 1990 of 54 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>, with  
132 the greatest emission of 21.6 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> from domestic animals [Bouwman et al., 1997].  
133 Beusen et al. [2008] also used emission factors to estimate global NH<sub>3</sub> emission from  
134 agricultural livestock (21 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) and synthetic fertilizers (11 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) in 2000;  
135 Bouwman et al. [2013] estimated emissions of 34 Tg NH<sub>3</sub> yr<sup>-1</sup> on agricultural land, with  
136 10 Tg NH<sub>3</sub> yr<sup>-1</sup> from animal housing. A number of more recent global models have  
137 included emission factors explicitly as a function of temperature [e.g., Huang et al., 2012;  
138 Paulot et al., 2014]. Paulot et al. [2014] estimates global NH<sub>3</sub> emissions of 9.4 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> for  
139 synthetic fertilizer and 24 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> for manure.

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141 Alternatively process-based or mechanistic models have been developed that estimate N<sub>r</sub>  
142 flows, equilibria and transformations between different nitrogen species as well as  
143 nitrogen emissions from synthetic fertilizer and manure. Process models have been used  
144 on the field to regional scale, but not on the global scale. These models generally do not  
145 simulate the run-off of N<sub>r</sub>. For example, Générumont and Cellier [1997] model the  
146 transfer of NH<sub>3</sub>(g) to the atmosphere after considering the physical and chemical  
147 equilibria and transfer of N<sub>r</sub> species (NH<sub>3</sub>(g), NH<sub>3</sub>(aq), NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>(aq)) in the soil. The  
148 resulting model is used to calculate the NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from synthetic fertilizer over  
149 France within the air quality model, Chimere [Hamaoui-Laguel et al., 2014]. Other

150 examples include Pinder et al. [2004], who describes a process model of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions  
151 from a dairy farm, while Li et al. [2013] describes a farm-scale process model of the  
152 decomposition and emission of NH<sub>3</sub> from manure.

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154 The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of  
155 simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of  
156 the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the  
157 climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate  
158 change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System  
159 Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen  
160 cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the  
161 process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section  
162 3 analyzes this model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level  
163 measurements of NH<sub>3</sub> fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen  
164 pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes;  
165 model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the  
166 sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

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## 168 **2. Methods**

169 In this section we describe a model designed to predict the spatial and temporal variations  
170 in the evolution of N<sub>r</sub> that results from the application of manure and synthetic fertilizer  
171 within the context of an Earth System Model, the Community Earth System Model 1.1  
172 (CESM1.1). The process model developed here simulates the loss major pathways of N<sub>r</sub>

173 following the application of synthetic fertilizer or manure to the Earth's surface: its  
174 incorporation into soil organic matter and soil nitrogen pools [Chambers et al., 1999], the  
175 volatilization of  $\text{NH}_3$  to the atmosphere and the direct runoff of  $\text{N}_r$  from the surface  
176 (Figure 1). The model is global in nature, is designed to conserve carbon and nitrogen  
177 and responds to changes in climate. The model developed here is designed provide an  
178 interface between the application of manure and fertilizer and the nitrogen cycling  
179 developed within the Community Land Model 4.5 (CLM4.5), the land component of the  
180 CESM.

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182 Nitrogen pathways subsequent to the application of manure or synthetic fertilizer depend  
183 on the complex interaction between both human and natural processes. In particular they  
184 depend on the biology and physics of the applied substrate, agricultural practices and  
185 climate. Bottom-up emission inventories with specified emission factors that take into  
186 account the animal feed, the type of animal housing if any and the field application of the  
187 synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997] are generally used in global  
188 chemistry and chemistry-climate applications. For example, this type of emission  
189 inventory [e.g. Lamarque et al., 2010] was used in the Atmospheric Chemistry and  
190 Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) [Lamarque et al., 2013a] for  
191 assessing historical and future chemistry-climate scenarios as well as in assessing  
192 nitrogen deposition [Lamarque et al., 2013b] with implications for impacts on the carbon  
193 cycle. However, these inventories include very simplified representations of the effect of  
194 climate on emissions, for example, by grouping countries into industrial or developing  
195 categories [Bouwman et al., 1997]. A seasonal emission dependence is not implicit in

196 these bottom-up inventories although sometimes an empirical relationship is applied [e.g.,  
197 Adams et al., 2001; also see Skjøth et al., 2011].

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199 In the first application of the model described here we take the opposite tact here. We  
200 have minimized the description of agricultural practices, and instead emphasize  
201 representing a physically based climate dependent biogeochemistry of manure and  
202 synthetic fertilizer decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. We recognize that  
203 we are simplifying many important agro-management processes including: (1) we assume  
204 all synthetic fertilizer is urea and the pH of soil is given. Different applied synthetic  
205 fertilizers have a strong impact on the pH of the soil-fertilizer mixture with the overall  
206 emission factor very dependent on the pH as well as day since application (Whitehead  
207 and Raistrick, 1990). Urea is the most commonly used synthetic fertilizer accounting for  
208 over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage [Gilbert et al., 2006] and has  
209 one of the highest emission factors for commonly used synthetic fertilizers [Bouwman et  
210 al., 1997]. Emission factors for other types of fertilizers can be significantly smaller. (2)  
211 We do not account for manure management practices. We assume all manure is  
212 continuously spread onto fields. In contrast, in a global study Beusen et al. (2008), for  
213 example, considered four primary pathways for manure excretion: (i) in animal houses  
214 followed by storage and spreading on cropland (accounting for approximately 37% of  
215 global manure application), (ii) in animal houses followed by storage and spreading on  
216 grassland (accounting for approximately 7% of global manure application) and iii)  
217 excreted by grazing animals (accounting for approximately 44% of global manure  
218 application), (iv) losses from the system (accounting for approximately 16% of global

219 application). Beusen et al. (2008) estimated that the overall emission factor accounting  
220 for all processes including nitrogen losses from the system is 19%; however, the emission  
221 factors for the individual pathways vary substantially ranging from 38% for pathway (ii)  
222 to 11% for pathway (iii). (3) We do not account for specific fertilizer application  
223 techniques. For example, the soil incorporation of manure leads to a 50% reduction in  
224 ammonia emissions compared to soil broadcasting (Bowman et al., 2002). We recognize  
225 that there are large spreads in all these ranges, that regional practices may alter these  
226 numbers and that the above list is by no means exhaustive. We also recognize that large  
227 errors may be unavoidable due to insufficient characterization of regional agro-  
228 management practices. While our global emission rate of ammonia from manure of 15%  
229 of applied manure is within the uncertainty range specified in Beusen et al. (2008) large  
230 regional discrepancies may exist.

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232 On the otherhand a physically based geographical and temporal accounting for  
233 meteorology, including temperature, turbulence and rainfall is accounted for in the  
234 parameterization described below, but is not accounted for in the traditional bottom-up  
235 ammonia emission inventories. As with regional differences in agro-management  
236 practices, meteorological impacts may also induce large regional and interannual  
237 variations in ammonia emissions. For example, increasing the ground temperature from  
238 290o K to 300oK at a pH of 7 increases the ammonia emissions by a factor of 3 (see  
239 equation XXX, below). Moreover, the simulation of dynamic ammonia emissions, as  
240 described below, with ammonia emissions responding to temperature on the model  
241 timestep, allows for a regionally resolved ammonia flux between the land and atmosphere

242 that depends on boundary layer turbulence and explicit bidirectional exchange depending  
243 on the canopy compensation point. Of course high spatial heterogeneity may preclude an  
244 accurate local representation of these exchange processes on the approximately  $2 \times 2^\circ$   
245 grid cell used here, but even on similar coarse resolutions Zhu et al. [2015] show the  
246 implementation of a bidirectional scheme has significant global and pronounced regional  
247 impacts (e.g, approximately a 44% decrease in emissions over China in April). In the  
248 present application we do not explicitly simulate this atmosphere-land coupling, but such  
249 a step is a fairly simple extension of the parameterization. On the otherhand, bottom-up  
250 inventories assume bulk emission rates cannot simulate the bidirectional flux of ammonia  
251 or allow for regional and temporal differences in atmospheric turbulence.

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253 In addition, the following specifications are necessary to model ammonia emissions  
254 following synthetic fertilizer or manure application within an Earth System Model,  
255 specifications that are not included in more traditional formulations. (1) The model must  
256 be global in nature to characterize global interactions between applied  $N_r$  and climate. (2)  
257 The model must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen associated with manure  
258 does not add new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a recycling of available  
259 nitrogen. Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious repercussions especially  
260 when simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of centuries. (3) The model  
261 must be able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the fate of manure and  
262 synthetic fertilizer  $N_r$ . In particular,  $NH_3$  emissions are sensitive to both temperature and  
263 to the water content of the soil. In addition the runoff of  $N_r$  is likely to change under



264 climate change scenarios. For this reason the process model developed here is capable of  
265 simulating the physics of changing nitrogen pathways under a changing climate.

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267 An ideal model would incorporate a globally more explicit representation of agro-  
268 management practices, including manure treatment (housing, storage and spreading) and  
269 fertilizer application [e.g., see Sutton et al., 2013] as well as a more explicit  
270 representation of the bidirectional exchange of ammonia between the land and  
271 atmosphere. A representation of these processes has been developed elsewhere and are an  
272 extension of the model described below. As shown below, the model developed here  
273 captures many of the regional and global features seen in models based on emission  
274 factors. The truth of the matter, of course, lies somewhere in between.

## 275 **2.1 Relation between the process model and the CESM1.1**

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277 The parameterization developed here acts as the interface between specified manure and  
278 fertilizer application and the CESM1.1. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric, ocean,  
279 land and sea ice processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land and ocean  
280 carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM participates in the  
281 Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been extensively evaluated in  
282 the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. The land model within the CESM1.1, the CLM  
283 4.5 includes representation of surface energy and water fluxes, hydrology, phenology,  
284 and the carbon cycle [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The CLM simulations  
285 can be forced by meteorology (as done here), or as a part of a coupled-carbon-climate  
286 model [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The current version of the carbon  
287 model is an improved version of the coupled-carbon-climate model used in Keppel-Aleks

288 et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The carbon model  
289 includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton et al. [2007,  
290 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon cycle, as well  
291 as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et al., 2013;  
292 Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition ( $\text{NO}_y$  and  $\text{NH}_x$   
293 from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been evaluated  
294 [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to observations  
295 [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and evaluated by  
296 many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008; Randerson et al.,  
297 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale. The CLM4.5  
298 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better simulate: (1) water  
299 and momentum fluxes at the Earth's surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen dynamics within  
300 soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].

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302 As described in Koven et al., [2013], the CLM4.5 simulates the basic flows of  $\text{N}_r$  within  
303 soils following the Century N model [Parton et al., 1996, 2001; Grosso et al., 2000]  
304 including the processes of nitrification, denitrification, and emissions of  $\text{N}_r$  and  $\text{N}_2$  and  
305 the loss of  $\text{N}_r$  from leaching and runoff. The CLM4.5 also simulates the transfer of  $\text{N}_r$   
306 between soils and vegetation, and the loss of  $\text{N}_r$  from fire. Sources of  $\text{N}_r$  within the  
307 CLM4.5 are from biological nitrogen fixation and from surface deposition. The process  
308 model developed here adds an additional source of  $\text{N}_r$  to the CLM4.5, the addition of  
309 synthetic fertilizer. It also adds an additional pathway whereby  $\text{N}_r$  is recycled: the  
310 creation and application of manure (Figure 1).

311 The relation between nitrogen cycling within the process model developed here and that  
312 within the atmospheric, land and river components of the Community Earth System  
313 Model (CESM1.1) is given in Figure 1. In this first study the subsequent fate of  $N_r$  from  
314 fertilizer or manure application as is incorporated into the soil organic matter or the soil  
315 nitrogen pools of the CLM4.5 is not considered here (see Figure 1). As described in more  
316 detail below fertilizer and manure is not applied to particular plant functional types (pft)  
317 (e.g., pasture or grassland) within the CLM4.5. This is because soil related properties  
318 including soil nitrogen are not specified at the pft level within the CLM4.5, but instead  
319 specified at the column level that includes many pfts. In practice we expect that the  
320 impact of this contamination across pfts will be small since the major N-application  
321 regions (central US, northern India, eastern China) are not PFT-diverse but contain  
322 almost exclusively crop and grass PFTs.

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324 In addition, the fate of  $N_r$  emitted into the atmosphere as  $NH_3$  directly from synthetic  
325 fertilizer or manure is handled by the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM  
326 (CAM-chem) and is not considered here (Figure 1). The aerodynamic resistances used to  
327 compute the flux of ammonia to the atmosphere are calculated with the CLM4.5, but due  
328 to the configuration of the CLM are not calculated at the pft level. In addition, the canopy  
329 deposition of the ammonia flux is calculated as a global number and not at the pft level.  
330 Incorporation of PFT dependent canopy deposition and aerodynamic resistances are  
331 among future improvements.

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333 In addition, the fate of reactive nitrogen emitted into the atmospheric model is not further  
334 considered here.

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336 Note that as a first approximation the model described here does not simulate the direct  
337 emission loss of species other than  $\text{NH}_3$ . Atmospheric emission losses of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{N}_2$  (and  
338 potentially  $\text{NO}_x$ ) are simulated in the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al.,  
339 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways  
340 explicitly considered here. The run-off of  $\text{N}_r$  from manure or synthetic fertilizer nitrogen  
341 pools has been coupled to the river transport model (RTM) in [Nevison et al., 2016]  
342 (Figure 1), but is not considered here.

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## 344 **2.2 Process model for predicting nitrogen pathways from manure or synthetic** 345 **fertilizer**

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347 A schematic of the overall model analyzed here is given in Figure 1. All the equations  
348 and variables used in the model have been collated and are presented in the appendix.  
349 The assumptions used in constructing this model are detailed below where appropriate.  
350 Sensitivity to model parameters is given in section 3.4. The nitrogen loss pathways are  
351 calculated separately for manure and synthetic fertilizer. While this model assumes that  
352 synthetic fertilizer application and manure application can take place in the same  
353 approximately  $2 \times 2^\circ$  grid cell, we also assume that manure and synthetic fertilizer are  
354 not applied in the exactly the same place. Therefore the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions, the nitrogen  
355 incorporation into soil pools, and the nitrogen run-off in rain water are separately

356 calculated for manure and synthetic fertilizer in each column. This means that the Total  
357 Ammoniacal Nitrogen (TAN) pools (consisting of  $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ ,  $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) for manure  
358 and synthetic fertilizer are discrete and hence the nitrogen pathways are not combined.

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360 The application rate and geographical distribution used for manure and synthetic fertilizer  
361 application is taken from the synthetic fertilizer application and manure production  
362 datasets developed in Potter et al [2010]. These datasets are valid for circa 2000 for  
363 synthetic fertilizer and 2007 for manure [Potter et al., 2010]. Beusen et al. [2008]  
364 estimates that 14% of the manure produced is lost from the agricultural system through  
365 building materials and other uses. In this first study we do not explicitly account for the  
366 fate of this lost manure. We further assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields  
367 by-passing the use of animal houses and storage. While most manure is excreted in  
368 housing prior to being applied in the field, the emission factors for  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions from  
369 spreading are not significantly different than from housing and storage: the emission  
370 factor for spreading onto grassland is higher and that onto cropland is lower [Beusen et  
371 al., 2008]. A more sophisticated analysis could take into account differences in manure  
372 treatment, although regional differences in animal housing and storage practices would  
373 make a global analysis quite challenging.

374

375 To adequately model the conversion timescales of  $\text{N}_r$  input from animals to TAN, it is  
376 necessary to separate the manure into different pools depending on the decomposition  
377 timescales (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 and Figure 1). A similar strategy was adopted by Li  
378 et al. [2013] for manure and is commonly used in simulating litter decomposition.

379 Synthetic fertilizer  $N_r$  is added to one pool, where after it decomposes into the TAN pool  
380 (Figure 1). Once in the TAN pool  $N_r$  (1) washes off during rain events [Brouder et al.,  
381 2005]; (2) volatilizes to the atmosphere as  $NH_3$  [Sutton et al., 1994; Nemitz et al., 2000];  
382 (3) nitrifies to form nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) [Stange and Neue, 2009]; 4) or is incorporated into the  
383 soil nitrogen pools. A number of other smaller loss processes are not explicitly simulated.  
384 Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1).

385

386 Manure must be added to the model in such a manner as to conserve nitrogen (Figure 1).  
387 Here, we assume animals consume carbon and nitrogen from plants and then  
388 subsequently excrete this as manure. Within the CLM, carbon and nitrogen in the plant-  
389 leaf pool is thus converted to carbon and nitrogen in manure and urine, conserving  
390 overall carbon and nitrogen. The conversion rate from carbon and nitrogen in plants to  
391 that in manure and urine is set to equal the rate of manure and urine production. The  
392 external dataset of Potter [2010] gives the rate of  $N_r$  production from animals, and thus  
393 allows us to specify the nitrogen flows. The specified C to N ratio in the plant-leaf pool  
394 determines the associated carbon flows due to ruminant consumption of plant material.  
395 The input manure and urine production rate from animals implicitly includes that  
396 produced from transported feed. Thus the subsequent  $NH_3$  emission rate includes the  
397 nitrogen contained in transported feed grown elsewhere. Here we make the simplification  
398 that the consumption rate of plant matter to balance the manure and urine production is  
399 local. That is, we do not explicitly consider the import of animal feed to match the  
400 carbon and nitrogen flows associated with manure and urine production. While this is not  
401 entirely consistent, the development of the requisite dataset for feedstock flows from

402 1850-2000 is outside the scope of this study, although such a dataset could be developed  
403 in the future. We do not know of an Earth System Model that does consider the  
404 anthropogenic import of nitrogen or carbon. This inconsistency could produce cases  
405 where there is insufficient local plant material to balance the overall manure and urine  
406 production, but this is generally not the case. The parameterization also ignores export of  
407  $N_r$  in ruminant products such as milk and protein, which could create an additional source  
408 of uncertainty.

409

410 *2.2.1 Manure and Urine.* Prescribed manure (including urine) is input at a constant  
411 annual rate ( $\alpha_{applied}(m)$ ) ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) depending on latitude and longitude into the  
412 manure nitrogen pools. Nitrogen applied to the land as manure (or synthetic fertilizer) is  
413 assumed to be spread uniformly on each grid cell irrespective of plant functional type (pft)  
414 or surface type (see discussion in section 2.1). Future development will spread the input  
415 into different pfts (e.g., grassland or agricultural land). It is assumed that a fraction ( $f_u =$   
416 0.5) of nitrogen excreted is urine, with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal matter  
417 [Gusman and Marino, 1999]. In practice the fraction of nitrogen excreted as urine is  
418 highly variable depending on the type of animal feed amongst other parameters [Jarvis et  
419 al., 1989]. The excreted urine is directly added to the TAN pool ( $\text{g N m}^{-2}$ ). This is  
420 consistent with urea as the dominant component of urine N and the subsequent rapid  
421 conversion to ammoniacal form [Bristow et al., 1992]. Faeces are composed of matter  
422 with varying carbon to nitrogen ratios that take different times to decompose depending  
423 on how easily they can be digested by microbes. Excreted faeces are assumed to form  
424 three different pools ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ ) depending on their rate of mineralization [e.g., Gusman and

425 Marino, 1999]: (1) we assume a fraction  $f_{un} = 5\%$  is excreted as unavailable nitrogen  
 426 ( $N_{unavailable}$ ), the lignin component of manure where the nitrogen remains immobilized by  
 427 bacteria (C:N ratio  $> 25:1$ ), (2) a fraction  $f_r = 45\%$  goes to the resistant pool ( $N_{resistant}$ )  
 428 which forms the cellulose component of manure (C:N ratio *c.* 15:1) which forms TAN  
 429 relatively slowly; (3) and a fraction  $f_a = 50\%$  goes to the available pool ( $N_{available}$ ) that is  
 430 readily available to form TAN ( $N_{available}$ ). In reality the fractions within each of these  
 431 broadly defined pools will be dependent on the type of animal and the type of feed.

432 The equations governing the three manure pools (see Figure 1) are:

$$433 \quad \frac{dN_{available}}{dt} = f_a \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_a \cdot N_{available} - k_m \cdot N_{available} \quad (1)$$

$$434 \quad \frac{dN_{resistant}}{dt} = f_r \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{resistant} - k_m \cdot N_{resistant} \quad (2)$$

$$435 \quad \frac{dN_{unavailable}}{dt} = f_{un} \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{unavailable} \quad (3)$$

436 where  $\alpha_{applied}(m)$  is the amount of manure applied ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ );  $f_a$ ,  $f_r$  and  $f_{un}$  are the  
 437 fractions of manure applied to each pool;  $K_a$  and  $K_r$  ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) are temperature dependent  
 438 mineralization rates and  $k_m$  ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) is the mechanical loss rate of nitrogen out of these  
 439 manure pools and into soil nitrogen pools. The decay constants,  $K_a$  and  $K_r$  are measured  
 440 as the fast and slow decomposition rates for biosolids added to various soils and  
 441 incubated at 25° C [Gilmour et al., 2003], where a two-component decay model  
 442 accurately fit approximately 73% of the samples incubated. The decay timescales for  
 443 manure are 48 days and 667 days at 25 °C. The temperature dependence of the decay  
 444 constants is derived from a fit of temperature dependent mineralization rates (see  
 445 appendix) [Vigil and Kissel, 1995] corresponding to a Q10 value of 3.66. To prevent the  
 446 manure pools from building up over long-timescales we assume that manure is  
 447 incorporated into soils with a time constant of 365 days with a mechanical rate constant



448  $k_m$ . This timescale is consistent with the base bioturbation rate of  $1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ year}^{-1}$  assumed  
449 in Koven et al. [2013] and a typical length scale of 1 cm. The sensitivity of the  
450 subsequent nitrogen pathways to this timescale is small (section 3.4). Note, that nitrogen  
451 in the  $N_{unavailable}$  pool does not mineralize and is thus only incorporated into soil organic  
452 matter on the timescale determined by  $k_m$ . We assume nitrogen prior to conversion to  
453 TAN comprises a range of insoluble organic compounds that do not wash away or  
454 otherwise volatilize.

455

456 *2.2.2 Synthetic fertilizer.* Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen is added to the  $N_{fertilizer}$  pool ( $\text{g N m}^{-2}$ )  
457  $^2$ ) (Figure 1) at a rate ( $\alpha_{applied}(t)(f)$ ) ( $\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) that depends on geography and time.  
458 The amount of nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool is subsequently released into  
459 the TAN pool with the rate  $k_f$  ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ):

$$460 \quad dN_{fertilizer}/dt = \alpha_{applied}(f) - k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer} \quad (4)$$

461 Here we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea. Urea is the most commonly used synthetic  
462 fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage  
463 [Gilbert et al., 2006]. Many other fertilizer types have significantly lower emission  
464 factors (see section 2, introduction) depending largely on changes in soil pH due to  
465 interactions between the soil and the fertilizer (Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990). We do  
466 not simulate this interaction here, but it should be accounted for in future model  
467 development. Thus the estimates here for fertilizer ammonia emissions may be  
468 considered as an upper estimate. We set the decay timescale of urea fertilizer to be 2.4  
469 days consistent with the decay rate measured in Agehara and Warncke [2005] for  
470 temperatures from 15 to 20 °C. In a series of experiments Agehara and Warncke [2005]

471 show that 75% of the urea hydrolyzes in a week at temperatures from 10 to 25 °C without  
472 a significant dependence on temperature especially for temperatures above 15 to 20 °C.

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474 The timing for synthetic fertilizer application is determined internally within the  
475 CLM4.5-CN crop model as the spring planting date for corn. We use corn as the CLM4.5  
476 crop model only specifically includes corn, soybean and temperate cereals and the  
477 planting date for corn lies between the earlier planting date for temperate cereal crops and  
478 the later planting of soy. The date for fertilizer application is determined for each grid  
479 point location using the surface temperature-based criteria developed by Levis et al.  
480 [2012] for simulating the planting date of corn: the ten-day running mean temperature,  
481 ten-day running mean daily minimum temperature and growing degree days must all  
482 surpass fixed threshold values (283.15K, 279.15K and 50 days, respectively) before  
483 planting can take place. We do not use the Levis et al. [2012] crop model in this study  
484 but use these criteria to determine a planting date for each grid point and assume  
485 synthetic fertilizer is applied on this date. Fertilizer application dates can have a large  
486 influence on the seasonality of the emissions (e.g., see Paulot et al., 2014) and the  
487 nitrogen loss pathways following fertilization (section 3.4). Future applications will  
488 assume more complete algorithms for fertilizing the spectrum of crops, as well as  
489 multiple fertilizer applications and double cropping. A global accounting of fertilization  
490 practices and application techniques (e.g., fertilizer injection) nevertheless remains a  
491 considerable source of uncertainty in global modeling of the ammonia emissions from  
492 agriculture.

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494 2.2.3 Total Ammonical Nitrogen (TAN). We consider two TAN pools ( $\text{g N m}^{-2}$ ), one for  
 495 the nitrogen produced from synthetic fertilizer  $N_{TAN}(f)$  the other for nitrogen from manure  
 496  $N_{TAN}(m)$ . The budget for the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools respectively is  
 497 given by:

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$$499 \quad N_{TAN}(m)/dt = f_u \alpha_{applied}(m) + K_r \cdot N_{resistant} + K_a \cdot N_{available} \\
 500 \quad -F_{run}(m) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(m) - F_{NH_3}(m) - F_{NO_3}(m) \quad (5)$$

501

$$N_{TAN}(f)/dt = k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer}$$

$$502 \quad -F_{run}(f) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(f) - F_{NH_3}(f) - F_{NO_3}(f) \quad (6)$$

503

504 Here  $F_{run}(m/f)$  ( $\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is the loss of nitrogen by runoff from the manure or  
 505 synthetic fertilizer pool,  $K_D^{NH_4}$  ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) the loss rate of nitrogen to the soil nitrogen pools,  
 506  $F_{NH_3}(m)$  and  $F_{NH_3}(f)$  ( $\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions from the TAN pool to the  
 507 atmosphere from the soil manure and synthetic fertilizer pools, respectively, and  $F_{NO_3}(m)$   
 508 and  $F_{NO_3}(f)$  ( $\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) the loss of nitrogen through nitrification from the manure and  
 509 synthetic fertilizer pools respectively. The formulation of each of these terms is given  
 510 below. Inputs into  $N_{TAN}(m)$  pool are from the fraction ( $f_u$ ) of applied manure as urine  
 511 ( $\alpha_{applied}(m)$ ), and from the decomposition of the nitrogen within the available and  
 512 resistant manure pools. Input into the  $N_{TAN}(f)$  pool is through decomposition of  
 513 nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool.

514 *2.2.4 Runoff of nitrogen to rivers.* The immediate runoff of fertilizer and manure  
515 nitrogen to rivers is derived from the runoff rate of water ( $R$ ) ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) in the CLM  
516 multiplied by concentration of nitrogen in the TAN water pool:

$$517 \quad F_{run}(m/f) = R \cdot \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)}{N_{water}(m/f)}. \quad (7)$$

518 The value of  $R$  is calculated within the CLM and is a function of precipitation,  
519 evaporation, drainage and soil saturation. The amount of water within the TAN pool  
520 ( $N_{water}(m/f)$ )(m) is needed to convert  $N_{TAN}$  ( $\text{g N m}^{-2}$ ) to a concentration ( $\text{g N m}^{-3}$ ). An  
521 expression for  $N_{water}(m/f)$  is given in 2.2.9. It should be emphasized that this is the  
522 immediate runoff of manure and synthetic fertilizer nitrogen from the TAN pools.  
523 Subsequent loss of manure and synthetic fertilizer nitrogen from runoff and leaching  
524 occurs following the nitrogen transfer to the soil pools. Additional losses will also occur  
525 following after ammonia volatilization to the atmosphere followed by subsequent  
526 deposition.

527 Initially, we attempted to use the runoff parameterization based on the global Nutrient  
528 Export from Watersheds 2 (NEWS 2) Model [Mayorga et al., 2010] where runoff is also  
529 parameterized in terms of  $R$ . However, the amount of nitrogen that runs off in NEWS 2 is  
530 represented in terms of the annual nitrogen initially applied to the land and thus is not  
531 directly related to the amount of nitrogen in the TAN pool.

532 *2.2.5 Diffusion through soil.* Nitrogen is assumed to diffuse from the TAN pool to the soil  
533 pools. Générumont and Cellier [1997] represent the diffusion coefficient of ammonium  
534 through soils as dependent on soil water content, soil porosity, temperature and an  
535 empirical diffusion coefficient of ammonium in free water (see appendix). For example,

536 assuming a temperature of 21° C, a soil porosity of 0.5 and a soil water content of 0.2 the  
537 resulting diffusion coefficient is approximately 0.03 cm<sup>2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>, in reasonable agreement  
538 with measurements in Canter et al. [1997]. Here we assume a typical length scale of 1.0  
539 cm to convert the diffusion rate to a timescale. The resulting diffusion of ammonical  
540 nitrogen is added to pre-existing nitrogen pools in the CLM4.5.

541 *2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere.* The flux of NH<sub>3</sub> ( $F_{NH_3}$ , g m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) to the  
542 atmosphere is calculated from difference between the NH<sub>3</sub> concentration at the surface  
543 ( $NH_3(g)$ , g m<sup>-3</sup>) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH<sub>3</sub> concentration ( $NH_3(a)$ , g  
544 m<sup>-3</sup>) divided by the aerodynamic ( $R_a$ ) and boundary layer ( $R_b$ ) resistances (Equation 8)  
545 [Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009, Sutton et al., 2013].

$$546 \quad F_{NH_3} = \frac{NH_3(g) - \chi_a}{R_a(z) + R_b} \quad (8)$$

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548 The calculation of  $NH_3(g)$  is given below. For compatibility with the NH<sub>3</sub> emission  
549 model we compute average values of  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  for each CLM soil column, which may  
550 contain several PFTs. Continental NH<sub>3</sub> concentrations between 0.1 and 10 µg m<sup>-3</sup> have  
551 been reported by Zbieranowski and Aherne [2012] and Heald et al. [2012]. A background  
552 atmospheric NH<sub>3</sub> concentration ( $\chi_a = 0.3$  µg m<sup>-3</sup> in Equation 8) is specified,  
553 representative of a low activity agricultural site [Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012]. This  
554 concentration is intermediate between the mean surface concentrations of low to  
555 moderate pollution sites as diagnosed in GEOS-chem (Warner et al., 2015). The  
556 sensitivity to this parameter is small as  $NH_3(g)$  is usually very large (section 3.4). While  
557 equation (8) allows for negative emissions ( $NH_3(g) < \chi_a$ ) or deposition of atmospheric

558 NH<sub>3</sub> onto the soil we currently disallow negative emissions in the current simulations. In  
559 future studies the atmospheric concentration of NH<sub>3</sub> will be calculated interactively when  
560 the NH<sub>3</sub> emission model is coupled with CAM-chem allowing the dynamics of the NH<sub>3</sub>  
561 exchange between the soil, the atmosphere and vegetation to be captured [e.g., Sutton et  
562 al., 2013].

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564 A large fraction of the NH<sub>3</sub> emitted to the atmosphere is assumed captured by vegetation.

565 The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:

$$566 F_{NH3_{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{capture}) \times F_{NH3}(m/f) \quad (9)$$

567 where  $f_{capture}$  is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted ammonia  
568 by plants. Plant recapture of emitted ammonia is non-negligible. This is often reported to  
569 be as high as 75 % (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead  
570 et al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand,  
571 soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found ammonia recapture to be 0%  
572 on rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation 73%. We chose a value of  
573 60% as it was in-line with the findings of Wilson et al. (2004) and is mid-way between  
574 the value for soil (when the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et  
575 al (1997) also used canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction  
576 ranging from 0.8 in tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other  
577 vegetation types including grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. (1997) omitted canopy  
578 capture over arable lands and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of NH<sub>3</sub>  
579 onto the canopy (or even the soil surface) is poorly constrained (e.g., see Erisman and  
580 Draaijers, 1995) and often ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not

581 constant but depends on surface characteristics and boundary layer meteorology.  
 582 Variations in canopy capture will induce temporal and regional variations in ammonia  
 583 emissions. Explicitly including the canopy capture fraction allows us to explicitly  
 584 differentiate between different biogeochemical pathways. In the future when the model is  
 585 fully coupled with the atmospheric ammonia cycle a compensation point approach would  
 586 be desirable, but we feel it is outside the scope of the present study.

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591 It is assumed that the nitrogen in the TAN pool is in equilibrium between  $NH_3(g)$  ( $g\ m^{-3}$ ),  
 592  $NH_3(aq)$  ( $g\ N\ m^{-3}$ ) and  $NH_4^+(aq)$  ( $g\ N\ m^{-3}$ ). The equilibrium that governs the speciation  
 593 of these species is determined by the Henry's Law coefficient ( $K_H$ ), where  $K_H$  is a  
 594 measure of the solubility of  $NH_3$  in water, and the disassociation constant of  $NH_4^+$  in  
 595 water ( $K_{NH4}$ ) ( $moles\ l^{-1}$ ) [e.g., Sutton et al., 1994]



598 Combining these two expressions  $NH_3(g)$  can be expressed as a function of the total  
 599 TAN (e.g., Pinder et al. [2004], although note their different units for  $K_H$  and  $K_{NH4}$ )

$$NH_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH4}} \quad 600 \quad (11)$$

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603 where  $[H^+]$  is the hydrogen ion concentration in moles/liter. Both  $K_H$  and  $K_{NH_4}$  are  
604 temperature dependent. As temperature and pH increase the concentration of  $NH_3(g)$   
605 increases. The pH of the solution depends on the type of soil, the exposure of the manure  
606 to air and may change with the aging of the manure or synthetic fertilizer TAN pool. In  
607 Eghball et al. [2000] the majority of the reported measurements of pH for beef cattle  
608 feedlot manure are between 7 and 8, although in one case a pH of 8.8 was measured. The  
609 recommended pH for various crops ranges from approximately 5.8 to 7.0 depending on  
610 the crop (e.g., <http://onondaga.cce.cornell.edu/resources/soil-ph-for-field-crops>). For  
611 now we simply set the pH of the solution to 7 for both the synthetic fertilizer and manure  
612 TAN pools. Sensitivity to pH is explored in section 3.4.

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614 *2.2.7 Conversion of TAN to  $NO_3^-$* . The flux from the TAN pool to  $NO_3^-$  by nitrification  
615 ( $N_{NO_3^-}$ ,  $g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ ) was adapted from that derived by Stange & Neue [2009] to describe the  
616 gross nitrification rates in response to fertilization of a surface with manure or synthetic  
617 fertilizer. In particular Stange & Neue [2009] fit measured gross nitrification rates to an  
618 expression using a maximal nitrification rate ( $r_{max}$ ,  $\mu g\ N\ kg^{-1}\ h^{-1}$ ) modified by a soil  
619 temperature response function ( $f(T)$ ) and a soil moisture response function ( $f(M)$ ) [Stange  
620 and Neue, 2009] (see appendix). However, since  $r_{max}$  is fit from their experimental data  
621 the dependence of the nitrification rate on the ammonium concentration is not explicitly  
622 included in the formulation of Stange & Neue [2009]. We have remedied this by setting  
623 the maximum nitrification rate ( $r_{max}$ ) in the formulation of [Stange and Neue, 2009] to  
624  $1.16\ 10^{-6}\ s^{-1}$  consistent with the formulation in Parton et al. [2001]:

$$625\ F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{f(T)} + \frac{1}{f(M)}} \quad (12)$$



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627 where  $f(T)$  and  $f(M)$  are functions of soil temperature and moisture and the ammonium  
628 concentration is assumed to be in equilibrium with the other forms of ammoniacal  
629 nitrogen and is thus expressed in terms of pH,  $K_H$  and  $K_{NH_4}$  and  $N_{TAN} (m/f)$ .

630 *2.2.8 Nitrate.* The rate of change of the nitrate pool is given by:

$$dN_{NO_3}(m/f)/dt = F_{NO_3}(m/f) - K_D^{NO_3}N_{NO_3}(m/f) \quad (13)$$

631 The source of nitrate ions is nitrification from the TAN pool (see Eq. 13). Nitrate is lost  
632 to the soil nitrate pool through diffusion. Nitrate leaching is not explicitly taken into  
633 account in the current model as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pools occurs very  
634 rapidly. The loss of nitrate through runoff and leaching can, however, occur within the  
635 CLM.  $NO_3^-$  ions diffuse significantly faster than the  $NH_4^+$  ions because they are not  
636 subject to immobilization by negatively charged soil particles [Mitsch and Gosselink,  
637 2007]. Diffusion rates used in this study are derived from the same formulation as  
638 assumed for the diffusion of ammonium [e.g., see Jury et al., 1983] with a different base  
639 diffusion rate. The summary of measurements given in Canter et al. [1997], where both  
640 the diffusion of ammonium and nitrate were measured in the same soil types and wetness  
641 suggest the base diffusion rate of  $NO_3^-$  is 13 times faster than that of ammonium.

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643 *2.2.9 TAN and Manure Water pools.* The evolution of the TAN manure and synthetic  
644 fertilizer water pools depends on the water added during manure or synthetic fertilizer  
645 application and the subsequent evolution of the water in the pools. The equations for the  
646 manure and synthetic fertilizer water are:

$$dN_{water}(m)/dt = s_w(m) \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_{relax} \times (N_{water}(m) - M_{water}) \quad (12)$$

$$dN_{water}(f)/dt = S_w(f) \times \alpha_{applied}(f) - k_{relax} \times (N_{water}(f) - M_{water}) \quad (13)$$

647 These equations include a source of water ( $s_w(m)$  or  $S_w(f)$ ) added as a fraction of the  
648 synthetic fertilizer or manure applied and a relaxation term ( $k_{relax}$ ,  $s^{-1}$ ) to the soil water  
649 ( $M_{water}$ , m) calculated in the CLM for the top 5 cm of soil. The value for  $M_{water}$   
650 explicitly takes into account the modification of the water pool due to rainfall,  
651 evaporation and the diffusion of water into deeper soil layers. We assume the TAN pool  
652 equilibrates with water within the top 5 cm of the soil with a rate of 3 days<sup>-1</sup>. The solution  
653 is insensitive to this parameter within the ranges examined of 1 to 10 days<sup>-1</sup> (section 3.5).  
654 The water content of manure applied to fields depends on the animal, its feedstock and on  
655 agricultural practices. Here we assume cattle manure is added as a slurry with a dry  
656 fraction of 74.23 g kg<sup>-1</sup> and a nitrogen content of 1.63 g kg<sup>-1</sup>, resulting in 5.67 10<sup>-4</sup> m  
657 water applied per gram of manure nitrogen applied [Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]. In  
658 the case of synthetic fertilizer we assume urea is added as a liquid spread, where water  
659 added is calculated from the temperature dependent solubility of urea in water [UNIDO  
660 and FIDC, 1998].

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### 662 **2.3 Model spin up and forcing**

663 Two different type of model simulations were conducted using the CLM4.5: a present  
664 day control simulation (1990-2004) and a simulation (1850-2000). The resolution used in  
665 these simulations is: 1.9 degrees latitude by 2.5 degrees longitude.

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667 *2.3.1 Present day control simulation.* This simulation uses the manure and synthetic  
668 fertilizer input as given in Potter et al. [2010]. Forcing at the atmospheric boundary is set  
669 to the Qian et al. [2006] reanalysis for solar input, precipitation, temperature, wind and  
670 specific humidity. The simulation is run for fifteen model years (1990-2004) with the  
671 last ten years of the simulation used for analysis. The spinup period allows for the more  
672 decomposition resistant N pools to approach a steady state with respect to the loss from  
673 mechanical incorporation into the soil.

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675 *2.3.2 Historical simulation.* The historical simulation uses transient forcing conditions  
676 (accounting for changes in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen deposition, aerosol deposition and  
677 land use change forcings) and the Qian et al. [2006] atmospheric forcing dataset. Quality  
678 meteorological 6-hourly meteorological datasets for the period prior to 1948 do not exist.  
679 Therefore from 1850 to 1973 the CLM4.5 is driven by recycled meteorological data,  
680 using meteorological data from the 1948-1973 time period. During this time there is little  
681 increase in temperature: the statistically significant changes in temperature (outside of  
682 natural variability) occur after 1973. After 1973 the meteorological data is not recycled  
683 but is valid for the year applied.

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685 The temporal distribution of manure and synthetic fertilizer application from 1850-2000  
686 is specified by applying the temporal distribution of Holland et al. [2005] to the base  
687 values as calculated in Potter et al. [2010]. For lack of detailed information on the  
688 geography of historical manure and synthetic fertilizer we use the scaled spatial  
689 distribution from Potter et al. [2010]. We assume manure production has changed from

690 26.3 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 1860 to 138.4 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 2000 [Holland et al., 2005; Potter et al.,  
691 2010], but acknowledge these temporal changes are uncertain Synthetic fertilizer was  
692 first used in the 1920s with use increasing to 86 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 2000.

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### 694 **3. Results**

#### 695 **3.1 Model evaluation**

696 To evaluate model output, measurements of the percentage of applied nitrogen that was  
697 emitted as NH<sub>3</sub> ( $P_v$ ) from literature were compared against corresponding model  
698 predictions. The model predictions are obtained from the present day control simulation.  
699 The percent-volatilized ammonia was used as a metric because it can be compared across  
700 time irrespective of the absolute amount of nitrogen applied to the surface. To be able to  
701 compare emissions to published measurements we require field studies with published  
702 data on: nitrogen excretion rates, NH<sub>3</sub> emissions, ground temperature, location, and date  
703 of measurement. Given all of these requirements we found that only a small selection of  
704 publications had enough data.

705

706 For the manure emissions, 35 measurements in a range of climates (temperatures from  
707 1.4 °C to 28 °C) and a range of livestock management methods (commercial beef cattle  
708 feedyard, dairy cow grazing on ryegrass, beef cattle grazing on ryegrass and dairy cattle  
709 grazing on pasture land) were used (Supplementary Table 1). Each  $P_v$  reported by the  
710 measurement campaign was compared against the  $P_v$  at the corresponding grid cell in the  
711 model. For the synthetic fertilizer scenario, 10 measurements in a range of latitudes  
712 (43 °S to 50 °N) over a range of land use surfaces (pasture, sown crops, turf and forest)

713 were used (Supplementary Table 2). Each total annual  $P_v$  reported by the measurement  
714 campaign was compared against the annual  $P_v$  of the corresponding grid cell.

715

716 *3.1.1 Nitrogen volatilized as  $NH_3$  from manure.* There is a general increase in the  
717 percentage of applied manure lost as  $NH_3$  ( $P_v$ ) with temperature, in both the model and  
718 measurements (Figure 2). However, temperature is not the only factor in determining  
719  $NH_3$  emissions where wind speed, water availability and below ground soil properties can  
720 also effect  $NH_3$  emission. This is particularly demonstrated by the measurements of  
721 Todd et al. [2007] at temperatures less than 5° C where the measured emissions are  
722 higher than those predicted at higher temperatures [e.g., Bussink, 1992]. It is also worth  
723 noting that the model predicts the emissions of Todd et al [2007] at lower temperatures  
724 with relative success.

725

726 The agreement between measured and modeled  $P_v$  from manure appears reasonable, with  
727 an  $R^2$  of 0.78 that is significant at the 99.9% confidence level (p-value -  $1.87 \times 10^{-16}$ ). On  
728 closer inspection, the model appears to agree best with measurements made on grassland  
729 and differs considerably with measurements made by both campaigns for beef cattle  
730 feedlots in Texas, where beef cattle feedlots are commercial operations to prepare  
731 livestock for slaughter and comprise of thousands of animals contained in a pen [US EPA,  
732 2010]. This is perhaps not surprising, as the parameterization developed here explicitly  
733 represents emissions from manure spreading and likely does not represent the more  
734 managed conditions in feedlots.

735

736 *3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH<sub>3</sub> from synthetic fertilizer.* The comparison between  
737 measured and modeled annual average  $P_v$  from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of  
738 land use types appears weak with an  $R^2$  of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence  
739 level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements  
740 tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear  
741 to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher  
742 and lower than measured values of  $P_v$  for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops.  
743 The fact that the  $R^2$  for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the  $R^2$  of the  
744 manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the  
745 model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

746

747 *3.1.3 Nitrogen run-off.* Nevison et al. [2016] routes the nitrogen runoff from manure and  
748 synthetic fertilizer pools using the River Transport Model (RTM) [Dai and Trenberth,  
749 2001; Branstetter and Erickson, 2003] within the CESM. Nevison et al. [2016] assumes  
750 denitrification occurs within the simulated rivers at a rate inversely proportional to the  
751 river depth (amounting to approximately 30% of the nitrogen inputs on average) and  
752 compares the simulated nitrogen export at the river mouths against the measured nitrogen  
753 export [Van Drecht et al., 2003] partitioned into the proportion that is DIN (Dissolved  
754 Inorganic Nitrogen) following Global NEWS [Mayorga et al., 2010]. The simulated  
755 nitrogen export is nearly unbiased for six identified rivers with high human impact: the  
756 Columbia, Danube, Mississippi, Rhine, Saint Lawrence and Uruguay. Explicit  
757 comparisons against the Mississippi River show that the amplitude and seasonality of the  
758 simulated  $N_r$  runoff is in reasonable agreement with the measurements. While the

759 comparison in Nevison et al. [2016] gives confidence the runoff is reasonably simulated,  
760 the complications in simulating river runoff preclude tight model constraints.

761

## 762 **3.2 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Present Day**

763 *3.2.1 Geography of Nitrogen Inputs.* Global maps of nitrogen input from synthetic  
764 fertilizer and manure application during the present-day simulation are given in Potter et  
765 al. [2010] and are not repeated here. Heavy synthetic fertilizer use generally occurs in the  
766 upper Midwest of the U.S. (mostly east of 100° W and north of 40° N), Western Europe  
767 (mostly west of 20° E and north of 40° N), the Northern part of India and much of  
768 Northeastern and North Central China. High manure usage coincides with the areas of  
769 heavy synthetic fertilizer use but is more widespread extending across much of Eastern  
770 South America from 20-40° S and across Africa at approximately 10° N.

771

772 *3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses.* There are strong geographical differences in the loss  
773 pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance  
774 of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH<sub>3</sub>,  
775 runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on  
776 temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage  
777 volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH<sub>3</sub> volatilization of  
778 applied manure N<sub>r</sub> approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South  
779 America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from  
780 India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH<sub>3</sub> from applied synthetic  
781 fertilizer and from applied manure approach 20 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> over hot regions with high

782 applications, e.g. the Indian peninsula and parts of China (Figure 4 and 5). Ammonia  
783 emissions from manure are more broadly distributed globally than those of synthetic  
784 fertilizer with high  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions not only over the synthetic fertilizer hotspots,  
785 characterized by heavy application of both synthetic fertilizer and manure, but also over  
786 southeastern South America and central Africa. For the most part, the largest synthetic  
787 fertilizer  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions occur during April-June reflecting the single fertilization used in  
788 this study as calculated in the CLM for corn. While Paulot et al. [2014] also show the  
789 maximum synthetic fertilizer emissions generally occur from April-June they obtain  
790 relatively higher emissions than simulated here during the other seasons. This is likely  
791 due to differences in the assumed timing of applied synthetic fertilizer: Paulot et al. [2014]  
792 consider three different synthetic fertilizer applications for each crop as well as a wide  
793 variety of crops. The seasonal emission distribution of  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions from manure is  
794 broader than that of synthetic fertilizer but with maximum emissions usually occurring in  
795 April-June or July-Sept. The simulated geographical and seasonal  $\text{NH}_3$  emission  
796 distribution from manure is in broad agreement with Paulot et al. [2014].

797

798 Runoff of  $\text{N}_r$  from applied synthetic fertilizer and manure TAN pools as well as  
799 nitrification and diffusion into the soil depend on precipitation and soil moisture (see  
800 appendix). High manure and synthetic fertilizer  $\text{N}_r$  run off from the TAN pools (see  
801 Figure 6-7) occur particularly across parts of China, Europe (particularly the Northern  
802 parts) and the East central U.S. The global hotspot for simulated  $\text{N}_r$  runoff from the TAN  
803 pools is China where runoff approaches  $20 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for nitrogen applied as either in  
804 manure and synthetic fertilizer. However, we do find other regions where the nitrogen



805 input is high but where simulated  $N_r$  runoff from the TAN pools is relatively low, for  
806 example over India and Spain. In these regions with their high temperatures (and dry  
807 conditions) the  $NH_3$  volatilization is the preferred pathway for nitrogen losses from the  
808 TAN pool. In general the importance of runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway becomes more  
809 important in the wetter and cooler regions. The same holds true for the percent of the  
810 TAN pool nitrified or diffused directly into the soil (see Figs 7 and 8). The amount of  
811 nitrogen nitrified has an optimal temperature of  $28^\circ C$  and tends to occur more rapidly  
812 under moist conditions; the diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is also promoted under wet  
813 conditions (see appendix).

814

815 *3.2.3 Regional and Global accounting of nitrogen losses.* As nitrogen cascades through  
816 the environment it can be emitted as ammonia or runoff or leached at many different  
817 stages. Here we only examine the losses directly from manure or fertilizer application.  
818 Globally, the direct loss of applied nitrogen to the atmosphere as  $NH_3$  is similar for  
819 manure and synthetic fertilizer (17% for manure, 20% for synthetic fertilizer; see Figure  
820 9). Our global estimates of manure and synthetic fertilizer volatilized as  $NH_3$  are similar  
821 to Bouwman et al. [2002] and Beusen et al. [2008], although our estimate for synthetic  
822 fertilizer volatilization as  $NH_3$  is somewhat high. Bouwman et al. [2002] estimates 19-29%  
823 of applied manure and 10-19% of applied synthetic fertilizer volatilizes as  $NH_3$ ; Beusen  
824 et al. [2008] concludes 15-23% of applied manure is lost as  $NH_3$  (including losses from  
825 housing and storage, grazing and spreading) and 10-18% of applied synthetic fertilizer is  
826 lost.

827

828 We calculate the global direct run-off from manure or fertilizer TAN pools as 8% for  
829 manure  $N_r$  and 9% for synthetic fertilizer. Bouwman et al [2013] find that 23% of  
830 deposited  $N_r$  (comprised of synthetic fertilizer, manure and atmospheric nitrogen  
831 deposition) runs off, higher than our estimate. However, our estimate only includes the  
832 direct runoff from the TAN pool; further loss of nitrogen due to runoff and leaching may  
833 also occur from the soil nitrogen pools or following  $N_r$  deposition downstream.

834

835 Our simulations assume a large fraction of emitted nitrogen is captured by the canopy,  
836 where canopy capture accounts for 25.5% of manure losses and 30% of synthetic  
837 fertilizer losses. The nitrogen captured by the canopy may have a number of fates. First,  
838 Sparks [2008] posits that since foliar nitrogen uptake is a direct addition of N to plant  
839 metabolism it could more readily influence plant growth than uptake from soils. As such  
840 it would decrease plant demand on soil uptake and thus conserve the soil nitrogen  
841 reservoirs. Secondly, nitrogen uptake by the plants, even if not directly used in plant  
842 metabolism, may redeposit onto the surface with litter fall. Finally, it may be emitted  
843 back to the atmosphere from plants. The latter process can be represented through a  
844 compensation point model between the atmosphere, the ground and stomata [e.g., Massad  
845 et al., 2010]. A full accounting of this requires the simulation to be 1 in a coupled mode  
846 with the atmosphere and is beyond the scope of the present study.

847

848 In the case of synthetic fertilizer the direct diffusion of TAN  $N_r$  into the soil pool (22%)  
849 is larger than nitrification (17%); for manure it is just the opposite: the nitrification (29%)  
850 is larger than the direct diffusion (14%) (Figure 9). In practice, as simulated here, this

851 makes little difference as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pool occurs very rapidly, an  
852 order of magnitude faster than the diffusion of nitrogen from the TAN pool. Thus  $\text{NO}_3^-$  is  
853 directly incorporated into the soil nitrate pool without any subsequent loss. Recall, also, a  
854 small percentage of manure is mechanically stirred into the soil organic nitrogen pools.  
855 Accounting for the  $\text{N}_r$  diffused from the TAN pool into the soil pools, and assuming the  
856  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions captured by the canopy, as well as the ammonium nitrified to  $\text{NO}_3^-$  also  
857 end up in the soil pools we find that globally 75% of TAN manure and 71% of TAN  
858 synthetic fertilizer ends up in the soil nitrogen or soil organic nitrogen pools. Of course,  
859 once in these soil pools there may be subsequent losses of nitrogen due to runoff and  
860 leaching or emissions, but these are not calculated in this initial study.

861

862 The percentages change appreciably when examined over subsets of countries (Figure  
863 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of emissions of manure  
864 and synthetic fertilizer TAN as  $\text{NH}_3$  [13%] is substantially smaller than for developing  
865 countries [21%]. These differences can be largely explained by the fact that developing  
866 countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed countries. Bouwman  
867 [2002] took these differences into account when developing emission factors for  
868 developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated  $\text{NH}_3$  emission  
869 factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized countries,  
870 respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively. The US and the  
871 European Union have  $\text{N}_r$  emission percentages of 16% and 9%, respectively and runoff  
872 percentages from the TAN pools of 9% and 14%, respectively, within a factor of two  
873 although nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of Europe. However,

874 note the large contrast between India and China, where for India emissions are 27% of  
875 the applied  $N_r$  with very little runoff, whereas for China the runoff and emissions are  
876 approximately equal (13% and 10%, respectively).

877

878 *3.2.4 Comparison to other emissions inventories.* Figure 11 gives a comparison of  
879 manure and synthetic fertilizer  $NH_3$  emissions from our process oriented model and  
880 various bottom-up emission inventories. The bottom-up inventories rely on emission  
881 factors depending on animal husbandry, types of synthetic fertilizer usage and other  
882 details of agricultural practices. Only the  $NH_3$  emission inventory of Huang et al. [2012]  
883 for China and Paulot et al. [2014] explicitly account for temperature to modify their  
884 emission factors; the inventory of Paulot et al. [2014] also uses wind speed to modify the  
885 emission factors. The inventories of Paulot et al. [2014] for 2005-2008, Beusen et al.  
886 [2008] for 2000, and EDGAR v4.2 for 2005-2008 are global inventories. The EDGAR  
887 inventory does not strictly separate the ammonia emissions into those of manure and  
888 synthetic fertilizer so we simply show the overall ammonia emissions. Over the US we  
889 also give an estimate for 1995 for synthetic fertilizer  $NH_3$  emissions [Goebes et al., 2003]  
890 and for  $NH_3$  emissions from animal agricultural operations the US EPA [2006]. Over  
891 China the global  $NH_3$  emission estimates are supplemented by Huang et al. [2012] for  
892 2006 and Streets et al. [2003] for 2000. Over Europe results using the Greenhouse Gas  
893 and Air Pollution Interactions and Synergies [GAINS] model are given [Klimont and  
894 Brink, 2004] as reported in Paulot et al. [2014]. In this study synthetic fertilizer  
895 application dataset is valid circa 2000 and the manure application dataset is valid circa  
896 2007 [Potter et al., 2010].

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898 Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions of 30-35 Tg  
899  $\text{N yr}^{-1}$ . The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in  
900 this study is approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al.  
901 [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. The apportionment of manure to synthetic fertilizer  
902 emissions in the EDGAR inventory (approximately in the ratio 1:3, respectively) is not  
903 consistent with the other three inventories presented. The European and Chinese  $\text{NH}_3$   
904 emissions estimated here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S.  
905 emissions are on the high side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the  
906 manure emissions compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer  
907 emissions fall between the Paulot et al. (2014) and GAINS emission inventories and that  
908 of EDGAR. In the U.S. the manure  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions are close to the estimate of all the  
909 inventories except that of EDGAR while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high  
910 compared to all inventories, although the synthetic fertilizer emissions are close to that of  
911 EDGAR. In China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are similar to those of Huang et al.  
912 [2012], but underestimate the manure  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions of all the other inventories except  
913 EDGAR. Of the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese emissions are  
914 highest. Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the Chinese inventories  
915 for both synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match those of Huang et al.  
916 [2012] the best.

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918 *3.2.5 Site specific simulated pathways.* The hourly time series of the fate of applied  
919 nitrogen from manure and synthetic fertilizer at a single site better illustrates the

920 relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). This  
921 site shown near the Texas panhandle experiences several large rain events and surface  
922 temperatures ranging from 0 to 18 degrees Celsius over a period of about two months  
923 during the spring season. The response of the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions to the diurnal temperature  
924 range is clearly evident. The nitrogen losses of manure TAN due to  $\text{NH}_3$  volatilization is  
925 initially small, on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than the loss due to  
926 nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure pool remain  
927 roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show some  
928 response to precipitation, particularly the diffusion which reaches a maximum near May  
929 21 presumably due to the increased water content in the soil by the prior rain event. With  
930 the rise in temperatures towards the end of the period, the emission loss of manure TAN  
931 becomes the dominant loss pathway and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer  
932 inspection suggests, however, that the large increase in the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions towards the  
933 end of the period cannot solely be attributed to temperature, but must also be attributed to  
934 decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil dries. The latter process increases the  
935 concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN pool. The TAN manure pool is  
936 punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with precipitation and increased runoff  
937 (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly during these events but the  
938 different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic fertilizer is clearly evident in  
939 these plots. The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer TAN pool occurs on a timescale of  
940 approximately a week, consistent with the timescale used in the MASAGE\_NH3 model  
941 (Paulot et al., 2014).  
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### 943 **3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical**

944 Historical nitrogen pathways are accessed since 1850 in a simulation with changing  
945 climate and changing application amounts. These simulations do not include changing  
946 agricultural practices including changes in animal housing and storage, changes in animal  
947 diet and explicit changes in landuse, all of which may substantially alter the nitrogen  
948 pathways. Thus the results must be treated with caution.

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950 The nitrogen produced as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>  
951 in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 2000 (Figure 13). In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> of  
952 manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al (2011) estimate of 35 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>.  
953 Emissions of NH<sub>3</sub> from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 1850  
954 (14.3% of the manure produced) to 22 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 2000 (17.6% of the applied manure).  
955 On the other hand the percentage of manure nitrogen that is nitrified decreases from 33 to  
956 27% since the preindustrial.

957

958 Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen application has increased dramatically since the 1960s with  
959 an estimated 62 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> applied as synthetic fertilizer in 2000. We estimate the  
960 volatilization of synthetic fertilizer as ammonia is 12 Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup> in 2000 (19.3% of that  
961 applied). The percent of synthetic fertilizer nitrogen volatilized to the atmosphere as NH<sub>3</sub>  
962 in 1920 was 8%. On the other hand, the percentage of synthetic fertilizer that is lost  
963 through runoff decreased since the preindustrial by 8%. It is evident that these percentage  
964 changes can be explained by the fact the runoff of synthetic fertilizer acted to completely

965 drain the TAN synthetic fertilizer pool in at the small synthetic fertilizer application rate  
966 prior to 1960.

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968 In part the emission increases can also be explained by changes in climate. Climate has  
969 warmed by approximately 1° C since the preindustrial. In a sensitivity experiment the  
970 temperature was artificially increased by 1° C in the rate equations governing the nitrogen  
971 pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer application. Under current manure and  
972 synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg  
973 NH<sub>3</sub> emissions amounting to an increase in manure emissions of 4% and an increase in  
974 fertilizer emissions of 3%.

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### 976 **3.4 Sensitivity Tests**

977 We have conducted a large number of sensitivity tests to evaluate the effect of changes in  
978 individual model parameters on NH<sub>3</sub> emissions. The various parameters may co-vary, of  
979 course, with non-linear impacts on the NH<sub>3</sub> emissions; however, we have not attempted  
980 to evaluate these effects. The sensitivity tests for manure are given in Table 1, those for  
981 synthetic fertilizer in Table 2. The sensitivities tests are labeled with a number denoting  
982 the sensitivity parameter perturbed and a letter denoting whether the test is with respect to  
983 manure emissions (m) or synthetic fertilizer emissions (f). In each case we give the  
984 percent change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions due to the parameter change and the relative emission  
985 change with respect to the relative parameter change (the sensitivity). Rationale for the  
986 assumed parameter bounds is given in the supplement. Note that in the test of fertilizer



987 sensitivity we varied the breakdown time of the fertilizer, but not its reaction with the soil  
988 column. Thus did not simulate the fertilizer induced pH changes in the soil column.

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990 Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (EX8m/f, EX9m/f) and changes in  
991 the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (EX18m, EX19f,  
992 EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly change the nitrogen  
993 cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part the synthetic  
994 fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes. Note also,  
995 that except for EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN pools is reduced,  
996 the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same for all sensitivity  
997 experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions to the imposed parameter  
998 changes are within the range of  $\pm 20\%$  with many processes within the range of  $\pm 10\%$ .  
999 The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m), the adjustment  
1000 timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil (EX14, EX15),  
1001 the assumed depth of the water pool (EX12, EX13) and the maximum nitrification rate  
1002 (EX16, EX17) all impact NH<sub>3</sub> emissions by less than 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed  
1003 background NH<sub>3</sub> concentration is also low (EX10, EX11). The high NH<sub>3</sub> concentration in  
1004 equilibrium with the TAN pool renders the emissions rather insensitive to the background  
1005 concentration.

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1007 The NH<sub>3</sub> emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, EX7m/f). The  
1008 ammonia emissions decrease by approximately 60% when the pH is increased from 7 to 8  
1009 and increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively) when the pH

1010 is decreased from 7 to 6. We also tested the sensitivity to the spatially explicit pH from  
1011 ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes, 2005], with a global pH average of 6.55. In contrast to  
1012 assuming a constant pH of 7, the spatially explicit pH changed the manure ammonia  
1013 emissions by 23% and the fertilizer ammonia emissions by 14%. Changes in pH also  
1014 have a large impact on nitrification. Increased pH reduces  $NH_4^+(aq)$  and thus the rate of  
1015 conversion of  $NH_4^+(aq)$  to  $NO_3^-$ . The effect of pH on the rate constant for nitrification is  
1016 not included in the current parameterization. Parton et al. (2001) suggests this effect is  
1017 small between a pH of 6 and 8, varying only on the order of 15%. Changes in pH also  
1018 results in marked changes in the runoff and soil diffusion due to the large changes in  
1019 emissions and nitrification: low pH's act to increase the flux of nitrogen through these  
1020 loss pathways, high pH's act to decrease them.

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1022 Emissions are also highly sensitive to changes in canopy capture (i.e., the parameter  
1023  $f_{capture}$ ) as shown in EX8m/f, EX9m/f. Decreasing the fraction captured by the canopy  
1024 by a factor of 2 increases the emissions by approximately a factor of 3. Changes in this  
1025 fraction modify the fixed ratio between the amount of nitrogen captured by the canopy  
1026 and that emitted to the atmosphere, but do not impact nitrogen cycling within the TAN  
1027 pools within the current modeling setup. Of course, further downstream than simulated  
1028 here, the nitrogen captured in the canopy does impact the overall soil nitrogen budget.

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1030 The  $NH_3$  emissions are somewhat sensitive to the depth of the water pool (EX12m/f,  
1031 EX13m/f), where the water budget is calculated over depth of the water pool. Smaller  
1032 depths give higher concentrations of all the constituents within the TAN pool resulting in

1033 larger  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions (equations 7 and 11) and larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1).  
1034 Larger depths have the opposite effect. The diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is  
1035 somewhat sensitive to changes in the assumed water depth as the coefficient of diffusion  
1036 is proportional to the water content to the  $10/3$  power (see appendix). Increased diffusion  
1037 at higher depths likely reflects changes in the water content of the soil with depth.

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1039 We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic  
1040 fertilizer applications decrease  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions due to their strong temperature dependence  
1041 and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date  
1042 (set to March 15) decreases the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen run off  
1043 from the TAN pool by 62% (EX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to the application rate  
1044 of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as opposed to the  
1045 single day application assumed in the default version (EX20f). This did not have a  
1046 significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type in the default  
1047 version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer in EX21f.  
1048 Whereas urea is converted to  $\text{NH}_3$  rather slowly, the conversion of ammonium nitrate is  
1049 rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously released into the TAN  
1050 pool). However, the emissions are not particularly sensitive to this change. This is in  
1051 contrast to differences in volatilization rates of different synthetic fertilizers given in  
1052 Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and Raistrick (1990) show that one of the primary  
1053 differences between the addition of urea versus ammonia nitrate as fertilizer is in the  
1054 effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an effect that we do not consider in this first study.  
1055 In particular urea increases the soil pH and thus the ammonia emissions.

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1057 Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH<sub>3</sub> emissions (EX18f). The  
1058 composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the digestibility  
1059 of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this uncertainty we  
1060 varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model version (50% urine,  
1061 25% available, 22.5 % resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less soluble N excreta from  
1062 dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation EX18m (41% urine, 21% available, 25%  
1063 unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the NH<sub>3</sub> emissions by 21  
1064 percent demonstrating an important sensitivity to the composition of manure and urine.

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1066 It is important to emphasize that these sensitivity simulations only test the parameter  
1067 sensitivity within the imposed model. In particular, the sensitivities to various farming  
1068 practices are generally extraneous to the model assumptions with some exceptions. The  
1069 sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer or manure input assumptions are tested in simulations  
1070 EX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f; sensitivities to the water depth which may crudely  
1071 represent some of the impacts of plowing manure or synthetic fertilizer into the soil are  
1072 examined in EX12 and EX13; finally modifications to soil pH are tested in EX5, EX6  
1073 and EX7.

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#### 1075 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

1076 In this paper we develop a process-oriented model that predicts the climate dependent  
1077 reactive nitrogen pathways from synthetic fertilizer and manure application to the surface  
1078 of the land. Continued population growth will likely result in an increased application of

1079 synthetic fertilizers with concurrent increases in manure production in the future  
1080 (Davidson, 2012). Climate is an important determinant in the ultimate fate of this applied  
1081 nitrogen, important in determining the resulting emissions of  $\text{NH}_3$  and other reactive  
1082 nitrogen gases, in the runoff of the applied nitrogen, its nitrification and its incorporation  
1083 into the soil organic and inorganic pools. The fate of the resultant applied nitrogen may  
1084 act toacerbate climate change through the formation of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , or perhaps mitigate climate  
1085 change through increased carbon fertilization and the increased formation of aerosols. On  
1086 the flip side the impact of a changing climate on agriculture and the resultant pathways  
1087 for  $\text{N}_r$  is likely to be significant.

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1089 Agricultural  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and  
1090 anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global  $\text{NH}_3$  emission  
1091 inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by  
1092 agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include  
1093 temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing  
1094 countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included  
1095 empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al.,  
1096 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the  $\text{N}_r$   
1097 pathways and in particular the  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where  
1098 the explicit representation of most agricultural practices are minimized. We find the  
1099 global emissions of  $\text{NH}_3$  due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other  
1100 recent inventories, with  $21 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  emitted from manure nitrogen and  $12 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$   
1101 emitted from fertilizer nitrogen. Strong regional differences in emissions captured by the

1102 bottom up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to simulate the inter-  
1103 annual, seasonal and diurnal changes in  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions critical for air pollution  
1104 applications (De Meij et al., 2006). Most previous inventories have included no seasonal  
1105 dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal dependence is  
1106 empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of nitrogen  
1107 emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous  
1108 inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions and with a  
1109 rather minimal representation of the geographic dependence.

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1111 The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways  
1112 from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System  
1113 model to estimate the resulting  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of  
1114 the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled  $\text{N}_r$  pathways  
1115 dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and  
1116 fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of  $\text{NH}_3$  gas from the TAN  
1117 pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the  
1118 temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for  $\text{NH}_3$   
1119 [Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of  $\text{NH}_3$  within the TAN pool, determined  
1120 by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate  
1121 ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil  
1122 temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of  $\text{N}_r$  is determined by the precipitation.  
1123 Predictions for direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools and the  
1124 incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are

1125 some of the first made by a global process-level model. Measurements of nitrogen runoff  
1126 from rivers heavily impacted by anthropogenic nitrogen input compare favorably with  
1127 simulated results using the River Transport Model within the CESM [Nevison et al.,  
1128 2016].

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1130 Manure is not a new nitrogen source, but contains recycled  $N_r$  from soil nitrogen  
1131 produced when animals eat plants. Therefore to conserve nitrogen within an earth system  
1132 model, the application of manure determines the consumption of plant matter by animals .  
1133 Specifically, the model calculates the amount of nitrogen and carbon needed for a given  
1134 manure application and subtracts it from the plant leaf pools within the CLM. The  
1135 manure production acts to speed up the decay and processing of plant biomass, releasing  
1136 different  $N_r$  products to the atmosphere than natural decay [Davidson, 2009].

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1138 The climate dependency incorporated into the model suggests that the pathways of  
1139 nitrogen added to the land are highly spatially and temporally heterogeneous. An  
1140 examination of nitrogen loss pathways at a point over Texas shows the variation of the  
1141 nitrogen pathways on a variety of timescales with changes in temperature, precipitation  
1142 and soil moisture. Spatially, values for the percentage of manure nitrogen volatilized to  
1143  $NH_3$  in this study show a large range in both developing countries (average of 20%  
1144 (maximum: 36 %)) and industrialized countries (average of 12% (maximum: 39 %)). The  
1145 model also predicts spatial and temporal variability in the amount of  $NH_3$  volatilized as  
1146 manure from agricultural fertilizers ranging from 14% [maximum 40 %] in industrialized  
1147 countries to 22 % [maximum 40 %] in developing countries. As a result of temperature

1148 dependency,  $\text{NH}_3$  volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India  
1149 and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the  
1150 EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 %  
1151 and 26 % of manure is converted into  $\text{NH}_3$  in industrialized and developing countries,  
1152 respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application are 7 % in  
1153 industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off from the  
1154 manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools is highest in areas of high  $\text{N}_r$  application and  
1155 high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input rates  
1156 we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate  
1157 climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of  $\text{N}_r$  into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools  
1158 and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.

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1160 Historically we predict emissions of  $\text{NH}_3$  from applied manure to have increased from  
1161 approximately  $3 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  in 1850 to  $22 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  in 2000 while the volatilization of  
1162 fertilizer reaches  $12 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1}$  in 2000. The  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions increase by approximately 4%  
1163 for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period  
1164 (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). However similar increases are not evident in the runoff of  
1165 nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and leaching from the mineral nitrogen  
1166 pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter may be impacted by plant nitrogen  
1167 demand such that excess fertilization would act to increase the nitrogen runoff.

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1169 The  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global  
1170 scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic



1171 fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in  
1172 making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology.  
1173 The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle  
1174 feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH<sub>3</sub> manure  
1175 emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives  
1176 reasonable NH<sub>3</sub> emission predictions given the limited global information available on  
1177 the grazing land of agricultural animals.

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1179 The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate  
1180 on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. However, given the nature of global  
1181 modeling described here and simplifying modeling assumptions there are numerous  
1182 sources of error associated with our model predictions. Parameter sensitivity studies show  
1183 the largest sensitivity to the assumed pH, consistent with other studies [e.g., Fletcher et  
1184 al., 2013], and to the canopy deposition. The actual pH likely depends on a complex  
1185 interaction of soil types, and agricultural and animal husbandry practices. Canopy  
1186 capture depends on bidirectional exchange models that involve resistances between the  
1187 plant canopy, the ground and ground emissions [see, e.g., Massad et al., 2010]. In the  
1188 future these processes will be simulated when the CLM is coupled with a chemistry  
1189 model, although the conservation of nitrogen in a biogeochemical context may present  
1190 peculiar challenges. More accurate specification of the NH<sub>3</sub> emissions can be made  
1191 within an Earth System model by better accounting of synthetic fertilizer and manure  
1192 application within specific PFTs or explicit incorporation into an agricultural model.

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1194 The approach taken here has been rather different from an approach using emission  
1195 factors to model  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions. Perhaps, then, the greatest source of uncertainty in this  
1196 study is associated with simplifying farming methods. This model uses a single date for  
1197 synthetic fertilizer application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into  
1198 account manure storage methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal  
1199 manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. The  
1200 use of simplified farming practices may be acceptable in many locations as more  
1201 complex farming methods are rarely employed in the developing world. The Food and  
1202 Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests over 75 % of the global agricultural land  
1203 uses traditional farming methods. Still, adapting a hybrid approach as outlined in Sutton  
1204 et al. [2013] using both emission factors governing animal stockyards and the approach  
1205 outlined here for manure applied to fields may be the most reasonable. The depth of  
1206 synthetic fertilizer and manure mixing and a more exact representation of soil water  
1207 through the vertical discretization of the soil nitrogen pools would also help account for  
1208 additional agricultural practices.

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1210 The increased use of synthetic fertilizer and growing livestock populations has increased  
1211  $\text{N}_r$  emission to both the atmosphere and oceans to unprecedented levels with a marked  
1212 effect on the environment. We have provided a first estimate of globally distributed  
1213 temporal changes in nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer inputs in  
1214 response to climate. This is relevant to current studies investigating the ecosystem effects  
1215 of  $\text{N}_r$ , and in particular, how adding synthetic fertilizer to farmland affects the ocean, the  
1216 atmosphere and impacts climate. The model predicts vastly different nitrogen pathways

1217 depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic  
1218 fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the  
1219 land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate  
1220 dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate  
1221 change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization  
1222 of  $\text{NH}_3$  increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely.  
1223 However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain  
1224 biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to  
1225 change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications  
1226 of this model will investigate the tight coupling between nitrogen, agriculture and climate.

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Description	Symbol	Unit	Value Used or Equation	Reference
<b>Prognostic Variables</b>				
Pool of nitrogen from applied manure that easily forms TAN	$N_{available}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$dN_{available}/dt =$ $f_a \times \alpha_{applied}(m)$ $-K_a \cdot N_{available} - k_m \cdot N_{available}$	
Pool of nitrogen from applied manure that is resistant to forming TAN	$N_{resistant}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$dN_{resistant}/dt =$ $f_r \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{resistant} - k_m$ $\cdot N_{resistant}$	
Pool of nitrogen from applied manure that does not form TAN	$N_{unavailable}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$dN_{unavailable}/dt =$ $f_{un} \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{unavailable}$	

Pool of nitrogen from applied fertilizer	$N_{fertilizer}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$dN_{fertilizer}/dt =$ $\alpha_{applied}(f)$ $-k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer}$	
Pool of nitrogen in TAN pool from manure	$N_{TAN(m)}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$N_{TAN(m)}/dt =$ $f_u \times \alpha_{applied}(m)$ $+ K_r \cdot N_{resistant}$ $+ K_a \cdot N_{available}$ $- K_w \cdot N_{TAN(m)}$ $- K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN(m)}$ $- F_{NH_3}(m)$ $- F_{NO_3}(m)$	

Pool of nitrogen in TAN pool from fertilizer	$N_{TAN(f)}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$N_{TAN(f)}/dt =$ $+ k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer}$ $- K_w \cdot N_{TAN(f)}$ $- K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN(f)}$ $- F_{NH_3}(f)$ $- F_{NO_3}(f)$	
Pool of surface $\text{NO}_3^-$	$N_{NO_3}$	$\text{g m}^{-2}$	$dN_{NO_3} / dt =$ $F_{NO_3}(m/f) - K_D^{NO_3} \cdot N_{NO_3}$	
Pool of manure/fertilizer water in TAN pool	$N_{water(m)}$	m	$dN_{water(m)}/dt =$ $s_w(m) \times \alpha_{applied}(m)$ $- k_{relax} \times (N_{water(m)} - M_{water})$	

Pool of manure/ fertilizer water in TAN pool	$N_{water}(f)$	m	$\frac{dN_{water}(f)}{dt} =$ $S_w(f) \times \alpha_{applied}(f)$ $-k_{relax} \times (N_{water}(f) - M_{water})$	
<b>Variables from CLM</b>				
Ground Temperature	$T_g$	°K	Taken from model	
Run-off	$R$	m s <sup>-1</sup>	Taken from model	
Aerodynamic resistance	$R_a$	s m <sup>-1</sup>	Taken from model	
Boundary Layer resistance	$R_b$	s m <sup>-1</sup>	Taken from model	
Water in soil	$M$	m	Taken from the model (top 5 cm of soil)	

<b>Diagnostic Variables</b>				
Available manure decomposition	$K_a$	$s^{-1}$	$K_a = k_{a1} T_R(T_g)$	[Gilmour et al., 2003; Vigil & Kissel, 1995]
Resistant manure decomposition	$K_r$	$s^{-1}$	$K_r = k_{a2} T_R(T_g)$	[Gilmour et al., 2003; Vigil & Kissel, 1995]
Temperature dependence for $K_a$ , $K_r$	$T_R$	N/A	$T_R(T_g) = t_{r1} \exp(t_{r2}(T_g - 273.))$	[Vigil & Kissel, 1995]
Surface runoff flux	$F_{run}(m/f)$	$g$ $m^{-2}s^{-1}$	$F_{run}(m/f) = R \cdot \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)}{N_{water}(m/f)}$	
$NH_4^+$ loss rate to soil pool	$K_D^{NH4}$	$s^{-1}$	$K_D^{NH4} = (1/l^2) \cdot (\Theta_w^{10/3} / \varphi^2) \chi_{NH4}^{aq}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
$NO_3^-$ loss rate to soil pool	$K_D^{NO3}$	$s^{-1}$	$K_D^{NO3} = (1/l^2) \cdot (\Theta_w^{10/3} / \varphi^2) \chi_{NO3}^{aq}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]



Base vertical diffusion for TAN pool	$\kappa_{NH_4}^{aq}$	$m^2 s^{-1}$	$\kappa_{NH_4}^{aq} = 9.8 \cdot 10^{-10} \cdot 1.03^{(T_g - 273.15)}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
Base vertical diffusion for NO3 pool	$\kappa_{NO_3}^{aq}$	$m^2 s^{-1}$	$\kappa_{NO_3}^{aq} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot 1.03^{(T_g - 273.15)}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
Water Content	$\Theta_w$		$\Theta_w = N_{water}(m/f) / \mathcal{H}$	
Flux of nitrogen lost as NH <sub>3</sub> for manure(m) or fertilizer(f)	$F_{NH_3}(m/f)$	$g m^{-2} s^{-1}$	$F_{NH_3}(m/f) = \frac{NH_3(g)(m/f) - \chi_a}{(R_a(z) + R_b)}$	[Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009; Sutton et al., 2013]]
Flux of NH <sub>3</sub> to atmosphere	$F_{NH_3 atm}(m/f)$	$g m^{-2} s^{-1}$	$F_{NH_3 atm}(m/f) = (1 - f_{capture}) \times F_{NH_3}(m/f)$	[e.g., Wilson et al., 2004]

NH <sub>3</sub> (g) in equilibrium with the TAN manure (m) or fertilizer (f) pool	$NH_3(g)$ (m/f)	$g\ m^{-3}$	$NH_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1 + K_H + K_H[H^+]/K_{NH_4}}$	Derived from [Sutton et al., 1994]
Henry's Law Constant for NH <sub>3</sub>	$K_H$		$K_H = 4.59 (^\circ K^{-1}) \cdot T_g \cdot \exp^{4092(1/T_g - 1/T_{ref})}$	[Sutton et al., 1994]
Dissociation Equilibrium Constant for NH <sub>3</sub> (aq)	$K_{NH_4}$	$mol\ l^{-1}$	$K_{NH_4} = 5.67 \cdot 10^{-10} \exp^{-6286(1/T_g - 1/T_{ref})}$	[Sutton et al., 1994]
Flux of nitrogen from TAN to NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> pool	$F_{NO_3}(m/f)$	$g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	$F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) \cdot x_{NH_3}(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{\Sigma(T_g)} + \frac{1}{\Pi(M)}}$	[Stange and Neue, 2009, Parton et al., 2001]

Soil temperature function	$\Sigma(T_g)$		$\Sigma(T_g) = \left( \frac{t_{max} - T_g}{t_{max} - t_{opt}} \right)^{a_\Sigma} \exp \left( a_\Sigma \left( \frac{T_g - t_{opt}}{t_{max} - t_{opt}} \right) \right)$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Soil moisture response function	$f(M)$		$\Pi(M) = 1 - e^{-\left( \frac{(M \cdot \rho_{water}) / (h \cdot \rho_{soil})}{m_{crit}} \right)^b}$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Water:N ratio in applied fertilizer	$S_w(f)$	$m^3 g^{-1}$	$S_w(f) = \frac{1 \cdot 10^{-6}}{0.466 \times 0.66 \times e^{0.0239 \times (T_g - 273)}}$	[UNIDO and FIDC, 1998]

<b>Parameters</b>				
Flux of manure nitrogen applied to the surface	$\alpha_{applied(m)}$	$\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Spatial distribution from Potter et al. (2010); annual temporal distribution from Holland et al. (2005)	[Potter et al., 2010; Holland et al., 2005]
Flux of fertilizer nitrogen applied to the surface	$\alpha_{applied(f)}$	$\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Spatial distribution from Potter et al. (2010); annual temporal distribution from Holland et al. (2005)	[Potter et al., 2010; Holland et al., 2005]
Fractions of nitrogen in manure/urine	$f_w, f_a, f_r, f_{un}$	N/A	$f_u = 0.5, f_a = 0.25, f_r = 0.225, f_{un} = 0.025$	[Gusman and Marino, 1999]
Mechanical incorporation of manure into soil	$k_m$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_m = (365*86400)^{-1}$	see Koven et al. [2013]

Fertilizer Decomposition	$k_f$	$s^{-1}$	$k_f = 4.83 \times 10^{-6}$	[Agehara and Warncke, 2005]
Water:N ratio in applied manure	$s_w(m)$	$m^3 g^{-1}$	$s_w(m) = 5.67 \times 10^{-4}$	[Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]
Relaxation rate of TAN water pool to soil water pool	$k_{relax}$	$s^{-1}$	$k_{relax} = (3 \times 86400)^{-1}$	
Empirical factors for $K_a$ , $K_r$	$k_{a1}, k_{a2}$	$s^{-1}$	$k_{a1} = 8.94 \times 10^{-7} s^{-1}$ , $k_{a2} = 6.38 \times 10^{-8} s^{-1}$	[Gilmour et al., 2003]
Empirical factors for $T_r$	$t_{r1}, t_{r2}$	$^{\circ}K^{-1}$	$t_{r1} = 0.0106$ , $t_{r2} = 0.12979$ $^{\circ}K^{-1}$	[Vigil & Kissel, 1995]
Length Scale	$l$	m	$l = 10^{-2} m$	

Soil Porosity	$\varphi$		$\varphi=0.5$	
Depth of Soil Water Pool	$\mathcal{H}$	m	$\mathcal{H} = 5.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	
Atmospheric NH <sub>3</sub> concentration	$\chi_a$	g m <sup>-3</sup>	$\chi_a = 0.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g m}^{-3}$	[Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012]
Fraction of ammonia emissions capture by canopy	$f_{capture}$		$f_{capture} = 0.7$	[e.g., see Wilson et al., 2004]
Concentration of Hydrogen Ions	$[H^+]$	mol l <sup>-1</sup>	$[H^+] = 10^{-7}$	
Reference Temperature	$T_{ref}$	°K	$T_{ref} = 298.15$	[Sutton et al., 1994]
Maximum rate of nitrification	$r_{max}$	s <sup>-1</sup>	$r_{max} = 1.16 \cdot 10^{-6}$	[Parton et al., 2001]

Optimal temperature of microbial activity	$t_{opt}$	K	$t_{opt} = 301$	[Stange and Neue, 2009] 1235 1236
Maximum temperature of microbial activity	$t_{max}$	K	$t_{max} = 313$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Empirical factor	$a_{\Sigma}$		$a_{\Sigma} = 2.4$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Sharp parameter of the function	$b$		$b = 2$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Critical water content of soil	$m_{crit}$	$\text{g g}^{-1}$ soil	$m_{crit} = 0.12$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Density of soil	$\rho_{soil}$	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	$\rho_{soil} = 1050.$	

1237 Table 1. Manure Sensitivity Tests

Exper <sup>1</sup>	Parameter <sup>2</sup>	Value <sup>3</sup>	NH3 <sup>4</sup>	Run <sup>5</sup>	Soil <sup>6</sup>	Nitrif. <sup>7</sup>	Canopy <sup>8</sup>	$\Delta$ NH3 <sup>9</sup> %	Sens. <sup>10</sup> %/%
Control <sup>11</sup>			19.5	10.2	15.2	32.3	29.2		
EX1m	$k_m$	100 d <sup>-1</sup>	16.6	9.1	13.6	41.8	24.8	-15	.20
EX2m	$k_m$	750 d <sup>-1</sup>	20.8	10.7	16	25.9	31.2	+7	.06
EX3m	$k_{relax}$	1 d <sup>-1</sup>	19.5	10.2	15.3	32.2	29.2	0	0.0
EX4m	$k_{relax}$	10 d <sup>-1</sup>	19.4	10.3	15.2	32.4	29.1	+1	0.0
EX5m	pH	6	8.0	16.6	23.9	45.8	12.0	-59	4.1
EX6m	pH	8	29.6	3.7	5.1	23.5	44.4	+52	3.6
EX7m	pH	Dataset <sup>12</sup>	15.0	13.8	18.4	36.8	22.5	-23	
EX8m	$f_{capture}$	0.4	29.2	10.2	15.2	32.3	19.5	+50	-1.3
EX9m	$f_{capture}$	0.8	9.7	10.2	15.2	32.3	38.9	-50	-2.2
EX10m	$\chi_a$	.1 ug m <sup>-3</sup>	20.0	9.9	14.7	31.8	30.0	+3	-.04
EX11m	$\chi_a$	1 ug m <sup>-3</sup>	18.2	11.1	16.4	33.5	27.3	-7	-.03
EX12m	H2O Depth	10 cm	16.0	7.7	20.7	37.9	24.1	-18	-.18
EX13m	H2O Depth	2 cm	23.1	13.4	8.2	27.1	34.6	+18	-.31
EX14m	$K_D$	×0.5	20.7	11.6	9.4	33.8	31.0	+6	-.12
EX15m	$K_D$	×2.0	17.8	8.5	22.9	30.4	26.8	-9	-.09
EX16m	$r_{max}$	× 0.5	20.7	11.0	16.7	27.0	31.1	+6	-.12
EX17m	$r_{max}$	× 2.0	17.5	9.0	13.0	40.5	26.3	-10	-.10
EX18m	<i>manure comp</i> <sup>13</sup>		15.4	8.4	12.5	23.8	23.1	-21	

1238 <sup>1</sup>Control Experiment <sup>2</sup>Parameter changed from default values <sup>3</sup>New parameter value <sup>4</sup>NH<sub>3</sub> emissions (Tg N  
1239 yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>5</sup>Runoff (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>6</sup>Diffusion to soil (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>7</sup>Nitrification (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>8</sup>Canopy capture (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>)  
1240 <sup>9</sup>Percent change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions due to parameter change (%) <sup>10</sup>Percent change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions



1241 per % change in parameter value <sup>11</sup>Control simulation <sup>12</sup>Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,  
 1242 2005]<sup>13</sup>Change in manure composition to urine 41%, available 21%, unavailable 25%, and resistant 13%

1243 Table 2. Fertilizer Sensitivity Tests

Exper <sup>1</sup>	Parameter <sup>2</sup>	Value <sup>3</sup>	NH3 <sup>4</sup>	Run <sup>5</sup>	Soil <sup>6</sup>	Nitrif. <sup>7</sup>	Canopy <sup>8</sup>	$\Delta$ NH3 <sup>9</sup> %	Sens. <sup>10</sup> %/%
Control <sup>11</sup>			10.9	5.3	12.3	9.8	16.3		
EX3f	$k_{relax}$	1 d <sup>-1</sup>	11.3	5.6	11.6	9.0	17.0	+4	-.06
EX4f	$k_{relax}$	10 d <sup>-1</sup>	10.1	4.7	13.7	10.9	15.1	-7	-.03
EX5f	pH	6	4.4	8.5	17.7	17.5	6.5	-60	+4.2
EX6f	pH	8	18.4	1.5	4.1	2.8	27.6	+69	+4.8
EX7f	pH	Dataset <sup>12</sup>	9.4	6.6	13.5	10.9	14.1	-14	
EX8f	$f_{capture}$	0.4	16.3	5.3	12.3	9.8	10.9	+50	-1.2
EX9f	$f_{capture}$	0.8	5.4	5.3	12.3	9.8	21.7	-50	-2.1
EX10f	$\chi_a$	.1 ug m <sup>-3</sup>	10.9	5.2	12.3	9.8	16.3	+0	0.0
EX11f	$\chi_a$	1 ug m <sup>-3</sup>	10.8	5.3	12.4	9.9	16.1	-1	0.0
EX12f	H2O Depth	10 cm	9.0	4.0	15.2	12.9	13.4	-17	-.17
EX13f	H2O Depth	2 cm	12.9	6.8	8.3	7.2	19.3	+18	-.31
EX14f	$K_D$	×0.5	11.8	6.1	7.6	11.3	17.7	+8	-.17
EX15f	$K_D$	×2.0	9.6	4.2	18.3	7.9	14.4	-12	-.12
EX16f	$r_{max}$	× 0.5	11.8	5.8	13.7	5.5	17.7	+8	-.17
EX17f	$r_{max}$	× 2.0	9.4	4.4	10.3	16.3	14.2	-14	-.14
EX18f	<i>Fert. Date</i> <sup>13</sup>		8.4	8.6	15.5	8.6	12.6	-23	
EX19f	<i>Fert. Rate</i> <sup>14</sup>		11.3	5.6	11.5	9.1	17.0	+4	
EX20f	<i>Fert Decomp</i> <sup>15</sup>		10.5	4.9	12.9	10.5	15.7	-4	

1244 <sup>1</sup>Control Experiment <sup>2</sup>Parameter changed from default values <sup>3</sup>New parameter value <sup>4</sup>NH<sub>3</sub> emissions (Tg N  
1245 yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>5</sup>Runoff (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>6</sup>Diffusion to soil (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>7</sup>Nitrification (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>) <sup>8</sup> Canopy capture (Tg N yr<sup>-1</sup>)  
1246 <sup>9</sup>Percent change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions due to parameter change (%) <sup>10</sup>Percent change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions  
1247 per % change in parameter value <sup>11</sup>Control simulation <sup>12</sup>Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,  
1248 2005]. <sup>13</sup>Change in fertilizer date to Mar 20 (NH) and Sept 20 (SH) <sup>14</sup>Apply fertilizer over 20 days  
1249 <sup>15</sup>Assume fast release ammonium nitrate decay of fertilizer

## 1250 Figure Captions.

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1252 Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the  
1253 CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and and  
1254 plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen ( $N_{urine}$ ) is directly input to the TAN pool  
1255 while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate  
1256 determined by their C: N ratio ( $N_{available}$ ,  $N_{resistant}$ ,  $N_{unavailable}$ ). Manure nitrogen that does  
1257 not mineralize ( $N_{unavailable}$ ) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as  
1258 synthetic fertilizer is added to the  $N_{fertilizer}$  pool where it decomposes into the TAN pool.  
1259 Losses from the TAN pool include ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) emission (into CAM-chem), nitrogen  
1260 run-off (into the RTM), above ground nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) formation and diffusion to the soil  
1261 nitrogen pools.

1262 Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH<sub>3</sub>  
1263 emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color  
1264 measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

1265 Figure 3. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH<sub>3</sub>  
1266 emissions from fertilizer (see supplementary Table 2). Symbol color gives the latitude at  
1267 which the measurement was made; symbol shape gives the study and type of fertilizer  
1268 application.

1269 Figure 4. Simulated NH<sub>3</sub> emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the  
1270 present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions ( $kg\ N\ ha^{-1}\ yr^{-1}$ ) as a) an annual  
1271 average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and  
1272 f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer  
1273 application, b).

1274 Figure 5. As in Figure 4 but for manure application.

1275 Figure 6. Simulated runoff of  $N_r$  from fertilizer and manure TAN pools for the present-  
1276 day (1995-2004) control simulation. Simulated runoff ( $kg\ N\ ha^{-1}\ yr^{-1}$ ) as an annual  
1277 average for a) fertilizer, c) manure. Simulated as a) percent of annual fertilizer  
1278 application, d) percent of annual manure application.

1279 Figure 7. As in Figure 6, but for simulated nitrification.

1280 Figure 8. As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

1281 Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are  
1282 split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

1283 Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are  
1284 split between developed countries and developing countries.

1285 Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and synthetic fertilizer (blue) ammonia  
1286 emissions or combined manure and synthetic fertilizer (green) ( $\text{Tg N yr}^{-1}$ ) a) globally, b)  
1287 China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies as collated by  
1288 Paulot et al. (2104). Details on other studies in text.

1289 Figure 12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at  $35^{\circ}\text{N}$  and  $100^{\circ}\text{W}$ , near the Texas  
1290 panhandle. Panels show a) the temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and precipitation ( $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ) used to force  
1291 the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) ( $\text{gN m}^{-2}$ ), and the four  
1292 major loss pathways from the TAN pools ( $\text{NH}_3$  emissions, red; runoff, orange;  
1293 nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ( $\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) from c) the manure TAN pool  
1294 d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

1295 Figure 13. Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in  $\text{Tg N yr}^{-1}$   
1296 for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of  
1297 applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses  
1298 from the TAN pool are divided into emission losses of ammonia to the atmosphere  
1299 (golden diamond), runoff (green diamond) and loss to the soil. Loss to the soil is divided  
1300 into that due to canopy loss (asterisk), direct diffusive loss (cross) and nitrification (plus)  
1301 (see section 3.2.3).

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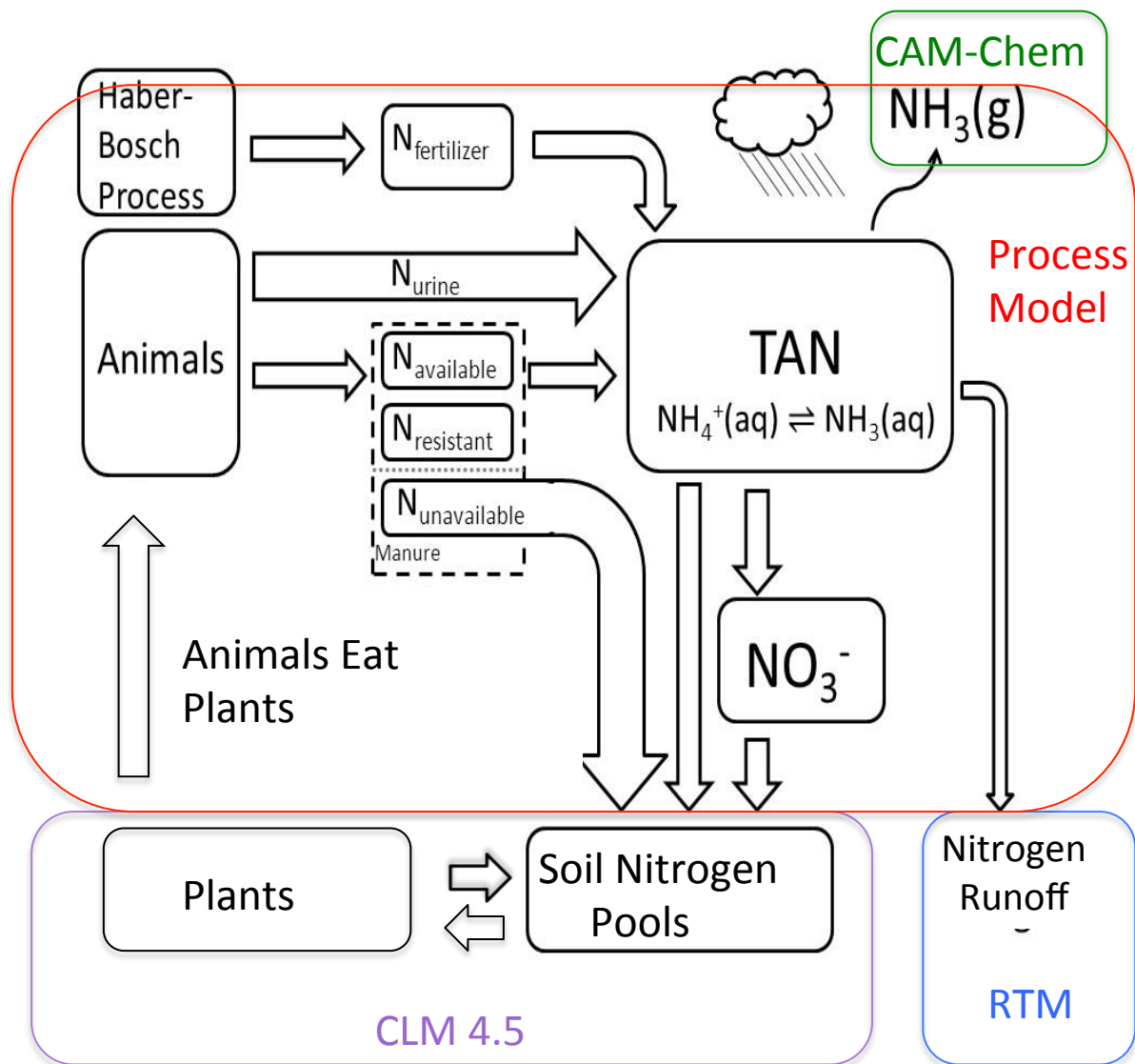
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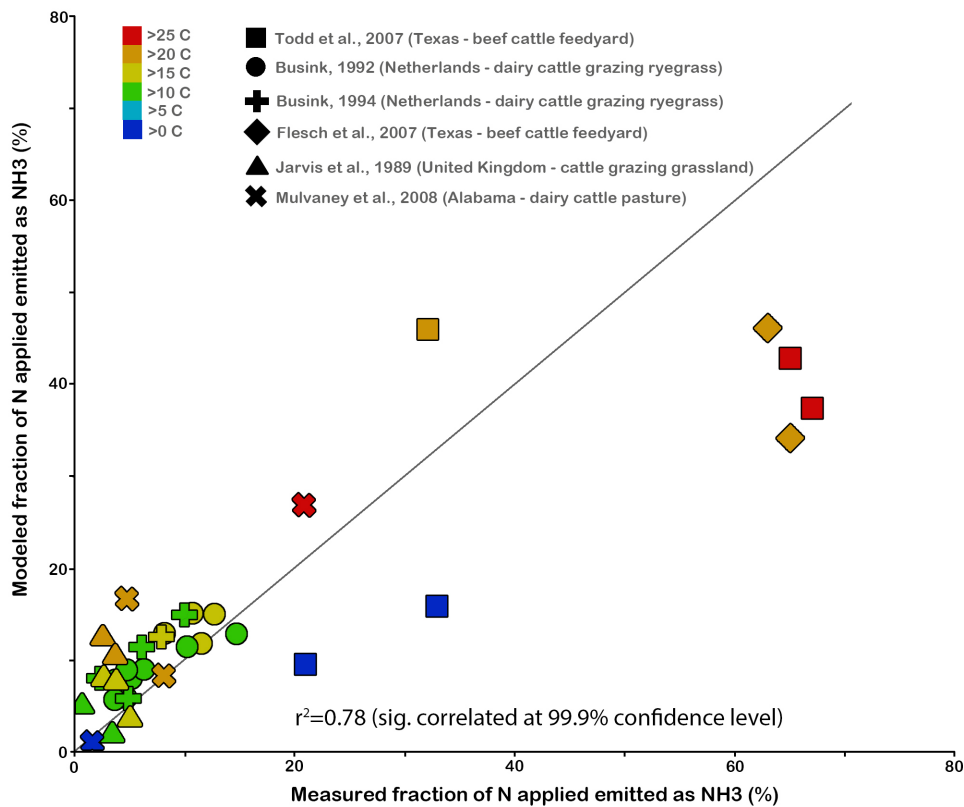
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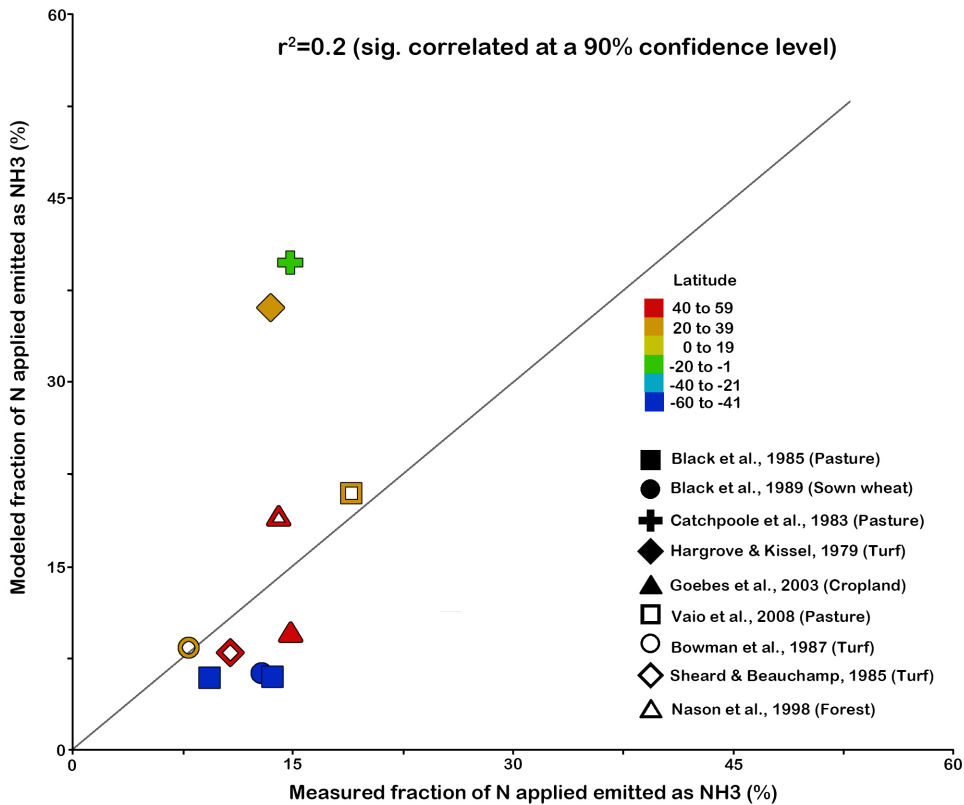
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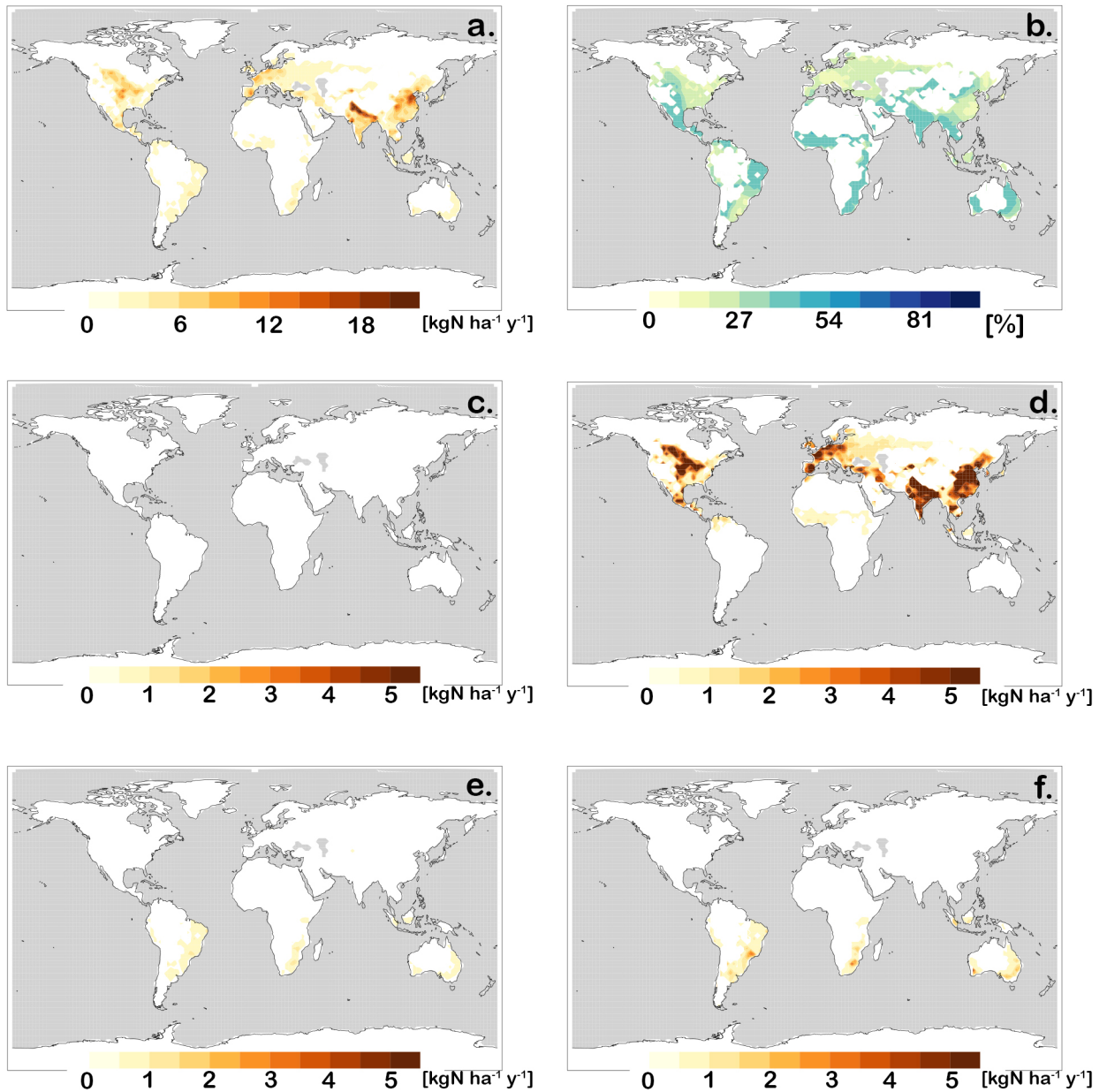
**Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen ( $N_{urine}$ ) is directly input to the TAN pool while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate determined by their C: N ratio ( $N_{available}$ ,  $N_{resistant}$ ,  $N_{unavailable}$ ). Manure nitrogen that does not mineralize ( $N_{unavailable}$ ) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as synthetic fertilizer is added to the  $N_{fertilizer}$  pool where it decomposes into the TAN pool. Losses from the TAN pool include ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) emission (into CAM-chem), nitrogen run-off (into the RTM), above ground nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) formation and diffusion to the soil nitrogen pools.**



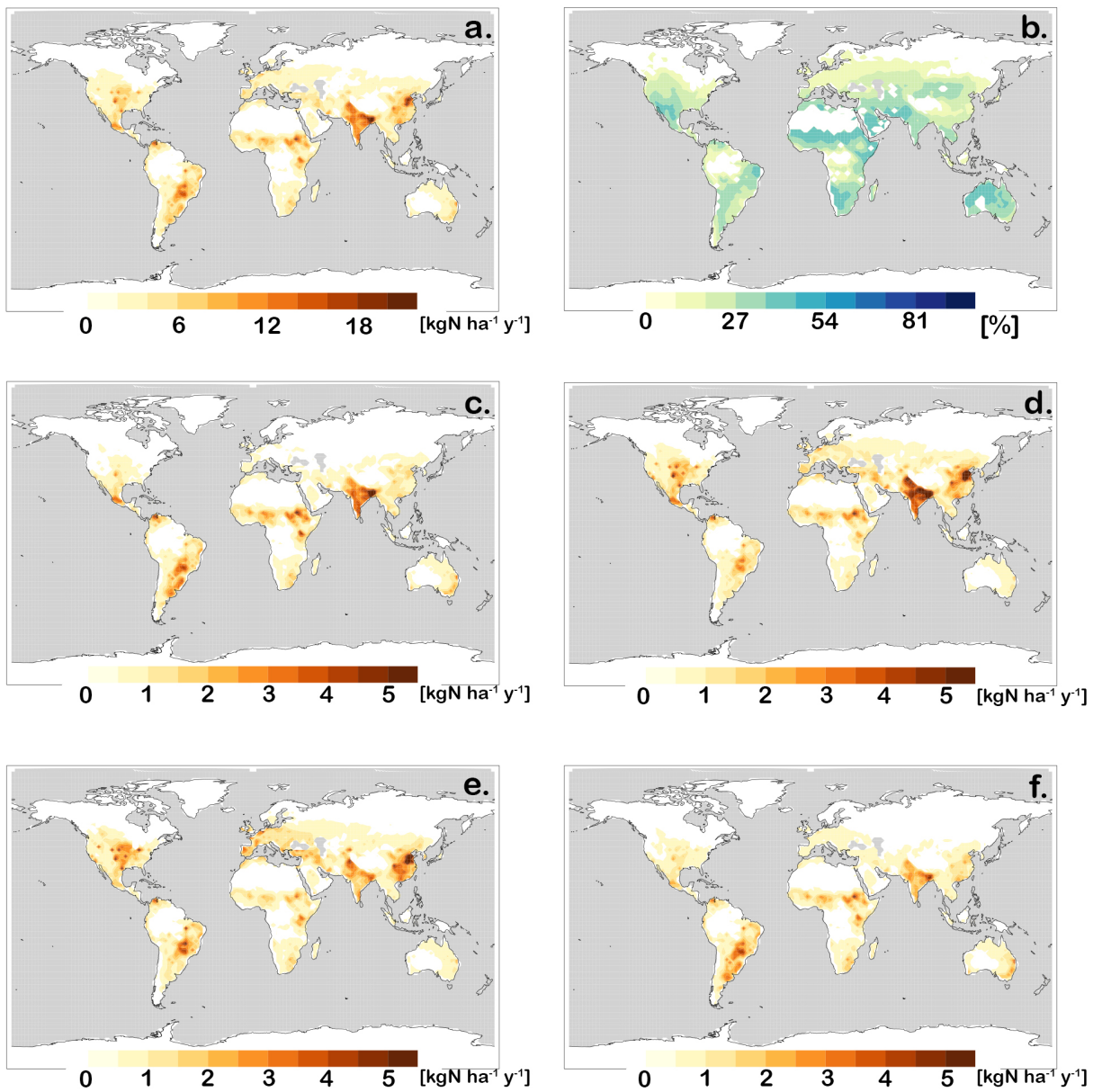
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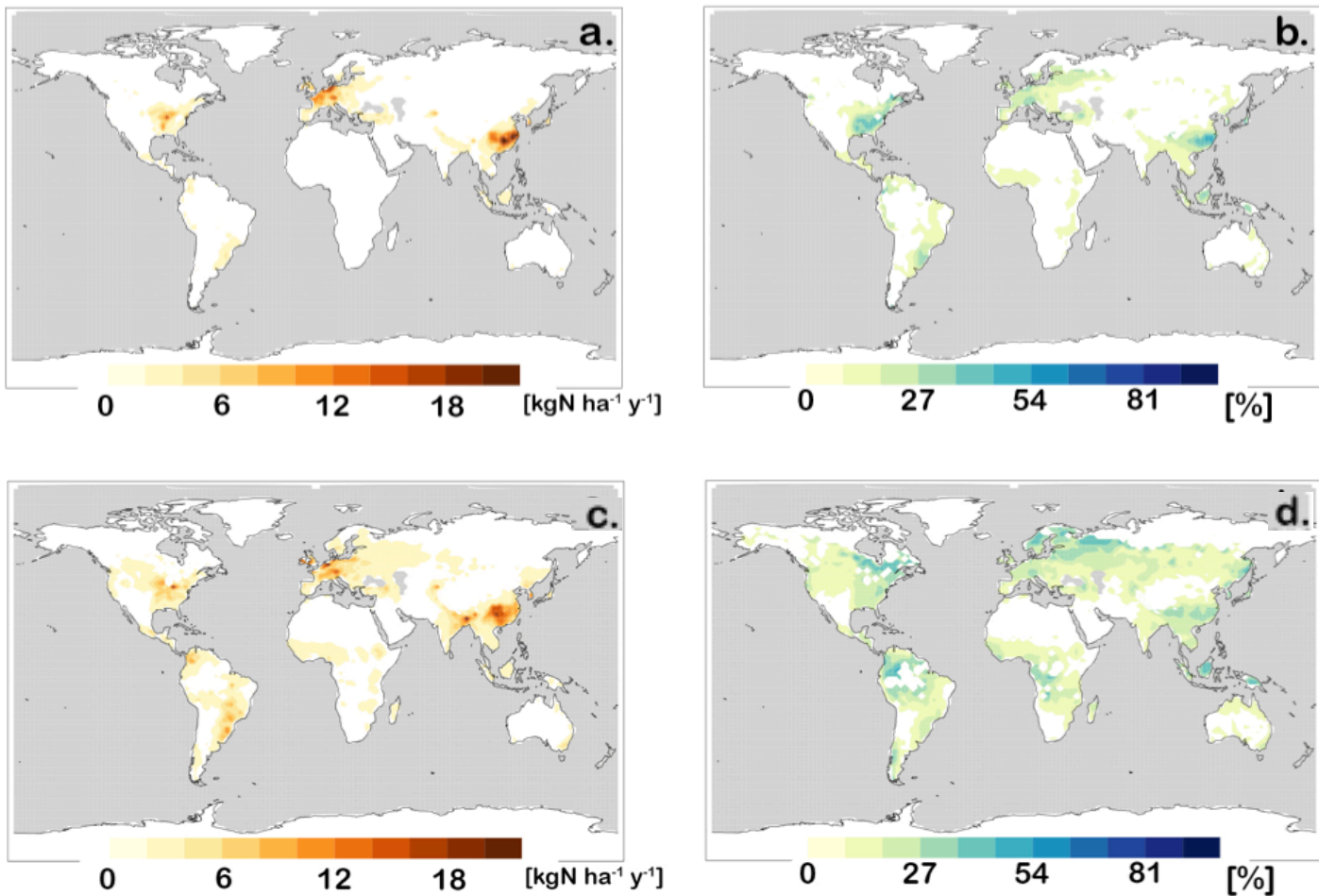
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**Figure 4. Simulated  $\text{NH}_3$  emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions ( $\text{kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) as a) an annual average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer application, b).**

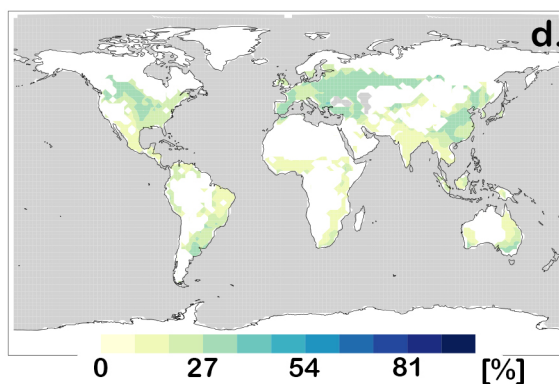
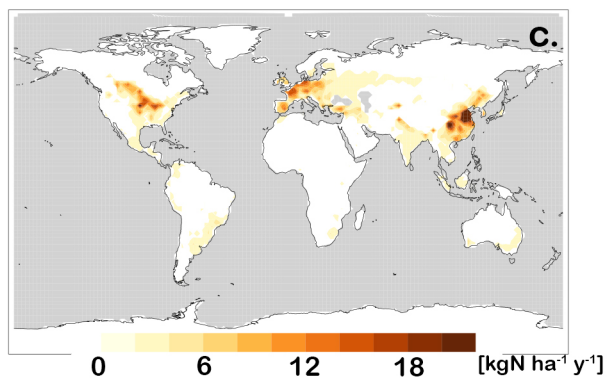
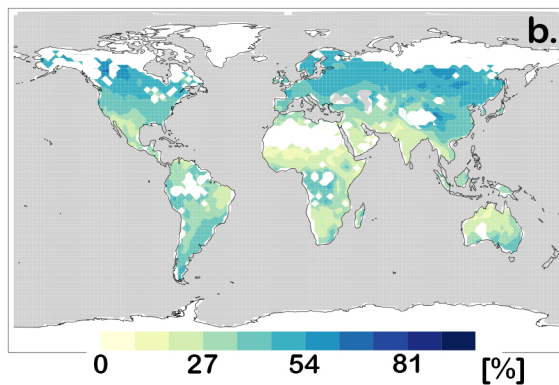
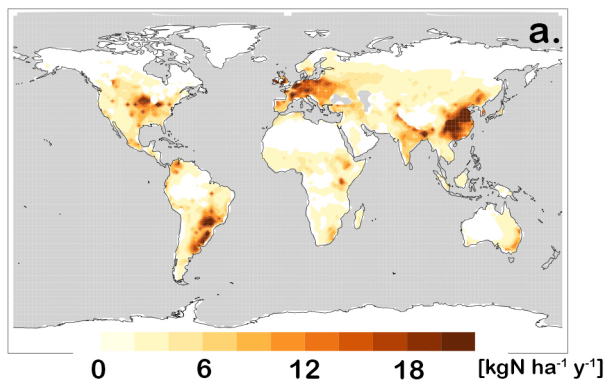


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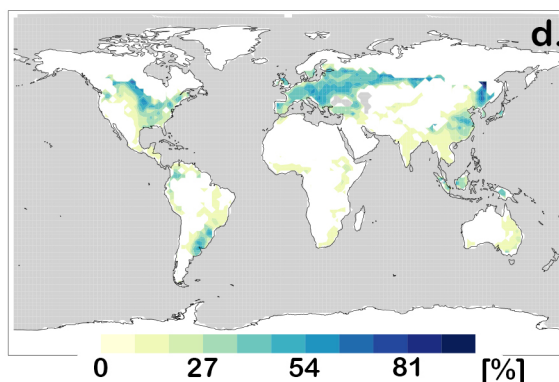
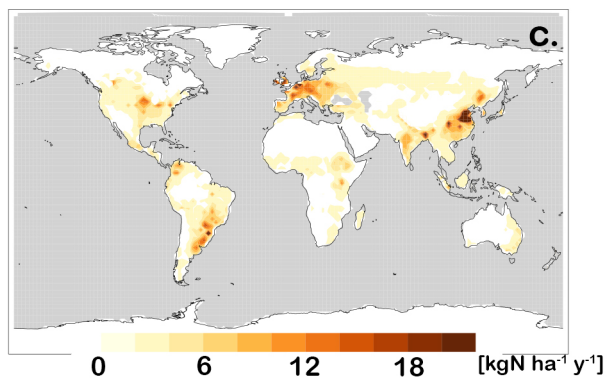
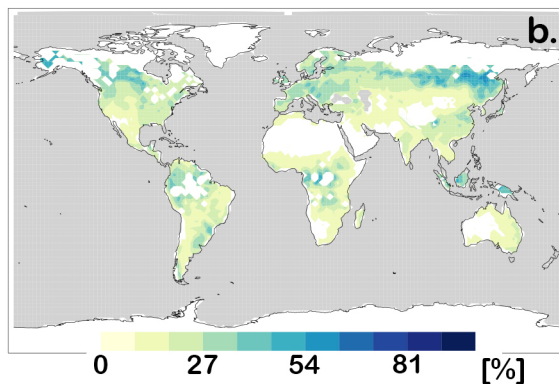
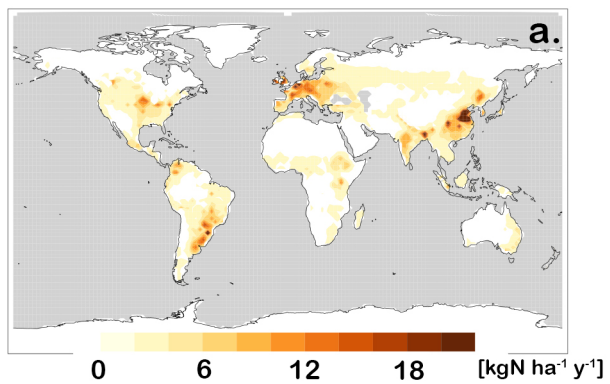
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**Figure 7. As in Figure 6, but for simulated nitrification.**





**Figure 8.** As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

## Global average fate of applied N

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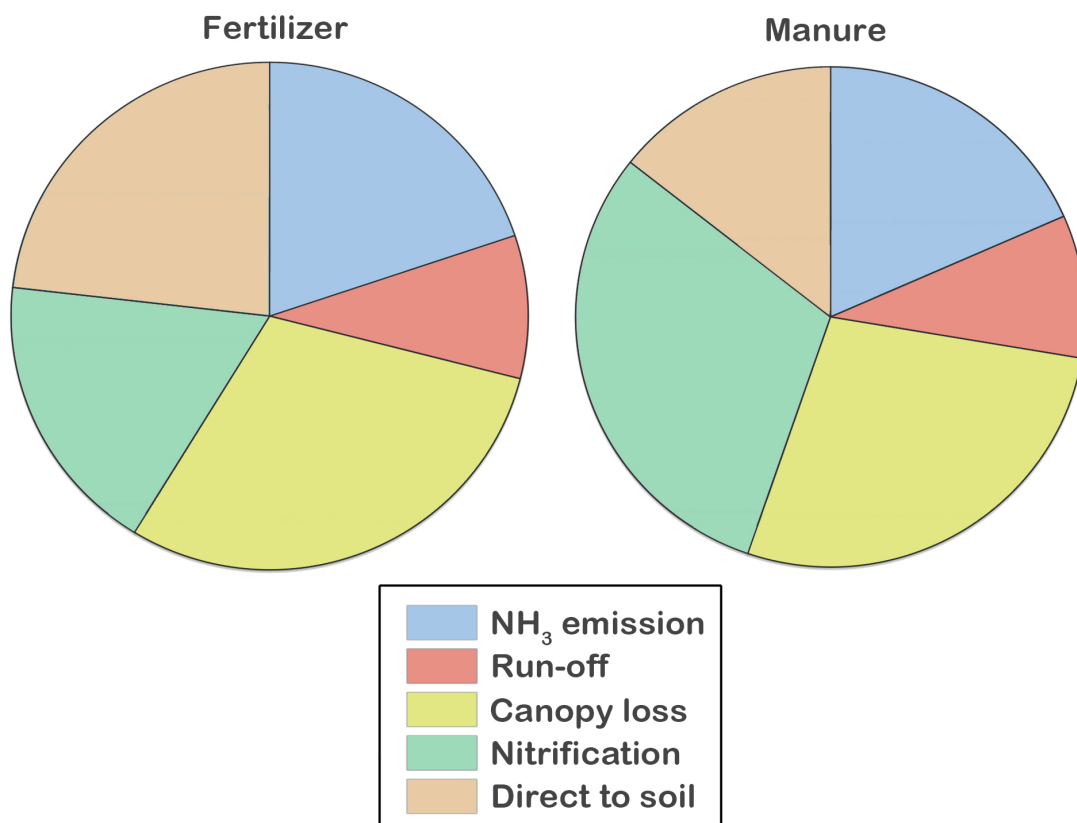


Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

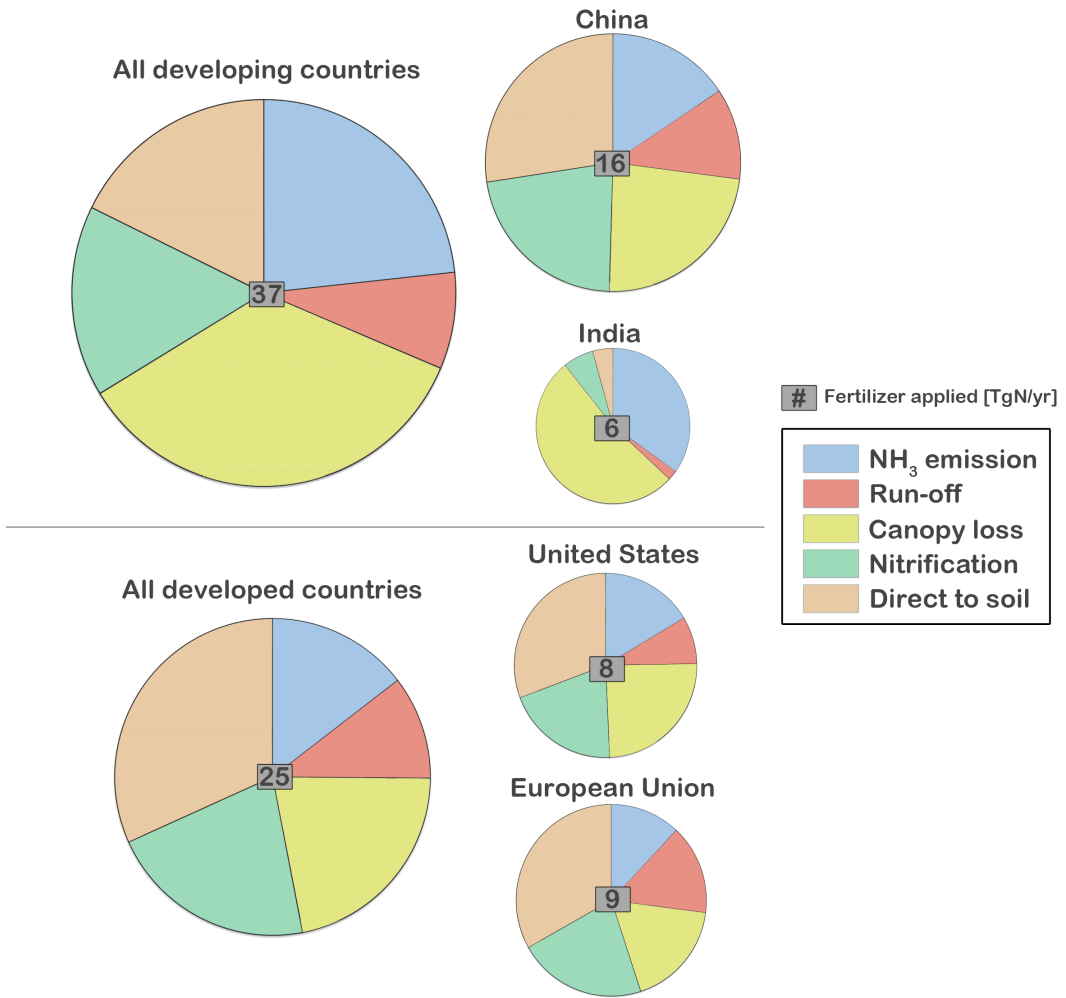
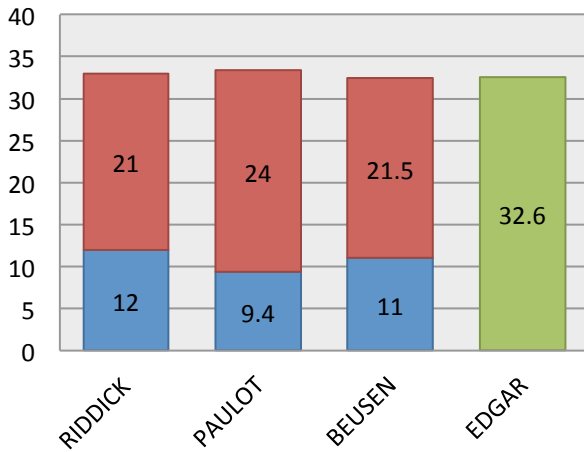
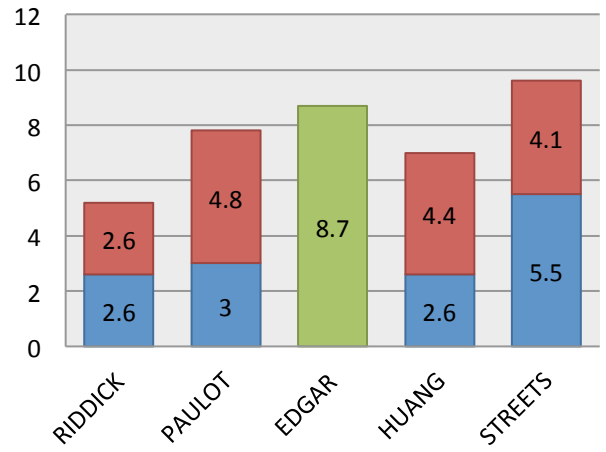


Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are split between developed countries and developing countries.

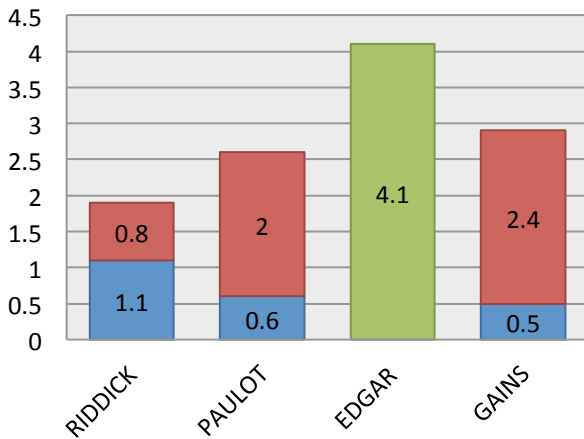
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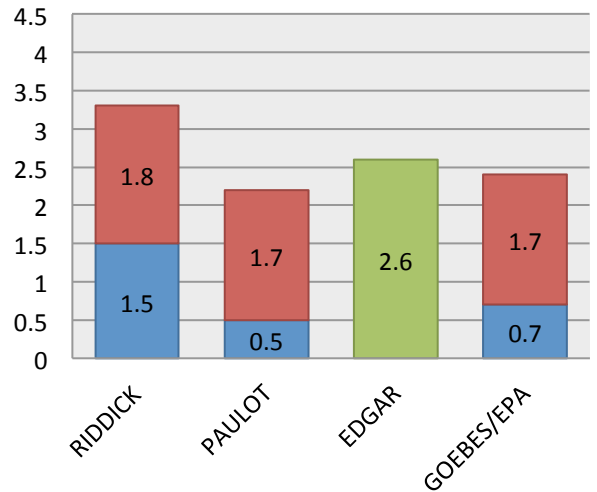
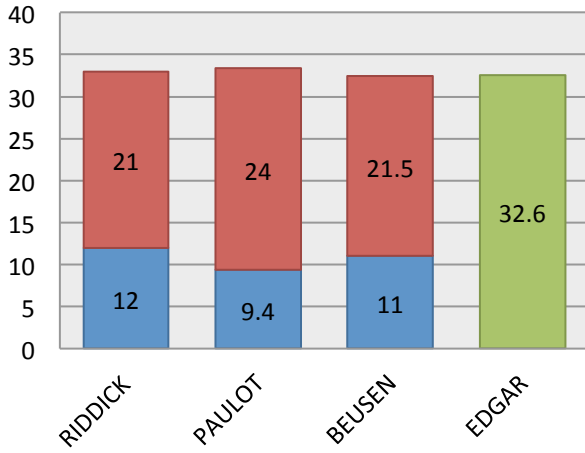
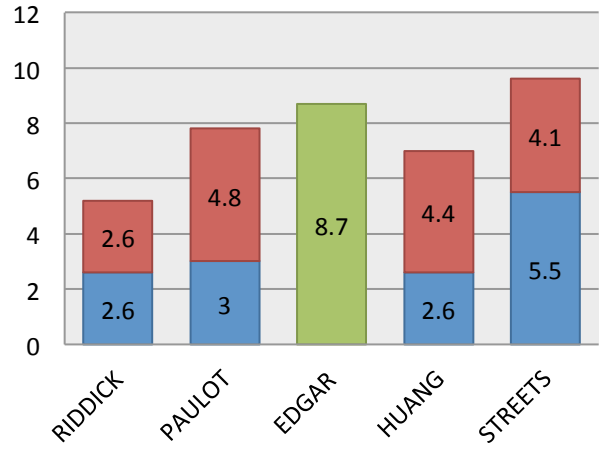


Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and fertilizer (blue) or both ammonia emissions (Tg N ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>) a) globally, b) China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies as collated by Paulot et al. (2104). Details on other studies in text.

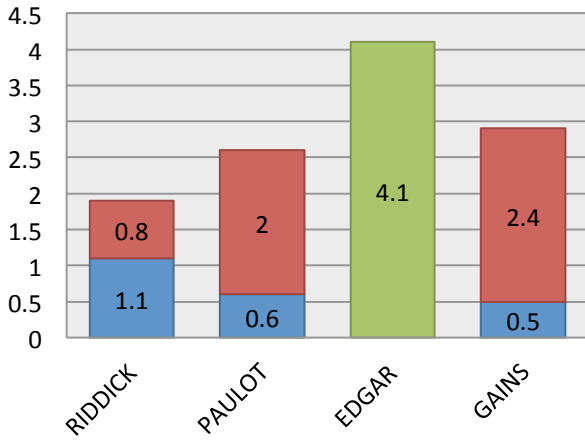
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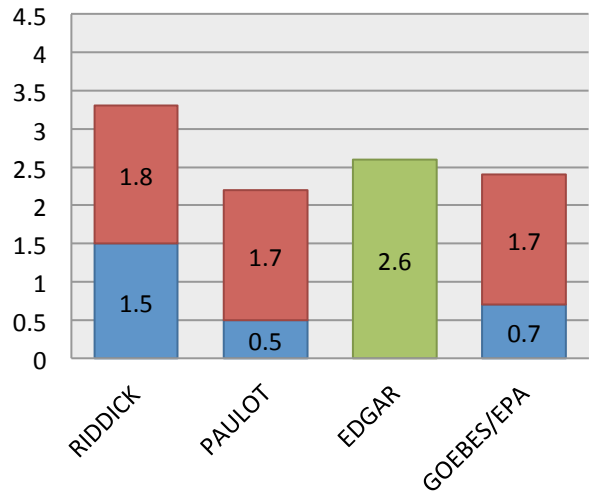
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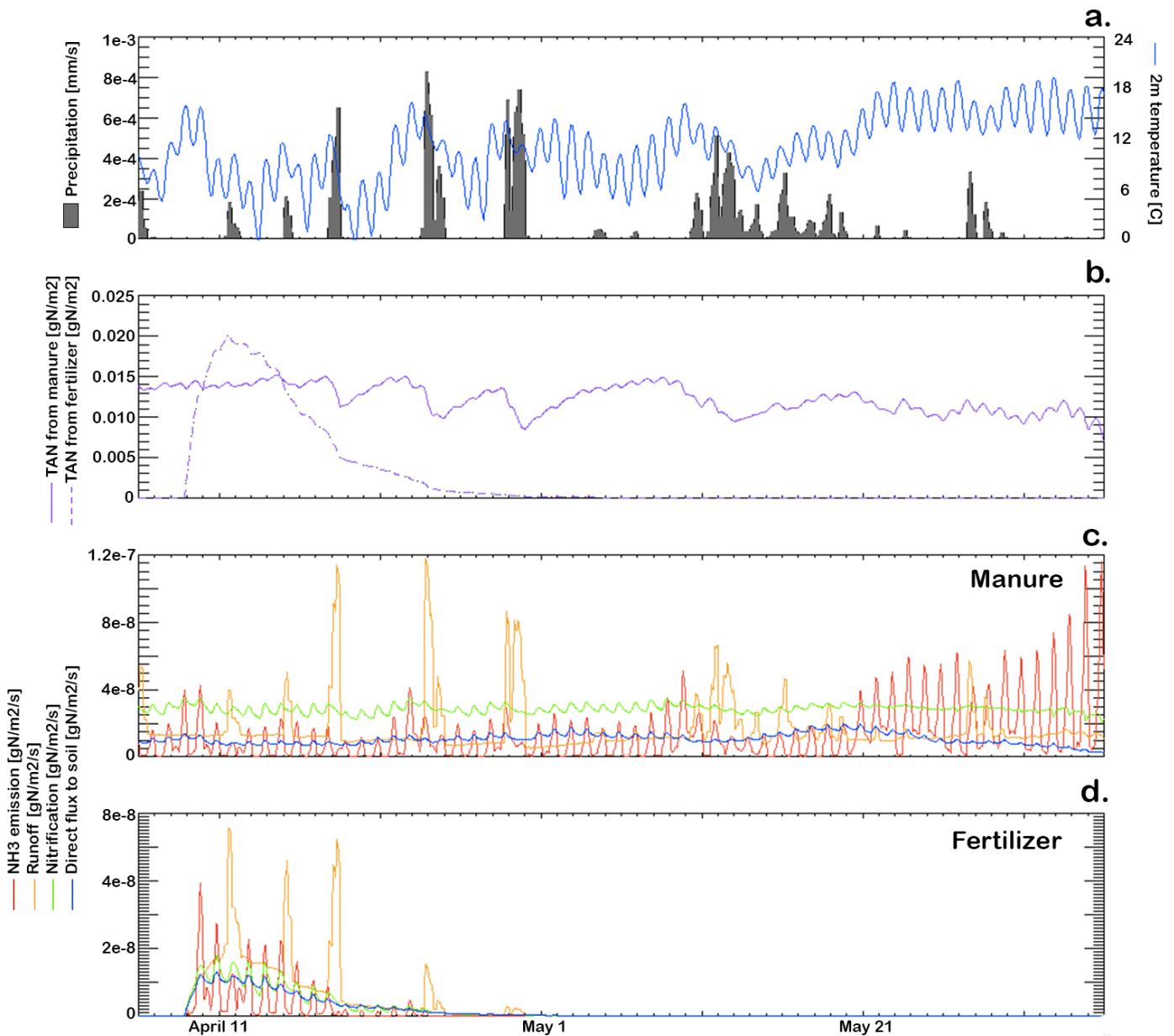


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12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W, near the Texas panhandle . Panels show a) the temperature (°C) and precipitation ( $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ) used to force the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) ( $\text{gN m}^{-2}$ ), and the four major loss pathways from the TAN pools ( $\text{NH}_3$  emissions, red; runoff, orange; nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ( $\text{g N m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ ) from c) the manure TAN pool d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

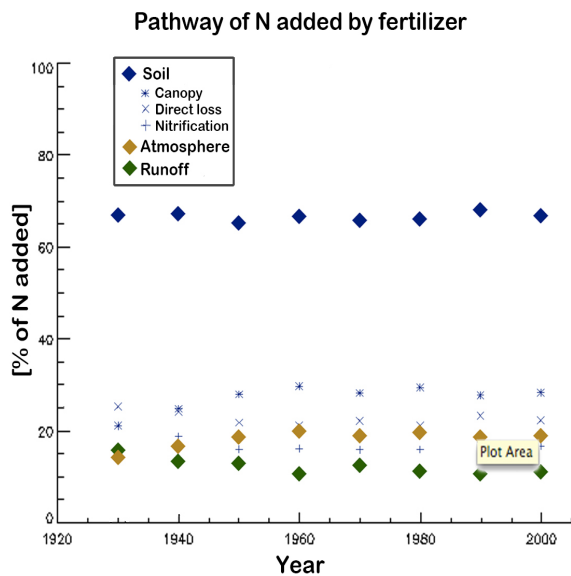
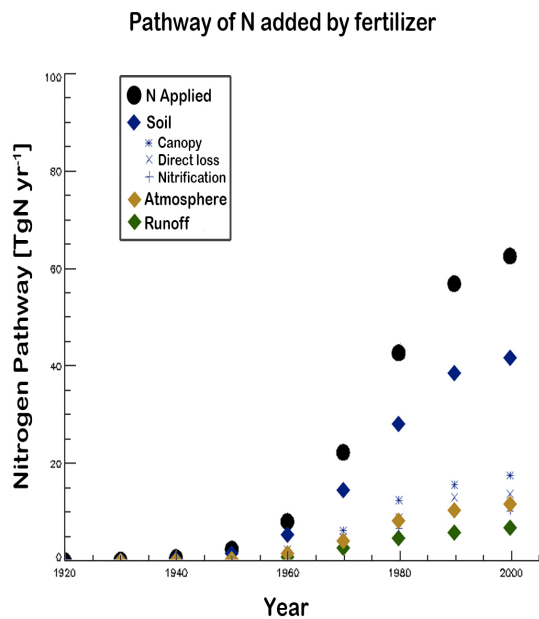
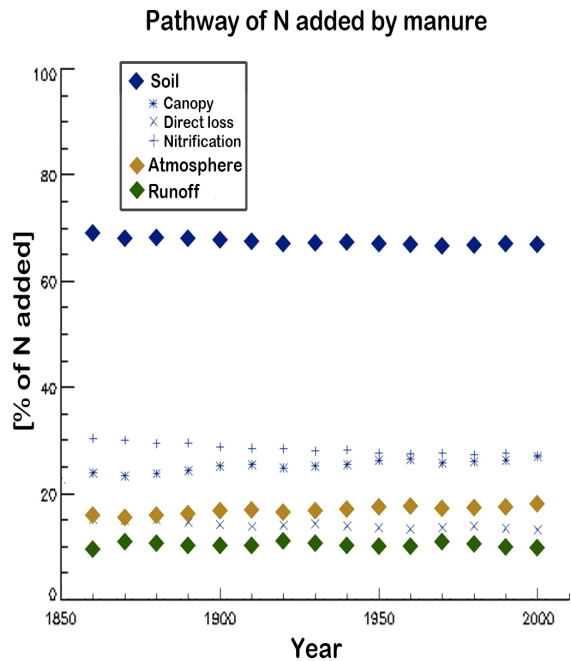
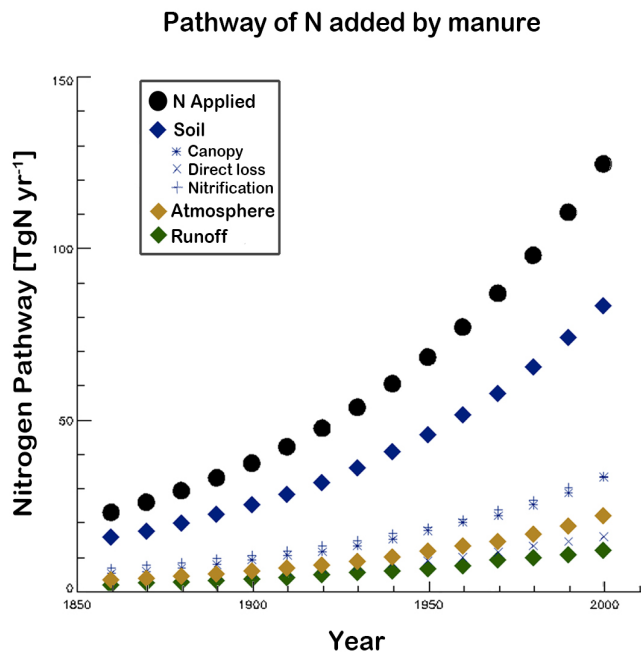


Figure 13: Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in  $\text{Tg N yr}^{-1}$  for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses from the TAN pool are divided into emission losses of ammonia to the atmosphere (golden diamond), runoff (green diamond) and loss to the soil. Loss to the soil is divided into that due to canopy loss (asterisk), direct diffusive loss (cross) and nitrification (plus) (see section 3.2.3).