

1 Reply to Reviewers:

2 The manuscript with tracked changes is given below. A number of important changes
3 have been made to the manuscript: (1) we have added a sensitivity study where
4 temperature is increased by 1 °C in the TAN nitrogen reactions; (2) we have added a
5 sensitivity study where the actual soil pH is used in the TAN nitrogen reactions instead of
6 a set pH; (3) we have added considerable discussion vis-à-vis agricultural practices. In
7 particular we have discussed at some length animal storage facilities. The global
8 ammonia emissions estimated here are in line with other global estimates. In the new
9 version of the paper we more forcefully acknowledge that while important we do not
10 simulate regional ammonia emission variations due to agro-management practices;
11 however, at the same time we stress that we are able to capture the geographical and
12 temporal impact of meteorology on ammonia emissions. The approach taken here is
13 unique in that is suitable for incorporating agricultural nitrogen and meteorological
14 variability into biogeochemical models. This is something that has not been attempted in
15 traditional global approaches in simulating ammonia emissions. In the conclusions we
16 emphasize that a hybrid approach including both a more realistic incorporation of
17 agricultural practices and meteorological variability is ultimately necessary.

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19 For the most part we have already replied to the reviewers comments in our published
20 replies, but a few additional comments are warranted. (1) In particular, reviewer 2
21 inquired about units in a few of the derivations. All units are given in appendix A as well
22 as in the text where appropriate. In particular the Henry's law coefficient is unitless in
23 equation 11. It is derived from the Henry's Law coefficient given in Sutton et al. (1994)

24 where $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) = \text{NH}_3(\text{g}) \cdot H$, where $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ is in atmospheres and the Henry's law
25 coefficient H is in moles/(liter-atmospheres). However, we convert units so that $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$
26 and $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ are given in the same units. (2) Reviewer 2 found a misprint in our equation
27 for NH_4^+ (equation 12). This is now corrected. The equation was coded correctly in the
28 computer code. (3). As suggested by Reviewer 2 we looked for additional data in Sogaard
29 et al. (2002) with regard to ammonia emission factors, but did not find suitable data in
30 that paper nor access to measured emission factors. However, we did track down a
31 subsequent paper by Sintermann et al. (Biogeosciences, 9, 1611–1632, 2012) in which
32 350 measurements of emission factors for ammonia emissions from manure over a recent
33 10 year period were tabulated. We selected the more recent field measurements from this
34 dataset for cattle manure and included them in Figure 2. We note here that there is a
35 discrepancy in the emission factors between these later field scale measurements and
36 early reported measurements from wind tunnels, with the earlier measurements
37 suggesting higher emission factors. A plausibility analysis suggests the earlier emissions
38 are biased high (Sintermann et al., 2012).

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

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60 **Abstract.** Nitrogen applied to the surface of the land for agricultural purposes represents
61 a significant source of reactive nitrogen (N_r) that can be emitted as a gaseous N_r species,
62 be denitrified to atmospheric nitrogen (N_2), run-off during rain events or form plant
63 useable nitrogen in the soil. To investigate the magnitude, temporal variability and
64 spatial heterogeneity of nitrogen pathways on a global scale from sources of animal
65 manure and synthetic fertilizer, we developed a mechanistic parameterization of these
66 pathways within a global terrestrial model—~~The~~, [the Community Land Model \(CLM\)](#).
67 [In this initial version the](#) parameterization ~~uses~~ [emphasizes an explicit](#) climate
68 dependent approach ~~whereby the relationships~~ [while using highly simplified](#)
69 [representations of agricultural practices including manure management and fertilizer](#)
70 [application. The climate dependent approach explicitly simulates the relationship](#)
71 between meteorological variables and biogeochemical processes ~~are used~~ to calculate the
72 volatilization of ammonia (NH_3), nitrification and run-off of N_r following manure or
73 synthetic fertilizer application. For the year 2000, ~~we approximately~~ [125 Tg N yr⁻¹ and 62](#)
74 [Tg N yr⁻¹ is applied to the model land surface as manure and synthetic fertilizer,](#)
75 [respectively. We estimate the resulting](#) global NH_3 ~~emission and N_r emissions~~ [are 21 Tg](#)
76 [N yr⁻¹ from manure \(17% of manure applied\) and 12 Tg N yr⁻¹ from fertilizer \(19% of](#)
77 [fertilizer applied\); reactive nitrogen dissolved during rain events](#) ~~from manure at 21 and~~
78 [is calculated as](#) 11 Tg N ~~per year, respectively; for synthetic fertilizer we estimate the~~
79 [NH₃ emission and \$N_r\$ run-off during rain events at 12-yr⁻¹ from manure and 5 Tg N per](#)
80 [year, respectively. yr⁻¹ from fertilizer. The parameterization was implemented in the](#)
81 [Community Land Model from 1850 to 2000 using remaining nitrogen from manure \(93](#)
82 [Tg N yr⁻¹\) and synthetic fertilizer \(45 Tg N yr⁻¹\) is captured by the canopy or transferred](#)

83 ~~to the soil nitrogen pools. In a transient simulation which predicted that, even though~~
84 ~~absolute values of from 1850 to 2000 all nitrogen pathways are increasing with~~
85 ~~increased~~ increase in magnitude as manure and synthetic fertilizer application, ~~partitioning~~
86 ~~increase. Partitioning of applied nitrogen in manure to NH₃ emissions from manure is~~
87 ~~increasing on a percentage basis, increases~~ from 14 % of nitrogen applied (3 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹)
88 in 1850 to ~~18~~17% of nitrogen applied in 2000 (~~22 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹~~ 21 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹). Under
89 ~~current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an~~
90 ~~additional 1 Tg of NH₃ (approximately 3% of manure and fertilizer) emitted per year °C~~
91 ~~of warming.~~ While the model confirms earlier estimates of nitrogen fluxes made in a
92 range of studies, its key purpose is to provide a theoretical framework that can be
93 employed within a biogeochemical model, that can explicitly respond to climate and that
94 can evolve and improve with further ~~observation~~ observations and characterizations of
95 ~~agricultural practices.~~

97 **1. Introduction**

98 Nitrogen is needed by all living things for growth. However, it is relatively inert in its
99 most abundant form, diatomic nitrogen (N₂), and needs to be converted to a form of
100 reactive nitrogen (N_r) before it can be used by most plants for growth [Visek, 1984].
101 Supplying sufficient N_r for maximum crop yield is a major concern in agriculture. In pre-
102 industrial times N_r demand was partly solved with the use of animal manure and seabird
103 guano as well as crop rotation and the use of nitrogen fixing crops [Smil, 2000].
104 However, by the early 20th century the supply of these N_r sources could not match the

105 demands of an increasing population and a process of creating synthetic N_r was
106 developed; the Haber-Bosch process [Galloway et al., 2004].

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108 The use of N_r to improve crop yield has ~~recently~~ become an environmental concern as N_r
109 in synthetic fertilizer and manure cascades through the soil, water and the atmospheric
110 nitrogen cycles. Plants can readily use applied N_r for plant growth; however, N_r washed
111 off fields or volatilized as gas can reduce ecosystem biodiversity through acidification
112 and eutrophication [Sutton et al., 2013]. Increased N_r in the hydrosphere can lead to the
113 subsequent degradation of riverine and near shore water quality as the water becomes
114 more acidic and the growth of primary producers blooms [Turner and Rabalais, 1991;
115 Howarth et al., 2002], which can alter the local interspecies competition and biodiversity
116 [Sutton et al., 2012]. Reactive nitrogen emissions into the atmosphere impacts air quality
117 through the ozone generation associated with NO emissions [e.g., Hudman et al., 2010]
118 and the contribution of ammonia (NH_3) to aerosol formation [e.g., Gu et al., 2014].
119 Nitrogen cycling also impacts climate through the stimulation of plant growth and
120 associated increased carbon storage; through the associated emissions of N_2O , a strong
121 greenhouse gas; through emissions of nitrogen oxides and the associated ozone
122 production; and through the emissions of ~~ammonia~~ (NH_3) with its potential to cool the
123 climate through aerosol formation [e.g., Adams et al., 2001].

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125 As a result of their ~~dependeney~~dependence on environmental conditions, N_r pathways
126 following manure or synthetic fertilizer application are likely to change in the future
127 under climate change scenarios. This study describes a biogeochemically consistent

128 process driven parameterization suitable for incorporation into Earth System Models that
129 simulates N_r flow following the surface addition of N_r as manure or synthetic fertilizer.
130 The parameterization is evaluated on both the local and global scales against local
131 measurements and ~~independent~~ global NH_3 flux estimates. The calculated emission
132 estimates for NH_3 and the N_r runoff due to manure and synthetic fertilizer application will
133 be used in ensuing studies in both present and future climates to investigate their impact
134 on nitrogen cycling and climate within the earth system. To our knowledge, no Earth
135 System model has yet to explicitly predict changing nitrogen pathways from manure and
136 synthetic fertilizer in response to climate. [We note at the outset that the representation of
137 agricultural processes is highly simplified in the initial model version described here.](#)

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139 Sources of N_r largely fall into two categories, ‘new’ sources, created by chemical and
140 biological processes, and those that are ‘recycled’, such as manure excretion of animals.
141 The largest natural new N_r producers are biological nitrogen fixers; found in the ocean
142 ~~and~~, [biological nitrogen fixers](#) on land, and as the by-product of lightning estimated at
143 $140 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50\%$, $58 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$ and $5 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$, respectively [Fowler
144 et al., 2013]. The dominant anthropogenic sources of new N_r are Haber-Bosch derived
145 fertilizer (estimated at $120 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$), [% in 2005](#)), the burning of fossil fuels, (30
146 $\text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$), [% in 2000](#)), and a further $60 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 30 \%$ ([circa 2005](#)) estimated
147 from biological nitrogen fixers grown for human consumption, such as legumes [Fowler
148 et al., 2013]. Since pre-industrial times, anthropogenic N_r creation has increased from 15
149 Tg N yr^{-1} to the present estimate of 210 Tg N yr^{-1} [Galloway et al., 2004; Fowler et al.,
150 2013]. Animal manure is used to stimulate plant growth in agriculture. It contains N_r

151 recycled from the soil produced when animals eat plants. A comprehensive increase in
152 livestock population is estimated to have increased global manure production from 21 Tg
153 N yr⁻¹ in 1850 to the present estimate of 141 Tg N yr⁻¹ [Holland et al., 2005]. It is
154 suggested that this increase in recycled N_r production speeds up the decay and processing
155 of plant biomass, releasing different N_r products to the atmosphere when compared to
156 natural decay processes [Davidson, 2009].

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158 Projections of agricultural activity [Bodirsky et al., 2012] suggest continued increases in
159 the application of synthetic fertilizers until the mid-21st century (and possibly beyond)
160 concurrent with likely increases in manure production [Tilman et al., 2001]. In addition to
161 the increased use of organic and synthetic fertilizers [in the](#) future, NH₃ emissions are
162 expected to increase because of [the impact of](#) changing climate on nitrogen
163 [biochemistrybiogeochemistry](#) [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013; Sutton et al.,
164 2013].

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166 Current estimates of the direct forcing of nitrate aerosols present as ammonium nitrate
167 encompass the range from -0.03 Wm⁻² to -0.41 Wm⁻² [over thein](#) ACCMIP (Atmospheric
168 Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) [Shindell et al., 2013] and
169 AeroCom Phase II [Myhre et. al., 2013] simulations. With a future reduction in sulfate
170 emissions the relative importance of nitrate aerosols is expected to dominate the direct
171 aerosol forcing by 2100 with a resulting increase in radiative forcing of up to a factor of
172 8.6 over what it would have been otherwise [Hauglustaine et al., 2014]. These estimates
173 do not consider the temperature dependence of NH₃ emissions. Skjoth and Geels [2013]

174 predict increases in future NH₃ emissions of up to 60% over Europe by 2100 largely due
175 to increased NH₃ emissions with temperature. Sutton et al. [2013] predicts future
176 temperature increases may enhance global NH₃ emissions by up to approximately 40%
177 assuming a 5° C warming. In addition to [future](#) changes in [climate-induced](#) NH₃
178 volatilization from manure and synthetic fertilizer application, [future changes in agro-](#)
179 [management practices, soil microbiological processes and](#) nitrogen runoff [may be](#)
180 [expected](#).

181 Studies calculating NH₃ emission from manure and synthetic fertilizer have broadly
182 fallen into two categories: models that use empirically derived [agriculturally-based](#)
183 emission factors and more complex process-based models. Global emissions have almost
184 been universally estimated using the former approach ~~with specified emission factors~~
185 ~~taking into account the animal feed, the type of animal housing if any and the field~~
186 ~~application of the synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997]. Very~~
187 ~~simplified representations of the effect of climate have been taken into account by~~
188 ~~grouping countries into industrial or developing categories [Bouwman et al., 1997]. For~~
189 ~~example, this type of emission inventory was used in the Atmospheric Chemistry and~~
190 ~~Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) [Lamarque et al., 2013] for assessing~~
191 ~~historical and future chemistry climate scenarios. The global impact of nitrogen on the~~
192 ~~carbon cycle as well as on atmospheric chemistry has traditionally been assessed using~~
193 ~~these type of inventories of NH₃ emissions. A seasonal emission dependence is not~~
194 ~~implicit in these bottom-up inventories although sometimes an empirical relationship is~~
195 ~~applied [e.g., Adams et al., 2001; also see Skjoth et al., 2011].~~ Emission factors were
196 used by Bouwman et al. [1997] to estimate global NH₃ emissions in 1990 of 54 Tg N yr⁻¹,

197 with the greatest emission of 21.6 Tg N yr⁻¹ from domestic animals [Bouwman et al.,
198 1997]. Beusen et al. [2008] also used emission factors to estimate global NH₃ emission
199 from agricultural livestock (21 Tg N yr⁻¹) and synthetic fertilizers (11 Tg N yr⁻¹) in 2000;
200 Bouwman et al. [2013] estimated emissions of 34 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ on agricultural land, with
201 10 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ from animal housing. A number of more recent global models have
202 included emission factors explicitly as a function of temperature [e.g., Huang et al., 2012;
203 Paulot et al., 2014]. Paulot et al. [2014] estimates global [current](#) NH₃ emissions of 9.4 Tg
204 yr⁻¹ for synthetic fertilizer and 24 Tg yr⁻¹ for manure.

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206 Alternatively process-based or mechanistic models have been developed that estimate N_r
207 flows, equilibria and transformations between different nitrogen species as well as
208 nitrogen emissions from synthetic fertilizer and manure. Process models have been used
209 on the field to regional scale, but not on the global scale. These models generally do not
210 simulate the run-off of N_r. For example, Générmont and Cellier [1997] model the
211 transfer of NH₃(g) to the atmosphere after considering the physical and chemical
212 equilibria and transfer of N_r species (NH₃(g), NH₃(aq), NH₄⁺(aq)) in the soil. The
213 resulting model is used to calculate the NH₃ emissions from synthetic fertilizer over
214 France within the air quality model, Chimere [Hamaoui-Laguél et al., 2014]. Other
215 examples include Pinder et al. [2004], who describes a process model of NH₃ emissions
216 from a dairy farm, while Li et al. [2013] describes a farm-scale process model of the
217 decomposition and emission of NH₃ from manure.

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219 The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of
220 simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of
221 the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the
222 climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate
223 change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System
224 Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen
225 cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the
226 process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section
227 3 analyzes ~~this~~the model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level
228 measurements of NH₃ fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen
229 pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes;
230 model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the
231 sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

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233 **2. Methods**

234 In this section we describe a process model ~~designed to predict~~for the ~~spatial and~~
235 ~~temporal variations in the evolution~~Flows of N_r-Agricultural Nitrogen (FAN) that
236 ~~resultssimulates~~ NH₃ emissions and other N_r flows from ~~the application of~~applied manure
237 and synthetic fertilizer applications, including their spatial and temporal variations,
238 within ~~the context of~~ an Earth System Model, the Community Earth System Model 1.1
239 (CESM1.1). The FAN process model developed here simulates the ~~loss major pathways~~
240 ~~of N_r following the application of synthetic fertilizer or manure to the Earth's surface: its~~
241 incorporation of manure and fertilizer N_r into soil organic matter and soil nitrogen pools

242 | [Chambers et al., 1999], theits volatilization ofas NH₃ to the atmosphere and the direct
243 | runoff of N_r from the surface (Figure 1). The model is global in nature, is designed to
244 | conserve carbon and nitrogen and responds to changes in climate. It is designed to
245 | provide an interface between the application of manure and synthetic fertilizer and the
246 | nitrogen cycling developed within the Community Land Model 4.5 (CLM4.5), the land
247 | component of the CESM.

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249 | **2.1 Relation between the process model and the CESM1.1**

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

266 [these bottom-up inventories although sometimes an empirical relationship is applied \[e.g.,](#)
267 [Adams et al., 2001; also see Skjøth et al., 2011\].](#)

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269 [In the first application of the model described here we take the opposite tact. We have](#)
270 [minimized the description of agricultural practices, and instead emphasize a physically](#)
271 [based climate dependent biogeochemistry of manure and synthetic fertilizer](#)
272 [decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. The truth of the matter, of course, lies](#)
273 [somewhere in between: regional and temporal meteorological differences and changes](#)
274 [with climate as well as regional agro-management practices and their possible changes](#)
275 [impact NH₃ emissions.](#)

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277 [We recognize that in this first application we are simplifying many important agro-](#)
278 [management processes including: \(1\) we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea and the pH](#)
279 [of soil is given. Different applied synthetic fertilizers have a strong impact on the pH of](#)
280 [the soil-fertilizer mixture with the overall emission factor very dependent on the pH as](#)
281 [well as the day since application \[Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990\]. Urea is the most](#)
282 [commonly used synthetic fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous](#)
283 [synthetic fertilizer usage \[Gilbert et al., 2006\] and has one of the highest emission factors](#)
284 [for commonly used synthetic fertilizers \[Bouwman et al., 1997\]. Emission factors for](#)
285 [other types of fertilizers can be significantly smaller. \(2\) We do not account for manure](#)
286 [management practices. Instead we assume all manure is continuously spread onto fields.](#)
287 [In a global study Beusen et al. \[2008\] considered four primary pathways for manure](#)
288 [nitrogen: \(1\) manure nitrogen lost from the system \(14% of the manure nitrogen, range 5-](#)

289 26%), (2) manure nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent
290 spreading onto croplands (35% of manure nitrogen; range 24%-51%), (3) manure
291 nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent spreading onto
292 pasture lands (7% of manure nitrogen; range 3%-11%), (4) manure nitrogen excreted by
293 grazing animals onto pastures (44% of manure nitrogen; range 29-59%). Of the 42% of
294 manure nitrogen excreted in housing, 20% (range: 12-28%) is emitted as NH₃ from
295 housing and storage facilities [Beusen et al., 2008]. An additional 15-23% of the
296 remaining manure nitrogen is emitted as NH₃ (range: 11-30%) after it is spread onto crop
297 or pasture land. Of the 44% of manure nitrogen excreted by grazing animals on pasture
298 land 11-12% (range 6-17%) is emitted as ammonia. Considering these various pathways
299 the overall emission factor for manure nitrogen is estimated as 19% in Beusen et al.
300 [2008] (compare with 17% in this study). (3) We do not account for specific fertilizer
301 application techniques. For example, the soil incorporation of manure leads to a 50%
302 reduction in NH₃ emissions compared to soil broadcasting (Bowman et al., 2002). We
303 recognize that there are large spreads in all these ranges and that regional practices may
304 alter these numbers, although large errors may be unavoidable due to insufficient
305 characterization of regional agro-management practices.

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307 Even though regional differences in agro-management will result in regional differences
308 in NH₃ emissions, traditional bottom-up NH₃ emission inventories do not account for
309 physically based geographical and meteorological influences, including temperature,
310 turbulence and rainfall. However, these are accounted for in the parameterization
311 described below. As with regional differences in agro-management practices,

312 meteorological impacts may also induce large regional and inter-annual variations in NH₃
313 emissions. For example, increasing the ground temperature from 290° K to 300°K (at a
314 pH of 7) increases the NH₃ emissions by a factor of 3 (section 2.2).

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316 In the present application we also simplify the representation of NH₃ fluxes to the
317 atmosphere. The aerodynamic resistances used to compute the flux of NH₃ to the
318 atmosphere are calculated with the CLM4.5, but due to the configuration of the CLM are
319 not calculated at the plant function type (PFT) level. In addition, the canopy capture of
320 the NH₃ flux is calculated as a global number and not at the PFT level. The simulation of
321 dynamic NH₃ emissions, as described below, with NH₃ emissions responding to
322 temperature on the model timestep, and thus allowing for a regionally resolved flux of
323 NH₃ dependent on diurnal fluctuations in boundary layer turbulence and boundary layer
324 height is a first step in representing the coupling between terrestrial NH₃ fluxes with the
325 atmosphere. Of course high spatial heterogeneity may preclude an accurate local
326 representation of these exchange processes on the approximately 2 x 2 ° grid cell used
327 here, but even on similar coarse resolutions Zhu et al. [2015] show the implementation of
328 a bidirectional scheme has significant global and pronounced regional impacts (e.g,
329 approximately a 44% decrease in NH₃ emissions over China in April).

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331 A number of additional requirements are necessary to model NH₃ emissions following
332 synthetic fertilizer or manure application within an Earth System Model, specifications
333 that are not necessary in more traditional formulations. (1) The model must be global in
334 nature to characterize global interactions between applied N_r and climate. (2) The model

335 must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen associated with manure does not add
336 new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a recycling of available nitrogen.
337 Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious repercussions especially when
338 simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of centuries. (3) The model must be
339 able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the fate of manure and synthetic
340 fertilizer N_r . In particular, NH_3 emissions are sensitive to both temperature and to the
341 water content of the soil. In addition the runoff of N_r is likely to change under climate
342 change scenarios. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric, ocean, land and sea ice
343 processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land and ocean carbon cycle
344 [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM participates in the Climate Model
345 Interecomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been extensively evaluated in the literature
346 [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. The relation between nitrogen cycling within the process model
347 developed here and that within the atmospheric, land and river components of the
348 Community Earth System Model (CESM1.1) is given in Figure 1. In this first study the
349 subsequent fate of N_r within these other components of the CESM1.1 is not further
350 considered. Thus, this first study does not account for the feedbacks between the applied
351 nitrogen in the synthetic fertilizer or manure pools and the carbon cycle. However future
352 studies will consider these effects. In particular, the fate of N_r incorporated into soil
353 organic matter or the soil nitrogen pools of the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5, the
354 land component model of the CESM1.1, is not considered (see Figure 1). In addition, the
355 fate of N_r emitted into the atmosphere as NH_3 directly from synthetic fertilizer or manure
356 is handled by the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM (CAM chem) and is
357 not considered here (Figure 1). Note that as a first approximation the model described

358 ~~here does not simulate the direct emission loss of species other than NH₃. Atmospheric~~
359 ~~emission losses of N₂O or N₂ (and potentially NO_x) are simulated in the Community~~
360 ~~Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al., 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1,~~
361 ~~'downstream' from the pathways explicitly considered here. The run-off of N_r from~~
362 ~~manure or synthetic fertilizer coupled has been coupled to the river transport model~~
363 ~~(RTM) [Nevison et al., 2015] (Figure 1).~~

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365 The process model developed here is capable of simulating the physics of changing
366 nitrogen pathways under a changing climate.

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368 An ideal model would incorporate a globally more explicit representation of agro-
369 management practices, including manure treatment (housing, storage and spreading) and
370 fertilizer application [e.g., see Sutton et al., 2013]. It would also include an explicit
371 representation of the bidirectional exchange of NH₃ between the land and atmosphere
372 including the incorporation of PFT dependent canopy deposition and aerodynamic
373 resistances. While the model developed here captures many of the regional and global
374 features seen in models based on emission factors, here we emphasize the importance of
375 regional differences in meteorology.

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377 **2.1 Relation between the FAN process model and the CESM1.1**

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379 The parameterization developed here acts as the interface between specified manure and
380 synthetic fertilizer application and the CESM1.1. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric,
381 ocean, land and sea ice processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land

382 and ocean carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM
383 participates in the Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been
384 extensively evaluated in the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. ~~described here strongly~~
385 ~~interacts with the~~The land ~~component of~~model within the CESM1.1, the ~~CLM 4.5.~~The
386 CLM 4.5 includes representation of surface energy and water fluxes, hydrology,
387 phenology, and the carbon cycle [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The CLM
388 simulations can be forced by meteorology (as done here), or as a part of a coupled-
389 carbon-climate model [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The current version
390 of the carbon model is an improved version of the coupled-carbon-climate model used in
391 Keppel-Aleks et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The carbon
392 model includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton et al.
393 [2007, 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon cycle,
394 as well as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et al.,
395 2013; Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition (NO_y and
396 NH_x from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been evaluated
397 [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to observations
398 [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and evaluated by
399 many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008; Randerson et al.,
400 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale. The CLM4.5
401 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better simulate: (1) water
402 and momentum fluxes at the Earth's surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen dynamics within
403 soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].
404

405 | As described in Koven et al., [2013], the CLM4.5 simulates the basic flows of N_r within
406 | soils following the Century N model [Parton et al., 1996, 2001; Grosso et al., 2000]
407 | including the processes of nitrification, denitrification, and emissions of N_r and N_2 and
408 | the loss of N_r from leaching and runoff. The CLM4.5 also simulates the transfer of N_r
409 | between soils and vegetation, and the loss of N_r from fire. Sources of N_r within the
410 | CLM4.5 are from biological nitrogen fixation and from surface deposition. The process
411 | model developed here adds an additional source of N_r to the CLM4.5, the addition of
412 | synthetic fertilizer. It also adds an additional pathway whereby N_r is recycled: the
413 | creation and application of manure (Figure 1).

414

415 | ~~2.2 Process model for predicting nitrogen pathways from manure or synthetic~~ 416 | ~~fertilizer~~

417

418 | ~~The following specifications are necessary to model the nitrogen cascade following~~
419 | ~~synthetic fertilizer or manure application within an Earth System Model. The relation~~
420 | ~~between nitrogen cycling within the FAN process model developed here and that within~~
421 | ~~the atmospheric, land and river components of the Community Earth System Model~~
422 | ~~(CESM1.1) is given in Figure 1. In this first study the subsequent fate of N_r from~~
423 | ~~synthetic fertilizer or manure application as is incorporated into the soil organic matter or~~
424 | ~~the soil nitrogen pools of the CLM4.5 is not considered here (see Figure 1). As described~~
425 | ~~in more detail below fertilizer and manure is not applied to particular PFTs (e.g., pasture~~
426 | ~~or grassland) within the CLM4.5. This is because soil related properties including soil~~
427 | ~~nitrogen are not specified at the PFT level within the CLM4.5, but instead are specified at~~

428 [the column level that includes many PFTs. In practice we expect that the impact of this](#)
429 [contamination across PFTs will be small since the major N-application regions \(central](#)
430 [US, northern India, eastern China\) are not PFT-diverse but contain almost exclusively](#)
431 [crop and grass PFTs.](#)

432
433 [Note that as a first approximation the model described here does not simulate the direct](#)
434 [emission loss of species other than NH₃. Atmospheric emission losses of N₂O or N₂ \(and](#)
435 [potentially NO_x\) are simulated in the Community Land Model \(CLM\) 4.5 \[Koven et al.,](#)
436 [2013\], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways](#)
437 [explicitly considered here. In addition, the fate of N_r emitted into the atmosphere as NH₃](#)
438 [directly from synthetic fertilizer or manure is handled by the atmospheric chemistry](#)
439 [component of the CESM \(CAM-chem\) and is not considered here \(Figure 1\). The run-off](#)
440 [of N_r from manure or synthetic fertilizer nitrogen pools has been coupled to the river](#)
441 [transport model \(RTM\) in \[Nevison et al., 2016\] \(Figure 1\), but is also not considered](#)
442 [here.](#)

443 [2.2 FAN Process Model](#)

444 ~~(1) The model must be global in nature to characterize global interactions between~~
445 ~~applied N_r and climate. However, as detailed soil types and agricultural practices are not~~
446 ~~well characterized globally a global picture necessarily sacrifices some of the regional~~
447 ~~and local details. (2) The model must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen~~
448 ~~associated with manure does not add new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a~~
449 ~~recycling of available nitrogen. Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious~~
450 ~~repercussions especially when simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of~~

451 ~~centuries. (3) The model must be able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the~~
452 ~~fate of manure and synthetic fertilizer N_x. In particular, NH₃ emissions are sensitive to~~
453 ~~both temperature and to the water content of the soil. In addition the runoff of N_x is likely~~
454 ~~to change under climate change scenarios. For this reason the process model developed~~
455 ~~here is capable of simulating the physics of changing nitrogen pathways under a changing~~
456 ~~climate.~~

457
458 ~~Nitrogen pathways subsequent to the application of manure or synthetic fertilizer depend~~
459 ~~on the complex interaction between both human and natural processes. In particular they~~
460 ~~depend on the biology and physics of the applied substrate, agricultural practices and~~
461 ~~climate. Bottom-up inventories with explicit although still incomplete incorporation of~~
462 ~~agricultural practices through the use of emission factors tend to minimize the climate~~
463 ~~dependence of the emissions. As discussed above this type of model has seen extensive~~
464 ~~use in the climate and chemical modeling communities. We take the opposite tact here.~~
465 ~~We have minimized the description of agricultural practices, which have not been~~
466 ~~suffieiently characterized on a global basis, and emphasize the biogeochemistry of~~
467 ~~manure and synthetic fertilizer decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. As~~
468 ~~shown below, this type of model captures many of the regional and global features seen~~
469 ~~in models based on emission factors. The truth of the matter, of course, lies somewhere in~~
470 ~~between. An ideal model would incorporate both emission factors (temperature and wind~~
471 ~~dependent) where appropriate (e.g., from animal housing) as well as a more physically~~
472 ~~based system simulating the physics of applied manure and synthetic fertilizer~~

473 ~~volatilization and runoff as modified by agricultural practices [e.g., see Sutton et al.,~~
474 ~~2013].~~

475 A schematic of the overall model analyzed here is given in Figure 1. All the equations
476 and variables used in the model have been collated and are presented in the appendix.
477 The assumptions used in constructing this model are detailed below where appropriate.
478 Sensitivity to model parameters is given in section 3.4. The nitrogen loss pathways are
479 calculated separately for manure and synthetic fertilizer. While this model assumes that
480 synthetic fertilizer application and manure application can take place in the same
481 approximately $2 \times 2^\circ$ grid cell, we also assume that manure and synthetic fertilizer are
482 not applied in the exactly the same place. Therefore the NH_3 emissions, the nitrogen
483 incorporation into soil pools, and the nitrogen run-off ~~in rain water~~ are separately
484 calculated for manure and synthetic fertilizer in each column. This means that the Total
485 Ammoniacal Nitrogen (TAN) pools (consisting of $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$, $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$, NH_4^+) for manure
486 and synthetic fertilizer are discrete and hence the nitrogen pathways are not combined.

487

488 The application rate and geographical distribution used for manure and synthetic fertilizer
489 application is taken from the synthetic fertilizer application and manure production
490 datasets developed in Potter et al [2010]. These datasets are valid for circa 2000 for
491 synthetic fertilizer and 2007 for manure [Potter et al., 2010]. ~~Beusen et al. [2008]~~
492 ~~estimates that 14% of the manure produced is lost from the agricultural system through~~
493 ~~building materials and other uses. In this first study we do not explicitly account for the~~
494 ~~fate of this lost manure. We further assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields~~
495 ~~by passing the use of animal houses and storage. While most manure is excreted in~~

496 ~~housing and storage systems prior to being applied in the field, the emission factors for~~
497 ~~NH₃ emissions from spreading are not significantly different than from housing and~~
498 ~~storage: the emission factor for spreading onto grassland is higher and that onto cropland~~
499 ~~is lower. As discussed above we assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields~~
500 ~~by-passing the use of animal houses and storage and is spread across all PFTs. Future~~
501 ~~model versions will refine these initial assumptions [Beusen et al., 2008]. A more~~
502 ~~sophisticated analysis could take into account differences in manure treatment, although~~
503 ~~regional differences in animal housing and storage practices would make a global~~
504 ~~analysis quite challenging.~~

505

506 To adequately model the conversion timescales of N_r input from animals to TAN, it is
507 necessary to separate the manure into different pools depending on the decomposition
508 timescales (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 and Figure 1). A similar strategy was adopted by Li
509 et al. [2013] for manure and is commonly used in simulating litter decomposition.
510 Synthetic fertilizer N_r is added to one pool, where after it decomposes into the TAN pool
511 (Figure 1). Once in the TAN pool N_r (1) washes off during rain events [Brouder et al.,
512 2005]; (2) volatilizes ~~to the atmosphere~~ as NH₃ [Sutton et al., 1994; Nemitz et al., 2000];
513 ~~where after it is redeposited onto the canopy (not shown) or enters the atmosphere flow;~~
514 (3) nitrifies to form nitrate (NO₃⁻) [Stange and Neue, 2009]; 4) or is incorporated into the
515 soil nitrogen pools. ~~Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1). A~~
516 ~~number of other smaller loss processes are not explicitly simulated. Nitrate, in turn,~~
517 ~~becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1).~~

518

519 Manure must be added to the model in such a manner as to conserve nitrogen (Figure 1).
520 Here, we assume [animals](#) consume carbon and nitrogen from plants and then
521 subsequently excrete this as manure. Within the CLM, carbon and nitrogen in the plant-
522 leaf pool is thus converted to carbon and nitrogen in manure and urine, conserving
523 overall carbon and nitrogen. The conversion rate from carbon and nitrogen in plants to
524 that in manure and urine is set to equal the rate of manure and urine production. The
525 external dataset of Potter [2010] gives the rate of N_r production from [ruminantsanimals](#),
526 and thus allows us to specify the nitrogen flows. The specified C to N ratio in the plant-
527 leaf pool determines the associated carbon flows due to ruminant consumption of plant
528 material. The input manure and urine production rate from [ruminantsanimals](#) implicitly
529 includes that produced from transported feed. Thus the subsequent NH_3 emission rate
530 includes the nitrogen contained in transported feed grown elsewhere. Here we make the
531 simplification that the consumption rate of plant matter to balance the manure and urine
532 production is local. That is, we do not explicitly consider the [lateral-transportimport](#) of
533 animal feed to match the carbon and nitrogen flows associated with manure and urine
534 production. While this is not entirely consistent, the development of the requisite dataset
535 for feedstock flows from 1850-2000 is outside the scope of this study, although such a
536 dataset could be developed in the future. We do not know of an Earth System Model that
537 does consider the anthropogenic [lateral-transportimport](#) of nitrogen or carbon. This
538 inconsistency could produce cases where there is insufficient local plant material to
539 balance the overall manure and urine production, but this is generally not the case. The
540 parameterization also ignores export of N_r in ruminant products such as milk and protein,
541 which could create an additional source of uncertainty.

542

543 2.2.1 Manure and Urine. Prescribed manure (including urine) is input at a constant
544 annual rate ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$) ($\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) depending on latitude and longitude into the
545 manure nitrogen pools. ~~Nitrogen applied to the land as manure (or synthetic fertilizer) is
546 assumed to be spread uniformly on each grid cell irrespective of plant functional type (pft)
547 or surface type. Future development will spread the input into different pfts (e.g.,
548 grassland or agricultural land).~~ It is assumed that a fraction ($f_u = 0.5$) of nitrogen excreted
549 is urine (urea), with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal matter [Gusman and Marino,
550 1999]. The excreted urine is directly added to the TAN pool (g N m^{-2}). Faeces are
551 composed of matter with varying carbon to nitrogen ratios that take different times to
552 decompose depending on how easily they can be digested by microbes. Excreted faeces
553 are assumed to form three different pools (g m^{-2}) depending on their rate of
554 mineralization [e.g., Gusman and Marino, 1999]: (1) we assume a fraction $f_{un} = 5\%$ is
555 excreted as unavailable nitrogen ($N_{unavailable}$), the lignin component of manure where the
556 nitrogen remains immobilized by bacteria (C:N ratio $> 25:1$), (2) a fraction $f_r = 45\%$ goes
557 to the resistant pool ($N_{resistant}$) which forms the cellulose component of manure (C:N ratio
558 c. 15:1) ~~resistant to forming~~ which forms TAN relatively slowly; (3) and a fraction $f_a = 50\%$
559 goes to the available pool ($N_{available}$) that is readily available to form TAN ($N_{available}$). In
560 reality the fractions within each of these broadly defined pools will be dependent on the
561 type of animal and the type of feed.

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

563
$$dN_{available}/dt = f_a \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_a \cdot N_{available} - k_m \cdot N_{available} \quad (1)$$

564
$$dN_{resistant}/dt = f_r \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{resistant} - k_m \cdot N_{resistant} \quad (2)$$

565
$$dN_{unavailable}/dt = f_{un} \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{unavailable} \quad (3)$$

566 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
567 fractions of manure applied to each pool; K_a and K_r (s^{-1}) are temperature dependent
568 mineralization rates and k_m (s^{-1}) is the mechanical loss rate of nitrogen out of these
569 [manure pools and into soil nitrogen](#) pools. The decay constants, K_a and K_r are measured
570 as the fast and slow decomposition rates for biosolids added to various soils and
571 incubated at 25° C [Gilmour et al., 2003], where a two-component decay model
572 accurately fit approximately 73% of the samples incubated. The decay timescales for
573 manure are 48 days and 667 days at 25 °C. The temperature dependence of the decay
574 constants is derived from a fit of temperature dependent mineralization rates (see
575 appendix) [Vigil and Kissel, 1995] corresponding to a Q10 value of 3.66. To prevent the
576 manure pools from building up over long-timescales we assume that manure is
577 incorporated into soils with a time constant of 365 days with a mechanical rate constant
578 k_m . This timescale is consistent with the base bioturbation rate of $1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ year}^{-1}$ assumed
579 in Koven et al. [2013] and a typical length scale of 1 cm. The sensitivity of the
580 subsequent nitrogen pathways to this timescale is small (section 3.4). Note, that nitrogen
581 in the $N_{unavailable}$ pool does not mineralize and is thus only incorporated into soil organic
582 matter on the timescale determined by k_m . We assume nitrogen prior to conversion to
583 TAN comprises a range of insoluble organic compounds that do not wash away or
584 otherwise volatilize.

585

586 | 2.2.2 Synthetic fertilizer. Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool

587 (g N m⁻²) (Figure 1) at a rate ($\alpha_{applied}(t)(f)$) (g N m⁻² s⁻¹) that depends on geography
588 and time. The amount of nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool is subsequently
589 released into the TAN pool with the rate k_f (s⁻¹):

$$590 \quad dN_{fertilizer}/dt = \alpha_{applied}(f) - k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer} \quad (4)$$

591 Here we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea. Urea is the most commonly used synthetic
592 fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage
593 [Gilbert et al., 2006]. [Many other fertilizer types have significantly lower emission](#)
594 [factors depending largely on changes in soil pH due to interactions between the soil and](#)
595 [the fertilizer \(Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990\). We do not simulate this interaction here,](#)
596 [but it should be accounted for in future model development. Thus the estimates here for](#)
597 [fertilizer NH₃ emissions may be considered as an upper estimate.](#) We set the decay
598 timescale of urea fertilizer to be 2.4 days consistent with the decay rate measured in
599 Agehara and Warncke [2005] for temperatures from 15 to 20 °C. In a series of
600 experiments Agehara and Warncke [2005] show that 75% of the urea hydrolyzes in a
601 week at temperatures from 10 to 25 °C without a significant dependence on temperature
602 especially for temperatures above 15 to 20 °C.

603

604 The timing ~~of the~~ synthetic fertilizer application ~~in this~~ [determined internally within](#)
605 [the CLM4.5 crop model coincides with](#) the spring planting date. ~~This for corn. We use~~
606 [corn since the CLM4.5 crop model only specifically includes corn, soybean and](#)
607 [temperate cereals and the planting date for corn lies between the earlier planting date for](#)
608 [temperate cereal crops and the later planting of soy. The date for fertilizer application](#) is
609 determined for each grid point location using the surface temperature-based criteria

610 developed by Levis et al. [2012] for simulating the planting date of corn. ~~In Levis et al.~~
611 ~~[2012]~~; the ten-day running mean temperature, ten-day running mean daily minimum
612 temperature and growing degree days must all surpass fixed threshold values (283.15K,
613 279.15K and 50 days, respectively, ~~for corn~~) before planting can take place. We do not
614 use the Levis et al. [2012] crop model in this study but use these criteria to determine a
615 planting date for each grid point and assume synthetic fertilizer is applied on this date.
616 ~~Future applications may assume a more complete algorithm for fertilizing the spectrum of~~
617 ~~global crops~~ Fertilizer application dates can have a large influence on the seasonality of
618 ~~the emissions (e.g., see Paulot et al., 2014) and the nitrogen loss pathways following~~
619 ~~fertilization (section 3.4). Future applications will assume more complete algorithms for~~
620 ~~fertilizing the spectrum of crops, as well as multiple fertilizer applications and double~~
621 ~~cropping. A global accounting of fertilization practices and application techniques (e.g.,~~
622 ~~fertilizer injection) nevertheless remains a considerable source of uncertainty in global~~
623 ~~modeling of the NH₃ emissions from agriculture.~~

624

625 *2.2.3 Total Ammonical Nitrogen (TAN).* We consider two TAN pools (g N m⁻²), one for
626 the nitrogen produced from synthetic fertilizer $N_{TAN}(f)$ the other for nitrogen from manure
627 $N_{TAN}(m)$. The budget for the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools respectively is
628 given by:

629

$$630 \quad N_{TAN}(m)/dt = f_{ux} \alpha_{applied}(m) + K_r \cdot N_{resistant} + K_a \cdot N_{available}$$

$$631 \quad -F_{run}(m) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(m) - F_{NH_3}(m) - F_{NO_3}(m) \quad (5)$$

632

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

633 $-F_{run}(f) - K_D^{NH4} \cdot N_{TAN}(f) - F_{NH3}(f) - F_{NO3}(f)$ (6)

634

635 Here $F_{run}(m/f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is the loss of nitrogen by runoff from the manure or
 636 synthetic fertilizer pool, K_D^{NH4} (s^{-1}) the loss rate of nitrogen to the soil nitrogen pools,
 637 $F_{NH3}(m)$ and $F_{NH3}(f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) the NH_3 emissions from the TAN pool to the
 638 atmosphere from the soil manure and synthetic fertilizer pools, respectively, and $F_{NO3}(m)$
 639 and $F_{NO3}(f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) the loss of nitrogen through nitrification from the manure and
 640 synthetic fertilizer pools respectively. The formulation of each of these terms is given
 641 below. Inputs into $N_{TAN}(m)$ pool are from the fraction (f_u) of applied manure as urine
 642 ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$), and from the decomposition of the nitrogen within the available and
 643 resistant manure pools. Input into the $N_{TAN}(f)$ pool is through decomposition of
 644 nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool.

645 | 2.2.4 Runoff of nitrogen to rivers. The [immediate](#) runoff of [fertilizer and manure](#)
 646 | nitrogen to rivers is derived from the runoff rate of water (R) (m s^{-1}) in the CLM
 647 | multiplied by concentration of nitrogen in the TAN water pool:

648
$$F_{run}(m/f) = R \cdot \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)}{N_{water}(m/f)}$$
 (7)

649 The value of R is calculated within the CLM and is a function of precipitation,
 650 evaporation, drainage and soil saturation. The amount of water within the TAN pool
 651 ($N_{water}(m/f)$)(m) is needed to convert N_{TAN} (g N m^{-2}) to a concentration (g N m^{-3}). An
 652 | expression for $N_{water}(m/f)$ is given in [2.2.9. Section 2.2.9. It should be emphasized](#)
 653 | [that this is the immediate runoff of manure and synthetic fertilizer nitrogen from the TAN](#)
 654 | [pools. Subsequent loss of nitrogen derived from manure and synthetic fertilizer](#)

655 [application occurs following the nitrogen transfer to the soil pools, but is not tracked in](#)
656 [these simulations. Additional hydrological losses will also occur following NH₃](#)
657 [volatilization to the atmosphere, the subsequent deposition and loss through runoff or](#)
658 [leaching. These losses are also not tracked in the current simulation.](#)

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

664 *2.2.5 Diffusion through soil.* Nitrogen is assumed to diffuse from the TAN pool to the soil
665 pools. Générmont and Cellier [1997] represent the diffusion coefficient of ammonium
666 through soils as dependent on soil water content, soil porosity, temperature and an
667 empirical diffusion coefficient of ammonium in free water (see appendix). For example,
668 assuming a temperature of 21° C, a soil porosity of 0.5 and a soil water content of 0.2 the
669 resulting diffusion coefficient is approximately 0.03 cm² day⁻¹, in reasonable agreement
670 with measurements in Canter et al. [1997]. Here we assume a typical length scale of 1.0
671 cm to convert the diffusion rate to a timescale. The resulting diffusion of ammonical
672 nitrogen is added to pre-existing nitrogen pools in the CLM4.5- [and is not further tracked.](#)

673 *2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere.* The flux of NH₃ (F_{NH_3} , g m⁻² s⁻¹) to the
674 atmosphere –is calculated from [the](#) difference between the NH₃ concentration at the
675 surface ($NH_3(g)$, g m⁻³) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH₃ concentration

676 | ($NH_3(g)$, χ_a , $g\ m^{-3}$) divided by the aerodynamic (R_a) and boundary layer (R_b) resistances
677 | (Equation 8) [Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009, Sutton et al., 2013].

$$678 \quad F_{NH_3} = \frac{NH_3(g) - \chi_a}{R_a(z) + R_b} \quad (8)$$

679

680 | The calculation of $NH_3(g)$ is given below. For compatibility with the NH_3 emission
681 | model we compute average values of R_a and R_b ~~for over~~ each CLM soil column, which
682 | may contain several PFTs. Continental NH_3 concentrations between 0.1 and $10\ \mu g\ m^{-3}$
683 | have been reported by Zbieranowski and Aherne [2012] and Heald et al. [2012]. ~~A~~
684 | ~~background atmospheric NH_3 concentration (χ_a)~~ We specify χ_a to be $0.3\ \mu g\ m^{-3}$ ~~in~~
685 | ~~Equation 8) is specified~~, representative of ~~concentrations over~~ low activity agricultural
686 | ~~sites~~ [Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012] ~~-. This concentration is intermediate between~~
687 | ~~concentrations at low to moderate pollution sites as diagnosed in GEOS-chem [Warner et~~
688 | ~~al., 2015]~~. The sensitivity to this parameter is small as $NH_3(g)$ is usually very large-
689 | ~~(section 3.4)~~. While equation (8) allows for negative emissions ($NH_3(g) < \chi_a$) or
690 | deposition of atmospheric NH_3 onto the soil we currently disallow negative emissions in
691 | the current simulations. In future studies the atmospheric concentration of NH_3 will be
692 | calculated interactively ~~whenby coupling~~ the ~~NH_3 -emission FAN model is coupled with to~~
693 | ~~the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM (CAM-chem), thus~~ allowing the
694 | dynamics of the NH_3 exchange between the soil, the atmosphere and vegetation to be
695 | captured [e.g., Sutton et al., 2013].

696

697 | A large fraction of the NH_3 emitted to the atmosphere is assumed captured by vegetation.

698 | The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:

699 $F_{NH_3_{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{capture}) \times F_{NH_3}(m/f)$ (9)

700 ~~where $f_{capture}$ is set to 0.6~~

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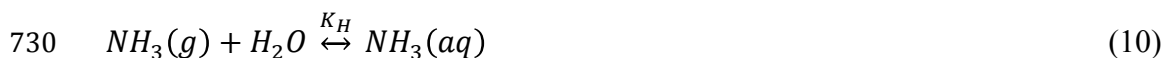
703 where $f_{capture}$ is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted NH_3 by
704 plants or even onto the soil surface. Plant recapture of emitted NH_3 is often reported to be
705 as high as 75 % (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead et
706 al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand,
707 soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found NH_3 recapture to be 0% on
708 rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation. We set $f_{capture}$ to 0.6 in-line
709 with the findings of Wilson et al. [2004] as a mid-way between the value for soil (when
710 the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et al. [1997] also used
711 canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction ranging from 0.8 in
712 tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other vegetation types including
713 grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. [1997] omitted canopy capture over arable lands
714 and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of NH_3 onto the canopy (or even
715 the soil surface) is poorly constrained [e.g., see Erisman and Draaijers, 1995] and often
716 ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not constant but depends on
717 surface characteristics and boundary layer meteorology. Variations in canopy capture will
718 induce temporal and regional variations in NH_3 emissions. Explicitly including the
719 canopy capture fraction allows us to explicitly differentiate between different
720 biogeochemical pathways in future studies. In the future when the model is fully coupled
721 with the atmospheric NH_3 cycle a compensation point approach would be desirable for

722 [calculating the net NH₃ emissions, but we feel it is outside the scope of the present study.](#)

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724 It is assumed that the nitrogen in the TAN pool is in equilibrium between ~~g-Nm³gN~~
725 ~~m³NH₃(g), NH₃(aq) and NH₄⁺(aq)~~. [NH₃\(g\) \(g m⁻³\), NH₃\(aq\) \(g N m⁻³\) and NH₄⁺\(aq\) \(g](#)
726 [N m⁻³\)](#). The equilibrium that governs the speciation of these species is determined by the

727 Henry's Law coefficient (K_H), where K_H is a measure of the solubility of NH₃ in water,
728 and the disassociation constant of NH₄⁺ in water (K_{NH4}) (moles l⁻¹) [e.g., Sutton et al.,
729 1994]



732 Combining these two expressions NH₃(g) can be expressed as a function of the total
733 TAN (e.g., Pinder et al. [2004], although note their different units for K_H and K_{NH4})

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

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737 where $[H^+]$ is the hydrogen ion concentration in moles/liter. Both ~~K_H~~ and ~~K_{NH4}~~
738 are temperature dependent. As temperature and pH increase the concentration of NH₃(g)
739 increases. The pH of the solution depends on the type of soil, the exposure of the manure
740 to air and may change with the aging of the manure or synthetic fertilizer TAN pool. In
741 Eghball et al. [2000] the majority of the reported measurements of pH for beef cattle
742 feedlot manure are between 7 and 8, although in one case a pH of 8.8 was measured. The
743 recommended pH for various crops ranges from approximately 5.8 to 7.0 depending on
744 the crop (e.g., <http://onondaga.cce.cornell.edu/resources/soil-ph-for-field-crops>). For

745 now we simply set the pH of the solution to 7 for both the synthetic fertilizer and manure
 746 TAN pools. Sensitivity to pH is explored in section 3.4.

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748 *2.2.7 Conversion of TAN to NO₃⁻.* The flux from the TAN pool to NO₃⁻ by nitrification
 749 ($N_{NO_3} F_{NO_3}$, g m⁻² s⁻¹) was adapted from that derived by Stange & Neue [2009] to describe
 750 the gross nitrification rates in response to fertilization of a surface with manure or
 751 synthetic fertilizer. In particular Stange & Neue [2009] fit measured gross nitrification
 752 rates to an expression using a maximal nitrification rate r_{max} , (μg N kg⁻¹ h⁻¹) modified by
 753 a soil temperature response function ($f(T)$) and a soil moisture response function ($f(M)$)
 754 [Stange and Neue, 2009]—(see appendix). However, since r_{max} is fit from their
 755 experimental data the dependence of the nitrification rate on the ammonium
 756 concentration is not explicitly included in the formulation of Stange & Neue [2009]. We
 757 have remedied this by setting the maximum nitrification rate (r_{max}) in the formulation of
 758 [Stange and Neue, 2009] to $1.16 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ consistent with the formulation in Parton et al.
 759 [2001]:

$$760 \quad F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{f(T)} + \frac{1}{f(M)}} \quad (12)$$

761

762 where $f(T)$ and $f(M)$ are functions of soil temperature and moisture and the ammonium
 763 concentration is assumed to be in equilibrium with the other forms of ammoniacal
 764 nitrogen and is thus expressed in terms of pH, K_H and K_{NH_4} and $N_{TAN}(NH_3(g) (m/f))$.

765 *2.2.8 Nitrate.* The rate of change of the nitrate pool is given by:

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

766 The source of nitrate ions is nitrification from the TAN pool (see Eq. 13). Nitrate is lost
 767 to the soil nitrate pool through diffusion. Nitrate leaching is not explicitly taken into
 768 account in the current model as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pools occurs very
 769 rapidly. The loss of nitrate through runoff and leaching can, however, occur within the
 770 CLM-~~NO₃⁻~~, [but is not tracked in the current simulations. Nitrate](#) ions diffuse significantly
 771 faster than the NH₄⁺ ions because they are not subject to immobilization by negatively
 772 charged soil particles [Mitsch and Gosselink, 2007]. Diffusion rates used in this study
 773 are derived from the same formulation as assumed for the diffusion of ammonium [e.g.,
 774 see Jury et al., 1983] with a different base diffusion rate. The summary of measurements
 775 given in Canter et al. [1997], where both the diffusion of ammonium and nitrate were
 776 measured in the same soil types and wetness, suggest the base diffusion rate of NO₃⁻ is 13
 777 times faster than that of ammonium.

778

779 *2.2.9 TAN and Manure Water pools.* The evolution of the TAN manure and synthetic
 780 fertilizer water pools depends on the water added during manure or synthetic fertilizer
 781 application and the subsequent evolution of the water in the pools. The equations for the
 782 manure and synthetic fertilizer water are:

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

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

783 These equations include a source of water ($s_w(m)$ or $S_w(f)$) added as a fraction of the
784 synthetic fertilizer or manure applied and a relaxation term (k_{relax} , s^{-1}) to the soil water
785 (M_{water} , m) calculated in the CLM for the top 5 cm of soil. The value for M_{water}
786 explicitly takes into account the modification of the water pool due to rainfall,
787 evaporation and the diffusion of water into deeper soil layers. We assume the TAN pool
788 equilibrates with water within the top 5 cm of the soil with a rate of 3 days^{-1} . The solution
789 is insensitive to this parameter within the ranges examined of 1 to 10 days^{-1} (section 3.5).
790 The water content of manure applied to fields depends on the animal, its feedstock and on
791 agricultural practices. Here we assume cattle manure is added as a slurry with a dry
792 fraction of 74.23 g kg^{-1} and a nitrogen content of 1.63 g kg^{-1} , resulting in $5.67 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}$
793 water applied per gram of manure nitrogen applied [Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]. In
794 the case of synthetic fertilizer we assume urea is added as a liquid spread, where water
795 added is calculated from the temperature dependent solubility of urea in water [UNIDO
796 and FIDC, 1998].

797

798 **2.3 Model spin up and forcing**

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

802

803 *2.3.1 Present day control simulation.* This simulation uses the manure and synthetic
804 fertilizer input as given in Potter et al. [2010]. Forcing at the atmospheric boundary is set
805 to the Qian et al. [2006] reanalysis for solar input, precipitation, temperature, wind and

806 specific humidity. The simulation is run for fifteen model years (1990-2004) with the
807 last ten years of the simulation used for analysis. The spinup period allows for the more
808 decomposition resistant N pools to approach a steady state with respect to the loss from
809 mechanical incorporation into the soil.

810

811 *2.3.2 Historical simulation.* The historical simulation uses transient forcing conditions
812 (accounting for changes in atmospheric CO₂, nitrogen deposition, aerosol deposition and
813 land use change forcings) and the Qian et al. [2006] atmospheric forcing dataset. Quality
814 [meteorological](#) 6-hourly meteorological datasets for the period prior to 1948 do not exist.
815 Therefore from 1850 to 1973 the CLM4.5 is driven by recycled meteorological data,
816 using meteorological data from the 1948-1973 time period. During this time there is little
817 increase in temperature: the statistically significant changes in temperature (outside of
818 natural variability) occur after 1973. After 1973 the meteorological data is not recycled
819 but is valid for the year applied.

820

821 The temporal distribution of manure and synthetic fertilizer application from 1850-2000
822 is specified by applying the temporal distribution of Holland et al. [2005] to the base
823 values as calculated in Potter et al. [2010]. For lack of detailed information on the
824 geography of historical manure and synthetic fertilizer we use the scaled spatial
825 distribution from Potter et al. [2010]. We assume manure production has changed from
826 26.3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1860 to [138.4125](#) Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 [Holland et al., 2005; Potter et al.,
827 2010]-, [but acknowledge these temporal changes are uncertain.](#) Synthetic fertilizer was
828 first used in the 1920s -with use increasing to [8662](#) Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.

829

830 **3. Results**

831 **3.1 Model evaluation**

832 To evaluate model output, measurements of the percentage of applied nitrogen that was
833 emitted as NH_3 (P_v) from literature were compared against corresponding model
834 predictions. The model predictions are obtained from the present day control simulation.

835 | The percent-volatilized ~~ammonia~~ NH_3 was used as a metric because it can be compared
836 across time irrespective of the absolute amount of nitrogen applied to the surface. To be
837 able to compare emissions to published measurements we require field studies with
838 published data on: nitrogen excretion rates, NH_3 emissions, ground temperature, location,
839 and date of measurement. Given all of these requirements we found that only a small
840 selection of publications had enough data.

841

842 For the manure emissions, 35 measurements in a range of climates (temperatures from
843 $1.4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $28\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) and a range of livestock management methods (commercial beef cattle
844 feedyard, dairy cow grazing on ryegrass, beef cattle grazing on ryegrass and dairy cattle
845 grazing on pasture land) were used (Supplementary Table 1). Each P_v reported by the
846 measurement campaign was compared against the P_v at the corresponding grid cell in the
847 model. For the synthetic fertilizer scenario, 10 measurements in a range of latitudes
848 ($43\text{ }^\circ\text{S}$ to $50\text{ }^\circ\text{N}$) over a range of land use surfaces (pasture, sown crops, turf and forest)
849 were used (Supplementary Table 2). Each total annual P_v reported by the measurement
850 campaign was compared against the annual P_v of the corresponding grid cell.

851

852 | 3.1.1 Nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 from manure. There is a general increase in ~~the~~
853 | ~~percentage of applied manure lost as NH_3 (P_v)~~ with temperature, in both the model and
854 | measurements (Figure 2). However, temperature is not the only factor in determining
855 | NH_3 emissions where wind speed, water availability and below ground soil properties can
856 | also effect NH_3 emission. This is particularly demonstrated by the measurements of
857 | Todd et al. [2007] at temperatures less than 5° C where the measured emissions are
858 | higher than those predicted at higher temperatures [e.g., Bussink, 1992]. It is also worth
859 | noting that the model predicts the emissions of Todd et al [2007] at lower temperatures
860 | with relative success.

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862 | The agreement between measured and modeled P_v from manure appears reasonable, with
863 | an R^2 of 0.78 that is significant at the 99.9% confidence level (p-value - 1.87×10^{-16}). On
864 | closer inspection, the model appears to agree best with measurements made on grassland
865 | and differs considerably with measurements made by both campaigns for beef cattle
866 | feedlots in Texas, where beef cattle feedlots are commercial operations to prepare
867 | livestock for slaughter and comprise of thousands of animals contained in a pen [US EPA,
868 | 2010]. This is perhaps not surprising, as the parameterization developed here explicitly
869 | represents emissions from manure spreading as opposed to the more managed conditions
870 | in feedlots.

871

872 | 3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 from synthetic fertilizer. The comparison between
873 | measured and modeled annual average P_v from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of
874 | land use types appears weak with an R^2 of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence

875 level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements
876 tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear
877 to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher
878 and lower than measured values of P_v for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops.
879 The fact that the R^2 for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the R^2 of the
880 manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the
881 model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

882

883 *3.1.3 Nitrogen run-off.* [Here we simulate the direct nitrogen runoff from the manure and](#)
884 [synthetic fertilizer TAN pools, but do not track the resulting nitrogen flows. These flows](#)
885 [are tracked, however, in](#) Nevison et al. [~~2015~~–~~routes~~2016] [where](#) the nitrogen runoff
886 from manure and synthetic fertilizer ~~using~~[pools is routed into](#) the River Transport Model
887 (RTM) [Dai and Trenberth, 2001; Branstetter and Erickson, 2003] within the CESM.
888 Nevison et al. [~~2015~~2016] assumes denitrification occurs within the simulated rivers at a
889 rate inversely proportional to the river depth (amounting to approximately 30% of the
890 nitrogen inputs on average) and compares the simulated [dissolved inorganic](#) nitrogen
891 [\(DIN\)](#) export at the river mouths against ~~the measured nitrogen export~~[measurements](#)
892 [Van Drecht et al., 2003] ~~partitioned into the proportion that is~~ [DIN \(Dissolved Inorganic](#)
893 [Nitrogen\)](#) following Global NEWS [Mayorga et al., 2010]. The simulated ~~nitrogen~~[DIN](#)
894 export is nearly unbiased for six identified rivers with high human impact: the Columbia,
895 Danube, Mississippi, Rhine, Saint Lawrence and Uruguay. Explicit comparisons against
896 the Mississippi River show that the amplitude and seasonality of the simulated N_r runoff
897 is in reasonable agreement with the measurements. While the comparison in Nevison et al

898 | ~~(2015)~~. [2016] gives confidence the runoff is reasonably simulated, the complications in
899 | simulating river runoff preclude tight model constraints.

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901 | **3.2 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Present Day**

902 | *3.2.1 Geography of Nitrogen Inputs.* Global maps of nitrogen input from synthetic
903 | fertilizer and manure application during the present-day simulation are given in Potter et
904 | al. [2010] and are not repeated here. Heavy synthetic fertilizer use generally occurs in the
905 | upper Midwest of the U.S. (mostly east of 100° W and north of 40° N), Western Europe
906 | (mostly west of 20° E and north of 40° N), the Northern part of India and much of
907 | Northeastern and North Central China. High manure usage coincides with the areas of
908 | heavy synthetic fertilizer use but is more widespread extending across much of Eastern
909 | South America from 20-40° S and across Africa at approximately 10° N.

910

911 | *3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses.* There are strong geographical differences in the loss
912 | pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance
913 | of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH₃,
914 | runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on
915 | temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage
916 | volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH₃ volatilization of
917 | applied manure N_r approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South
918 | America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from
919 | India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH₃ from applied synthetic
920 | fertilizer and from applied manure approach 20 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ over hot regions with high

921 applications, e.g. the Indian peninsula and parts of China (Figure 4 and 5). Ammonia
922 emissions from manure are more broadly distributed globally than those of synthetic
923 fertilizer with high NH₃ emissions not only over the synthetic fertilizer hotspots,
924 characterized by heavy application of both synthetic fertilizer and manure, but also over
925 southeastern South America and central Africa. For the most part, the largest synthetic
926 fertilizer NH₃ emissions occur during April-June reflecting the single fertilization [date](#)
927 used in this study as calculated in the CLM for corn. While Paulot et al. [2014] also show
928 the maximum synthetic fertilizer emissions generally occur from April-June they obtain
929 relatively higher emissions than simulated here during the other seasons. This is likely
930 due to differences in the assumed timing of applied synthetic fertilizer: Paulot et al. [2014]
931 consider three different synthetic fertilizer applications for each crop as well as a wide
932 variety of crops. The seasonal emission distribution of NH₃ emissions from manure is
933 broader than that of synthetic fertilizer but with maximum emissions usually occurring in
934 April-June or July-Sept. The simulated geographical and seasonal NH₃ emission
935 distribution from manure is in broad agreement with Paulot et al. [2014].

936

937 Runoff of N_r from applied synthetic fertilizer and manure ~~applications~~ [TAN pools](#) as well
938 as nitrification and diffusion into the soil depend on precipitation and soil moisture ~~(see~~
939 [appendix](#)). High manure and synthetic fertilizer N_r run off [from the TAN pools](#) (see
940 Figure 6-7) occur particularly across parts of China, Europe (particularly the Northern
941 parts) and the East central U.S. The global hotspot for simulated N_r runoff [from the TAN](#)
942 [pools](#) is China where runoff approaches 20 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ for nitrogen applied as either ~~in~~
943 manure ~~and/or~~ synthetic fertilizer. ~~However, we do find other~~ [In general the importance of](#)

944 [runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway becomes more important in the wetter and cooler](#)
945 [regions](#) ~~where the~~. [In contrast, over India and Spain the agricultural](#) nitrogen input is
946 high, but ~~where simulated N_t~~ the runoff is relatively low, ~~for example over India and~~
947 [Spain](#). In these regions with their high temperatures (and dry conditions) the NH₃
948 volatilization is the preferred pathway for nitrogen losses from the TAN pool. ~~In general~~
949 ~~the importance of runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway becomes more important in the~~
950 ~~wetter and cooler regions. The same holds true for the~~
951
952 [The](#) percent of the TAN pool nitrified or diffused directly into the soil (see Figs 7 and 8) ~~.)~~
953 [also tends to be largest in wetter and cooler regions](#). The amount of nitrogen nitrified has
954 an optimal temperature of 28° C and tends to occur more rapidly under moist conditions;
955 the diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is also promoted under wet conditions ~~(see~~
956 [appendix\)](#).

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958 *3.2.3 Regional and Global accounting of nitrogen losses.* [As nitrogen cascades through](#)
959 [the environment it can be emitted as NH₃ or runoff or leached at many different stages](#).
960 [Here we only examine the losses directly from manure or fertilizer application](#). Globally,
961 the [direct](#) loss of applied nitrogen to the atmosphere as NH₃ is similar for manure and
962 synthetic fertilizer (17% for manure, [2019](#)% for synthetic fertilizer; see Figure 9). Our
963 global estimates [of the percent](#) of manure and synthetic fertilizer volatilized as NH₃ are
964 similar to Bouwman et al. [2002] and Beusen et al. [2008], although our estimate for
965 synthetic fertilizer volatilization as NH₃ is somewhat high. Bouwman et al. [2002]
966 estimates 19-29% of applied manure and 10-19% of applied synthetic fertilizer volatilizes

967 as NH₃; Beusen et al. [2008] concludes 15-23% of applied manure is lost as NH₃
968 (including losses from housing and storage, grazing and spreading) and 10-18% of
969 applied synthetic fertilizer is lost.

970

971 We calculate the global [direct](#) run-off [from manure or fertilizer TAN pools](#) as 8% for
972 manure N_r and 9% for synthetic fertilizer. Bouwman et al [~~2011~~2013] find that 23% of
973 deposited N_r (comprised of synthetic fertilizer, manure and [atmospheric](#) nitrogen
974 deposition) runs off, higher than our estimate. However, our estimate only includes the
975 direct runoff from the TAN pool; further loss of nitrogen due to runoff [and leaching](#) may
976 also occur from the soil nitrogen pools [or downstream following NH₃ emission and re-](#)
977 [deposition](#).

978

979 Our simulations assume a large fraction of emitted nitrogen is captured by the canopy,
980 where canopy capture accounts for 25.5% of manure losses and 30% of synthetic
981 fertilizer losses. The nitrogen captured by the canopy may have a number of fates. First,
982 Sparks [2008] posits that since foliar nitrogen uptake is a direct addition of N to plant
983 metabolism it could more readily influence plant growth than uptake from soils. As such
984 it would decrease plant demand on soil uptake and thus conserve the soil nitrogen
985 reservoirs. Secondly, nitrogen uptake by the plants, even if not directly used in plant
986 metabolism, may redeposit onto the surface with litter fall. Finally, it may be emitted
987 back to the atmosphere from plants. The latter process can be represented through a
988 compensation point model between the atmosphere, the ground and stomata [e.g., Massad
989 et al., 2010]. A full accounting of this requires the simulation to be [run-in-a-fully](#) coupled

990 | ~~mode~~ with the atmosphere and [soil chemistry and biogeochemistry which](#) is beyond the
991 | scope of the present study.

992

993 | In the case of synthetic fertilizer the direct diffusion of TAN N_r into the soil pool (22%)
994 | is larger than nitrification (17%); for manure it is just the opposite: the nitrification (29%)
995 | is larger than the direct diffusion (14%) (Figure 9). In practice, as simulated here, this
996 | makes little difference as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pool occurs very rapidly, an
997 | order of magnitude faster than the diffusion of nitrogen from the TAN pool. Thus NO_3^- is
998 | directly incorporated into the soil nitrate pool without any subsequent loss. Recall, also, a
999 | small percentage of manure is mechanically stirred into the soil organic nitrogen pools.
1000 | Accounting for the N_r diffused from the TAN pool into the soil pools, and assuming the
1001 | NH_3 emissions captured by the canopy, as well as the ammonium nitrified to NO_3^- also
1002 | end up in the soil pools we find that globally 75% of ~~TAN~~ manure [nitrogen](#) and 71% of
1003 | ~~TAN~~ synthetic fertilizer [nitrogen](#) ends up in the soil nitrogen or soil organic nitrogen
1004 | pools. Of course, once in these soil pools there may be subsequent losses of nitrogen due
1005 | to runoff [and leaching](#) or emissions, but these are not calculated in this initial study.

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1007 | The [global](#) percentages [given above](#) change appreciably when examined over subsets of
1008 | countries (Figure 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of
1009 | emissions of manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN as NH_3 [13%] is substantially smaller
1010 | than for developing countries [21%]. These differences can be largely explained by the
1011 | fact that developing countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed
1012 | countries. Bouwman [et al.](#) [2002] took these differences into account when developing

1013 emission factors for developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated
1014 NH₃ emission factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized
1015 countries, respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively. ~~The~~
1016
1017 In our simulations 16% and 9% of applied agricultural nitrogen is emitted as NH₃ in the
1018 US and the European Union have N_r emission percentages of 16% and 9%, respectively
1019 and. The direct runoff percentages of nitrogen accounts for 9% and 14%,% of the losses
1020 of agricultural nitrogen in the US and the European Union, respectively, within a factor
1021 of two although nitrogen. Nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of
1022 Europe. However, note the large contrast between India and China, where for India NH₃
1023 emissions are 27% of the applied N_r with very little runoff, whereas for China the runoff
1024 and emissions are approximately equal (13% and 10%, respectively).

1025

1026 *3.2.4 Comparison to other emissions inventories.* Figure 11 gives a comparison of
1027 manure and synthetic fertilizer NH₃ emissions from ~~our the FAN~~ process ~~oriented~~ model
1028 for 2000 and various bottom-up emission inventories, ~~as collated by Paulot et al. [2014].~~

1029 The bottom-up inventories rely on emission factors depending on animal husbandry,
1030 types of synthetic fertilizer usage and other details of agricultural practices. Only the NH₃
1031 emission inventory of Huang et al. [2012] for China and Paulot et al. [2014] explicitly
1032 account for temperature to modify their emission factors; the inventory of Paulot et al.
1033 [2014] also uses wind speed to modify the emission factors. The inventories of Paulot et
1034 al. [2014] for 2005-2008, Beusen et al. [2008] for 2000, and EDGAR v4.2 for 2005-2008
1035 are global inventories. ~~We supplement these estimates over North America with~~The

1036 ~~EDGAR inventory does not strictly separate the Goebes et al. [2003] estimate for 1995~~
1037 ~~for NH₃ emissions into those from manure and synthetic fertilizer NH₃ emissions and the~~
1038 ~~US EPA [2006] estimate of so we simply show the overall NH₃ emissions. Over the US~~
1039 ~~we also give an estimate for synthetic fertilizer NH₃ from 1995 [Goebes et al., 2003] and~~
1040 ~~for NH₃ emissions from animal agricultural operations. [US EPA, 2006]. Over China the~~
1041 global NH₃ emission estimates are supplemented by Huang et al. [2012] for 2006 and
1042 Streets et al. [2003] for 2000. Over Europe results using the Greenhouse Gas and Air
1043 Pollution Interactions and Synergies [GAINS] model are given [Klimont and Brink, 2004]
1044 as reported in Paulot et al. [2014]. ~~In this study synthetic fertilizer application dataset is~~
1045 ~~valid circa 2000 and the manure application dataset is valid circa 2007 [Potter et al.,~~
1046 ~~2010].~~
1047
1048 Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall NH₃ emissions of 30-35 Tg
1049 N yr⁻¹. The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in
1050 this study is approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al.
1051 [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. ~~The apportionment of manure to synthetic fertilizer~~
1052 ~~emissions in the EDGAR inventory (approximately in the ratio 1:3, respectively) is not~~
1053 ~~consistent with the other three inventories presented.~~ The European and Chinese NH₃
1054 emissions estimated here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S.
1055 emissions are on the high side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the
1056 manure emissions compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer
1057 emissions ~~fall between~~ are on the ~~Paulot et al. (2014) and GAINS emission inventories~~
1058 ~~and that of~~ low side. The EDGAR— emissions are somewhat higher than the other

1059 [estimates over Europe, although may depend on exactly what is assumed for the](#)
1060 [European boundary.](#)

1061

1062 In the U.S. the manure NH₃ emissions are close to the estimate of ~~all the other~~ inventories
1063 ~~except that of EDGAR~~ while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high ~~compared to all~~
1064 ~~inventories, although the synthetic fertilizer emissions are close to that of EDGAR.~~ In

1065 China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are similar to those of Huang et al. [2012], but
1066 underestimate the manure NH₃ emissions of ~~all the other inventories except EDGAR.~~ Of
1067 the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese emissions are highest.
1068 Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the Chinese inventories for both
1069 synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match those of Huang et al. [2012]
1070 the best.

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1072 *3.2.5 Site specific simulated pathways.* The hourly time series of the fate of applied
1073 nitrogen from manure and synthetic fertilizer at a single site better illustrates the
1074 relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). ~~This~~[The](#)
1075 [large fluctuations in the NH₃ emissions and the resultant implications for atmospheric](#)
1076 [chemistry also demonstrate the desirability of inventories that respond on hourly](#)
1077 [timescales to meteorological conditions.](#) The site shown [in Fig. 12 is](#) near the Texas
1078 panhandle. [It](#) experiences several large rain events and surface temperatures ranging from
1079 0 to 18 ~~degrees Celsius~~^{°C} over a period of about two months during the spring season.
1080 The response of the NH₃ emissions to the diurnal temperature range is clearly evident.
1081 The nitrogen losses of manure TAN due to NH₃ volatilization is initially small [at the](#)

1082 | [beginning of the examined period](#), on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than
1083 | the loss due to nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure
1084 | pool remain roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show
1085 | some response to precipitation, ~~particularly.~~ [Note in particular](#) the ~~diffusion~~
1086 | ~~which~~ [diffusive loss](#) reaches a maximum near May 21 presumably due to the increased
1087 | water content in the soil by the prior rain event. With the rise in temperatures towards the
1088 | end of the period, the emission loss of manure TAN becomes the dominant loss pathway
1089 | and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer inspection suggests, however, that the large
1090 | increase in the NH₃ emissions towards the end of the period cannot solely be attributed to
1091 | temperature, but must also be attributed to decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil
1092 | dries. The latter process increases the concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN
1093 | pool. The TAN manure pool is punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with
1094 | precipitation and increased runoff (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly
1095 | during these events but the different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic
1096 | fertilizer is clearly evident in these [plots/figures](#). The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer
1097 | TAN pool occurs on a timescale of approximately a week, consistent with the timescale
1098 | used in the MASAGE_NH3 model ([\[Paulot et al., 2014\]](#)).

1099

1100 **3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical**

1101 | [Historical nitrogen pathways are accessed since 1850 in a simulation with changing](#)
1102 | [climate and changing application amounts. These simulations do not include changing](#)
1103 | [agricultural practices such as changes in animal housing and storage, changes in animal](#)

1104 [diet and explicit changes in land use, all of which may substantially alter the nitrogen](#)
1105 [pathways. Thus the results must be treated with caution.](#)

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1107 The nitrogen ~~applied~~[produced](#) as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21
1108 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (Figure 13). [In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N](#)
1109 [yr⁻¹ of manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al \(2011\) estimate of 35 Tg N yr⁻¹.](#)

1110 Emissions of NH₃ from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1850
1111 [\(14.3% of the manure produced\) to 22 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.](#) ~~Bouwman et al (2011)~~
1112 ~~estimates that 35 Tg N yr⁻¹ is produced as manure in 1900 similar to our estimate of 37~~
1113 ~~Tg N yr⁻¹. The (17.6% of the applied manure).~~ On the other hand the percentage of
1114 ~~manure nitrogen applied as manure that volatilize to NH₃ increases by 4% since the~~
1115 ~~preindustrial while the percentage of manure TAN is nitrified decreases from 33 to 27%.%~~
1116 ~~since the preindustrial. Note that the year 2000 emissions in the historical simulation differ~~
1117 ~~slightly from the results of the present day control for which we report the 1995-2004~~
1118 ~~average emissions for the year 2000.~~

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1120 Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen application has increased dramatically since ~~1960 from~~
1121 ~~essentially zero to the 1960s with an estimated~~ 62 Tg N yr⁻¹ [applied as synthetic fertilizer](#)
1122 [in 2000. Accompanying this increase, We estimate](#) the volatilization of synthetic fertilizer
1123 [reaches as NH₃ is](#) 12 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.

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1125 ~~For synthetic fertilizer there is an increase of emissions to the atmosphere and a decrease~~
1126 ~~in nitrogen runoff. Since 1920 the (19% of that applied). The~~ percent of synthetic
1127 fertilizer nitrogen volatilized to the atmosphere as NH₃ ~~increases from 8% to 20%, while~~

1128 ~~the runoff has in~~ 1920 was 8%. On the other hand, the percentage of synthetic fertilizer
1129 ~~that is lost through runoff~~ decreased ~~since the preindustrial~~ by 8%. It is evident that ~~much~~
1130 ~~of this change~~ these percentage changes can be explained by the fact the ~~runoff of~~
1131 synthetic fertilizer ~~runoff enacts to~~ completely drain the TAN synthetic fertilizer pool
1132 ~~at in when~~ the application rate is small.

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1134 In part the historic emission increases in NH₃ can also be explained by changes in climate.
1135 The globally average has warmed by approximately 1° C since the preindustrial. In a
1136 sensitivity experiment the temperature was artificially increased by 1° C in the rate
1137 equations governing the nitrogen pathways following manure and synthetic fertilizer
1138 application rate prior to 1960. Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application
1139 rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH₃ is emitted from the manure
1140 and synthetic fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The resulting manure emissions
1141 increase by 4% and the fertilizer emissions by 3%.

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1145 **3.4 Sensitivity Tests**

1146 We have conducted a large number of sensitivity tests to evaluate the effect of changes in
1147 individual model parameters on NH₃ emissions. The various parameters may co-vary, of
1148 course, with non-linear impacts on the NH₃ emissions; however, we have not attempted
1149 to evaluate these effects. The sensitivity tests for manure are given in Table 1, those for
1150 synthetic fertilizer in Table 2. The ~~sensitivity~~ sensitivity tests are labeled with a number

1151 denoting the sensitivity parameter perturbed and a letter denoting whether the test is with
1152 respect to manure emissions (m) or synthetic fertilizer emissions (f). In each case we give
1153 the percent change in NH₃ emissions due to the parameter change and the relative
1154 emission change with respect to the relative parameter change (the sensitivity). Rationale
1155 for the assumed parameter bounds is given in the supplement.

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1157 Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (~~EX7m~~EX8m/f, ~~EX8m~~EX9m/f) and
1158 changes in the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (~~EX17m~~,
1159 ~~EX18f~~EX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly
1160 change the nitrogen cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part
1161 the synthetic fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes.

1162 Note also, that except for ~~EX17~~EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN
1163 pools is reduced, the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same
1164 for all sensitivity experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH₃ emissions to the
1165 imposed parameter changes are within the range of $\pm 20\%$ with many processes within
1166 the range of $\pm 10\%$. The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m),
1167 the adjustment timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil
1168 (~~EX13~~, EX14, EX15), the assumed depth of the water pool (~~EX11~~, EX12, EX13) and the
1169 maximum nitrification rate (~~EX15~~, EX16, EX17) all impact NH₃ emissions by less than
1170 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed background NH₃ concentration is also low (~~EX9~~,
1171 ~~EX10~~). ~~The high NH₃ concentration in equilibrium with the TAN pool renders the~~
1172 ~~emissions rather insensitive to the background concentration.~~ EX10, EX11.

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1174 The NH_3 emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, [EX7m/f](#)). The
1175 NH_3 emissions ~~increased~~decrease by ~~a factor of 3–4~~approximately 60% when the pH is
1176 ~~changed from 6 to 8. Increased pH pushes the solution towards $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ and away from~~
1177 ~~$\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$ (equations 10 and 11). As $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ is in equilibrium with $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$) increased~~
1178 ~~pH increases~~from 7 to 8 and increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer,
1179 respectively) when the pH is decreased from 7 to 6. We also test the concentration of
1180 $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ and consequently sensitivity of the emissions to the spatially explicit pH from
1181 ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes, 2005], with a global pH average of 6.55. The spatially
1182 explicit pH changed the manure NH_3 emissions. Decreased pH has the opposite effect. by
1183 23% and the synthetic fertilizer NH_3 emissions by 14%. Changes in pH also have a large
1184 impact on ~~the nitrification rate~~. Increased pH reduces ~~$\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$~~ $\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$ and thus the
1185 rate of conversion of ~~$\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$~~ $\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})$ to NO_3^- . The effect of pH on the rate constant
1186 for nitrification ~~rate constant~~ is not included in the current parameterization. Parton et al.
1187 (2001) suggests this effect is small, between a pH of 6 and 8, varying only on the order of
1188 15%. Changes in pH also ~~results~~result in marked changes in the runoff and soil diffusion
1189 due to the large changes in emissions and nitrification: low pH's act to increase the flux
1190 of nitrogen through these loss pathways, high pH's act to decrease them.

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1192 Emissions are also highly sensitive to changes in canopy capture (i.e., the parameter
1193 f_{capture}) as shown in [EX7m/f](#), [EX8m/f](#), [EX9m/f](#). Decreasing the fraction captured by the
1194 canopy by a factor of 2 increases the emissions by approximately a factor of 3. Changes
1195 in this fraction modify the fixed ratio between the amount of nitrogen captured by the
1196 canopy and that emitted to the atmosphere, ~~but do not impact nitrogen cycling within the~~

1197 | ~~TAN pools.~~ Of course, the nitrogen captured in the canopy impacts the overall soil
1198 | ~~nitrogen budget, but this impact is not simulated here.~~

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1200 | The NH₃ emissions are somewhat sensitive to the depth of the assumed water pool
1201 | ~~(EX11m/f, EX12m/f), where the water budget is calculated over depth of the water pool,~~
1202 | EX13m/f. Smaller depths (less water) give higher concentrations of all the constituents
1203 | within the TAN pool resulting in ~~larger~~higher NH₃ emissions (equations 7 and 11) and
1204 | larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1). Larger depths (more water) have the opposite effect.

1205 | The diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is somewhat sensitive to changes in the assumed
1206 | water depth as the coefficient of diffusion is proportional to the water content to the 10/3
1207 | power (see appendix). ~~Increased diffusion at higher depths likely reflects changes in the~~
1208 | ~~water content of the soil with depth.~~

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1210 | We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic
1211 | fertilizer applications decrease NH₃ emissions due to their strong temperature dependence
1212 | and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date
1213 | (set to March 15) decreases the NH₃ emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen
1214 | ~~runoff~~run off from the TAN pool by 62% (~~EX18f~~EX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to
1215 | the application rate of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as
1216 | opposed to the single day application assumed in the default version (~~EX19f~~EX20f). This
1217 | did not have a significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type
1218 | in the default version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer
1219 | in ~~EX20f~~EX21f. Whereas urea is converted to NH₃ rather slowly, the conversion of

1220 ammonium nitrate is rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously
1221 released into the TAN pool) ~~and result in no changes in pH~~. However, the emissions are
1222 not particularly sensitive to this change. This is in contrast to differences in volatilization
1223 rates of different synthetic fertilizers given in Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and
1224 Raistrick (1990) show that one of the primary differences between the addition of urea
1225 versus ammonium nitrate as fertilizer is in the effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an
1226 effect that we do not consider in this first study. In particular urea increases the soil pH
1227 and thus the NH₃ emissions.

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1229 Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH₃ emissions (~~EX17f~~EX18f).
1230 The composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the
1231 digestibility of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this
1232 uncertainty we varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model
1233 version (50% urine, 25% available, 22.5 % resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less
1234 soluble N excreta from dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation ~~EX17m~~EX18m (41% urine,
1235 21% available, 25% unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the
1236 NH₃ emissions by 21 percent.

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1238 It is important to emphasize that these sensitivity simulations only test the parameter
1239 sensitivity within the imposed model. In particular, the sensitivities to various farming
1240 practices are generally extraneous to the model assumptions with some exceptions. The
1241 sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer or manure input assumptions are tested in simulations
1242 ~~EX17m, EX18f~~EX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f; sensitivities to the water depth which

1243 may crudely represent some of the impacts of plowing manure or synthetic fertilizer into
1244 the soil are examined in [EX11EX12](#) and [EX12EX13](#); finally modifications to soil pH are
1245 tested in EX5, [EX6](#) and [EX6EX7](#).

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1247 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

1248 In this paper we develop a process-oriented model that predicts the climate dependent
1249 reactive nitrogen pathways from synthetic fertilizer and manure application to the surface
1250 of the land. Continued population growth will likely result in an increased application of
1251 synthetic fertilizers with concurrent increases in manure production in the future
1252 ~~(Davidson, 2012)~~. Climate is an important determinant in the ultimate fate of this
1253 applied nitrogen, important in determining the resulting emissions of NH₃ and other
1254 reactive nitrogen gases, in the runoff of the applied nitrogen, its nitrification and its
1255 incorporation into the soil organic and inorganic pools. The fate of the resultant applied
1256 nitrogen may act to acerbate climate change through the formation of N₂O, or perhaps
1257 mitigate climate change through increased carbon fertilization and the increased
1258 formation of aerosols. On the flip side the impact of a changing climate on agriculture
1259 and the resultant pathways for N_r is likely to be significant.

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1261 Agricultural NH₃ emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and
1262 anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global NH₃ emission
1263 inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by
1264 agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include
1265 temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing

1266 countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included
1267 empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al.,
1268 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the N_r
1269 pathways and in particular the NH_3 emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where
1270 the explicit representation of most agricultural practices ~~are~~ minimized. We find the
1271 global emissions of NH_3 due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other
1272 recent inventories, with 21 Tg N yr^{-1} emitted from manure nitrogen and 12 Tg N yr^{-1}
1273 emitted from synthetic fertilizer ~~nitrogen~~. Strong regional differences in emissions
1274 captured by the bottom up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to
1275 simulate the inter-annual, seasonal and diurnal changes in NH_3 emissions critical for air
1276 pollution applications ~~(e.g., see De Meij et al., 2006).~~ Most previous inventories have
1277 included no seasonal dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal
1278 dependence is empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of
1279 nitrogen emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous
1280 inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of NH_3 emissions and with a
1281 rather minimal representation of the geographic meteorological dependence.

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1283 The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways
1284 from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System
1285 model to estimate the resulting NH_3 emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of
1286 the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled N_r pathways
1287 dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and
1288 fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of NH_3 gas from the TAN

1289 pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the
1290 temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for NH_3
1291 [Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of NH_3 within the TAN pool, determined
1292 by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate
1293 ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil
1294 temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of N_r is determined by the precipitation.
1295 | Predictions for [direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools](#) and the
1296 | incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are
1297 | some of the first made by a global process-level model. Measurements of nitrogen runoff
1298 | from rivers heavily impacted by anthropogenic nitrogen input compare favorably with
1299 | simulated results using the River Transport Model within the CESM [Nevison et al.,
1300 | [20152016](#)].
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1302 | Manure is not a new nitrogen source, but contains recycled N_r from soil nitrogen
1303 | produced when animals eat plants. Therefore to conserve nitrogen within an earth system
1304 | model, the application of manure determines the consumption of plant matter by [model](#)
1305 | [ruminants-animals](#). Specifically, the model calculates the amount of nitrogen and carbon
1306 | needed for a given manure application and subtracts it from the plant leaf pools within
1307 | the CLM. The manure production acts to speed up the decay and processing of plant
1308 | biomass, releasing different N_r products to the atmosphere than natural decay [Davidson,
1309 | 2009].
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1311 The climate dependency incorporated into the model suggests that the pathways of
1312 nitrogen added to the land are highly spatially and temporally heterogeneous. An
1313 examination of nitrogen loss pathways at a point over Texas shows the variation of the
1314 nitrogen pathways on a variety of timescales with changes in temperature, precipitation
1315 and soil moisture. Spatially, values for the percentage of manure nitrogen volatilized to
1316 NH_3 in this study show a large range in both developing countries (average of 20%
1317 (maximum: 36 %)) and industrialized countries (average of 12% (maximum: 39 %)). The
1318 model also predicts spatial and temporal variability in the amount of NH_3 volatilized as
1319 manure from agricultural fertilizers ranging from 14% [maximum 40 %] in industrialized
1320 countries to 22 % [maximum 40 %] in developing countries. As a result of temperature
1321 dependency, NH_3 volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India
1322 and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the
1323 EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 %
1324 and 26 % of manure is converted into NH_3 in industrialized and developing countries,
1325 respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application [calculated here](#) are
1326 7 % in industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off [from](#)
1327 [the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools](#) is highest in areas of high N_r application
1328 and high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input
1329 rates we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate
1330 climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of N_r into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools
1331 and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.

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1333 Historically we predict emissions of NH_3 from applied manure to have increased from
1334 approximately 3 Tg N yr^{-1} in 1850 to 22 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000 while the volatilization of
1335 fertilizer reaches 12 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000. The NH_3 emissions increase by approximately 4%
1336 for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period
1337 (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). ~~However similar increases~~Under current manure and
1338 synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH_3
1339 is emitted from the manure and synthetic fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The
1340 resulting manure emissions increase by 4% and the fertilizer emissions by 3%. Increases
1341 are not evident in the runoff of nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and
1342 leaching from the mineral nitrogen pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter
1343 may be impacted by plant nitrogen demand such that excess fertilization would act to
1344 increase the nitrogen runoff.

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1346 The NH_3 emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global
1347 scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic
1348 fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in
1349 making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology.
1350 The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle
1351 feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH_3 manure
1352 emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives
1353 reasonable NH_3 emission predictions given the limited global information available on
1354 the grazing land of agricultural animals.

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1356 The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate
1357 on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. ~~However, given the nature of global~~
1358 ~~modeling described here and simplifying modeling assumptions there are numerous~~
1359 ~~sources of error associated with our model predictions. Parameter sensitivity studies show~~
1360 ~~the largest sensitivity to the assumed pH, consistent with other studies [e.g., Fletcher et~~
1361 ~~al., 2013], and to the canopy deposition. The actual pH likely depends on a complex~~
1362 ~~interaction of soil types, and agricultural and animal husbandry practices. Canopy~~
1363 ~~capture depends on bidirectional exchange models that involve resistances between the~~
1364 ~~plant canopy, the ground and ground emissions [see, e.g., Massad et al., 2010]. In the~~
1365 ~~future these processes will be simulated when the CLM is coupled with a chemistry~~
1366 ~~model, although the conservation of nitrogen in a biogeochemical context may present~~
1367 ~~peculiar challenges. More accurate specification of the NH₃ emissions can be made~~
1368 ~~within an Earth System model by better accounting of synthetic fertilizer and manure~~
1369 ~~application within specific PFTs or explicit incorporation into an agricultural model.~~

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1371 ~~The approach taken here has been rather different from an approach using emission~~
1372 ~~factors to model NH₃ emissions. Perhaps, then, the greatest source of uncertainty in this~~
1373 ~~study is associated with simplifying farming methods. This~~ It is also capable of taking into
1374 account the resulting biogeochemical cycling of nitrogen. Previous estimates of NH₃
1375 emissions have relied on detailed information on animal type, animal housing if any and
1376 the field application of synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997] but
1377 have minimized the representation of meteorological processes. These estimates have
1378 also not allowed for an explicit representation of the biogeochemical nitrogen cycling and

1379 loss pathways. Here we take the opposite tact by taking into account the importance of
1380 meteorological variability in accounting for regional and temporal differences in NH₃
1381 emissions and nitrogen cycling. However, we have greatly simplified agricultural
1382 management practices. ~~model uses a single date for synthetic fertilizer application,~~
1383 ~~considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into account manure storage methods,~~
1384 ~~such as slurry pools or different types of animal manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of~~
1385 ~~manure and synthetic fertilizer application.~~ The use of simplified farming practices may
1386 be acceptable in many locations as more complex farming methods are rarely employed
1387 in the developing world. The Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests
1388 over 75 % of the global agricultural land uses traditional farming methods. Nevertheless,
1389 one of the largest sources of uncertainty in this study is associated with the simplification
1390 of agricultural practices. This FAN model uses a single date for synthetic fertilizer
1391 application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into account manure storage
1392 methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal manures. It also assumes a
1393 fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. ~~Still, adapting a hybrid~~
1394 ~~approach as outlined in Sutton et al. [2013] using both emission factors governing animal~~
1395 ~~stockyards and the approach outlined here for manure applied to fields may be the most~~
1396 ~~reasonable. The depth of synthetic fertilizer and manure mixing and a more exact~~
1397 ~~representation of soil water through the vertical discretization of the soil nitrogen pools~~
1398 ~~would also help account for additional agricultural practices~~The truth of course lies
1399 somewhere between: both meteorological variability and a detailed accounting of
1400 management practices is necessary to fully account for nitrogen cycling from agricultural
1401 practices and the resulting NH₃ emissions.

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1403 A number of future model improvements are necessary in the next generation model. (1)

1404 More realistic representation of manure management practices. Globally, somewhat over

1405 40% of manure is excreted in animal houses and stored prior to being spread onto fields.

1406 While there is a wide range of variation in animal housing and storage practices, the

1407 unique set of emission factors entailed in animal housing and storage should be

1408 incorporated in the next model generation. (2) A better representation of nitrogen

1409 transport throughout the soil column and the resulting NH₃ generation. This would allow

1410 a differentiation between NH₃ emissions resulting from grazing, where urine is rapidly

1411 incorporated into the soil column, versus emissions resulting from the spreading of

1412 manure slurry. It would also allow a representation of fertilizer injection or mixing into

1413 the soil column and the transport of nitrogen into the soil column in association with

1414 water transport. (3) Representation of NH₃ emissions from different synthetic fertilizer

1415 formulations. Different types of synthetic fertilizer have rather different emission factors.

1416 As shown by Whitehead and Raistrick [1990] many of these differences can be

1417 represented by the impact of the fertilizer on soil pH. (4) A full biogeochemical coupling

1418 of the FAN process model to the overall biogeochemistry within the CLM. This would

1419 allow the nitrogen introduced through agricultural practices to impact the overall model

1420 biogeochemistry and allow a more thorough investigation of the flows of agricultural

1421 nitrogen. Here the fertilizer nitrogen would be added explicitly to the CLM crop model

1422 where appropriate. (5) A full coupling between the NH₃ emissions represented by the

1423 FAN process model and the atmospheric chemistry model through a PFT-dependent

1424 [compensation point approach. In this approach the atmospheric model would directly](#)
1425 [provide the nitrogen deposition fields to the land model.](#)

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1427 The increased use of synthetic fertilizer and growing livestock populations has increased
1428 N_r emission to both the atmosphere and oceans to unprecedented levels with a marked
1429 effect on the environment. We have provided a first estimate of globally distributed
1430 temporal changes in nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer inputs in
1431 response to climate. This is relevant to current studies investigating the ecosystem effects
1432 of N_r , and in particular, how adding synthetic fertilizer to farmland affects the ocean, the
1433 atmosphere and impacts climate. The model predicts vastly different nitrogen pathways
1434 depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic
1435 fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the
1436 land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate
1437 dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate
1438 change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization
1439 of NH_3 increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely.
1440 However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain
1441 biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to
1442 change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications
1443 of this model will investigate the tight coupling between nitrogen, agriculture and climate.

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