

1 Dear Dr. Neftel,

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3 Thank you very much for your critical review of the manuscript and your comments. You
4 have raised two issues that we address below.

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6 a): lines 404 and 405: *"It is assumed that a fraction ($f_u = 0.5$) of nitrogen excreted is urine*
7 *(urea), with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal matter [Gusman and Marino, 1999]."*

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9 *To my knowledge the share of urea in urine is generally around 80%.*

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11 There are two issues here: (1) the percentage of urea amongst the nitrogen compounds in
12 urine, (2) the percentage of nitrogen excreted as urine.

13 As to the first issue we agree that not all nitrogen in urine is urea. We will eliminate the
14 parenthesis ("(urea)") in the sentence above in the manuscript (lines 404 and 405). The
15 exact composition of the urine isn't really important in the parameterization. What is more
16 important is decay time to inorganic nitrogen. For urine we make the approximation that
17 inorganic nitrogen is immediately available in urine consistent with the rapid conversion of
18 urea to ammoniacal form. Bristow et al. (1992) suggests that the breakdown time of the
19 other forms of urine nitrogen in soils is generally not well know.

20 The second issue relates to the fraction of nitrogen excreted in urine versus faeces. We
21 assume 50% of the excreted nitrogen is in urine following Gusman and Marino (1999)
22 although other estimates are somewhat higher. Reviewer #2 suggests the fraction should be 60%
23 in urine ("Data for Europe (EMEP/EEA (2009) EMEP/EEA emission inventory guidebook 2009")
24 which states: "Typically, more than half of the N excreted by mammalian livestock is in the
25 urine, and between 65 and 85 % of urine-N is in the form of urea and other readily-
26 mineralised compounds (ruminants: Jarvis et al., 1989; pigs: Aarnink et al., 1997)."
27 However, the fractional amount in urine is dependent on the type of animal feed with large inter-
28 animal effects and large diurnal variations (Jarvis et al., 1989). Other parameters
29 undoubtedly come into play in determining this fractionation.

30 Thus there are two compounding issues: the amount of nitrogen readily available in urine and
31 the amount of nitrogen excreted in urine. We likely overestimate the 1st but may
32 underestimate the latter. There is indeed a lot of uncertainty in this area.

33 *Consequently in your model you got overall a higher fraction of NH₃ emission from application*
34 *of mineral fertilizer than from organic fertilizer (19% versus 17%), because the loss rate of*
35 *NH₃ related to urea application is on the high side. I am aware that the database for this value*
36 *is scarce and many of the reported value are of questionable quality.*

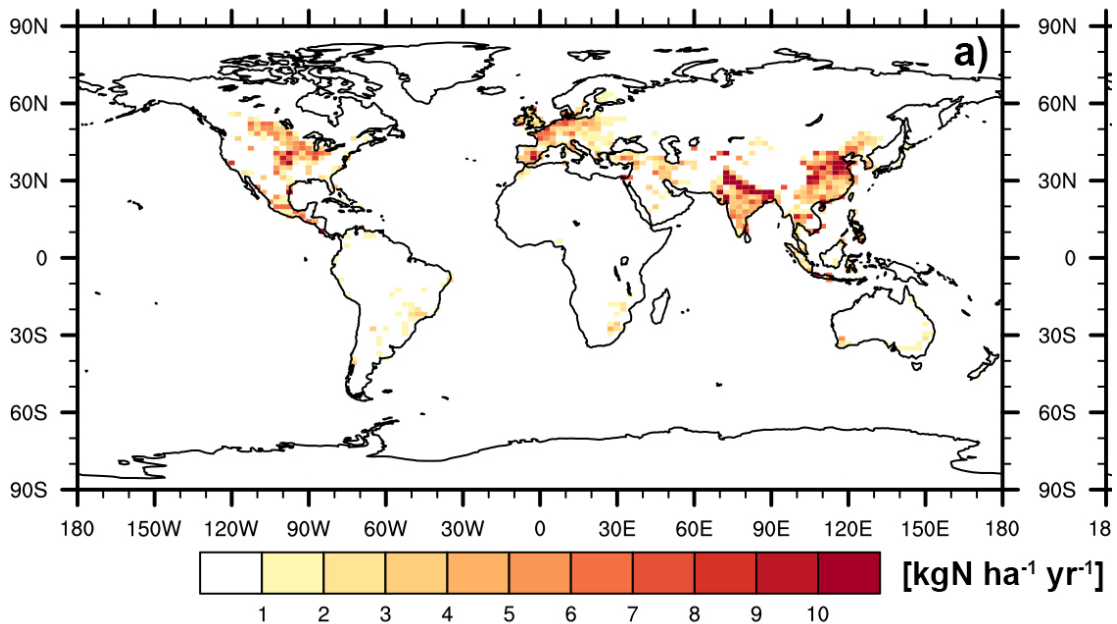
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38 There is no doubt that the nitrogen composition of urine and faeces is a source of
39 uncertainty, both in the composition of urine and in the distribution of nitrogen between
40 urine and faeces. The composition, of course, impacts availability of mineral nitrogen. We
41 did do a sensitivity experiment changing the composition of nitrogen in urine and faeces to:
42 urine 41%, available 21%, unavailable 25%, and resistant 13% with a decrease in emissions of 23%
43 in the submitted paper (EX18m in the revised manuscript, EX17m in the original manuscript).
44 While we could do additional simulations testing this sensitivity we feel at this point it is best to
45 acknowledge this sensitivity (see manuscript). Other sources of sensitivity are likely to be higher.

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47 b) Fig 4d and 5d show maps of fertilizer and manure application related NH₃ loss. If I zoom
48 into Europe I am surprised that no structure is seen in the manure related loss, especially as
49 the Netherlands and also the Po valley regions are known as the world champions in NH₃
50 emission due to the high animal density. Is this due to the rather coarse resolution? And if yes
51 why other regions show more small scale variability.

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53 Yes, this is in part due to coarse resolution of the dataset and the contouring routine used in
54 the graphs. In the figures attached below we use pixelated graphics instead of contours.
55 Note that in the blown up figure elevated emissions in the northern part of Italy are just
56 visible. The model resolution is captured using this type of graphics.

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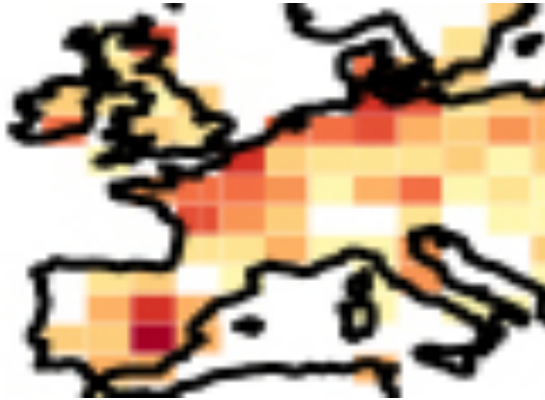
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59 **Figure 1. Annual average of ammonia emissions from fertilizer with (pixelated graphics).**

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64 **Figure 2. Blow up of Figure 1 showing Italy.**

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

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95 **Abstract.** Nitrogen applied to the surface of the land for agricultural purposes represents
96 a significant source of reactive nitrogen (N_r) that can be emitted as a gaseous N_r species,
97 be denitrified to atmospheric nitrogen (N_2), run-off during rain events or form plant
98 useable nitrogen in the soil. To investigate the magnitude, temporal variability and
99 spatial heterogeneity of nitrogen pathways on a global scale from sources of animal
100 manure and synthetic fertilizer, we developed a mechanistic parameterization of these
101 pathways within a global terrestrial model land model, the Community Land Model
102 (CLM). In this first model version the parameterization emphasizes an explicit climate
103 dependent approach while using highly simplified representations of agricultural
104 practices including manure management and fertilizer application. The climate dependent
105 approach explicitly simulates the relationship between meteorological variables and
106 biogeochemical processes to calculate the volatilization of ammonia (NH_3), nitrification
107 and run-off of N_r following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. For the year 2000,
108 **approximately 138 Tg N yr⁻¹ is applied as manure and 86 Tg N yr⁻¹ is applied as**
109 **synthetic fertilizer. We estimate the resulting global NH_3 emissions are 21 TgNyr⁻¹**
110 **from manure (15% of manure production) and 12 TgNyr⁻¹ from fertilizer (14% of**
111 **fertilizer application); reactive nitrogen dissolved during rain events is calculated as**
112 **11 TgNyr⁻¹ from manure and 5 TgNyr⁻¹ from fertilizer. The remaining nitrogen**
113 **from manure (106 Tg N yr⁻¹) and synthetic fertilizer (69 Tg N yr⁻¹) is captured by**
114 **the canopy or transferred to the soil nitrogen pools.** The parameterization was
115 implemented in the CLM from 1850 to 2000 using a transient simulation which predicted
116 that, even though absolute values of all nitrogen pathways are increasing with increased
117 manure and synthetic fertilizer application, partitioning of nitrogen to NH_3 emissions

118 from manure is increasing on a percentage basis, from 14 % of nitrogen applied (3 Tg
119 $\text{NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$) in 1850 to 17% of nitrogen applied in 2000 (22 Tg $\text{NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$). Under current
120 manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an
121 additional 1 Tg NH_3 (approximately 3% of manure and fertilizer) emitted per year per
122 degree C of warming. While the model confirms earlier estimates of nitrogen fluxes made
123 in a range of studies, its key purpose is to provide a theoretical framework that can be
124 employed within a biogeochemical model, that can explicitly respond to climate and that
125 can evolve and improve with further observation.

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127 **1. Introduction**

128 Nitrogen is needed by all living things for growth. However, it is relatively inert in its
129 most abundant form, diatomic nitrogen (N_2), and needs to be converted to a form of
130 reactive nitrogen (N_r) before it can be used by most plants for growth [Visek, 1984].
131 Supplying sufficient N_r for maximum crop yield is a major concern in agriculture. In pre-
132 industrial times N_r demand was partly solved with the use of animal manure and seabird
133 guano as well as crop rotation and the use of nitrogen fixing crops [Smil, 2000].
134 However, by the early 20th century the supply of these N_r sources could not match the
135 demands of an increasing population and a process of creating synthetic N_r was
136 developed; the Haber-Bosch process [Galloway et al., 2004].

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138 The use of N_r to improve crop yield has recently become an environmental concern as N_r
139 in synthetic fertilizer and manure cascades through the soil, water and the atmospheric
140 nitrogen cycles. Plants can readily use applied N_r for plant growth; however, N_r washed

141 off fields or volatilized as gas can reduce ecosystem biodiversity through acidification
142 and eutrophication [Sutton et al., 2013]. Increased N_r in the hydrosphere can lead to the
143 subsequent degradation of riverine and near shore water quality as the water becomes
144 more acidic and the growth of primary producers blooms [Turner and Rabalais, 1991;
145 Howarth et al., 2002], which can alter the local interspecies competition and biodiversity
146 [Sutton et al., 2012]. Reactive nitrogen emissions into the atmosphere impacts air quality
147 through the ozone generation associated with NO emissions [e.g., Hudman et al., 2010]
148 and the contribution of ammonia to aerosol formation [e.g., Gu et al., 2014]. Nitrogen
149 cycling also impacts climate through the stimulation of plant growth and associated
150 increased carbon storage; through the associated emissions of N_2O , a strong greenhouse
151 gas; through emissions of nitrogen oxides and the associated ozone production; and
152 through the emissions of ammonia (NH_3) with its potential to cool the climate through
153 aerosol formation [e.g., Adams et al., 2001].

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

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

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

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

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

172 $\text{N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$ and $5 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$, respectively [Fowler et al., 2013]. The dominant

173 anthropogenic sources of new N_r are Haber-Bosch derived fertilizer (estimated at 120 Tg

174 $\text{N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$ in 2005), the burning of fossil fuels, ($30 \text{ Tg N yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$ in 2000), and a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

182 141 Tg N yr^{-1} [Holland et al., 2005]. It is suggested that this increase in recycled N_r

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

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

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186 Projections of agricultural activity [Bodirsky et al., 2012] suggest continued increases in
187 the application of synthetic fertilizers until the mid-21st century (and possibly beyond)
188 concurrent with likely increases in manure production [Tilman et al., 2001]. In addition to
189 the increased use of organic and synthetic fertilizers in the future, NH₃ emissions are
190 expected to increase because of changing climate on nitrogen biochemistry [Tilman et al.,
191 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013; Sutton et al., 2013].

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193 Current estimates of the direct forcing of nitrate aerosols present as ammonium nitrate
194 encompass the range from -0.03 Wm^{-2} to -0.41 Wm^{-2} over the ACCMIP (Atmospheric
195 Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) [Shindell et al., 2013] and
196 AeroCom Phase II [Myhre et. al., 2013] simulations. With a future reduction in sulfate
197 emissions the relative importance of nitrate aerosols is expected to dominate the direct
198 aerosol forcing by 2100 with a resulting increase in radiative forcing of up to a factor of
199 8.6 over what it would have been otherwise [Hauglustaine et al., 2014]. These estimates
200 do not consider the temperature dependence of NH₃ emissions. Skjoth and Geels [2013]
201 predict increases in future NH₃ emissions of up to 60% over Europe by 2100 largely due
202 to increased NH₃ emissions with temperature. Sutton et al. [2013] predicts future
203 temperature increases may enhance global NH₃ emissions by up to approximately 40%
204 assuming a 5° C warming. In addition to future changes in climate-induced NH₃
205 volatilization from manure and synthetic fertilizer application, future changes in agro-
206 management practices, soil microbiological processes and nitrogen runoff may be
207 expected.

208 Studies calculating NH₃ emission from manure and synthetic fertilizer have broadly
209 fallen into two categories: models that use empirically derived agriculturally-based
210 emission factors and more complex process-based models. Global emissions have almost
211 been universally estimated using the former approach. Emission factors were used by
212 Bouwman et al. [1997] to estimate global NH₃ emissions in 1990 of 54 Tg N yr⁻¹, with
213 the greatest emission of 21.6 Tg N yr⁻¹ from domestic animals [Bouwman et al., 1997].
214 Beusen et al. [2008] also used emission factors to estimate global NH₃ emission from
215 agricultural livestock (21 Tg N yr⁻¹) and synthetic fertilizers (11 Tg N yr⁻¹) in 2000;
216 Bouwman et al. [2013] estimated emissions of 34 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ on agricultural land, with
217 10 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ from animal housing. A number of more recent global models have
218 included emission factors explicitly as a function of temperature [e.g., Huang et al., 2012;
219 Paulot et al., 2014]. Paulot et al. [2014] estimates global NH₃ emissions of 9.4 Tg yr⁻¹ for
220 synthetic fertilizer and 24 Tg yr⁻¹ for manure.

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222 Alternatively process-based or mechanistic models have been developed that estimate N_r
223 flows, equilibria and transformations between different nitrogen species as well as
224 nitrogen emissions from synthetic fertilizer and manure. Process models have been used
225 on the field to regional scale, but not on the global scale. These models generally do not
226 simulate the run-off of N_r. For example, Générumont and Cellier [1997] model the
227 transfer of NH₃(g) to the atmosphere after considering the physical and chemical
228 equilibria and transfer of N_r species (NH₃(g), NH₃(aq), NH₄⁺(aq)) in the soil. The
229 resulting model is used to calculate the NH₃ emissions from synthetic fertilizer over
230 France within the air quality model, Chimere [Hamaoui-Laguél et al., 2014]. Other

231 examples include Pinder et al. [2004], who describes a process model of NH₃ emissions
232 from a dairy farm, while Li et al. [2013] describes a farm-scale process model of the
233 decomposition and emission of NH₃ from manure.

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235 The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of
236 simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of
237 the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the
238 climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate
239 change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System
240 Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen
241 cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the
242 process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section
243 3 analyzes this model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level
244 measurements of NH₃ fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen
245 pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes;
246 model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the
247 sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

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249 **2. Methods**

250 In this section we describe a model designed to predict the spatial and temporal variations
251 in the evolution of N_r that results from the application of manure and synthetic fertilizer
252 within the context of an Earth System Model, the Community Earth System Model 1.1
253 (CESM1.1). The process model developed here simulates the loss major pathways of N_r

254 following the application of synthetic fertilizer or manure to the Earth's surface: its
255 incorporation into soil organic matter and soil nitrogen pools [Chambers et al., 1999], the
256 volatilization of NH_3 to the atmosphere and the direct runoff of N_r from the surface
257 (Figure 1). The model is global in nature, is designed to conserve carbon and nitrogen
258 and responds to changes in climate. The model developed here is designed provide an
259 interface between the application of manure and fertilizer and the nitrogen cycling
260 developed within the Community Land Model 4.5 (CLM4.5), the land component of the
261 CESM.

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

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

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280 In the first application of the model described here we take the opposite tact here. We
281 have minimized the description of agricultural practices, and instead emphasize
282 representing a physically based climate dependent biogeochemistry of manure and
283 synthetic fertilizer decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. We recognize that
284 we are simplifying many important agro-management processes including: (1) we assume
285 all synthetic fertilizer is urea and the pH of soil is given. Different applied synthetic
286 fertilizers have a strong impact on the pH of the soil-fertilizer mixture with the overall
287 emission factor very dependent on the pH as well as day since application (Whitehead
288 and Raistrick, 1990). Urea is the most commonly used synthetic fertilizer accounting for
289 over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage [Gilbert et al., 2006] and has
290 one of the highest emission factors for commonly used synthetic fertilizers [Bouwman et
291 al., 1997]. Emission factors for other types of fertilizers can be significantly smaller. (2)
292 We do not account for manure management practices. We assume all manure is
293 continuously spread onto fields. In contrast, in a global study Beusen et al. (2008), for
294 example, considered four primary pathways for manure excretion: (i) in animal houses
295 followed by storage and spreading on cropland (accounting for approximately 37% of
296 global manure application), (ii) in animal houses followed by storage and spreading on
297 grassland (accounting for approximately 7% of global manure application) and iii)
298 excreted by grazing animals (accounting for approximately 44% of global manure
299 application), (iv) losses from the system (accounting for approximately 16% of global

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

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313 On the otherhand a physically based geographical and temporal accounting for
314 meteorology, including temperature, turbulence and rainfall is accounted for in the
315 parameterization described below, but is not accounted for in the traditional bottom-up
316 ammonia emission inventories. As with regional differences in agro-management
317 practices, meteorological impacts may also induce large regional and interannual
318 variations in ammonia emissions. For example, increasing the ground temperature from
319 290o K to 300oK at a pH of 7 increases the ammonia emissions by a factor of 3 (see
320 equation XXX, below). Moreover, the simulation of dynamic ammonia emissions, as
321 described below, with ammonia emissions responding to temperature on the model
322 timestep, allows for a regionally resolved ammonia flux between the land and atmosphere

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

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

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

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

356 **2.1 Relation between the process model and the CESM1.1**

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358 The parameterization developed here acts as the interface between specified manure and
359 fertilizer application and the CESM1.1. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric, ocean,
360 land and sea ice processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land and ocean
361 carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM participates in the
362 Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been extensively evaluated in
363 the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. The land model within the CESM1.1, the CLM
364 4.5 includes representation of surface energy and water fluxes, hydrology, phenology,
365 and the carbon cycle [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The CLM simulations
366 can be forced by meteorology (as done here), or as a part of a coupled-carbon-climate
367 model [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The current version of the carbon
368 model is an improved version of the coupled-carbon-climate model used in Keppel-Aleks

369 et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The carbon model
370 includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton et al. [2007,
371 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon cycle, as well
372 as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et al., 2013;
373 Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition (NO_y and NH_x
374 from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been evaluated
375 [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to observations
376 [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and evaluated by
377 many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008; Randerson et al.,
378 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale. The CLM4.5
379 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better simulate: (1) water
380 and momentum fluxes at the Earth's surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen dynamics within
381 soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].

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

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

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

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

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417 Note that as a first approximation the model described here does not simulate the direct
418 emission loss of species other than NH_3 . Atmospheric emission losses of N_2O or N_2 (and
419 potentially NO_x) are simulated in the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al.,
420 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways
421 explicitly considered here. The run-off of N_r from manure or synthetic fertilizer nitrogen
422 pools has been coupled to the river transport model (RTM) in [Nevison et al., 2016]
423 (Figure 1), but is not considered here.

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425 **2.2 Process model for predicting nitrogen pathways from manure or synthetic** 426 **fertilizer**

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428 A schematic of the overall model analyzed here is given in Figure 1. All the equations
429 and variables used in the model have been collated and are presented in the appendix.
430 The assumptions used in constructing this model are detailed below where appropriate.
431 Sensitivity to model parameters is given in section 3.4. The nitrogen loss pathways are
432 calculated separately for manure and synthetic fertilizer. While this model assumes that
433 synthetic fertilizer application and manure application can take place in the same
434 approximately $2 \times 2^\circ$ grid cell, we also assume that manure and synthetic fertilizer are
435 not applied in the exactly the same place. Therefore the NH_3 emissions, the nitrogen
436 incorporation into soil pools, and the nitrogen run-off in rain water are separately

437 calculated for manure and synthetic fertilizer in each column. This means that the Total
438 Ammoniacal Nitrogen (TAN) pools (consisting of $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$, $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$, NH_4^+) for manure
439 and synthetic fertilizer are discrete and hence the nitrogen pathways are not combined.

440

441 The application rate and geographical distribution used for manure and synthetic fertilizer
442 application is taken from the synthetic fertilizer application and manure production
443 datasets developed in Potter et al [2010]. These datasets are valid for circa 2000 for
444 synthetic fertilizer and 2007 for manure [Potter et al., 2010]. Beusen et al. [2008]
445 estimates that 14% of the manure produced is lost from the agricultural system through
446 building materials and other uses. In this first study we do not explicitly account for the
447 fate of this lost manure. We further assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields
448 by-passing the use of animal houses and storage. While most manure is excreted in
449 housing prior to being applied in the field, the emission factors for NH_3 emissions from
450 spreading are not significantly different than from housing and storage: the emission
451 factor for spreading onto grassland is higher and that onto cropland is lower [Beusen et
452 al., 2008]. A more sophisticated analysis could take into account differences in manure
453 treatment, although regional differences in animal housing and storage practices would
454 make a global analysis quite challenging.

455

456 To adequately model the conversion timescales of N_r input from animals to TAN, it is
457 necessary to separate the manure into different pools depending on the decomposition
458 timescales (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 and Figure 1). A similar strategy was adopted by Li
459 et al. [2013] for manure and is commonly used in simulating litter decomposition.

460 Synthetic fertilizer N_r is added to one pool, where after it decomposes into the TAN pool
461 (Figure 1). Once in the TAN pool N_r (1) washes off during rain events [Brouder et al.,
462 2005]; (2) volatilizes to the atmosphere as NH_3 [Sutton et al., 1994; Nemitz et al., 2000];
463 (3) nitrifies to form nitrate (NO_3^-) [Stange and Neue, 2009]; 4) or is incorporated into the
464 soil nitrogen pools. A number of other smaller loss processes are not explicitly simulated.
465 Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1).

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467 Manure must be added to the model in such a manner as to conserve nitrogen (Figure 1).
468 Here, we assume animals consume carbon and nitrogen from plants and then
469 subsequently excrete this as manure. Within the CLM, carbon and nitrogen in the plant-
470 leaf pool is thus converted to carbon and nitrogen in manure and urine, conserving
471 overall carbon and nitrogen. The conversion rate from carbon and nitrogen in plants to
472 that in manure and urine is set to equal the rate of manure and urine production. The
473 external dataset of Potter [2010] gives the rate of N_r production from animals, and thus
474 allows us to specify the nitrogen flows. The specified C to N ratio in the plant-leaf pool
475 determines the associated carbon flows due to ruminant consumption of plant material.
476 The input manure and urine production rate from animals implicitly includes that
477 produced from transported feed. Thus the subsequent NH_3 emission rate includes the
478 nitrogen contained in transported feed grown elsewhere. Here we make the simplification
479 that the consumption rate of plant matter to balance the manure and urine production is
480 local. That is, we do not explicitly consider the import of animal feed to match the
481 carbon and nitrogen flows associated with manure and urine production. While this is not
482 entirely consistent, the development of the requisite dataset for feedstock flows from

483 1850-2000 is outside the scope of this study, although such a dataset could be developed
484 in the future. We do not know of an Earth System Model that does consider the
485 anthropogenic import of nitrogen or carbon. This inconsistency could produce cases
486 where there is insufficient local plant material to balance the overall manure and urine
487 production, but this is generally not the case. The parameterization also ignores export of
488 N_r in ruminant products such as milk and protein, which could create an additional source
489 of uncertainty.

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491 *2.2.1 Manure and Urine.* Prescribed manure (including urine) is input at a constant
492 annual rate ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$) ($g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$) depending on latitude and longitude into the
493 manure nitrogen pools. Nitrogen applied to the land as manure (or synthetic fertilizer) is
494 assumed to be spread uniformly on each grid cell irrespective of plant functional type (pft)
495 or surface type (see discussion in section 2.1). Future development will spread the input
496 into different pfts (e.g., grassland or agricultural land). It is assumed that a fraction ($f_u =$
497 0.5) of nitrogen excreted is urine, ~~(urea)~~, with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal
498 matter [Gusman and Marino, 1999]. In practice the fraction of nitrogen excreted as urine
499 is highly variable depending on the type of animal feed amongst other parameters [Jarvis
500 et al., 1989]. The excreted urine is directly added to the TAN pool ($g\ N\ m^{-2}$). This is
501 consistent with urea as the dominant component of urine N and the subsequent rapid
502 conversion to ammoniacal form [Bristow et al., 1992]. –Faeces are composed of matter
503 with varying carbon to nitrogen ratios that take different times to decompose depending
504 on how easily they can be digested by microbes. Excreted faeces are assumed to form
505 three different pools ($g\ m^{-2}$) depending on their rate of mineralization [e.g., Gusman and

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

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

514
$$dN_{available}/dt = f_a \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_a \cdot N_{available} - k_m \cdot N_{available} \quad (1)$$

515
$$dN_{resistant}/dt = f_r \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{resistant} - k_m \cdot N_{resistant} \quad (2)$$

516
$$dN_{unavailable}/dt = f_{un} \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{unavailable} \quad (3)$$

517 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
 518 fractions of manure applied to each pool; K_a and K_r (s^{-1}) are temperature dependent
 519 mineralization rates and k_m (s^{-1}) is the mechanical loss rate of nitrogen out of these
 520 manure pools and into soil nitrogen pools. The decay constants, K_a and K_r are measured
 521 as the fast and slow decomposition rates for biosolids added to various soils and
 522 incubated at 25° C [Gilmour et al., 2003], where a two-component decay model
 523 accurately fit approximately 73% of the samples incubated. The decay timescales for
 524 manure are 48 days and 667 days at 25 °C. The temperature dependence of the decay
 525 constants is derived from a fit of temperature dependent mineralization rates (see
 526 appendix) [Vigil and Kissel, 1995] corresponding to a Q10 value of 3.66. To prevent the
 527 manure pools from building up over long-timescales we assume that manure is
 528 incorporated into soils with a time constant of 365 days with a mechanical rate constant

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

536

537 *2.2.2 Synthetic fertilizer.* Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool (g N m^{-2})
538 2) (Figure 1) at a rate ($\alpha_{applied}(t)(f)$) ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) that depends on geography and time.
539 The amount of nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool is subsequently released into
540 the TAN pool with the rate k_f (s^{-1}):

$$541 \quad \frac{dN_{fertilizer}}{dt} = \alpha_{applied}(f) - k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer} \quad (4)$$

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

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

554

555 The timing for synthetic fertilizer application is determined internally within the
556 CLM4.5-CN crop model as the spring planting date for corn. We use corn as the CLM4.5
557 crop model only specifically includes corn, soybean and temperate cereals and the
558 planting date for corn lies between the earlier planting date for temperate cereal crops and
559 the later planting of soy. The date for fertilizer application is determined for each grid
560 point location using the surface temperature-based criteria developed by Levis et al.
561 [2012] for simulating the planting date of corn: the ten-day running mean temperature,
562 ten-day running mean daily minimum temperature and growing degree days must all
563 surpass fixed threshold values (283.15K, 279.15K and 50 days, respectively) before
564 planting can take place. We do not use the Levis et al. [2012] crop model in this study
565 but use these criteria to determine a planting date for each grid point and assume
566 synthetic fertilizer is applied on this date. Fertilizer application dates can have a large
567 influence on the seasonality of the emissions (e.g., see Paulot et al., 2014) and the
568 nitrogen loss pathways following fertilization (section 3.4). Future applications will
569 assume more complete algorithms for fertilizing the spectrum of crops, as well as
570 multiple fertilizer applications and double cropping. A global accounting of fertilization
571 practices and application techniques (e.g., fertilizer injection) nevertheless remains a
572 considerable source of uncertainty in global modeling of the ammonia emissions from
573 agriculture.

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575 2.2.3 Total Ammonical Nitrogen (TAN). We consider two TAN pools (g N m^{-2}), one for
 576 the nitrogen produced from synthetic fertilizer $N_{TAN}(f)$ the other for nitrogen from manure
 577 $N_{TAN}(m)$. The budget for the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools respectively is
 578 given by:

579

$$580 \quad N_{TAN}(m)/dt = f_u \alpha_{applied}(m) + K_r \cdot N_{resistant} + K_a \cdot N_{available}$$

$$581 \quad -F_{run}(m) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(m) - F_{NH_3}(m) - F_{NO_3}(m) \quad (5)$$

582

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

$$583 \quad -F_{run}(f) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(f) - F_{NH_3}(f) - F_{NO_3}(f) \quad (6)$$

584

585 Here $F_{run}(m/f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is the loss of nitrogen by runoff from the manure or
 586 synthetic fertilizer pool, $K_D^{NH_4}$ (s^{-1}) the loss rate of nitrogen to the soil nitrogen pools,
 587 $F_{NH_3}(m)$ and $F_{NH_3}(f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) the NH_3 emissions from the TAN pool to the
 588 atmosphere from the soil manure and synthetic fertilizer pools, respectively, and $F_{NO_3}(m)$
 589 and $F_{NO_3}(f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) the loss of nitrogen through nitrification from the manure and
 590 synthetic fertilizer pools respectively. The formulation of each of these terms is given
 591 below. Inputs into $N_{TAN}(m)$ pool are from the fraction (f_u) of applied manure as urine
 592 ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$), and from the decomposition of the nitrogen within the available and
 593 resistant manure pools. Input into the $N_{TAN}(f)$ pool is through decomposition of
 594 nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool.

595 2.2.4 *Runoff of nitrogen to rivers.* The immediate runoff of fertilizer and manure
596 nitrogen to rivers is derived from the runoff rate of water (R) (m s^{-1}) in the CLM
597 multiplied by concentration of nitrogen in the TAN water pool:

$$598 \quad F_{run}(m/f) = R \cdot \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)}{N_{water}(m/f)}. \quad (7)$$

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

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

613 2.2.5 *Diffusion through soil.* Nitrogen is assumed to diffuse from the TAN pool to the soil
614 pools. Générumont and Cellier [1997] represent the diffusion coefficient of ammonium
615 through soils as dependent on soil water content, soil porosity, temperature and an
616 empirical diffusion coefficient of ammonium in free water (see appendix). For example,

617 assuming a temperature of 21° C, a soil porosity of 0.5 and a soil water content of 0.2 the
618 resulting diffusion coefficient is approximately 0.03 cm² day⁻¹, in reasonable agreement
619 with measurements in Canter et al. [1997]. Here we assume a typical length scale of 1.0
620 cm to convert the diffusion rate to a timescale. The resulting diffusion of ammonical
621 nitrogen is added to pre-existing nitrogen pools in the CLM4.5.

622 *2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere.* The flux of NH₃ (F_{NH_3} , g m⁻² s⁻¹) to the
623 atmosphere is calculated from difference between the NH₃ concentration at the surface
624 ($NH_3(g)$, g m⁻³) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH₃ concentration ($NH_3(a)$, g
625 m⁻³) divided by the aerodynamic (R_a) and boundary layer (R_b) resistances (Equation 8)
626 [Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009, Sutton et al., 2013].

$$627 \quad F_{NH_3} = \frac{NH_3(g) - \chi_a}{R_a(z) + R_b} \quad (8)$$

628

629 The calculation of $NH_3(g)$ is given below. For compatibility with the NH₃ emission
630 model we compute average values of R_a and R_b for each CLM soil column, which may
631 contain several PFTs. Continental NH₃ concentrations between 0.1 and 10 µg m⁻³ have
632 been reported by Zbieranowski and Aherne [2012] and Heald et al. [2012]. A background
633 atmospheric NH₃ concentration ($\chi_a = 0.3$ µg m⁻³ in Equation 8) is specified,
634 representative of a low activity agricultural site [Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012]. This
635 concentration is intermediate between the mean surface concentrations of low to
636 moderate pollution sites as diagnosed in GEOS-chem (Warner et al., 2015). The
637 sensitivity to this parameter is small as $NH_3(g)$ is usually very large (section 3.4). While
638 equation (8) allows for negative emissions ($NH_3(g) < \chi_a$) or deposition of atmospheric

639 NH₃ onto the soil we currently disallow negative emissions in the current simulations. In
640 future studies the atmospheric concentration of NH₃ will be calculated interactively when
641 the NH₃ emission model is coupled with CAM-chem allowing the dynamics of the NH₃
642 exchange between the soil, the atmosphere and vegetation to be captured [e.g., Sutton et
643 al., 2013].

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645 A large fraction of the NH₃ emitted to the atmosphere is assumed captured by vegetation.

646 The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:

$$647 F_{NH_3_{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{capture}) \times F_{NH_3}(m/f) \quad (9)$$

648 where $f_{capture}$ is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted ammonia
649 by plants. Plant recapture of emitted ammonia is non-negligible. This is often reported to
650 be as high as 75 % (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead
651 et al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand,
652 soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found ammonia recapture to be 0%
653 on rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation 73%. We chose a value of
654 60% as it was in-line with the findings of Wilson et al. (2004) and is mid-way between
655 the value for soil (when the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et
656 al (1997) also used canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction
657 ranging from 0.8 in tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other
658 vegetation types including grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. (1997) omitted canopy
659 capture over arable lands and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of NH₃
660 onto the canopy (or even the soil surface) is poorly constrained (e.g., see Erisman and
661 Draaijers, 1995) and often ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not

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

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672 It is assumed that the nitrogen in the TAN pool is in equilibrium between $NH_3(g)$ ($g\ m^{-3}$),
 673 $NH_3(aq)$ ($g\ N\ m^{-3}$) and $NH_4^+(aq)$ ($g\ N\ m^{-3}$). The equilibrium that governs the speciation
 674 of these species is determined by the Henry's Law coefficient (K_H), where K_H is a
 675 measure of the solubility of NH_3 in water, and the disassociation constant of NH_4^+ in
 676 water (K_{NH4}) ($moles\ l^{-1}$) [e.g., Sutton et al., 1994]



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

681
$$NH_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH4}} \quad (11)$$

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 683

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

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695 *2.2.7 Conversion of TAN to NO_3^-* . The flux from the TAN pool to NO_3^- by nitrification
696 ($N_{NO_3^-}$, $g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$) was adapted from that derived by Stange & Neue [2009] to describe the
697 gross nitrification rates in response to fertilization of a surface with manure or synthetic
698 fertilizer. In particular Stange & Neue [2009] fit measured gross nitrification rates to an
699 expression using a maximal nitrification rate (r_{max} , $\mu g\ N\ kg^{-1}\ h^{-1}$) modified by a soil
700 temperature response function ($f(T)$) and a soil moisture response function ($f(M)$) [Stange
701 and Neue, 2009] (see appendix). However, since r_{max} is fit from their experimental data
702 the dependence of the nitrification rate on the ammonium concentration is not explicitly
703 included in the formulation of Stange & Neue [2009]. We have remedied this by setting
704 the maximum nitrification rate (r_{max}) in the formulation of [Stange and Neue, 2009] to
705 $1.16\ 10^{-6}\ s^{-1}$ consistent with the formulation in Parton et al. [2001]:

$$706\ F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{f(T)} + \frac{1}{f(M)}} \quad (12)$$

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

711 *2.2.8 Nitrate.* The rate of change of the nitrate pool is given by:

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

712 The source of nitrate ions is nitrification from the TAN pool (see Eq. 13). Nitrate is lost
713 to the soil nitrate pool through diffusion. Nitrate leaching is not explicitly taken into
714 account in the current model as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pools occurs very
715 rapidly. The loss of nitrate through runoff and leaching can, however, occur within the
716 CLM. NO_3^- ions diffuse significantly faster than the NH_4^+ ions because they are not
717 subject to immobilization by negatively charged soil particles [Mitsch and Gosselink,
718 2007]. Diffusion rates used in this study are derived from the same formulation as
719 assumed for the diffusion of ammonium [e.g., see Jury et al., 1983] with a different base
720 diffusion rate. The summary of measurements given in Canter et al. [1997], where both
721 the diffusion of ammonium and nitrate were measured in the same soil types and wetness
722 suggest the base diffusion rate of NO_3^- is 13 times faster than that of ammonium.

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724 *2.2.9 TAN and Manure Water pools.* The evolution of the TAN manure and synthetic
725 fertilizer water pools depends on the water added during manure or synthetic fertilizer
726 application and the subsequent evolution of the water in the pools. The equations for the
727 manure and synthetic fertilizer water are:

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

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

728 These equations include a source of water ($s_w(m)$ or $S_w(f)$) added as a fraction of the
 729 synthetic fertilizer or manure applied and a relaxation term (k_{relax} , s^{-1}) to the soil water
 730 (M_{water} , m) calculated in the CLM for the top 5 cm of soil. The value for M_{water}
 731 explicitly takes into account the modification of the water pool due to rainfall,
 732 evaporation and the diffusion of water into deeper soil layers. We assume the TAN pool
 733 equilibrates with water within the top 5 cm of the soil with a rate of 3 days⁻¹. The solution
 734 is insensitive to this parameter within the ranges examined of 1 to 10 days⁻¹ (section 3.5).
 735 The water content of manure applied to fields depends on the animal, its feedstock and on
 736 agricultural practices. Here we assume cattle manure is added as a slurry with a dry
 737 fraction of 74.23 g kg⁻¹ and a nitrogen content of 1.63 g kg⁻¹, resulting in 5.67 10⁻⁴ m
 738 water applied per gram of manure nitrogen applied [Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]. In
 739 the case of synthetic fertilizer we assume urea is added as a liquid spread, where water
 740 added is calculated from the temperature dependent solubility of urea in water [UNIDO
 741 and FIDC, 1998].

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743 **2.3 Model spin up and forcing**

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

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748 *2.3.1 Present day control simulation.* This simulation uses the manure and synthetic
749 fertilizer input as given in Potter et al. [2010]. Forcing at the atmospheric boundary is set
750 to the Qian et al. [2006] reanalysis for solar input, precipitation, temperature, wind and
751 specific humidity. The simulation is run for fifteen model years (1990-2004) with the
752 last ten years of the simulation used for analysis. The spinup period allows for the more
753 decomposition resistant N pools to approach a steady state with respect to the loss from
754 mechanical incorporation into the soil.

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756 *2.3.2 Historical simulation.* The historical simulation uses transient forcing conditions
757 (accounting for changes in atmospheric CO₂, nitrogen deposition, aerosol deposition and
758 land use change forcings) and the Qian et al. [2006] atmospheric forcing dataset. Quality
759 meteorological 6-hourly meteorological datasets for the period prior to 1948 do not exist.
760 Therefore from 1850 to 1973 the CLM4.5 is driven by recycled meteorological data,
761 using meteorological data from the 1948-1973 time period. During this time there is little
762 increase in temperature: the statistically significant changes in temperature (outside of
763 natural variability) occur after 1973. After 1973 the meteorological data is not recycled
764 but is valid for the year applied.

765

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

771 26.3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1860 to 138.4 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 [Holland et al., 2005; Potter et al.,
772 2010], but acknowledge these temporal changes are uncertain Synthetic fertilizer was
773 first used in the 1920s with use increasing to 86 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.

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775 **3. Results**

776 **3.1 Model evaluation**

777 To evaluate model output, measurements of the percentage of applied nitrogen that was
778 emitted as NH₃ (P_v) from literature were compared against corresponding model
779 predictions. The model predictions are obtained from the present day control simulation.
780 The percent-volatilized ammonia was used as a metric because it can be compared across
781 time irrespective of the absolute amount of nitrogen applied to the surface. To be able to
782 compare emissions to published measurements we require field studies with published
783 data on: nitrogen excretion rates, NH₃ emissions, ground temperature, location, and date
784 of measurement. Given all of these requirements we found that only a small selection of
785 publications had enough data.

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787 For the manure emissions, 35 measurements in a range of climates (temperatures from
788 1.4 °C to 28 °C) and a range of livestock management methods (commercial beef cattle
789 feedyard, dairy cow grazing on ryegrass, beef cattle grazing on ryegrass and dairy cattle
790 grazing on pasture land) were used (Supplementary Table 1). Each P_v reported by the
791 measurement campaign was compared against the P_v at the corresponding grid cell in the
792 model. For the synthetic fertilizer scenario, 10 measurements in a range of latitudes
793 (43 °S to 50 °N) over a range of land use surfaces (pasture, sown crops, turf and forest)

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

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797 *3.1.1 Nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 from manure.* There is a general increase in the
798 percentage of applied manure lost as NH_3 (P_v) with temperature, in both the model and
799 measurements (Figure 2). However, temperature is not the only factor in determining
800 NH_3 emissions where wind speed, water availability and below ground soil properties can
801 also effect NH_3 emission. This is particularly demonstrated by the measurements of
802 Todd et al. [2007] at temperatures less than 5° C where the measured emissions are
803 higher than those predicted at higher temperatures [e.g., Bussink, 1992]. It is also worth
804 noting that the model predicts the emissions of Todd et al [2007] at lower temperatures
805 with relative success.

806

807 The agreement between measured and modeled P_v from manure appears reasonable, with
808 an R^2 of 0.78 that is significant at the 99.9% confidence level (p-value - 1.87×10^{-16}). On
809 closer inspection, the model appears to agree best with measurements made on grassland
810 and differs considerably with measurements made by both campaigns for beef cattle
811 feedlots in Texas, where beef cattle feedlots are commercial operations to prepare
812 livestock for slaughter and comprise of thousands of animals contained in a pen [US EPA,
813 2010]. This is perhaps not surprising, as the parameterization developed here explicitly
814 represents emissions from manure spreading and likely does not represent the more
815 managed conditions in feedlots.

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817 *3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH₃ from synthetic fertilizer.* The comparison between
818 measured and modeled annual average P_v from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of
819 land use types appears weak with an R^2 of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence
820 level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements
821 tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear
822 to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher
823 and lower than measured values of P_v for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops.
824 The fact that the R^2 for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the R^2 of the
825 manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the
826 model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

827

828 *3.1.3 Nitrogen run-off.* Nevison et al. [2016] routes the nitrogen runoff from manure and
829 synthetic fertilizer pools using the River Transport Model (RTM) [Dai and Trenberth,
830 2001; Branstetter and Erickson, 2003] within the CESM. Nevison et al. [2016] assumes
831 denitrification occurs within the simulated rivers at a rate inversely proportional to the
832 river depth (amounting to approximately 30% of the nitrogen inputs on average) and
833 compares the simulated nitrogen export at the river mouths against the measured nitrogen
834 export [Van Drecht et al., 2003] partitioned into the proportion that is DIN (Dissolved
835 Inorganic Nitrogen) following Global NEWS [Mayorga et al., 2010]. The simulated
836 nitrogen export is nearly unbiased for six identified rivers with high human impact: the
837 Columbia, Danube, Mississippi, Rhine, Saint Lawrence and Uruguay. Explicit
838 comparisons against the Mississippi River show that the amplitude and seasonality of the
839 simulated N_r runoff is in reasonable agreement with the measurements. While the

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

842

843 **3.2 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Present Day**

844 *3.2.1 Geography of Nitrogen Inputs.* Global maps of nitrogen input from synthetic
845 fertilizer and manure application during the present-day simulation are given in Potter et
846 al. [2010] and are not repeated here. Heavy synthetic fertilizer use generally occurs in the
847 upper Midwest of the U.S. (mostly east of 100° W and north of 40° N), Western Europe
848 (mostly west of 20° E and north of 40° N), the Northern part of India and much of
849 Northeastern and North Central China. High manure usage coincides with the areas of
850 heavy synthetic fertilizer use but is more widespread extending across much of Eastern
851 South America from 20-40° S and across Africa at approximately 10° N.

852

853 *3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses.* There are strong geographical differences in the loss
854 pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance
855 of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH₃,
856 runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on
857 temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage
858 volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH₃ volatilization of
859 applied manure N_r approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South
860 America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from
861 India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH₃ from applied synthetic
862 fertilizer and from applied manure approach 20 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ over hot regions with high

863 applications, e.g. the Indian peninsula and parts of China (Figure 4 and 5). Ammonia
864 emissions from manure are more broadly distributed globally than those of synthetic
865 fertilizer with high NH_3 emissions not only over the synthetic fertilizer hotspots,
866 characterized by heavy application of both synthetic fertilizer and manure, but also over
867 southeastern South America and central Africa. For the most part, the largest synthetic
868 fertilizer NH_3 emissions occur during April-June reflecting the single fertilization used in
869 this study as calculated in the CLM for corn. While Paulot et al. [2014] also show the
870 maximum synthetic fertilizer emissions generally occur from April-June they obtain
871 relatively higher emissions than simulated here during the other seasons. This is likely
872 due to differences in the assumed timing of applied synthetic fertilizer: Paulot et al. [2014]
873 consider three different synthetic fertilizer applications for each crop as well as a wide
874 variety of crops. The seasonal emission distribution of NH_3 emissions from manure is
875 broader than that of synthetic fertilizer but with maximum emissions usually occurring in
876 April-June or July-Sept. The simulated geographical and seasonal NH_3 emission
877 distribution from manure is in broad agreement with Paulot et al. [2014].

878

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

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

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896 *3.2.3 Regional and Global accounting of nitrogen losses.* As nitrogen cascades through
897 the environment it can be emitted as ammonia or runoff or leached at many different
898 stages. Here we only examine the losses directly from manure or fertilizer application.
899 Globally, the direct loss of applied nitrogen to the atmosphere as NH_3 is similar for
900 manure and synthetic fertilizer (17% for manure, 20% for synthetic fertilizer; see Figure
901 9). Our global estimates of manure and synthetic fertilizer volatilized as NH_3 are similar
902 to Bouwman et al. [2002] and Beusen et al. [2008], although our estimate for synthetic
903 fertilizer volatilization as NH_3 is somewhat high. Bouwman et al. [2002] estimates 19-29%
904 of applied manure and 10-19% of applied synthetic fertilizer volatilizes as NH_3 ; Beusen
905 et al. [2008] concludes 15-23% of applied manure is lost as NH_3 (including losses from
906 housing and storage, grazing and spreading) and 10-18% of applied synthetic fertilizer is
907 lost.

908

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

915

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

928

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

932 makes little difference as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pool occurs very rapidly, an
933 order of magnitude faster than the diffusion of nitrogen from the TAN pool. Thus NO_3^- is
934 directly incorporated into the soil nitrate pool without any subsequent loss. Recall, also, a
935 small percentage of manure is mechanically stirred into the soil organic nitrogen pools.
936 Accounting for the N_r diffused from the TAN pool into the soil pools, and assuming the
937 NH_3 emissions captured by the canopy, as well as the ammonium nitrified to NO_3^- also
938 end up in the soil pools we find that globally 75% of TAN manure and 71% of TAN
939 synthetic fertilizer ends up in the soil nitrogen or soil organic nitrogen pools. Of course,
940 once in these soil pools there may be subsequent losses of nitrogen due to runoff and
941 leaching or emissions, but these are not calculated in this initial study.

942

943 The percentages change appreciably when examined over subsets of countries (Figure
944 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of emissions of manure
945 and synthetic fertilizer TAN as NH_3 [13%] is substantially smaller than for developing
946 countries [21%]. These differences can be largely explained by the fact that developing
947 countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed countries. Bouwman
948 [2002] took these differences into account when developing emission factors for
949 developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated NH_3 emission
950 factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized countries,
951 respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively. The US and the
952 European Union have N_r emission percentages of 16% and 9%, respectively and runoff
953 percentages from the TAN pools of 9% and 14%, respectively, within a factor of two
954 although nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of Europe. However,

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

958

959 *3.2.4 Comparison to other emissions inventories.* Figure 11 gives a comparison of
960 manure and synthetic fertilizer NH_3 emissions from our process oriented model and
961 various bottom-up emission inventories. The bottom-up inventories rely on emission
962 factors depending on animal husbandry, types of synthetic fertilizer usage and other
963 details of agricultural practices. Only the NH_3 emission inventory of Huang et al. [2012]
964 for China and Paulot et al. [2014] explicitly account for temperature to modify their
965 emission factors; the inventory of Paulot et al. [2014] also uses wind speed to modify the
966 emission factors. The inventories of Paulot et al. [2014] for 2005-2008, Beusen et al.
967 [2008] for 2000, and EDGAR v4.2 for 2005-2008 are global inventories. The EDGAR
968 inventory does not strictly separate the ammonia emissions into those of manure and
969 synthetic fertilizer so we simply show the overall ammonia emissions. Over the US we
970 also give an estimate for 1995 for synthetic fertilizer NH_3 emissions [Goebes et al., 2003]
971 and for NH_3 emissions from animal agricultural operations the US EPA [2006]. Over
972 China the global NH_3 emission estimates are supplemented by Huang et al. [2012] for
973 2006 and Streets et al. [2003] for 2000. Over Europe results using the Greenhouse Gas
974 and Air Pollution Interactions and Synergies [GAINS] model are given [Klimont and
975 Brink, 2004] as reported in Paulot et al. [2014]. In this study synthetic fertilizer
976 application dataset is valid circa 2000 and the manure application dataset is valid circa
977 2007 [Potter et al., 2010].

978

979 Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall NH_3 emissions of 30-35 Tg
980 N yr^{-1} . The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in
981 this study is approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al.
982 [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. The apportionment of manure to synthetic fertilizer
983 emissions in the EDGAR inventory (approximately in the ratio 1:3, respectively) is not
984 consistent with the other three inventories presented. The European and Chinese NH_3
985 emissions estimated here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S.
986 emissions are on the high side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the
987 manure emissions compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer
988 emissions fall between the Paulot et al. (2014) and GAINS emission inventories and that
989 of EDGAR. In the U.S. the manure NH_3 emissions are close to the estimate of all the
990 inventories except that of EDGAR while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high
991 compared to all inventories, although the synthetic fertilizer emissions are close to that of
992 EDGAR. In China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are similar to those of Huang et al.
993 [2012], but underestimate the manure NH_3 emissions of all the other inventories except
994 EDGAR. Of the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese emissions are
995 highest. Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the Chinese inventories
996 for both synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match those of Huang et al.
997 [2012] the best.

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999 *3.2.5 Site specific simulated pathways.* The hourly time series of the fate of applied
1000 nitrogen from manure and synthetic fertilizer at a single site better illustrates the

1001 relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). This
1002 site shown near the Texas panhandle experiences several large rain events and surface
1003 temperatures ranging from 0 to 18 degrees Celsius over a period of about two months
1004 during the spring season. The response of the NH_3 emissions to the diurnal temperature
1005 range is clearly evident. The nitrogen losses of manure TAN due to NH_3 volatilization is
1006 initially small, on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than the loss due to
1007 nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure pool remain
1008 roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show some
1009 response to precipitation, particularly the diffusion which reaches a maximum near May
1010 21 presumably due to the increased water content in the soil by the prior rain event. With
1011 the rise in temperatures towards the end of the period, the emission loss of manure TAN
1012 becomes the dominant loss pathway and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer
1013 inspection suggests, however, that the large increase in the NH_3 emissions towards the
1014 end of the period cannot solely be attributed to temperature, but must also be attributed to
1015 decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil dries. The latter process increases the
1016 concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN pool. The TAN manure pool is
1017 punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with precipitation and increased runoff
1018 (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly during these events but the
1019 different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic fertilizer is clearly evident in
1020 these plots. The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer TAN pool occurs on a timescale of
1021 approximately a week, consistent with the timescale used in the MASAGE_NH3 model
1022 (Paulot et al., 2014).
1023

1024 **3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical**

1025 Historical nitrogen pathways are accessed since 1850 in a simulation with changing
1026 climate and changing application amounts. These simulations do not include changing
1027 agricultural practices including changes in animal housing and storage, changes in animal
1028 diet and explicit changes in landuse, all of which may substantially alter the nitrogen
1029 pathways. Thus the results must be treated with caution.

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1031 The nitrogen produced as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21 Tg N yr⁻¹
1032 in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (Figure 13). In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N yr⁻¹ of
1033 manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al (2011) estimate of 35 Tg N yr⁻¹.
1034 Emissions of NH₃ from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1850
1035 (14.3% of the manure produced) to 22 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (17.6% of the applied manure).
1036 On the other hand the percentage of manure nitrogen that is nitrified decreases from 33 to
1037 27% since the preindustrial.

1038

1039 Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen application has increased dramatically since the 1960s with
1040 an estimated 62 Tg N yr⁻¹ applied as synthetic fertilizer in 2000. We estimate the
1041 volatilization of synthetic fertilizer as ammonia is 12 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (19.3% of that
1042 applied). The percent of synthetic fertilizer nitrogen volatilized to the atmosphere as NH₃
1043 in 1920 was 8%. On the other hand, the percentage of synthetic fertilizer that is lost
1044 through runoff decreased since the preindustrial by 8%. It is evident that these percentage
1045 changes can be explained by the fact the runoff of synthetic fertilizer acted to completely

1046 drain the TAN synthetic fertilizer pool in at the small synthetic fertilizer application rate
1047 prior to 1960.

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1049 In part the emission increases can also be explained by changes in climate. Climate has
1050 warmed by approximately 1° C since the preindustrial. In a sensitivity experiment the
1051 temperature was artificially increased by 1° C in the rate equations governing the nitrogen
1052 pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer application. Under current manure and
1053 synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg
1054 NH₃ emissions amounting to an increase in manure emissions of 4% and an increase in
1055 fertilizer emissions of 3%.

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1057 **3.4 Sensitivity Tests**

1058 We have conducted a large number of sensitivity tests to evaluate the effect of changes in
1059 individual model parameters on NH₃ emissions. The various parameters may co-vary, of
1060 course, with non-linear impacts on the NH₃ emissions; however, we have not attempted
1061 to evaluate these effects. The sensitivity tests for manure are given in Table 1, those for
1062 synthetic fertilizer in Table 2. The sensitivities tests are labeled with a number denoting
1063 the sensitivity parameter perturbed and a letter denoting whether the test is with respect to
1064 manure emissions (m) or synthetic fertilizer emissions (f). In each case we give the
1065 percent change in NH₃ emissions due to the parameter change and the relative emission
1066 change with respect to the relative parameter change (the sensitivity). Rationale for the
1067 assumed parameter bounds is given in the supplement. Note that in the test of fertilizer

1068 sensitivity we varied the breakdown time of the fertilizer, but not its reaction with the soil
1069 column. Thus did not simulate the fertilizer induced pH changes in the soil column.

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1071 Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (EX8m/f, EX9m/f) and changes in
1072 the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (EX18m, EX19f,
1073 EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly change the nitrogen
1074 cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part the synthetic
1075 fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes. Note also,
1076 that except for EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN pools is reduced,
1077 the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same for all sensitivity
1078 experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH₃ emissions to the imposed parameter
1079 changes are within the range of $\pm 20\%$ with many processes within the range of $\pm 10\%$.
1080 The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m), the adjustment
1081 timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil (EX14, EX15),
1082 the assumed depth of the water pool (EX12, EX13) and the maximum nitrification rate
1083 (EX16, EX17) all impact NH₃ emissions by less than 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed
1084 background NH₃ concentration is also low (EX10, EX11). The high NH₃ concentration in
1085 equilibrium with the TAN pool renders the emissions rather insensitive to the background
1086 concentration.

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1088 The NH₃ emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, EX7m/f). The
1089 ammonia emissions decrease by approximately 60% when the pH is increased from 7 to 8
1090 and increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively) when the pH

1091 is decreased from 7 to 6. We also tested the sensitivity to the spatially explicit pH from
1092 ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes, 2005], with a global pH average of 6.55. In contrast to
1093 assuming a constant pH of 7, the spatially explicit pH changed the manure ammonia
1094 emissions by 23% and the fertilizer ammonia emissions by 14%. Changes in pH also
1095 have a large impact on nitrification. Increased pH reduces $NH_4^+(aq)$ and thus the rate of
1096 conversion of $NH_4^+(aq)$ to NO_3^- . The effect of pH on the rate constant for nitrification is
1097 not included in the current parameterization. Parton et al. (2001) suggests this effect is
1098 small between a pH of 6 and 8, varying only on the order of 15%. Changes in pH also
1099 results in marked changes in the runoff and soil diffusion due to the large changes in
1100 emissions and nitrification: low pH's act to increase the flux of nitrogen through these
1101 loss pathways, high pH's act to decrease them.

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1103 Emissions are also highly sensitive to changes in canopy capture (i.e., the parameter
1104 $f_{capture}$) as shown in EX8m/f, EX9m/f. Decreasing the fraction captured by the canopy
1105 by a factor of 2 increases the emissions by approximately a factor of 3. Changes in this
1106 fraction modify the fixed ratio between the amount of nitrogen captured by the canopy
1107 and that emitted to the atmosphere, but do not impact nitrogen cycling within the TAN
1108 pools within the current modeling setup. Of course, further downstream than simulated
1109 here, the nitrogen captured in the canopy does impact the overall soil nitrogen budget.

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1111 The NH_3 emissions are somewhat sensitive to the depth of the water pool (EX12m/f,
1112 EX13m/f), where the water budget is calculated over depth of the water pool. Smaller
1113 depths give higher concentrations of all the constituents within the TAN pool resulting in

1114 larger NH_3 emissions (equations 7 and 11) and larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1).
1115 Larger depths have the opposite effect. The diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is
1116 somewhat sensitive to changes in the assumed water depth as the coefficient of diffusion
1117 is proportional to the water content to the $10/3$ power (see appendix). Increased diffusion
1118 at higher depths likely reflects changes in the water content of the soil with depth.

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1120 We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic
1121 fertilizer applications decrease NH_3 emissions due to their strong temperature dependence
1122 and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date
1123 (set to March 15) decreases the NH_3 emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen run off
1124 from the TAN pool by 62% (EX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to the application rate
1125 of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as opposed to the
1126 single day application assumed in the default version (EX20f). This did not have a
1127 significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type in the default
1128 version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer in EX21f.
1129 Whereas urea is converted to NH_3 rather slowly, the conversion of ammonium nitrate is
1130 rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously released into the TAN
1131 pool). However, the emissions are not particularly sensitive to this change. This is in
1132 contrast to differences in volatilization rates of different synthetic fertilizers given in
1133 Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and Raistrick (1990) show that one of the primary
1134 differences between the addition of urea versus ammonia nitrate as fertilizer is in the
1135 effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an effect that we do not consider in this first study.
1136 In particular urea increases the soil pH and thus the ammonia emissions.

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1138 Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH₃ emissions (EX18f). The
1139 composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the digestibility
1140 of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this uncertainty we
1141 varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model version (50% urine,
1142 25% available, 22.5 % resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less soluble N excreta from
1143 dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation EX18m (41% urine, 21% available, 25%
1144 unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the NH₃ emissions by 21
1145 percent demonstrating an important sensitivity to the composition of manure and urine.

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1147 It is important to emphasize that these sensitivity simulations only test the parameter
1148 sensitivity within the imposed model. In particular, the sensitivities to various farming
1149 practices are generally extraneous to the model assumptions with some exceptions. The
1150 sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer or manure input assumptions are tested in simulations
1151 EX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f; sensitivities to the water depth which may crudely
1152 represent some of the impacts of plowing manure or synthetic fertilizer into the soil are
1153 examined in EX12 and EX13; finally modifications to soil pH are tested in EX5, EX6
1154 and EX7.

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1156 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

1157 In this paper we develop a process-oriented model that predicts the climate dependent
1158 reactive nitrogen pathways from synthetic fertilizer and manure application to the surface
1159 of the land. Continued population growth will likely result in an increased application of

1160 synthetic fertilizers with concurrent increases in manure production in the future
1161 (Davidson, 2012). Climate is an important determinant in the ultimate fate of this applied
1162 nitrogen, important in determining the resulting emissions of NH_3 and other reactive
1163 nitrogen gases, in the runoff of the applied nitrogen, its nitrification and its incorporation
1164 into the soil organic and inorganic pools. The fate of the resultant applied nitrogen may
1165 act toacerbate climate change through the formation of N_2O , or perhaps mitigate climate
1166 change through increased carbon fertilization and the increased formation of aerosols. On
1167 the flip side the impact of a changing climate on agriculture and the resultant pathways
1168 for N_r is likely to be significant.

1169

1170 Agricultural NH_3 emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and
1171 anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global NH_3 emission
1172 inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by
1173 agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include
1174 temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing
1175 countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included
1176 empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al.,
1177 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the N_r
1178 pathways and in particular the NH_3 emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where
1179 the explicit representation of most agricultural practices are minimized. We find the
1180 global emissions of NH_3 due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other
1181 recent inventories, with 21 Tg N yr^{-1} emitted from manure nitrogen and 12 Tg N yr^{-1}
1182 emitted from fertilizer nitrogen. Strong regional differences in emissions captured by the

1183 bottom up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to simulate the inter-
1184 annual, seasonal and diurnal changes in NH_3 emissions critical for air pollution
1185 applications (De Meij et al., 2006). Most previous inventories have included no seasonal
1186 dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal dependence is
1187 empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of nitrogen
1188 emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous
1189 inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of NH_3 emissions and with a
1190 rather minimal representation of the geographic dependence.

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1192 The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways
1193 from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System
1194 model to estimate the resulting NH_3 emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of
1195 the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled N_r pathways
1196 dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and
1197 fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of NH_3 gas from the TAN
1198 pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the
1199 temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for NH_3
1200 [Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of NH_3 within the TAN pool, determined
1201 by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate
1202 ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil
1203 temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of N_r is determined by the precipitation.
1204 Predictions for direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools and the
1205 incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are

1206 some of the first made by a global process-level model. Measurements of nitrogen runoff
1207 from rivers heavily impacted by anthropogenic nitrogen input compare favorably with
1208 simulated results using the River Transport Model within the CESM [Nevison et al.,
1209 2016].

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1211 Manure is not a new nitrogen source, but contains recycled N_r from soil nitrogen
1212 produced when animals eat plants. Therefore to conserve nitrogen within an earth system
1213 model, the application of manure determines the consumption of plant matter by animals .
1214 Specifically, the model calculates the amount of nitrogen and carbon needed for a given
1215 manure application and subtracts it from the plant leaf pools within the CLM. The
1216 manure production acts to speed up the decay and processing of plant biomass, releasing
1217 different N_r products to the atmosphere than natural decay [Davidson, 2009].

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1219 The climate dependency incorporated into the model suggests that the pathways of
1220 nitrogen added to the land are highly spatially and temporally heterogeneous. An
1221 examination of nitrogen loss pathways at a point over Texas shows the variation of the
1222 nitrogen pathways on a variety of timescales with changes in temperature, precipitation
1223 and soil moisture. Spatially, values for the percentage of manure nitrogen volatilized to
1224 NH_3 in this study show a large range in both developing countries (average of 20%
1225 (maximum: 36 %)) and industrialized countries (average of 12% (maximum: 39 %)). The
1226 model also predicts spatial and temporal variability in the amount of NH_3 volatilized as
1227 manure from agricultural fertilizers ranging from 14% [maximum 40 %] in industrialized
1228 countries to 22 % [maximum 40 %] in developing countries. As a result of temperature

1229 dependency, NH_3 volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India
1230 and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the
1231 EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 %
1232 and 26 % of manure is converted into NH_3 in industrialized and developing countries,
1233 respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application are 7 % in
1234 industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off from the
1235 manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools is highest in areas of high N_r application and
1236 high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input rates
1237 we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate
1238 climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of N_r into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools
1239 and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.

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1241 Historically we predict emissions of NH_3 from applied manure to have increased from
1242 approximately 3 Tg N yr^{-1} in 1850 to 22 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000 while the volatilization of
1243 fertilizer reaches 12 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000. The NH_3 emissions increase by approximately 4%
1244 for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period
1245 (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). However similar increases are not evident in the runoff of
1246 nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and leaching from the mineral nitrogen
1247 pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter may be impacted by plant nitrogen
1248 demand such that excess fertilization would act to increase the nitrogen runoff.

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1250 The NH_3 emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global
1251 scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic

1252 fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in
1253 making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology.
1254 The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle
1255 feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH₃ manure
1256 emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives
1257 reasonable NH₃ emission predictions given the limited global information available on
1258 the grazing land of agricultural animals.

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1260 The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate
1261 on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. However, given the nature of global
1262 modeling described here and simplifying modeling assumptions there are numerous
1263 sources of error associated with our model predictions. Parameter sensitivity studies show
1264 the largest sensitivity to the assumed pH, consistent with other studies [e.g., Fletcher et
1265 al., 2013], and to the canopy deposition. The actual pH likely depends on a complex
1266 interaction of soil types, and agricultural and animal husbandry practices. Canopy
1267 capture depends on bidirectional exchange models that involve resistances between the
1268 plant canopy, the ground and ground emissions [see, e.g., Massad et al., 2010]. In the
1269 future these processes will be simulated when the CLM is coupled with a chemistry
1270 model, although the conservation of nitrogen in a biogeochemical context may present
1271 peculiar challenges. More accurate specification of the NH₃ emissions can be made
1272 within an Earth System model by better accounting of synthetic fertilizer and manure
1273 application within specific PFTs or explicit incorporation into an agricultural model.

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1275 The approach taken here has been rather different from an approach using emission
1276 factors to model NH_3 emissions. Perhaps, then, the greatest source of uncertainty in this
1277 study is associated with simplifying farming methods. This model uses a single date for
1278 synthetic fertilizer application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into
1279 account manure storage methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal
1280 manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. The
1281 use of simplified farming practices may be acceptable in many locations as more
1282 complex farming methods are rarely employed in the developing world. The Food and
1283 Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests over 75 % of the global agricultural land
1284 uses traditional farming methods. Still, adapting a hybrid approach as outlined in Sutton
1285 et al. [2013] using both emission factors governing animal stockyards and the approach
1286 outlined here for manure applied to fields may be the most reasonable. The depth of
1287 synthetic fertilizer and manure mixing and a more exact representation of soil water
1288 through the vertical discretization of the soil nitrogen pools would also help account for
1289 additional agricultural practices.

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1291 The increased use of synthetic fertilizer and growing livestock populations has increased
1292 N_r emission to both the atmosphere and oceans to unprecedented levels with a marked
1293 effect on the environment. We have provided a first estimate of globally distributed
1294 temporal changes in nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer inputs in
1295 response to climate. This is relevant to current studies investigating the ecosystem effects
1296 of N_r , and in particular, how adding synthetic fertilizer to farmland affects the ocean, the
1297 atmosphere and impacts climate. The model predicts vastly different nitrogen pathways

1298 depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic
1299 fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the
1300 land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate
1301 dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate
1302 change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization
1303 of NH_3 increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely.
1304 However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain
1305 biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to
1306 change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications
1307 of this model will investigate the tight coupling between nitrogen, agriculture and climate.

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

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

Pool of nitrogen in TAN pool from fertilizer	$N_{TAN(f)}$	g m^{-2}	$N_{TAN(f)}/dt =$ $+ k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer}$ $- K_w \cdot N_{TAN(f)}$ $- K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN(f)}$ $- F_{NH_3}(f)$ $- F_{NO_3}(f)$	
Pool of surface NO_3^-	N_{NO_3}	g m^{-2}	$\frac{dN_{NO_3}}{dt} =$ $F_{NO_3}(m/f) - K_D^{NO_3} \cdot N_{NO_3}$	
Pool of manure/fertilizer water in TAN pool	$N_{water(m)}$	m	$\frac{dN_{water(m)}}{dt} =$ $s_w(m) \times \alpha_{applied(m)}$ $- k_{relax} \times (N_{water(m)} - M_{water})$	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Optimal temperature of microbial activity	t_{opt}	K	$t_{opt} = 301$	[Stange and Neue, 2009] 1317
Maximum temperature of microbial activity	t_{max}	K	$t_{max} = 313$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Empirical factor	a_{Σ}		$a_{\Sigma} = 2.4$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Sharp parameter of the function	b		$b = 2$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Critical water content of soil	m_{crit}	g g^{-1} soil	$m_{crit} = 0.12$	[Stange and Neue, 2009]
Density of soil	ρ_{soil}	kg m^{-3}	$\rho_{soil} = 1050.$	

1318 Table 1. Manure Sensitivity Tests

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

1319 ¹Control Experiment ²Parameter changed from default values ³New parameter value ⁴NH₃ emissions (Tg N
1320 yr⁻¹) ⁵Runoff (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁶Diffusion to soil (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁷Nitrification (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁸Canopy capture (Tg N yr⁻¹)
1321 ⁹Percent change in NH₃ emissions due to parameter change (%) ¹⁰Percent change in NH₃ emissions

1322 per % change in parameter value ¹¹Control simulation ¹²Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,
 1323 2005]¹³Change in manure composition to urine 41%, available 21%, unavailable 25%, and resistant 13%

1324 Table 2. Fertilizer Sensitivity Tests

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

1325 ¹Control Experiment ²Parameter changed from default values ³New parameter value ⁴NH₃ emissions (Tg N
1326 yr⁻¹) ⁵Runoff (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁶Diffusion to soil (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁷Nitrification (Tg N yr⁻¹) ⁸ Canopy capture (Tg N yr⁻¹)
1327 ⁹Percent change in NH₃ emissions due to parameter change (%) ¹⁰Percent change in NH₃ emissions
1328 per % change in parameter value ¹¹Control simulation ¹²Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,
1329 2005]. ¹³Change in fertilizer date to Mar 20 (NH) and Sept 20 (SH) ¹⁴Apply fertilizer over 20 days
1330 ¹⁵Assume fast release ammonium nitrate decay of fertilizer

1331 Figure Captions.

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1333 Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the
1334 CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and and
1335 plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool
1336 while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate
1337 determined by their C: N ratio ($N_{available}$, $N_{resistant}$, $N_{unavailable}$). Manure nitrogen that does
1338 not mineralize ($N_{unavailable}$) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as
1339 synthetic fertilizer is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool where it decomposes into the TAN pool.
1340 Losses from the TAN pool include ammonia (NH₃) emission (into CAM-chem), nitrogen
1341 run-off (into the RTM), above ground nitrate (NO_3^-) formation and diffusion to the soil
1342 nitrogen pools.

1343 Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1344 emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color
1345 measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

1346 Figure 3. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1347 emissions from fertilizer (see supplementary Table 2). Symbol color gives the latitude at
1348 which the measurement was made; symbol shape gives the study and type of fertilizer
1349 application.

1350 Figure 4. Simulated NH₃ emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the
1351 present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as a) an annual
1352 average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and
1353 f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer
1354 application, b).

1355 Figure 5. As in Figure 4 but for manure application.

1356 Figure 6. Simulated runoff of N_r from fertilizer and manure TAN pools for the present-
1357 day (1995-2004) control simulation. Simulated runoff (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as an annual
1358 average for a) fertilizer, c) manure. Simulated as a) percent of annual fertilizer
1359 application, d) percent of annual manure application.

1360 Figure 7. As in Figure 6, but for simulated nitrification.

1361 Figure 8. As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

1362 Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are
1363 split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

1364 Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are
1365 split between developed countries and developing countries.

1366 Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and synthetic fertilizer (blue) ammonia
1367 emissions or combined manure and synthetic fertilizer (green) (Tg N yr^{-1}) a) globally, b)
1368 China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies as collated by
1369 Paulot et al. (2104). Details on other studies in text.

1370 Figure 12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W , near the Texas
1371 panhandle. Panels show a) the temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and precipitation (mm s^{-1}) used to force
1372 the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m^{-2}), and the four
1373 major loss pathways from the TAN pools (NH_3 emissions, red; runoff, orange;
1374 nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) from c) the manure TAN pool
1375 d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

1376 Figure 13. Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in Tg N yr^{-1}
1377 for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of
1378 applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses
1379 from the TAN pool are divided into emission losses of ammonia to the atmosphere
1380 (golden diamond), runoff (green diamond) and loss to the soil. Loss to the soil is divided
1381 into that due to canopy loss (asterisk), direct diffusive loss (cross) and nitrification (plus)
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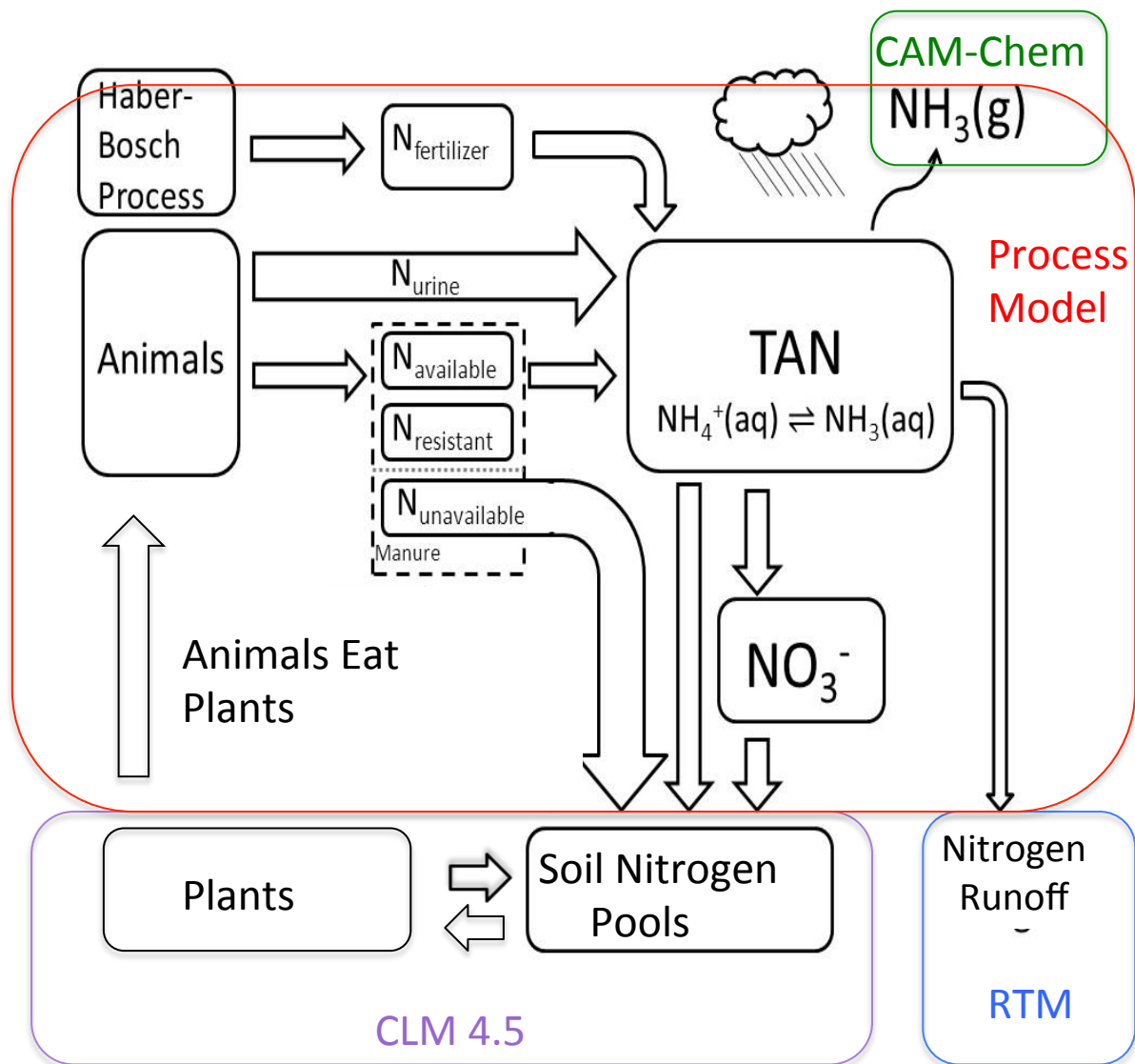


Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool while fecal matter is split into three parts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

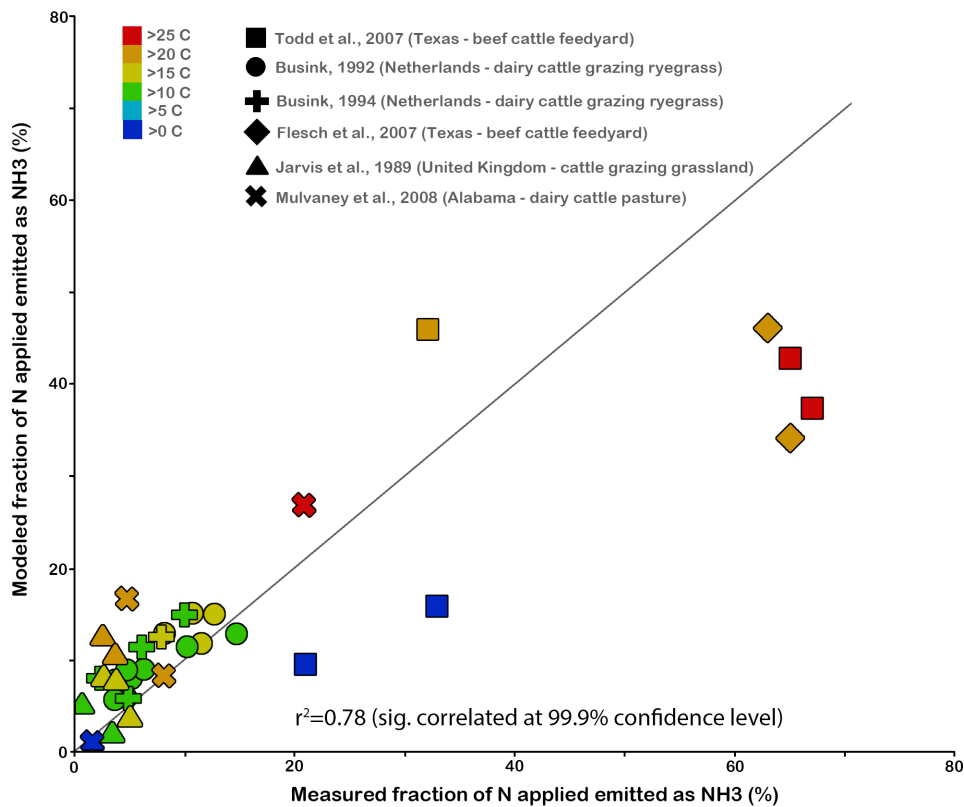


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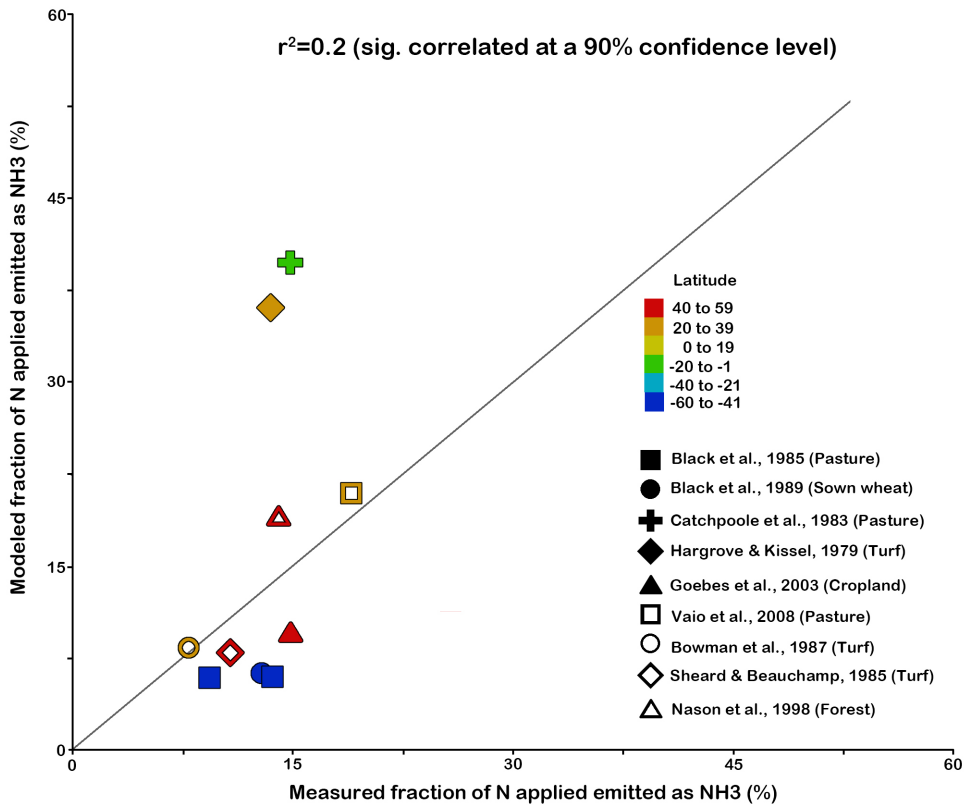


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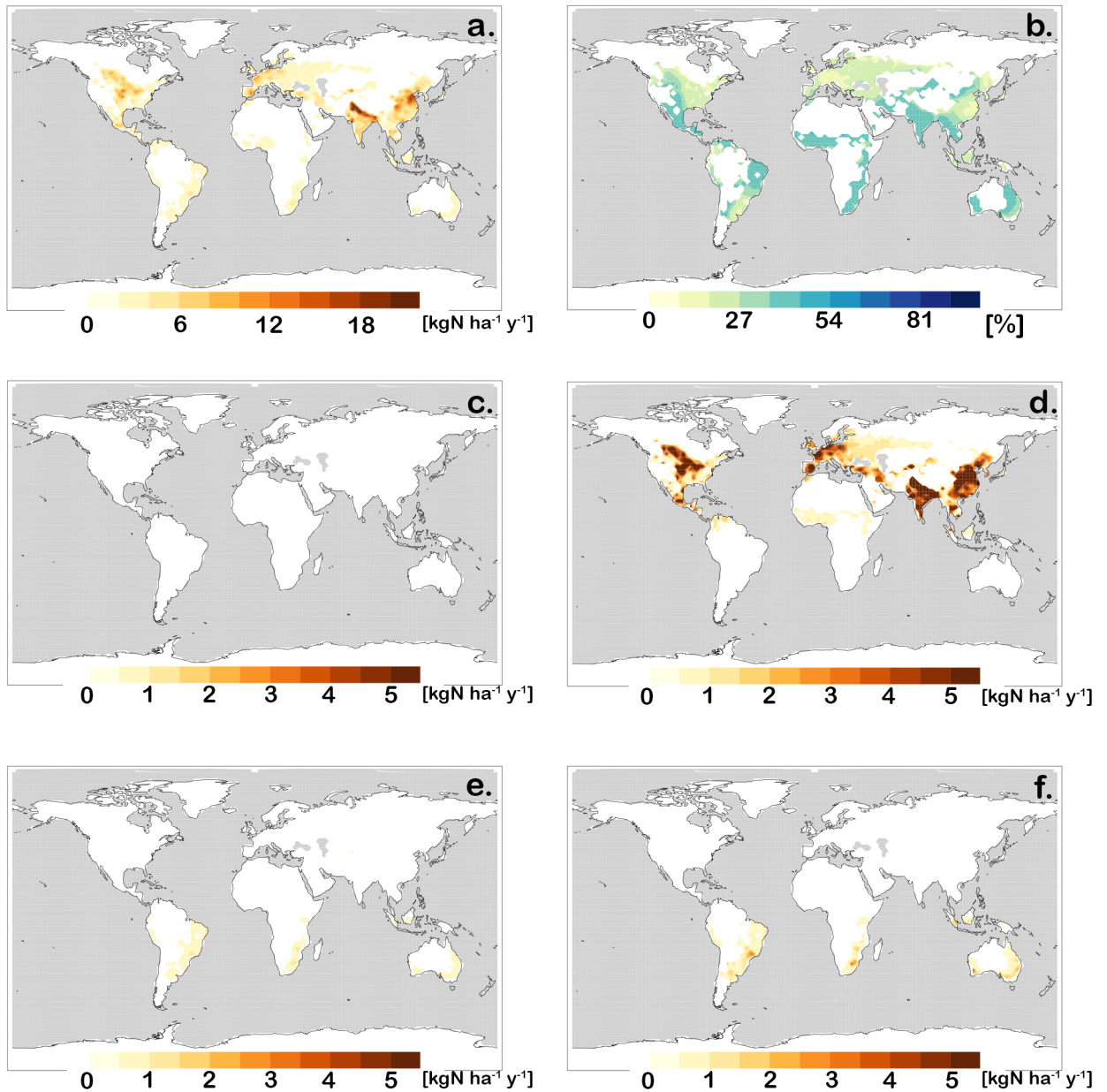


Figure 4. Simulated NH_3 emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions ($\text{kg N ha}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$) as a) an annual average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer application, b).

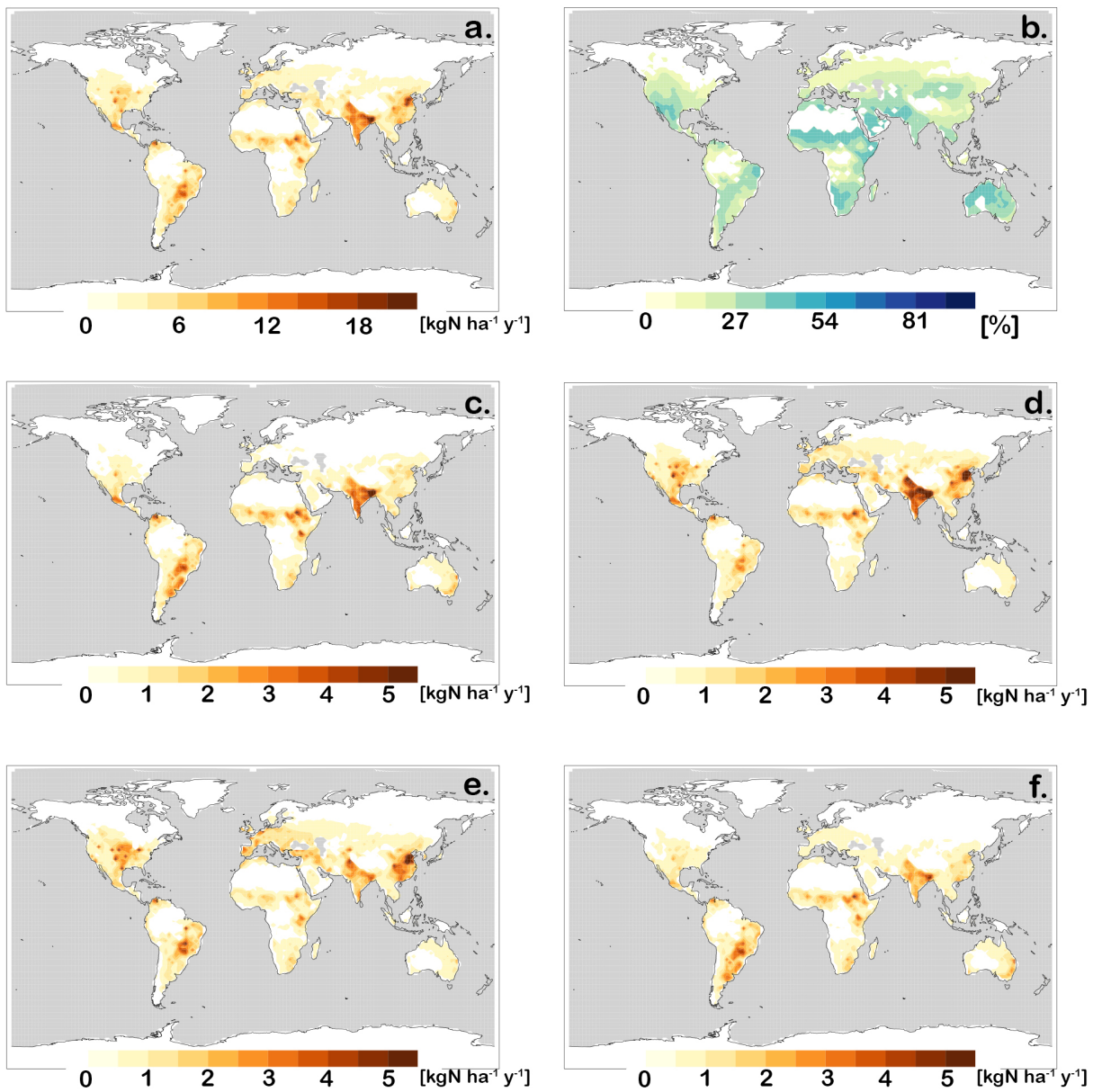


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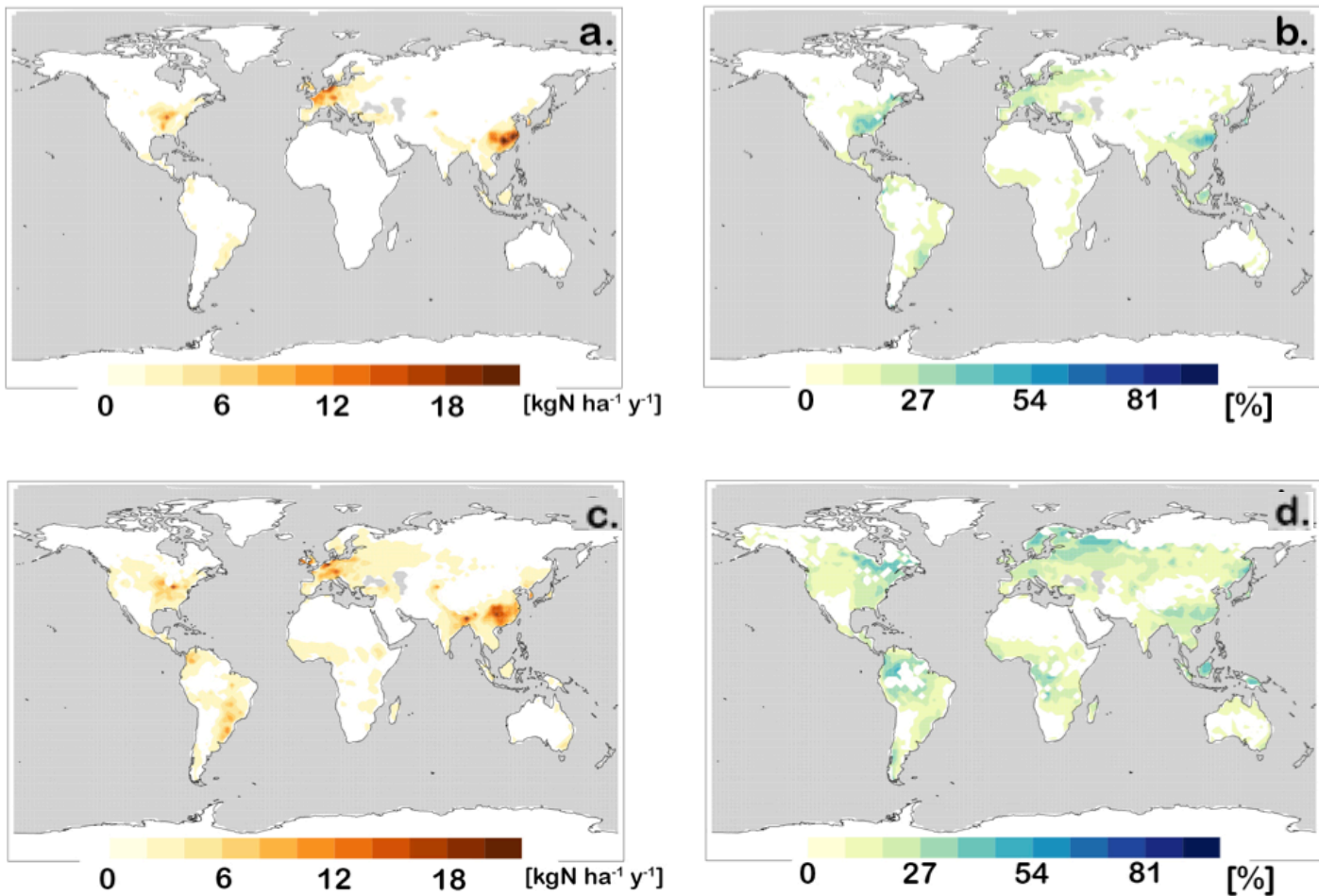


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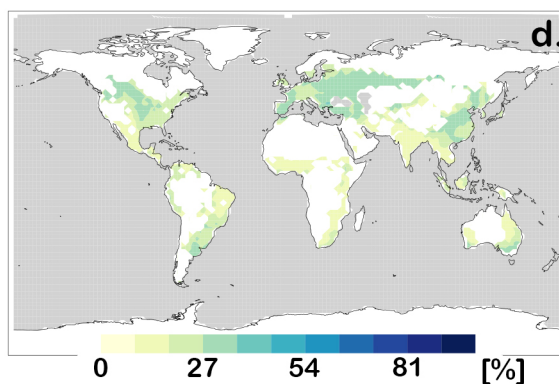
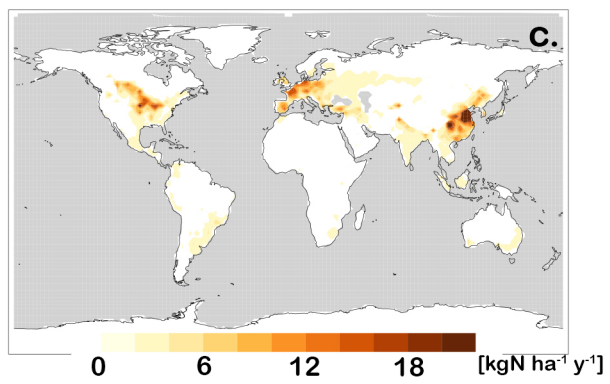
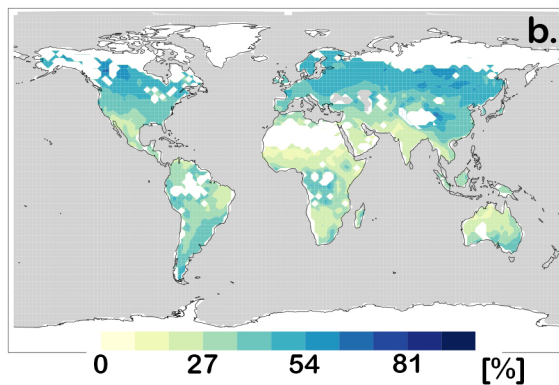
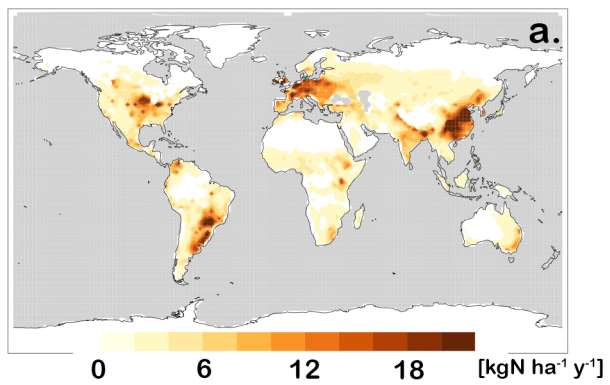


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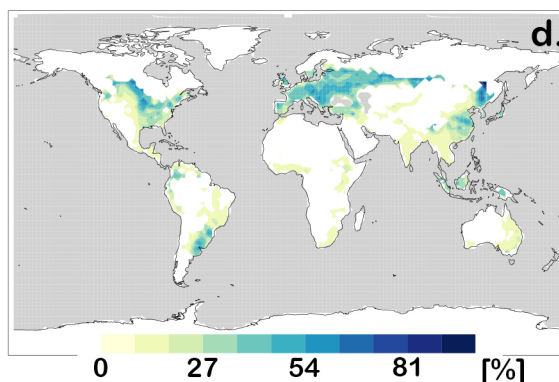
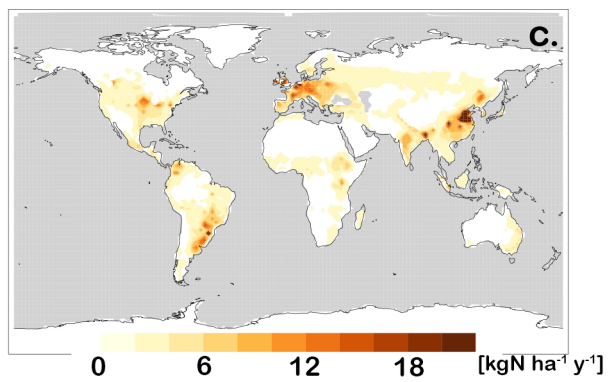
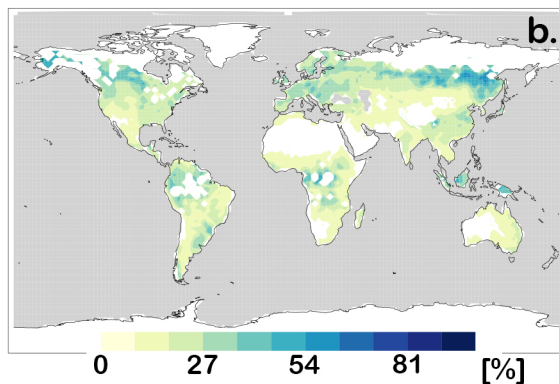
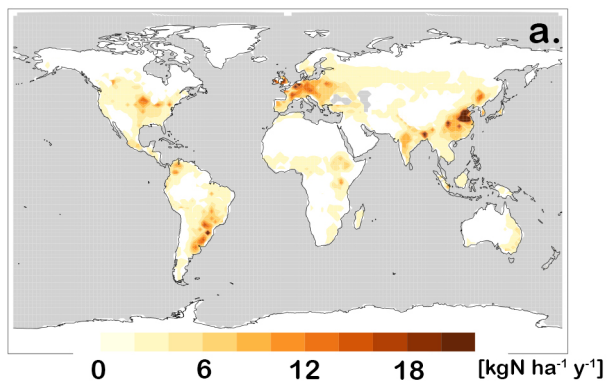


Figure 8. As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

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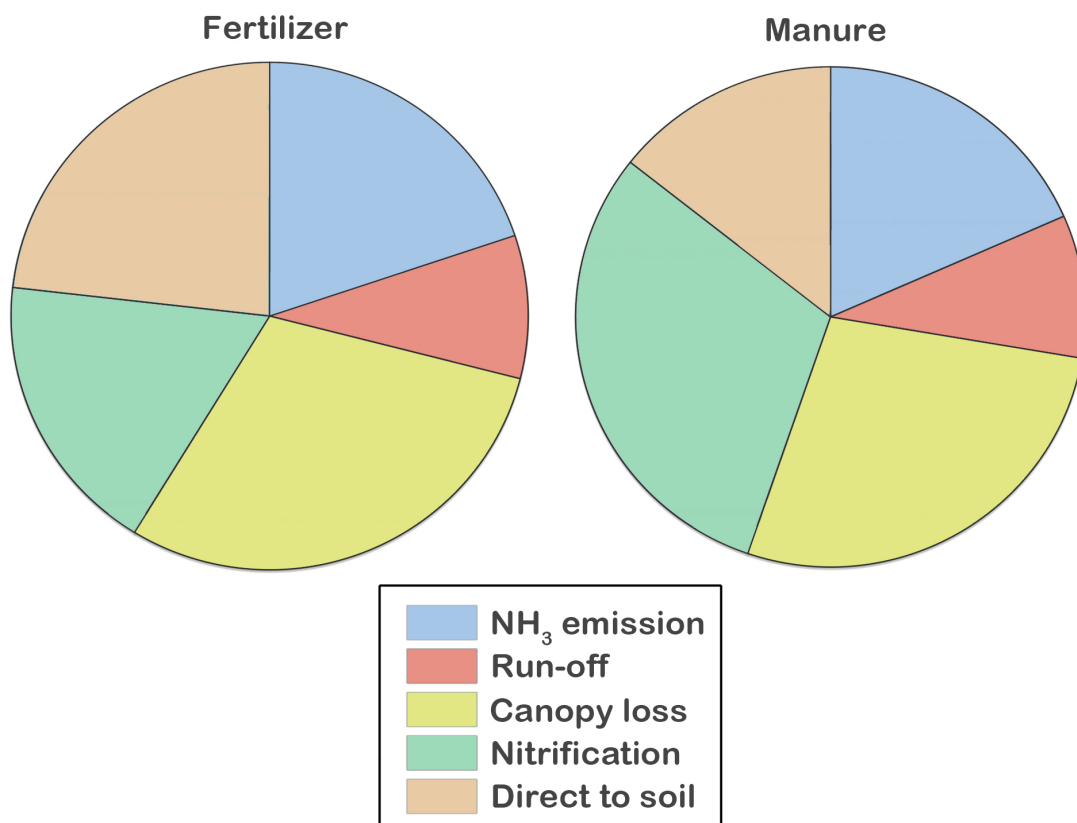


Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

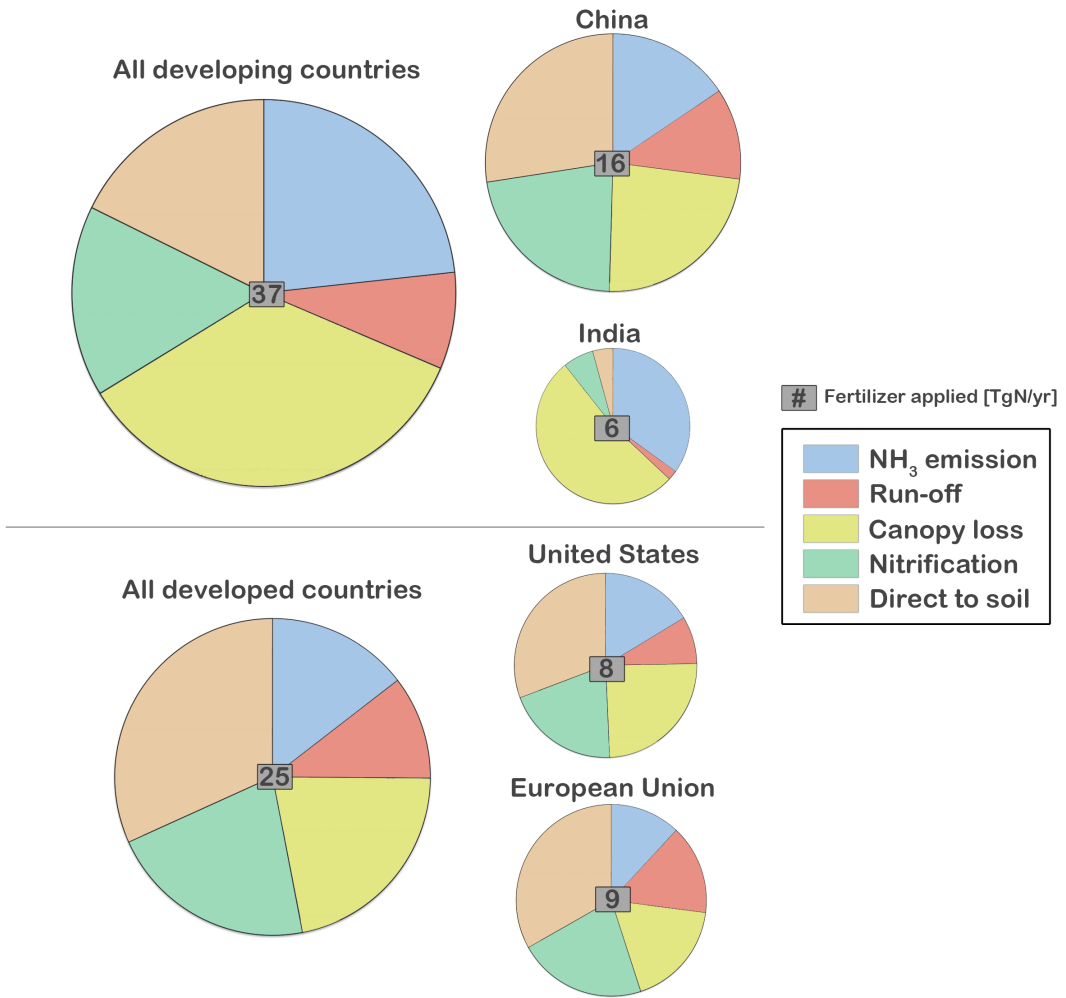
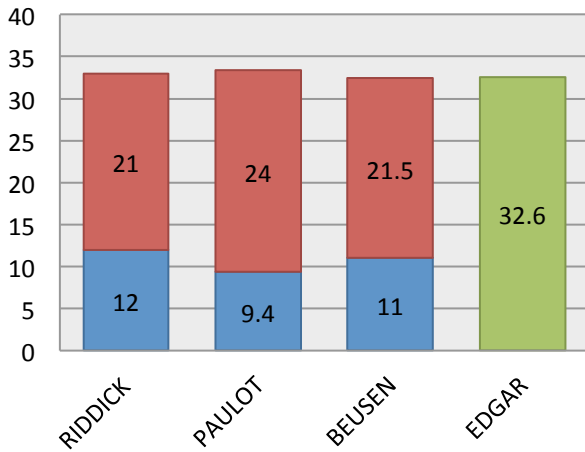
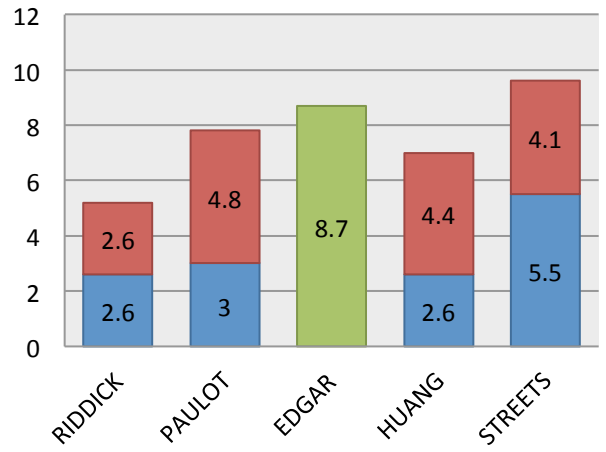


Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are split between developed countries and developing countries.

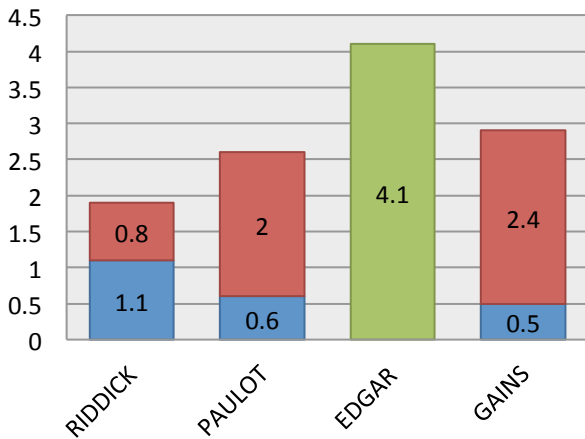
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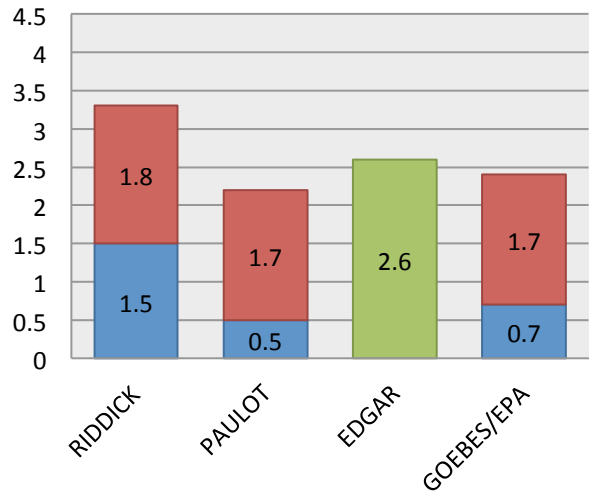
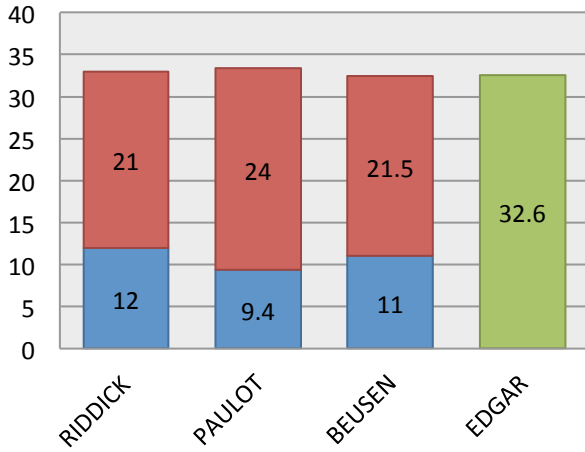
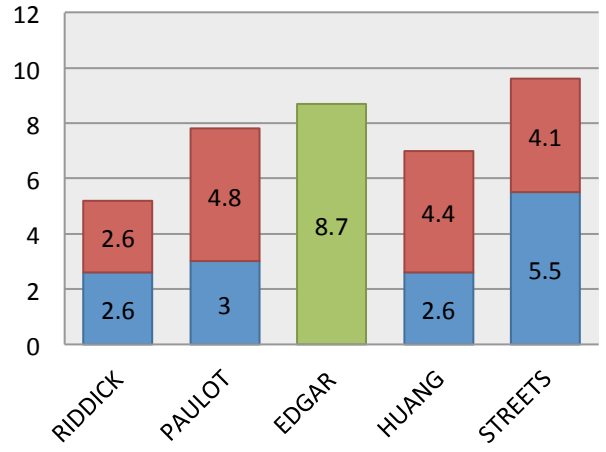


Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and fertilizer (blue) or both ammonia emissions ($\text{Tg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) a) globally, b) China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies as collated by Paulot et al. (2104). Details on other studies in text.

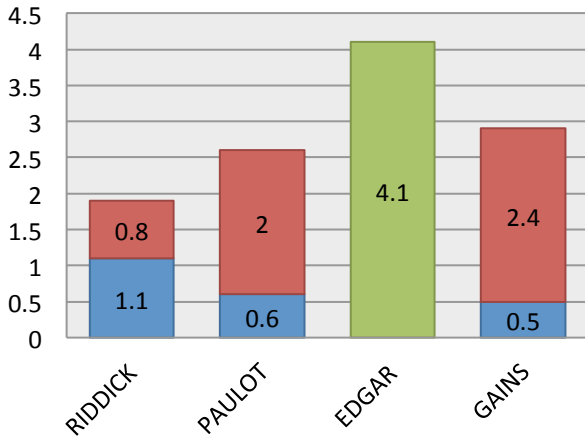
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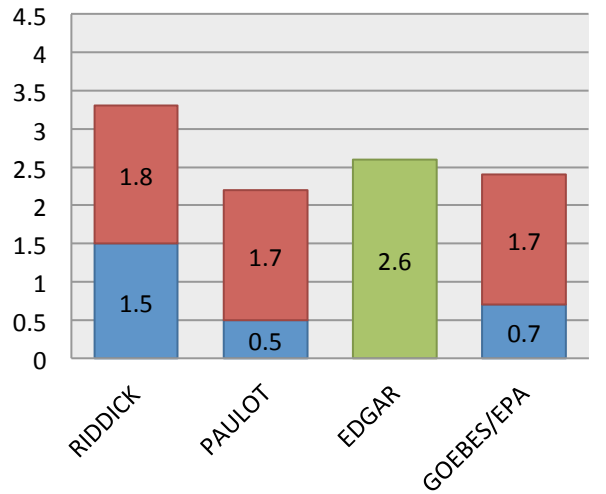
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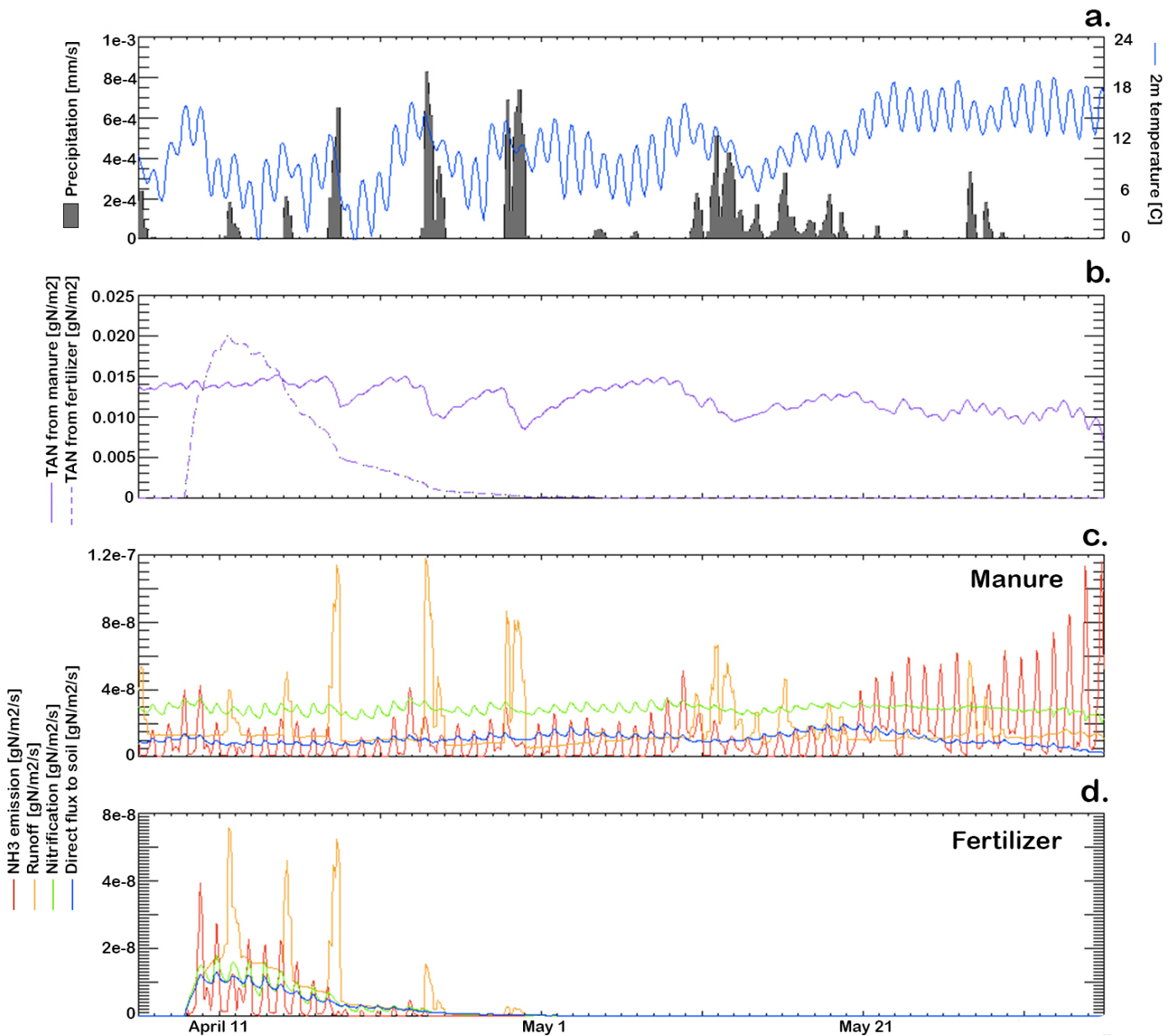


c) EUROPE



d) U.S.





12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W, near the Texas panhandle . Panels show a) the temperature (°C) and precipitation (mm s^{-1}) used to force the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m^{-2}), and the four major loss pathways from the TAN pools (NH_3 emissions, red; runoff, orange; nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ($\text{g N m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$) from c) the manure TAN pool d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

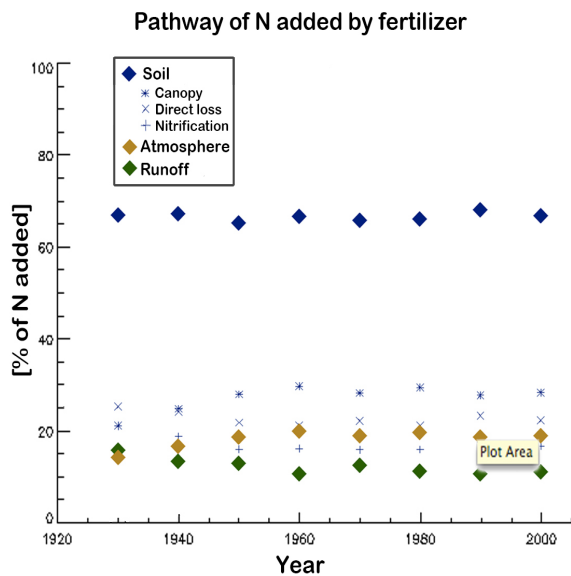
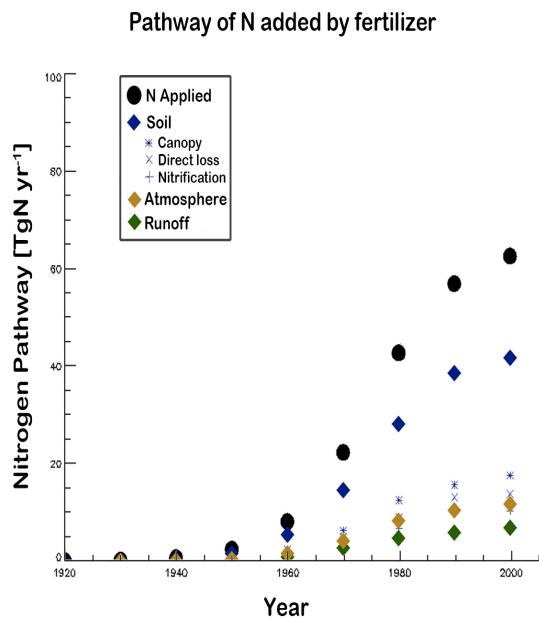
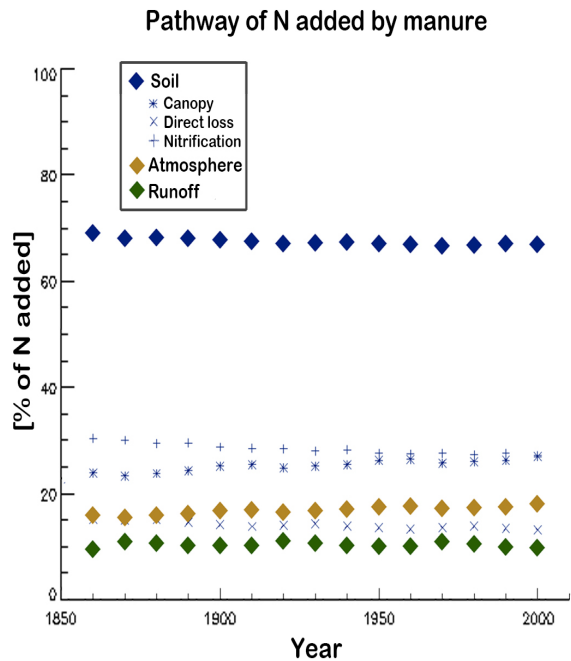
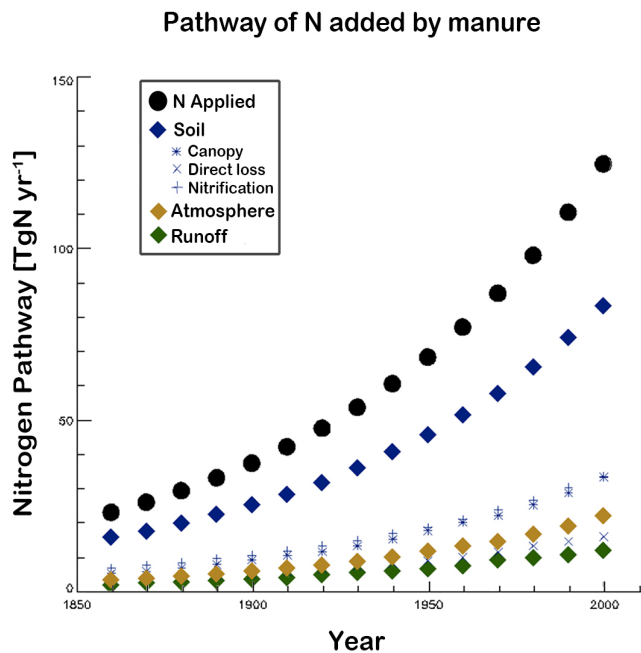


Figure 13: Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in Tg N yr^{-1} for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses from the TAN pool are divided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