

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

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14 **Abstract.** Nitrogen applied to the surface of the land for agricultural purposes represents
15 a significant source of reactive nitrogen (N_r) that can be emitted as a gaseous N_r species,
16 be denitrified to atmospheric nitrogen (N_2), run-off during rain events or form plant
17 useable nitrogen in the soil. To investigate the magnitude, temporal variability and
18 spatial heterogeneity of nitrogen pathways on a global scale from sources of animal
19 manure and synthetic fertilizer, we developed a mechanistic parameterization of these
20 pathways within a global terrestrial model, the Community Land Model (CLM). In this
21 initial version the parameterization emphasizes an explicit climate dependent approach
22 while using highly simplified representations of agricultural practices including manure
23 management and fertilizer application. The climate dependent approach explicitly
24 simulates the relationship between meteorological variables and biogeochemical
25 processes to calculate the volatilization of ammonia (NH_3), nitrification and run-off of N_r
26 following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. For the year 2000, approximately
27 125 Tg N yr^{-1} and 62 Tg N yr^{-1} is applied to the model land surface as manure and
28 synthetic fertilizer, respectively. We estimate the resulting global NH_3 emissions are 21
29 Tg N yr^{-1} from manure (17% of manure applied) and 12 Tg N yr^{-1} from fertilizer (19%
30 of fertilizer applied); reactive nitrogen dissolved during rain events is calculated as 11 Tg
31 N yr^{-1} from manure and 5 Tg N yr^{-1} from fertilizer. The remaining nitrogen from manure
32 (93 Tg N yr^{-1}) and synthetic fertilizer (45 Tg N yr^{-1}) is captured by the canopy or
33 transferred to the soil nitrogen pools. In a transient simulation from 1850 to 2000 all
34 nitrogen pathways increase in magnitude as manure and synthetic fertilizer application
35 increase. Partitioning of applied nitrogen in manure to NH_3 emissions increases from 14 %
36 of nitrogen applied ($3 \text{ Tg NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$) in 1850 to 17% of nitrogen applied in 2000 (21 Tg

37 $\text{NH}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$). Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global
38 sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg of NH_3 (approximately 3% of manure and fertilizer)
39 emitted per year $^\circ\text{C}$ of warming. While the model confirms earlier estimates of nitrogen
40 fluxes made in a range of studies, its key purpose is to provide a theoretical framework
41 that can be employed within a biogeochemical model that can explicitly respond to
42 climate and that can evolve and improve with further observations and characterizations
43 of agricultural practices.

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45 **1. Introduction**

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

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56 The use of N_r to improve crop yield has become an environmental concern as N_r in
57 synthetic fertilizer and manure cascades through the soil, water and the atmospheric
58 nitrogen cycles. Plants can readily use applied N_r for plant growth; however, N_r washed
59 off fields or volatilized as gas can reduce ecosystem biodiversity through acidification

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

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73 As a result of their dependence on environmental conditions, N_r pathways following
74 manure or synthetic fertilizer application are likely to change in the future under climate
75 change scenarios. This study describes a biogeochemically consistent process driven
76 parameterization suitable for incorporation into Earth System Models that simulates N_r
77 flow following the surface addition of N_r as manure or synthetic fertilizer. The
78 parameterization is evaluated on both the local and global scales against local
79 measurements and global NH_3 flux estimates. The calculated emission estimates for NH_3
80 and the N_r runoff due to manure and synthetic fertilizer application will be used in
81 ensuing studies in both present and future climates to investigate their impact on nitrogen
82 cycling and climate within the earth system. To our knowledge, no Earth System model

83 has yet to explicitly predict changing nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic
84 fertilizer in response to climate. We note at the outset that the representation of
85 agricultural processes is highly simplified in the initial model version described here.

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87 Sources of N_r largely fall into two categories, ‘new’ sources, created by chemical and
88 biological processes, and those that are ‘recycled’, such as manure excretion of animals.
89 The largest natural new N_r producers are biological nitrogen fixers found in the ocean,
90 biological nitrogen fixers on land, and as the by-product of lightning estimated at 140 Tg
91 $N \text{ yr}^{-1} \pm 50\%$, 58 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$ and 5 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1} \pm 50 \%$, respectively [Fowler et al.,
92 2013]. The dominant anthropogenic sources of new N_r are Haber-Bosch derived
93 fertilizer (estimated at 120 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$ in 2005), the burning of fossil fuels, (30 Tg N
94 $\text{yr}^{-1} \pm 10 \%$ in 2000), and a further 60 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1} \pm 30 \%$ (circa 2005) estimated from
95 biological nitrogen fixers grown for human consumption, such as legumes [Fowler et al.,
96 2013]. Since pre-industrial times, anthropogenic N_r creation has increased from 15 Tg N
97 yr^{-1} to the present estimate of 210 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1}$ [Galloway et al., 2004; Fowler et al., 2013].
98 Animal manure is used to stimulate plant growth in agriculture. It contains N_r recycled
99 from the soil produced when animals eat plants. A comprehensive increase in livestock
100 population is estimated to have increased global manure production from 21 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1}$ in
101 1850 to the present estimate of 141 Tg $N \text{ yr}^{-1}$ [Holland et al., 2005]. It is suggested that
102 this increase in recycled N_r production speeds up the decay and processing of plant
103 biomass, releasing different N_r products to the atmosphere when compared to natural
104 decay processes [Davidson, 2009].

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

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113 Current estimates of the direct forcing of nitrate aerosols present as ammonium nitrate
114 encompass the range from -0.03 Wm^{-2} to -0.41 Wm^{-2} in ACCMIP (Atmospheric
115 Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) [Shindell et al., 2013] and
116 AeroCom Phase II [Myhre et al., 2013] simulations. With a future reduction in sulfate
117 emissions the relative importance of nitrate aerosols is expected to dominate the direct
118 aerosol forcing by 2100 with a resulting increase in radiative forcing of up to a factor of
119 8.6 over what it would have been otherwise [Hauglustaine et al., 2014]. These estimates
120 do not consider the temperature dependence of NH₃ emissions. Skjoth and Geels [2013]
121 predict increases in future NH₃ emissions of up to 60% over Europe by 2100 largely due
122 to increased NH₃ emissions with temperature. Sutton et al. [2013] predicts future
123 temperature increases may enhance global NH₃ emissions by up to approximately 40%
124 assuming a 5° C warming. In addition to future changes in climate-induced NH₃
125 volatilization from manure and synthetic fertilizer application, future changes in agro-
126 management practices, soil microbiological processes and nitrogen runoff may be
127 expected.

128 Studies calculating NH₃ emission from manure and synthetic fertilizer have broadly
129 fallen into two categories: models that use empirically derived agriculturally-based
130 emission factors and more complex process-based models. Global emissions have almost
131 been universally estimated using the former approach. Emission factors were used by
132 Bouwman et al. [1997] to estimate global NH₃ emissions in 1990 of 54 Tg N yr⁻¹, with
133 the greatest emission of 21.6 Tg N yr⁻¹ from domestic animals [Bouwman et al., 1997].
134 Beusen et al. [2008] also used emission factors to estimate global NH₃ emission from
135 agricultural livestock (21 Tg N yr⁻¹) and synthetic fertilizers (11 Tg N yr⁻¹) in 2000;
136 Bouwman et al. [2013] estimated emissions of 34 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ on agricultural land, with
137 10 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹ from animal housing. A number of more recent global models have
138 included emission factors explicitly as a function of temperature [e.g., Huang et al., 2012;
139 Paulot et al., 2014]. Paulot et al. [2014] estimates global current NH₃ emissions of 9.4 Tg
140 yr⁻¹ for synthetic fertilizer and 24 Tg yr⁻¹ for manure.

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

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

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155 The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of
156 simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of
157 the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the
158 climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate
159 change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System
160 Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen
161 cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the
162 process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section
163 3 analyzes the model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level
164 measurements of NH₃ fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen
165 pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes;
166 model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the
167 sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

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169 **2. Methods**

170 In this section we describe a process model for the Flows of Agricultural Nitrogen (FAN)
171 that simulates NH₃ emissions and other N_r flows from applied manure and synthetic
172 fertilizer applications, including their spatial and temporal variations, within an Earth
173 System Model, the Community Earth System Model 1.1 (CESM1.1). The FAN process

174 model developed here simulates the incorporation of manure and fertilizer N_r into soil
175 organic matter and soil nitrogen pools [Chambers et al., 1999], its volatilization as NH_3 to
176 the atmosphere and the direct runoff of N_r from the surface (Figure 1). The model is
177 global in nature, is designed to conserve carbon and nitrogen and responds to changes in
178 climate. It is designed to provide an interface between the application of manure and
179 synthetic fertilizer and the nitrogen cycling developed within the Community Land
180 Model 4.5 (CLM4.5), the land component of the CESM.

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

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

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199 In the first application of the model described here we take the opposite tact. We have
200 minimized the description of agricultural practices, and instead emphasize a physically
201 based climate dependent biogeochemistry of manure and synthetic fertilizer
202 decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. The truth of the matter, of course, lies
203 somewhere in between: regional and temporal meteorological differences and changes
204 with climate as well as regional agro-management practices and their possible changes
205 impact NH₃ emissions.

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

219 26%), (2) manure nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent
220 spreading onto croplands (35% of manure nitrogen; range 24%-51%), (3) manure
221 nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent spreading onto
222 pasture lands (7% of manure nitrogen; range 3%-11%), (4) manure nitrogen excreted by
223 grazing animals onto pastures (44% of manure nitrogen; range 29-59%). Of the 42% of
224 manure nitrogen excreted in housing, 20% (range: 12-28%) is emitted as NH₃ from
225 housing and storage facilities [Beusen et al., 2008]. An additional 15-23% of the
226 remaining manure nitrogen is emitted as NH₃ (range: 11-30%) after it is spread onto crop
227 or pasture land. Of the 44% of manure nitrogen excreted by grazing animals on pasture
228 land 11-12% (range 6-17%) is emitted as NH₃. Considering these various pathways the
229 overall emission factor for manure nitrogen is estimated as 19% in Beusen et al. [2008]
230 (compare with 17% in this study). (3) We do not account for specific fertilizer application
231 techniques. For example, the soil incorporation of manure leads to a 50% reduction in
232 NH₃ emissions compared to soil broadcasting (Bowman et al., 2002). We recognize that
233 there are large spreads in all these ranges and that regional practices may alter these
234 numbers, although large errors may be unavoidable due to insufficient characterization of
235 regional agro-management practices.

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

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

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

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

265 must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen associated with manure does not add
266 new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a recycling of available nitrogen.
267 Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious repercussions especially when
268 simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of centuries. (3) The model must be
269 able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the fate of manure and synthetic
270 fertilizer N_r . In particular, NH_3 emissions are sensitive to both temperature and to the
271 water content of the soil. In addition the runoff of N_r is likely to change under climate
272 change scenarios. The process model developed here is capable of simulating the physics
273 of changing nitrogen pathways under a changing climate.

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275 An ideal model would incorporate a globally more explicit representation of agro-
276 management practices, including manure treatment (housing, storage and spreading) and
277 fertilizer application [e.g., see Sutton et al., 2013]. It would also include an explicit
278 representation of the bidirectional exchange of NH_3 between the land and atmosphere
279 including the incorporation of PFT dependent canopy deposition and aerodynamic
280 resistances. While the model developed here captures many of the regional and global
281 features seen in models based on emission factors, here we emphasize the importance of
282 regional differences in meteorology.

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284 **2.1 Relation between the FAN process model and the CESM1.1**

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

289 and ocean carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM
290 participates in the Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been
291 extensively evaluated in the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. The land model within
292 the CESM1.1, the CLM 4.5 includes representation of surface energy and water fluxes,
293 hydrology, phenology, and the carbon cycle [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008].
294 The CLM simulations can be forced by meteorology (as done here), or as a part of a
295 coupled-carbon-climate model [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The current
296 version of the carbon model is an improved version of the coupled-carbon-climate model
297 used in Keppel-Aleks et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The
298 carbon model includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton
299 et al. [2007, 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon
300 cycle, as well as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et
301 al., 2013; Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition (NO_y
302 and NH_x from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been
303 evaluated [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to
304 observations [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and
305 evaluated by many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008;
306 Randerson et al., 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale.
307 The CLM4.5 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better
308 simulate: (1) water and momentum fluxes at the Earth's surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen
309 dynamics within soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].

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

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

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334 Note that as a first approximation the model described here does not simulate the direct
335 emission loss of species other than NH_3 . Atmospheric emission losses of N_2O or N_2 (and
336 potentially NO_x) are simulated in the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al.,
337 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways
338 explicitly considered here. In addition, the fate of N_r emitted into the atmosphere as NH_3
339 directly from synthetic fertilizer or manure is handled by the atmospheric chemistry
340 component of the CESM (CAM-chem) and is not considered here (Figure 1). The run-off
341 of N_r from manure or synthetic fertilizer nitrogen pools has been coupled to the river
342 transport model (RTM) in [Nevison et al., 2016] (Figure 1), but is also not considered
343 here.

344 **2.2 FAN Process Model**

345 A schematic of the overall model analyzed here is given in Figure 1. All the equations
346 and variables used in the model have been collated and are presented in the appendix.
347 The assumptions used in constructing this model are detailed below where appropriate.
348 Sensitivity to model parameters is given in section 3.4. The nitrogen loss pathways are
349 calculated separately for manure and synthetic fertilizer. While this model assumes that
350 synthetic fertilizer application and manure application can take place in the same
351 approximately $2 \times 2^\circ$ grid cell, we also assume that manure and synthetic fertilizer are
352 not applied in the exactly the same place. Therefore the NH_3 emissions, the nitrogen
353 incorporation into soil pools, and the nitrogen run-off are separately calculated for
354 manure and synthetic fertilizer in each column. This means that the Total Ammoniacal
355 Nitrogen (TAN) pools (consisting of $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$, $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$, NH_4^+) for manure and synthetic
356 fertilizer are discrete and hence the nitrogen pathways are not combined.

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358 The application rate and geographical distribution used for manure and synthetic fertilizer
359 application is taken from the synthetic fertilizer application and manure production
360 datasets developed in Potter et al [2010]. These datasets are valid for circa 2000 for
361 synthetic fertilizer and 2007 for manure [Potter et al., 2010]. As discussed above we
362 assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields by-passing the use of animal
363 houses and storage and is spread across all PFTs. Future model versions will refine these
364 initial assumptions.

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366 To adequately model the conversion timescales of N_r input from animals to TAN, it is
367 necessary to separate the manure into different pools depending on the decomposition
368 timescales (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 and Figure 1). A similar strategy was adopted by Li
369 et al. [2013] for manure and is commonly used in simulating litter decomposition.
370 Synthetic fertilizer N_r is added to one pool, where after it decomposes into the TAN pool
371 (Figure 1). Once in the TAN pool N_r (1) washes off during rain events [Brouder et al.,
372 2005]; (2) volatilizes as NH_3 [Sutton et al., 1994; Nemitz et al., 2000] where after it is
373 redeposited onto the canopy (not shown) or enters the atmospheric flow; (3) nitrifies to
374 form nitrate (NO_3^-) [Stange and Neue, 2009]; 4) or is incorporated into the soil nitrogen
375 pools. Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1). A number of other
376 smaller loss processes are not explicitly simulated.

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378 Manure must be added to the model in such a manner as to conserve nitrogen (Figure 1).
379 Here, we assume animals consume carbon and nitrogen from plants and then

380 subsequently excrete this as manure. Within the CLM, carbon and nitrogen in the plant-
381 leaf pool is thus converted to carbon and nitrogen in manure and urine, conserving
382 overall carbon and nitrogen. The conversion rate from carbon and nitrogen in plants to
383 that in manure and urine is set to equal the rate of manure and urine production. The
384 external dataset of Potter [2010] gives the rate of N_r production from animals, and thus
385 allows us to specify the nitrogen flows. The specified C to N ratio in the plant-leaf pool
386 determines the associated carbon flows due to ruminant consumption of plant material.
387 The input manure and urine production rate from animals implicitly includes that
388 produced from transported feed. Thus the subsequent NH_3 emission rate includes the
389 nitrogen contained in transported feed grown elsewhere. Here we make the simplification
390 that the consumption rate of plant matter to balance the manure and urine production is
391 local. That is, we do not explicitly consider the import of animal feed to match the carbon
392 and nitrogen flows associated with manure and urine production. While this is not
393 entirely consistent, the development of the requisite dataset for feedstock flows from
394 1850-2000 is outside the scope of this study, although such a dataset could be developed
395 in the future. We do not know of an Earth System Model that does consider the
396 anthropogenic import of nitrogen or carbon. This inconsistency could produce cases
397 where there is insufficient local plant material to balance the overall manure and urine
398 production, but this is generally not the case. The parameterization also ignores export of
399 N_r in ruminant products such as milk and protein, which could create an additional source
400 of uncertainty.

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402 2.2.1 *Manure and Urine*. Prescribed manure (including urine) is input at a constant
 403 annual rate ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$) ($\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) depending on latitude and longitude into the
 404 manure nitrogen pools. It is assumed that a fraction ($f_u = 0.5$) of nitrogen excreted is urine
 405 (urea), with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal matter [Gusman and Marino, 1999].
 406 The excreted urine is directly added to the TAN pool (g N m^{-2}). Faeces are composed of
 407 matter with varying carbon to nitrogen ratios that take different times to decompose
 408 depending on how easily they can be digested by microbes. Excreted faeces are assumed
 409 to form three different pools (g m^{-2}) depending on their rate of mineralization [e.g.,
 410 Gusman and Marino, 1999]: (1) we assume a fraction $f_{un} = 5\%$ is excreted as unavailable
 411 nitrogen ($N_{unavailable}$), the lignin component of manure where the nitrogen remains
 412 immobilized by bacteria (C:N ratio $> 25:1$), (2) a fraction $f_r = 45\%$ goes to the resistant
 413 pool ($N_{resistant}$) which forms the cellulose component of manure (C:N ratio *c.* 15:1) which
 414 forms TAN relatively slowly; (3) and a fraction $f_a = 50\%$ goes to the available pool
 415 ($N_{available}$) that is readily available to form TAN ($N_{available}$). In reality the fractions within
 416 each of these broadly defined pools will be dependent on the type of animal and the type
 417 of feed.

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

419
$$dN_{available}/dt = f_a \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_a \cdot N_{available} - k_m \cdot N_{available} \quad (1)$$

420
$$dN_{resistant}/dt = f_r \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{resistant} - k_m \cdot N_{resistant} \quad (2)$$

421
$$dN_{unavailable}/dt = f_{un} \times \alpha_{applied}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{unavailable} \quad (3)$$

422 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
 423 fractions of manure applied to each pool; K_a and K_r (s^{-1}) are temperature dependent
 424 mineralization rates and k_m (s^{-1}) is the mechanical loss rate of nitrogen out of these

425 manure pools and into soil nitrogen pools. The decay constants, K_a and K_r are measured
426 as the fast and slow decomposition rates for biosolids added to various soils and
427 incubated at 25° C [Gilmour et al., 2003], where a two-component decay model
428 accurately fit approximately 73% of the samples incubated. The decay timescales for
429 manure are 48 days and 667 days at 25 °C. The temperature dependence of the decay
430 constants is derived from a fit of temperature dependent mineralization rates (see
431 appendix) [Vigil and Kissel, 1995] corresponding to a Q10 value of 3.66. To prevent the
432 manure pools from building up over long-timescales we assume that manure is
433 incorporated into soils with a time constant of 365 days with a mechanical rate constant
434 k_m . This timescale is consistent with the base bioturbation rate of 1 cm² year⁻¹ assumed
435 in Koven et al. [2013] and a typical length scale of 1 cm. The sensitivity of the
436 subsequent nitrogen pathways to this timescale is small (section 3.4). Note, that nitrogen
437 in the $N_{unavailable}$ pool does not mineralize and is thus only incorporated into soil organic
438 matter on the timescale determined by k_m . We assume nitrogen prior to conversion to
439 TAN comprises a range of insoluble organic compounds that do not wash away or
440 otherwise volatilize.

441

442 *2.2.2 Synthetic fertilizer.* Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool
443 (g N m⁻²) (Figure 1) at a rate ($\alpha_{applied}(t)(f)$) (g N m⁻² s⁻¹) that depends on geography
444 and time. The amount of nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool is subsequently
445 released into the TAN pool with the rate k_f (s⁻¹):

446
$$dN_{fertilizer}/dt = \alpha_{applied}(f) - k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer} \quad (4)$$

447 Here we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea. Urea is the most commonly used synthetic
448 fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage
449 [Gilbert et al., 2006]. Many other fertilizer types have significantly lower emission
450 factors depending largely on changes in soil pH due to interactions between the soil and
451 the fertilizer (Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990). We do not simulate this interaction here,
452 but it should be accounted for in future model development. Thus the estimates here for
453 fertilizer NH_3 emissions may be considered as an upper estimate. We set the decay
454 timescale of urea fertilizer to be 2.4 days consistent with the decay rate measured in
455 Agehara and Warncke [2005] for temperatures from 15 to 20 °C. In a series of
456 experiments Agehara and Warncke [2005] show that 75% of the urea hydrolyzes in a
457 week at temperatures from 10 to 25 °C without a significant dependence on temperature
458 especially for temperatures above 15 to 20 °C.

459

460 The timing for synthetic fertilizer application is determined internally within the CLM4.5
461 crop model as the spring planting date for corn. We use corn since the CLM4.5 crop
462 model only specifically includes corn, soybean and temperate cereals and the planting
463 date for corn lies between the earlier planting date for temperate cereal crops and the later
464 planting of soy. The date for fertilizer application is determined for each grid point
465 location using the surface temperature-based criteria developed by Levis et al. [2012] for
466 simulating the planting date of corn: the ten-day running mean temperature, ten-day
467 running mean daily minimum temperature and growing degree days must all surpass
468 fixed threshold values (283.15K, 279.15K and 50 days, respectively) before planting can
469 take place. We do not use the Levis et al. [2012] crop model in this study but use these

470 criteria to determine a planting date for each grid point and assume synthetic fertilizer is
 471 applied on this date. Fertilizer application dates can have a large influence on the
 472 seasonality of the emissions (e.g., see Paulot et al., 2014) and the nitrogen loss pathways
 473 following fertilization (section 3.4). Future applications will assume more complete
 474 algorithms for fertilizing the spectrum of crops, as well as multiple fertilizer applications
 475 and double cropping. A global accounting of fertilization practices and application
 476 techniques (e.g., fertilizer injection) nevertheless remains a considerable source of
 477 uncertainty in global modeling of the NH₃ emissions from agriculture.

478

479 *2.2.3 Total Ammonical Nitrogen (TAN).* We consider two TAN pools (g N m⁻²), one for
 480 the nitrogen produced from synthetic fertilizer $N_{TAN}(f)$ the other for nitrogen from manure
 481 $N_{TAN}(m)$. The budget for the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools respectively is
 482 given by:

483

$$484 \quad N_{TAN}(m)/dt = f_u \alpha_{applied}(m) + K_r \cdot N_{resistant} + K_a \cdot N_{available}$$

$$485 \quad -F_{run}(m) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(m) - F_{NH_3}(m) - F_{NO_3}(m) \quad (5)$$

486

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

$$487 \quad -F_{run}(f) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(f) - F_{NH_3}(f) - F_{NO_3}(f) \quad (6)$$

488

489 Here $F_{run}(m/f)$ (g N m⁻² s⁻¹) is the loss of nitrogen by runoff from the manure or
 490 synthetic fertilizer pool, $K_D^{NH_4}$ (s⁻¹) the loss rate of nitrogen to the soil nitrogen pools,
 491 $F_{NH_3}(m)$ and $F_{NH_3}(f)$ (g N m⁻² s⁻¹) the NH₃ emissions from the TAN pool to the
 492 atmosphere from the soil manure and synthetic fertilizer pools, respectively, and $F_{NO_3}(m)$

493 and $F_{NO_3}(f)$ ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) the loss of nitrogen through nitrification from the manure and
494 synthetic fertilizer pools respectively. The formulation of each of these terms is given
495 below. Inputs into $N_{TAN}(m)$ pool are from the fraction (f_u) of applied manure as urine
496 ($\alpha_{applied}(m)$), and from the decomposition of the nitrogen within the available and
497 resistant manure pools. Input into the $N_{TAN}(f)$ pool is through decomposition of
498 nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool.

499 *2.2.4 Runoff of nitrogen to rivers.* The immediate runoff of fertilizer and manure
500 nitrogen to rivers is derived from the runoff rate of water (R) (m s^{-1}) in the CLM
501 multiplied by concentration of nitrogen in the TAN water pool:

$$502 \quad F_{run}(m/f) = R \cdot \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)}{N_{water}(m/f)}. \quad (7)$$

503 The value of R is calculated within the CLM and is a function of precipitation,
504 evaporation, drainage and soil saturation. The amount of water within the TAN pool
505 ($N_{water}(m/f)$) (m) is needed to convert N_{TAN} (g N m^{-2}) to a concentration (g N m^{-3}). An
506 expression for $N_{water}(m/f)$ is given in Section 2.2.9. It should be emphasized that
507 this is the immediate runoff of manure and synthetic fertilizer nitrogen from the TAN
508 pools. Subsequent loss of nitrogen derived from manure and synthetic fertilizer
509 application occurs following the nitrogen transfer to the soil pools, but is not tracked in
510 these simulations. Additional hydrological losses will also occur following NH_3
511 volatilization to the atmosphere, the subsequent deposition and loss through runoff or
512 leaching. These losses are also not tracked in the current simulation.

513 Initially, we attempted to use the runoff parameterization based on the global Nutrient
514 Export from Watersheds 2 (NEWS 2) Model [Mayorga et al., 2010] where runoff is also

515 parameterized in terms of R . However, the amount of nitrogen that runs off in NEWS 2 is
516 represented in terms of the annual nitrogen initially applied to the land and thus is not
517 directly related to the amount of nitrogen in the TAN pool.

518 *2.2.5 Diffusion through soil.* Nitrogen is assumed to diffuse from the TAN pool to the soil
519 pools. Générumont and Cellier [1997] represent the diffusion coefficient of ammonium
520 through soils as dependent on soil water content, soil porosity, temperature and an
521 empirical diffusion coefficient of ammonium in free water (see appendix). For example,
522 assuming a temperature of 21° C, a soil porosity of 0.5 and a soil water content of 0.2 the
523 resulting diffusion coefficient is approximately 0.03 cm² day⁻¹, in reasonable agreement
524 with measurements in Canter et al. [1997]. Here we assume a typical length scale of 1.0
525 cm to convert the diffusion rate to a timescale. The resulting diffusion of ammonical
526 nitrogen is added to pre-existing nitrogen pools in the CLM4.5 and is not further tracked.

527 *2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere.* The flux of NH₃ (F_{NH_3} , g m⁻² s⁻¹) to the
528 atmosphere is calculated from the difference between the NH₃ concentration at the
529 surface ($NH_3(g)$, g m⁻³) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH₃ concentration (χ_a ,
530 g m⁻³) divided by the aerodynamic (R_a) and boundary layer (R_b) resistances (Equation 8)
531 [Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009, Sutton et al., 2013].

$$532 \quad F_{NH_3} = \frac{NH_3(g) - \chi_a}{R_a(z) + R_b} \quad (8)$$

533

534 The calculation of $NH_3(g)$ is given below. For compatibility with the NH₃ emission
535 model we compute average values of R_a and R_b over each CLM soil column, which may
536 contain several PFTs. Continental NH₃ concentrations between 0.1 and 10 µg m⁻³ have

537 been reported by Zbieranowski and Aherne [2012] and Heald et al. [2012]. We specify
538 χ_a to be $0.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, representative of concentrations over low activity agricultural sites
539 [Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012]. This concentration is intermediate between
540 concentrations at low to moderate pollution sites as diagnosed in GEOS-chem [Warner et
541 al., 2015]. The sensitivity to this parameter is small as $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ is usually very large
542 (section 3.4). While equation (8) allows for negative emissions ($\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) < \chi_a$) or
543 deposition of atmospheric NH_3 onto the soil we currently disallow negative emissions in
544 the current simulations. In future studies the atmospheric concentration of NH_3 will be
545 calculated interactively by coupling the FAN model to the atmospheric chemistry
546 component of the CESM (CAM-chem), thus allowing the dynamics of the NH_3
547 exchange between the soil, the atmosphere and vegetation to be captured [e.g., Sutton et
548 al., 2013].

549

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

551 The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:

$$552 F_{\text{NH}_3\text{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{\text{capture}}) \times F_{\text{NH}_3}(m/f) \quad (9)$$

553 where f_{capture} is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted NH_3 by
554 plants or even onto the soil surface. Plant recapture of emitted NH_3 is often reported to be
555 as high as 75 % (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead et
556 al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand,
557 soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found NH_3 recapture to be 0% on
558 rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation. We set f_{capture} to 0.6 in-line
559 with the findings of Wilson et al. [2004] as a mid-way between the value for soil (when

560 the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et al. [1997] also used
 561 canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction ranging from 0.8 in
 562 tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other vegetation types including
 563 grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. [1997] omitted canopy capture over arable lands
 564 and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of NH₃ onto the canopy (or even
 565 the soil surface) is poorly constrained [e.g., see Erisman and Draaijers, 1995] and often
 566 ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not constant but depends on
 567 surface characteristics and boundary layer meteorology. Variations in canopy capture will
 568 induce temporal and regional variations in NH₃ emissions. Explicitly including the
 569 canopy capture fraction allows us to explicitly differentiate between different
 570 biogeochemical pathways in future studies. In the future when the model is fully coupled
 571 with the atmospheric NH₃ cycle a compensation point approach would be desirable for
 572 calculating the net NH₃ emissions, but we feel it is outside the scope of the present study.

573

574 It is assumed that the nitrogen in the TAN pool is in equilibrium between NH₃(g) (g m⁻³),
 575 NH₃(aq) (g N m⁻³) and NH₄⁺(aq) (g N m⁻³). The equilibrium that governs the speciation
 576 of these species is determined by the Henry's Law coefficient (K_H), where K_H is a
 577 measure of the solubility of NH₃ in water, and the disassociation constant of NH₄⁺ in
 578 water (K_{NH4}) (moles l⁻¹) [e.g., Sutton et al., 1994]



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

$$NH_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH_4}} \quad (11)$$

584

585

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

596

597 *2.2.7 Conversion of TAN to NO_3^-* . The flux from the TAN pool to NO_3^- by nitrification
 598 ($F_{NO_3^-}$, $g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$) was adapted from that derived by Stange & Neue [2009] to describe the
 599 gross nitrification rates in response to fertilization of a surface with manure or synthetic
 600 fertilizer. In particular Stange & Neue [2009] fit measured gross nitrification rates to an
 601 expression using a maximal nitrification rate r_{max} , ($\mu g\ N\ kg^{-1}\ h^{-1}$) modified by a soil
 602 temperature response function ($f(T)$) and a soil moisture response function ($f(M)$) [Stange
 603 and Neue, 2009]. However, since r_{max} is fit from their experimental data the dependence
 604 of the nitrification rate on the ammonium concentration is not explicitly included in the
 605 formulation of Stange & Neue [2009]. We have remedied this by setting the maximum

606 nitrification rate (r_{max}) in the formulation of [Stange and Neue, 2009] to $1.16 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 607 consistent with the formulation in Parton et al. [2001]:

$$608 \quad F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{f(T)} + \frac{1}{f(M)}} \quad (12)$$

609
 610 where $f(T)$ and $f(M)$ are functions of soil temperature and moisture and the ammonium
 611 concentration is assumed to be in equilibrium with the other forms of ammoniacal
 612 nitrogen and is thus expressed in terms of pH, K_H and K_{NH_4} and $NH_3(g)$ (m/f) .

613 *2.2.8 Nitrate.* The rate of change of the nitrate pool is given by:

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

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

626

627 2.2.9 TAN and Manure Water pools. The evolution of the TAN manure and synthetic
628 fertilizer water pools depends on the water added during manure or synthetic fertilizer
629 application and the subsequent evolution of the water in the pools. The equations for the
630 manure and synthetic fertilizer water are:

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

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

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

645

646 **2.3 Model spin up and forcing**

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

650

651 *2.3.1 Present day control simulation.* This simulation uses the manure and synthetic
652 fertilizer input as given in Potter et al. [2010]. Forcing at the atmospheric boundary is set
653 to the Qian et al. [2006] reanalysis for solar input, precipitation, temperature, wind and
654 specific humidity. The simulation is run for fifteen model years (1990-2004) with the
655 last ten years of the simulation used for analysis. The spinup period allows for the more
656 decomposition resistant N pools to approach a steady state with respect to the loss from
657 mechanical incorporation into the soil.

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659 *2.3.2 Historical simulation.* The historical simulation uses transient forcing conditions
660 (accounting for changes in atmospheric CO₂, nitrogen deposition, aerosol deposition and
661 land use change forcings) and the Qian et al. [2006] atmospheric forcing dataset. Quality
662 6-hourly meteorological datasets for the period prior to 1948 do not exist. Therefore from
663 1850 to 1973 the CLM4.5 is driven by recycled meteorological data, using
664 meteorological data from the 1948-1973 time period. During this time there is little
665 increase in temperature: the statistically significant changes in temperature (outside of
666 natural variability) occur after 1973. After 1973 the meteorological data is not recycled
667 but is valid for the year applied.

668

669 The temporal distribution of manure and synthetic fertilizer application from 1850-2000
670 is specified by applying the temporal distribution of Holland et al. [2005] to the base
671 values as calculated in Potter et al. [2010]. For lack of detailed information on the
672 geography of historical manure and synthetic fertilizer we use the scaled spatial
673 distribution from Potter et al. [2010]. We assume manure production has changed from
674 26.3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1860 to 125 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 [Holland et al., 2005; Potter et al., 2010],
675 but acknowledge these temporal changes are uncertain. Synthetic fertilizer was first used
676 in the 1920s with use increasing to 62 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.

677

678 **3. Results**

679 **3.1 Model evaluation**

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

689

690 For the manure emissions, 35 measurements in a range of climates (temperatures from
691 1.4 °C to 28 °C) and a range of livestock management methods (commercial beef cattle
692 feedyard, dairy cow grazing on ryegrass, beef cattle grazing on ryegrass and dairy cattle

693 grazing on pasture land) were used (Supplementary Table 1). Each P_v reported by the
694 measurement campaign was compared against the P_v at the corresponding grid cell in the
695 model. For the synthetic fertilizer scenario, 10 measurements in a range of latitudes
696 (43 °S to 50 °N) over a range of land use surfaces (pasture, sown crops, turf and forest)
697 were used (Supplementary Table 2). Each total annual P_v reported by the measurement
698 campaign was compared against the annual P_v of the corresponding grid cell.

699

700 *3.1.1 Nitrogen volatilized as NH₃ from manure.* There is a general increase in P_v with
701 temperature, in both the model and measurements (Figure 2). However, temperature is
702 not the only factor in determining NH₃ emissions where wind speed, water availability
703 and below ground soil properties can also effect NH₃ emission. This is particularly
704 demonstrated by the measurements of Todd et al. [2007] at temperatures less than 5° C
705 where the measured emissions are higher than those predicted at higher temperatures [e.g.,
706 Bussink, 1992]. It is also worth noting that the model predicts the emissions of Todd et
707 al [2007] at lower temperatures with relative success.

708

709 The agreement between measured and modeled P_v from manure appears reasonable, with
710 an R^2 of 0.78 that is significant at the 99.9% confidence level (p-value - 1.87×10^{-16}). On
711 closer inspection, the model appears to agree best with measurements made on grassland
712 and differs considerably with measurements made by both campaigns for beef cattle
713 feedlots in Texas, where beef cattle feedlots are commercial operations to prepare
714 livestock for slaughter and comprise of thousands of animals contained in a pen [US EPA,
715 2010]. This is perhaps not surprising, as the parameterization developed here explicitly

716 represents emissions from manure spreading as opposed to the more managed conditions
717 in feedlots.

718

719 *3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 from synthetic fertilizer.* The comparison between
720 measured and modeled annual average P_v from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of
721 land use types appears weak with an R^2 of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence
722 level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements
723 tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear
724 to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher
725 and lower than measured values of P_v for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops.
726 The fact that the R^2 for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the R^2 of the
727 manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the
728 model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

729

730 *3.1.3 Nitrogen run-off.* Here we simulate the direct nitrogen runoff from the manure and
731 synthetic fertilizer TAN pools, but do not track the resulting nitrogen flows. These flows
732 are tracked, however, in Nevison et al. [2016] where the nitrogen runoff from manure and
733 synthetic fertilizer pools is routed into the River Transport Model (RTM) [Dai and
734 Trenberth, 2001; Branstetter and Erickson, 2003] within the CESM. Nevison et al. [2016]
735 assumes denitrification occurs within the simulated rivers at a rate inversely proportional
736 to the river depth (amounting to approximately 30% of the nitrogen inputs on average)
737 and compares the simulated dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) export at the river
738 mouths against measurements [Van Drecht et al., 2003] following Global NEWS

739 [Mayorga et al., 2010]. The simulated DIN export is nearly unbiased for six identified
740 rivers with high human impact: the Columbia, Danube, Mississippi, Rhine, Saint
741 Lawrence and Uruguay. Explicit comparisons against the Mississippi River show that the
742 amplitude and seasonality of the simulated N_r runoff is in reasonable agreement with the
743 measurements. While the comparison in Nevison et al. [2016] gives confidence the runoff
744 is reasonably simulated, the complications in simulating river runoff preclude tight model
745 constraints.

746

747 **3.2 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Present Day**

748 *3.2.1 Geography of Nitrogen Inputs.* Global maps of nitrogen input from synthetic
749 fertilizer and manure application during the present-day simulation are given in Potter et
750 al. [2010] and are not repeated here. Heavy synthetic fertilizer use generally occurs in the
751 upper Midwest of the U.S. (mostly east of 100° W and north of 40° N), Western Europe
752 (mostly west of 20° E and north of 40° N), the Northern part of India and much of
753 Northeastern and North Central China. High manure usage coincides with the areas of
754 heavy synthetic fertilizer use but is more widespread extending across much of Eastern
755 South America from 20 - 40° S and across Africa at approximately 10° N.

756

757 *3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses.* There are strong geographical differences in the loss
758 pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance
759 of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 ,
760 runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on
761 temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage

762 volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH_3 volatilization of
763 applied manure N_r approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South
764 America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from
765 India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH_3 from applied synthetic
766 fertilizer and from applied manure approach $20 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ over hot regions with high
767 applications, e.g. the Indian peninsula and parts of China (Figure 4 and 5). Ammonia
768 emissions from manure are more broadly distributed globally than those of synthetic
769 fertilizer with high NH_3 emissions not only over the synthetic fertilizer hotspots,
770 characterized by heavy application of both synthetic fertilizer and manure, but also over
771 southeastern South America and central Africa. For the most part, the largest synthetic
772 fertilizer NH_3 emissions occur during April-June reflecting the single fertilization date
773 used in this study as calculated in the CLM for corn. While Paulot et al. [2014] also show
774 the maximum synthetic fertilizer emissions generally occur from April-June they obtain
775 relatively higher emissions than simulated here during the other seasons. This is likely
776 due to differences in the assumed timing of applied synthetic fertilizer: Paulot et al. [2014]
777 consider three different synthetic fertilizer applications for each crop as well as a wide
778 variety of crops. The seasonal emission distribution of NH_3 emissions from manure is
779 broader than that of synthetic fertilizer but with maximum emissions usually occurring in
780 April-June or July-Sept. The simulated geographical and seasonal NH_3 emission
781 distribution from manure is in broad agreement with Paulot et al. [2014].

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783 Runoff of N_r from applied synthetic fertilizer and manure TAN pools as well as
784 nitrification and diffusion into the soil depend on precipitation and soil moisture. High

785 manure and synthetic fertilizer N_r run off from the TAN pools (see Figure 6-7) occur
786 particularly across parts of China, Europe (particularly the Northern parts) and the East
787 central U.S. The global hotspot for simulated N_r runoff from the TAN pools is China
788 where runoff approaches $20 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for nitrogen applied as either manure or
789 synthetic fertilizer. In general the importance of runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway
790 becomes more important in the wetter and cooler regions. In contrast, over India and
791 Spain the agricultural nitrogen input is high, but the runoff is relatively low. In these
792 regions with their high temperatures (and dry conditions) the NH_3 volatilization is the
793 preferred pathway for nitrogen losses from the TAN pool.

794

795 The percent of the TAN pool nitrified or diffused directly into the soil (see Figs 7 and 8)
796 also tends to be largest in wetter and cooler regions. The amount of nitrogen nitrified has
797 an optimal temperature of 28°C and tends to occur more rapidly under moist conditions;
798 the diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is also promoted under wet conditions.

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800 *3.2.3 Regional and Global accounting of nitrogen losses.* As nitrogen cascades through
801 the environment it can be emitted as NH_3 or runoff or leached at many different stages.
802 Here we only examine the losses directly from manure or fertilizer application. Globally,
803 the direct loss of applied nitrogen to the atmosphere as NH_3 is similar for manure and
804 synthetic fertilizer (17% for manure, 19% for synthetic fertilizer; see Figure 9). Our
805 global estimates of the percent of manure and synthetic fertilizer volatilized as NH_3 are
806 similar to Bouwman et al. [2002] and Beusen et al. [2008], although our estimate for
807 synthetic fertilizer volatilization as NH_3 is somewhat high. Bouwman et al. [2002]

808 estimates 19-29% of applied manure and 10-19% of applied synthetic fertilizer volatilizes
809 as NH_3 ; Beusen et al. [2008] concludes 15-23% of applied manure is lost as NH_3
810 (including losses from housing and storage, grazing and spreading) and 10-18% of
811 applied synthetic fertilizer is lost.

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813 We calculate the global direct run-off from manure or fertilizer TAN pools as 8% for
814 manure N_r and 9% for synthetic fertilizer. Bouwman et al [2013] find that 23% of
815 deposited N_r (comprised of synthetic fertilizer, manure and atmospheric nitrogen
816 deposition) runs off, higher than our estimate. However, our estimate only includes the
817 direct runoff from the TAN pool; further loss of nitrogen due to runoff and leaching may
818 also occur from the soil nitrogen pools or downstream following NH_3 emission and re-
819 deposition.

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821 Our simulations assume a large fraction of emitted nitrogen is captured by the canopy,
822 where canopy capture accounts for 25.5% of manure losses and 30% of synthetic
823 fertilizer losses. The nitrogen captured by the canopy may have a number of fates. First,
824 Sparks [2008] posits that since foliar nitrogen uptake is a direct addition of N to plant
825 metabolism it could more readily influence plant growth than uptake from soils. As such
826 it would decrease plant demand on soil uptake and thus conserve the soil nitrogen
827 reservoirs. Secondly, nitrogen uptake by the plants, even if not directly used in plant
828 metabolism, may redeposit onto the surface with litter fall. Finally, it may be emitted
829 back to the atmosphere from plants. The latter process can be represented through a
830 compensation point model between the atmosphere, the ground and stomata [e.g., Massad

831 et al., 2010]. A full accounting of this requires the simulation to be fully coupled with the
832 atmosphere and soil chemistry and biogeochemistry which is beyond the scope of the
833 present study.

834

835 In the case of synthetic fertilizer the direct diffusion of TAN N_r into the soil pool (22%)
836 is larger than nitrification (17%); for manure it is just the opposite: the nitrification (29%)
837 is larger than the direct diffusion (14%) (Figure 9). In practice, as simulated here, this
838 makes little difference as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pool occurs very rapidly, an
839 order of magnitude faster than the diffusion of nitrogen from the TAN pool. Thus NO_3^- is
840 directly incorporated into the soil nitrate pool without any subsequent loss. Recall, also, a
841 small percentage of manure is mechanically stirred into the soil organic nitrogen pools.
842 Accounting for the N_r diffused from the TAN pool into the soil pools, and assuming the
843 NH_3 emissions captured by the canopy, as well as the ammonium nitrified to NO_3^- also
844 end up in the soil pools we find that globally 75% of manure nitrogen and 71% of
845 synthetic fertilizer nitrogen ends up in the soil nitrogen or soil organic nitrogen pools. Of
846 course, once in these soil pools there may be subsequent losses of nitrogen due to runoff
847 and leaching or emissions, but these are not calculated in this initial study.

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849 The global percentages given above change appreciably when examined over subsets of
850 countries (Figure 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of
851 emissions of manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN as NH_3 [13%] is substantially smaller
852 than for developing countries [21%]. These differences can be largely explained by the
853 fact that developing countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed

854 countries. Bouwman et al. [2002] took these differences into account when developing
855 emission factors for developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated
856 NH₃ emission factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized
857 countries, respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively.

858

859 In our simulations 16% and 9% of applied agricultural nitrogen is emitted as NH₃ in the
860 US and the European Union, respectively. The direct runoff of nitrogen accounts for 9%
861 and 14% of the losses of agricultural nitrogen in the US and the European Union,
862 respectively. Nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of Europe. However,
863 note the large contrast between India and China, where for India NH₃ emissions are 27%
864 of the applied N_r with very little runoff, whereas for China the runoff and emissions are
865 approximately equal (13% and 10%, respectively).

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867 *3.2.4 Comparison to other emissions inventories.* Figure 11 gives a comparison of
868 manure and synthetic fertilizer NH₃ emissions from the FAN process model for 2000 and
869 various bottom-up emission inventories. The bottom-up inventories rely on emission
870 factors depending on animal husbandry, types of synthetic fertilizer usage and other
871 details of agricultural practices. Only the NH₃ emission inventory of Huang et al. [2012]
872 for China and Paulot et al. [2014] explicitly account for temperature to modify their
873 emission factors; the inventory of Paulot et al. [2014] also uses wind speed to modify the
874 emission factors. The inventories of Paulot et al. [2014] for 2005-2008, Beusen et al.
875 [2008] for 2000, and EDGAR v4.2 for 2005-2008 are global inventories. The EDGAR
876 inventory does not strictly separate the NH₃ emissions into those from manure and

877 synthetic fertilizer so we simply show the overall NH₃ emissions. Over the US we also
878 give an estimate for synthetic fertilizer NH₃ from 1995 [Goebes et al., 2003] and for NH₃
879 emissions from animal agricultural operations [US EPA, 2006]. Over China the global
880 NH₃ emission estimates are supplemented by Huang et al. [2012] for 2006 and Streets et
881 al. [2003] for 2000. Over Europe results using the Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollution
882 Interactions and Synergies [GAINS] model are given [Klimont and Brink, 2004] as
883 reported in Paulot et al. [2014].

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885 Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall NH₃ emissions of 30-35 Tg
886 N yr⁻¹. The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in
887 this study is approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al.
888 [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. The European and Chinese NH₃ emissions estimated
889 here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S. emissions are on the high
890 side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the manure emissions
891 compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are on the low
892 side. The EDGAR emissions are somewhat higher than the other estimates over Europe,
893 although may depend on exactly what is assumed for the European boundary.

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895 In the U.S. the manure NH₃ emissions are close to the estimate of other inventories while
896 the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high. In China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are
897 similar to those of Huang et al. [2012], but underestimate the manure NH₃ emissions of
898 other inventories. Of the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese
899 emissions are highest. Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the

900 Chinese inventories for both synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match
901 those of Huang et al. [2012] the best.

902

903 *3.2.5 Site specific simulated pathways.* The hourly time series of the fate of applied
904 nitrogen from manure and synthetic fertilizer at a single site better illustrates the
905 relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). The
906 large fluctuations in the NH₃ emissions and the resultant implications for atmospheric
907 chemistry also demonstrate the desirability of inventories that respond on hourly
908 timescales to meteorological conditions. The site shown in Fig. 12 is near the Texas
909 panhandle. It experiences several large rain events and surface temperatures ranging from
910 0 to 18 °C over a period of about two months during the spring season. The response of
911 the NH₃ emissions to the diurnal temperature range is clearly evident. The nitrogen losses
912 of manure TAN due to NH₃ volatilization is initially small at the beginning of the
913 examined period, on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than the loss due to
914 nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure pool remain
915 roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show some
916 response to precipitation. Note in particular the diffusive loss reaches a maximum near
917 May 21 presumably due to the increased water content in the soil by the prior rain event.
918 With the rise in temperatures towards the end of the period, the emission loss of manure
919 TAN becomes the dominant loss pathway and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer
920 inspection suggests, however, that the large increase in the NH₃ emissions towards the
921 end of the period cannot solely be attributed to temperature, but must also be attributed to
922 decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil dries. The latter process increases the

923 concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN pool. The TAN manure pool is
924 punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with precipitation and increased runoff
925 (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly during these events but the
926 different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic fertilizer is clearly evident in
927 these figures. The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer TAN pool occurs on a timescale of
928 approximately a week, consistent with the timescale used in the MASAGE_NH3 model
929 [Paulot et al., 2014].

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931 **3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical**

932 Historical nitrogen pathways are accessed since 1850 in a simulation with changing
933 climate and changing application amounts. These simulations do not include changing
934 agricultural practices such as changes in animal housing and storage, changes in animal
935 diet and explicit changes in land use, all of which may substantially alter the nitrogen
936 pathways. Thus the results must be treated with caution.

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938 The nitrogen produced as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21 Tg N yr⁻¹
939 in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (Figure 13). In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N yr⁻¹ of
940 manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al (2011) estimate of 35 Tg N yr⁻¹.
941 Emissions of NH₃ from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1850
942 (14.3% of the manure produced) to 22 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (17.6% of the applied manure).
943 On the other hand the percentage of manure nitrogen that is nitrified decreases from 33 to
944 27% since the preindustrial. Note that the year 2000 emissions in the historical simulation
945 differ slightly from the results of the present day control for which we report the 1995-2004
946 average emissions for the year 2000.

947

948 Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen application has increased dramatically since the 1960s with
949 an estimated 62 Tg N yr^{-1} applied as synthetic fertilizer in 2000. We estimate the
950 volatilization of synthetic fertilizer as NH_3 is 12 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000 (19% of that applied).
951 The percent of synthetic fertilizer nitrogen volatilized to the atmosphere as NH_3 in 1920
952 was 8%. On the other hand, the percentage of synthetic fertilizer that is lost through
953 runoff decreased since the preindustrial by 8%. It is evident that these percentage changes
954 can be explained by the fact the runoff of synthetic fertilizer acts to completely drain the
955 TAN synthetic fertilizer pool in when the application rate is small.

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957 In part the historic emission increases in NH_3 can also be explained by changes in climate.
958 The globally average has warmed by approximately 1° C since the preindustrial. In a
959 sensitivity experiment the temperature was artificially increased by 1° C in the rate
960 equations governing the nitrogen pathways following manure and synthetic fertilizer
961 application. Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a
962 global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH_3 is emitted from the manure and synthetic
963 fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The resulting manure emissions increase by 4%
964 and the fertilizer emissions by 3%.

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968 **3.4 Sensitivity Tests**

969 We have conducted a large number of sensitivity tests to evaluate the effect of changes in
970 individual model parameters on NH₃ emissions. The various parameters may co-vary, of
971 course, with non-linear impacts on the NH₃ emissions; however, we have not attempted
972 to evaluate these effects. The sensitivity tests for manure are given in Table 1, those for
973 synthetic fertilizer in Table 2. The sensitivity tests are labeled with a number denoting the
974 sensitivity parameter perturbed and a letter denoting whether the test is with respect to
975 manure emissions (m) or synthetic fertilizer emissions (f). In each case we give the
976 percent change in NH₃ emissions due to the parameter change and the relative emission
977 change with respect to the relative parameter change (the sensitivity). Rationale for the
978 assumed parameter bounds is given in the supplement.

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980 Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (EX8m/f, EX9m/f) and changes in
981 the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (EX18m, EX19f,
982 EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly change the nitrogen
983 cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part the synthetic
984 fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes. Note also,
985 that except for EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN pools is reduced,
986 the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same for all sensitivity
987 experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH₃ emissions to the imposed parameter
988 changes are within the range of $\pm 20\%$ with many processes within the range of $\pm 10\%$.
989 The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m), the adjustment
990 timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil (EX14, EX15),
991 the assumed depth of the water pool (EX12, EX13) and the maximum nitrification rate

992 (EX16, EX17) all impact NH₃ emissions by less than 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed
993 background NH₃ concentration is also low (EX10, EX11).

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995 The NH₃ emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, EX7m/f). The
996 NH₃ emissions decrease by approximately 60% when the pH is increased from 7 to 8 and
997 increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively) when the pH is
998 decreased from 7 to 6. We also test the sensitivity of the emissions to the spatially
999 explicit pH from ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes, 2005], with a global pH average of 6.55.

1000 The spatially explicit pH changed the manure NH₃ emissions by 23% and the synthetic
1001 fertilizer NH₃ emissions by 14%. Changes in pH also have a large impact on nitrification.
1002 Increased pH reduces NH₄⁺(aq) and thus the rate of conversion of NH₄⁺(aq) to NO₃⁻. The
1003 effect of pH on the rate constant for nitrification is not included in the current
1004 parameterization. Parton et al. (2001) suggests this effect is small, between a pH of 6 and
1005 8, varying only on the order of 15%. Changes in pH also result in marked changes in the
1006 runoff and soil diffusion due to the large changes in emissions and nitrification: low pH's
1007 act to increase the flux of nitrogen through these loss pathways, high pH's act to decrease
1008 them.

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1010 Emissions are also highly sensitive to changes in canopy capture (i.e., the parameter
1011 *f_{capture}*) as shown in EX8m/f, EX9m/f. Decreasing the fraction captured by the canopy
1012 by a factor of 2 increases the emissions by approximately a factor of 3. Changes in this
1013 fraction modify the fixed ratio between the amount of nitrogen captured by the canopy

1014 and that emitted to the atmosphere. Of course, the nitrogen captured in the canopy
1015 impacts the overall soil nitrogen budget, but this impact is not simulated here.

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1017 The NH_3 emissions are somewhat sensitive to the depth of the assumed water pool
1018 (EX12m/f, EX13m/f). Smaller depths (less water) give higher concentrations of all the
1019 constituents within the TAN pool resulting in higher NH_3 emissions (equations 7 and 11)
1020 and larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1). Larger depths (more water) have the opposite
1021 effect. The diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is somewhat sensitive to changes in the
1022 assumed water depth as the coefficient of diffusion is proportional to the water content to
1023 the $10/3$ power (see appendix).

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1025 We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic
1026 fertilizer applications decrease NH_3 emissions due to their strong temperature dependence
1027 and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date
1028 (set to March 15) decreases the NH_3 emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen run off
1029 from the TAN pool by 62% (EX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to the application rate
1030 of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as opposed to the
1031 single day application assumed in the default version (EX20f). This did not have a
1032 significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type in the default
1033 version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer in EX21f.
1034 Whereas urea is converted to NH_3 rather slowly, the conversion of ammonium nitrate is
1035 rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously released into the TAN
1036 pool and result in no changes in pH). However, the emissions are not particularly

1037 sensitive to this change. This is in contrast to differences in volatilization rates of
1038 different synthetic fertilizers given in Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and Raistrick (1990)
1039 show that one of the primary differences between the addition of urea versus ammonium
1040 nitrate as fertilizer is in the effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an effect that we do not
1041 consider in this first study. In particular urea increases the soil pH and thus the NH₃
1042 emissions.

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1044 Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH₃ emissions (EX18f). The
1045 composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the digestibility
1046 of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this uncertainty we
1047 varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model version (50% urine,
1048 25% available, 22.5 % resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less soluble N excreta from
1049 dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation EX18m (41% urine, 21% available, 25%
1050 unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the NH₃ emissions by 21
1051 percent.

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1053 It is important to emphasize that these sensitivity simulations only test the parameter
1054 sensitivity within the imposed model. In particular, the sensitivities to various farming
1055 practices are generally extraneous to the model assumptions with some exceptions. The
1056 sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer or manure input assumptions are tested in simulations
1057 EX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f; sensitivities to the water depth which may crudely
1058 represent some of the impacts of plowing manure or synthetic fertilizer into the soil are

1059 examined in EX12 and EX13; finally modifications to soil pH are tested in EX5, EX6
1060 and EX7.

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1062 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

1063 In this paper we develop a process-oriented model that predicts the climate dependent
1064 reactive nitrogen pathways from synthetic fertilizer and manure application to the surface
1065 of the land. Continued population growth will likely result in an increased application of
1066 synthetic fertilizers with concurrent increases in manure production in the future
1067 [Davidson, 2012]. Climate is an important determinant in the ultimate fate of this applied
1068 nitrogen, important in determining the resulting emissions of NH_3 and other reactive
1069 nitrogen gases, in the runoff of the applied nitrogen, its nitrification and its incorporation
1070 into the soil organic and inorganic pools. The fate of the resultant applied nitrogen may
1071 act toacerbate climate change through the formation of N_2O , or perhaps mitigate climate
1072 change through increased carbon fertilization and the increased formation of aerosols. On
1073 the flip side the impact of a changing climate on agriculture and the resultant pathways
1074 for N_r is likely to be significant.

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1076 Agricultural NH_3 emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and
1077 anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global NH_3 emission
1078 inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by
1079 agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include
1080 temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing
1081 countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included

1082 empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al.,
1083 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the N_r
1084 pathways and in particular the NH_3 emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where
1085 the explicit representation of most agricultural practices is minimized. We find the global
1086 emissions of NH_3 due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other recent
1087 inventories, with 21 Tg N yr⁻¹ emitted from manure nitrogen and 12 Tg N yr⁻¹ emitted
1088 from synthetic fertilizer. Strong regional differences in emissions captured by the bottom
1089 up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to simulate the inter-annual,
1090 seasonal and diurnal changes in NH_3 emissions critical for air pollution applications [e.g.,
1091 see De Meij et al., 2006]. Most previous inventories have included no seasonal
1092 dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal dependence is
1093 empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of nitrogen
1094 emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous
1095 inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of NH_3 emissions and with a
1096 rather minimal representation of the geographic meteorological dependence.

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1098 The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways
1099 from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System
1100 model to estimate the resulting NH_3 emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of
1101 the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled N_r pathways
1102 dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and
1103 fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of NH_3 gas from the TAN
1104 pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the

1105 temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for NH_3
1106 [Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of NH_3 within the TAN pool, determined
1107 by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate
1108 ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil
1109 temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of N_r is determined by the precipitation.
1110 Predictions for direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools and the
1111 incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are
1112 some of the first made by a global process-level model. Measurements of nitrogen runoff
1113 from rivers heavily impacted by anthropogenic nitrogen input compare favorably with
1114 simulated results using the River Transport Model within the CESM [Nevison et al.,
1115 2016].

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1117 Manure is not a new nitrogen source, but contains recycled N_r from soil nitrogen
1118 produced when animals eat plants. Therefore to conserve nitrogen within an earth system
1119 model, the application of manure determines the consumption of plant matter by animals.
1120 Specifically, the model calculates the amount of nitrogen and carbon needed for a given
1121 manure application and subtracts it from the plant leaf pools within the CLM. The
1122 manure production acts to speed up the decay and processing of plant biomass, releasing
1123 different N_r products to the atmosphere than natural decay [Davidson, 2009].

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1125 The climate dependency incorporated into the model suggests that the pathways of
1126 nitrogen added to the land are highly spatially and temporally heterogeneous. An
1127 examination of nitrogen loss pathways at a point over Texas shows the variation of the

1128 nitrogen pathways on a variety of timescales with changes in temperature, precipitation
1129 and soil moisture. Spatially, values for the percentage of manure nitrogen volatilized to
1130 NH_3 in this study show a large range in both developing countries (average of 20%
1131 (maximum: 36 %)) and industrialized countries (average of 12% (maximum: 39 %)). The
1132 model also predicts spatial and temporal variability in the amount of NH_3 volatilized as
1133 manure from agricultural fertilizers ranging from 14% [maximum 40 %] in industrialized
1134 countries to 22 % [maximum 40 %] in developing countries. As a result of temperature
1135 dependency, NH_3 volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India
1136 and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the
1137 EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 %
1138 and 26 % of manure is converted into NH_3 in industrialized and developing countries,
1139 respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application calculated here are
1140 7 % in industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off from
1141 the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools is highest in areas of high N_r application
1142 and high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input
1143 rates we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate
1144 climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of N_r into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools
1145 and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.

1146

1147 Historically we predict emissions of NH_3 from applied manure to have increased from
1148 approximately 3 Tg N yr^{-1} in 1850 to 22 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000 while the volatilization of
1149 fertilizer reaches 12 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000. The NH_3 emissions increase by approximately 4%
1150 for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period

1151 (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application
1152 rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH₃ is emitted from the manure
1153 and synthetic fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The resulting manure emissions
1154 increase by 4% and the fertilizer emissions by 3%. Increases are not evident in the runoff
1155 of nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and leaching from the mineral
1156 nitrogen pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter may be impacted by plant
1157 nitrogen demand such that excess fertilization would act to increase the nitrogen runoff.

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1159 The NH₃ emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global
1160 scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic
1161 fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in
1162 making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology.
1163 The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle
1164 feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH₃ manure
1165 emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives
1166 reasonable NH₃ emission predictions given the limited global information available on
1167 the grazing land of agricultural animals.

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1169 The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate
1170 on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. It is also capable of taking into
1171 account the resulting biogeochemical cycling of nitrogen. Previous estimates of NH₃
1172 emissions have relied on detailed information on animal type, animal housing if any and
1173 the field application of synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997] but

1174 have minimized the representation of meteorological processes. These estimates have
1175 also not allowed for an explicit representation of the biogeochemical nitrogen cycling and
1176 loss pathways. Here we take the opposite tact by taking into account the importance of
1177 meteorological variability in accounting for regional and temporal differences in NH_3
1178 emissions and nitrogen cycling. However, we have greatly simplified agricultural
1179 management practices. The use of simplified farming practices may be acceptable in
1180 many locations as more complex farming methods are rarely employed in the developing
1181 world. The Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests over 75 % of the
1182 global agricultural land uses traditional farming methods. Nevertheless, one of the largest
1183 sources of uncertainty in this study is associated with the simplification of agricultural
1184 practices. This FAN model uses a single date for synthetic fertilizer application, considers
1185 only urea fertilizer, and does not take into account manure storage methods, such as
1186 slurry pools or different types of animal manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure
1187 and synthetic fertilizer application. The truth of course lies somewhere between: both
1188 meteorological variability and a detailed accounting of management practices is
1189 necessary to fully account for nitrogen cycling from agricultural practices and the
1190 resulting NH_3 emissions.

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1192 A number of future model improvements are necessary in the next generation model. (1)
1193 More realistic representation of manure management practices. Globally, somewhat over
1194 40% of manure is excreted in animal houses and stored prior to being spread onto fields.
1195 While there is a wide range of variation in animal housing and storage practices, the
1196 unique set of emission factors entailed in animal housing and storage should be

1197 incorporated in the next model generation. (2) A better representation of nitrogen
1198 transport throughout the soil column and the resulting NH_3 generation. This would allow
1199 a differentiation between NH_3 emissions resulting from grazing, where urine is rapidly
1200 incorporated into the soil column, versus emissions resulting from the spreading of
1201 manure slurry. It would also allow a representation of fertilizer injection or mixing into
1202 the soil column and the transport of nitrogen into the soil column in association with
1203 water transport. (3) Representation of NH_3 emissions from different synthetic fertilizer
1204 formulations. Different types of synthetic fertilizer have rather different emission factors.
1205 As shown by Whitehead and Raistrick [1990] many of these differences can be
1206 represented by the impact of the fertilizer on soil pH. (4) A full biogeochemical coupling
1207 of the FAN process model to the overall biogeochemistry within the CLM. This would
1208 allow the nitrogen introduced through agricultural practices to impact the overall model
1209 biogeochemistry and allow a more thorough investigation of the flows of agricultural
1210 nitrogen. Here the fertilizer nitrogen would be added explicitly to the CLM crop model
1211 where appropriate. (5) A full coupling between the NH_3 emissions represented by the
1212 FAN process model and the atmospheric chemistry model through a PFT-dependent
1213 compensation point approach. In this approach the atmospheric model would directly
1214 provide the nitrogen deposition fields to the land model.

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1216 The increased use of synthetic fertilizer and growing livestock populations has increased
1217 N_r emission to both the atmosphere and oceans to unprecedented levels with a marked
1218 effect on the environment. We have provided a first estimate of globally distributed
1219 temporal changes in nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer inputs in

1220 response to climate. This is relevant to current studies investigating the ecosystem effects
1221 of N_r , and in particular, how adding synthetic fertilizer to farmland affects the ocean, the
1222 atmosphere and impacts climate. The model predicts vastly different nitrogen pathways
1223 depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic
1224 fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the
1225 land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate
1226 dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate
1227 change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization
1228 of NH_3 increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely.
1229 However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain
1230 biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to
1231 change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications
1232 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}	$dN_{NO_3} / dt =$ $F_{NO_3}(m/f) - K_D^{NO_3} \cdot N_{NO_3}$	
Pool of manure/fertilizer water in TAN pool	$N_{water(m)}$	m	$dN_{water(m)}/dt =$ $s_w(m) \times \alpha_{applied(m)}$ $- k_{relax} \times (N_{water(m)} - M_{water})$	

Pool of manure/ fertilizer water in TAN pool	$N_{water}(f)$	m	$\frac{dN_{water}(f)}{dt} =$ $S_w(f) \times \alpha_{applied}(f)$ $-k_{relax} \times (N_{water}(f) - M_{water})$	
Variables from CLM				
Ground Temperature	T_g	$^{\circ}\text{K}$	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}	$K_D^{NH4} = (1/l^2) \cdot (\Theta_w^{10/3} / \varphi^2) \chi_{NH4}^{aq}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
NO_3^- loss rate to soil pool	K_D^{NO3}	s^{-1}	$K_D^{NO3} = (1/l^2) \cdot (\Theta_w^{10/3} / \varphi^2) \chi_{NO3}^{aq}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]

Base vertical diffusion for TAN pool	$\kappa_{NH_4}^{aq}$	$m^2 s^{-1}$	$\kappa_{NH_4}^{aq} = 9.8 \cdot 10^{-10} \cdot 1.03^{(T_g - 273.15)}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
Base vertical diffusion for NO3 pool	$\kappa_{NO_3}^{aq}$	$m^2 s^{-1}$	$\kappa_{NO_3}^{aq} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot 1.03^{(T_g - 273.15)}$	[Génermont and Cellier, 1997]
Water Content	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	$F_{NO_3}(m/f)$	$g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	$F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) \times NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{\Sigma(T_g)} + \frac{1}{\Pi(M)}}$	[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	$f(M)$		$\Pi(M) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{M \cdot \rho_{water}}{h \cdot \rho_{soil}} \right) / m_{crit}}^b$	[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] 241 1242
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}	$\rho_{soil} = 1050.$	

1243 Table 1. Manure Sensitivity Tests

Exper ¹	Parameter ²	Value ³	NH ₃ ⁴	Run ⁵	Soil ⁶	Nitrif. ⁷	Canopy ⁸	ΔNH ₃ 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	H ₂ O Depth	10 cm	16.0	7.7	20.7	37.9	24.1	-18	-.18
EX13m	H ₂ O 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	

1244 ¹Control Experiment ²Parameter changed from default values ³New parameter value ⁴NH₃ emissions (Tg N
1245 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)
1246 ⁹Percent change in NH₃ emissions due to parameter change (%) ¹⁰Percent change in NH₃ emissions

1247 per % change in parameter value ¹¹Control simulation ¹²Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,
 1248 2005]¹³Change in manure composition to urine 41%, available 21%, unavailable 25%, and resistant 13%

1249 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	

1250 ¹Control Experiment ²Parameter changed from default values ³New parameter value ⁴NH₃ emissions (Tg N
1251 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)
1252 ⁹Percent change in NH₃ emissions due to parameter change (%) ¹⁰Percent change in NH₃ emissions
1253 per % change in parameter value ¹¹Control simulation ¹²Soil pH from the ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes,
1254 2005]. ¹³Change in fertilizer date to Mar 20 (NH) and Sept 20 (SH) ¹⁴Apply fertilizer over 20 days
1255 ¹⁵Assume fast release ammonium nitrate decay of fertilizer

1256 Figure Captions.

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1258 Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the
1259 CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and and
1260 plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool
1261 while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate
1262 determined by their C: N ratio ($N_{available}$, $N_{resistant}$, $N_{unavailable}$). Manure nitrogen that does
1263 not mineralize ($N_{unavailable}$) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as
1264 synthetic fertilizer is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool where it decomposes into the TAN pool.
1265 Losses from the TAN pool include ammonia (NH₃) emission (into CAM-chem), nitrogen
1266 run-off (into the RTM), above ground nitrate (NO_3^-) formation and diffusion to the soil
1267 nitrogen pools.

1268 Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1269 emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color
1270 measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

1271 Figure 3. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1272 emissions from fertilizer (see supplementary Table 2). Symbol color gives the latitude at
1273 which the measurement was made; symbol shape gives the study and type of fertilizer
1274 application.

1275 Figure 4. Simulated NH₃ emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the
1276 present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as a) an annual
1277 average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and
1278 f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer
1279 application, b).

1280 Figure 5. As in Figure 4 but for manure application.

1281 Figure 6. Simulated runoff of N_r from fertilizer and manure TAN pools for the present-
1282 day (1995-2004) control simulation. Simulated runoff (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as an annual
1283 average for a) fertilizer, c) manure. Simulated as a) percent of annual fertilizer
1284 application, d) percent of annual manure application.

1285 Figure 7. As in Figure 6, but for simulated nitrification.

1286 Figure 8. As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

1287 Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are
1288 split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

1289 Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are
1290 split between developed countries and developing countries.

1291 Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and synthetic fertilizer (blue) ammonia
1292 emissions or combined manure and synthetic fertilizer emissions (green) (Tg N yr^{-1}) a)
1293 globally, b) China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies.
1294 See text for details.

1295 Figure 12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W , near the Texas
1296 panhandle. Panels show a) the temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and precipitation (mm s^{-1}) used to force
1297 the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m^{-2}), and the four
1298 major loss pathways from the TAN pools (NH_3 emissions, red; runoff, orange;
1299 nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) from c) the manure TAN pool
1300 d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

1301 Figure 13. Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in Tg N yr^{-1}
1302 for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of
1303 applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses
1304 from the TAN pool are divided into emission losses of ammonia to the atmosphere
1305 (golden diamond), runoff (green diamond) and loss to the soil. Loss to the soil is divided
1306 into that due to canopy loss (asterisk), direct diffusive loss (cross) and nitrification (plus)
1307 (see section 3.2.3).

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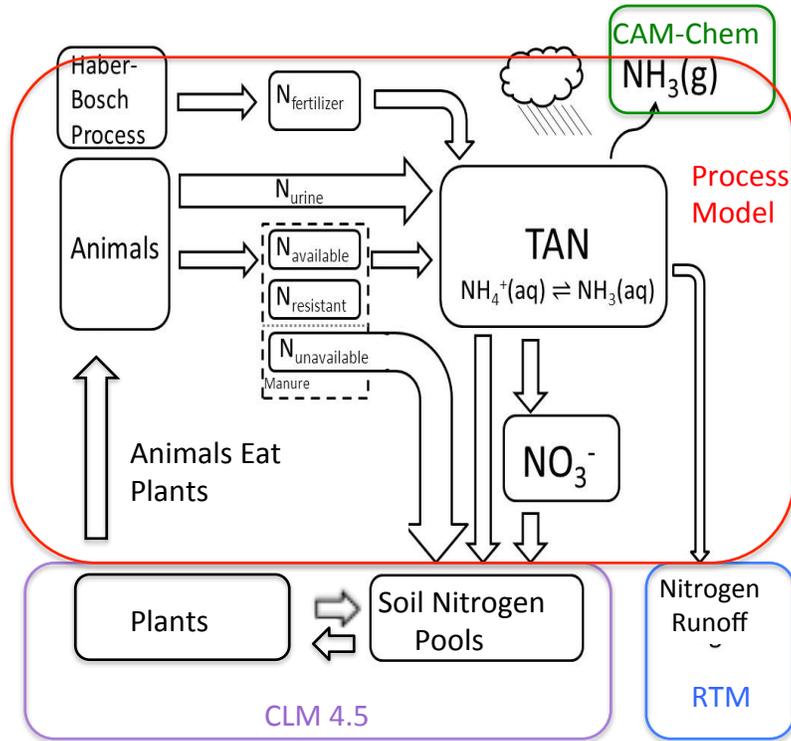


Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate determined by their C: N ratio ($N_{\text{available}}$, $N_{\text{resistant}}$, $N_{\text{unavailable}}$). Manure nitrogen that does not mineralize ($N_{\text{unavailable}}$) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as synthetic fertilizer is added to the $N_{\text{fertilizer}}$ 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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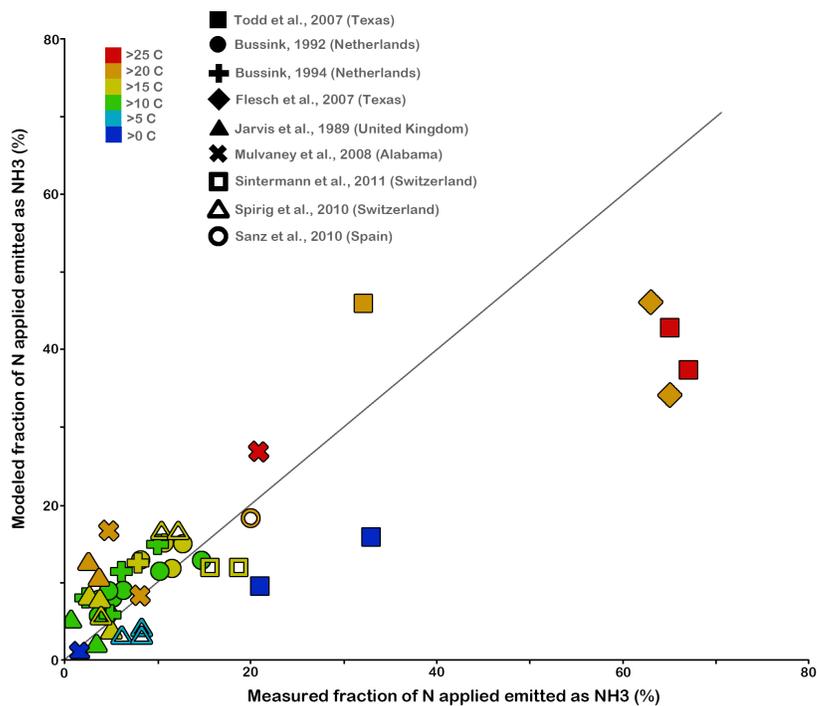


Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃ emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

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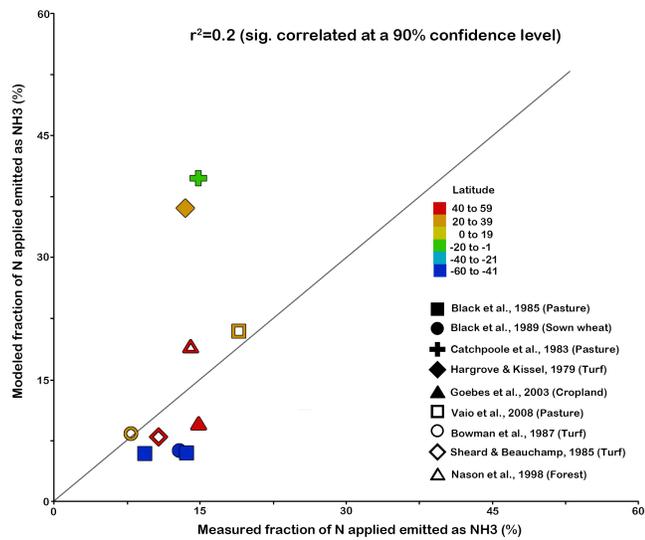


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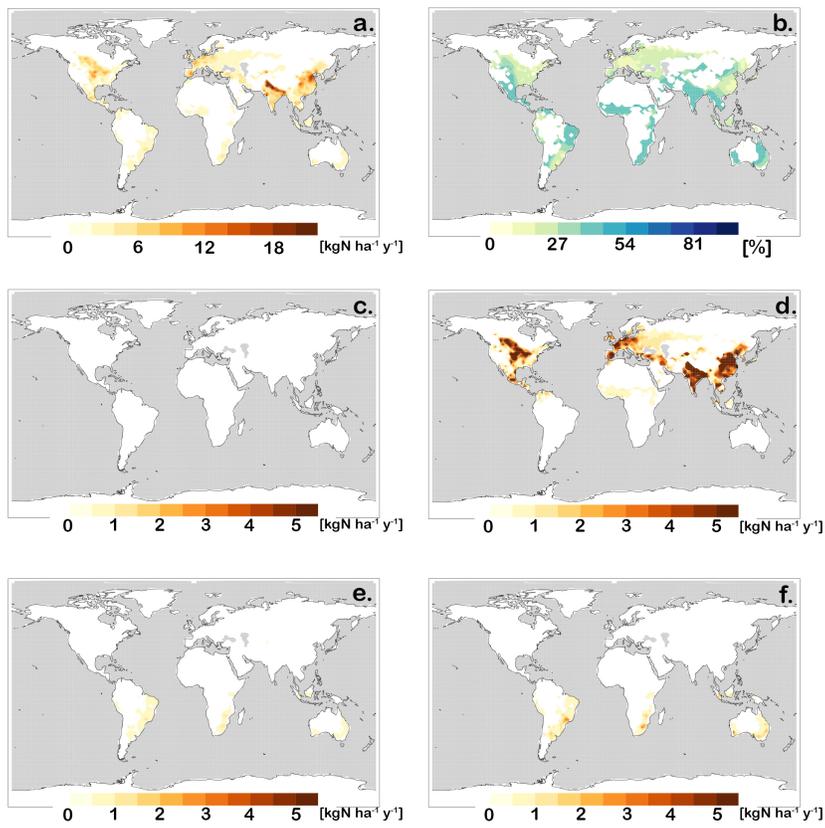


Figure 4. Simulated NH₃ emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as a) an annual average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as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

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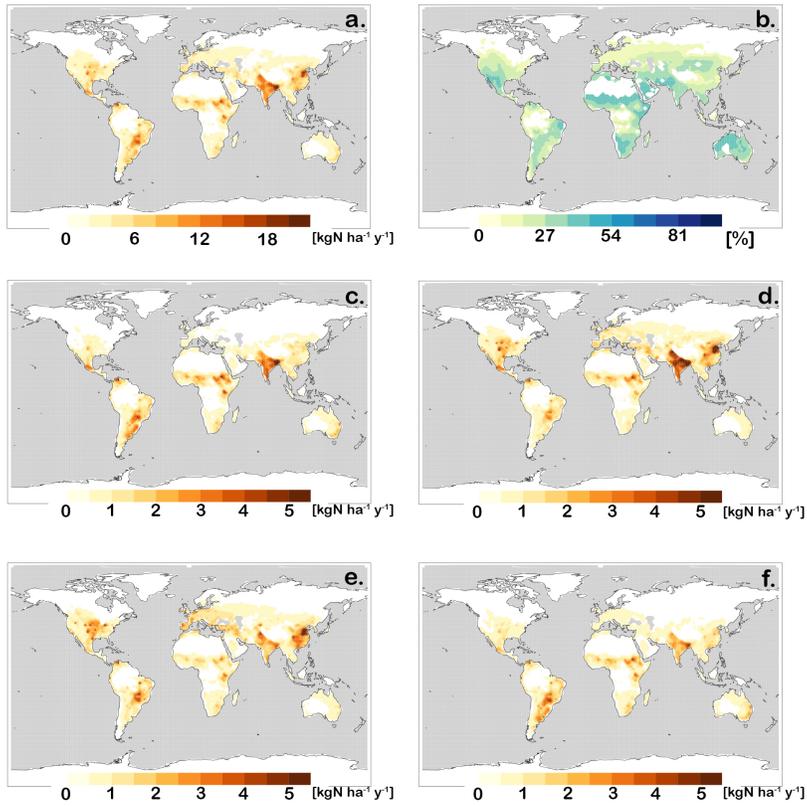


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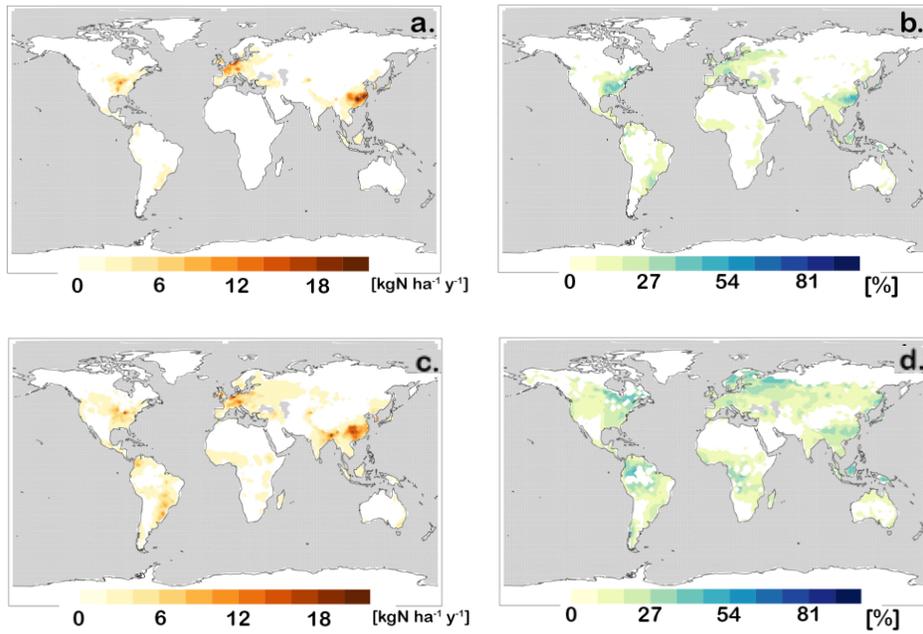


Figure 6. Simulated runoff of N_i from fertilizer and manure TAN pools for the present-day (1995-2004) control simulation. Simulated runoff (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as an annual average for a) fertilizer, c) manure. Simulated as a) percent of annual fertilizer application, d) percent of annual manure application.

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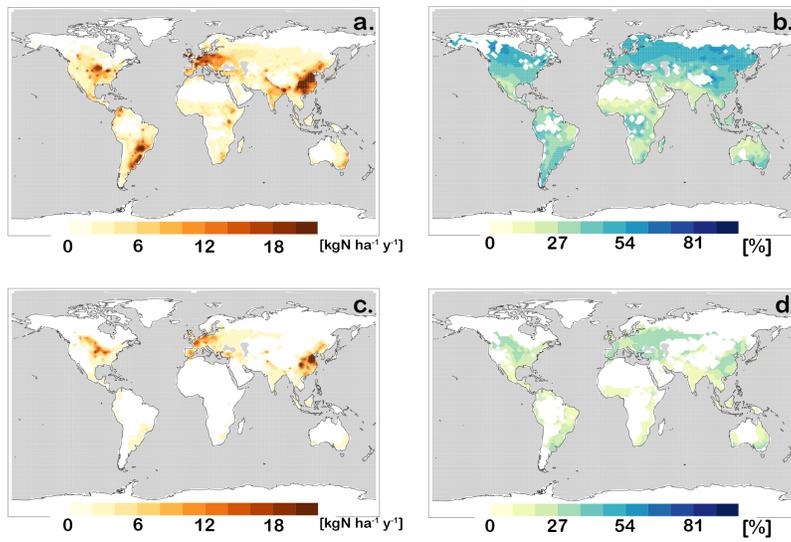


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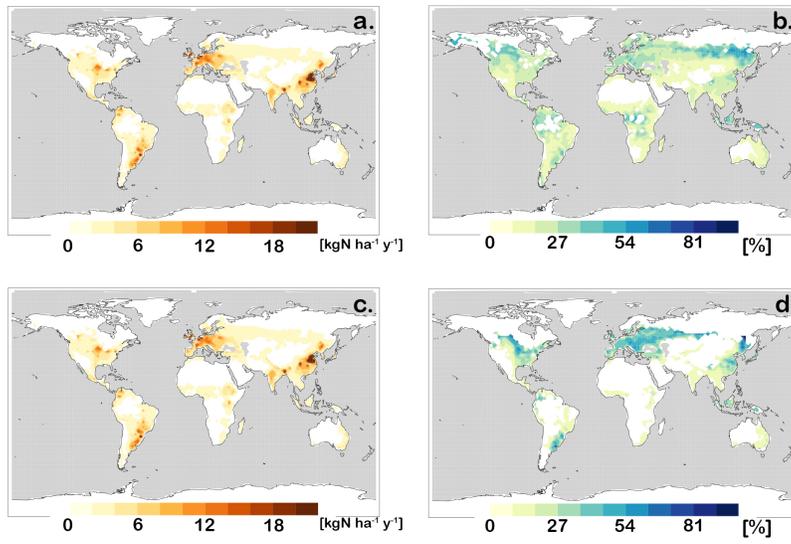


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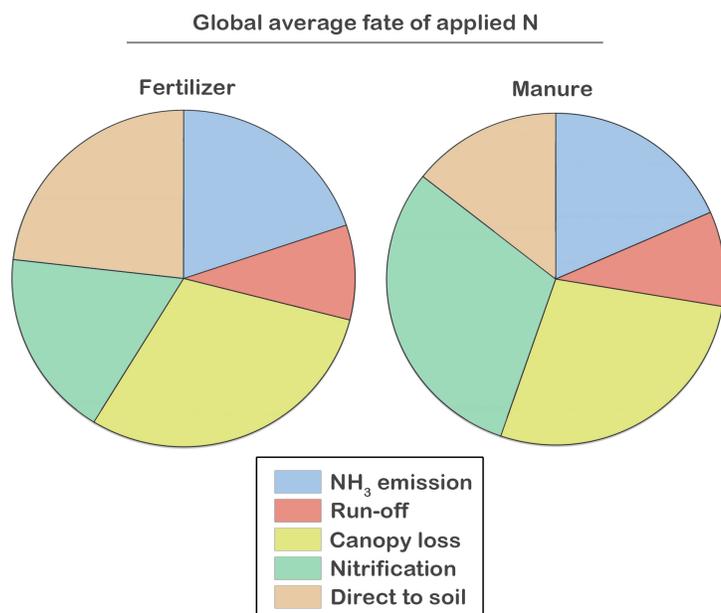


Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN N_r applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

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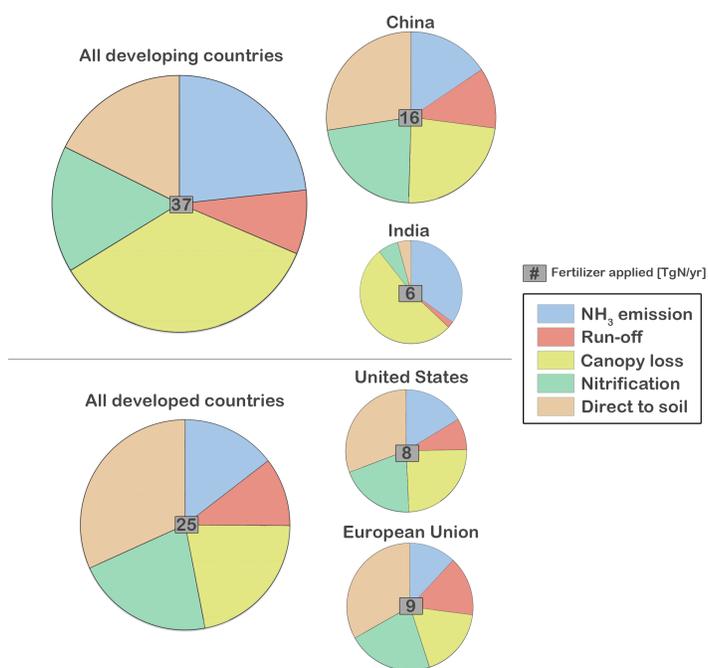


Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are split between developed countries and developing countries.

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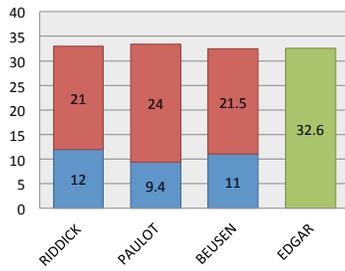
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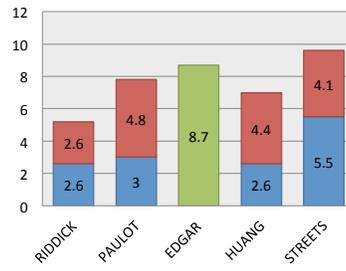
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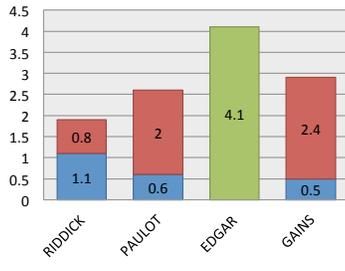
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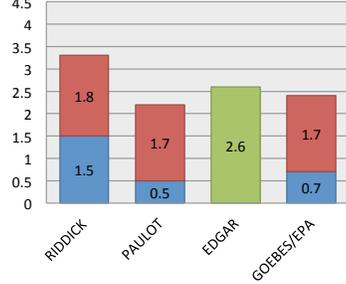


Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and synthetic fertilizer (blue) ammonia emissions or combined manure and synthetic fertilizer emissions (green) (Tg N yr⁻¹) a) globally, b) China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies. See text for details.

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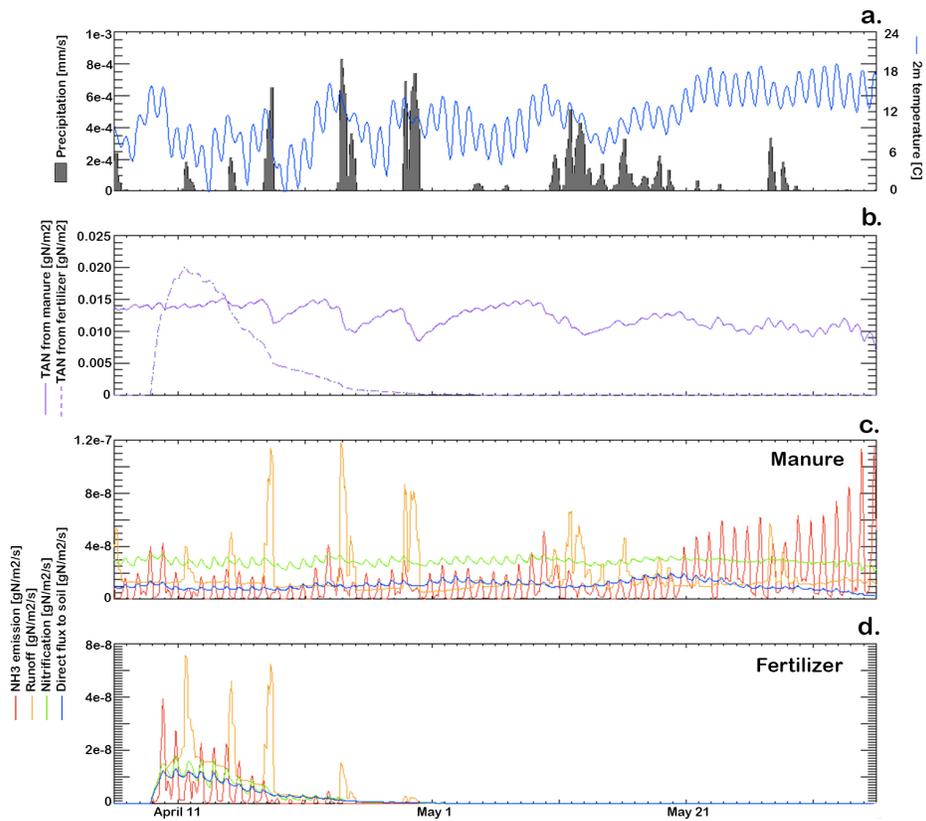


Figure 12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W, near the Texas panhandle . Panels show a) the temperature (°C) and precipitation (mm s⁻¹) used to force the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m⁻²), and the four major loss pathways from the TAN pools (NH₃ emissions, red; runoff, orange; nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) (g N m² s⁻¹) from c) the manure TAN pool d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

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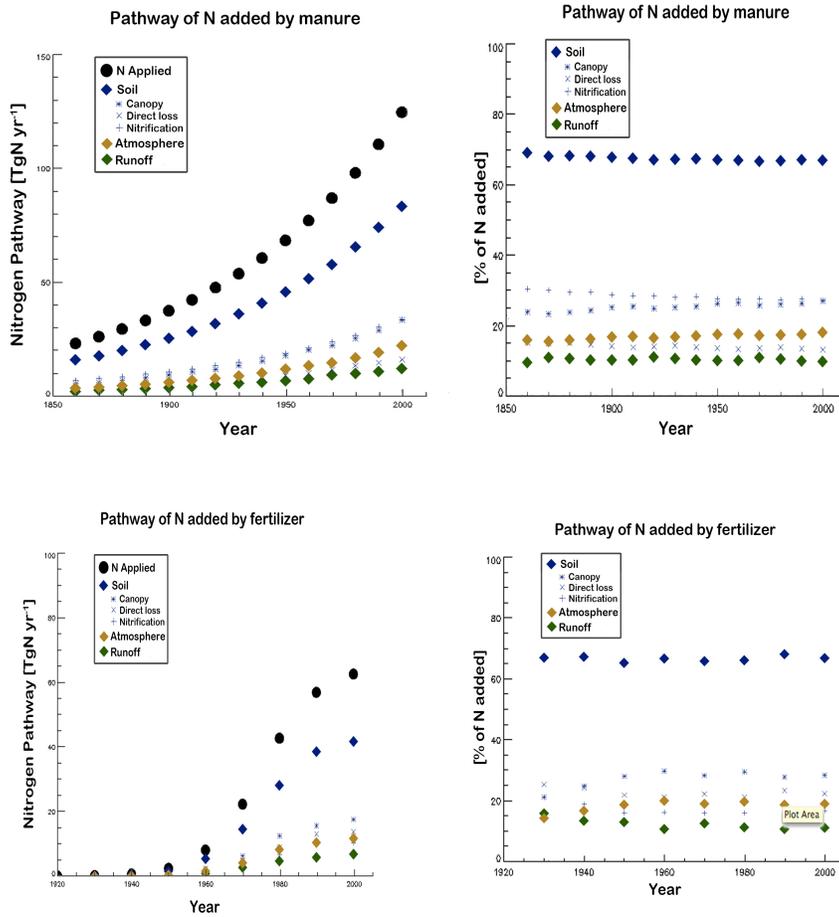


Figure 13. Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in Tg N yr⁻¹ for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses from the TAN pool are divided into 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).

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