

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

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

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

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46 **1. Introduction**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

150 examples include Pinder et al. [2004], who describes a process model of NH_3 emissions
151 from a dairy farm, while Li et al. [2013] describes a farm-scale process model of the
152 decomposition and emission of NH_3 from manure.

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154 The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of
155 simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of
156 the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the
157 climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate
158 change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System
159 Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen
160 cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the
161 process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section
162 3 analyzes this model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level
163 measurements of NH_3 fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen
164 pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes;
165 model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the
166 sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

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168 **2. Methods**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

288 et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The carbon model
289 includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton et al. [2007,
290 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon cycle, as well
291 as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et al., 2013;
292 Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition (NO_y and NH_x
293 from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been evaluated
294 [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to observations
295 [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and evaluated by
296 many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008; Randerson et al.,
297 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale. The CLM4.5
298 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better simulate: (1) water
299 and momentum fluxes at the Earth's surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen dynamics within
300 soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

455

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

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

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

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

473

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

493

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

498

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

501

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

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

503

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

541 *2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere.* The flux of NH₃ (F_{NH_3} , g m⁻² s⁻¹) to the
542 atmosphere is calculated from difference between the NH₃ concentration at the surface
543 ($NH_3(g)$, g m⁻³) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH₃ concentration ($NH_3(a)$, g
544 m⁻³) divided by the aerodynamic (R_a) and boundary layer (R_b) resistances (Equation 8)
545 [Nemitz et al., 2000; Loubet et al., 2009, Sutton et al., 2013].

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

547

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

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

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564 A large fraction of the NH₃ emitted to the atmosphere is assumed captured by vegetation.
565 The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:

$$566 F_{NH_3_{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{capture}) \times F_{NH_3}(m/f) \quad (9)$$

567 where $f_{capture}$ is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted ammonia
568 by plants. Plant recapture of emitted ammonia is non-negligible. This is often reported to
569 be as high as 75 % (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead
570 et al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand,
571 soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found ammonia recapture to be 0%
572 on rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation 73%. We chose a value of
573 60% as it was in-line with the findings of Wilson et al. (2004) and is mid-way between
574 the value for soil (when the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et
575 al (1997) also used canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction
576 ranging from 0.8 in tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other
577 vegetation types including grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. (1997) omitted canopy
578 capture over arable lands and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of NH₃
579 onto the canopy (or even the soil surface) is poorly constrained (e.g., see Erisman and
580 Draaijers, 1995) and often ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not

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

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



598 Combining these two expressions $NH_3(g)$ can be expressed as a function of the total
 599 TAN (e.g., Pinder et al. [2004], although note their different units for K_H and K_{NH_4})

$$NH_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH_4}} \quad 600 \quad (11)$$

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602

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

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

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

626

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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662 **2.3 Model spin up and forcing**

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

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

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675 *2.3.2 Historical simulation.* The historical simulation uses transient forcing conditions
676 (accounting for changes in atmospheric CO₂, nitrogen deposition, aerosol deposition and
677 land use change forcings) and the Qian et al. [2006] atmospheric forcing dataset. Quality
678 meteorological 6-hourly meteorological datasets for the period prior to 1948 do not exist.
679 Therefore from 1850 to 1973 the CLM4.5 is driven by recycled meteorological data,
680 using meteorological data from the 1948-1973 time period. During this time there is little
681 increase in temperature: the statistically significant changes in temperature (outside of
682 natural variability) occur after 1973. After 1973 the meteorological data is not recycled
683 but is valid for the year applied.

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

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

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694 **3. Results**

695 **3.1 Model evaluation**

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

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

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

715

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

725

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

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736 3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH_3 from synthetic fertilizer. The comparison between
737 measured and modeled annual average P_v from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of
738 land use types appears weak with an R^2 of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence
739 level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements
740 tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear
741 to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher
742 and lower than measured values of P_v for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops.
743 The fact that the R^2 for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the R^2 of the
744 manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the
745 model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

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

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

761

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

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

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772 *3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses.* There are strong geographical differences in the loss
773 pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance
774 of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH₃,
775 runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on
776 temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage
777 volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH₃ volatilization of
778 applied manure N_r approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South
779 America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from
780 India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH₃ from applied synthetic
781 fertilizer and from applied manure approach 20 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ over hot regions with high

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

861

862 The percentages change appreciably when examined over subsets of countries (Figure
863 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of emissions of manure
864 and synthetic fertilizer TAN as NH_3 [13%] is substantially smaller than for developing
865 countries [21%]. These differences can be largely explained by the fact that developing
866 countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed countries. Bouwman
867 [2002] took these differences into account when developing emission factors for
868 developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated NH_3 emission
869 factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized countries,
870 respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively. The US and the
871 European Union have N_r emission percentages of 16% and 9%, respectively and runoff
872 percentages from the TAN pools of 9% and 14%, respectively, within a factor of two
873 although nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of Europe. However,

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

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

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898 Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall NH_3 emissions of 30-35 Tg
899 N yr^{-1} . The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in
900 this study is approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al.
901 [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. The apportionment of manure to synthetic fertilizer
902 emissions in the EDGAR inventory (approximately in the ratio 1:3, respectively) is not
903 consistent with the other three inventories presented. The European and Chinese NH_3
904 emissions estimated here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S.
905 emissions are on the high side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the
906 manure emissions compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer
907 emissions fall between the Paulot et al. (2014) and GAINS emission inventories and that
908 of EDGAR. In the U.S. the manure NH_3 emissions are close to the estimate of all the
909 inventories except that of EDGAR while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high
910 compared to all inventories, although the synthetic fertilizer emissions are close to that of
911 EDGAR. In China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are similar to those of Huang et al.
912 [2012], but underestimate the manure NH_3 emissions of all the other inventories except
913 EDGAR. Of the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese emissions are
914 highest. Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the Chinese inventories
915 for both synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match those of Huang et al.
916 [2012] the best.

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

920 relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). This
921 site shown near the Texas panhandle experiences several large rain events and surface
922 temperatures ranging from 0 to 18 degrees Celsius over a period of about two months
923 during the spring season. The response of the NH_3 emissions to the diurnal temperature
924 range is clearly evident. The nitrogen losses of manure TAN due to NH_3 volatilization is
925 initially small, on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than the loss due to
926 nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure pool remain
927 roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show some
928 response to precipitation, particularly the diffusion which reaches a maximum near May
929 21 presumably due to the increased water content in the soil by the prior rain event. With
930 the rise in temperatures towards the end of the period, the emission loss of manure TAN
931 becomes the dominant loss pathway and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer
932 inspection suggests, however, that the large increase in the NH_3 emissions towards the
933 end of the period cannot solely be attributed to temperature, but must also be attributed to
934 decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil dries. The latter process increases the
935 concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN pool. The TAN manure pool is
936 punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with precipitation and increased runoff
937 (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly during these events but the
938 different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic fertilizer is clearly evident in
939 these plots. The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer TAN pool occurs on a timescale of
940 approximately a week, consistent with the timescale used in the MASAGE_NH3 model
941 (Paulot et al., 2014).
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943 **3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical**

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

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950 The nitrogen produced as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21 Tg N yr⁻¹
951 in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (Figure 13). In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N yr⁻¹ of
952 manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al (2011) estimate of 35 Tg N yr⁻¹.
953 Emissions of NH₃ from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1850
954 (14.3% of the manure produced) to 22 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 (17.6% of the applied manure).
955 On the other hand the percentage of manure nitrogen that is nitrified decreases from 33 to
956 27% since the preindustrial.

957

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

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

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

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976 **3.4 Sensitivity Tests**

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

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

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990 Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (EX8m/f, EX9m/f) and changes in
991 the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (EX18m, EX19f,
992 EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly change the nitrogen
993 cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part the synthetic
994 fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes. Note also,
995 that except for EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN pools is reduced,
996 the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same for all sensitivity
997 experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH₃ emissions to the imposed parameter
998 changes are within the range of $\pm 20\%$ with many processes within the range of $\pm 10\%$.
999 The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m), the adjustment
1000 timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil (EX14, EX15),
1001 the assumed depth of the water pool (EX12, EX13) and the maximum nitrification rate
1002 (EX16, EX17) all impact NH₃ emissions by less than 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed
1003 background NH₃ concentration is also low (EX10, EX11). The high NH₃ concentration in
1004 equilibrium with the TAN pool renders the emissions rather insensitive to the background
1005 concentration.

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1007 The NH₃ emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, EX7m/f). The
1008 ammonia emissions decrease by approximately 60% when the pH is increased from 7 to 8
1009 and increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively) when the pH

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

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

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

1033 larger NH_3 emissions (equations 7 and 11) and larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1).
1034 Larger depths have the opposite effect. The diffusion of nitrogen into the soil is
1035 somewhat sensitive to changes in the assumed water depth as the coefficient of diffusion
1036 is proportional to the water content to the $10/3$ power (see appendix). Increased diffusion
1037 at higher depths likely reflects changes in the water content of the soil with depth.

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1039 We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic
1040 fertilizer applications decrease NH_3 emissions due to their strong temperature dependence
1041 and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date
1042 (set to March 15) decreases the NH_3 emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen run off
1043 from the TAN pool by 62% (EX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to the application rate
1044 of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as opposed to the
1045 single day application assumed in the default version (EX20f). This did not have a
1046 significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type in the default
1047 version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer in EX21f.
1048 Whereas urea is converted to NH_3 rather slowly, the conversion of ammonium nitrate is
1049 rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously released into the TAN
1050 pool). However, the emissions are not particularly sensitive to this change. This is in
1051 contrast to differences in volatilization rates of different synthetic fertilizers given in
1052 Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and Raistrick (1990) show that one of the primary
1053 differences between the addition of urea versus ammonia nitrate as fertilizer is in the
1054 effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an effect that we do not consider in this first study.
1055 In particular urea increases the soil pH and thus the ammonia emissions.

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1057 Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH₃ emissions (EX18f). The
1058 composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the digestibility
1059 of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this uncertainty we
1060 varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model version (50% urine,
1061 25% available, 22.5 % resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less soluble N excreta from
1062 dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation EX18m (41% urine, 21% available, 25%
1063 unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the NH₃ emissions by 21
1064 percent demonstrating an important sensitivity to the composition of manure and urine.

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

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1075 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

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

1079 synthetic fertilizers with concurrent increases in manure production in the future
1080 (Davidson, 2012). Climate is an important determinant in the ultimate fate of this applied
1081 nitrogen, important in determining the resulting emissions of NH_3 and other reactive
1082 nitrogen gases, in the runoff of the applied nitrogen, its nitrification and its incorporation
1083 into the soil organic and inorganic pools. The fate of the resultant applied nitrogen may
1084 act toacerbate climate change through the formation of N_2O , or perhaps mitigate climate
1085 change through increased carbon fertilization and the increased formation of aerosols. On
1086 the flip side the impact of a changing climate on agriculture and the resultant pathways
1087 for N_r is likely to be significant.

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1089 Agricultural NH_3 emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and
1090 anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global NH_3 emission
1091 inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by
1092 agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include
1093 temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing
1094 countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included
1095 empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al.,
1096 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the N_r
1097 pathways and in particular the NH_3 emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where
1098 the explicit representation of most agricultural practices are minimized. We find the
1099 global emissions of NH_3 due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other
1100 recent inventories, with 21 Tg N yr^{-1} emitted from manure nitrogen and 12 Tg N yr^{-1}
1101 emitted from fertilizer nitrogen. Strong regional differences in emissions captured by the

1102 bottom up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to simulate the inter-
1103 annual, seasonal and diurnal changes in NH_3 emissions critical for air pollution
1104 applications (De Meij et al., 2006). Most previous inventories have included no seasonal
1105 dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal dependence is
1106 empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of nitrogen
1107 emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous
1108 inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of NH_3 emissions and with a
1109 rather minimal representation of the geographic dependence.

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1111 The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways
1112 from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System
1113 model to estimate the resulting NH_3 emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of
1114 the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled N_r pathways
1115 dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and
1116 fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of NH_3 gas from the TAN
1117 pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the
1118 temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for NH_3
1119 [Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of NH_3 within the TAN pool, determined
1120 by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate
1121 ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil
1122 temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of N_r is determined by the precipitation.
1123 Predictions for direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools and the
1124 incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are

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

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

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

1148 dependency, NH_3 volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India
1149 and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the
1150 EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 %
1151 and 26 % of manure is converted into NH_3 in industrialized and developing countries,
1152 respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application are 7 % in
1153 industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off from the
1154 manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools is highest in areas of high N_r application and
1155 high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input rates
1156 we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate
1157 climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of N_r into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools
1158 and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.

1159

1160 Historically we predict emissions of NH_3 from applied manure to have increased from
1161 approximately 3 Tg N yr^{-1} in 1850 to 22 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000 while the volatilization of
1162 fertilizer reaches 12 Tg N yr^{-1} in 2000. The NH_3 emissions increase by approximately 4%
1163 for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period
1164 (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). However similar increases are not evident in the runoff of
1165 nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and leaching from the mineral nitrogen
1166 pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter may be impacted by plant nitrogen
1167 demand such that excess fertilization would act to increase the nitrogen runoff.

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1169 The NH_3 emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global
1170 scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic

1171 fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in
1172 making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology.
1173 The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle
1174 feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH₃ manure
1175 emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives
1176 reasonable NH₃ emission predictions given the limited global information available on
1177 the grazing land of agricultural animals.

1178

1179 The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate
1180 on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. However, given the nature of global
1181 modeling described here and simplifying modeling assumptions there are numerous
1182 sources of error associated with our model predictions. Parameter sensitivity studies show
1183 the largest sensitivity to the assumed pH, consistent with other studies [e.g., Fletcher et
1184 al., 2013], and to the canopy deposition. The actual pH likely depends on a complex
1185 interaction of soil types, and agricultural and animal husbandry practices. Canopy
1186 capture depends on bidirectional exchange models that involve resistances between the
1187 plant canopy, the ground and ground emissions [see, e.g., Massad et al., 2010]. In the
1188 future these processes will be simulated when the CLM is coupled with a chemistry
1189 model, although the conservation of nitrogen in a biogeochemical context may present
1190 peculiar challenges. More accurate specification of the NH₃ emissions can be made
1191 within an Earth System model by better accounting of synthetic fertilizer and manure
1192 application within specific PFTs or explicit incorporation into an agricultural model.

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1194 The approach taken here has been rather different from an approach using emission
1195 factors to model NH_3 emissions. Perhaps, then, the greatest source of uncertainty in this
1196 study is associated with simplifying farming methods. This model uses a single date for
1197 synthetic fertilizer application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into
1198 account manure storage methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal
1199 manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. The
1200 use of simplified farming practices may be acceptable in many locations as more
1201 complex farming methods are rarely employed in the developing world. The Food and
1202 Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests over 75 % of the global agricultural land
1203 uses traditional farming methods. Still, adapting a hybrid approach as outlined in Sutton
1204 et al. [2013] using both emission factors governing animal stockyards and the approach
1205 outlined here for manure applied to fields may be the most reasonable. The depth of
1206 synthetic fertilizer and manure mixing and a more exact representation of soil water
1207 through the vertical discretization of the soil nitrogen pools would also help account for
1208 additional agricultural practices.

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

1217 depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic
1218 fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the
1219 land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate
1220 dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate
1221 change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization
1222 of NH_3 increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely.
1223 However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain
1224 biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to
1225 change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications
1226 of this model will investigate the tight coupling between nitrogen, agriculture and climate.

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Description	Symbol	Unit	Value Used or Equation	Reference
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	°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	$F_{NO_3}(m/f)$	$g\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	$F_{NO_3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) \cdot x_{NH_3}(g)(m/f) K_H [H^+] / K_{NH_4}}{\frac{1}{\Sigma(T_g)} + \frac{1}{\Pi(M)}}$	[Stange and Neue, 2009, Parton et al., 2001]

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

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

Fertilizer Decomposition	k_f	s^{-1}	$k_f = 4.83 \times 10^{-6}$	[Agehara and Warncke, 2005]
Water:N ratio in applied manure	$s_w(m)$	$m^3 g^{-1}$	$s_w(m) = 5.67 \times 10^{-4}$	[Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]
Relaxation rate of TAN water pool to soil water pool	k_{relax}	s^{-1}	$k_{relax} = (3 \times 86400)^{-1}$	
Empirical factors for K_a , K_r	k_{a1}, k_{a2}	s^{-1}	$k_{a1} = 8.94 \times 10^{-7} s^{-1}$, $k_{a2} = 6.38 \times 10^{-8} s^{-1}$	[Gilmour et al., 2003]
Empirical factors for T_r	t_{r1}, t_{r2}	$^{\circ}K^{-1}$	$t_{r1} = 0.0106$, $t_{r2} = 0.12979$ $^{\circ}K^{-1}$	[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] 1235 1236
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}	$\rho_{soil} = 1050.$	

1237 Table 1. Manure Sensitivity Tests

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

1238 ¹Control Experiment ²Parameter changed from default values ³New parameter value ⁴NH₃ emissions (Tg N
1239 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)
1240 ⁹Percent change in NH₃ emissions due to parameter change (%) ¹⁰Percent change in NH₃ emissions

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

1243 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	

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) ⁸ Canopy 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 fertilizer date to Mar 20 (NH) and Sept 20 (SH) ¹⁴Apply fertilizer over 20 days
1249 ¹⁵Assume fast release ammonium nitrate decay of fertilizer

1250 Figure Captions.

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1252 Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the
1253 CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and and
1254 plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool
1255 while fecal matter is split into three parts that decompose into the TAN pool at a rate
1256 determined by their C: N ratio ($N_{available}$, $N_{resistant}$, $N_{unavailable}$). Manure nitrogen that does
1257 not mineralize ($N_{unavailable}$) is added to the soil organic nitrogen pool. Nitrogen applied as
1258 synthetic fertilizer is added to the $N_{fertilizer}$ pool where it decomposes into the TAN pool.
1259 Losses from the TAN pool include ammonia (NH₃) emission (into CAM-chem), nitrogen
1260 run-off (into the RTM), above ground nitrate (NO_3^-) formation and diffusion to the soil
1261 nitrogen pools.

1262 Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1263 emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color
1264 measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

1265 Figure 3. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃
1266 emissions from fertilizer (see supplementary Table 2). Symbol color gives the latitude at
1267 which the measurement was made; symbol shape gives the study and type of fertilizer
1268 application.

1269 Figure 4. Simulated NH₃ emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the
1270 present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions (kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) as a) an annual
1271 average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and
1272 f) Oct-Nov-Dec average. Simulated emissions as a percent of annual fertilizer
1273 application, b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1289 Figure 12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W , near the Texas
1290 panhandle. Panels show a) the temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and precipitation (mm s^{-1}) used to force
1291 the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m^{-2}), and the four
1292 major loss pathways from the TAN pools (NH_3 emissions, red; runoff, orange;
1293 nitrification, green; diffusion to the soil, blue) ($\text{g N m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) from c) the manure TAN pool
1294 d) the fertilizer TAN pool.

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

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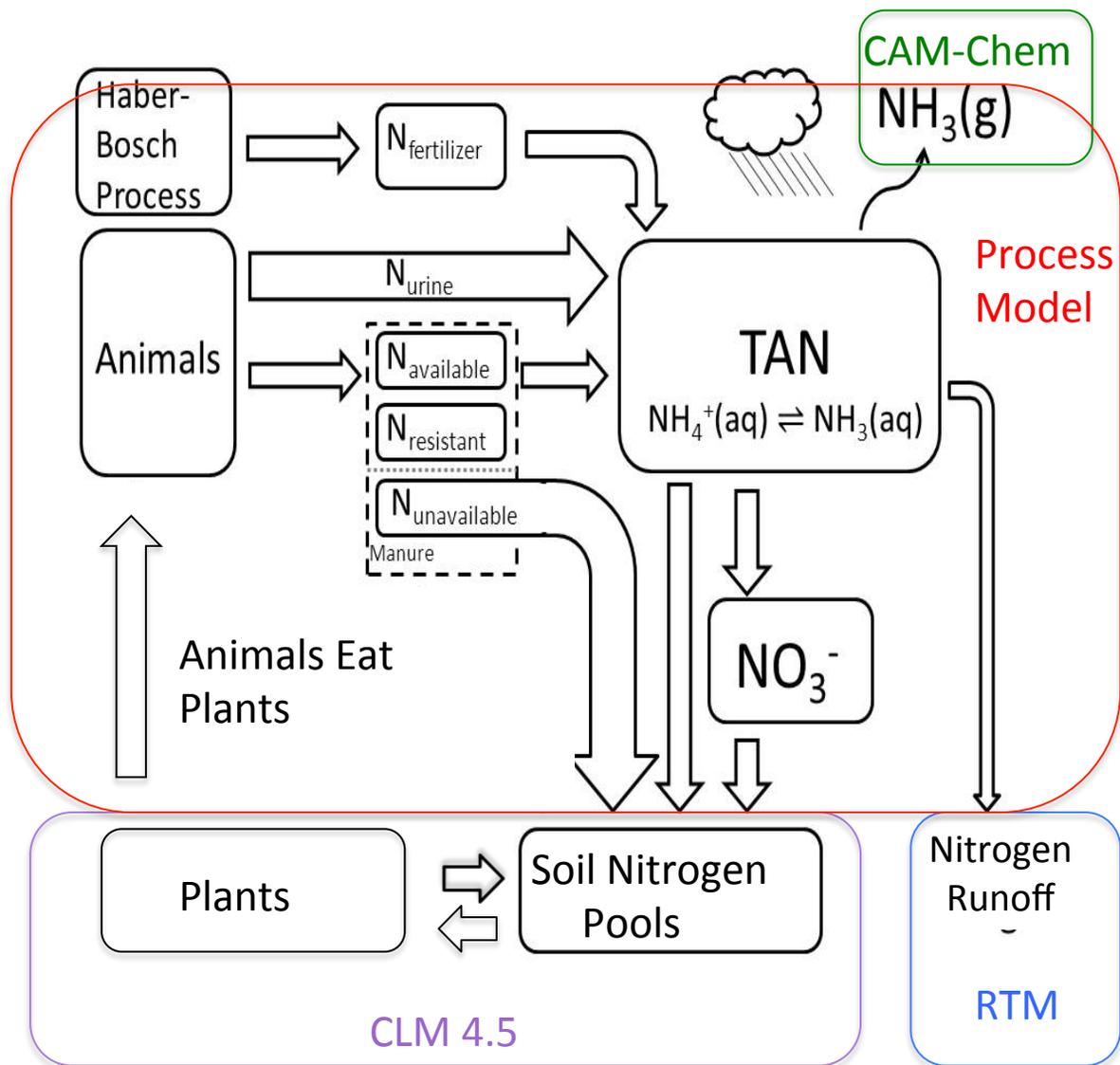


Figure 1. Schematic of the addition of manure and fertilizer (Process Model) to the CESM nitrogen cycle. Some minor pathways are not shown. Soil nitrogen pools and plant nitrogen exist in CLM4.5. Urine nitrogen (N_{urine}) is directly input to the TAN pool while fecal matter is split into three parts 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.

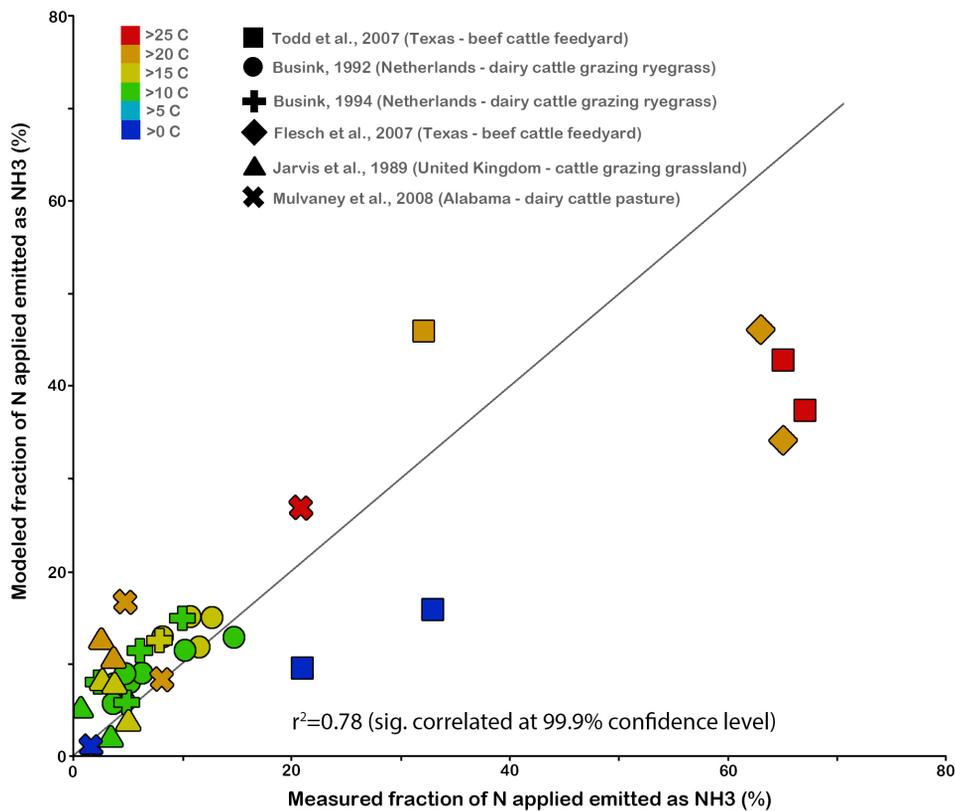


Figure 2. Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃ emissions from manure for a range of studies (see supplementary Table 1). Symbol color measures temperature at which emissions were made; shape gives the study.

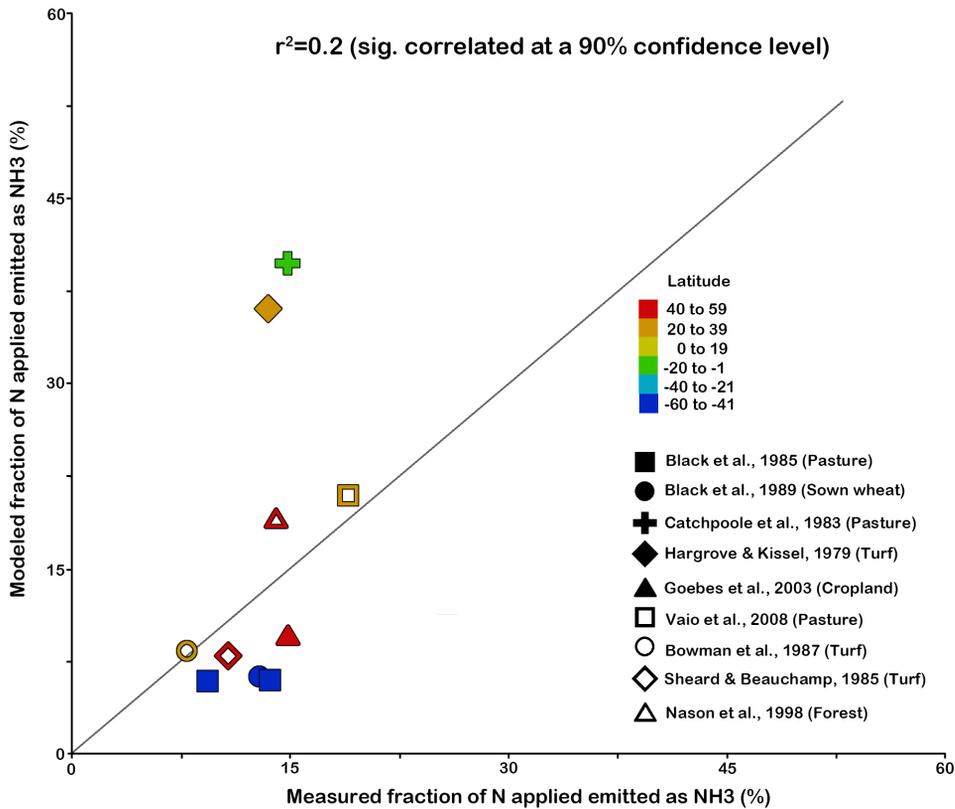


Figure 3 Comparison of model to measurements for percentage of nitrogen lost as NH₃ emissions from fertilizer (see supplementary Table 2). Symbol color gives the latitude at which measurement were made; symbol shape gives the study and type of fertilizer application.

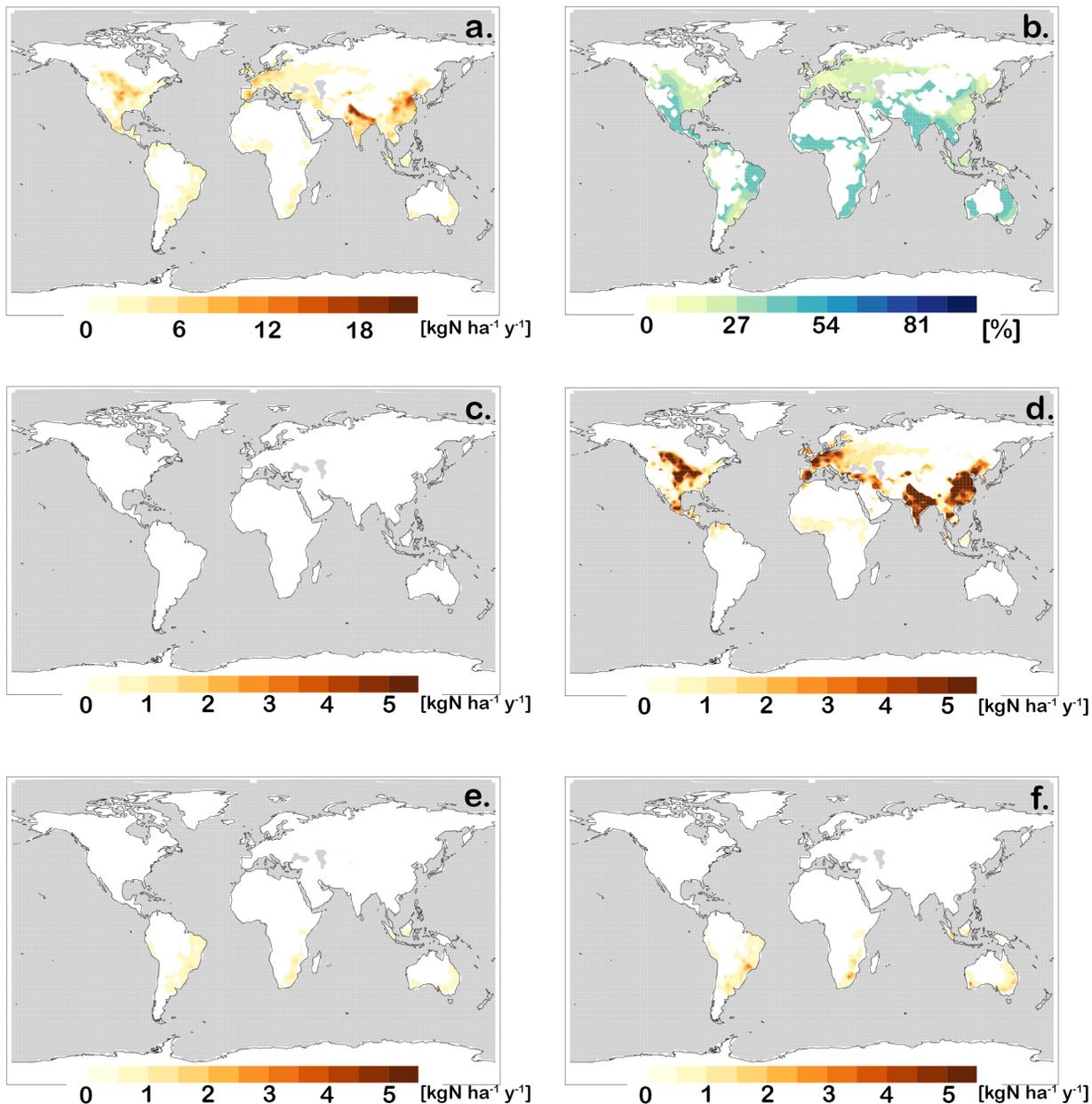


Figure 4. Simulated NH_3 emissions from fertilizer application from 1995-2004 for the present-day control simulation. Simulated emissions ($\text{kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) as a) an annual average, c) Jan-Feb-Mar average, d) Apr-May-Jun average, e) Jul-Aug-Sep average, and f) Oct-Nov-Dec average.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

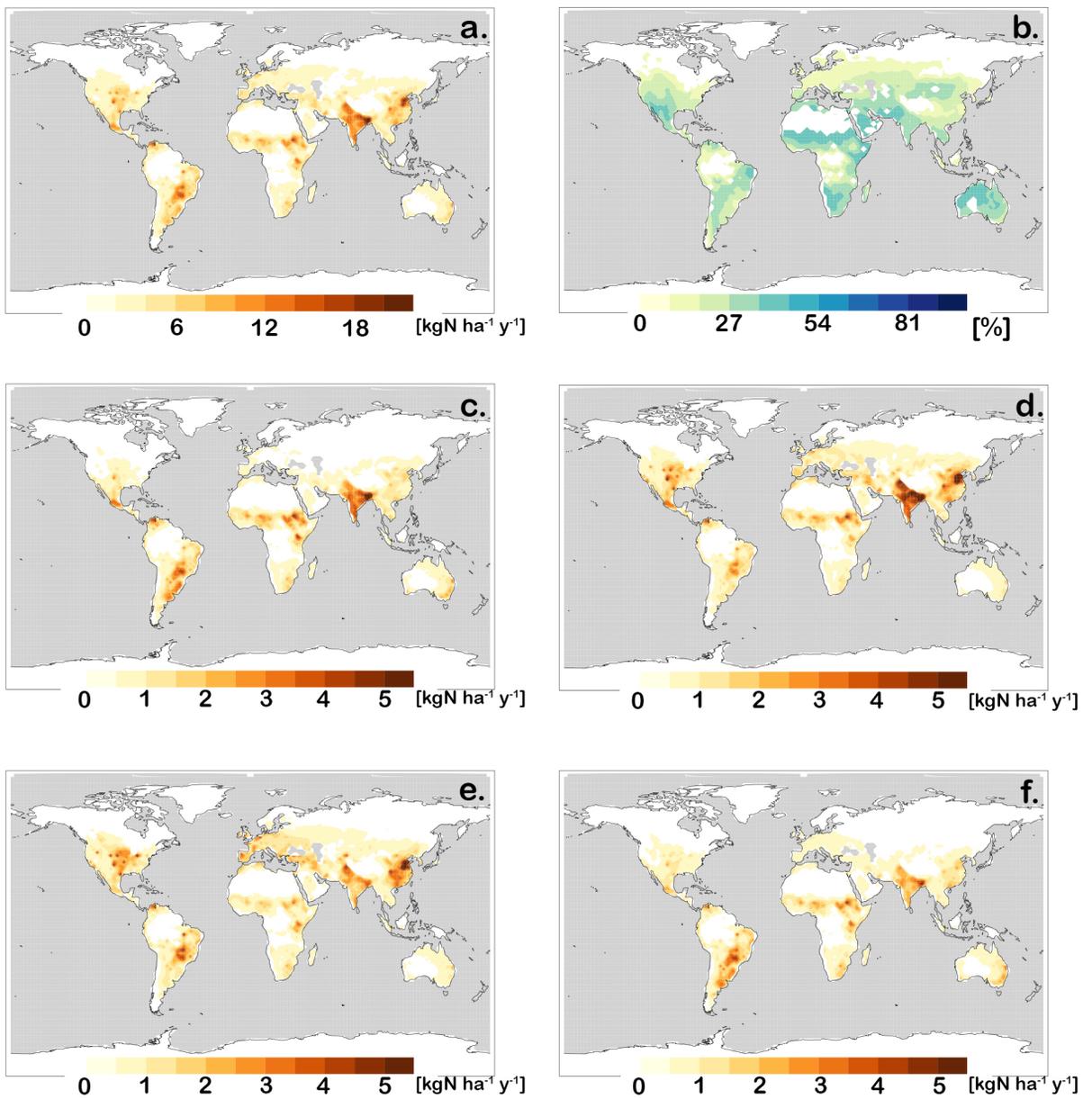


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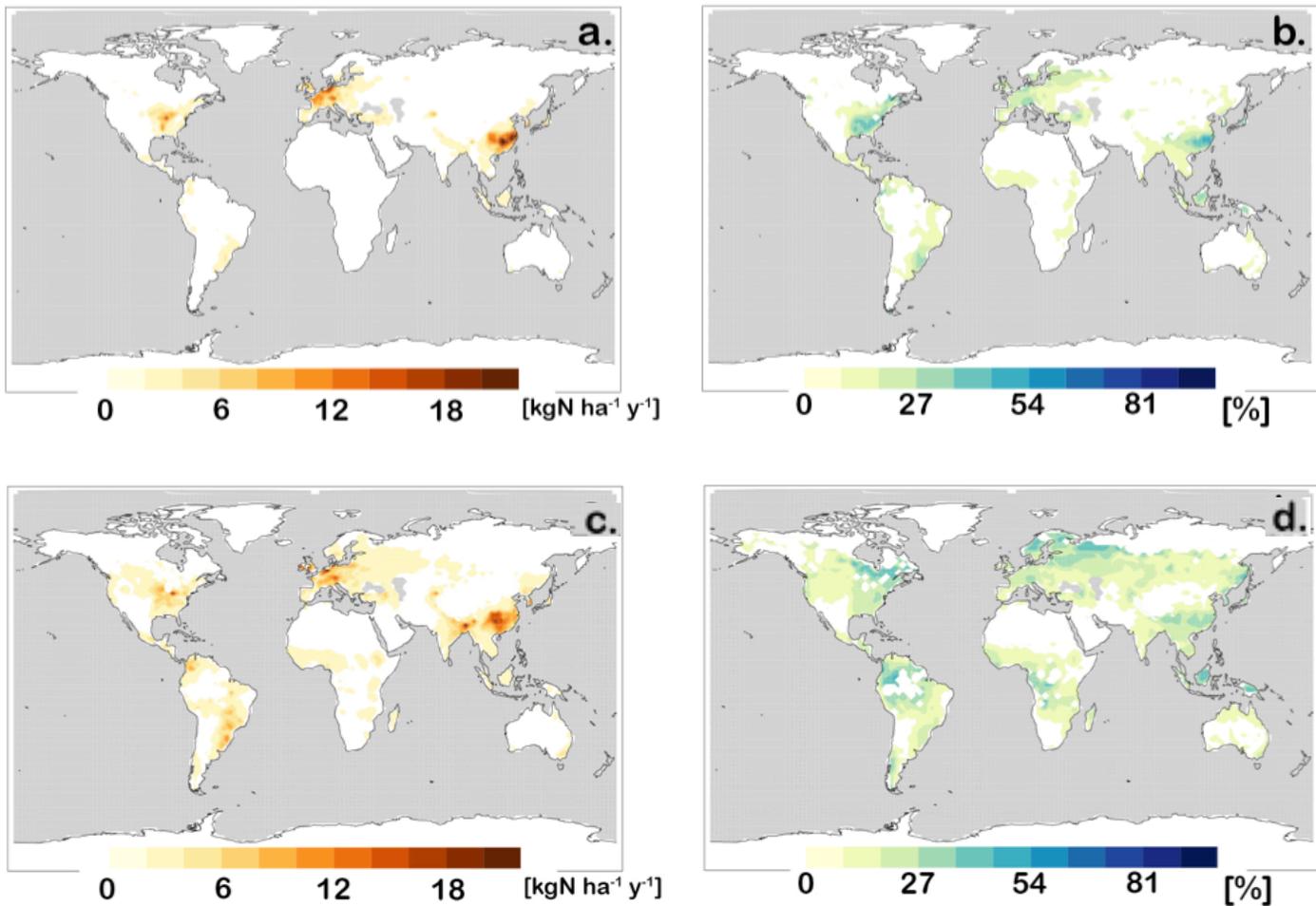


Figure 6. Simulated runoff from fertilizer and manure application from 1995-2004 for the present-day control simulation. Simulated runoff ($\text{kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) as an annual average for a) fertilizer, c) manure. Simulated as a) percent of annual fertilizer application, d) percent of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

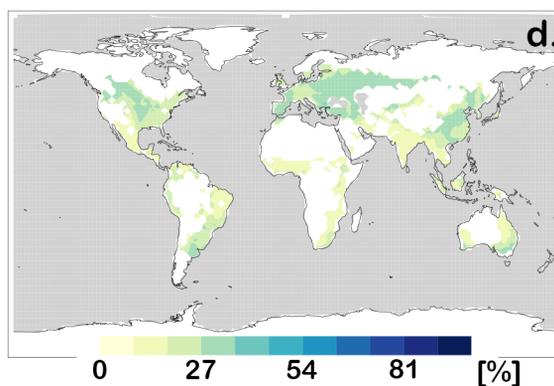
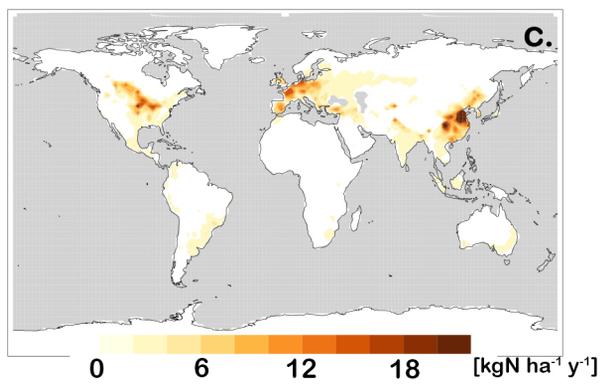
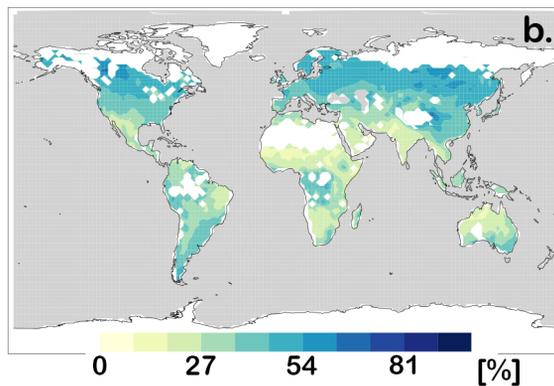
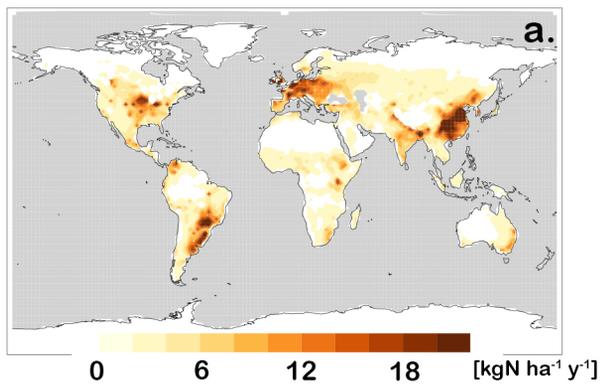


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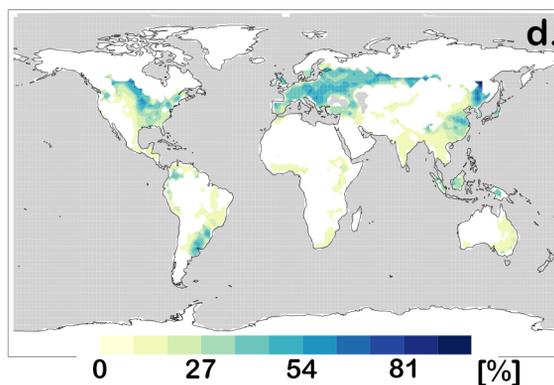
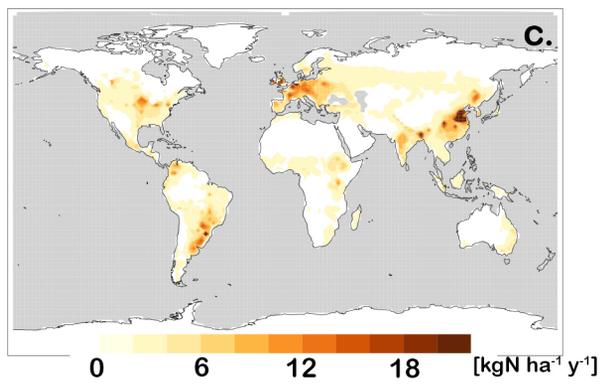
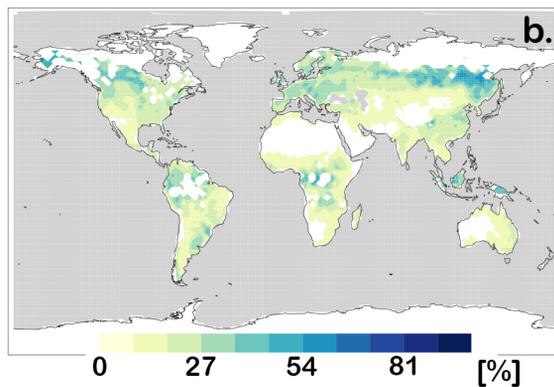
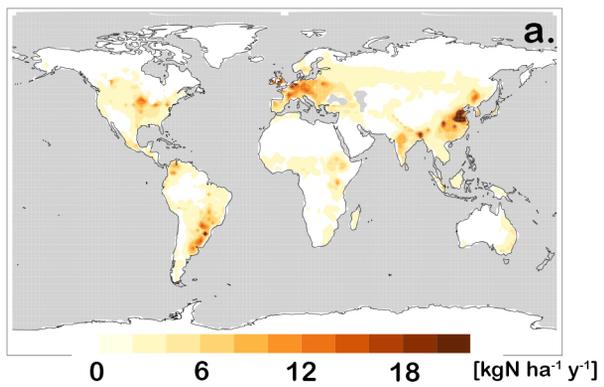


Figure 8. As in Figure 6 but for flux of TAN nitrogen to the soil.

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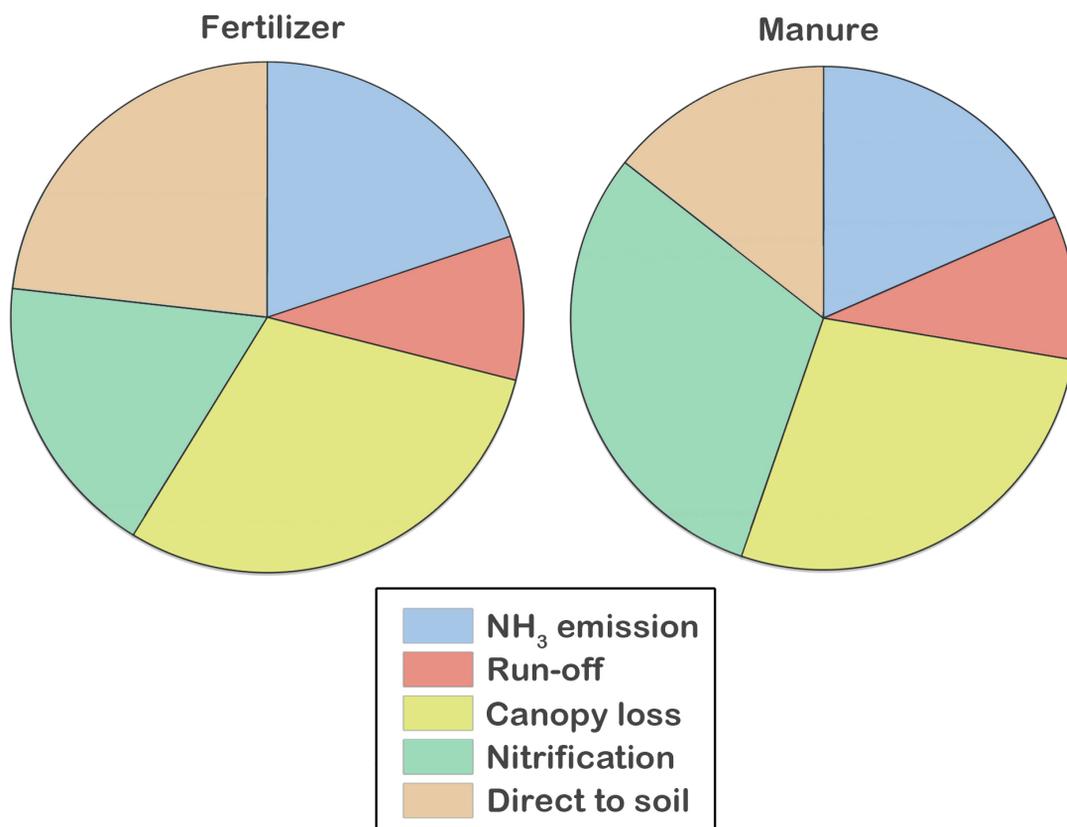


Figure 9. Global Fate of TAN Nr applied as fertilizer (a) or as manure (b). Emissions are split between those to the atmosphere and those captured by the canopy.

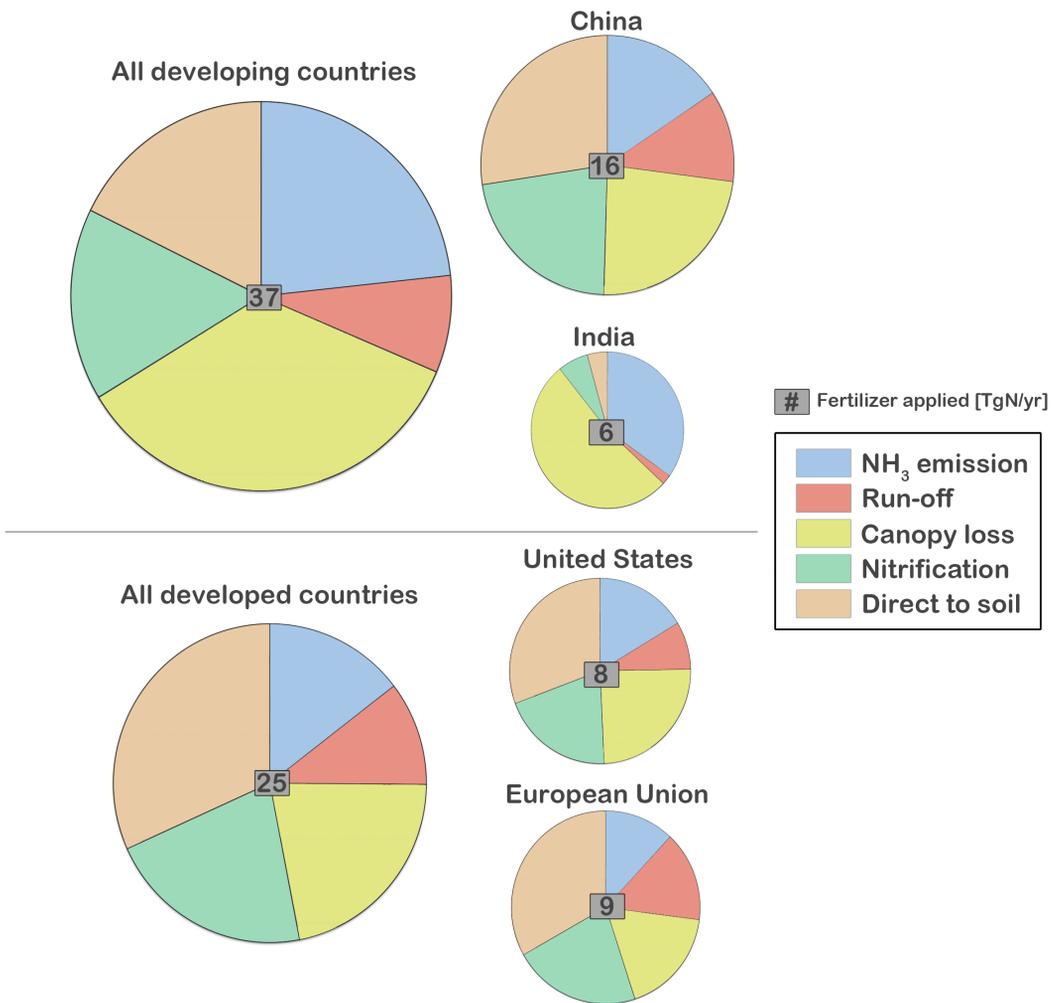
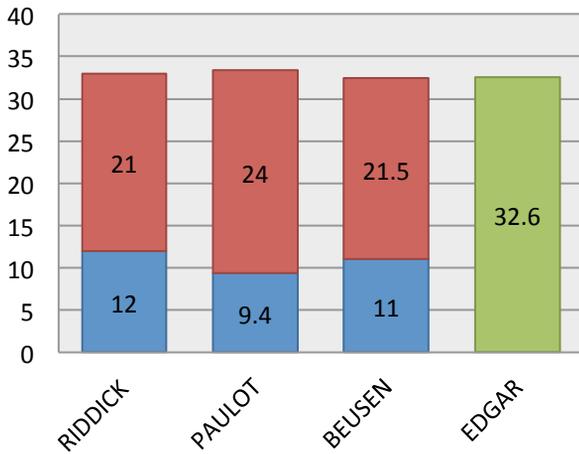
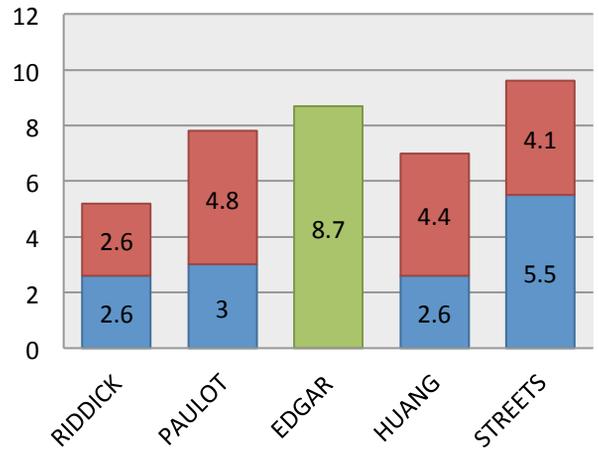


Figure 10. As in Figure 9, but fate of TAN nitrogen by country and region. Countries are split between developed countries and developing countries.

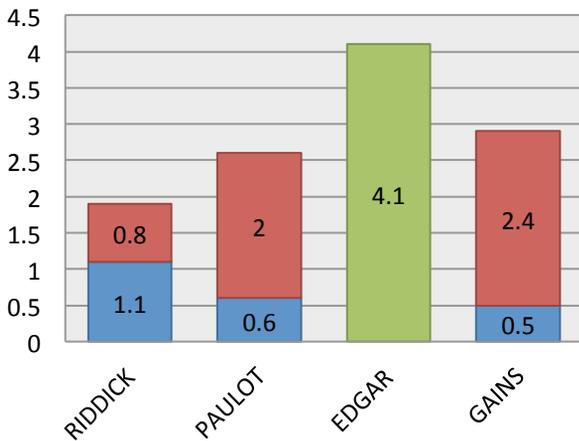
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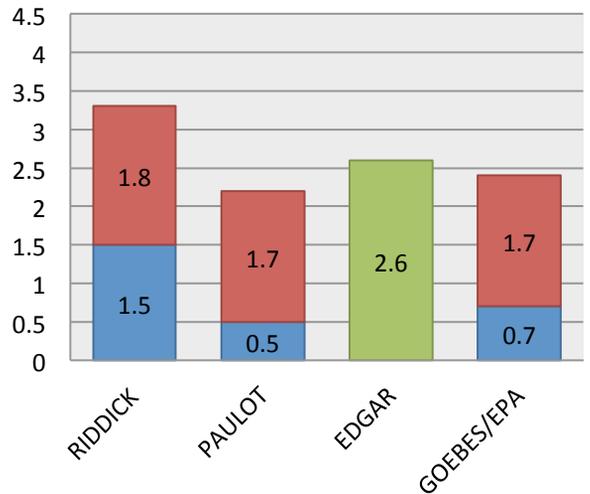
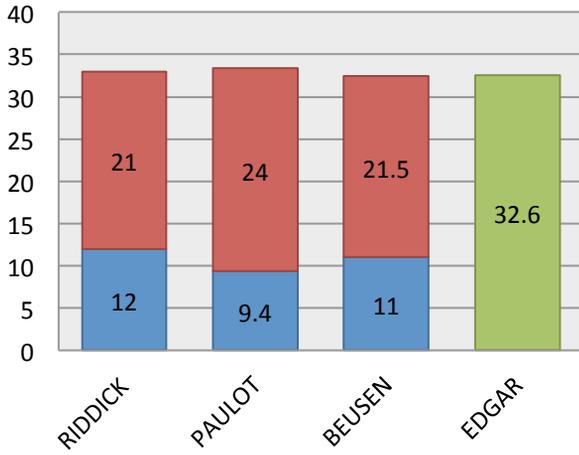
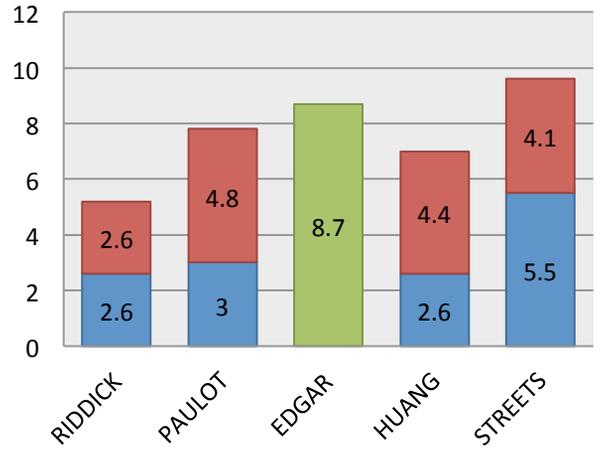


Figure 11. Comparison of manure (red) and fertilizer (blue) or both ammonia emissions (Tg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹) a) globally, b) China, c) Europe and d) US for this study (Riddick) and for other studies as collated by Paulot et al. (2104). Details on other studies in text.

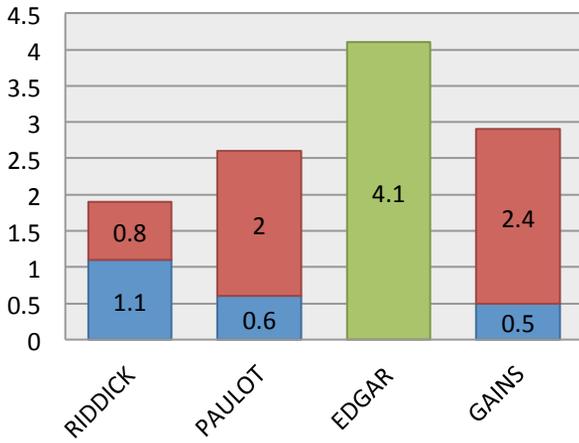
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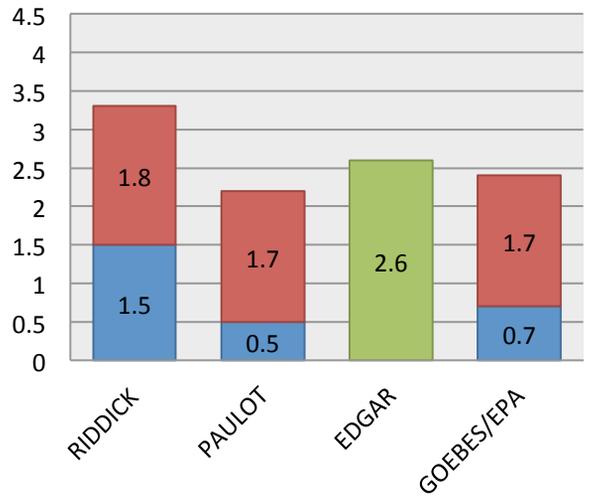
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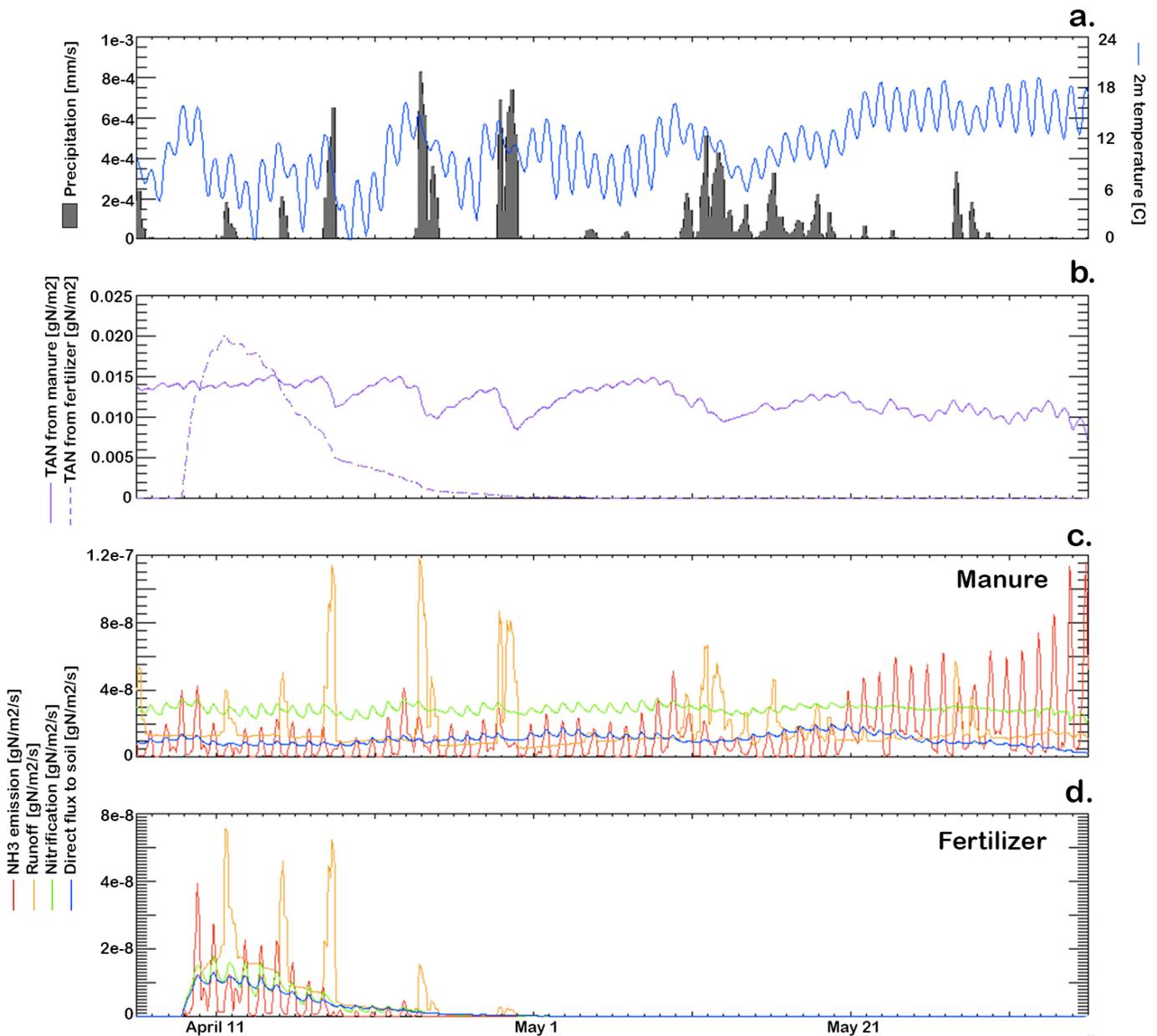


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12. Site specific pathways for nitrogen budget at 35°N and 100°W, near the Texas panhandle . Panels show a) the temperature (°C) and precipitation (mm s^{-1}) used to force the CLM, b) the manure (solid) and fertilizer TAN pools (dashed) (gN m^{-2}),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

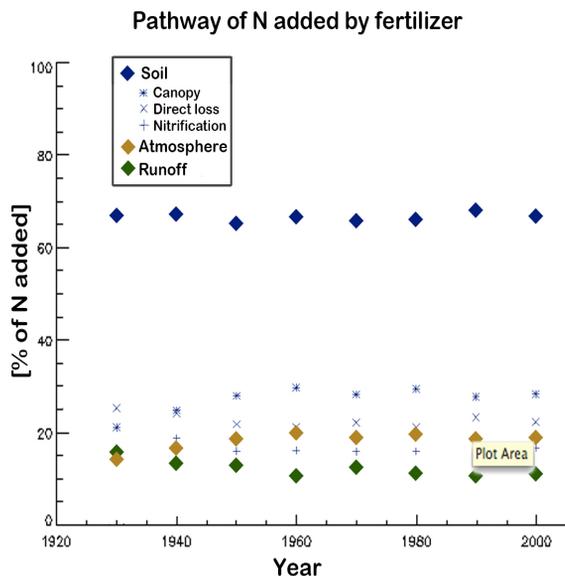
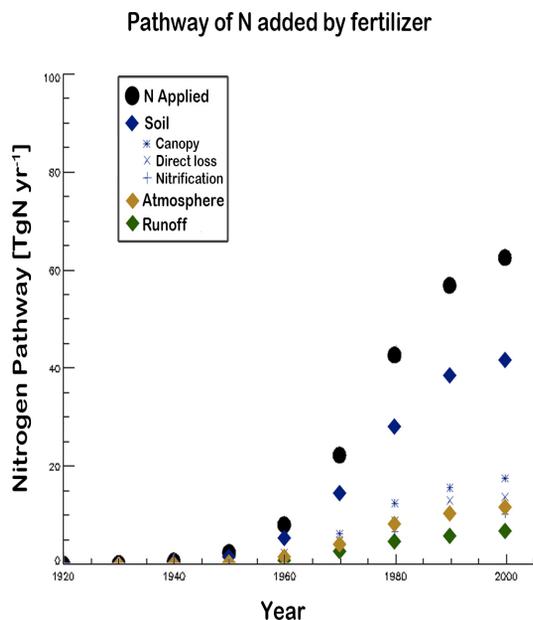
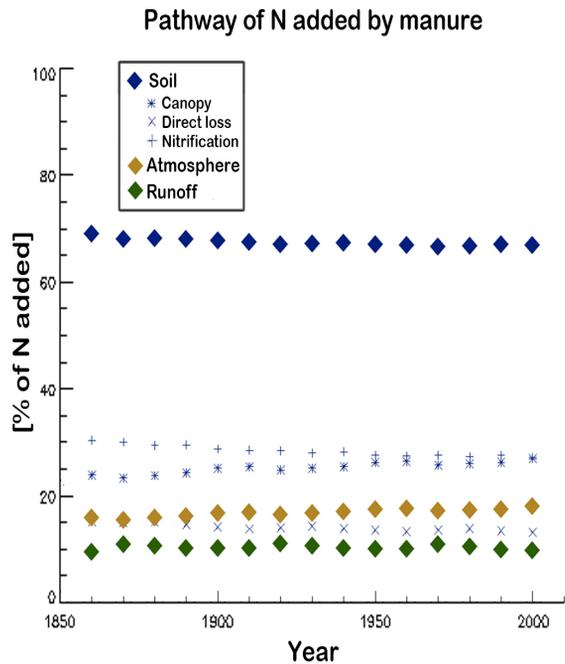
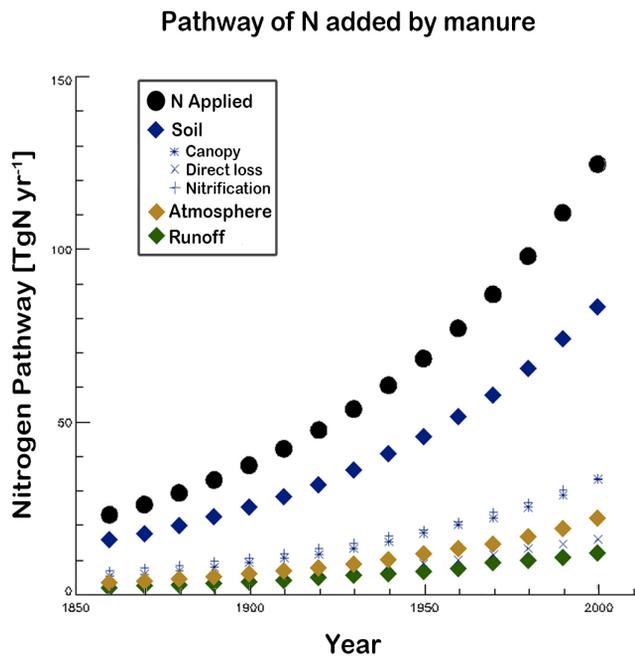


Figure 13: Applied nitrogen and nitrogen losses for the historical simulation in Tg N yr^{-1} for a) manure and c) fertilizer. Nitrogen losses from the TAN pool as a percentage of applied nitrogen for the historical simulation for b) manure and d) fertilizer. The losses from the TAN pool are divided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