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

For the most part we have already replied to the reviewers comments in our published replies, but a few additional comments are warranted. (1) In particular, reviewer 2 inquired about units in a few of the derivations. All units are given in appendix A as well as in the text where appropriate. In particular the Henry’s law coefficient is unitless in equation 11. It is derived from the Henry’s Law coefficient given in Sutton et al. (1994)
where $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) = \text{NH}_3(\text{g}) \times H$, where $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ is in atmospheres and the Henry’s law coefficient $H$ is in moles/(liter-atmospheres). However, we convert units so that $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ and $\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ are given in the same units. (2) Reviewer 2 found a misprint in our equation for $\text{NH}_4^+$ (equation 12). This is now corrected. The equation was coded correctly in the computer code. (3). As suggested by Reviewer 2 we looked for additional data in Sogaard et al. (2002) with regard to ammonia emission factors, but did not find suitable data in that paper nor access to measured emission factors. However, we did track down a subsequent paper by Sintermann et al. (Biogeosciences, 9, 1611–1632, 2012) in which 350 measurements of emission factors for ammonia emissions from manure over a recent 10 year period were tabulated. We selected the more recent field measurements from this dataset for cattle manure and included them in Figure 2. We note here that there is a discrepancy in the emission factors between these later field scale measurements and early reported measurements from wind tunnels, with the earlier measurements suggesting higher emission factors. A plausibility analysis suggests the earlier emissions are biased high (Sintermann et al., 2012).
Estimate of changes in agricultural terrestrial nitrogen pathways and ammonia emissions from 1850 to present in the Community Earth System Model

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Abstract. Nitrogen applied to the surface of the land for agricultural purposes represents a significant source of reactive nitrogen (N$_r$) that can be emitted as a gaseous N$_r$ species, be denitrified to atmospheric nitrogen (N$_2$), run-off during rain events or form plant useable nitrogen in the soil. To investigate the magnitude, temporal variability and spatial heterogeneity of nitrogen pathways on a global scale from sources of animal manure and synthetic fertilizer, we developed a mechanistic parameterization of these pathways within a global terrestrial model—The Community Land Model (CLM). In this initial version the parameterization uses an explicit climate dependent approach whereby the relationships between meteorological variables and biogeochemical processes are used to calculate the volatilization of ammonia (NH$_3$), nitrification and run-off of N$_r$ following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. For the year 2000, we approximately 125 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ and 62 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ is applied to the model land surface as manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively. We estimate the resulting global NH$_3$ emission and N$_r$ emissions are 21 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ from manure (17% of manure applied) and 12 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ from fertilizer (19% of fertilizer applied); reactive nitrogen dissolved during rain events from manure at 21 and is calculated as 11 Tg N per-year, respectively; for synthetic fertilizer we estimate the NH$_2$ emission and N$_r$ run-off during rain events at 12 yr$^{-1}$ from manure and 5 Tg N per year, respectively. yr$^{-1}$ from fertilizer. The parameterization was implemented in the Community Land Model from 1850 to 2000 using remaining nitrogen from manure (93 Tg N yr$^{-1}$) and synthetic fertilizer (45 Tg N yr$^{-1}$) is captured by the canopy or transferred
to the soil nitrogen pools. In a transient simulation which predicted that, even though absolute values of from 1850 to 2000 all nitrogen pathways are increasing with increased increase in magnitude as manure and synthetic fertilizer application, partitioning increase. Partitioning of applied nitrogen in manure to NH₃ emissions from manure is increasing on a percentage basis, increases from 14% of nitrogen applied (3 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹) in 1850 to 4817% of nitrogen applied in 2000 (22 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹-21 Tg NH₃ yr⁻¹). Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg of NH₃ (approximately 3% of manure and fertilizer) emitted per year °C of warming. While the model confirms earlier estimates of nitrogen fluxes made in a range of studies, its key purpose is to provide a theoretical framework that can be employed within a biogeochemical model, that can explicitly respond to climate and that can evolve and improve with further observations and characterizations of agricultural practices.

1. Introduction

Nitrogen is needed by all living things for growth. However, it is relatively inert in its most abundant form, diatomic nitrogen (N₂), and needs to be converted to a form of reactive nitrogen (Nₓ) before it can be used by most plants for growth [Vishek, 1984]. Supplying sufficient Nₓ for maximum crop yield is a major concern in agriculture. In pre-industrial times Nₓ demand was partly solved with the use of animal manure and seabird guano as well as crop rotation and the use of nitrogen fixing crops [Smil, 2000]. However, by the early 20ᵗʰ century the supply of these Nₓ sources could not match the
demands of an increasing population and a process of creating synthetic N\textsubscript{r} was
developed; the Haber-Bosch process [Galloway et al., 2004].

The use of N\textsubscript{r} to improve crop yield has recently become an environmental concern as N\textsubscript{r} in synthetic fertilizer and manure cascades through the soil, water and the atmospheric nitrogen cycles. Plants can readily use applied N\textsubscript{r} for plant growth; however, N\textsubscript{r} washed off fields or volatilized as gas can reduce ecosystem biodiversity through acidification and eutrophication [Sutton et al., 2013]. Increased N\textsubscript{r} in the hydrosphere can lead to the subsequent degradation of riverine and near shore water quality as the water becomes more acidic and the growth of primary producers blooms [Turner and Rabalais, 1991; Howarth et al., 2002], which can alter the local interspecies competition and biodiversity [Sutton et al., 2012]. Reactive nitrogen emissions into the atmosphere impacts air quality through the ozone generation associated with NO emissions [e.g., Hudman et al., 2010] and the contribution of ammonia (NH\textsubscript{3}) to aerosol formation [e.g., Gu et al., 2014]. Nitrogen cycling also impacts climate through the stimulation of plant growth and associated increased carbon storage; through the associated emissions of N\textsubscript{2}O, a strong greenhouse gas; through emissions of nitrogen oxides and the associated ozone production; and through the emissions of ammonia (NH\textsubscript{3}) with its potential to cool the climate through aerosol formation [e.g., Adams et al., 2001].

As a result of their dependency on environmental conditions, N\textsubscript{r} pathways following manure or synthetic fertilizer application are likely to change in the future under climate change scenarios. This study describes a biogeochemically consistent
process driven parameterization suitable for incorporation into Earth System Models that
simulates $N_r$ flow following the surface addition of $N_r$ as manure or synthetic fertilizer.
The parameterization is evaluated on both the local and global scales against local
measurements and independent global NH$_3$ flux estimates. The calculated emission
estimates for NH$_3$ and the $N_r$ runoff due to manure and synthetic fertilizer application will
be used in ensuing studies in both present and future climates to investigate their impact
on nitrogen cycling and climate within the earth system. To our knowledge, no Earth
System model has yet to explicitly predict changing nitrogen pathways from manure and
synthetic fertilizer in response to climate. We note at the outset that the representation of
agricultural processes is highly simplified in the initial model version described here.

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

Projections of agricultural activity [Bodirsky et al., 2012] suggest continued increases in the application of synthetic fertilizers until the mid-21\(^{st}\) century (and possibly beyond) concurrent with likely increases in manure production [Tilman et al., 2001]. In addition to the increased use of organic and synthetic fertilizers in the future, NH\(_3\) emissions are expected to increase because of the impact of changing climate on nitrogen biogeochemistry [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013; Sutton et al., 2013].

Current estimates of the direct forcing of nitrate aerosols present as ammonium nitrate encompass the range from -.03 Wm\(^{-2}\) to -.41 Wm\(^{-2}\) over the ACCMIP (Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project) [Shindell et al., 2013] and AeroCom Phase II [Myhre et al., 2013] simulations. With a future reduction in sulfate emissions the relative importance of nitrate aerosols is expected to dominate the direct aerosol forcing by 2100 with a resulting increase in radiative forcing of up to a factor of 8.6 over what it would have been otherwise [Hauglustaine et al., 2014]. These estimates do not consider the temperature dependence of NH\(_3\) emissions. Skjoth and Geels [2013]
predict increases in future NH$_3$ emissions of up to 60% over Europe by 2100 largely due
to increased NH$_3$ emissions with temperature. Sutton et al. [2013] predicts future
temperature increases may enhance global NH$_3$ emissions by up to approximately 40%
assuming a 5$^\circ$ C warming. In addition to future changes in climate-induced NH$_3$
volatilization from manure and synthetic fertilizer application, future changes in agro-
management practices, soil microbiological processes and nitrogen runoff may be
expected.

Studies calculating NH$_3$ emission from manure and synthetic fertilizer have broadly
fallen into two categories: models that use empirically derived agriculturally-based
emission factors and more complex process-based models. Global emissions have almost
been universally estimated using the former approach with specified emission factors
taking into account the animal feed, the type of animal housing if any and the field
application of the synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997]. Very
simplified representations of the effect of climate have been taken into account by
grouping countries into industrial or developing categories [Bouwman et al., 1997]. For
example, this type of emission inventory was used in the Atmospheric Chemistry and
Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) [Lamarque et al., 2013] for assessing
historical and future chemistry-climate scenarios. The global impact of nitrogen on the
carbon cycle as well as on atmospheric chemistry has traditionally been assessed using
these type of inventories of NH$_3$ emissions. A seasonal emission dependence is not
implicit in these bottom up inventories although sometimes an empirical relationship is
applied [e.g., Adams et al., 2001; also see Skjøth et al., 2011]. Emission factors were
used by Bouwman et al. [1997] to estimate global NH$_3$ emissions in 1990 of 54 Tg N yr$^{-1}$,
with the greatest emission of 21.6 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ from domestic animals [Bouwman et al., 1997]. Beusen et al. [2008] also used emission factors to estimate global NH$_3$ emission from agricultural livestock (21 Tg N yr$^{-1}$) and synthetic fertilizers (11 Tg N yr$^{-1}$) in 2000; Bouwman et al. [2013] estimated emissions of 34 Tg NH$_3$ yr$^{-1}$ on agricultural land, with 10 Tg NH$_3$ yr$^{-1}$ from animal housing. A number of more recent global models have included emission factors explicitly as a function of temperature [e.g., Huang et al., 2012; Paulot et al., 2014]. Paulot et al. [2014] estimates global current NH$_3$ emissions of 9.4 Tg yr$^{-1}$ for synthetic fertilizer and 24 Tg yr$^{-1}$ for manure.

Alternatively process-based or mechanistic models have been developed that estimate N$_r$ flows, equilibria and transformations between different nitrogen species as well as nitrogen emissions from synthetic fertilizer and manure. Process models have been used on the field to regional scale, but not on the global scale. These models generally do not simulate the run-off of N$_r$. For example, Génermont and Cellier [1997] model the transfer of NH$_3$(g) to the atmosphere after considering the physical and chemical equilibria and transfer of Nr species (NH$_3$(g), NH$_3$(aq), NH$_4^+$(aq)) in the soil. The resulting model is used to calculate the NH$_3$ emissions from synthetic fertilizer over France within the air quality model, Chimere [Hamaoui-Laguel et al., 2014]. Other examples include Pinder et al. [2004], who describes a process model of NH$_3$ emissions from a dairy farm, while Li et al. [2013] describes a farm-scale process model of the decomposition and emission of NH$_3$ from manure.
The overall goal of this paper is to describe and analyze a global model capable of simulating nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer added to the surface of the land under changing climactic conditions to allow a better global quantification of the climate, health and environmental impacts of a changing nitrogen cycle under climate change. The resulting model is of necessity designed for use within an Earth System Model so as to simulate the interactions between the climate and the carbon and nitrogen cycles. Section 2 presents the overall methodology including a detailed description of the process model developed here to calculate climate dependent nitrogen pathways. Section 3 analyzes the model and includes: a comparison of simulated versus site level measurements of NH$_3$ fluxes; an analysis of the globally heterogeneous nitrogen pathways from applied manure and synthetic fertilizer over a range of climatic regimes; model predictions for changes in nitrogen pathways from 1850 to present and the sensitivity of the results to model parameters. Section 4 gives our conclusions.

2. Methods

In this section we describe a process model designed to predict the spatial and temporal variations in the evolution of Agricultural Nitrogen (FAN) that results in the simulations of NH$_3$ emissions and other N$_2$ flows from the application of manure and synthetic fertilizer, including their spatial and temporal variations, within the context of an Earth System Model, the Community Earth System Model 1.1 (CESM1.1). The FAN process model developed here simulates the loss of major pathways of N$_2$ following the application of synthetic fertilizer or manure to the Earth’s surface: its incorporation into soil organic matter and soil nitrogen pools.
[Chambers et al., 1999], the volatilization of NH$_3$ to the atmosphere and the direct runoff of $N_r$ from the surface (Figure 1). The model is global in nature, is designed to conserve carbon and nitrogen and responds to changes in climate. It is designed to provide an interface between the application of manure and synthetic fertilizer and the nitrogen cycling developed within the Community Land Model 4.5 (CLM4.5), the land component of the CESM.

2.1 Relation between the process model and the CESM1.1

Nitrogen pathways subsequent to the application of manure or synthetic fertilizer depend on the complex interaction between both human and natural processes. In particular they depend on the biology and physics of the applied substrate, agricultural practices and climate. Bottom-up emission inventories with specified emission factors that take into account the animal feed, the type of animal housing if any and the field application of the synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997] are generally used in global chemistry and chemistry-climate applications. For example, this type of emission inventory [e.g. Lamarque et al., 2010] was used in the Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) [Lamarque et al., 2013a] for assessing historical and future chemistry-climate scenarios as well as in assessing nitrogen deposition [Lamarque et al., 2013b] with implications for impacts on the carbon cycle. However, these inventories include very simplified representations of the effect of climate on emissions, for example, by grouping countries into industrial or developing categories [Bouwman et al., 1997]. A seasonal emission dependence is not implicit in
these bottom-up inventories although sometimes an empirical relationship is applied [e.g., Adams et al., 2001; also see Skjøth et al., 2011].

In the first application of the model described here we take the opposite tact. We have minimized the description of agricultural practices, and instead emphasize a physically based climate dependent biogeochemistry of manure and synthetic fertilizer decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. The truth of the matter, of course, lies somewhere in between: regional and temporal meteorological differences and changes with climate as well as regional agro-management practices and their possible changes impact NH$_3$ emissions.

We recognize that in this first application we are simplifying many important agro-management processes including: (1) we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea and the pH of soil is given. Different applied synthetic fertilizers have a strong impact on the pH of the soil-fertilizer mixture with the overall emission factor very dependent on the pH as well as the day since application [Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990]. Urea is the most commonly used synthetic fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage [Gilbert et al., 2006] and has one of the highest emission factors for commonly used synthetic fertilizers [Bouwman et al., 1997]. Emission factors for other types of fertilizers can be significantly smaller. (2) We do not account for manure management practices. Instead we assume all manure is continuously spread onto fields. In a global study Beusen et al. [2008] considered four primary pathways for manure nitrogen: (1) manure nitrogen lost from the system (14% of the manure nitrogen, range 5-
(2) manure nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent spreading onto croplands (35% of manure nitrogen; range 24%-51%), (3) manure nitrogen excreted in animal houses followed by storage and subsequent spreading onto pasture lands (7% of manure nitrogen; range 3%-11%), (4) manure nitrogen excreted by grazing animals onto pastures (44% of manure nitrogen; range 29-59%). Of the 42% of manure nitrogen excreted in housing, 20% (range: 12-28%) is emitted as NH$_3$ from housing and storage facilities [Beusen et al., 2008]. An additional 15-23% of the remaining manure nitrogen is emitted as NH$_3$ (range: 11-30%) after it is spread onto crop or pasture land. Of the 44% of manure nitrogen excreted by grading animals on pasture land 11-12% (range 6-17%) is emitted as ammonia. Considering these various pathways the overall emission factor for manure nitrogen is estimated as 19% in Beusen et al. [2008] (compare with 17% in this study). (3) We do not account for specific fertilizer application techniques. For example, the soil incorporation of manure leads to a 50% reduction in NH$_3$ emissions compared to soil broadcasting (Bowman et al., 2002). We recognize that there are large spreads in all these ranges and that regional practices may alter these numbers, although large errors may be unavoidable due to insufficient characterization of regional agro-management practices.

Even though regional differences in agro-management will result in regional differences in NH$_3$ emissions, traditional bottom-up NH$_3$ emission inventories do not account for physically based geographical and meteorological influences, including temperature, turbulence and rainfall. However, these are accounted for in the parameterization described below. As with regional differences in agro-management practices,
meteorological impacts may also induce large regional and inter-annual variations in NH$_3$ emissions. For example, increasing the ground temperature from 290° K to 300°K (at a pH of 7) increases the NH$_3$ emissions by a factor of 3 (section 2.2).

In the present application we also simplify the representation of NH$_3$ fluxes to the atmosphere. The aerodynamic resistances used to compute the flux of NH$_3$ to the atmosphere are calculated with the CLM4.5, but due to the configuration of the CLM are not calculated at the plant function type (PFT) level. In addition, the canopy capture of the NH$_3$ flux is calculated as a global number and not at the PFT level. The simulation of dynamic NH$_3$ emissions, as described below, with NH$_3$ emissions responding to temperature on the model timestep, and thus allowing for a regionally resolved flux of NH$_3$ dependent on diurnal fluctuations in boundary layer turbulence and boundary layer height is a first step in representing the coupling between terrestrial NH$_3$ fluxes with the atmosphere. Of course high spatial heterogeneity may preclude an accurate local representation of these exchange processes on the approximately 2 x 2° grid cell used here, but even on similar coarse resolutions Zhu et al. [2015] show the implementation of a bidirectional scheme has significant global and pronounced regional impacts (e.g., approximately a 44% decrease in NH$_3$ emissions over China in April).

A number of additional requirements are necessary to model NH$_3$ emissions following synthetic fertilizer or manure application within an Earth System Model, specifications that are not necessary in more traditional formulations. (1) The model must be global in nature to characterize global interactions between applied N$_x$ and climate. (2) The model...
must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen associated with manure does not add new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a recycling of available nitrogen. Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious repercussions especially when simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of centuries. (3) The model must be able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the fate of manure and synthetic fertilizer $N_r$. In particular, $\text{NH}_3$ emissions are sensitive to both temperature and to the water content of the soil. In addition the runoff of $N_r$ is likely to change under climate change scenarios. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric, ocean, land and sea ice processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land and ocean carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM participates in the Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been extensively evaluated in the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013]. The relation between nitrogen cycling within the process model developed here and that within the atmospheric, land and river components of the Community Earth System Model (CESM1.1) is given in Figure 1. In this first study the subsequent fate of $N_r$ within these other components of the CESM1.1 is not further considered. Thus, this first study does not account for the feedbacks between the applied nitrogen in the synthetic fertilizer or manure pools and the carbon cycle. However future studies will consider these effects. In particular, the fate of $N_r$ incorporated into soil organic matter or the soil nitrogen pools of the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5, the land component model of the CESM1.1, is not considered (see Figure 1). In addition, the fate of $N_r$ emitted into the atmosphere as $\text{NH}_3$ directly from synthetic fertilizer or manure is handled by the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM (CAM-chem) and is not considered here (Figure 1). Note that as a first approximation the model described
here does not simulate the direct emission loss of species other than NH$_3$. Atmospheric emission losses of N$_2$O or N$_2$ (and potentially NOX) are simulated in the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al., 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways explicitly considered here. The run-off of N$_r$ from manure or synthetic fertilizer coupled has been coupled to the river transport model (RTM) [Nevison et al., 2015] (Figure 1).

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

An ideal model would incorporate a globally more explicit representation of agro-management practices, including manure treatment (housing, storage and spreading) and fertilizer application [e.g., see Sutton et al., 2013]. It would also include an explicit representation of the bidirectional exchange of NH$_3$ between the land and atmosphere including the incorporation of PFT dependent canopy deposition and aerodynamic resistances. While the model developed here captures many of the regional and global features seen in models based on emission factors, here we emphasize the importance of regional differences in meteorology.

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

The parameterization developed here acts as the interface between specified manure and synthetic fertilizer application and the CESM1.1. The CESM1.1 simulates atmospheric, ocean, land and sea ice processes, linked together using a coupler, and includes a land
and ocean carbon cycle [Hurrell et al., 2013; Lindsay et al., 2014]. The CESM participates in the Climate Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5), and has been extensively evaluated in the literature [see Hurrell et al., 2013], described here strongly interacts with the land component of model within the CESM1.1, the CLM 4.5. The CLM 4.5 includes representation of surface energy and water fluxes, hydrology, phenology, and the carbon cycle [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The CLM simulations can be forced by meteorology (as done here), or as a part of a coupled-carbon-climate model [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008]. The current version of the carbon model is an improved version of the coupled-carbon-climate model used in Keppel-Aleks et al. [2013], Lindsay et al., [2014] and Thornton et al., [2009]. The carbon model includes a nitrogen limitation on land carbon uptake, described in Thornton et al. [2007, 2009]. Further improvements have been made to the below ground carbon cycle, as well as other elements of the land model in order to improve its [e.g. Koven et al., 2013; Lawrence et al., 2012]. The impact of increases in nitrogen deposition (NO$_y$ and NH$_x$ from fossil fuels, fires and agriculture [Lamarque et al., 2010]) have been evaluated [Thornton et al., 2007; Thornton et al., 2009] and extensively compared to observations [e.g. Thomas et al., 2013]. The CLM4 has been extensively tested and evaluated by many studies at the global [Lawrence et al., 2007; Oleson et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] and the site [Stoeckli et al., 2008; Randerson et al., 2009] scale. The CLM4.5 retains the basic properties of CLM4 but with improvements to better simulate: (1) water and momentum fluxes at the Earth’s surface; (2) carbon and nitrogen dynamics within soils and (3) precipitation run-off rates [Koven et al., 2013].
As described in Koven et al. [2013], the CLM4.5 simulates the basic flows of N_r within soils following the Century N model [Parton et al., 1996, 2001; Grosso et al., 2000] including the processes of nitrification, denitrification, and emissions of N_r and N_2 and the loss of N_r from leaching and runoff. The CLM4.5 also simulates the transfer of N_r between soils and vegetation, and the loss of N_r from fire. Sources of N_r within the CLM4.5 are from biological nitrogen fixation and from surface deposition. The process model developed here adds an additional source of N_r to the CLM4.5, the addition of synthetic fertilizer. It also adds an additional pathway whereby N_r is recycled: the creation and application of manure (Figure 1).

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

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

Note that as a first approximation the model described here does not simulate the direct emission loss of species other than NH$_3$. Atmospheric emission losses of N$_2$O or N$_2$ (and potentially NO$_x$) are simulated in the Community Land Model (CLM) 4.5 [Koven et al., 2013], the land component model of the CESM1.1, ‘downstream’ from the pathways explicitly considered here. In addition, the fate of N$_2$ emitted into the atmosphere as NH$_3$ directly from synthetic fertilizer or manure is handled by the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM (CAM-chem) and is not considered here (Figure 1). The run-off of N$_2$ from manure or synthetic fertilizer nitrogen pools has been coupled to the river transport model (RTM) in [Nevison et al., 2016] (Figure 1), but is also not considered here.

2.2 FAN Process Model

(1) The model must be global in nature to characterize global interactions between applied N and climate. However, as detailed soil types and agricultural practices are not well-characterized globally a global picture necessarily sacrifices some of the regional and local details. (2) The model must conserve nitrogen. In particular the nitrogen associated with manure does not add new nitrogen to the system, but merely represents a recycling of available nitrogen. Artificial sources or sinks of nitrogen may have serious repercussions especially when simulating the global nitrogen cycle on the timescale of
The model must be able to simulate the changing impact of climate on the fate of manure and synthetic fertilizer $N_\text{r}$. In particular, $NH_3$ emissions are sensitive to both temperature and the water content of the soil. In addition, the runoff of $N_\text{r}$ is likely to change under climate change scenarios. For this reason, the process model developed here is capable of simulating the physics of changing nitrogen pathways under a changing climate.

Nitrogen pathways subsequent to the application of manure or synthetic fertilizer depend on the complex interaction between both human and natural processes. In particular, they depend on the biology and physics of the applied substrate, agricultural practices, and climate. Bottom-up inventories with explicit although still incomplete incorporation of agricultural practices through the use of emission factors tend to minimize the climate dependence of the emissions. As discussed above, this type of model has seen extensive use in the climate and chemical modeling communities. We take the opposite tact here. We have minimized the description of agricultural practices, which have not been sufficiently characterized on a global basis, and emphasize the biogeochemistry of manure and synthetic fertilizer decomposition and the resultant nitrogen pathways. As shown below, this type of model captures many of the regional and global features seen in models based on emission factors. The truth of the matter, of course, lies somewhere in between. An ideal model would incorporate both emission factors (temperature and wind dependent) where appropriate (e.g., from animal housing) as well as a more physically based system simulating the physics of applied manure and synthetic fertilizer pathways.
volatilization and runoff as modified by agricultural practices [e.g., see Sutton et al., 2013].

A schematic of the overall model analyzed here is given in Figure 1. All the equations and variables used in the model have been collated and are presented in the appendix. The assumptions used in constructing this model are detailed below where appropriate. Sensitivity to model parameters is given in section 3.4. The nitrogen loss pathways are calculated separately for manure and synthetic fertilizer. While this model assumes that synthetic fertilizer application and manure application can take place in the same approximately 2 x 2 ° grid cell, we also assume that manure and synthetic fertilizer are not applied in the exactly the same place. Therefore the NH₃ emissions, the nitrogen incorporation into soil pools, and the nitrogen run-off in rain water are separately calculated for manure and synthetic fertilizer in each column. This means that the Total Ammoniacal Nitrogen (TAN) pools (consisting of NH₃(g), NH₃(aq), NH₄⁺) for manure and synthetic fertilizer are discrete and hence the nitrogen pathways are not combined.

The application rate and geographical distribution used for manure and synthetic fertilizer application is taken from the synthetic fertilizer application and manure production datasets developed in Potter et al [2010]. These datasets are valid for circa 2000 for synthetic fertilizer and 2007 for manure [Potter et al., 2010]. Beusen et al. [2008] estimates that 14% of the manure produced is lost from the agricultural system through building materials and other uses. In this first study we do not explicitly account for the fate of this lost manure. We further assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields by-passing the use of animal houses and storage. While most manure is excreted in
housing and storage systems prior to being applied in the field, the emission factors for

$\text{NH}_3$ emissions from spreading are not significantly different than from housing and storage: the emission factor for spreading onto grassland is higher and that onto cropland is lower. As discussed above we assume that manure is continuously spread onto fields by-passing the use of animal houses and storage and is spread across all PFTs. Future model versions will refine these initial assumptions [Beusen et al., 2008]. A more sophisticated analysis could take into account differences in manure treatment, although regional differences in animal housing and storage practices would make a global analysis quite challenging.

To adequately model the conversion timescales of $N_r$ input from animals to TAN, it is necessary to separate the manure into different pools depending on the decomposition timescales (sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 and Figure 1). A similar strategy was adopted by Li et al. [2013] for manure and is commonly used in simulating litter decomposition. Synthetic fertilizer $N_r$ is added to one pool, where after it decomposes into the TAN pool (Figure 1). Once in the TAN pool $N_r$ (1) washes off during rain events [Brouder et al., 2005]; (2) volatilizes to the atmosphere as $\text{NH}_3$ [Sutton et al., 1994; Nemitz et al., 2000]; where after it is redeposited onto the canopy (not shown) or enters the atmosphere flow; (3) nitrifies to form nitrate ($\text{NO}_3^-$) [Stange and Neue, 2009]; 4) or is incorporated into the soil nitrogen pools. Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1). A number of other smaller loss processes are not explicitly simulated. Nitrate, in turn, becomes incorporated into the soil (Figure 1).
Manure must be added to the model in such a manner as to conserve nitrogen (Figure 1). Here, we assume animals consume carbon and nitrogen from plants and then subsequently excrete this as manure. Within the CLM, carbon and nitrogen in the plant-leaf pool is thus converted to carbon and nitrogen in manure and urine, conserving overall carbon and nitrogen. The conversion rate from carbon and nitrogen in plants to that in manure and urine is set to equal the rate of manure and urine production. The external dataset of Potter [2010] gives the rate of $N_r$ production from ruminants, and thus allows us to specify the nitrogen flows. The specified C to N ratio in the plant-leaf pool determines the associated carbon flows due to ruminant consumption of plant material. The input manure and urine production rate from ruminants implicitly includes that produced from transported feed. Thus the subsequent NH$_3$ emission rate includes the nitrogen contained in transported feed grown elsewhere. Here we make the simplification that the consumption rate of plant matter to balance the manure and urine production is local. That is, we do not explicitly consider the lateral transport of animal feed to match the carbon and nitrogen flows associated with manure and urine production. While this is not entirely consistent, the development of the requisite dataset for feedstock flows from 1850-2000 is outside the scope of this study, although such a dataset could be developed in the future. We do not know of an Earth System Model that does consider the anthropogenic lateral transport of nitrogen or carbon. This inconsistency could produce cases where there is insufficient local plant material to balance the overall manure and urine production, but this is generally not the case. The parameterization also ignores export of $N_r$ in ruminant products such as milk and protein, which could create an additional source of uncertainty.
2.2.1 Manure and Urine. Prescribed manure (including urine) is input at a constant annual rate ($\alpha_{\text{applied}}(m)$) (g m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) depending on latitude and longitude into the manure nitrogen pools. Nitrogen applied to the land as manure (or synthetic fertilizer) is assumed to be spread uniformly on each grid cell irrespective of plant functional type (pft) or surface type. Future development will spread the input into different pfts (e.g., grassland or agricultural land). It is assumed that a fraction ($f_u = 0.5$) of nitrogen excreted is urine (urea), with the remaining 50 % excreted as faecal matter [Gusman and Marino, 1999]. The excreted urine is directly added to the TAN pool (g N m$^{-2}$). Faeces are composed of matter with varying carbon to nitrogen ratios that take different times to decompose depending on how easily they can be digested by microbes. Excreted faeces are assumed to form three different pools (g m$^{-2}$) depending on their rate of mineralization [e.g., Gusman and Marino, 1999]: (1) we assume a fraction $f_{\text{un}} = 5$ % is excreted as unavailable nitrogen ($N_{\text{unavailable}}$), the lignin component of manure where the nitrogen remains immobilized by bacteria (C:N ratio $> 25:1$), (2) a fraction $f_r = 45\%$ goes to the resistant pool ($N_{\text{resistant}}$) which forms the cellulose component of manure (C:N ratio c. 15:1) resistant to forming which forms TAN relatively slowly; (3) and a fraction $f_a = 50\%$ goes to the available pool ($N_{\text{available}}$) that is readily available to form TAN ($N_{\text{available}}$). In reality the fractions within each of these broadly defined pools will be dependent on the type of animal and the type of feed.

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

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

$$dN_{\text{resistant}}/dt = f_r \times \alpha_{\text{applied}}(m) - K_r \cdot N_{\text{resistant}} - k_m \cdot N_{\text{resistant}} \quad (2)$$
\[
d\frac{N_{\text{unavailable}}}{dt} = f_u \times \alpha_{\text{applied}}(m) - k_m \cdot N_{\text{unavailable}} \tag{3}
\]
where \(\alpha_{\text{applied}}(m)\) is the amount of manure applied (g m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\)); \(f_u, f_r\) and \(f_{un}\) are the fractions of manure applied to each pool; \(K_a\) and \(K_r\) (s\(^{-1}\)) are temperature dependent mineralization rates and \(k_m k_m\) (s\(^{-1}\)) is the mechanical loss rate of nitrogen out of these manure pools and into soil nitrogen pools. The decay constants, \(K_a\) and \(K_r\) are measured as the fast and slow decomposition rates for biosolids added to various soils and incubated at 25\(^\circ\)C [Gilmour et al., 2003], where a two-component decay model accurately fit approximately 73% of the samples incubated. The decay timescales for manure are 48 days and 667 days at 25 °C. The temperature dependence of the decay constants is derived from a fit of temperature dependent mineralization rates (see appendix) [Vigil and Kissel, 1995] corresponding to a Q10 value of 3.66. To prevent the manure pools from building up over long-timescales we assume that manure is incorporated into soils with a time constant of 365 days with a mechanical rate constant \(k_m\). This timescale is consistent with the base bioturbation rate of 1 cm\(^2\) year\(^{-1}\) assumed in Koven et al. [2013] and a typical length scale of 1 cm. The sensitivity of the subsequent nitrogen pathways to this timescale is small (section 3.4). Note, that nitrogen in the \(N_{\text{unavailable}}\) pool does not mineralize and is thus only incorporated into soil organic matter on the timescale determined by \(k_m\). We assume nitrogen prior to conversion to TAN comprises a range of insoluble organic compounds that do not wash away or otherwise volatilize.

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

\[
dN_{\text{fertilizer}}/dt = \alpha_{\text{applied}}(f) - k_f N_{\text{fertilizer}}
\]

Here we assume all synthetic fertilizer is urea. Urea is the most commonly used synthetic fertilizer accounting for over 50% of the global nitrogenous synthetic fertilizer usage [Gilbert et al., 2006]. Many other fertilizer types have significantly lower emission factors depending largely on changes in soil pH due to interactions between the soil and the fertilizer (Whitehead and Raistrick, 1990). We do not simulate this interaction here, but it should be accounted for in future model development. Thus the estimates here for fertilizer NH\(_3\) emissions may be considered as an upper estimate. We set the decay timescale of urea fertilizer to be 2.4 days consistent with the decay rate measured in Agehara and Warncke [2005] for temperatures from 15 to 20 °C. In a series of experiments Agehara and Warncke [2005] show that 75% of the urea hydrolyzes in a week at temperatures from 10 to 25 °C without a significant dependence on temperature especially for temperatures above 15 to 20 °C.

The timing of the for synthetic fertilizer application in the is determined internally within the CLM4.5 crop model coincides with the spring planting date—This for corn. We use corn since the CLM4.5 crop model only specifically includes corn, soybean and temperate cereals and the planting date for corn lies between the earlier planting date for temperate cereal crops and the later planting of soy. The date for fertilizer application is determined for each grid point location using the surface temperature-based criteria
developed by Levis et al. [2012] for simulating the planting date of corn. In Levis et al. [2012], the ten-day running mean temperature, ten-day running mean daily minimum temperature and growing degree days must all surpass fixed threshold values (283.15K, 279.15K and 50 days, respectively, for corn) before planting can take place. We do not use the Levis et al. [2012] crop model in this study but use these criteria to determine a planting date for each grid point and assume synthetic fertilizer is applied on this date. Future applications may assume a more complete algorithm for fertilizing the spectrum of global crops. Fertilizer application dates can have a large influence on the seasonality of the emissions (e.g., see Paulot et al., 2014) and the nitrogen loss pathways following fertilization (section 3.4). Future applications will assume more complete algorithms for fertilizing the spectrum of crops, as well as multiple fertilizer applications and double cropping. A global accounting of fertilization practices and application techniques (e.g., fertilizer injection) nevertheless remains a considerable source of uncertainty in global modeling of the NH₃ emissions from agriculture.

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

\[
\frac{dN_{TAN}(m)}{dt} = f_u \cdot \alpha_{applied}(m) + K_r \cdot N_{resistant} + K_a \cdot N_{available} - F_{run}(m) - K_D^{NH_4} \cdot N_{TAN}(m) - F_{NH_3}(m) - F_{NO_3}(m) \tag{5}
\]

\[
\frac{dN_{TAN}(f)}{dt} = k_f \cdot N_{fertilizer}
\]
−F_{\text{run}}(f) − K_{D}^{NH4} \cdot N_{TAN}(f) − F_{NH3}(f) − F_{NO3}(f) \quad (6)

Here $F_{\text{run}}(m/f)$ (g N m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) is the loss of nitrogen by runoff from the manure or synthetic fertilizer pool, $K_{D}^{NH4}$ (s$^{-1}$) the loss rate of nitrogen to the soil nitrogen pools, $F_{NH3}(m)$ and $F_{NH3}(f)$ (g N m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) the NH$_3$ emissions from the TAN pool to the atmosphere from the soil manure and synthetic fertilizer pools, respectively, and $F_{NO3}(m)$ and $F_{NO3}(f)$ (g N m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) the loss of nitrogen through nitrification from the manure and synthetic fertilizer pools respectively. The formulation of each of these terms is given below. Inputs into $N_{TAN}$ (m) pool are from the fraction ($f_u$) of applied manure as urine ($\alpha_{\text{applied}}(m)$), and from the decomposition of the nitrogen within the available and resistant manure pools. Input into the $N_{TAN}(f)$ pool is through decomposition of nitrogen within the synthetic fertilizer pool.

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

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

The value of $R$ is calculated within the CLM and is a function of precipitation, evaporation, drainage and soil saturation. The amount of water within the TAN pool ($N_{\text{water}}(m/f)) (m)$ is needed to convert $N_{TAN}$ (g N m$^{-2}$) to a concentration (g N m$^{-3}$). An expression for $N_{\text{water}}(m/f)$ is given in Section 2.2.9. It should be emphasized that this is the immediate runoff of manure and synthetic fertilizer nitrogen from the TAN pools. Subsequent loss of nitrogen derived from manure and synthetic fertilizer
application occurs following the nitrogen transfer to the soil pools, but is not tracked in these simulations. Additional hydrological losses will also occur following NH$_3$ volatilization to the atmosphere, the subsequent deposition and loss through runoff or leaching. These losses are also not tracked in the current simulation.

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

2.2.5 Diffusion through soil. Nitrogen is assumed to diffuse from the TAN pool to the soil pools. Génermont and Cellier [1997] represent the diffusion coefficient of ammonium through soils as dependent on soil water content, soil porosity, temperature and an empirical diffusion coefficient of ammonium in free water (see appendix). For example, assuming a temperature of 21° C, a soil porosity of 0.5 and a soil water content of 0.2 the resulting diffusion coefficient is approximately 0.03 cm$^2$ day$^{-1}$, in reasonable agreement with measurements in Canter et al. [1997]. Here we assume a typical length scale of 1.0 cm to convert the diffusion rate to a timescale. The resulting diffusion of ammonical nitrogen is added to pre-existing nitrogen pools in the CLM4.5 and is not further tracked.

2.2.6 Flux of Ammonia to the Atmosphere. The flux of NH$_3$ ($F_{NH3}$, g m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) to the atmosphere is calculated from the difference between the NH$_3$ concentration at the surface ($NH_3(g)$, g m$^{-3}$) of the TAN pool and the free atmosphere NH$_3$ concentration
\[ F_{\text{NH}_3} = \frac{N\text{H}_3(g) - \chi_a}{R_a(\varphi) + R_b} \] (8)

The calculation of \( N\text{H}_3(g) \) is given below. For compatibility with the \( N\text{H}_3 \) emission model we compute average values of \( R_a \) and \( R_b \) for each CLM soil column, which may contain several PFTs. Continental \( N\text{H}_3 \) concentrations between 0.1 and 10 µg m\(^{-3}\) have been reported by Zbieranowski and Aherne [2012] and Heald et al. [2012]. A background atmospheric \( N\text{H}_3 \) concentration (\( \chi_a = 0.3 \) µg m\(^{-3}\) in Equation 8) is specified, representative of concentrations over low activity agricultural sites [Zbieranowski and Aherne, 2012]. This concentration is intermediate between concentrations at low to moderate pollution sites as diagnosed in GEOS-chem [Warner et al., 2015]. The sensitivity to this parameter is small as \( N\text{H}_3(g) \) is usually very large (section 3.4). While equation (8) allows for negative emissions (\( N\text{H}_3(g) < \chi_a \)) or deposition of atmospheric \( N\text{H}_3 \) onto the soil we currently disallow negative emissions in the current simulations. In future studies the atmospheric concentration of \( N\text{H}_3 \) will be calculated interactively when coupling the \( \text{NH}_2 \) emission FAN model is coupled with the atmospheric chemistry component of the CESM (CAM-chem), thus allowing the dynamics of the \( N\text{H}_3 \) exchange between the soil, the atmosphere and vegetation to be captured [e.g., Sutton et al., 2013].

A large fraction of the \( N\text{H}_3 \) emitted to the atmosphere is assumed captured by vegetation. The amount emitted to the atmosphere is given by:
\[ F_{\text{NH}_3\text{atm}}(m/f) = (1 - f_{\text{capture}}) \times F_{\text{NH}_3}(m/f) \] (9)

where \( f_{\text{capture}} \) is set to 0.6

where \( f_{\text{capture}} \) is set to 0.6, where this accounts for the capture of the emitted \( \text{NH}_3 \) by plants or even onto the soil surface. Plant recapture of emitted \( \text{NH}_3 \) is often reported to be as high as 75% (Harper et al., 2000; Nemitz et al., 2000; Walker et al. 2006; Denmead et al., 2008; Bash et al., 2010). Using seabird nitrogen on different substrates (rock, sand, soil and vegetation) inside a chamber Riddick (2012) found \( \text{NH}_3 \) recapture to be 0% on rock, 32% on sand, 59% on soil and 73% on vegetation. We set \( f_{\text{capture}} \) to 0.6 in-line with the findings of Wilson et al. [2004] as a mid-way between the value for soil (when the crops are planted) to when they are fully grown. Bouwman et al. [1997] also used canopy capture to estimate emissions with the captured fraction ranging from 0.8 in tropical rain forests to 0.5 in other forests to 0.2 for all other vegetation types including grasslands and shrubs. Bouwman et al. [1997] omitted canopy capture over arable lands and intensively used grasslands. Overall, the deposition of \( \text{NH}_3 \) onto the canopy (or even the soil surface) is poorly constrained [e.g., see Erisman and Draaijers, 1995] and often ignored in model simulations. In reality canopy capture is not constant but depends on surface characteristics and boundary layer meteorology. Variations in canopy capture will induce temporal and regional variations in \( \text{NH}_3 \) emissions. Explicitly including the canopy capture fraction allows us to explicitly differentiate between different biogeochemical pathways in future studies. In the future when the model is fully coupled with the atmospheric \( \text{NH}_3 \) cycle a compensation point approach would be desirable for
calculating the net \( \text{NH}_3 \) emissions, but we feel it is outside the scope of the present study.

It is assumed that the nitrogen in the TAN pool is in equilibrium between \( \text{g-Nm}^3 \text{g-Nm}^3 \text{N} \), \( \text{NH}_2(g), \text{NH}_2(aq) \) and \( \text{NH}_2^+(aq) \). \( \text{NH}_3(g) \) (g m\(^{-3}\)), \( \text{NH}_3(aq) \) (g N m\(^{-3}\)) and \( \text{NH}_4^+(aq) \) (g N m\(^{-3}\) ). The equilibrium that governs the speciation of these species is determined by the Henry’s Law coefficient \( (K_H) \), where \( K_H \) is a measure of the solubility of \( \text{NH}_3 \) in water, and the disassociation constant of \( \text{NH}_4^+ \) in water \( (K_{NH4}) \) (moles l\(^{-1}\)) [e.g., Sutton et al., 1994]

\[
\text{NH}_3(g) + H_2O \rightleftharpoons K_H \text{NH}_3(aq) \quad (10)
\]

\[
\text{NH}_4^+(aq) \rightleftharpoons K_{NH4} \text{NH}_3(aq) + H^+ \quad (11)
\]

Combining these two expressions \( \text{NH}_3(g) \) can be expressed as a function of the total TAN (e.g., Pinder et al. [2004], although note their different units for \( K_H \) and \( K_{NH4} \))

\[
\text{NH}_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH4}} \quad (11)
\]

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\text{NH}_3(g)(m/f) = \frac{N_{TAN}(m/f)/N_{water}(m/f)}{1+K_H+K_H[H^+]/K_{NH4}} \quad (11)
\]

where \([H^+]\) is the hydrogen ion concentration in moles/liter. Both \( K_H \) and \( K_{NH4} \) are temperature dependent. As temperature and pH increase the concentration of \( \text{NH}_3(g) \) increases. The pH of the solution depends on the type of soil, the exposure of the manure to air and may change with the aging of the manure or synthetic fertilizer TAN pool. In Eghball et al. [2000] the majority of the reported measurements of pH for beef cattle feedlot manure are between 7 and 8, although in one case a pH of 8.8 was measured. The recommended pH for various crops ranges from approximately 5.8 to 7.0 depending on the crop (e.g., [http://onondaga.cce.cornell.edu/resources/soil-ph-for-field-crops](http://onondaga.cce.cornell.edu/resources/soil-ph-for-field-crops)).
now we simply set the pH of the solution to 7 for both the synthetic fertilizer and manure TAN pools. Sensitivity to pH is explored in section 3.4.

2.2.7 Conversion of TAN to NO$_3^-$: The flux from the TAN pool to NO$_3^-$ by nitrification $(N_{NO3} F_{NO3},$ g m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$) was adapted from that derived by Stange & Neue [2009] to describe the gross nitrification rates in response to fertilization of a surface with manure or synthetic fertilizer. In particular Stange & Neue [2009] fit measured gross nitrification rates to an expression using a maximal nitrification rate $r_{max},$ (µg N kg$^{-1}$ h$^{-1}$) modified by a soil temperature response function ($f(T)$) and a soil moisture response function ($f(M)$) [Stange and Neue, 2009] (see appendix). However, since $r_{max}$ is fit from their experimental data the dependence of the nitrification rate on the ammonium concentration is not explicitly included in the formulation of Stange & Neue [2009]. We have remedied this by setting the maximum nitrification rate ($r_{max}$) in the formulation of [Stange and Neue, 2009] to 1.16 $10^{-6}$ s$^{-1}$ consistent with the formulation in Parton et al. [2001]:

$$F_{NO3}(m/f) = \frac{2 \cdot r_{max} N_{water}(m/f) NH_3(g)(m/f) K_H[H^+]/K_{NH4} \cdot f(T)^+ \cdot f(M)^{+}}{f(T) \cdot f(M)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (12)

where $f(T)$ and $f(M)$ are functions of soil temperature and moisture and the ammonium concentration is assumed to be in equilibrium with the other forms of ammoniacal nitrogen and is thus expressed in terms of pH, $K_H$ and $K_{NH4}$ and $N_{TAN\{NH_3(g)\}} \cdot (m/f)^{+}$.  

2.2.8 Nitrate: The rate of change of the nitrate pool is given by:
The source of nitrate ions is nitrification from the TAN pool (see Eq. 13). Nitrate is lost to the soil nitrate pool through diffusion. Nitrate leaching is not explicitly taken into account in the current model as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pools occurs very rapidly. The loss of nitrate through runoff and leaching can, however, occur within the CLM-\(\text{NO}_3^-\), but is not tracked in the current simulations. Nitrate ions diffuse significantly faster than the \(\text{NH}_4^+\) ions because they are not subject to immobilization by negatively charged soil particles [Mitsch and Gosselink, 2007]. Diffusion rates used in this study are derived from the same formulation as assumed for the diffusion of ammonium [e.g., see Jury et al., 1983] with a different base diffusion rate. The summary of measurements given in Canter et al. [1997], where both the diffusion of ammonium and nitrate were measured in the same soil types and wetness, suggest the base diffusion rate of \(\text{NO}_3^-\) is 13 times faster than that of ammonium.

\[
dN_{\text{NO}_3}(m/f)/dt = F_{\text{NO}_3}(m/f) - k_D^{\text{NO}_3}N_{\text{NO}_3}(m/f) \quad (13)
\]

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

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

\[
dN_{\text{water}}(f)/dt = S_w(f) \times \alpha_{\text{applied}}(f) - k_{\text{relax}} \times (N_{\text{water}}(f) - M_{\text{water}}) \quad (13)
\]
These equations include a source of water \( s_w(m) \) or \( S_w(f) \) added as a fraction of the synthetic fertilizer or manure applied and a relaxation term \( k_{\text{relax}}, \text{s}^{-1} \) to the soil water \( M_{\text{water}}, \text{m} \) calculated in the CLM for the top 5 cm of soil. The value for \( M_{\text{water}} \) explicitly takes into account the modification of the water pool due to rainfall, evaporation and the diffusion of water into deeper soil layers. We assume the TAN pool equilibrates with water within the top 5 cm of the soil with a rate of 3 days\(^{-1}\). The solution is insensitive to this parameter within the ranges examined of 1 to 10 days\(^{-1}\) (section 3.5).

The water content of manure applied to fields depends on the animal, its feedstock and on agricultural practices. Here we assume cattle manure is added as a slurry with a dry fraction of 74.23 g kg\(^{-1}\) and a nitrogen content of 1.63 g kg\(^{-1}\), resulting in 5.67 \( \times \) 10\(^{-4}\) m water applied per gram of manure nitrogen applied [Sommer and Hutchings, 2001]. In the case of synthetic fertilizer we assume urea is added as a liquid spread, where water added is calculated from the temperature dependent solubility of urea in water [UNIDO and FIDC, 1998].

### 2.3 Model spin up and forcing

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

#### 2.3.1 Present day control simulation

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

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

The temporal distribution of manure and synthetic fertilizer application from 1850-2000
is specified by applying the temporal distribution of Holland et al. [2005] to the base
values as calculated in Potter et al. [2010]. For lack of detailed information on the
geography of historical manure and synthetic fertilizer we use the scaled spatial
distribution from Potter et al. [2010]. We assume manure production has changed from
26.3 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 1860 to 438.4 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000 [Holland et al., 2005; Potter et al.,
2010]-, but acknowledge these temporal changes are uncertain. Synthetic fertilizer was
first used in the 1920s -with use increasing to 8662 Tg N yr⁻¹ in 2000.
3. Results

3.1 Model evaluation

To evaluate model output, measurements of the percentage of applied nitrogen that was emitted as NH$_3$ ($P_v$) from literature were compared against corresponding model predictions. The model predictions are obtained from the present day control simulation. The percent-volatilized ammonia NH$_3$ was used as a metric because it can be compared across time irrespective of the absolute amount of nitrogen applied to the surface. To be able to compare emissions to published measurements we require field studies with published data on: nitrogen excretion rates, NH$_3$ emissions, ground temperature, location, and date of measurement. Given all of these requirements we found that only a small selection of publications had enough data.

For the manure emissions, 35 measurements in a range of climates (temperatures from 1.4 °C to 28 °C) and a range of livestock management methods (commercial beef cattle feedyard, dairy cow grazing on ryegrass, beef cattle grazing on ryegrass and dairy cattle grazing on pasture land) were used (Supplementary Table 1). Each $P_v$ reported by the measurement campaign was compared against the $P_v$ at the corresponding grid cell in the model. For the synthetic fertilizer scenario, 10 measurements in a range of latitudes (43 °S to 50 °N) over a range of land use surfaces (pasture, sown crops, turf and forest) were used (Supplementary Table 2). Each total annual $P_v$ reported by the measurement campaign was compared against the annual $P_v$ of the corresponding grid cell.
3.1.1 Nitrogen volatilized as NH$_3$ from manure. There is a general increase in the percentage of applied manure lost as NH$_3$ ($P_v$) with temperature, in both the model and measurements (Figure 2). However, temperature is not the only factor in determining NH$_3$ emissions where wind speed, water availability and below ground soil properties can also effect NH$_3$ emission. This is particularly demonstrated by the measurements of Todd et al. [2007] at temperatures less than 5$^\circ$ C where the measured emissions are higher than those predicted at higher temperatures [e.g., Bussink, 1992]. It is also worth noting that the model predicts the emissions of Todd et al [2007] at lower temperatures with relative success.

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

3.1.2 Nitrogen volatilized as NH$_3$ from synthetic fertilizer. The comparison between measured and modeled annual average $P_v$ from synthetic fertilizer applied to a range of land use types appears weak with an $R^2$ of 0.2 that is significant at the 90% confidence
level (p-value - 0.15) (Figure 3). The lowest emissions in the model and measurements tend to be associated with the higher latitudes of both hemispheres. There does not appear to be any noticeable bias with land use type where the model estimates are both higher and lower than measured values of $P_v$ for surfaces covered in turf, pasture land and crops. The fact that the $R^2$ for the synthetic fertilizer measurements is lower than the $R^2$ of the manure measurements is potentially caused by the single application date applied in the model, where actual farming practices may differ from model assumptions.

3.1.3 Nitrogen run-off. Here we simulate the direct nitrogen runoff from the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools, but do not track the resulting nitrogen flows. These flows are tracked, however, in Nevison et al. [2015 routes2016] where the nitrogen runoff from manure and synthetic fertilizer using pools is routed into the River Transport Model (RTM) [Dai and Trenberth, 2001; Branstetter and Erickson, 2003] within the CESM. Nevison et al. [20152016] assumes denitrification occurs within the simulated rivers at a rate inversely proportional to the river depth (amounting to approximately 30% of the nitrogen inputs on average) and compares the simulated dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) export at the river mouths against the measured nitrogen export measurements [Van Drecht et al., 2003] partitioned into the proportion that is DIN (Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen)-following Global NEWS [Mayorga et al., 2010]. The simulated nitrogen DIN export is nearly unbiased for six identified rivers with high human impact: the Columbia, Danube, Mississippi, Rhine, Saint Lawrence and Uruguay. Explicit comparisons against the Mississippi River show that the amplitude and seasonality of the simulated $N_r$ runoff is in reasonable agreement with the measurements. While the comparison in Nevison et al
(2015), [2016] gives confidence the runoff is reasonably simulated, the complications in
simulating river runoff preclude tight model constraints.

3.2 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Present Day

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

3.2.2 Geography of Nitrogen Losses. There are strong geographical differences in the loss
pathways of nitrogen following manure or synthetic fertilizer application. The importance
of the various loss pathways from the TAN pool (the amount nitrogen volatilized as NH₃,
runoff, nitrified or diffused directly into the soil, Figures 4-8) is dependent on
temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. In hot, arid climates, the percentage
volatilized is high (Figures 4 and 5). For example, regions of high NH₃ volatilization of
applied manure N, approach 50% across the southwest U.S. and Mexico, Eastern South
America, central and southern Africa, parts of Australia, and across southern Asia from
India to Turkey (Figure 5). The absolute highest emissions of NH₃ from applied synthetic
fertilizer and from applied manure approach 20 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ over hot regions with high
applications, e.g. the Indian peninsula and parts of China (Figure 4 and 5). Ammonia emissions from manure are more broadly distributed globally than those of synthetic fertilizer with high NH$_3$ emissions not only over the synthetic fertilizer hotspots, characterized by heavy application of both synthetic fertilizer and manure, but also over southeastern South America and central Africa. For the most part, the largest synthetic fertilizer NH$_3$ emissions occur during April-June reflecting the single fertilization date used in this study as calculated in the CLM for corn. While Paulot et al. [2014] also show the maximum synthetic fertilizer emissions generally occur from April-June they obtain relatively higher emissions than simulated here during the other seasons. This is likely due to differences in the assumed timing of applied synthetic fertilizer: Paulot et al. [2014] consider three different synthetic fertilizer applications for each crop as well as a wide variety of crops. The seasonal emission distribution of NH$_3$ emissions from manure is broader than that of synthetic fertilizer but with maximum emissions usually occurring in April-June or July-Sept. The simulated geographical and seasonal NH$_3$ emission distribution from manure is in broad agreement with Paulot et al. [2014].

Runoff of N$_r$ from applied synthetic fertilizer and manure applications as well as nitrification and diffusion into the soil depend on precipitation and soil moisture (see appendix). High manure and synthetic fertilizer N$_r$ run off from the TAN pools (see Figure 6-7) occur particularly across parts of China, Europe (particularly the Northern parts) and the East central U.S. The global hotspot for simulated N$_r$ runoff from the TAN pools is China where runoff approaches 20 kg N ha$^{-1}$ yr$^{-1}$ for nitrogen applied as either in manure and synthetic fertilizer. However, we do find other...
runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway becomes more important in the wetter and cooler regions. In contrast, over India and Spain the agricultural nitrogen input is high, but where simulated N<sub>r</sub> (runoff) is relatively low, for example over India and Spain. In these regions with their high temperatures (and dry conditions) the NH<sub>3</sub> volatilization is the preferred pathway for nitrogen losses from the TAN pool. In general the importance of runoff as a nitrogen loss pathway becomes more important in the wetter and cooler regions. The same holds true for the

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

3.2.3 Regional and Global accounting of nitrogen losses. As nitrogen cascades through the environment it can be emitted as NH<sub>3</sub> or runoff or leached at many different stages. Here we only examine the losses directly from manure or fertilizer application. Globally, the direct loss of applied nitrogen to the atmosphere as NH<sub>3</sub> is similar for manure and synthetic fertilizer (17% for manure, 20% for synthetic fertilizer; see Figure 9). Our global estimates of the percent of manure and synthetic fertilizer volatilized as NH<sub>3</sub> are similar to Bouwman et al. [2002] and Beusen et al. [2008], although our estimate for synthetic fertilizer volatilization as NH<sub>3</sub> is somewhat high. Bouwman et al. [2002] estimates 19-29% of applied manure and 10-19% of applied synthetic fertilizer volatilizes
as NH$_3$; Beusen et al. [2008] conclude 15-23% of applied manure is lost as NH$_3$ (including losses from housing and storage, grazing and spreading) and 10-18% of applied synthetic fertilizer is lost.

We calculate the global direct run-off from manure or fertilizer TAN pools as 8% for manure N$_r$ and 9% for synthetic fertilizer. Bouwman et al [2011, 2013] find that 23% of deposited N$_r$ (comprised of synthetic fertilizer, manure and atmospheric nitrogen deposition) runs off, higher than our estimate. However, our estimate only includes the direct runoff from the TAN pool; further loss of nitrogen due to runoff and leaching may also occur from the soil nitrogen pools or downstream following NH$_3$ emission and re-deposition.

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

In the case of synthetic fertilizer the direct diffusion of TAN N\textsubscript{r} into the soil pool (22\%) is larger than nitrification (17\%); for manure it is just the opposite: the nitrification (29\%) is larger than the direct diffusion (14\%) (Figure 9). In practice, as simulated here, this makes little difference as the diffusion of nitrate into the soil pool occurs very rapidly, an order of magnitude faster than the diffusion of nitrogen from the TAN pool. Thus NO\textsubscript{3}\textsuperscript{-} is directly incorporated into the soil nitrate pool without any subsequent loss. Recall, also, a small percentage of manure is mechanically stirred into the soil organic nitrogen pools.

Accounting for the N\textsubscript{r} diffused from the TAN pool into the soil pools, and assuming the NH\textsubscript{3} emissions captured by the canopy, as well as the ammonium nitrified to NO\textsubscript{3}\textsuperscript{-} also end up in the soil pools we find that globally 75\% of TAN-manure nitrogen and 71\% of TAN-synthetic fertilizer nitrogen ends up in the soil nitrogen or soil organic nitrogen pools. Of course, once in these soil pools there may be subsequent losses of nitrogen due to runoff and leaching or emissions, but these are not calculated in this initial study.

The global percentages given above change appreciably when examined over subsets of countries (Figure 10). For example, over all developed countries the percentage of emissions of manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN as NH\textsubscript{3} [13\%] is substantially smaller than for developing countries [21\%]. These differences can be largely explained by the fact that developing countries tend to be located in warmer climates than developed countries. Bouwman et al. [2002] took these differences into account when developing
emission factors for developing and industrialized countries. Bouwman [2002] calculated
NH$_3$ emission factors for manure of 21% and 26% for developed and industrialized
countries, respectively and for synthetic fertilizer of 7% and 18%, respectively. The

In our simulations 16% and 9% of applied agricultural nitrogen is emitted as NH$_3$ in the
US and the European Union - have N$_r$ emission percentages of 16% and 9%, respectively
and. The direct runoff percentages of nitrogen accounts for 9% and 14% of the losses
of agricultural nitrogen in the US and the European Union, respectively, within a factor
of two although nitrogen runoff is favored in the cooler moister climate of
Europe. However, note the large contrast between India and China, where for India NH$_3$
emissions are 27% of the applied N$_r$ with very little runoff, whereas for China the runoff
and emissions are approximately equal (13% and 10%, respectively).

3.2.4 Comparison to other emissions inventories. Figure 11 gives a comparison of
manure and synthetic fertilizer NH$_3$ emissions from our the FAN process oriented-model
for 2000 and various bottom-up emission inventories, as collated by Paulot et al. [2014].
The bottom-up inventories rely on emission factors depending on animal husbandry,
types of synthetic fertilizer usage and other details of agricultural practices. Only the NH$_3$
emission inventory of Huang et al. [2012] for China and Paulot et al. [2014] explicitly
account for temperature to modify their emission factors; the inventory of Paulot et al.
[2014] also uses wind speed to modify the emission factors. The inventories of Paulot et
are global inventories. We supplement these estimates over North America with The
EDGAR inventory does not strictly separate the Goebes et al. [2003] estimate for 1995 for NH₃ emissions into those from manure and synthetic fertilizer NH₃ emissions and the US EPA [2006] estimate of so we simply show the overall NH₃ emissions. Over the US we also give an estimate for synthetic fertilizer NH₃ from 1995 [Goebes et al., 2003] and for NH₃ emissions from animal agricultural operations [US EPA, 2006]. Over China the global NH₃ emission estimates are supplemented by Huang et al. [2012] for 2006 and Streets et al. [2003] for 2000. Over Europe results using the Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollution Interactions and Synergies [GAINS] model are given [Klimont and Brink, 2004] as reported in Paulot et al. [2014]. In this study synthetic fertilizer application dataset is valid circa 2000 and the manure application dataset is valid circa 2007 [Potter et al., 2010].

Globally all inventories give approximately the same overall NH₃ emissions of 30-35 Tg N yr⁻¹. The global apportionment of emissions between manure and synthetic fertilizer in this study in approximately the ratio of 2:1, roughly consistent with that of Paulot et al. [2014] and Beusen et al. [2008]. The apportionment of manure to synthetic fertilizer emissions in the EDGAR inventory (approximately in the ratio 1:3, respectively) is not consistent with the other three inventories presented. The European and Chinese NH₃ emissions estimated here are on the low side of the other inventories, while the U.S. emissions are on the high side. In Europe the current parameterization underestimates the manure emissions compared to the other estimates, while the synthetic fertilizer emissions fall between are on the Paulot et al. (2014) and GAINS emission inventories and that of low side. The EDGAR emissions are somewhat higher than the other
estimates over Europe, although may depend on exactly what is assumed for the European boundary.

In the U.S. the manure NH$_3$ emissions are close to the estimate of all the other inventories except that of EDGAR while the synthetic fertilizer emissions are high compared to all inventories, although the synthetic fertilizer emissions are close to that of EDGAR. In China our synthetic fertilizer emissions are similar to those of Huang et al. [2012], but underestimate the manure NH$_3$ emissions of all the other inventories except EDGAR. Of the three regions examined all inventories suggest the Chinese emissions are highest. Note, however, there is considerable variation amongst the Chinese inventories for both synthetic fertilizer and manure. Our results appear to match those of Huang et al. [2012] the best.

3.2.5 Site specific simulated pathways. The hourly time series of the fate of applied nitrogen from manure and synthetic fertilizer at a single site better illustrates the relationship between the different pathways and the local meteorology (Fig. 12). This large fluctuations in the NH$_3$ emissions and the resultant implications for atmospheric chemistry also demonstrate the desirability of inventories that respond on hourly timescales to meteorological conditions. The site shown in Fig. 12 is near the Texas panhandle. It experiences several large rain events and surface temperatures ranging from 0 to 18 degrees Celsius over a period of about two months during the spring season. The response of the NH$_3$ emissions to the diurnal temperature range is clearly evident. The nitrogen losses of manure TAN due to NH$_3$ volatilization is initially small at the
beginning of the examined period, on par with the diffusive loss and somewhat less than the loss due to nitrification. The loss by nitrification and diffusion from the TAN manure pool remain roughly constant through the period examined although both processes show some response to precipitation, particularly. Note in particular the diffusion which reaches a maximum near May 21 presumably due to the increased water content in the soil by the prior rain event. With the rise in temperatures towards the end of the period, the emission loss of manure TAN becomes the dominant loss pathway and the TAN manure pool decreases. Closer inspection suggests, however, that the large increase in the NH$_3$ emissions towards the end of the period cannot solely be attributed to temperature, but must also be attributed to decreased water in the TAN pool as the soil dries. The latter process increases the concentration of nitrogen species within the TAN pool. The TAN manure pool is punctuated by sharp decline events, associated with precipitation and increased runoff (Fig. 12c). Synthetic fertilizer TAN responds similarly during these events but the different temporal distribution of N application for synthetic fertilizer is clearly evident in these plots. The decrease in the synthetic fertilizer TAN pool occurs on a timescale of approximately a week, consistent with the timescale used in the MASAGE_NH3 model [{Paulot et al., 2014}].

3.3 Global Nitrogen Pathways: Historical

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

The nitrogen applied produced as manure increases in the historical simulation from 21 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) in 1850 to 125 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) in 2000 (Figure 13). In 1900 we estimate that 37 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) of manure is produced, similar to the Bouwman et al (2011) estimate of 35 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\).

Emissions of NH\(_3\) from applied manure increase from approximately 3 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) in 1850 (14.3% of the manure produced) to 22 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) in 2000—Bouwman et al (2011) estimates that 35 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) is produced as manure in 1900 similar to our estimate of 37 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\). The (17.6% of the applied manure). On the other hand the percentage of manure nitrogen applied as manure that volatilize to NH\(_3\) increases by 4% since the preindustrial while the percentage of manure TAN is nitrified decreases from 33 to 27%.

Since the preindustrial. Note that the year 2000 emissions in the historical simulation differ slightly from the results of the present day control for which we report the 1995-2004 average emissions for the year 2000.

Synthetic fertilizer nitrogen application has increased dramatically since 1960 from essentially zero to the 1960s with an estimated 62 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) applied as synthetic fertilizer in 2000. Accompanying this increase, we estimate the volatilization of synthetic fertilizer reaches as NH\(_3\) is 12 Tg N yr\(^{-1}\) in 2000.

For synthetic fertilizer there is an increase of emissions to the atmosphere and a decrease in nitrogen runoff. Since 1920 the (19% of that applied). The percent of synthetic fertilizer nitrogen volatilized to the atmosphere as NH\(_3\) increases from 8% to 20%, while
the runoff has in 1920 was 8%. On the other hand, the percentage of synthetic fertilizer that is lost through runoff decreased since the preindustrial by 8%. It is evident that much of these percentage changes can be explained by the fact the runoff of synthetic fertilizer can completely drain the TAN synthetic fertilizer pool when the application rate is small.

In part the historic emission increases in NH$_3$ can also be explained by changes in climate. The globally average has warmed by approximately 1$^\circ$ C since the preindustrial. In a sensitivity experiment the temperature was artificially increased by 1$^\circ$ C in the rate equations governing the nitrogen pathways following manure and synthetic fertilizer application rate prior to 1960. Under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH$_3$ is emitted from the manure and synthetic fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The resulting manure emissions increase by 4% and the fertilizer emissions by 3%.

### 3.4 Sensitivity Tests

We have conducted a large number of sensitivity tests to evaluate the effect of changes in individual model parameters on NH$_3$ emissions. The various parameters may co-vary, of course, with non-linear impacts on the NH$_3$ emissions; however, we have not attempted to evaluate these effects. The sensitivity tests for manure are given in Table 1, those for synthetic fertilizer in Table 2. The sensitivity tests are labeled with a number...
denoting the sensitivity parameter perturbed and a letter denoting whether the test is with respect to manure emissions (m) or synthetic fertilizer emissions (f). In each case we give the percent change in NH$_3$ emissions due to the parameter change and the relative emission change with respect to the relative parameter change (the sensitivity). Rationale for the assumed parameter bounds is given in the supplement.

Except for changes in the canopy capture parameter (EX7mEX8m/f, EX8mEX9m/f) and changes in the timing or composition of manure or synthetic fertilizer inputs (EX17m, EX18fEX8m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f), changes in the sensitivity parameters directly change the nitrogen cycling within the TAN pool (as described below). For the most part the synthetic fertilizer and manure TAN pools respond similarly to the parameter changes. Note also, that except for EX17EX18, where the amount of nitrogen input into the TAN pools is reduced, the total input and loss of nitrogen from the TAN pools remain the same for all sensitivity experiments. In general, the sensitivity of NH$_3$ emissions to the imposed parameter changes are within the range of ± 20% with many processes within the range of ±10%. The sensitivity to the mechanical mixing of manure (EX1m, EX2m), the adjustment timescale for the water pool (EX3, EX4), the diffusion rate into the soil (EX13,EX14,EX15), the assumed depth of the water pool (EX11,EX12,EX13) and the maximum nitrification rate (EX15,EX16,EX17) all impact NH$_3$ emissions by less than 20%. The sensitivity to the assumed background NH$_3$ concentration is also low (EX9, EX10). The high NH$_3$ concentration in equilibrium with the TAN pool renders the emissions rather insensitive to the background concentration (EX10, EX11).
The NH₃ emissions are most sensitive to changes in pH (EX5m/f, EX6m/f, EX7m/f). The NH₃ emissions increased decrease by a factor of 3–4 approximately 60% when the pH is changed from 6 to 8. Increased pH pushes the solution towards \( \text{NH}_3(aq) \) and away from \( \text{NH}_4^+(aq) \) (equations 10 and 11). As \( \text{NH}_3(aq) \) is in equilibrium with \( \text{NH}_4(g) \), increased pH increases from 7 to 8 and increase by 50 to 70% (for manure and synthetic fertilizer, respectively) when the pH is decreased from 7 to 6. We also test the concentration of \( \text{NH}_4(g) \) and consequently the sensitivity of the emissions to the spatially explicit pH from ISRIC-WISE dataset [Batjes, 2005], with a global pH average of 6.55. The spatially explicit pH changed the manure NH₃ emissions. Decreased pH has the opposite effect, by 23% and the synthetic fertilizer NH₃ emissions by 14%. Changes in pH also have a large impact on the nitrification rate. Increased pH reduces \( \text{NH}_4^+(aq) \text{NH}_3(aq) \) and thus the rate of conversion of \( \text{NH}_4^+(aq) \text{NH}_3(aq) \) to \( \text{NO}_3^- \). The effect of pH on the rate constant for nitrification rate constant is not included in the current parameterization. Parton et al. (2001) suggests this effect is small between a pH of 6 and 8, varying only on the order of 15%. Changes in pH also result in marked changes in the runoff and soil diffusion due to the large changes in emissions and nitrification: low pH’s act to increase the flux of nitrogen through these loss pathways, high pH’s act to decrease them.

Emissions are also highly sensitive to changes in canopy capture (i.e., the parameter \( f_{\text{capture}} \)) as shown in EX7m/f, EX8m/f, EX9m/f. Decreasing the fraction captured by the canopy by a factor of 2 increases the emissions by approximately a factor of 3. Changes in this fraction modify the fixed ratio between the amount of nitrogen captured by the canopy and that emitted to the atmosphere, but do not impact nitrogen cycling within the
TAN pools. Of course, the nitrogen captured in the canopy impacts the overall soil nitrogen budget, but this impact is not simulated here.

The NH$_3$ emissions are somewhat sensitive to the depth of the assumed water pool (EX11m/f, EX12m/f), where the water budget is calculated over depth of the water pool. Smaller depths (less water) give higher concentrations of all the constituents within the TAN pool resulting in larger higher NH$_3$ emissions (equations 7 and 11) and larger nitrogen runoff (section 2.4.1). Larger depths (more water) have the opposite effect.

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

We conducted various sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer applications. Early synthetic fertilizer applications decrease NH$_3$ emissions due to their strong temperature dependence and increase the susceptibility of the TAN pool to washout. An early fertilization date (set to March 15) decreases the NH$_3$ emissions by 23% and increases the nitrogen runoff from the TAN pool by 62% (EX18fEX19f). To investigate the sensitivity to the application rate of synthetic fertilizer, synthetic fertilizer was applied over 20 days as opposed to the single day application assumed in the default version (EX19fEX20f). This did not have a significant impact on the emissions. The assumed synthetic fertilizer type in the default version of the model (urea) was replaced with ammonium nitrate fertilizer in EX20fEX21f. Whereas urea is converted to NH$_3$ rather slowly, the conversion of
ammonium nitrate is rapid (in the sensitivity test it is assumed to be instantaneously released into the TAN pool) and result in no changes in pH). However, the emissions are not particularly sensitive to this change. This is in contrast to differences in volatilization rates of different synthetic fertilizers given in Bouwman (2002). Whitehead and Raistrick (1990) show that one of the primary differences between the addition of urea versus ammonium nitrate as fertilizer is in the effect of the fertilizer on the soil pH, an effect that we do not consider in this first study. In particular urea increases the soil pH and thus the NH$_3$ emissions.

Finally we test the impact of manure composition on the NH$_3$ emissions (EX17mEX18m). The composition of manure nitrogen excreted by animals depends in part on the digestibility of the feed, which can vary in both time and space. To investigate this uncertainty we varied the composition of the manure assumed in the default model version (50% urine, 25% available, 22.5% resistant and 2.5% unavailable) to the less soluble N excreta from dairy cattle in sensitivity simulation EX17mEX18m (41% urine, 21% available, 25% unavailable and 13% resistant [Smith, 1973]). This decreased the NH$_3$ emissions by 21 percent.

It is important to emphasize that these sensitivity simulations only test the parameter sensitivity within the imposed model. In particular, the sensitivities to various farming practices are generally extraneous to the model assumptions with some exceptions. The sensitivities to synthetic fertilizer or manure input assumptions are tested in simulations EX17m, EX18fEX18m, EX19f, EX20f, EX21f; sensitivities to the water depth which
may crudely represent some of the impacts of plowing manure or synthetic fertilizer into
the soil are examined in EX1+EX12 and EX1+EX13; finally modifications to soil pH are
tested in EX5, EX6 and EX6EX7.

4. Discussion and Conclusions

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

Agricultural NH3 emissions are an unusual emission source in that both natural and
anthropogenic processes control their emissions. Previous global NH3 emission
inventories have exclusively used bottom up emission factors mainly governed by
agricultural practices. In many cases the emission factors only implicitly include
temperature dependence by using different emission factors for industrial and developing
countries [e.g., Bouwman et al. 1997], although recently some inventories have included empirical emission factors that vary with temperature [Paulot et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2012]. Here, however, we take the opposite tact by constructing a model where the $N_r$ pathways and in particular the NH$_3$ emissions are explicitly driven by climate but where the explicit representation of most agricultural practices are minimised. We find the global emissions of NH$_3$ due to manure and fertilizer nitrogen sources are similar to other recent inventories, with 21 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ emitted from manure nitrogen and 12 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ emitted from synthetic fertilizer nitrogen. Strong regional differences in emissions captured by the bottom up inventories are also simulated. Moreover, we are able to simulate the inter-annual, seasonal and diurnal changes in NH$_3$ emissions critical for air pollution applications (e.g., see De Meij et al., 2006). Most previous inventories have included no seasonal dependence of the emissions, although in some cases a seasonal dependence is empirically introduced. It is perhaps important to note that the impact of nitrogen emissions on the global carbon budget has generally made use of these previous inventories without explicit seasonal or diurnal dependence of NH$_3$ emissions and with a rather minimal representation of the geographic meteorological dependence.

The model developed here uses a process level approach to estimate nitrogen pathways from fertilizer and manure application. It is suitable for use within an Earth System model to estimate the resulting NH$_3$ emissions, nitrogen run-off, and the incorporation of the nitrogen into soil organic and inorganic matter. The modeled $N_r$ pathways dynamically respond to climatic variation: (1) the breakdown timescale of manure and fertilizer into TAN depends on temperature; (2) the formation of NH$_3$ gas from the TAN...
pool is highly temperature sensitive with the rate of formation described by the
temperature dependence of the thermodynamic Henry and dissociation equilibria for NH₃
[Nemitz et al., 2000]; (3) the rate of nitrification of NH₃ within the TAN pool, determined
by the rate at which ammonium ions are oxidized by nitrifying bacteria to form nitrate
ions [Abbasi and Adams, 1998] is controlled by environmental factors such as soil
temperature and soil moisture; (4) the runoff of Nᵣ is determined by the precipitation.

Predictions for direct nitrogen runoff from fertilizer and manure nitrogen pools and the
incorporation of nitrogen into soil pools from applied fertilizer and manure nitrogen are
some of the first made by a global process-level model. Measurements of nitrogen runoff
from rivers heavily impacted by anthropogenic nitrogen input compare favorably with
simulated results using the River Transport Model within the CESM [Nevison et al.,
2015, 2016].

Manure is not a new nitrogen source, but contains recycled Nᵣ from soil nitrogen
produced when animals eat plants. Therefore to conserve nitrogen within an earth system
model, the application of manure determines the consumption of plant matter by model
ruminants.animals. Specifically, the model calculates the amount of nitrogen and carbon
needed for a given manure application and subtracts it from the plant leaf pools within
the CLM. The manure production acts to speed up the decay and processing of plant
biomass, releasing different Nᵣ products to the atmosphere than natural decay [Davidson,
2009].
The climate dependency incorporated into the model suggests that the pathways of nitrogen added to the land are highly spatially and temporally heterogeneous. An examination of nitrogen loss pathways at a point over Texas shows the variation of the nitrogen pathways on a variety of timescales with changes in temperature, precipitation and soil moisture. Spatially, values for the percentage of manure nitrogen volatilized to NH$_3$ in this study show a large range in both developing countries (average of 20% (maximum: 36%)) and industrialized countries (average of 12% (maximum: 39%)). The model also predicts spatial and temporal variability in the amount of NH$_3$ volatilized as manure from agricultural fertilizers ranging from 14% (maximum 40 %) in industrialized countries to 22 % (maximum 40 %) in developing countries. As a result of temperature dependency, NH$_3$ volatilization is highest in the tropics with largest emissions in India and China where application of fertilizer and manure is high. In comparison, the EDGAR database uses the emission factors based on Bouwman et al. (2002), where 21 % and 26 % of manure is converted into NH$_3$ in industrialized and developing countries, respectively. The respective emission factors for fertilizer application are 7 % in industrialized countries and 18 % in developing countries. Nitrogen run-off from the manure and synthetic fertilizer TAN pools is highest in areas of high N$_r$ application and high rainfall, such as China, North America and Europe. Despite high nitrogen input rates we simulate low nitrogen runoff in India and Spain, for example. We also simulate climate dependent pathways for the diffusion of N$_r$ into the soil inorganic nitrogen pools and the nitrification of ammonium to nitrate.
Historically we predict emissions of NH$_3$ from applied manure to have increased from approximately 3 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ in 1850 to 22 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ in 2000 while the volatilization of fertilizer reaches 12 Tg N yr$^{-1}$ in 2000. The NH$_3$ emissions increase by approximately 4% for manure applications and 5% for fertilizer applications over this historical period (1930 to 2000 for fertilizer). However similar increases under current manure and synthetic fertilizer application rates we find a global sensitivity of an additional 1 Tg NH$_3$ is emitted from the manure and synthetic fertilizer pools per degree of warming. The resulting manure emissions increase by 4% and the fertilizer emissions by 3%. Increases are not evident in the runoff of nitrogen. Note, however, we do not include runoff and leaching from the mineral nitrogen pools within the CLM in these calculations. The latter may be impacted by plant nitrogen demand such that excess fertilization would act to increase the nitrogen runoff.

The NH$_3$ emissions appear reasonable when compared to other inventories on the global scale, but also when compared to the local scale measurements of manure and synthetic fertilizer (Figure 2 and 3), although these latter comparisons highlight the difficulty in making global scale assumptions about surface parameters and farming methodology. The biggest disagreement with the manure emission measurements is from beef cattle feedlots in Texas. On the whole the model performs best when estimating NH$_3$ manure emissions from cows on grassland. Despite the issues described above, this model gives reasonable NH$_3$ emission predictions given the limited global information available on the grazing land of agricultural animals.
The model described here is capable of predicting global to regional impacts of climate
on applied synthetic fertilizer and manure nitrogen. However, given the nature of global
modeling described here and simplifying modeling assumptions there are numerous
sources of error associated with our model predictions. Parameter sensitivity studies show
the largest sensitivity to the assumed pH, consistent with other studies [e.g., Fletcher et
al., 2013], and to the canopy deposition. The actual pH likely depends on a complex
interaction of soil types, and agricultural and animal husbandry practices. Canopy
capture depends on bidirectional exchange models that involve resistances between the
plant canopy, the ground and ground emissions [see, e.g., Massad et al., 2010]. In the
future these processes will be simulated when the CLM is coupled with a chemistry
model, although the conservation of nitrogen in a biogeochemical context may present
peculiar challenges. More accurate specification of the NH₃ emissions can be made
within an Earth System model by better accounting of synthetic fertilizer and manure
application within specific PFTs or explicit incorporation into an agricultural model.

The approach taken here has been rather different from an approach using emission
factors to model NH₃ emissions. Perhaps, then, the greatest source of uncertainty in this
study is associated with simplifying farming methods. This It is also capable of taking into
account the resulting biogeochemical cycling of nitrogen. Previous estimates of NH₃
emissions have relied on detailed information on animal type, animal housing if any and
the field application of synthetic fertilizer or manure [e.g., Bouwman et al., 1997] but
have minimized the representation of meteorological processes. These estimates have
also not allowed for an explicit representation of the biogeochemical nitrogen cycling and
loss pathways. Here we take the opposite tact by taking into account the importance of meteorological variability in accounting for regional and temporal differences in NH$_3$ emissions and nitrogen cycling. However, we have greatly simplified agricultural management practices. The model uses a single date for synthetic fertilizer application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into account manure storage methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. The use of simplified farming practices may be acceptable in many locations as more complex farming methods are rarely employed in the developing world. The Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO, 2005] suggests over 75% of the global agricultural land uses traditional farming methods. Nevertheless, one of the largest sources of uncertainty in this study is associated with the simplification of agricultural practices. This model uses a single date for synthetic fertilizer application, considers only urea fertilizer, and does not take into account manure storage methods, such as slurry pools or different types of animal manures. It also assumes a fixed depth of manure and synthetic fertilizer application. Still, adapting a hybrid approach as outlined in Sutton et al. [2013] using both emission factors governing animal stockyards and the approach outlined here for manure applied to fields may be the most reasonable. The depth of synthetic fertilizer and manure mixing and a more exact representation of soil water through the vertical discretization of the soil nitrogen pools would also help account for additional agricultural practices. The truth of course lies somewhere between: both meteorological variability and a detailed accounting of management practices is necessary to fully account for nitrogen cycling from agricultural practices and the resulting NH$_3$ emissions.
A number of future model improvements are necessary in the next generation model. (1) More realistic representation of manure mangement practices. Globally, somewhat over 40% of manure is excreted in animal houses and stored prior to being spread onto fields. While there is a wide range of variation in animal housing and storage practices, the unique set of emission factors entailed in animal housing and storage should be incorporated in the next model generation. (2) A better representation of nitrogen transport throughout the soil column and the resulting NH$_3$ generation. This would allow a differentiation between NH$_3$ emissions resulting from grazing, where urine is rapidly incorporated into the soil column, versus emissions resulting from the spreading of manure slurry. It would also allow a representation of fertilizer injection or mixing into the soil column and the transport of nitrogen into the soil column in association with water transport. (3) Representation of NH$_3$ emissions from different synthetic fertilizer formulations. Different types of synthetic fertilizer have rather different emission factors. As shown by Whitehead and Raistrick [1990] many of these differences can be represented by the impact of the fertilizer on soil pH. (4) A full biogeochemical coupling of the FAN process model to the overall biogeochemistry within the CLM. This would allow the nitrogen introduced through agricultural practices to impact the overall model biogeochemistry and allow a more thorough investigation of the flows of agricultural nitrogen. Here the fertilizer nitrogen would be added explicitly to the CLM crop model where appropriate. (5) A full coupling between the NH$_3$ emissions represented by the FAN process model and the atmospheric chemistry model through a PFT-dependent
compensation point approach. In this approach the atmospheric model would directly provide the nitrogen deposition fields to the land model.

The increased use of synthetic fertilizer and growing livestock populations has increased \( N_r \) emission to both the atmosphere and oceans to unprecedented levels with a marked effect on the environment. We have provided a first estimate of globally distributed temporal changes in nitrogen pathways from manure and synthetic fertilizer inputs in response to climate. This is relevant to current studies investigating the ecosystem effects of \( N_r \), and in particular, how adding synthetic fertilizer to farmland affects the ocean, the atmosphere and impacts climate. The model predicts vastly different nitrogen pathways depending on the region the inputs are applied. Scenarios predicting future synthetic fertilizer use and livestock populations suggest large increases in nitrogen added to the land surface from both sources [Tilman et al., 2001; Skjoth and Geels, 2013]. The climate dependence of the nitrogen pathways suggests these pathways will be sensitive to climate change. The interaction of these changes with climate is not yet clear. The volatilization of \( \text{NH}_3 \) increases exponentially with temperature suggesting future increases are likely. However, increases in temperature may surpass the optimal temperature at which certain biological processes occur, slowing the process. Washout pathways are also likely to change, not only with climate, but with increases in nitrogen loading. Future applications of this model will investigate the tight coupling between nitrogen, agriculture and climate.
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