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Why is the Indo-Gangetic Plain the region with the largest NH_3 column in the globe during pre-monsoon and monsoon seasons?

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Introduction

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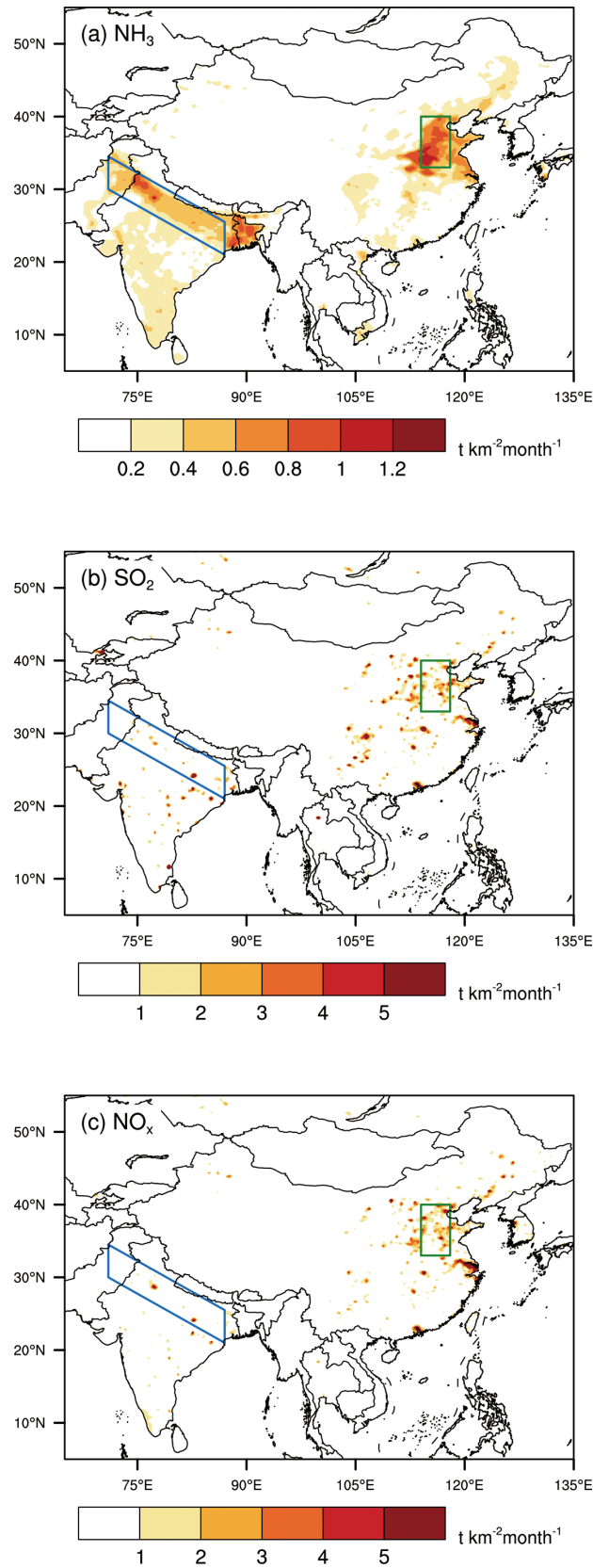


Figure S1. Spatial distributions of emission fluxes of (a) NH₃, (b) SO₂, and (c) NO_x over East Asia from June to August 2010. The blue quadrangle represents the IGP, and the green quadrangle represents the NCP.

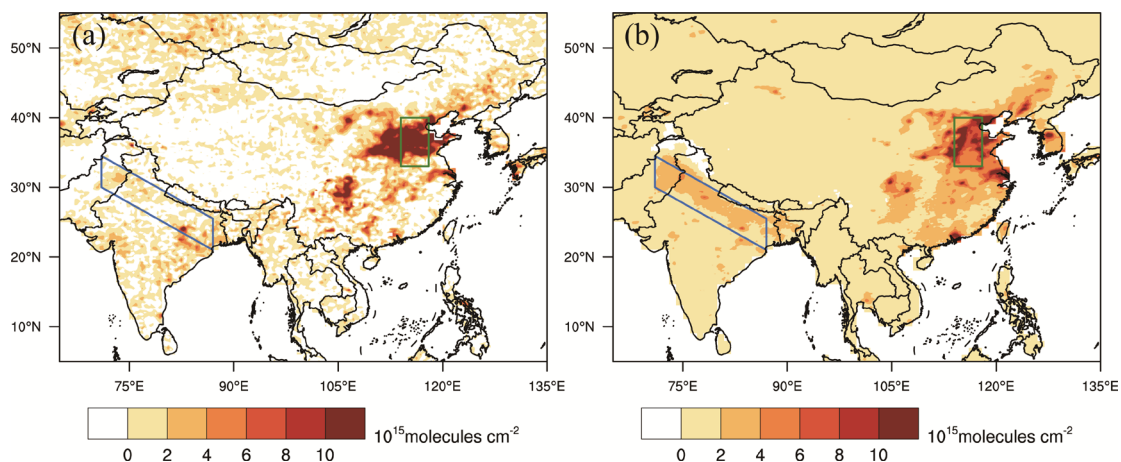


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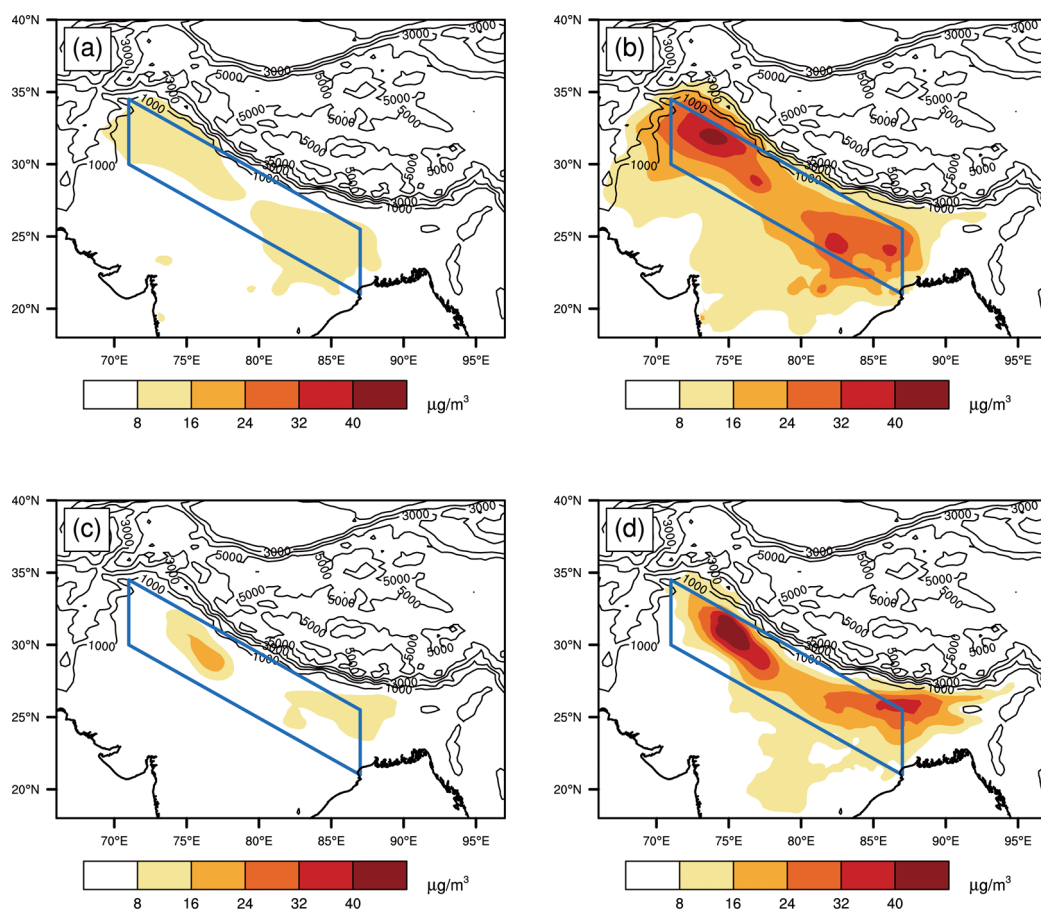


Figure S3. Spatial distributions of WRF-Chem predicted SO₄²⁻ and NO₃⁻ concentrations from June to August 2010. (a) and (b) are SO₄²⁻ concentrations in the base case and the increased emissions case, respectively. (c) and (d) are NO₃⁻ concentrations in the base case and the increased emissions case, respectively.

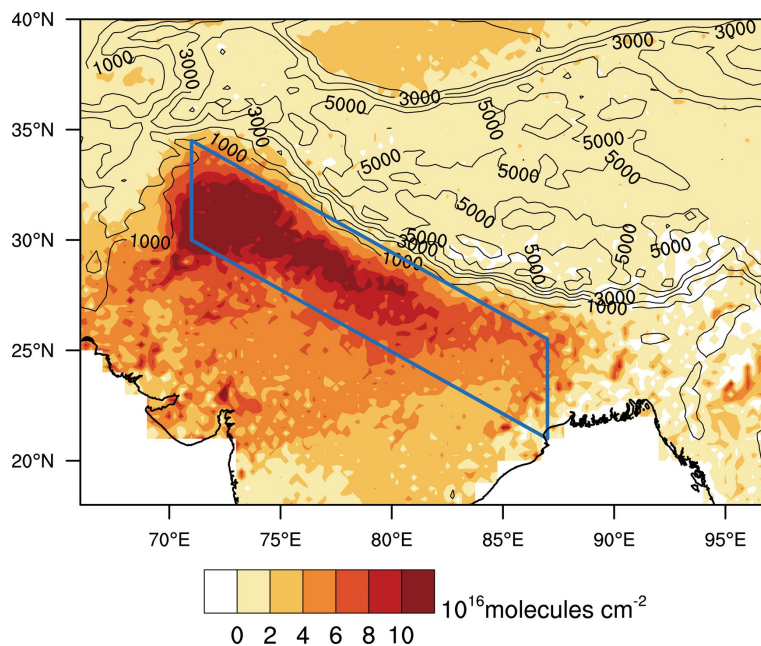


Figure S4. The spatial distribution of NH₃ total columns from June to August 2010 retrieved from IASI measurements.

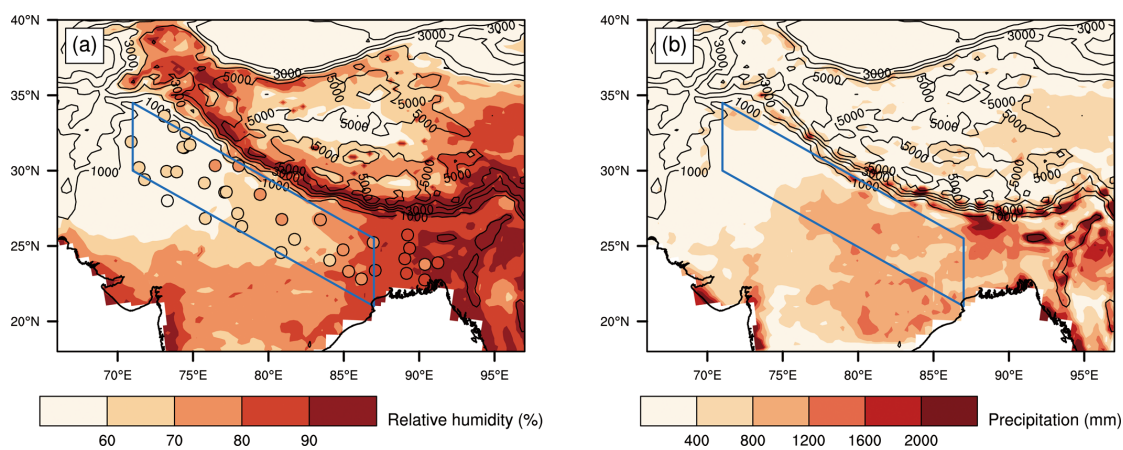


Figure S5. Spatial distributions of WRF-Chem predicted meteorological variables from June to August 2010. (a) Relative humidity. (b) Precipitation. Circles in (a) show the observed Relative humidity.

Table S1. WRF-Chem configurations

Meteorology initial and boundary conditions	Reanalysis data from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction Final Analysis (NCEP-FNL)
Shortwave radiation	rapid radiative transfer model (RRTMG)
Longwave radiation	rapid radiative transfer model (RRTMG)
Land surface model	Noah land-surface model
Planetary boundary layer model	Mellor-Yamada-Janjic (Eta) TKE scheme
Cumulus parameterization	New Grell scheme (G3)
Microphysics	Lin et al. Scheme
Photolysis	Fast-J photolysis

Table S2. Performance statistics of meteorological predictions of WRF-Chem.

	T2 ^a	RH2 ^a	WS10 ^a	WD10 ^a
Data pairs ^b	27508	27443	18036	18036
MeanObs ^b	30.9	69.3	2.7	165.1
MeanSim ^b	31.9	63.3	2.9	152.9
R ^b	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.4
MB ^b	0.9	-5.9	0.2	-12.1
RMSE ^b	3.6	19.8	2.7	95.2
NMB (%) ^b	3.0	-8.6	9.1	-7.4

^a T2: temperature at 2 m; RH2: relative humidity at 2 m; WS10: wind speed at 10 m; WD10: wind direction at 10 m; SLP: sea level pressure.

^b data pairs: the number of observed and simulated data pairs; MeanObs: mean observational data; MeanSim: mean simulation results; R: correlation coefficient; MB: mean bias; RMSE: root mean square error; NMB: normalized mean bias.