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**Long-term declines in atmospheric nitrogen and sulfur deposition reduce critical loads exceedances at multiple Canadian rural sites, 2000–2018**

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## **S1 Daily average dry deposition velocities ( $V_d$ ) of N and S species**

### **S1.1 Spatial patterns**

Daily average  $V_d$  for gas-phase compounds ( $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ) and particulate-phase compounds ( $\text{pSO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{pNH}_4^+$  and  $\text{pNO}_3^-$ ) for the 2000-2018 period are summarized in Table S2. For gaseous compounds, the mean daily  $V_d$  (cm/s) among 15 CAPMoN sites were 1.2 for  $\text{HNO}_3$  and 0.46 for  $\text{SO}_2$ . For particulate sulfate ( $\text{pSO}_4^{2-}$ ), ammonium ( $\text{pNH}_4^+$ ) and nitrate ( $\text{pNO}_3^-$ ), the mean daily  $V_d$  were 0.16, 0.15 and 0.21 cm/s, respectively.  $V_d$  of N and S compounds exhibited strong variability between sites. The regions with higher  $V_d$  for N and S compounds include the west coast, southeast and Atlantic (Table S2). According to the land use data surrounding a CAPMoN site (Table S1), the west coast and Atlantic sites have higher  $V_d$  likely because of nearby land use coverage that is associated with higher  $V_d$ . For example, water surfaces and forests. In particular, evergreen needleleaf or broadleaf trees are typically associated with larger leaf area index (LAI) and hence larger  $V_d$ . Meteorological conditions also differ substantially across Canadian sites, which can drive the spatial variability in  $V_d$ .

### **S1.2 Cold vs. warm seasonal patterns**

$V_d$  of gaseous N and S compounds were slightly greater in the warm season than cold season at most of the sites based on the monthly variations in Fig. S1. This was also the case for particulate nitrate due to the higher fraction of nitrate in coarse PM during the warm season, which is based on size-fractionated measurements previously conducted at CAPMoN sites (Zhang et al., 2008). Given that  $V_d$  of coarse PM ( $\text{PM}_{2.5-10}$ ) is larger than that of fine PM ( $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ), a higher fraction in coarse PM results in higher  $V_d$ . During the cold season, nitrate is predominantly associated with fine PM at CAPMoN sites (Zhang et al., 2008).  $V_d$  of sulfate and ammonium were slightly higher in the cold season than warm season. This pattern is likely attributed to meteorology perhaps higher wind speeds in the cold season.

### **S1.3 Long-term annual trends**

Long-term annual trends in  $V_d$  were estimated using Theil-Sen slopes of the seasonal average  $V_d$ , which have been seasonally adjusted using LOESS (locally estimated scatterplot smoothing). Statistically significant trends in  $V_d$  ( $p < 0.05$ ) are shown in Fig. S2. Among the sites, annual trends in  $V_d$  (cm/s of change per year) ranged from  $2.4\text{--}8.8 \times 10^{-3}$  for  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $9.0 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $5.1 \times 10^{-3}$  for  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $3.0 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  for sulfate,  $3.0\text{--}9.0 \times 10^{-4}$  for ammonium and  $2.7 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  for nitrate. Overall, the increasing annual trends in  $V_d$  were very small indicating that  $V_d$  of a chemical specie stays constant over time. Small fluctuations in  $V_d$  over time reflect meteorological variability. Thus, the main factor driving the long-term annual dry deposition trends are the ambient air concentrations.

## S2 Soil critical loads (CL) calculations

Soil CL were extracted from Canada-wide maps produced following the manual on methodologies and criteria for modelling and mapping critical loads (CLRTAP, 2004), which outlines the input parameters required for the Simple Mass Balance (SMB) model. A raster-based mapping approach was taken with maps resampled and aligned to the 250 m LandGIS project grid and reprojected (where necessary) to EPSG:3347. The critical load function (Figure S9) was calculated for each map using  $CL_{max}S$  (Eq. S1),  $CL_{min}N$  (Eq. S3), and  $CL_{max}N$  (Eq. S4).

$$CL_{max}S = BC_{dep} + BC_w - Cl_{dep} - Bc_u - ANC_{le,crit} \quad (\text{Eq. S1})$$

$$\text{where } ANC_{le,crit} = -Q^{2/3} \cdot \left( 1.5 \cdot \frac{BC_{dep} + BC_w - Bc_u}{K_{gibb} \cdot (Bc/Al)_{crit}} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. S2})$$

$$CL_{min}N = N_i + N_u \quad (\text{Eq. S3})$$

$$CL_{max}N = CL_{min}N + \left( \frac{CL_{max}S}{(1-f_{de})} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. S4})$$

Base cation deposition ( $BC_{dep}$ , Eq. S1) was mapped for the country using a nationwide crustal materials map and a  $BC_{dep}$  map covering the Athabasca oil sands region scaled to CAPMoN precipitation ions data (Makar et al., 2018). The  $BC_{dep}$  map was divided by long-term normal (1980-2010) annual precipitation (McKenney et al., 2006) to model concentration. Logistic regression kriging using crustal material and long-term normal (1980-2010) annual temperature (McKenney et al., 2006) was used to create a predicted regional map based on the local base cation estimates in the Athabasca oil sands region. Since this process estimates non-marine  $BC_{dep}$ , chloride deposition ( $Cl_{dep}$ ) was not considered. The base cation ( $Ca + Mg + K + Na$ ) weathering rate ( $BC_w$ ) was estimated according to the soil type-texture approximation using continuous soil characteristics maps (absolute depth (Hengl, 2017), bulk density (Hengl, 2018c), clay content (Hengl, 2018d), sand content (Hengl, 2018b), and organic carbon (Hengl & Wheeler, 2018)) from the LandGIS project and parent material acid classification from the Soil Landscapes of Canada (SLC) v2.2 (Centre for Land and Biological Resources Research & Canada, 1996) and v.3.3 (Schut et al., 2011). Root zone was limited to a maximum of 50 cm for forests and 30 cm for other landcover types; wetlands and soils that contained >30% organic matter were removed. Soil weathering rate was temperature adjusted (Hengl, 2018a). The gibbsite equilibrium constant ( $K_{gibb}$ , Eq. S2) was assigned mid-point values from ranges suggested by CLRTAP (2004) ( $950 \text{ m}^6 \text{ eq}^{-2}$  for mineral soils;  $300 \text{ m}^6 \text{ eq}^{-2}$  for low organic matter soils;  $100 \text{ m}^6 \text{ eq}^{-2}$  for soils with some organic material;  $9.5 \text{ m}^6 \text{ eq}^{-2}$  for peaty and organic soils). Base cation uptake ( $Bc_u$ ) and nitrogen uptake ( $N_u$ ) by trees were estimated using species-specific base cation and nutrient content databases (Pardo et al., 2005; Paré et al., 2013) for bark and trunk, in combination with species and biomass maps (Beaudoin et al., 2014). Uptake maps were limited to the harvestable areas delineated in Dymond et al. (2010). A dynamic  $Bc/Al_{crit}$  (critical chemical criteria) was assigned to each raster grid using species-specific values representing a 5% growth reduction from Sverdrup and Warfvinge (1993) where available; priority was given to the species with the lowest  $Bc/Al_{crit}$ . Where species-specific information was not available or non-forested soils occurred, a value averaged to the genus or landcover type (CCRS, 2018) was used. A runoff ( $Q$ ) map was interpolated from modelled point estimates produced from the meteo-hydrological model MetHyd (Bonten et al., 2016) (detailed in Reinds et al., 2015). Landcover was used to mask out wetlands, urban areas and agricultural soils. The long-term net immobilization of N ( $N_i$ , Eq. S3) was set to  $35.714 \text{ eq ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (based on assumed  $0.5 \text{ ha N}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ). The combined SLC databases were used to assign the denitrification fraction ( $f_{de}$ , Eq. S4) based on drainage classes (CLRTAP, 2004).

Table S1: Description of CAPMoN sites analyzed in this study. Land use percentages within a 3 km circle of each site were estimated from MODIS.

Site (ID)	Coordinates	Province	Land use percentages	Period analyzed
Saturna (SAT)	48.78, -123.13	British Columbia (BC)	evergreen needleleaf trees (59.1%), water (27.0%), evergreen broadleaf trees (13.9%)	2000-2018
Bratt's Lake (BRA)	50.2, -104.71	Saskatchewan (SK)	crops (100%)	2002-2012
Experimental Lakes Area (ELA)	49.66, -93.73	Ontario (ON)	long grass (52.4%), evergreen needleleaf trees (47.6%)	2000-2018
Algoma (ALG)	47.03, -84.38	ON	deciduous broadleaf trees (100%)	2000-2016
Bonner Lake (BON)	49.39, -82.12	ON	deciduous broadleaf trees (35.2%), evergreen needleleaf trees (34.4%), long grass (30.3%)	2009-2018
Longwoods (LON)	42.88, -81.48	ON	crops (100%)	2000-2018
Egbert (EGB)	44.23, -79.79	ON	crops (80.2%), long grass (19.8%)	2000-2018
Sprucedale (SPR)	45.42, -79.49	ON	deciduous broadleaf trees (52%), evergreen needleleaf trees (48%)	2003-2018
Chalk River (CHA)	46.06, -77.40	ON	deciduous broadleaf trees (60.7%), evergreen needleleaf trees (39.3%)	2000-2018
Chapais (CPS)	49.82, -74.98	Quebec (QC)	long grass (64.4%), evergreen needleleaf trees (35.6%)	2000-2017
Frelighsburg (FRE)	45.05, -72.86	QC	deciduous broadleaf trees (63.9%), long grass (36.1%)	2002-2016
Lac Edouard (LED)	47.68, -72.44	QC	evergreen needleleaf trees (50.4%), deciduous broadleaf trees (49.6%)	2002-2016
Kejimikujik National Park (KEJ)	44.43, -65.20	Nova Scotia (NS)	evergreen needleleaf trees (51.2%), deciduous broadleaf trees (48.8%)	2000-2016
Mingan (MIN)	50.27, -64.23	QC	water (39.8%), evergreen needleleaf trees (37.9%), long grass (22.3%)	2009-2016
Bay d'Espoir (BAB)	47.99, -55.82	Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)	long grass (56.1%), evergreen needleleaf trees (24.4%), deciduous broadleaf trees (19.5%)	2007-2016

Table S2: Modeled dry deposition velocities of N and S compounds at CAPMoN sites during 2000-2018 (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation, cm/s)

SiteID	Region	SO <sub>2</sub>	HNO <sub>3</sub>	pSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	pNH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	pNO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
SAT	West coast	0.82 $\pm$ 0.44	1.72 $\pm$ 0.69	0.19 $\pm$ 0.06	0.18 $\pm$ 0.06	0.25 $\pm$ 0.05
BRA	Prairie	0.47 $\pm$ 0.18	1.04 $\pm$ 0.32	0.2 $\pm$ 0.03	0.19 $\pm$ 0.03	0.27 $\pm$ 0.08
ELA	Remote	0.37 $\pm$ 0.12	0.97 $\pm$ 0.2	0.13 $\pm$ 0.02	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.17 $\pm$ 0.03
ALG	Greater Southeast	0.28 $\pm$ 0.12	0.9 $\pm$ 0.25	0.11 $\pm$ 0.02	0.1 $\pm$ 0.02	0.16 $\pm$ 0.03
BON	Remote	0.36 $\pm$ 0.15	1.02 $\pm$ 0.26	0.13 $\pm$ 0.02	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.17 $\pm$ 0.04
LON	Southeast	0.57 $\pm$ 0.11	1.2 $\pm$ 0.16	0.23 $\pm$ 0.04	0.22 $\pm$ 0.03	0.3 $\pm$ 0.05
EGB	Southeast	0.5 $\pm$ 0.11	1.04 $\pm$ 0.16	0.2 $\pm$ 0.03	0.19 $\pm$ 0.03	0.26 $\pm$ 0.05
SPR	Greater Southeast	0.41 $\pm$ 0.14	1.26 $\pm$ 0.26	0.13 $\pm$ 0.02	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.17 $\pm$ 0.03
CHA	Greater Southeast	0.31 $\pm$ 0.11	0.94 $\pm$ 0.21	0.11 $\pm$ 0.01	0.1 $\pm$ 0.01	0.15 $\pm$ 0.03
CPS	Remote	0.4 $\pm$ 0.15	1.01 $\pm$ 0.23	0.14 $\pm$ 0.02	0.14 $\pm$ 0.02	0.19 $\pm$ 0.04
FRE	Greater Southeast	0.3 $\pm$ 0.1	0.78 $\pm$ 0.18	0.11 $\pm$ 0.01	0.1 $\pm$ 0.01	0.15 $\pm$ 0.03
LED	Remote	0.38 $\pm$ 0.17	1.14 $\pm$ 0.31	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.12 $\pm$ 0.02	0.17 $\pm$ 0.04
KEJ	Atlantic	0.5 $\pm$ 0.12	1.46 $\pm$ 0.28	0.15 $\pm$ 0.03	0.14 $\pm$ 0.03	0.19 $\pm$ 0.02
MIN	Atlantic	0.58 $\pm$ 0.16	1.26 $\pm$ 0.2	0.21 $\pm$ 0.02	0.2 $\pm$ 0.02	0.29 $\pm$ 0.06
BAB	Atlantic	0.76 $\pm$ 0.21	1.92 $\pm$ 0.24	0.27 $\pm$ 0.04	0.26 $\pm$ 0.03	0.36 $\pm$ 0.05

Table S3: Mean and range of annual dry deposition fluxes of N and S (kg N or S/ha/yr) at CAPMoN sites

Site ID	Period	$\Sigma N$	$\Sigma S$	HNO <sub>3</sub>	pNO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	pNH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub>	pSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
SAT	2000-2018	0.74	1.38	0.55	0.10	0.08	1.28	0.11
		0.53 - 1.16	0.39 - 2.56	0.39 - 0.89	0.08 - 0.14	0.05 - 0.13	0.32 - 2.39	0.09 - 0.21
BRA	2002-2012	0.71	0.98	0.34	0.15	0.22	0.76	0.22
		0.54 - 0.9	0.75 - 1.23	0.26 - 0.52	0.11 - 0.17	0.17 - 0.26	0.58 - 0.98	0.18 - 0.25
ELA	2000-2018	0.31	0.28	0.16	0.05	0.10	0.17	0.11
		0.2 - 0.41	0.11 - 0.46	0.1 - 0.23	0.03 - 0.07	0.06 - 0.13	0.05 - 0.32	0.07 - 0.15
ALG	2000-2016	0.47	0.47	0.31	0.05	0.11	0.33	0.14
		0.22 - 0.82	0.13 - 0.91	0.13 - 0.58	0.03 - 0.07	0.06 - 0.18	0.07 - 0.68	0.06 - 0.23
BON	2009-2018	0.14	0.15	0.07	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.08
		0.1 - 0.18	0.08 - 0.24	0.05 - 0.09	0.01 - 0.02	0.03 - 0.07	0.02 - 0.13	0.05 - 0.11
LON	2000-2018	1.88	3.54	0.80	0.41	0.67	2.97	0.57
		1.04 - 2.87	0.74 - 6.92	0.47 - 1.39	0.25 - 0.65	0.32 - 1.05	0.49 - 6.02	0.24 - 0.9
EGB	2000-2018	1.36	2.02	0.62	0.29	0.45	1.62	0.40
		0.77 - 2.08	0.52 - 3.96	0.37 - 0.92	0.18 - 0.45	0.22 - 0.71	0.31 - 3.27	0.17 - 0.68
SPR	2003-2018	0.63	0.78	0.44	0.05	0.14	0.61	0.17
		0.33 - 1.14	0.2 - 1.46	0.22 - 0.81	0.04 - 0.08	0.07 - 0.25	0.13 - 1.2	0.07 - 0.31
CHA	2000-2018	0.35	0.57	0.22	0.03	0.09	0.45	0.13
		0.2 - 0.62	0.13 - 1.05	0.12 - 0.42	0.02 - 0.06	0.05 - 0.16	0.05 - 0.85	0.06 - 0.22
CPS	2000-2017	0.16	0.28	0.09	0.01	0.06	0.17	0.11
		0.08 - 0.25	0.1 - 0.48	0.04 - 0.14	0.01 - 0.02	0.03 - 0.09	0.05 - 0.32	0.06 - 0.15
FRE	2002-2016	0.62	0.74	0.38	0.08	0.17	0.57	0.17
		0.35 - 1.03	0.22 - 1.23	0.24 - 0.67	0.04 - 0.1	0.07 - 0.27	0.15 - 0.95	0.07 - 0.29
LED	2002-2016	0.32	0.36	0.22	0.02	0.08	0.24	0.12
		0.17 - 0.61	0.11 - 0.69	0.11 - 0.43	0.02 - 0.04	0.04 - 0.14	0.05 - 0.5	0.05 - 0.19
KEJ	2000-2016	0.34	0.51	0.21	0.04	0.09	0.34	0.16
		0.16 - 0.65	0.11 - 1.15	0.09 - 0.46	0.03 - 0.06	0.04 - 0.14	0.04 - 0.85	0.08 - 0.32
MIN	2009-2016	0.13	0.20	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.11	0.10
		0.1 - 0.15	0.12 - 0.27	0.04 - 0.06	0.03 - 0.04	0.03 - 0.06	0.05 - 0.15	0.11 - 0.17
BAB	2007-2017	0.18	0.24	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.14
		0.13 - 0.23	0.12 - 0.36	0.06 - 0.12	0.03 - 0.05	0.04 - 0.07	0.04 - 0.17	0.12 - 0.25

Table S4: Annual percent change in dry, wet and total (dry+wet) N and S deposition at CAPMoN sites estimated from Theil-Sen's trend analysis (% change/yr). ns: trend is not statistically significant; NA: not available due to incomplete data.

Site ID	Period	Dry N	Dry S	Wet N	Wet S	Total N	Total S
SAT	2000-2018	-2.6	-4.2	ns	-3.4	-1.1	-3.5
BRA	2002-2012	ns	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	2000-2018	-2.6	-4.3	-1.3	-3.6	-1.4	-3.6
ALG	2000-2016	-3.8	-4.8	-2.4	-4.3	-2.5	-4.4
BON	2009-2018	-4.0	-7.1	-1.4	-3.6	ns	-5.4
LON	2000-2018	-3.9	-5.8	-1.8	-4.3	-2.2	-4.7
EGB	2000-2018	-3.6	-5.4	-1.4	-4.5	-2.0	-4.6
SPR	2003-2018	-4.6	-5.9	-1.9	-4.9	-2.2	-5.0
CHA	2000-2018	-4.0	-5.1	-2.2	-4.5	-2.3	-4.5
CPS	2000-2017	-3.2	-4.5	-3.1	-5.0	-3.3	-4.9
FRE	2002-2016	-4.4	-6.1	-2.1	-5.0	-2.0	-5.3
LED	2002-2016	-4.8	-5.9	-2.2	-4.2	-2.7	-4.7
KEJ	2000-2016	-5.0	-6.6	-2.1	-4.3	-2.6	-4.8
MIN	2009-2016	ns	ns	-2.9	-4.6	ns	-5.6
BAB	2007-2016	-3.7	-6.0	-2.2	-4.2	ns	-6.6

Table S5: Comparison of rates of change between annual dry and wet deposition fluxes of N and S and reduced and oxidized N (kg N or S/ha/yr) at CAPMoN sites based on Theil-Sen slopes (statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$ ). NA: not available due to incomplete data; ns: trend is not statistically significant. Note: Nitrogen and reduced N dry deposition exclude dry deposition of  $\text{NH}_3$  and some oxidized nitrogen species.

Site ID	Reduced N		Oxidized N		Sulfur		Nitrogen		Percentage of total deposition (% increase/yr)		
	dry dep	wet dep	dry dep	wet dep	dry dep	wet dep	dry dep	wet dep	%wet N	%wet S	%reduced N
SAT	-0.004	ns	-0.02	ns	-0.09	-0.05	-0.02	ns	0.5%	0.8%	0.3%
BRA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	-0.003	ns	-0.01	-0.05	-0.02	-0.07	-0.01	-0.05	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%
ALG	-0.005	-0.067	-0.02	-0.16	-0.04	-0.25	-0.03	-0.21	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%
BON	-0.003	ns	-0.004	ns	-0.02	-0.07	-0.01	ns	0.3%	0.5%	ns
LON	-0.043	ns	-0.06	-0.15	-0.35	-0.32	-0.11	-0.15	0.6%	1.3%	0.9%
EGB	-0.027	ns	-0.04	-0.11	-0.20	-0.21	-0.07	-0.09	0.5%	0.9%	1.0%
SPR	-0.009	ns	-0.03	-0.14	-0.08	-0.29	-0.04	-0.16	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%
CHA	-0.005	ns	-0.01	-0.11	-0.05	-0.22	-0.02	-0.13	0.2%	ns	0.8%
CPS	-0.002	-0.038	-0.005	-0.08	-0.02	-0.15	-0.01	-0.12	ns	ns	0.6%
FRE	-0.011	ns	-0.03	-0.15	-0.07	-0.31	-0.04	-0.16	0.4%	0.4%	1.3%
LED	-0.004	ns	-0.02	-0.09	-0.03	-0.14	-0.02	-0.10	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%
KEJ	-0.005	ns	-0.02	-0.06	-0.05	-0.14	-0.03	-0.08	0.4%	0.8%	0.6%
MIN	-0.003	ns	ns	ns	ns	-0.10	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
BAB	-0.003	ns	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.10	-0.01	-0.05	ns	ns	ns



Table S6: Ratio of % change in oxidized N deposition to % change in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in back trajectory determined source regions. Slope % based on Theil-Sen's analysis of long term trends (% change per year). ns: trend is not significant; NA: not available.

Emissions →			NO <sub>x</sub> Can east	NO <sub>x</sub> Can west	NO <sub>x</sub> US east	NO <sub>x</sub> US west
Site ID	Deposition	Slope %	-3.80	-1.20	-3.92	-3.24
SAT	dry	-2.6	69%	217%	66%	0.80
BRA	dry	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	dry	-2.6	69%	218%	67%	81%
ALG	dry	-3.9	103%	326%	100%	121%
BON	dry	-3.9	102%	323%	99%	119%
LON	dry	-3.6	96%	303%	93%	112%
EGB	dry	-3.5	92%	291%	89%	108%
SPR	dry	-4.6	122%	387%	118%	143%
CHA	dry	-4.1	107%	338%	103%	125%
CPS	dry	-3.4	91%	288%	88%	106%
FRE	dry	-4.4	116%	367%	112%	136%
LED	dry	-5.1	133%	421%	129%	156%
KEJ	dry	-5.4	142%	450%	138%	166%
MIN	dry	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	dry	-3.7	97%	307%	94%	114%
SAT	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BRA	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	wet	-2.5	67%	213%	65%	79%
ALG	wet	-3.4	90%	284%	87%	105%
BON	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LON	wet	-3.2	84%	267%	82%	99%
EGB	wet	-3.1	82%	260%	79%	96%
SPR	wet	-3.4	89%	283%	87%	105%
CHA	wet	-3.1	82%	261%	80%	96%
CPS	wet	-3.8	100%	318%	97%	118%
FRE	wet	-3.7	96%	305%	93%	113%
LED	wet	-3.6	94%	298%	91%	110%
KEJ	wet	-2.8	72%	230%	70%	85%
MIN	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
SAT	Total	-1.4	36%	113%	35%	42%
BRA	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	Total	-2.5	66%	208%	64%	77%
ALG	Total	-3.5	92%	292%	89%	108%
BON	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LON	Total	-3.3	87%	275%	84%	101%
EGB	Total	-3.2	85%	270%	83%	100%
SPR	Total	-3.6	93%	296%	91%	109%
CHA	Total	-3.1	83%	263%	80%	97%
CPS	Total	-4.0	105%	334%	102%	123%
FRE	Total	-3.4	89%	283%	87%	105%
LED	Total	-3.8	101%	320%	98%	118%
KEJ	Total	-3.3	87%	275%	84%	102%
MIN	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA

Table S7: Ratio of % change in reduced N deposition to % change in NH<sub>3</sub> emissions in back trajectory determined source regions. Slope % based on Theil-Sen's analysis of long term trends (% change per year). ns: trend is not significant; NA: not available.

Emissions →			NH <sub>3</sub> Can east	NH <sub>3</sub> Can west	NH <sub>3</sub> US east	NH <sub>3</sub> US west
Site ID	Deposition	Slope %	-1.00	0.43	ns	3.40
SAT	dry	-3.4	337%	-787%	NA	-99%
BRA	dry	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	dry	-2.7	266%	-622%	NA	-79%
ALG	dry	-3.3	329%	-767%	NA	-97%
BON	dry	-5.1	508%	-1186%	NA	-150%
LON	dry	-4.1	410%	-957%	NA	-121%
EGB	dry	-3.9	387%	-902%	NA	-114%
SPR	dry	-4.3	431%	-1006%	NA	-127%
CHA	dry	-3.7	372%	-868%	NA	-110%
CPS	dry	-2.8	276%	-644%	NA	-81%
FRE	dry	-4.7	473%	-1104%	NA	-139%
LED	dry	-3.8	380%	-887%	NA	-112%
KEJ	dry	-4.2	414%	-967%	NA	-122%
MIN	dry	-4.9	491%	-1145%	NA	-145%
BAB	dry	-4.4	440%	-1026%	NA	-130%
SAT	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BRA	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALG	wet	-1.5	153%	-358%	NA	-45%
BON	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LON	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
EGB	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPR	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
CHA	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
CPS	wet	-2.3	225%	-524%	NA	-66%
FRE	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LED	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
KEJ	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
MIN	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
SAT	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BRA	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ALG	Total	-1.6	158%	-370%	NA	-47%
BON	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LON	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
EGB	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
SPR	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
CHA	Total	-1.3	132%	-309%	NA	-39%
CPS	Total	-2.4	237%	-553%	NA	-70%
FRE	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
LED	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
KEJ	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
MIN	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA

Table S8: Ratio of % change in S deposition to % change in SO<sub>2</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emissions in back trajectory determined source regions. Slope % based on Theil-Sen's analysis of long term trends (% change per year). ns: trend is not significant; NA: not available.

Emissions →			SO <sub>2</sub> US east	SO <sub>2</sub> US west	SO <sub>x</sub> Can east	SO <sub>x</sub> Can west
Site ID	Deposition	Slope %	-5.27	-4.84	-4.95	-2.36
SAT	dry	-4.2	79%	87%	85%	177%
BRA	dry	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	dry	-4.3	81%	89%	87%	182%
ALG	dry	-4.8	91%	99%	97%	203%
BON	dry	-7.1	134%	146%	143%	300%
LON	dry	-5.8	111%	121%	118%	247%
EGB	dry	-5.4	103%	113%	110%	231%
SPR	dry	-5.9	111%	121%	118%	248%
CHA	dry	-5.1	97%	106%	104%	218%
CPS	dry	-4.5	86%	94%	92%	192%
FRE	dry	-6.1	116%	126%	123%	258%
LED	dry	-5.9	113%	123%	120%	252%
KEJ	dry	-6.6	124%	136%	133%	278%
MIN	dry	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
BAB	dry	-6.0	114%	125%	122%	256%
SAT	wet	-3.4	64%	69%	68%	142%
BRA	wet	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	wet	-3.6	69%	75%	73%	154%
ALG	wet	-4.3	82%	90%	88%	184%
BON	wet	-4.8	91%	99%	97%	202%
LON	wet	-4.3	81%	89%	87%	181%
EGB	wet	-4.5	85%	93%	91%	190%
SPR	wet	-4.9	92%	101%	98%	206%
CHA	wet	-4.5	84%	92%	90%	189%
CPS	wet	-5.0	95%	104%	102%	213%
FRE	wet	-5.0	95%	103%	101%	212%
LED	wet	-4.2	81%	88%	86%	180%
KEJ	wet	-4.3	82%	89%	88%	183%
MIN	wet	-5.6	106%	116%	113%	238%
BAB	wet	-6.1	115%	126%	123%	257%
SAT	Total	-3.5	67%	73%	72%	150%
BRA	Total	ns	NA	NA	NA	NA
ELA	Total	-3.6	68%	74%	72%	151%
ALG	Total	-4.4	84%	91%	89%	187%
BON	Total	-5.4	102%	111%	109%	228%
LON	Total	-4.7	88%	96%	94%	197%
EGB	Total	-4.6	87%	95%	93%	195%
SPR	Total	-5.0	96%	104%	102%	214%
CHA	Total	-4.5	86%	94%	91%	192%
CPS	Total	-4.9	92%	100%	98%	206%
FRE	Total	-5.3	100%	110%	107%	224%
LED	Total	-4.7	89%	97%	94%	198%
KEJ	Total	-4.8	91%	99%	97%	203%
MIN	Total	-5.6	107%	117%	114%	239%
BAB	Total	-6.6	125%	136%	133%	279%

Table S9: Critical loads (CL) of acidity for a subset of lakes near CAPMoN sites during 2000-2018. Ions are water chemistry mean concentrations. DOC: mean dissolved organic carbon concentration in lakes; Q: mean runoff rate.

SiteID	Number of lakes	Ca <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	Na <sup>+</sup> (mg/L)	K <sup>+</sup> (mg/L)	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (mg/L)	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	DOC (mg/L)	Q (m/yr)	CL (eq/ha/yr)
KEJ <sup>1</sup>	8	0.69	0.40	3.15	0.29	1.47	4.52	8.75	1.00	308
ELA <sup>2</sup>	5	2.08	0.62	0.73	0.35	1.94	0.20	6.90	0.25	388
BAB <sup>1</sup>	7	1.35	0.39	2.48	0.34	0.76	3.33	9.27	0.82	576
LED <sup>3</sup>	6	3.64	0.40	0.53	0.19	3.95	0.24	4.05	0.70	1357
ALG <sup>4</sup>	5	3.42	0.38	0.57	0.17	3.78	0.23	6.80	0.85	1460

<sup>1</sup>Maritime Lakes: <https://data-donnees.ec.gc.ca/data/substances/monitor/national-long-term-water-quality-monitoring-data/maritime-coastal-basin-long-term-water-quality-monitoring-data/?lang=en>

<sup>2</sup>Experimental Lakes Area: <https://www.iisd.org/ela/science-data/our-data/data-requests/>

<sup>3</sup>Quebec Lakes: data available upon request to [Daniel.Houle@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Daniel.Houle@ec.gc.ca)

<sup>4</sup>Turkey Lakes Watershed Study: <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/f9e1595d-27bb-4a6a-b94d-6b9bed7db263>

Table S10: Critical loads (CL) of acidity for soils near CAPMoN sites (eq/ha/yr), during 2000-2018. Source: refer to Section S2 Soil critical loads (CL) calculations.

SiteID	CL <sub>maxS</sub>	CL <sub>maxN</sub>	CL <sub>minN</sub>
BAB	209	398	74
MIN	371	987	75
CPS	416	579	86
LED	459	578	89
ELA	540	829	85
CHA	593	760	92
ALG	598	998	127
SPR	603	799	101
KEJ	717	928	36
SAT	839	1076	36
BON	909	2589	74
EGB	1287	1719	36
FRE	1744	1314	36
LON	2936	1612	36

Table S11: Soil and lake CL exceedances (eq/ha/yr) near CAPMoN sites after including dry deposition of non-routine N species ( $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$  and unknown  $\text{NO}_y$ ). Positive exceedances indicate total acidic deposition exceeded CL, whereas negative exceedances indicate total acidic deposition was below CL. Routine N refers to the exceedance estimated using the total deposition from routinely-monitored N species (dry deposition of  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{pNO}_3^-$  and  $\text{pNH}_4^+$ ; wet deposition of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ). Non-routine N species were measured at selected CAPMoN sites during 2002-2005 (Zhang et al., 2009) and at EGB in 2010 (this study). Parameters for deriving soil CL are detailed in Section S2 Soil critical loads (CL) calculations. The sources of the water quality data are available in the Table S9 footnotes.

SiteID	Year	Soil		Lake	
		Non-routine and routine N	Routine N	Non-routine and routine N	Routine N
ALG	2003	178.5	158.6	-412.8	-438.0
CHA	2004	2.7	-58.3	NA	NA
EGB	2002	-203.0	-369.6	NA	NA
EGB	2010	-695.2	-885.5	NA	NA
FRE	2002	-275.0	-353.5	NA	NA
KEJ	2002	-175.8	-223.2	320.9	297.1
LED	2003	-1.6	-32.0	-795.3	-826.7
SPR	2004	230.0	205.8	NA	NA

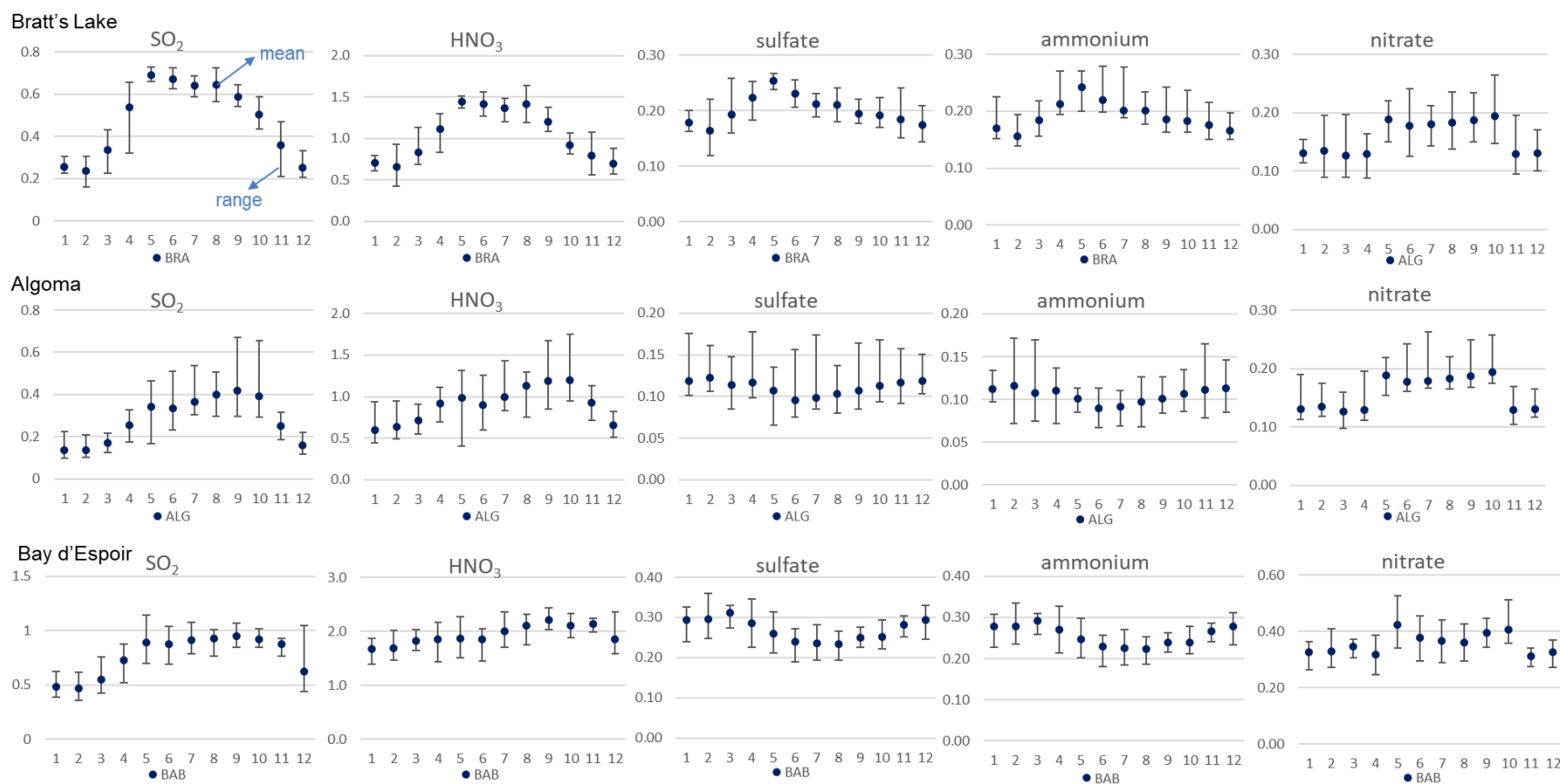


Figure S1: Monthly variation in dry deposition velocities ( $V_d$ , cm/s) of N and S species at CAPMoN sites during 2000-2018 period. Range is the annual variability in monthly  $V_d$ .

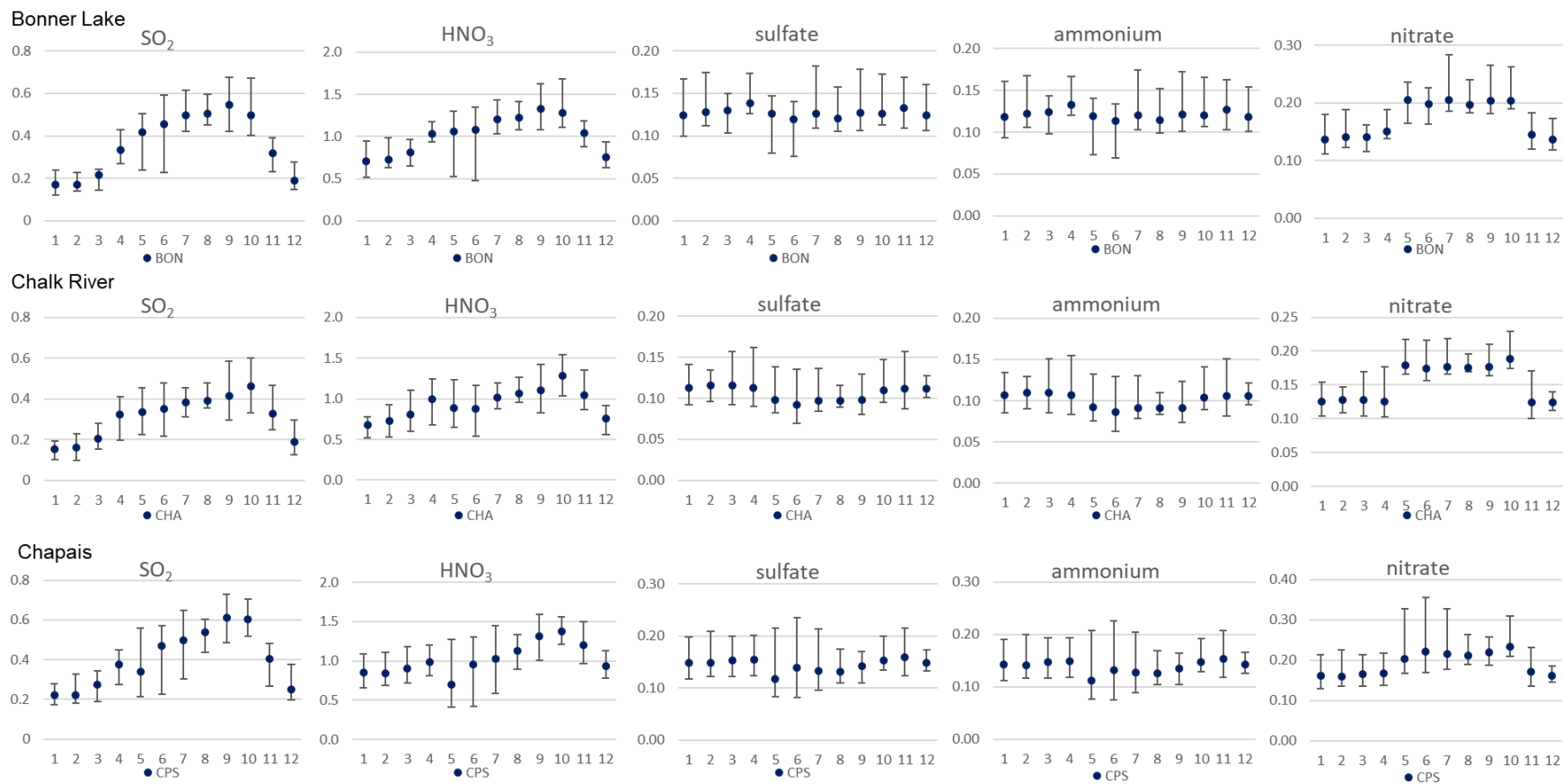


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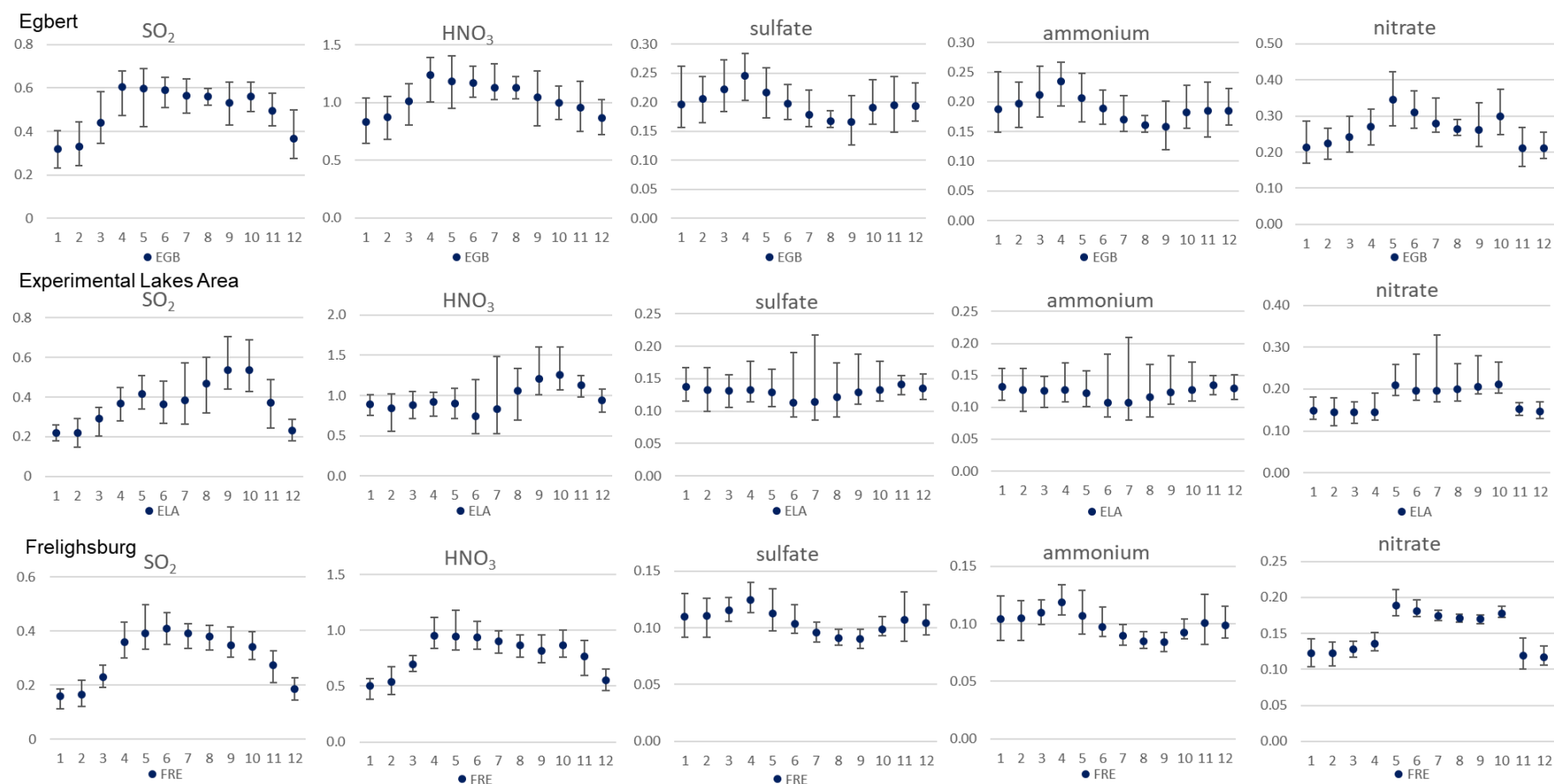


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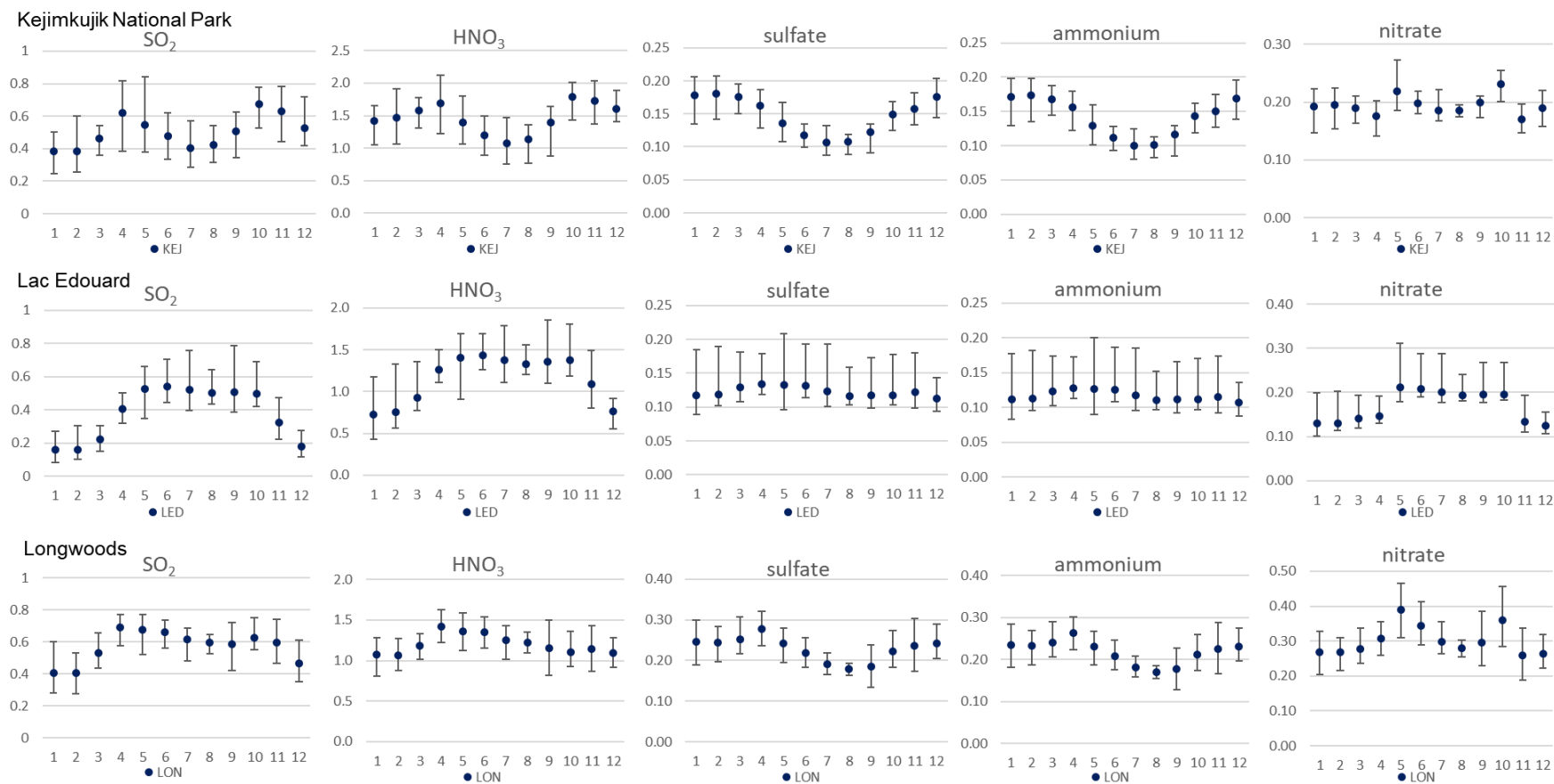


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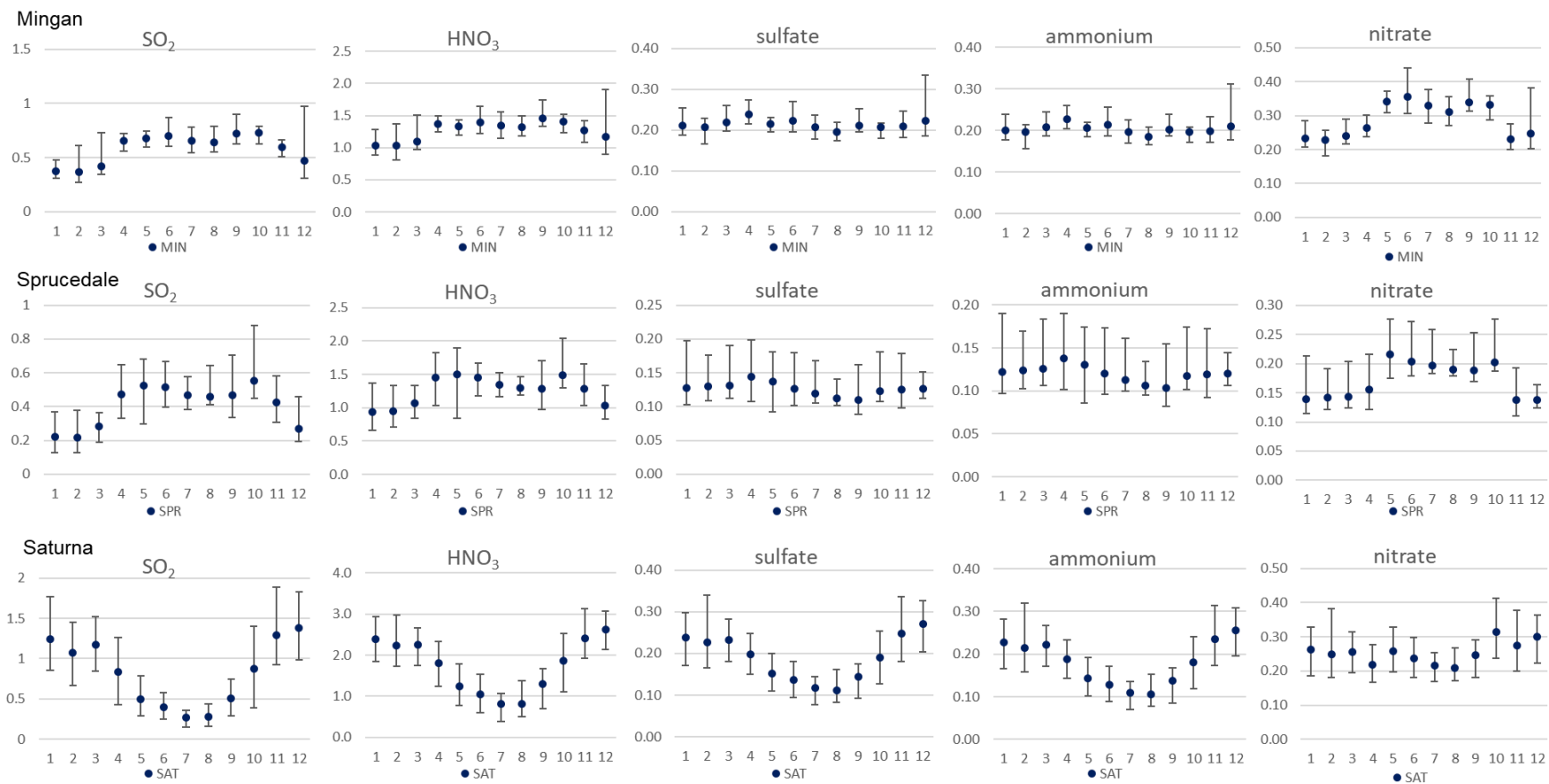


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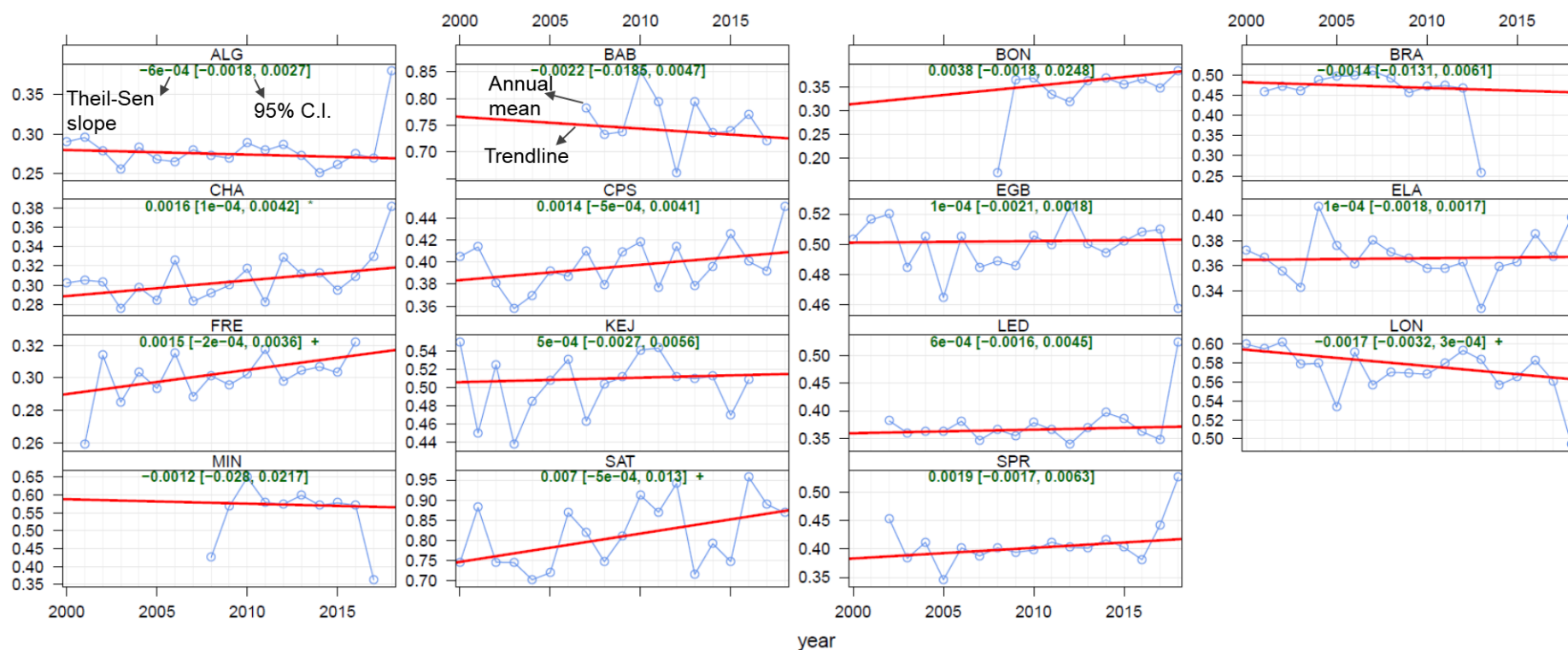


Figure S2: Long term trends in annual  $V_d$  of N and S species at CAPMoN sites.  $V_d$  of  $\text{SO}_2$  shown above. Theil-Sen slope: change in annual  $V_d$  (cm/s per year). 95% C.I.: confidence interval of the slope; + symbol indicates  $p < 0.1$ ; \* symbol indicates  $p < 0.05$  or statistically significant trend; no symbol indicates trend is not statistically significant.

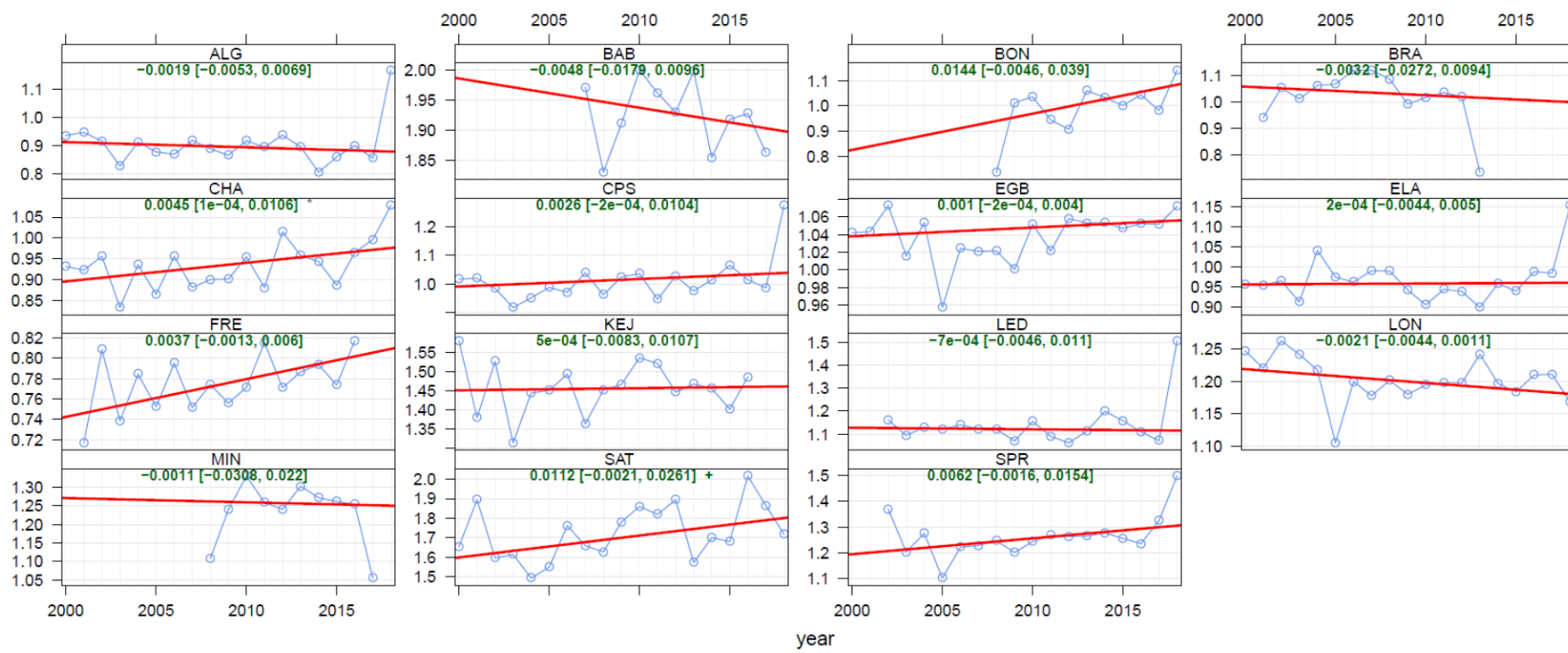


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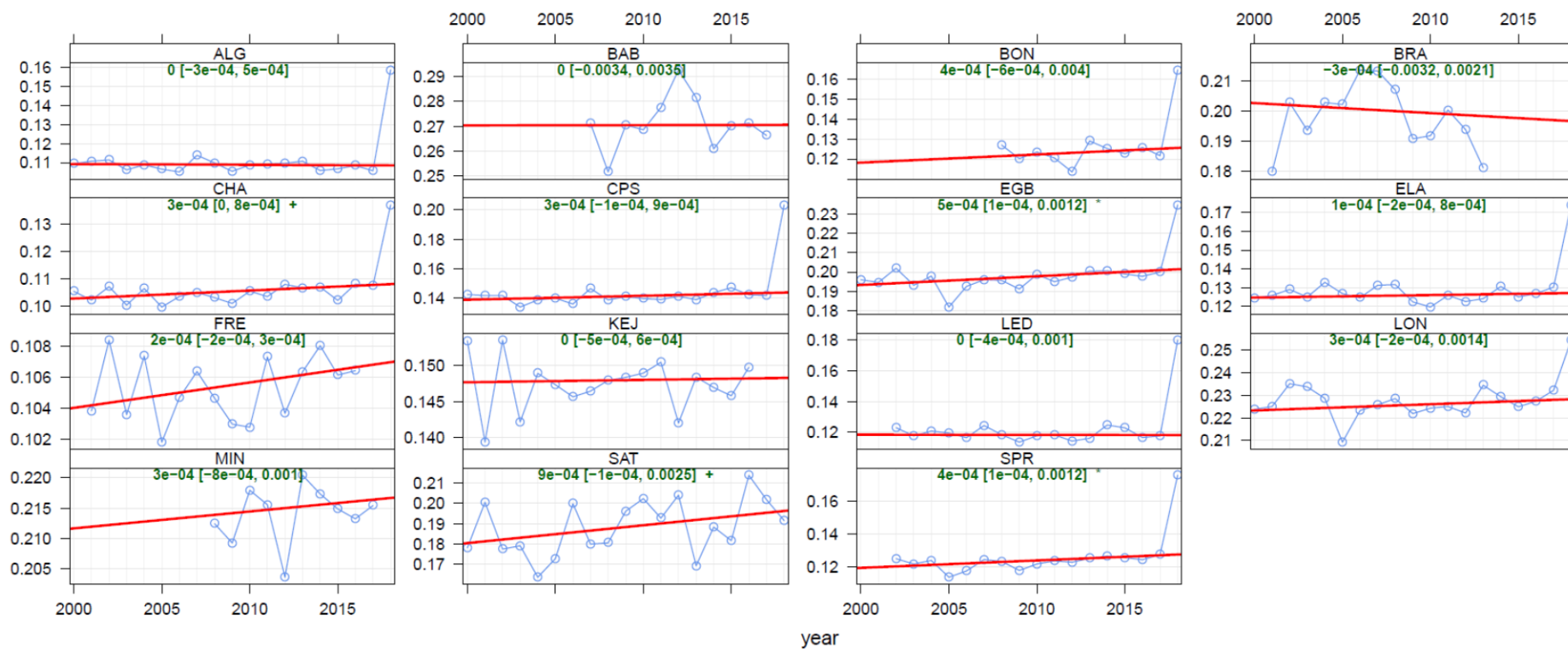


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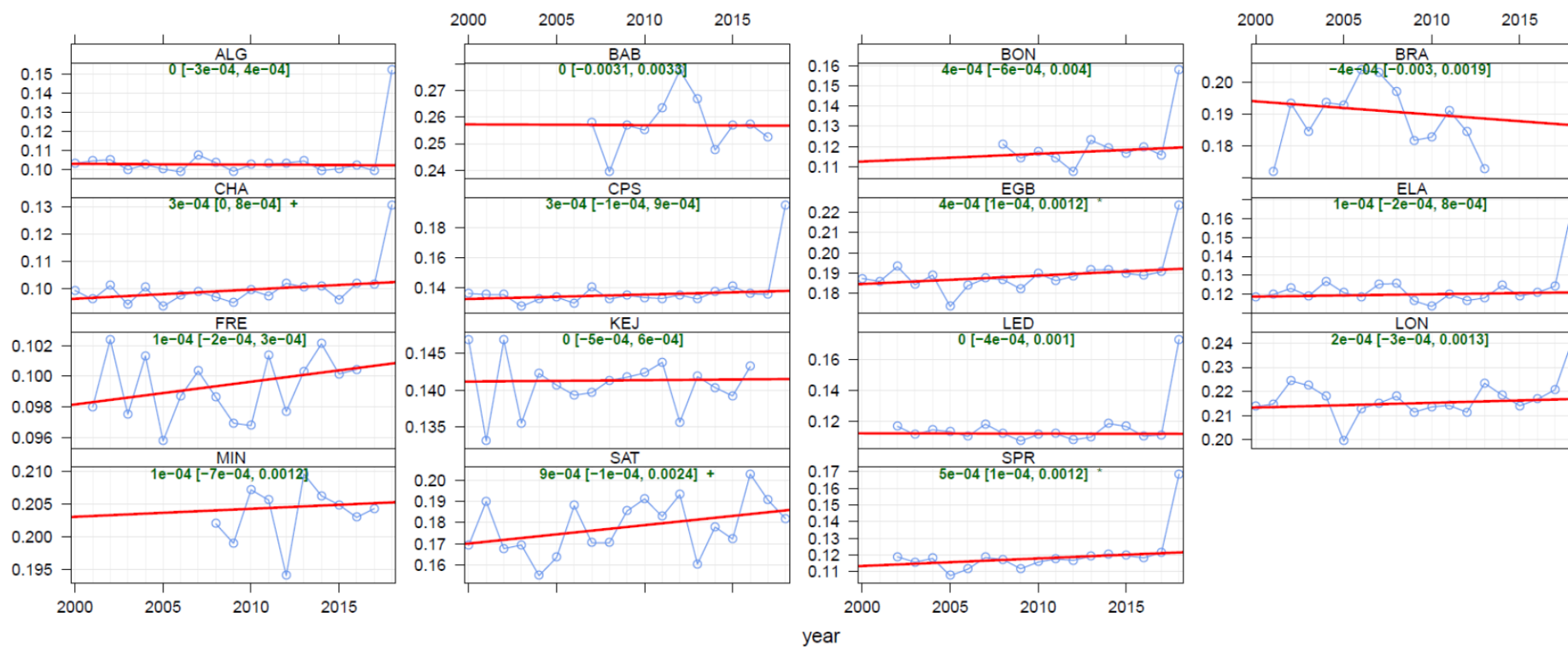


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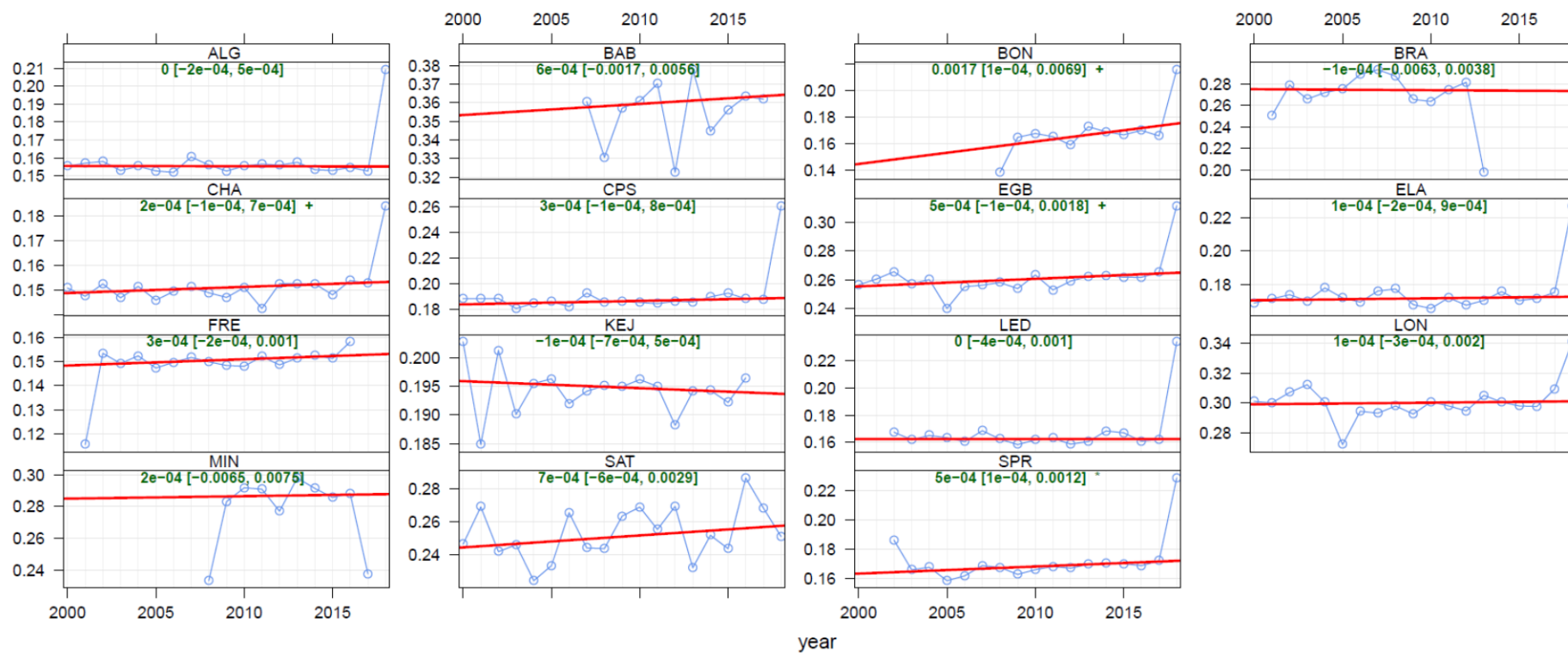


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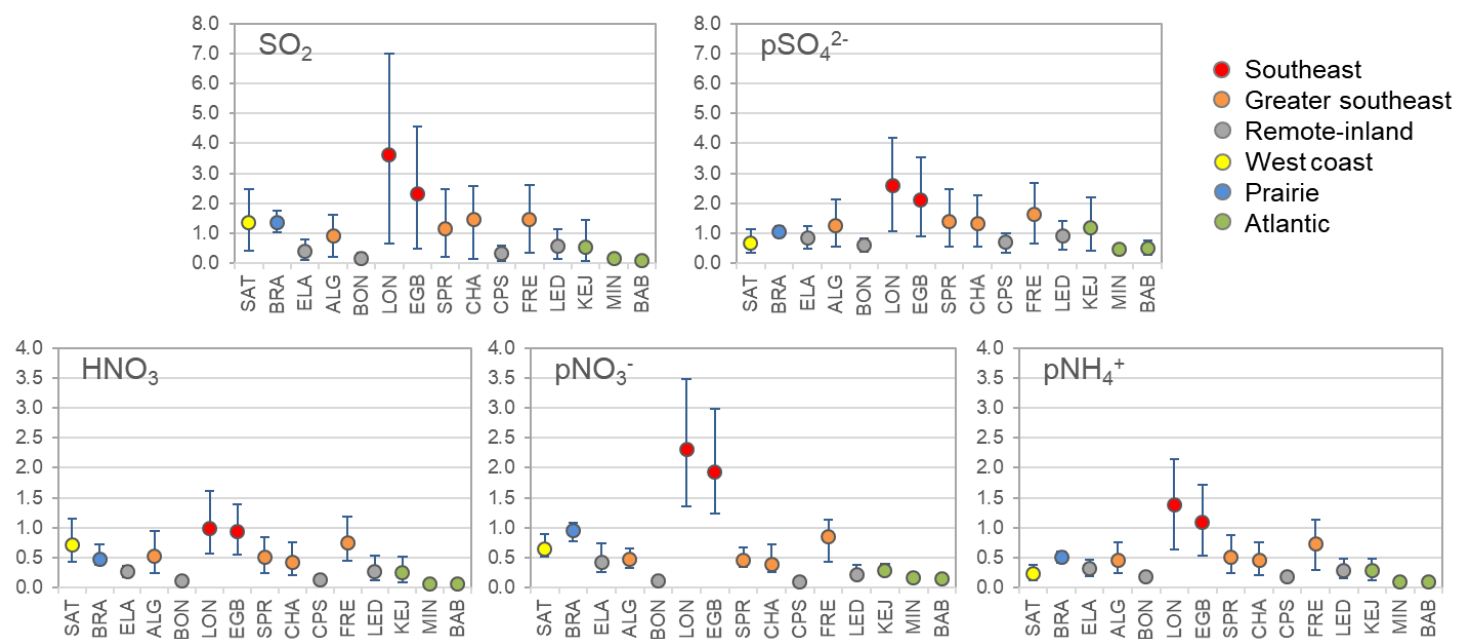


Figure S3: Annual mean of the 24-h integrated atmospheric S and N species concentrations ( $\mu\text{g of ion/m}^3$ ) at CAPMoN sites during the 2000-2018 period. Error bars indicate the range of the annual means. Sites are color-coded by region and arranged in order longitudinally from west to east. Source: ECCC (2021a).



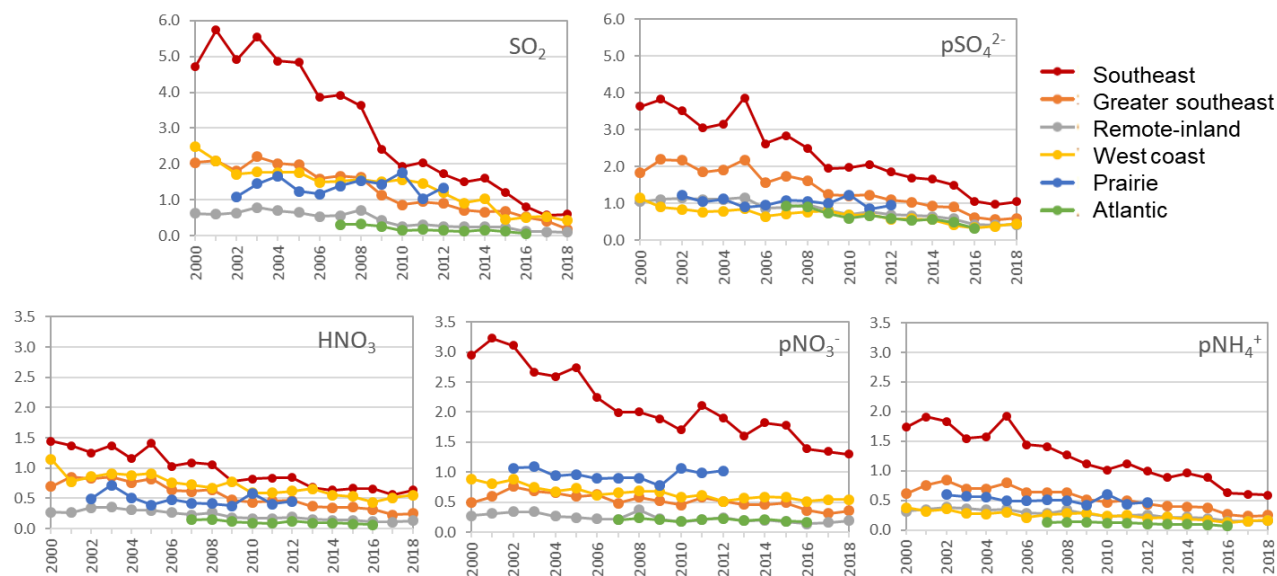


Figure S4: Annual trends in atmospheric S and N species concentrations ( $\mu\text{g of ion}/\text{m}^3$ ) at CAPMoN sites grouped by region. CAPMoN sites belonging to each region are listed as follows. Southeast: EGB, LON; Greater southeast: ALG, SPR, CHA, FRE; Remote-inland: ELA, BON, CPS, LED; West coast: SAT; Prairie: BRA; Atlantic: KEJ, MIN, BAB. Source: ECCC (2021a).

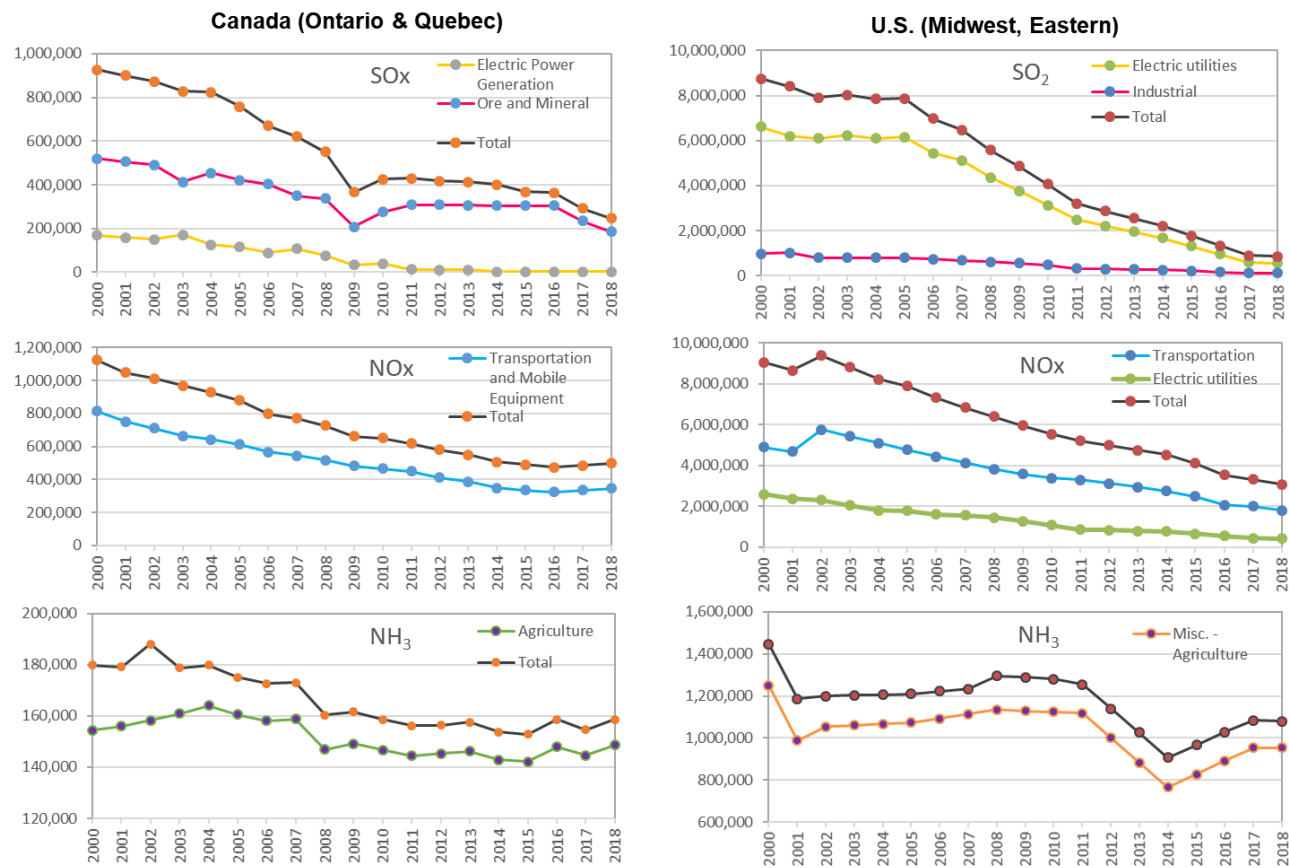


Figure S5a: Annual trends in emissions (tonnes) in provinces of Ontario and Quebec and in Midwest and Eastern U.S. Source: ECCC APEI (2021b) and USEPA (2021).

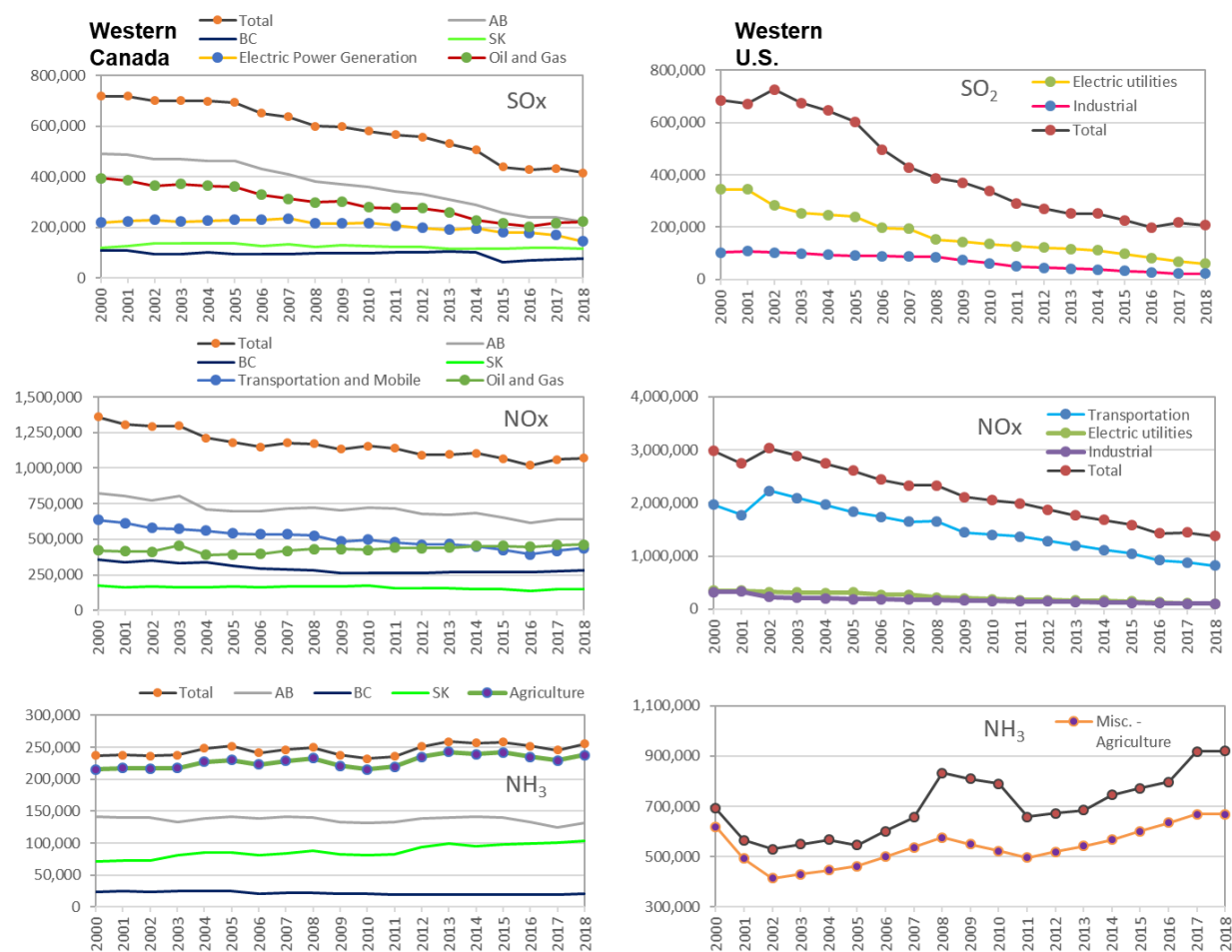


Figure S5b: Annual trends in emissions (tonnes) in provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan and in Western U.S. Source: ECCCAPEI (2021b) and USEPA (2021).

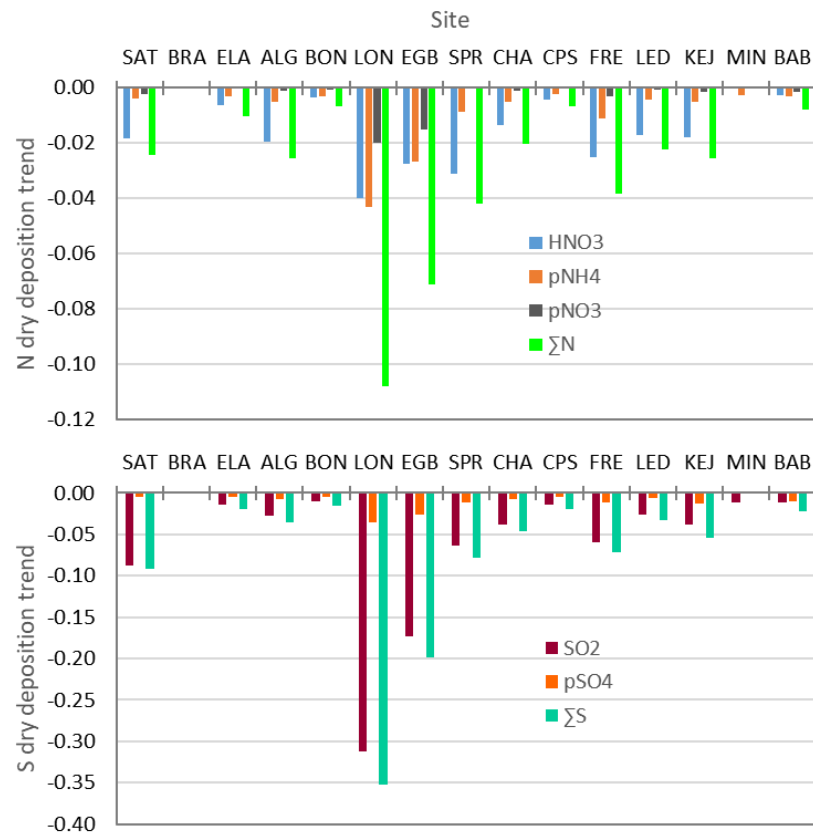


Figure S6: Trends in annual dry deposition fluxes of N and S species (kg N or S/ha/yr) at CAPMoN sites during 2000-2018 based on Theil-Sen slopes (statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$ ). Sites (denoted by site IDs) are plotted longitudinally from left (west) to right (east). Trends for some N or S species were not significant at BRA, ELA, SPR, CPS and MIN. Note:  $\Sigma N$  excludes dry deposition of  $NH_3$  and some oxidized nitrogen species.

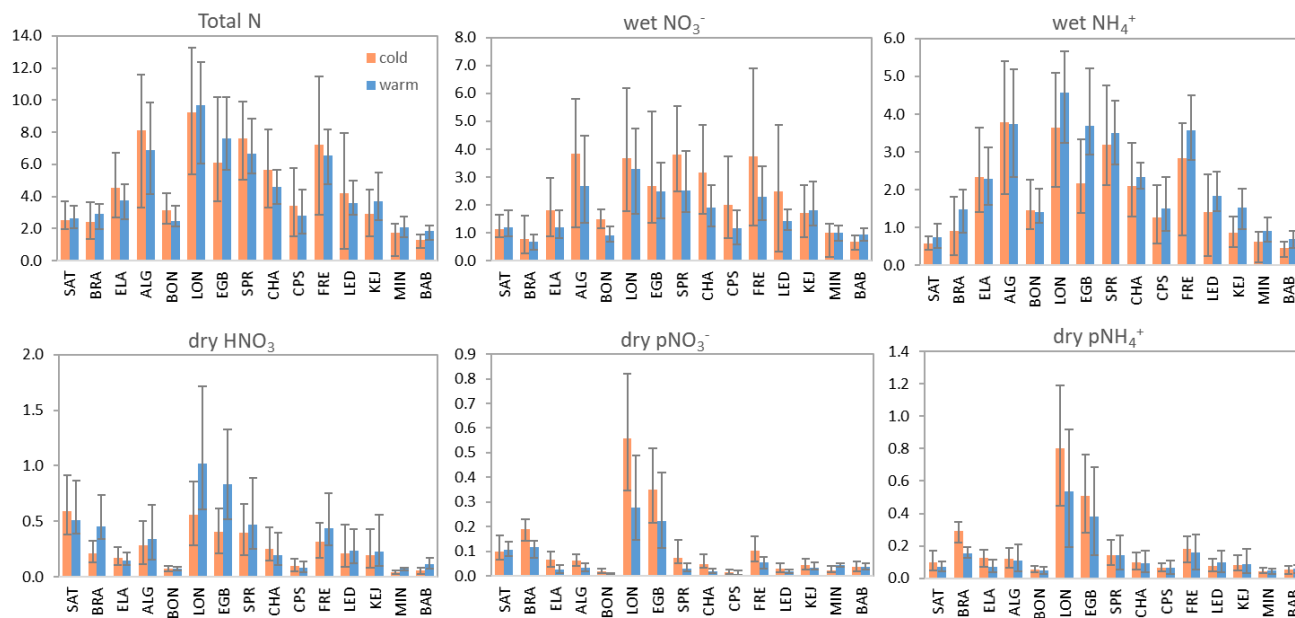


Figure S7: Mean and range of N deposition (kg N/ha/yr) during the cold (Nov-Apr) and warm (May-Oct) seasons during 2000-2018 at CAPMoN sites (denoted by site IDs) plotted longitudinally from left (west) to right (east). Error bars indicate annual variability in seasonal deposition.

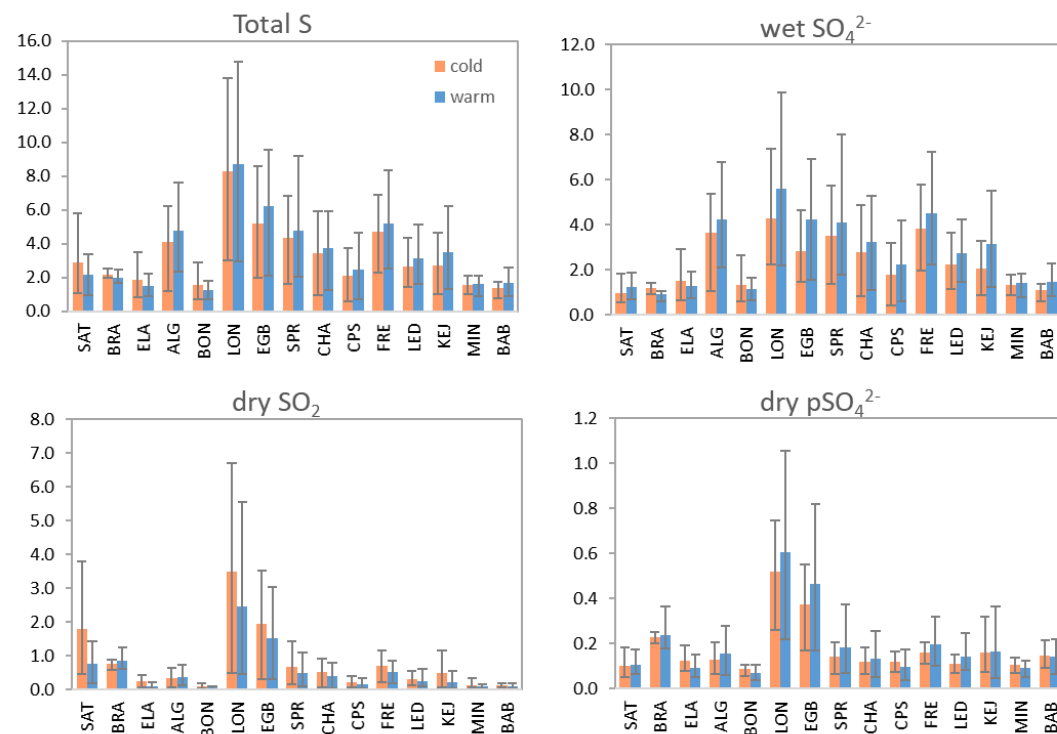


Figure S8: Mean and range of S deposition (kg S/ha/yr) during the cold (Nov-Apr) and warm (May-Oct) seasons during 2000-2018 at CAPMoN sites (denoted by site IDs) plotted longitudinally from left (west) to right (east). Error bars indicate annual variability in seasonal deposition.

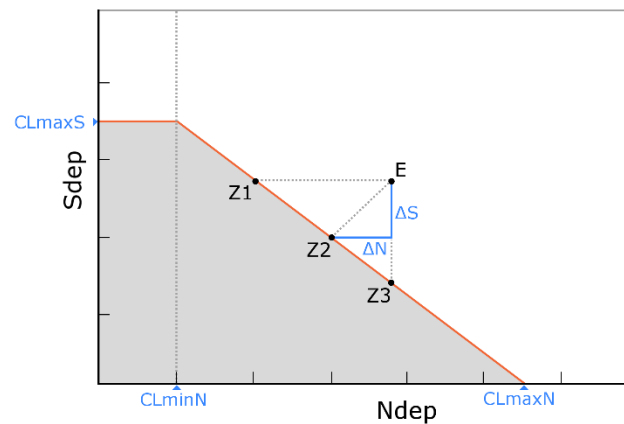


Figure S9: The critical load function for sulfur and nitrogen is defined by the maximum critical load of sulfur when nitrogen deposition ( $N_{dep}$ ) is zero ( $CL_{maxS}$ ), the maximum critical load of nitrogen when sulfur deposition ( $S_{dep}$ ) is zero ( $CL_{maxN}$ ), and a minimum critical load of nitrogen ( $CL_{minN}$ ) above which nitrogen deposition is acidifying. Sites where  $S_{dep}$  and  $N_{dep}$  are below the function line (the grey area) are protected from damage from acid deposition (e.g. not in exceedance). Exceedance (point E) is defined as the shortest path to non-exceedance, as illustrated by the points Z1, Z2, and Z3, but there is no unique path to non-exceedance. For more details see Posch et al. (2015).

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