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2 *Supplement of*

3 **A global model simulation of present and future nitrate**
4 **aerosols and their direct radiative forcing of climate**

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8 Model description

9 Free ammonia is used for the neutralization of nitric acid to ammonium nitrate aerosol
10 following the equilibrium reaction:



12 The equilibrium constant (K_p) of (1) strongly depends on relative humidity and temperature.
13 The parameterization used for this dependence is based on Mozurkewich (1993). First, the
14 deliquescence relative humidity (DRH, %) is calculated based on Seinfeld and Pandis (1998):

$$15 \quad \text{DRH} = \exp(723.7/T + 1.6954) \quad (2)$$

16 where T is the air temperature (K). For relative humidities lower than DRH, $K_p = K_{pd}$ and is
17 calculated with:

$$18 \quad K_{pd} = \exp[118.87 - 24084/T - 6.025 \ln(T)] \quad (3)$$

19 For relative humidities higher than DRH, $K_p = K_{ph}$ and depends on both temperature and
20 relative humidity (RH) and is calculated based on :

$$21 \quad K_{ph} = K_{pd} (p_1 - p_2 \text{RH}_1 + p_3 \text{RH}_1^2) \text{RH}_1^{1.75} \quad (4)$$

22 With RH_1 defined as $(1 - \text{RH}/100)$ and p_1 , p_2 , and p_3 provided by:

$$23 \quad p_1 = \exp[-135.94 + 8763/T + 19.12 \ln(T)] \quad (5)$$

$$24 \quad p_2 = \exp[-122.65 + 9969/T + 16.22 \ln(T)] \quad (6)$$

$$25 \quad p_3 = \exp[-182.61 + 13875/T + 24.46 \ln(T)] \quad (7)$$

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27 Model evaluation

28 Box model simulations

29 In order to evaluate the thermodynamic nitrate aerosol module developed and used in INCA,
30 we have developed a box model version and used it as a stand-alone version to be evaluated
31 against the ISORROPIA reference model (Nenes et al., 1998). Both the INCA box model and
32 ISORROPIA are constrained by the same input parameters. The input parameters are then
33 varied in order to compare the behavior of the two models across the range of variation in key

34 inputs (i.e., total sulfate TS, total ammonia TA, total nitrate TN, relative humidity RH, and
35 temperature T). The reference input parameters for all simulations are : $T = 280\text{K}$, $\text{RH} = 0.9$,
36 $\text{TS} = 2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{TA} = 4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and $\text{TN} = 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Figure S1 shows the evolution of the
37 simulated NO_3^- and NH_4^+ equilibrium concentrations when these parameters are varied
38 separately over a given interval and compares the output to the ISORROPIA results. Overall
39 an excellent agreement is obtained between the INCA module and ISORROPIA. The
40 sensitivity of the two models to key environmental parameters as encountered in the global
41 atmosphere are very similar and the simulated concentrations in close agreement. The major
42 disagreement we note is at sulfate concentrations larger than about $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for which the
43 INCA module forms ammonium sulfate preferentially and hence significantly underestimates
44 the ammonium nitrate levels compared to ISORROPIA. This disagreement has no effect on
45 the simulated global concentrations since sulfate concentrations larger than $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ are
46 essentially not reached in the global model. It should also be pointed out that at temperature
47 higher than about 295K , the volatilization of ammonium nitrate is too efficient and the
48 concentration simulated with INCA drops more rapidly to zero than in ISORROPIA. This
49 limitation has to be kept in mind but even under a warming climate these high temperatures
50 are not often reached in regions concerned by fine particulate nitrate formation or only
51 occasionally and will have a minor impact on the model results.

52 **Diurnal variations**

53 Nitrate aerosols have the ability to dissociate back into the gas phase. As illustrated by
54 Dall'Osto et al. (2009), this means that nitrates have a pronounced diurnal cycle and spend
55 most of the daytime in the gas phase. The detailed evaluation of the diurnal cycle is out of the
56 scope of the use of a global model and of this paper. However, since this diurnal variation has
57 an impact on the radiative forcing, we illustrate in Figure S2 the simulated diurnal variation of
58 nitrate concentrations at four different sites for the period 1/8/2009 to 30/10/2009. A very
59 pronounced diurnal cycle is indeed calculated over the Po Valley or over China. The
60 minimum in NO_3^- concentrations occur during daytime as expected and are often close to zero
61 during that period. This minimum coincides with a maximum in HNO_3 concentrations (not
62 shown) suggesting that volatilization of nitrate particles indeed occurs as indicated by
63 Dall'Osto et al. (2009). In England, the nitrate concentrations and their variation are in
64 agreement with the range of about $0\text{-}12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and variability measured by Dall'Osto et al.
65 (2009) in October 2006. The variability of NO_3^- in the model can be explained by a
66 combination of the diurnal cycle associated with the thermodynamic equilibrium of nitrate

67 formation, superimposed on a variability associated with changing meteorological conditions
68 and transport of pollution episodes from the continent. High pollution episodes of nitrate
69 particles are also simulated in the Netherlands where NH_3 concentrations reach more than 10
70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

71 **Present-day nitrate column**

72 Figure S3 shows the three components of the total nitrate column and shows the fine mode,
73 coarse mode on dust and coarse mode on sea-salt separately. This figure clearly shows that
74 fine nitrate particles associated with anthropogenic emissions contribute to a large extent to
75 the maximum calculated in the central US, in Northern Europe and over the Po Valley, in
76 Northern India and in China. Over Africa, Saudi Arabia, Central Europe and in Northern
77 China, nitrates on dust contribute for more than 4-10 mg/m^2 to the nitrate column. Over the
78 Mediterranean and in Southern Europe, the contribution of coarse nitrates on dust represents
79 about 50% of the calculated total nitrate column. The contribution of nitrates on sea-salt is
80 lower and generally close to 0.5 mg/m^2 over the continents. It only reaches 1 mg/m^2 in
81 localized areas, in particular off the coast of the Eastern US, or over the Mediterranean where
82 both pollution and sea-salt particle are present.

83 **Comparison with measurements**

84 Figure S4 compares the simulated and measured surface concentrations of SO_4^- , NH_4^+ , and
85 NO_3^- from the EBAS database at NILU. EBAS holds data from EMEP (emep.int), from the
86 US National Atmospheric Deposition Program/National Trend Network (NADP/NTN;
87 <http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/NTN>), from the US Inter- agency Monitoring of Protected Visual
88 Environments (IMPROVE; <http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/IMPROVE>), from the Clean Air
89 Status and Trends Network (CASTNET; <http://java.epa.gov/castnet>) and the EANET, Data
90 on the Acid Deposition in the East Asian Region (<http://www.eanet.cc/>). These comparisons
91 have been prepared using the AEROCOM evaluation tools (Schulz et al., 2006). The aerosols
92 measurements are mostly from the CASTNET/IMPROVE network over Northern America,
93 from the EMEP network in Europe. This evaluation is performed for the year 2006 based on
94 matching daily mean data, averaged to monthly means.

95 To obtain a large spatial coverage with respect to evaluation of nitrate and ammonium model
96 values we have included measurements from different methods. These use different
97 combinations of filterpacks and denuders. Little harmonization of the methods has been

98 achieved globally and there is virtually no choice to pick just one method. Depending on filter
99 type, sampling set-up, temperature and changing ambient conditions during a sampling
100 interval considerable sampling artefacts may occur. At higher temperatures, evaporation of
101 ammonium nitrate from filters has been shown to lead to losses of up to 50% in summer
102 conditions (Vecchi et al., 2009; Sickles and Shadwick, 2002; Allegrini et al., 1994; Yu et al.,
103 2005, Hering and Cass, 1999; Chow et al., 2005, Ashbaugh and Elfred, 2004, Schaap et al.,
104 2004, Schaap et al., 2002). Such sampling artefacts may explain in total a positive model bias,
105 while negative model bias clearly points to model errors. We do not find a clear north-south
106 gradient in bias, neither in Europe nor in Northern America, higher temperatures in the south
107 are not associated with higher positive model bias. However, in central Europe there are
108 several sites, where the positive bias of the model is high in summer and almost absent in
109 winter. In depth inspection of nitrate bias on a map and per measurement site may be accessed
110 via the AeroCom web interface ([http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-](http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl?PROJECT=INCA)
111 [bin/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl?PROJECT=INCA](http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl?PROJECT=INCA)
112 [&Run0=LOI_DH10n&Parameter0=SCONC_NO3](http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl?PROJECT=INCA)).

113 Figure S5 compares the wet deposition of SO_x ($=\text{SO}_2+\text{SO}_4^-$), NH_x ($=\text{NH}_3+\text{NH}_4^+$), and NO_y
114 ($=\text{NO}+\text{NO}_2+\text{NO}_3+\text{HNO}_2+\text{HNO}_3+\text{HNO}_4+2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5+\text{PAN}+\text{organic nitrates}+\text{particulate NO}_3^-$)
115 calculated by the model with the measurements from the EMEP network over Europe, from
116 the NADP network over Northern America and from the EANET network over Eastern Asia.

117 Figure S6 present an evaluation of the calculated total AOD by comparing with the
118 measurements from the AERONET network (Holben et al., 2001, Kinne et al., 2006).
119 Matching daily data from the model and Aeronet were aggregated to monthly averages.
120 Worldwide, the measured and modeled AOD show a relatively good correlation ($R=0.57$).
121 The arithmetic mean for the measurements of 0.226 is however underestimated by the
122 modeled values of 0.202 with a Normalized Mean Bias (NMB) of -11%. A good agreement
123 with the AERONET measurements is obtained over Northern America. Over this region the
124 model slightly underestimates the measurements (NMB=-4.5%, $R=0.77$). Over Africa, higher
125 AOD associated with dust aerosols are calculated. A fairly good correlation is reached
126 ($R=0.66$) with also a light underestimate by the model of -10%. Over Eastern Asia, the model
127 underestimate the AOD (NMB=-39%). Over Europe, the model slightly overestimates the
128 measurements (NMB=+6%).

129 **Future evolution of atmospheric composition and surface deposition**

130 Figure S7 shows the change in NH₃ surface concentration from the present-day levels in 2030
131 and 2100 for both RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 (see Fig. 6 from the manuscript for the reference
132 level). For RCP8.5 a significant increase is calculated everywhere in 2030 and 2100 except in
133 Indonesia where biomass burning emissions are reduced. In the central United States,
134 Northern and central Europe, India and China, NH₃ increases by up to 2 µg/cm³ in 2100. For
135 the RCP4.5 scenario, a significant increase is still predicted in India and in China where
136 emissions are still predicted to rise. However, concentrations are significantly reduced in
137 Western and Eastern Europe by up to 1 µg/cm³ and a lesser increase of 0.5-1 µg/cm³ is
138 calculated in the central US. Figure S8 shows the corresponding change in HNO₃ surface
139 concentrations. Due to a reduction in NO_x emissions, HNO₃ has already significantly
140 decreased in 2030 in Northern America and Europe in both scenarios. In contrast, a strong
141 increase is calculated in India and in China reaching more than 2 µg/cm³ in 2030. In 2100, the
142 HNO₃ reduction is almost generalized over the continents with the exception of biomass
143 burning regions in Africa and India in the case of RCP8.5. Figure S9 shows the change in
144 SO₄⁼ surface concentration in 2030 and 2100 for both RCP8.5 and RCP4.5. The concentration
145 increases in India and Southeast Asia by more than 2 µg/cm³ in 2030. As expected from the
146 sharp decrease in SO₂ emissions, at the end of the XXIst century, a general decrease of the
147 surface concentration is calculated, reaching more than 2 µg/cm³ in Northern America,
148 Europe, and China. As a result of these changes in nitrate precursor surface concentrations,
149 nitrate particles are expected to undergo significant variations in the future. Figure S10, shows
150 the evolution of nitrate particles surface concentrations for 2030 and 2100 and for scenarios
151 RCP8.5 and RCP4.5. The surface concentration increases in India and Southeast Asia by
152 more than 2 µg/cm³ in 2030. As a consequence of the sharp decrease in HNO₃ concentrations,
153 a decrease of the surface concentration is calculated, reaching more than 2 µg/cm³ in Northern
154 America and Europe in 2030 and 2100. This decrease in surface nitrate concentrations also
155 occurs in China in 2100.

156 Figure S11, shows the change from the present-day (see Fig. 4 from the main paper for
157 reference levels) of the nitrate column in 2030 and 2100 for the two extremes scenarios
158 RCP4.5 and RCP8.5. The change in nitrate precursors is responsible for a strong increase of
159 the nitrate column in the northern hemisphere. The strong decrease in nitrate surface
160 concentrations calculated over Europe and China in 2030 and 2100 dominates the change in
161 the column which decreases by up to 2 mg/m² over these regions.

162 Figure S12 shows the evolution of the total nitrogen deposition averaged over various regions
163 of the world. The total $\text{NO}_y + \text{NH}_x$ (wet + dry) deposition is presented. In Europe and
164 Northern America, the total N deposition slightly decreases or remains close to its present-day
165 value in the case of scenario RCP8.5. In Asia and India, the NO_y deposition generally
166 increases in 2030 or 2050 due to higher NO_x emissions in these regions before decreasing at
167 the end of the XXIst century. In addition, the NH_x deposition generally increases during the
168 course of the century to reach maximum values in 2100. Figure S13 shows that the fraction of
169 N deposited as NH_x increases from about 60% to 80% in these regions. The same tendency is
170 found over oceanic regions and globally. The total N deposited remains fairly stable or
171 slightly decreases in these regions during the XXIst century but the fraction of N deposited as
172 NH_x increases from 45% to 55-70% over the ocean and from 55% to 70-80% globally.

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212 **Figure Captions**

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214 Figure S1. Variation of NO_3^- (blue) and NH_4^+ (red) equilibrium concentrations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) as a
215 function of total sulfate, total ammonia, total nitrate ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), relative humidity (%) and
216 temperature (T). INCA model results : solid line, ISORROPIA model: triangles.

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218 Figure S2. Simulated diurnal variation of NO_3^- surface concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) during the
219 1/08/2009 to 30/10/2009 period in England, the Po valley, The Netherlands, and in Northern
220 China.

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222 Figure S3. Annual mean tropospheric column of (top) fine mode nitrate aerosols, (middle)
223 coarse mode nitrates on dust, and (bottom) coarse mode nitrates on sea-salt simulated for
224 present-day conditions (mg/m^2).

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226 Figure S4. Simulated surface concentration of sulfates ($\mu\text{S}/\text{m}^3$), ammonium ($\mu\text{N}/\text{m}^3$), and
227 nitrates ($\mu\text{N}/\text{m}^3$) for the year 2006 compared to EBAS data over the world (top row), Europe
228 (middle) and Northern America (bottom). Dashed lines indicate 1:2 and 2:1 ratios.

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230 Figure S5. Simulated SO_x ($\text{gS}/\text{m}^2/\text{yr}$), NH_x and NO_y ($\text{gN}/\text{m}^2/\text{yr}$) wet deposition for the year
231 2006 compared to EBAS data for the world, over Europe, Northern America, and Eastern
232 Asia. Dashed lines indicate 1:2 and 2:1 ratios.

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234 Figure S6. Simulated total aerosol optical depth at 550 nm for the year 2006 compared to the
235 AERONET data worldwide, over Europe, Northern America, Northern Africa, and Eastern
236 Asia. Dashed lines indicate 1:2 and 2:1 ratios.

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238 Figure S7. Changes in ammonia surface concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) relative to the present-day
239 distribution for scenario RCP8.5 (top) and RCP4.5 (bottom) calculated for 2030 (left) and
240 2100 (right).

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242 Figure S8. Changes in nitric acid surface concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) relative to the present-day
243 distribution for scenario RCP8.5 (top) and RCP4.5 (bottom) calculated for 2030 (left) and
244 2100 (right).

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246 Figure S9. Changes in sulfate surface concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) relative to the present-day
247 distribution for scenario RCP8.5 (top) and RCP4.5 (bottom) calculated for 2030 (left) and
248 2100 (right).

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250 Figure S10. Changes in nitrate surface concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) relative to the present-day
251 distribution for scenario RCP8.5 (top) and RCP4.5 (bottom) calculated for 2030 (left) and
252 2100 (right).

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254 Figure S11. Changes in nitrate column (mg/m^2) relative to the present-day distribution for
255 scenario RCP8.5 (top) and RCP4.5 (bottom) calculated for 2030 (left) and 2100 (right).

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257 Figure S12. Evolution of NH_x+NO_y total deposition ($\text{mgN}/\text{m}^2/\text{yr}$) for scenario RCP8.5 (red),
258 RCP6.0 (yellow), RCP4.5 (green) and RCP2.6 (blue) between present-day and 2100. The
259 averaged deposition is depicted for Europe, Northern America, Northern Asia, Southern Asia,
260 India, Africa, Southern America, Australia, the global ocean, and the globe.

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262 Figure S13. Evolution of the NH_x fractional contribution to NH_x+NO_y total deposition (%) for
263 scenario RCP8.5 (red), RCP6.0 (yellow), RCP4.5 (green) and RCP2.6 (blue) between present-
264 day and 2100. The averaged deposition is depicted for Europe, Northern America, Northern

265 Asia, Southern Asia, India, Africa, Southern America, Australia, the global ocean, and the
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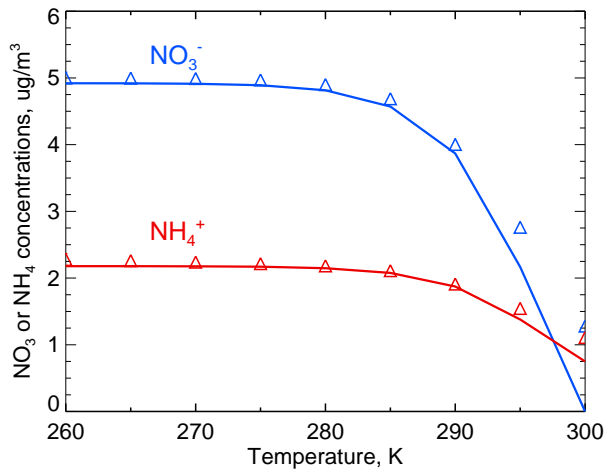
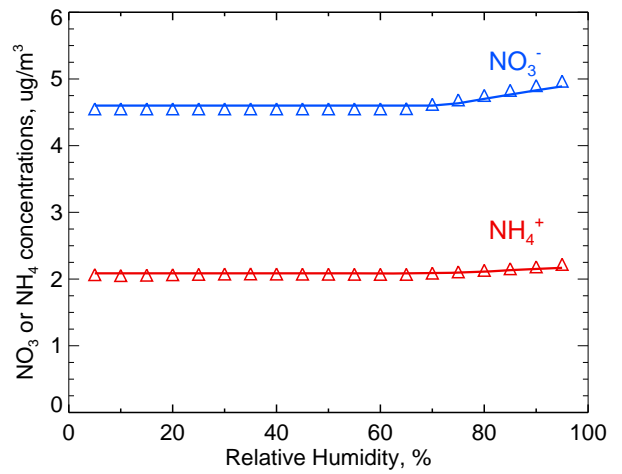
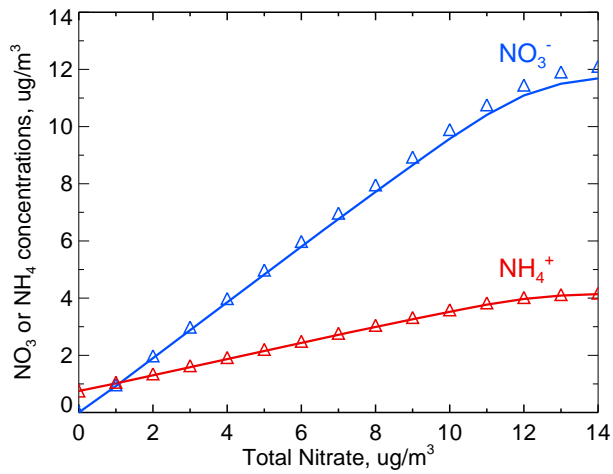
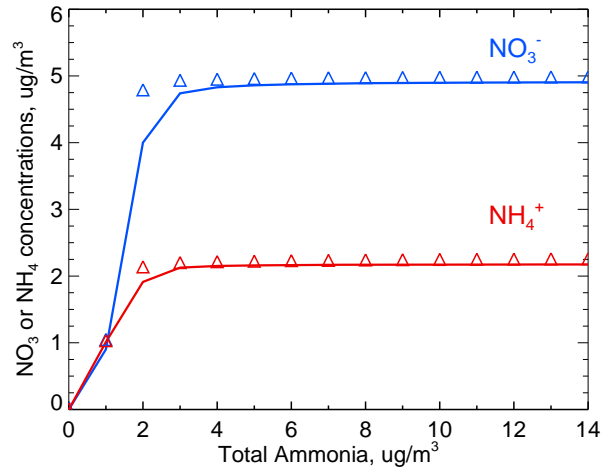
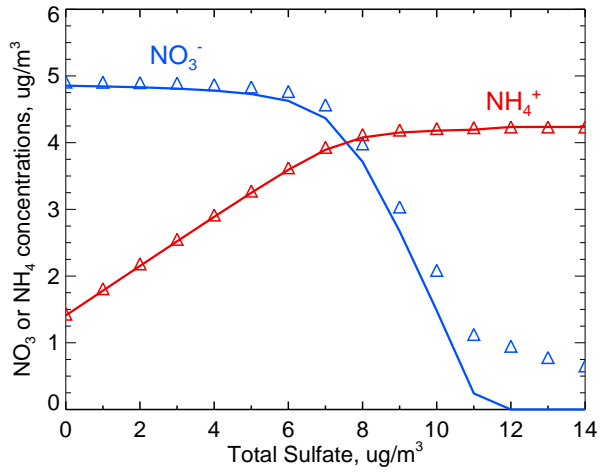


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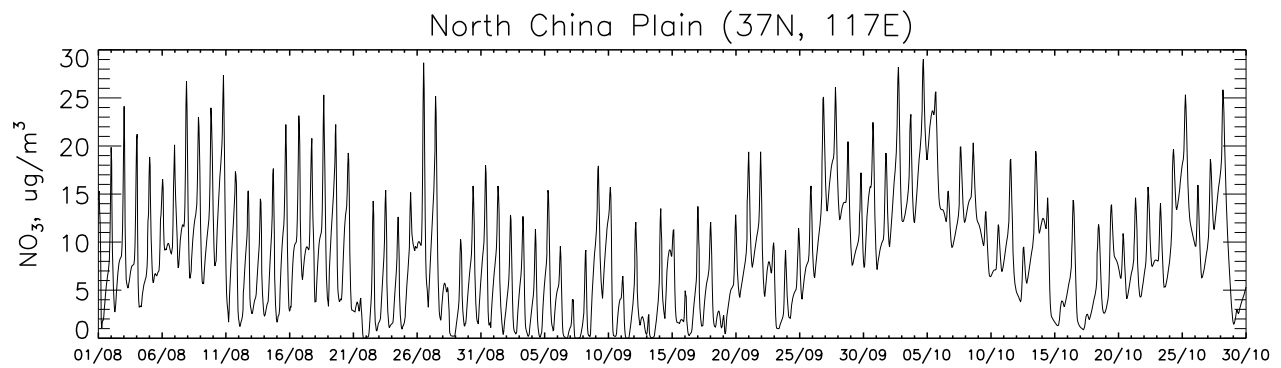
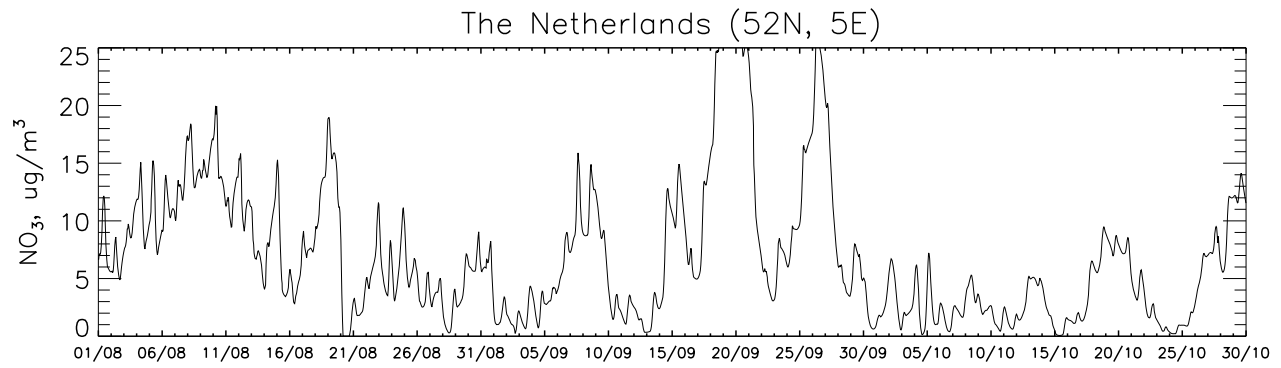
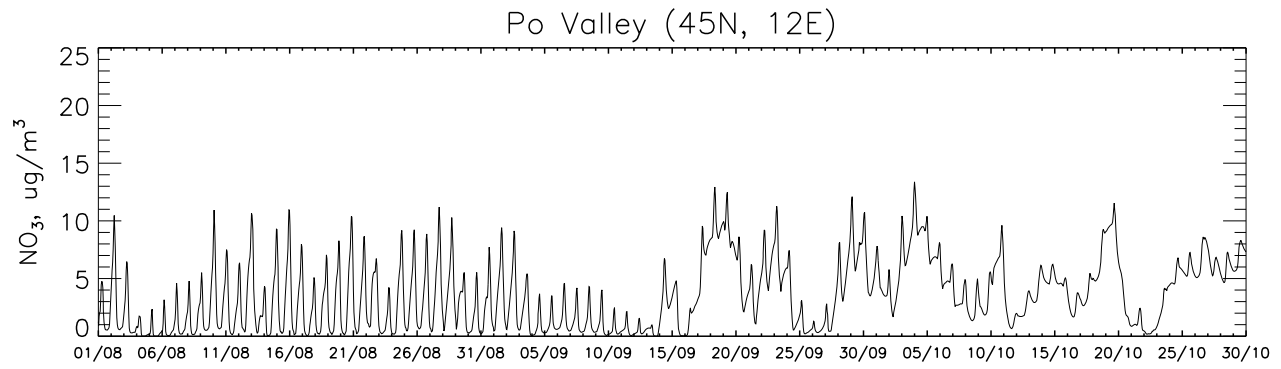
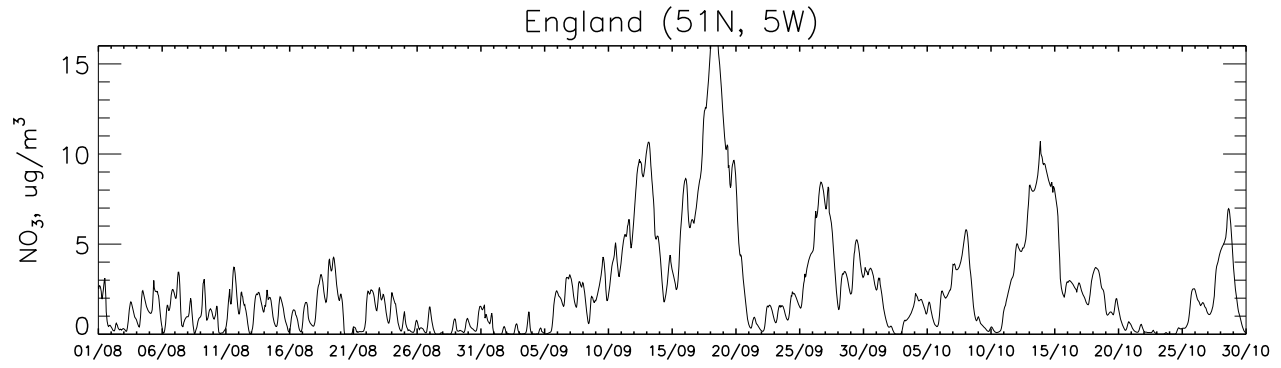


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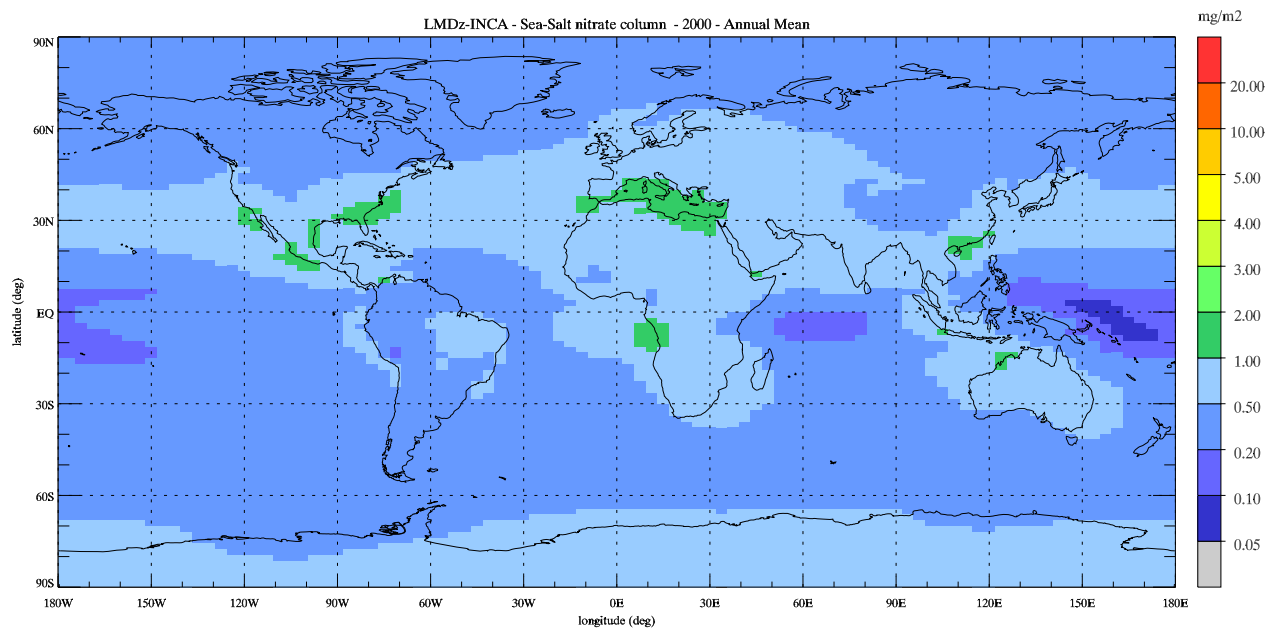
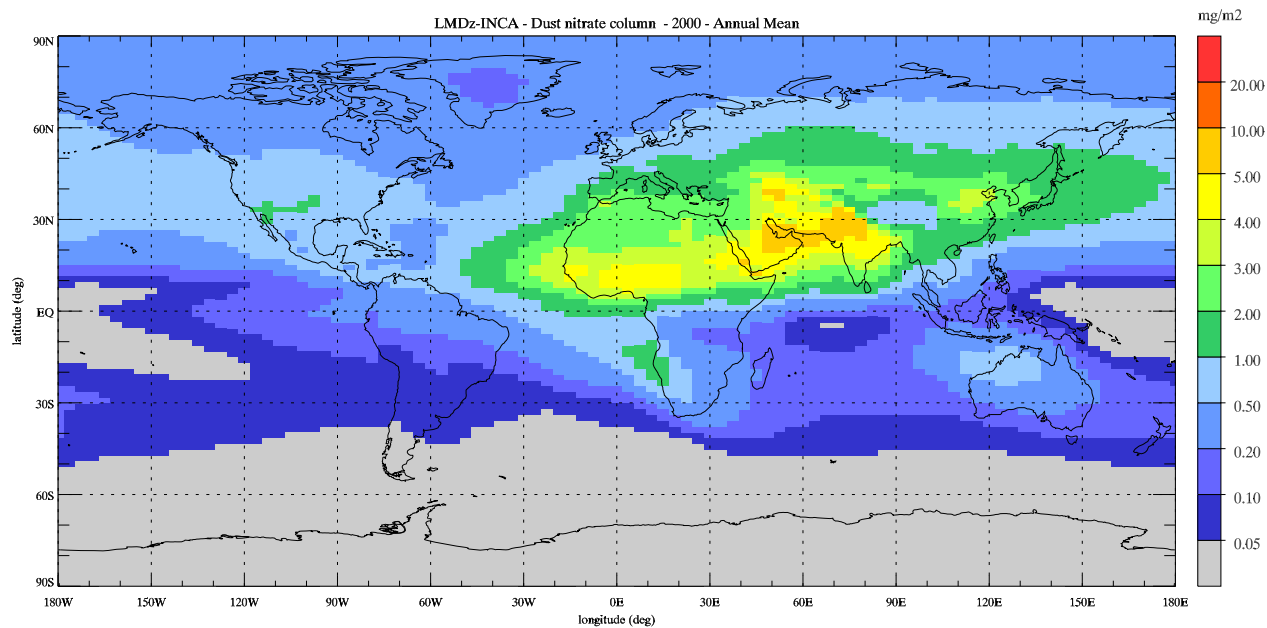
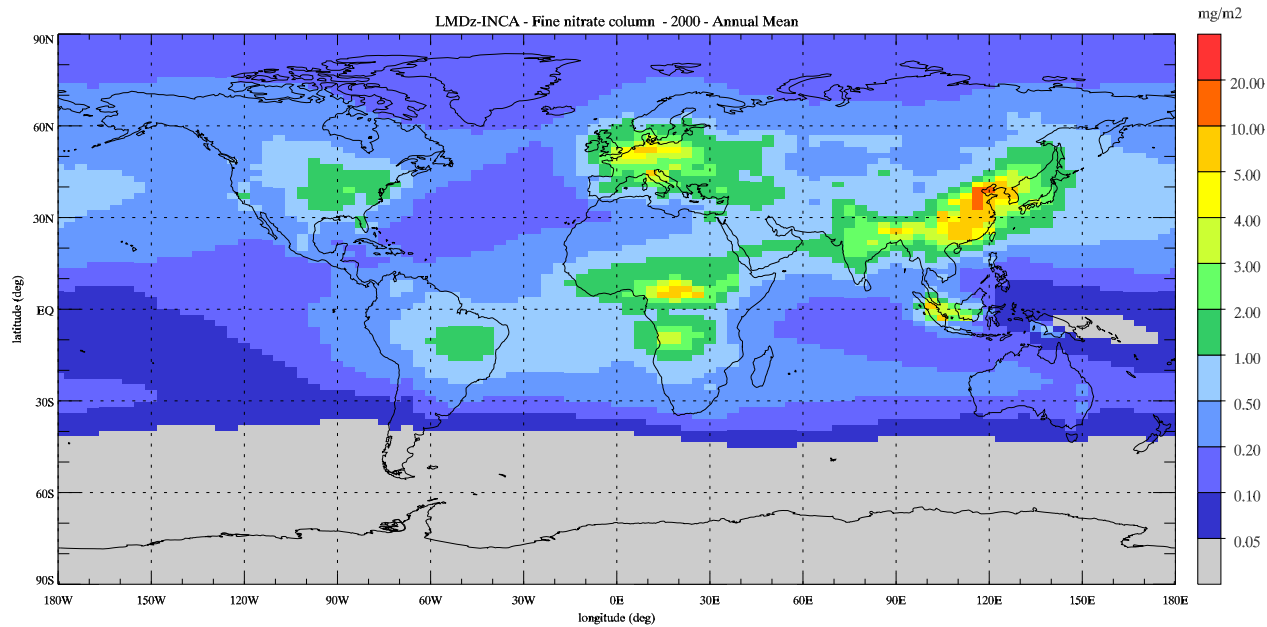


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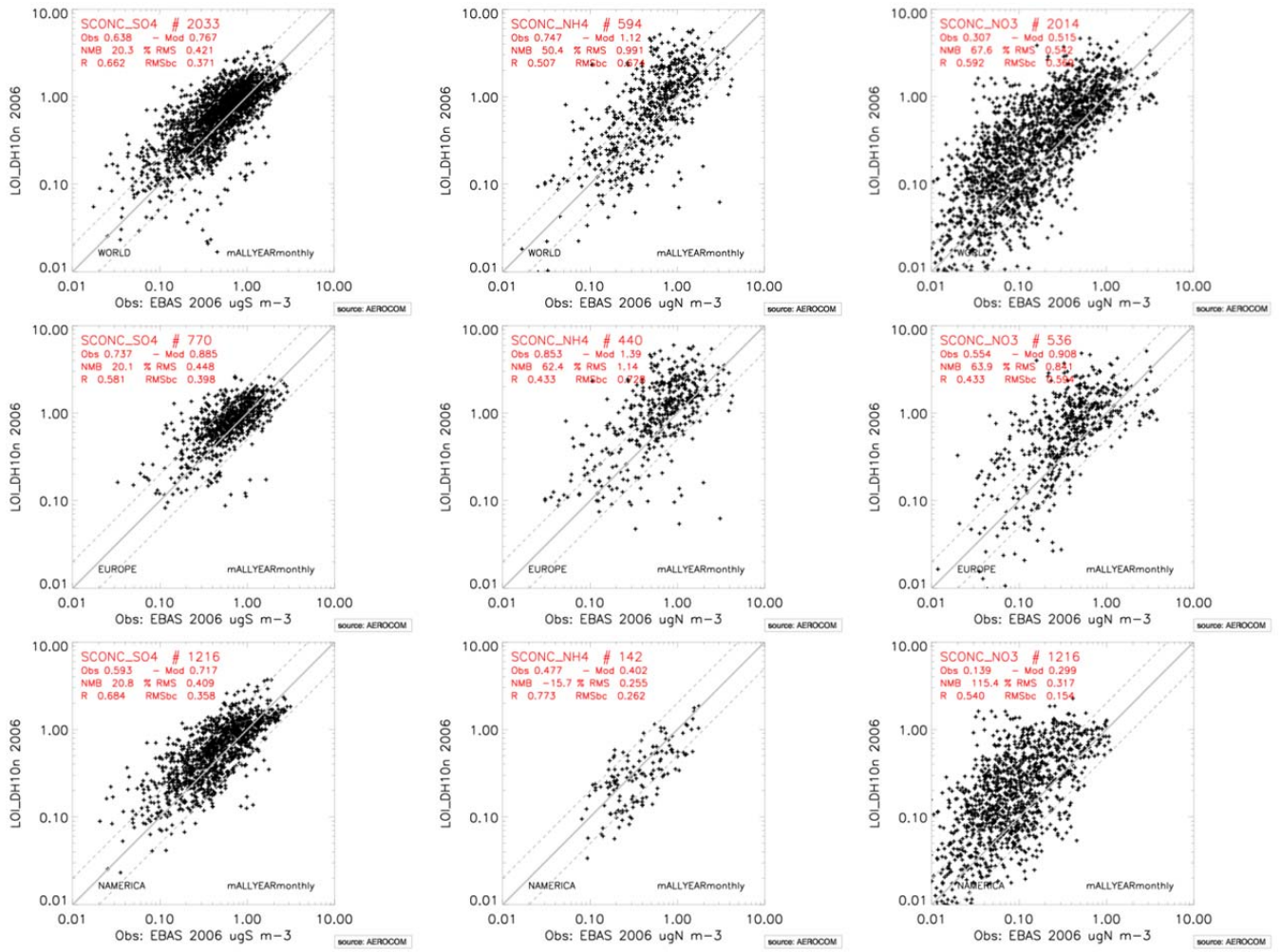


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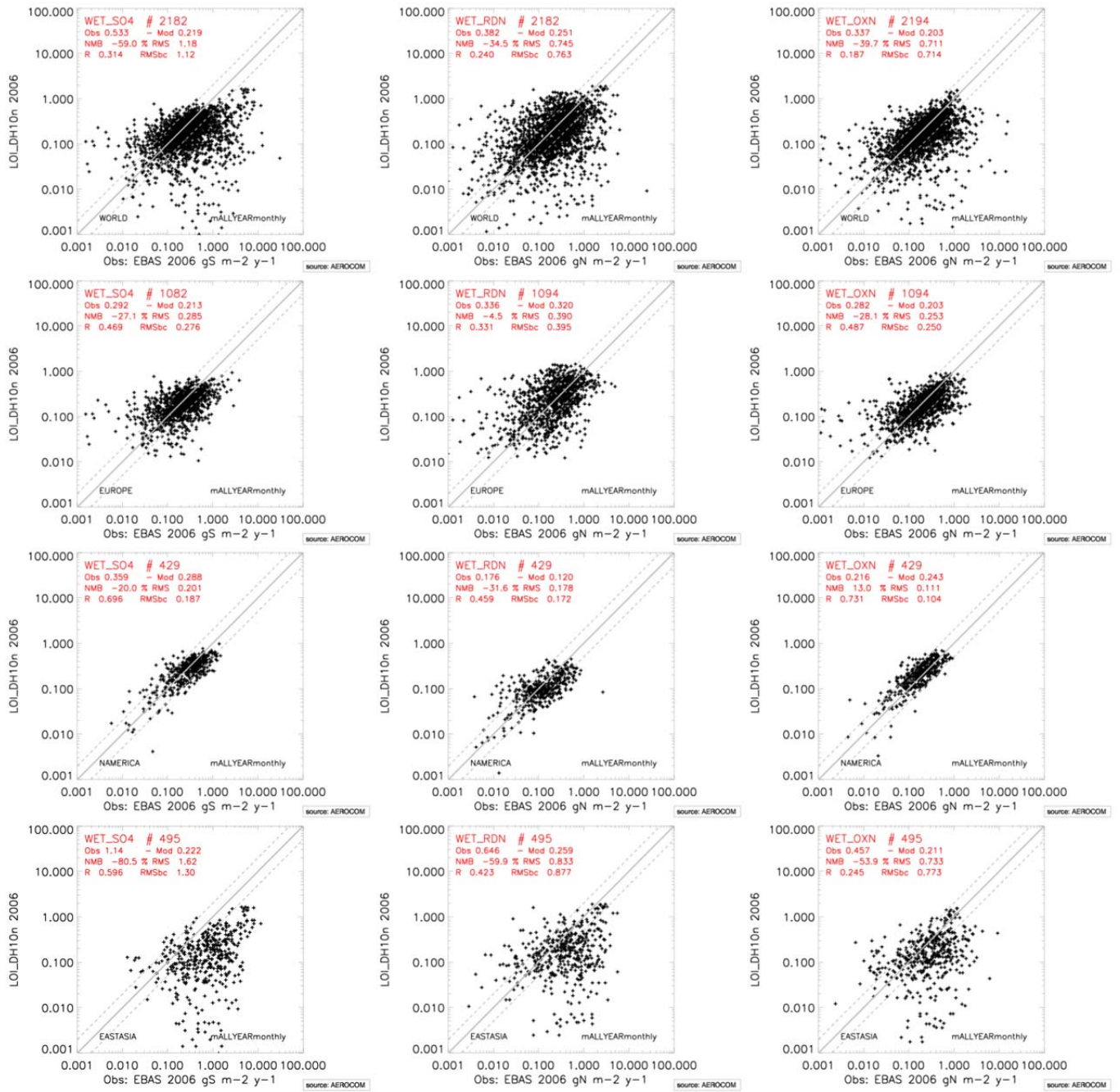


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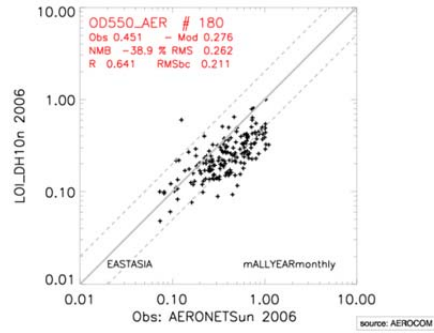
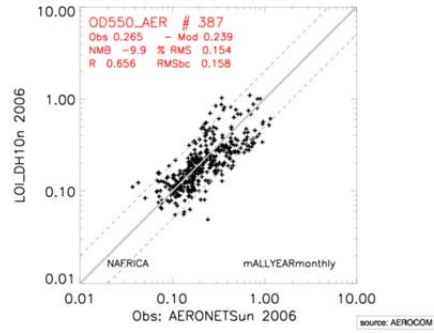
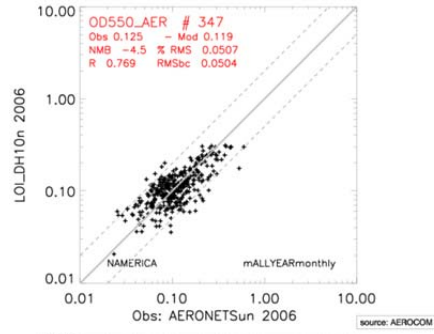
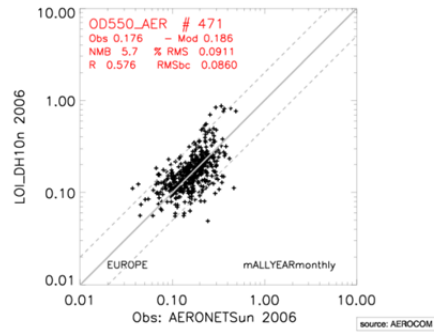
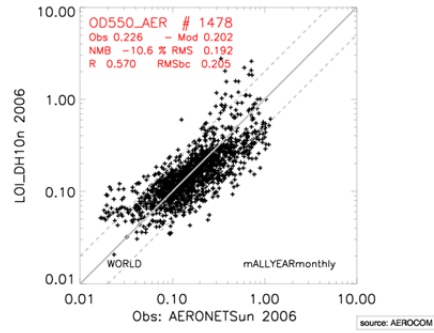


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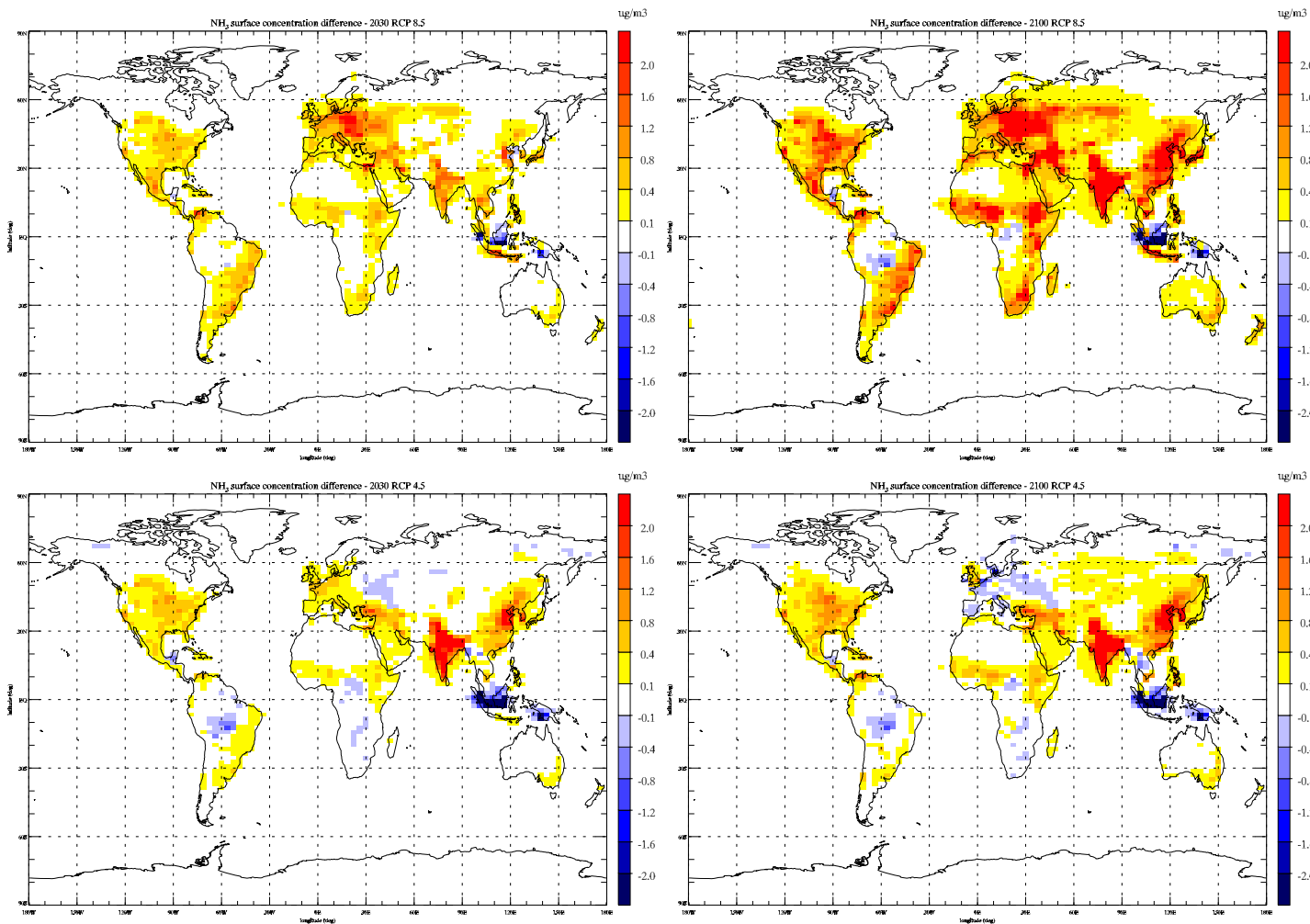


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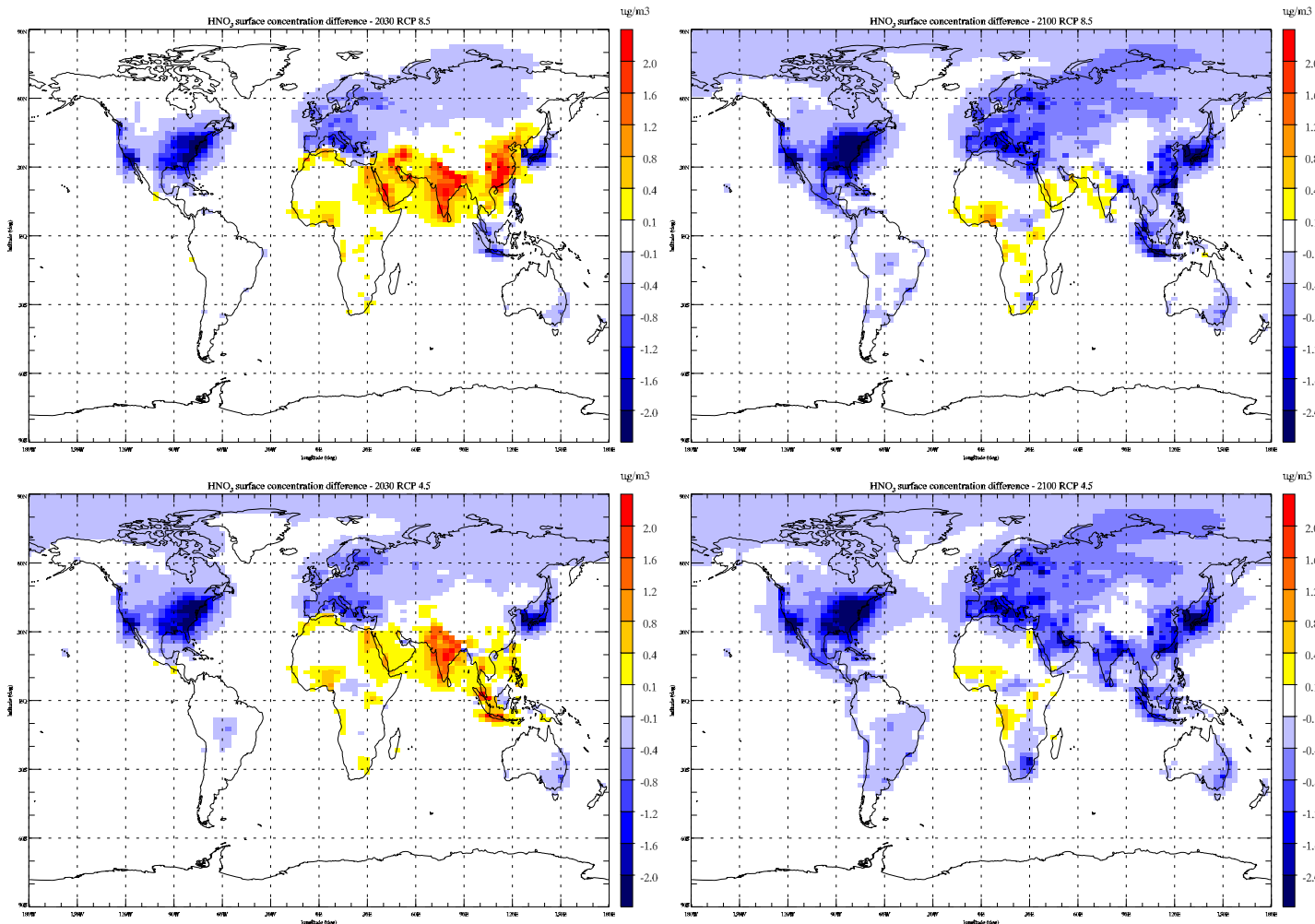


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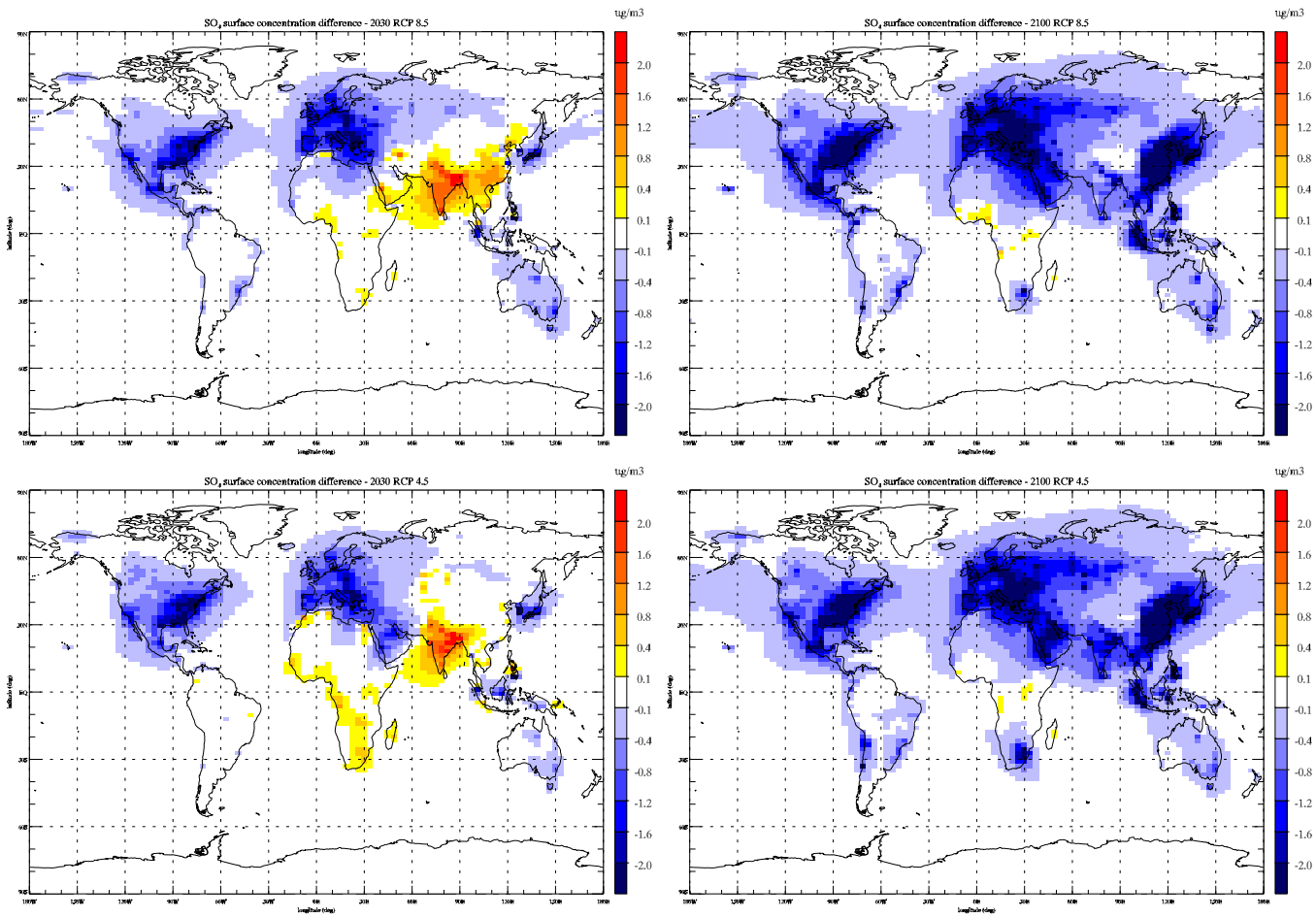


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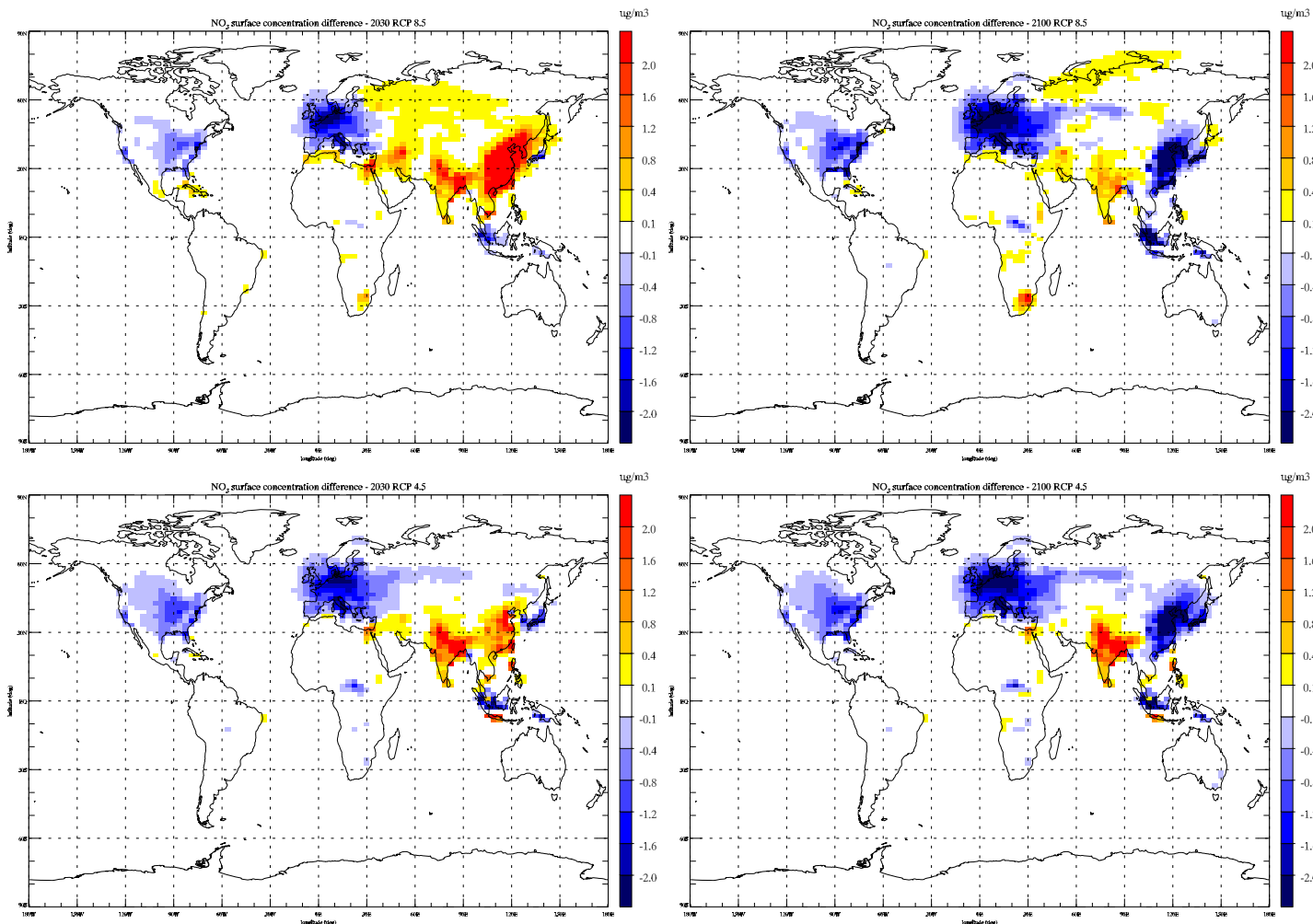


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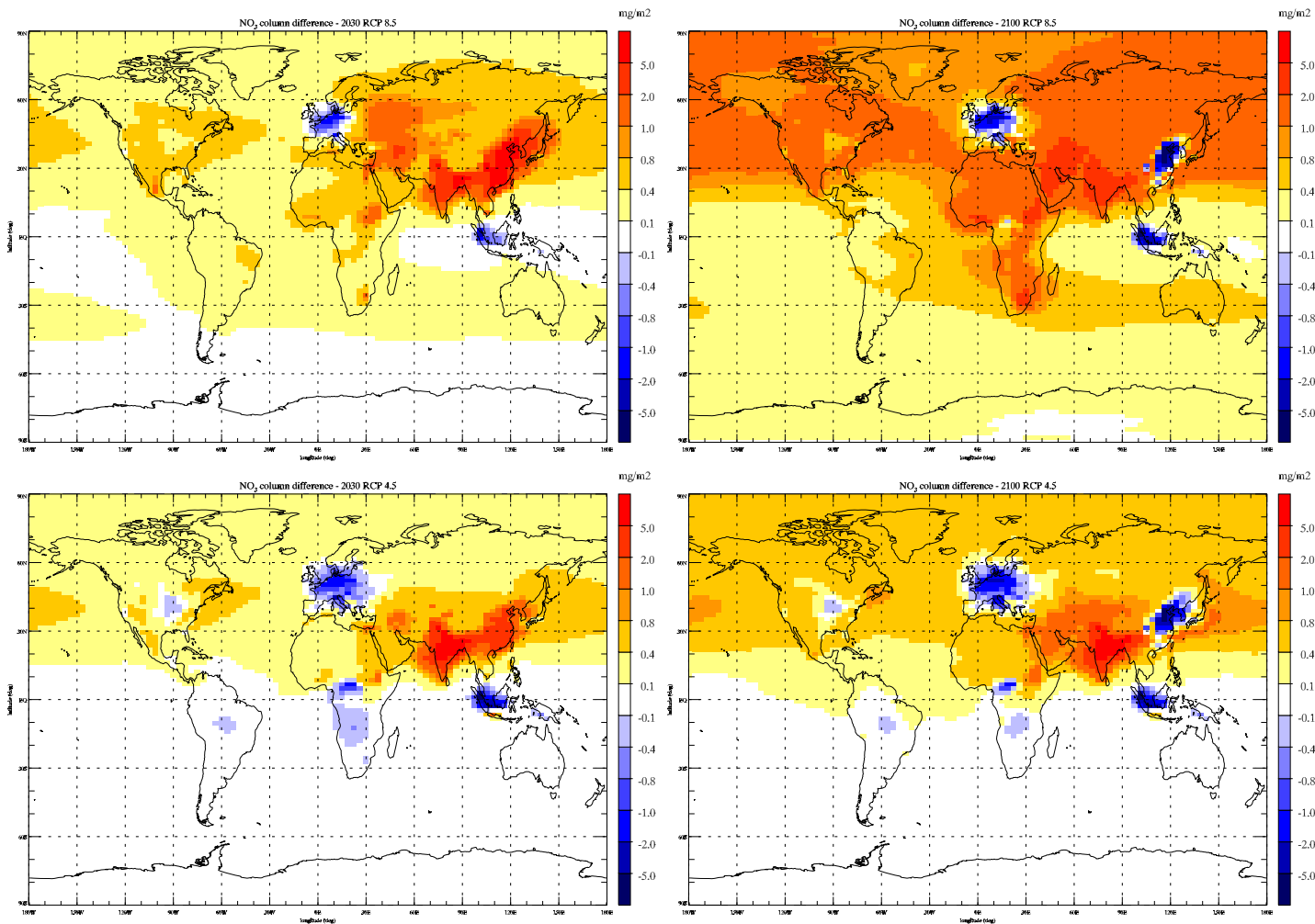


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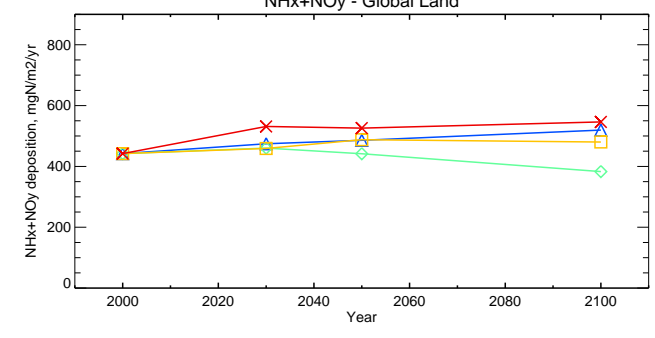
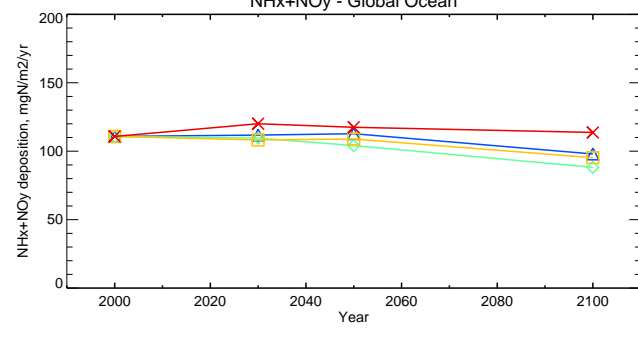
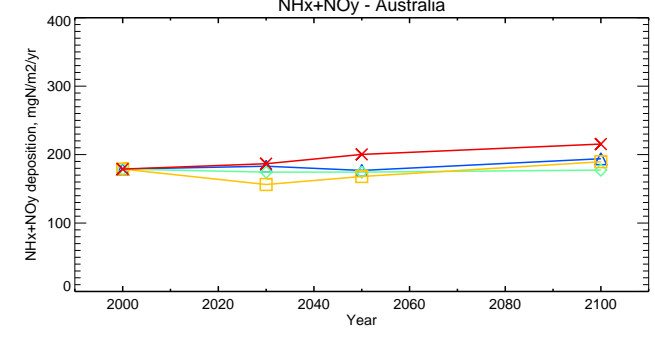
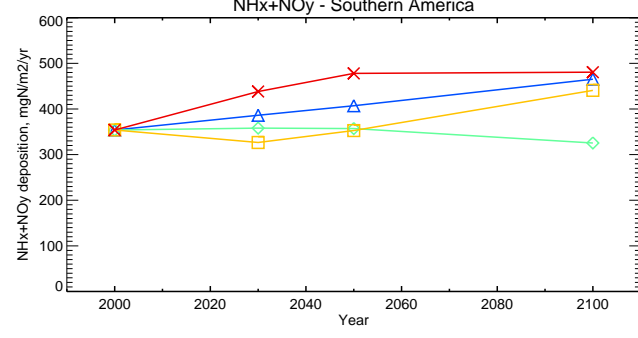
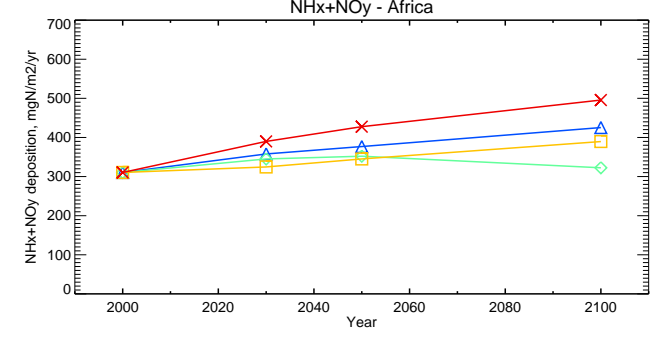
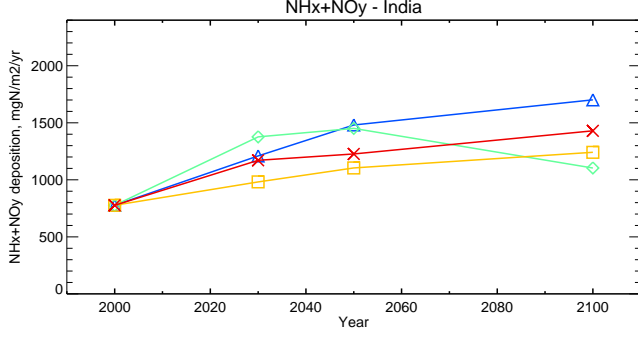
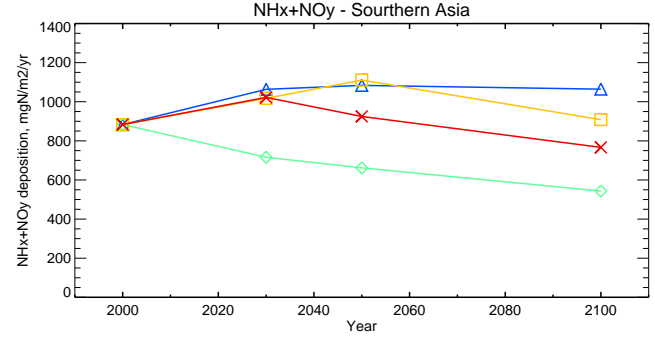
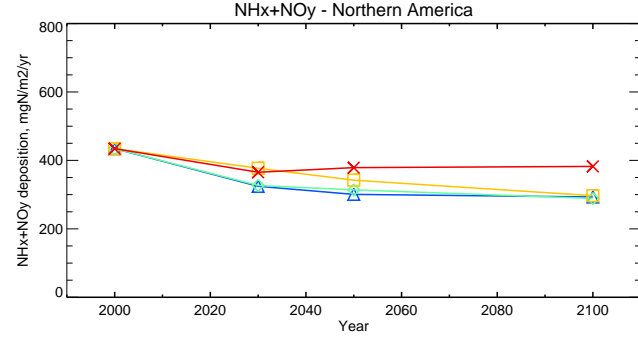
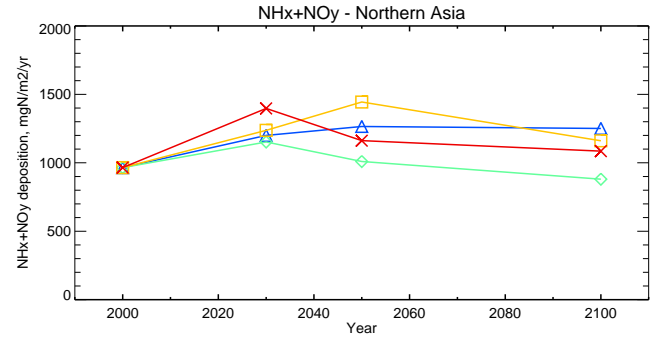
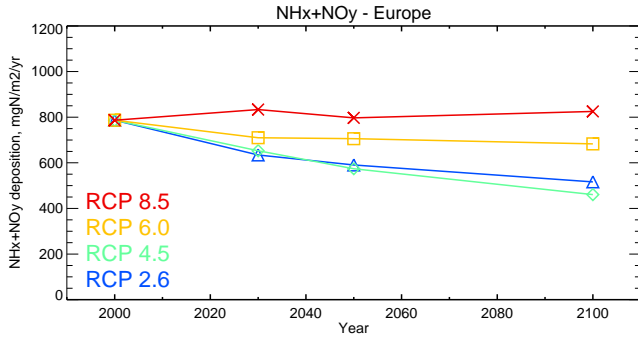


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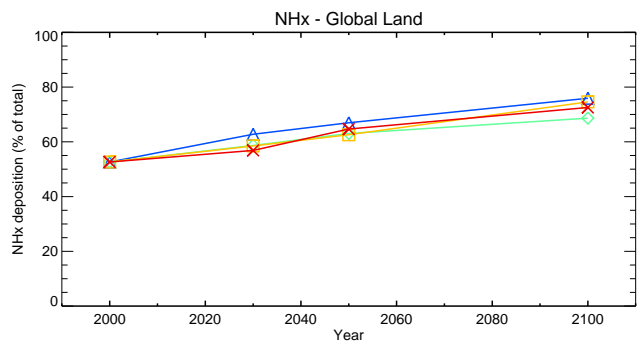
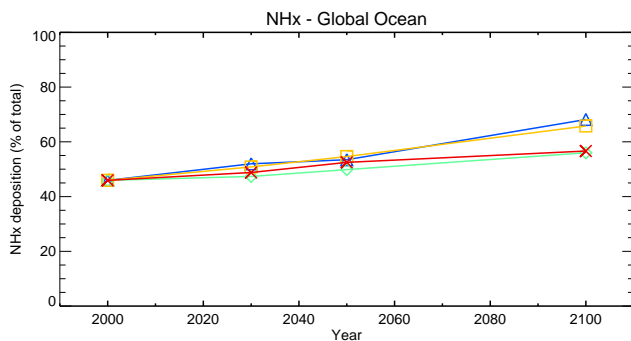
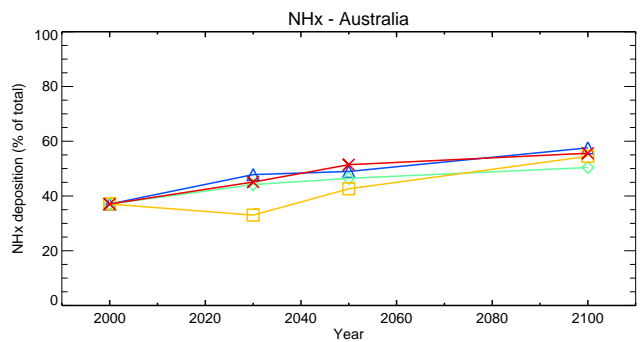
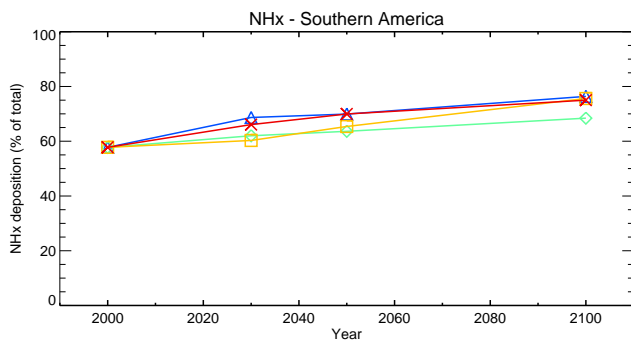
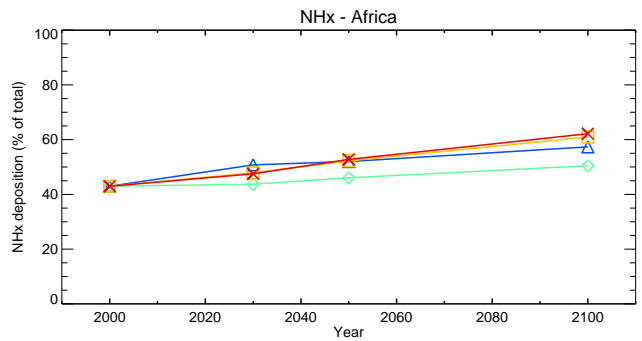
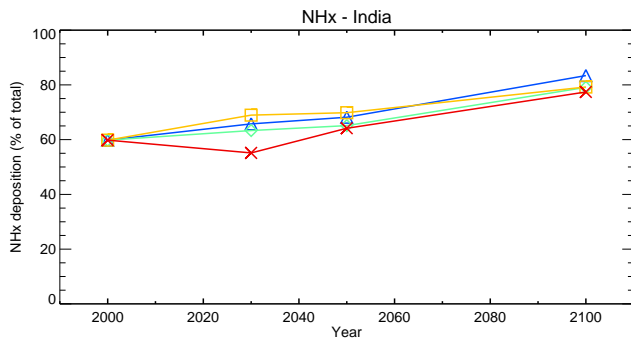
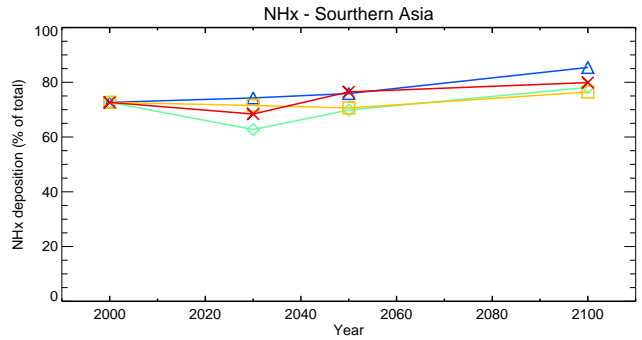
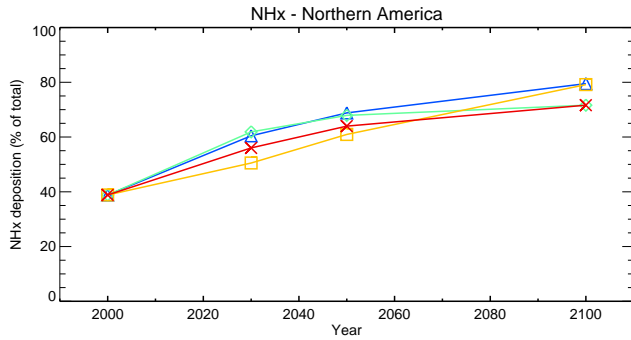
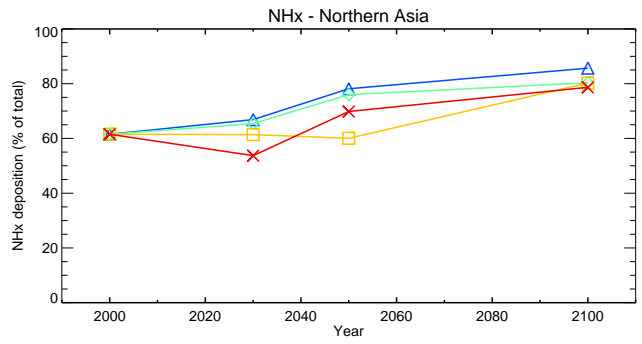
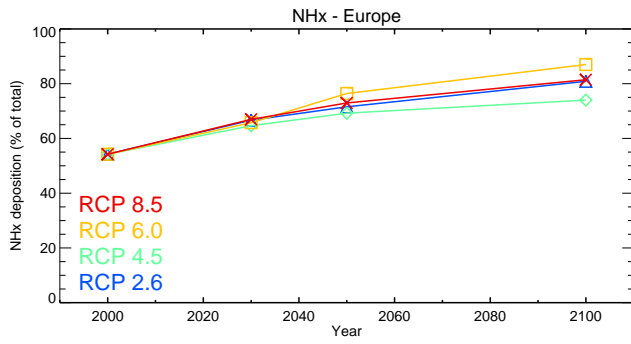


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