# Referee #1

# **General Comments**

This study utilizes the HTAP2 perturbation experiments to investigate the source receptor relationship of the deposition for 6 major world regions. This work was an update study based on the first HTAP study, with more redefined regions and consistent emissions changes. The manuscript is well written and considered to be accepted on ACP after considering the following comments.

Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for the suggestions to improve the manuscript. Following are the point-by-point responses to the comments.

# **Specific comments:**

**<u>Comment</u>**: I am not convinced by the descriptions of the hemispheric transport on deposition in section 3.2. The range of the fractions (%) seems arbitrary to me and not very illustrative. Please consider alter way to better present the results.

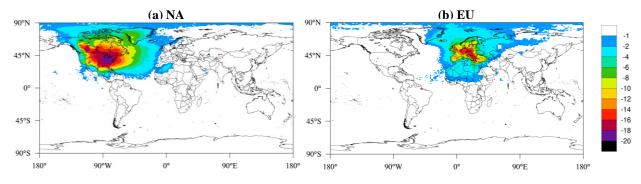
Response: we have rewritten the description of the method to calculate the hemispheric transport on deposition in section 3.2.

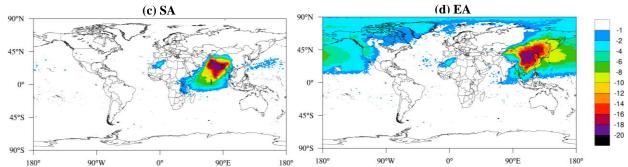
"Figure 2 is annual response of S deposition to 20% emission reduction in source regions calculated as Eq. (2).

$$Response = \frac{\Delta Depo (perturbation)}{Depo (base)} \times 100\%$$
(2)

where  $\Delta$  Depo (perturbation) is the  $\Delta$  Depo under perturbation case and Depo (base) is the deposition under base case. The negative values mean that the deposition decreases with reduction in emission."

We replot figure 2, 3 and figure S2 with different color bar. We use a fixed interval in order to make the fraction more revealing. We have also changed the description related to the numbers of fractions in the manuscript.





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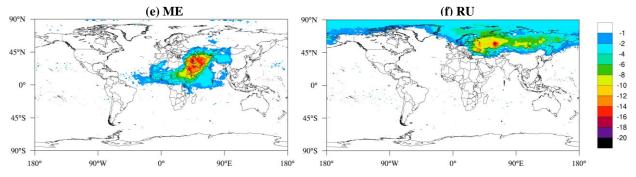
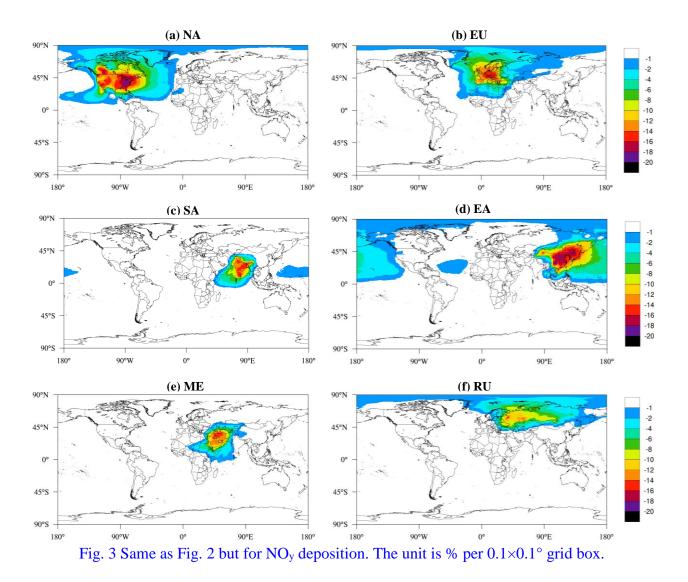


Fig. 2 The response of S deposition to 20% emission reduction in source regions. The values are the percentage changes (%) in deposition calculated as (changes in deposition with 20% emission reduction) / (base case deposition)  $\times 100\%$ . The unit is % per 0.1 $\times$ 0.1° grid box.



**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 3 line 68-69: Since North America and Europe are reused later in the content, suggest to define the abbreviations when they first appeared.

Response: We have changed it in the manuscript.

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 3 line 76: define the time periods of so-called "increasing trend of the hemisphere transport of air pollution" as well as for the directions of the transport. Since the emissions from NA and Eur have been decreasing for the past decades, the hemispheric transport from these regions to others should be lower. Also lots of studies have shown that Chinese emissions have been decreasing since the peak around 2011 (Liu et al., 2016; Li et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2018).

Response: As for the decadal trend of emission, we revise the description in the first paragraph of the Introduction section. Since the modeling time of this study is 2010, the turning point of Chinese emission in 2011 would not affect this study, but is very inspiring for future study.

"The impact is estimated to continue increasing in the near future (Bleeker et al., 2011; Lamarque et al., 2013; Kanakidou et al., 2016; Paulot et al., 2013; Lamarque et al., 2005; Bian et al., 2017). The NO<sub>x</sub> emission has increased by about 10 Tg(N) from 2001 to 2010, due to large increase in Asia regions (Tan et al., 2018), but the recent studies reported a turning point for Chinese NO<sub>x</sub> emission in 2011 (Li et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2016). On the other hand, the global sulfur (S) emission has declined by about 5 Tg(S) from 2000 to 2010 (Tan et al., 2018). The global fossil fuel SO<sub>2</sub> emission has a decreasing trend since 1980 owing to the significant decline in SO<sub>2</sub> emission from Europe (EU) and U.S. (Chin et al., 2014). The SO<sub>2</sub> emission in China experiences increases from 2000-2005 due to energy consumption and decreases after 2006 thanks to the implementation of Flue-Gas Desulphurization system"

In line 76, we add the time periods for the increasing trend and add the direction of transport in the manuscript.

"Recent studies have reported an increasing trend in the hemispheric transport of air pollution from Asia to NA from mid-1980s to late-2000s. The Asian plume has contributed ~10 ppbv (30%) to the O<sub>3</sub> concentration over western NA from mid-1980s to mid-2000s (Jaffe et al., 2003; Parrish et al., 2004), with an annal increase of 0.34-0.50 ppbv O<sub>3</sub> (Parrish et al., 2009). More recent study showed the contribution is about 5-7 ppbv O<sub>3</sub> in 2006 with an annual increase rate of 1-2 ppb O<sub>3</sub> since 2000 (Zhang et al., 2008). The trend well agreed with the rapid growth of Asian emission (Richter et al., 2005; Lu et al., 2010; Verstraeten et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2007; van der A et al., 2008)"

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 3 line 83: Double check Arndt and Carmichael (1995)'s study for the S-R relationship. Is it 1900s, or 1990s?

Response: It's 1990s. We have changed it.

**Comment**: Pg 3 line 87: change "That study uses" to "That study used"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 3 line 90: change "is deposited" to "was deposited"

Response: We have changed it.

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 4 line 101: change to "we include 2 more regions"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 4 line 109: remove "other regions"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 4 line 122: extra space in front of the "The project involves"

Response: We have changed it.

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 5 line 130: I thought the HTAP2 experiments only involved the global CTMs which do not need the BCs?

Response: Yes, we deleted "boundary conditions" in the sentence.

Comment: Pg 5 line 146: remove "are"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 5 line 155: remove the repeat sentence "In terms of wet deposition : : :"

Response: We have changed it.

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 6 line 161: keep consistent by using either "modelling" or "modeling"

Response: We have changed all the "modelling" to "modeling". We also changed all "modelled" to "modeled".

Comment: Pg 6 line 174: change "the same emissions" to "constant"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 7 line 203-204: Suggest to change to "less than 3% is deposited"

Response: We have changed it.

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 7 line 212: From Table 1, the statement is not right. Please clarify. For ME, about 50% deposition in the source region, and more than 70% for the other 5 regions.

Response: Thank you for pointing out the problem. We have revised the sentence to exclude ME. "In terms of NHx deposition, about 20% more  $NH_3$  emission is deposited within the source regions (except ME) compared with S and  $NO_x$  emission, due to its short lifetime in the atmosphere."

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 7 line 215: I suspect the authors want to declare that the seasonal variations of S export are around 5-10% for all the regions, except for SA. The sentence was confusing when the author added the annual average of NA which are clearly different from the other regions.

Response: Yes, the annual average of 25% is only for NA. In order to make the sentence clear, we delete the 25% in the sentence.

"In terms of S emission, there is 5-10% of seasonal variation around the annual average of export fractions for all regions except SA."

**<u>Comment</u>**: Pg 8 line 228: describe the reasons for the larger export fractions of S/NOx/NH3 in ME.

Response: We added an explanation in line 242-248.

"Therefore, local precipitation washes out large proportion of the air pollutants from the atmosphere during the rainfall seasons. On the other hand, for regions with low precipitation like ME, the percentage of emission removed within own region would be lower than the other regions. In addition, the strong westerly winds in winter and spring favor the hemispheric transport for regions in mid-latitudes of the North Hemisphere. While the rapid vertical convection in summer slows down the zonal transport of air flows and accelerates the local removal process."

**Comment**: Pg line 233: Should "NOy emissions" be "NOx emissions"?

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 10 line 288: change "20" to "20%".

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 12 line 360: change "the RERER of NA reached" to "the RERE of NA reaches"

Response: We have changed it.

Comment: Pg 13 line 378: change the second "own region deposition" to "source region"

Response: We have changed it.

**Comment**: Pg 16 line 462-463: rephrase the sentence.

Response: We have rephrased the sentence.

"Meanwhile, there is still a portion of foreign impact that hasn't been attributed in this study (aggregated as other regions "OTH" in Fig. 6). For instance, at least 4 regions (NA, EU, SA and ME) have shown considerable impact (2-10%) on the S and N deposition in North Africa. But since North Africa is not included as a receptor/source region in the perturbation experiments, it is hard to quantify the impact of long-range transport on its deposition. Southeast Asia is regarded as a big emission contributor in Asia. It is important to establish an S-R relationship with other Asian regions. We suggest the future HTAP simulations to include these regions in the perturbation experiments. "

**<u>Comment</u>**: Figure 1. Define region 1.

Response: we have defined region 1 in the caption of figure 1.

"Other regions: 1-Global, 2-Ocean (including Arctic),"

**<u>Comment</u>**: Figure 7. I have two questions: for the oxidized deposition inter-model comparison (middle plots), the authors should include the organic species (PAN, Orgn), or explain why they

did not. For the NH4+Wet deposition in the bottom plot, I did not see the error bars as other components. Also for NO2 Dry deposition, some regions are missing the error bars too, i.e. EU, ME, RU.

Response: We explained the reason in line 400-401: "The figure only shows main compositions of S and N deposition, which together account for more than 95% of total deposition." The amounts of PAN and Orgn are too small and include them in the figure will make the figure more complicated for the reviewers.

Some species do not have error bars, because only 1 model has submitted these species. We added an explanation in the figure caption. "Species without error bars are derived from results of a single model."

**<u>Comment</u>**: Table 2: Define the RERER in the captions.

Response: We have added the definition in the caption.

**<u>Comment</u>**: In the supporting: Table S3: I would expect to see the seasonal differences for the emission reductions for EA, NA for S and NOx since the HTAP2 emissions have monthly variations (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015). Explain why they are always the same amount of reductions.

Response: Thank you for pointing out this problem. We find some problems in the presentation of data. The values are too small with the unit of  $Tg(S \text{ or } N) \text{ month}^{-1}$ . So we change it to  $\times 0.1$  Tg(S or N) month<sup>-1</sup>. We also change the data from seasonal average to monthly average. Following is the updated Table S3 after change.

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Emission changes	Seasons	Regions of emission perturbation						
		NA	EU	SA	EA	ME	RU	
	Jan	-0.913	-0.646	-0.860	-2.575	-0.505	-0.463	
	Feb	-0.886	-0.609	-0.789	-2.119	-0.477	-0.433	
	Mar	-0.955	-0.657	-0.876	-2.421	-0.477	-0.428	
	Apr	-0.942	-0.591	-0.822	-2.173	-0.452	-0.395	
	May	-0.956	-0.483	-0.840	-2.188	-0.436	-0.360	
S	Jun	-0.996	-0.476	-0.800	-2.249	-0.415	-0.332	
emission	Jul	-1.009	-0.449	-0.805	-2.231	-0.411	-0.323	
	Aug	-1.007	-0.392	-0.799	-2.184	-0.425	-0.322	
	Sep	-0.961	-0.452	-0.792	-2.168	-0.423	-0.343	
	Oct	-0.971	-0.512	-0.834	-2.234	-0.459	-0.385	
	Nov	-0.956	-0.514	-0.826	-2.521	-0.472	-0.398	
	Dec	-0.911	-0.602	-0.877	-2.820	-0.496	-0.443	

Table S3. Changes of emission under emission perturbation experiments for 12 months (unit:  $\times$  0.1 Tg(S or N) month<sup>-1</sup>).

Emission changes	Seasons -	Regions of emission perturbation						
		NA	EU	SA	EA	ME	RU	
NO <sub>x</sub> emission	Jan	-0.698	-0.424	-0.536	-1.434	-0.228	-0.236	
	Feb	-0.697	-0.427	-0.484	-1.249	-0.228	-0.231	
	Mar	-0.730	-0.462	-0.533	-1.435	-0.227	-0.227	
	Apr	-0.729	-0.446	-0.512	-1.362	-0.227	-0.219	
	May	-0.728	-0.407	-0.525	-1.369	-0.221	-0.202	
	Jun	-0.767	-0.408	-0.505	-1.400	-0.217	-0.195	
	Jul	-0.768	-0.388	-0.516	-1.399	-0.210	-0.186	
	Aug	-0.768	-0.366	-0.514	-1.389	-0.215	-0.191	
	Sep	-0.730	-0.391	-0.492	-1.365	-0.215	-0.194	
	Oct	-0.731	-0.424	-0.527	-1.374	-0.229	-0.217	
	Nov	-0.730	-0.415	-0.505	-1.494	-0.231	-0.224	
	Dec	-0.698	-0.424	-0.537	-1.587	-0.229	-0.232	

Emission changes	Seasons	Regions of emission perturbation						
		NA	EU	SA	EA	ME	RU	
NH <sub>3</sub> emission	Jan	-0.391	-0.423	-2.102	-1.122	-0.080	-0.130	
	Feb	-0.437	-0.487	-1.805	-1.026	-0.146	-0.235	
	Mar	-0.591	-0.780	-2.098	-1.205	-0.246	-0.412	
	Apr	-0.694	-0.850	-1.996	-1.487	-0.187	-0.338	
	May	-0.719	-0.742	-2.097	-1.765	-0.117	-0.224	
	Jun	-0.933	-0.627	-1.996	-1.920	-0.110	-0.200	
	Jul	-1.077	-0.571	-2.096	-1.904	-0.113	-0.199	
	Aug	-0.903	-0.574	-2.096	-2.038	-0.126	-0.215	
	Sep	-0.676	-0.606	-1.996	-1.531	-0.121	-0.214	
	Oct	-0.632	-0.642	-2.097	-1.312	-0.094	-0.178	
	Nov	-0.592	-0.617	-1.998	-1.360	-0.074	-0.146	
	Dec	-0.344	-0.517	-2.109	-1.263	-0.074	-0.133	

After the update, we compare our results with the emission inventory from Janssens-Maenhout et al., (2015). In the figure 1(c) of Janssens-Maenhout et al., (2015) as shown in below, the US and CANADA emissions have large monthly variations in agriculture sector, but are relatively steady in other emission sectors.

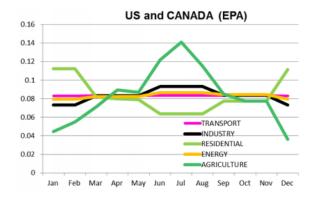
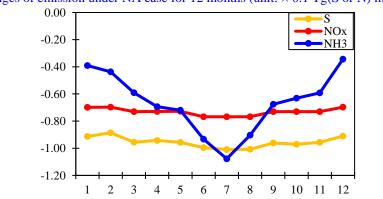


Figure 1(c) from Janssens-Maenhout et al., (2015). Temporal profiles with relative factors varying around 1/12 and applied on the yearly emissions of the different data sources (US-EPA for US and Canada, EMEP-TNO for Europe with compound-specific variation of the agricultural temporal profiles, EDGAR temporal profiles for the Northern Hemisphere and MICS profiles for Asia).

Here we plot the amounts of emission changes with 20% emission reduction in this study for  $SO_2$  (mainly from energy and industry sectors),  $NO_x$  (mainly from energy, industry sources and transport sectors) and  $NH_3$  (mainly from agriculture sector). The reduction of  $NH_3$  is largest in July, while the reduction of  $SO_2$  and  $NO_x$  are relatively steady throughout the year, which is consistent with the changing trend of emission in US and CANADA.



Changes of emission under NA case for 12 months (unit:  $\times 0.1 \text{ Tg}(\text{S or N}) \text{ month}^{-1}$ )

Following figure is the characteristic of monthly trends of European emissions from Janssens-Maenhout et al., (2015). The European emission has large monthly change in energy and residential sectors, which are high in March and low in August. While the agriculture emission is highest in March and April.

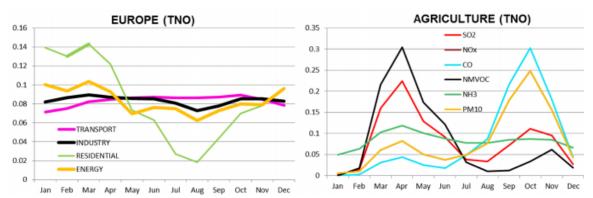
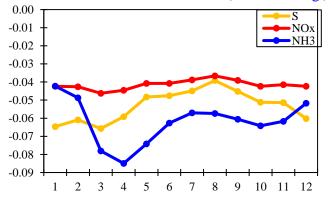


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We plot the mounts of emission changes with 20% emission reduction in this study for S,  $NO_x$  and  $NH_3$  emission in Europe. S and  $NO_x$  emissions have largest reductions in March and smallest reduction in August, consistent with the trend of energy and residential sectors. The European  $NH_3$  emission has the largest reduction in March and April, also agrees well with the variation of agriculture emission.

Changes of emission under EU case for 12 months (unit:  $\times 0.1 \text{ Tg}(\text{S or N}) \text{ month}^{-1}$ )



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Refee #2 (11, 20, 23)

General comments:

This manuscript presents the results from the HTAP II multi-model study on the impact of hemispheric transport to the atmospheric deposition of S and N. Compared to HTAP I studies HTAP II has different definition of regions with higher spatial resolution which provides more accurate information for coastal regions. The manuscript falls within the scope of the journal and is suitable for publication in ACP after a number of corrections that will improve its clarity and are listed below:

Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for the suggestions to improve the manuscript. Following are the point-by-point responses to the comments.

Specific comments:

1- Explain why the specific regions have been chosen for the study.

Response: According to the design of the HTAP II perturbation experiment as shown in Figure 2 in (Galmarini et al., 2017), the six regions used in this study (NA, EU, EA, SA, RU and ME) are of the highest priority in the model simulations. The participating models are required to submit the model results under perturbation experiments of these regions. However, we find some other regions like North Africa and Southeast Asia might also be largely affected by long range transport. And we suggest to include more regions in future simulations in the last paragraph of the conclusion section.

2- Title: Source contributions TO sulfur and nitrogen deposition.

Response: We have changed it.

3- line 34- abstract (but also elsewhere in the text)- west East Asia does not read nicely Response: We use abbreviation EA for East Asia. The "west East Asia" is changed to "west EA".

4- Line 42: 40% and 23-45% do not add up to 100%, where the remaining at least 15% comes from?

Response: The remaining 15% comes from other sources. We explain the possible reason in the manuscript:

"It could come from the emission reduction in rest of world, especially nearby regions such as from Central Asia and North Africa to EU and ME. It could also come from the joint effects of emission control by multiple source regions, which possibly change the oxidant chemistry, atmospheric mixing and lifetimes of reactive pollutants. However, the model simulations do not allow to separate these two contributions in this study." 5- Line 68: remove 'to' after '3-5 ppb'

Response: We have changed it.

6- Line 77: 'significant'; can you derive a number or better a range of numbers for some pollutants from the publications? to quantify the 'significant' line 87: used

Response: We collect the range of impact from publications and rewrite the sentences.

"Recent studies have reported an increasing trend in the hemispheric transport of air pollution from Asia to NA from mid-1980s to late-2000s. The Asian plume has contributed ~10 ppbv (30%) to the O<sub>3</sub> concentration over western NA from mid-1980s to mid-2000s (Jaffe et al., 2003; Parrish et al., 2004), with an annal increase of 0.34-0.50 ppbv O<sub>3</sub> (Parrish et al., 2009). More recent study showed the contribution is about 5-7 ppbv O<sub>3</sub> in 2006 with an annual increase rate of 1-2 ppb O<sub>3</sub> since 2000 (Zhang et al., 2008). The trend well agreed with the rapid growth of Asian emission (Richter et al., 2005;Lu et al., 2010;Zhang et al., 2007;van der A et al., 2006;van der A et al., 2008)"

7- Line 160: please clarify whether for the NH4+ wet deposition at stations you compared the modeled NHx deposition with the NH4+ wet deposition measurements, or the NH4+ modeled only. The NH4+ wet deposition measurements are representative of the sum of NH4+ and NH3 deposition.

Response: We have added the following sentences to clarify.

"Modeled gas phase  $SO_2$  wet deposition and aerosol  $SO_4^{2-}$  wet deposition are evaluated with observed  $SO_4^{2-}$  wet deposition."

"Modeled gas phase HNO<sub>3</sub> wet deposition and aerosol  $NO_3^-$  wet deposition are compared with observed  $NO_3^-$  wet deposition."

"Modeled gas phase  $NH_3$  wet deposition and aerosol  $NH_4^+$  wet deposition are compared with observed  $NH_4^+$  deposition."

8- Line 164: The most accurate comparison would have been that between atmospheric observations of gases and aerosols with the modeled concentration levels.

Response: We have compared both air concentration and dry deposition velocity between CASTNET and multi-model results. The results are shown in our previous paper "Multi-model study of HTAP II on sulfur and nitrogen deposition". Following are the related paragraphs in that paper for reference.

"Since the CASTNET dry deposition is not actually measured but instead a calculation of measured concentration of species and modelled dry deposition velocities, it is necessary to investigate which factor of these two contributes to the model bias. We compare the modelled air pollutant concentrations with CASENET measurements as shown in Table S4-S8. The MMM overestimates the SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> concentrations by 394%, 40%, 217%, 135%

and 173%, respectively. It should be noted that the CASTNET sites are generally located in rural regions that are away from emission sources (Sickles and Shadwick, 2008), thus the measured concentrations of air pollutants are relatively low compared with those of urban sites. While the resolutions of the HTAP II models range from  $0.5^{\circ}$  to  $3^{\circ}$ , and are not fine enough to reproduce the characteristic of some rural sites. The models with finer resolutions except CHASER\_t106 model (i.e. EMEP\_rv48 ( $0.5^{\circ} \times 0.5^{\circ}$ ) and SPRINTARS ( $1.1^{\circ} \times 1.1^{\circ}$ )) generally perform better than the others, while models with coarse resolutions (i.e. CHASER\_re1 ( $2.8^{\circ} \times 2.8^{\circ}$ )) and OsloCTM3.v2 ( $2.8^{\circ} \times 2.8^{\circ}$ )) are generally not performing well for all species. This could explain the overestimation of air pollutant concentrations at the CASTNET sites.

In order to check the differences of modelled dry deposition velocity between CASNET and HTAP II models, we adopt the general approach for calculating dry deposition velocity from Wesely, (1989).  $V_d = -F_c / C_a (7)$ , where  $V_d$  is the deposition velocity,  $F_c$  is the dry deposition flux and  $C_a$  is the concentration of species. The negative mark indicates the direction of the dry deposition velocity. This scheme has been widely adopted in global models (Wesely and Hicks, 2000) with modifications. We compare the calculated dry deposition velocity of models and CASTNET (Table S9-S13). The mean bias of dry deposition velocities for MMM are -8%, 0.3%, 7%, 19% and 2% for SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, respectively, which are much lower than those of air pollutants. The model bias for dry deposition at the CASTNET sites mainly comes from the model over prediction of air pollutant concentration."

To make it clear, we add short description in this manuscript as follows:

"The CASTNET data is calculated with observed aerosol concentration and modeled dry deposition velocity, therefore it has high uncertainty in data quality. Evaluation shows that the modeled dry deposition is generally higher than the CASTNET inferential data by a factor of 1-2. This is a common feature of many global and regional models (WMO, 2017). According to the analysis, the model bias for dry deposition at the CASTNET sites mainly comes from the model over-prediction of air pollutant concentration. The CASTNET sites are generally located in remote regions with relatively lower air pollutant concentrations than urban regions, but the models fail to represent this characteristic with coarse spatial resolution (Tan et al., 2018)."

9- Lines 179-180: mass balance requirements. You need to provide more information specific to this study and mention here what tolerance you have for the mass balance. Is it for instance no tolerance at all? 1 per mile ? or higher? This means that you also need to define what means 'almost identical' (line 184).

Response: We added the criteria in the manuscript.

"We compare the global total amounts of changes of deposition ( $\Delta$  Depo) with changes of emissions ( $\Delta$  Emis) for all perturbation cases (Table S1). Models are excluded if their global  $\Delta$  Depo values fall outside the range of ±20% of their global  $\Delta$  Emis."

10- Lines 185-186: Can you explain why the mass balance requirements are not fulfilled for one region while they are fulfilled for the others? What is the particularity of EA?

Response: Sorry for the confusion. The change of deposition under EA case is missing because no model has submitted the wet deposition of  $NH_4^+$  under the EA perturbation case, although they have submitted the data under base case. We have rephrased the sentence in the manuscript.

"The  $\Delta$  Depo of NH<sub>x</sub> deposition under EA case is not available due to lack of model results for the wet deposition of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> under 20% emission perturbation in EA."

11- Line 211: please provide a comment on the sources that lead to injections of S emissions higher than NOx emissions in the models. (relevant discussion line 315 – please provide some numbers)

Response: The injection heights of S and NOx emission are different in the emission inventory due to their emission sources. The following figure shows the contribution of emission sectors to air pollutants in the emission inventory of HTAP II (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015). SO<sub>2</sub> mainly comes from power plants and industry (~80%). Both of these two sectors have high outlets. For NO<sub>x</sub>, the contribution of these two sectors are much lower (~40%). About 40% of NO<sub>x</sub> is from transport section, which emits pollutant near the earth surface. Thus, we conclude that the S emissions are emitted from higher altitude than NO<sub>x</sub> emission. However, we notice that some global models (such as CAM-Chem and C-IFS\_v2 models) treat power plant emissions at first layer. In that case, the injection height won't affect the results, but the generally longer lifetime of S emission could affect the results.

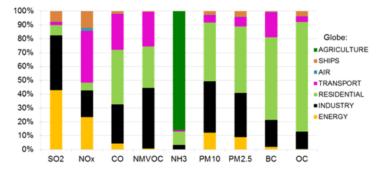


Figure from (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015) Global sector-specific anthropogenic emissions of gaseous pollutants and particulate matter components for the year 2010. Global absolute emissions are reported on top of each bar in Tg species per year. Large scale open-biomass burning is not included in the analysis.

## 12- Line 225: from the atmosphere

Response: We have changed it.

## 13- Line 226 'summer' do you mean winter?

Response: We notice that summer or winter is not the rainfall season for all regions. We deleted it in the manuscript.

14- Lines 227-228: indicate the region to which you refer?

Response: We rewrite this sentence for clarification.

"In addition, the strong westerly winds in winter and spring favor the hemispheric transport for regions in mid-latitudes of the North Hemisphere. While the rapid vertical convection in summer slows down the zonal transport of air flows and accelerates the local removal process."

15- Line 231: IN our study

Response: We have changed it.

16- Lines 236-237: please rephrase in this sentence it is not clear which is what.

Response: We have rephrased the sentence.

"HTAP I study by (Sanderson et al., 2008) developed a SR relationship for  $NO_y$  deposition among NA, EU, SA and EA. Their results showed that about 12-24% of the emitted  $NO_x$  is deposited out of source regions. This study of HTAP II finds a higher percentage of export (26-34%)."

17- Line 239: comparable:

Response: We have changed it.

18- Lines 267-273: please comment on which circulations patterns contribute to these impacts.

Response: We find the circulation pattern is strongly related to the seasonality of long-range transport. So we described the circulation with seasonality in another paragraph in line 340-356.

"The deposition change via transport between neighboring regions is found throughout the whole year and is slightly stronger in winter, such as between EU and RU (~30°E) (Fig. 4(b) and (f)) and from EA to the North Pacific Ocean (~130°E) (Fig. 4(d)). This is consistent with the seasonality we found for the export of emission by source regions in section 3.1. In addition, most source regions reduce more S and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in winter than the other seasons (Table S3), thus more emissions are exported abroad in winter. On the contrary, most of the deposition change by transport over long distance occurs in spring and fall, especially for the hemispheric transport from NA to EU, from EU to EA and from EA to NA. The seasonality of long-range transport for NA, EU and EA well fits the characteristic of westerlies, which is the prevailing winds in the midlatitude of the North Hemisphere. This agrees with the seasonality of the transpacific, transatlantic and trans-Eurasia flows of air pollutants that spring is the most efficient season for long-range transport for mid-latitudes. (Holzer et al., 2005;Liu et al., 2005;Liang et al., 2004;Brown-Steiner and Hess, 2011;Li et al., 2014;Auvray and Bey, 2005;Wild et al., 2004;Liu et al., 2003). Although the westerlies is also strong in winter, the long distance transport of emissions is low, because the

formation of secondary species like PAN is suppressed by slow oxidation in cold environment (Berntsen et al., 1999;Deolal et al., 2013;Moxim et al., 1996), which plays an important role as a reservoir for  $NO_x$  in the long-range transport of air plumes (Lin et al., 2010;Hudman et al., 2004)."

19- Line 275: 'impact similar to that of S emission' does this mean similar lifetime of SOx and NOx ? if yes is this consistent with discussion in lines 211 and 315?

Response: No, S has longer lifetime than NO<sub>x</sub>. We rewrite the sentence.

"The overall impact is qualitatively similar to that of S emission in the spatial pattern, with some differences in the values."

20- Lines 278-288: Could you comment on potential differences in aerosol pH that impact on the NOy partitioning to the aerosol phase?

Response: This is an interesting question. The pH value affects the dissolution of gas-phase HNO<sub>3</sub>. The gas-phase HNO<sub>3</sub> is produced by daytime reaction Eq. (1), and is very soluble in water (Eq. (2)) and dissociates to aerosol phase  $NO_3^-$  (Eq. (3)). Under the ideal solution, the higher the pH value, the more gas-phase HNO<sub>3</sub> can be dissolved.

$NO_2 + OH \rightarrow HNO_3$ (gas)	(1)
$HNO_3(g) \rightleftharpoons HNO_3(aq)$	(2)
$HNO_3 (aq) \rightleftharpoons NO_3^- + H^+$	(3)

In this case, the perturbation in  $SO_2$  emission decreases the concentration of acid  $SO_4^{2-}$  in aerosol, which increases the aerosol pH value. If ignore the effects on the dissolution of NH<sub>3</sub>, this condition will increase the fraction of NO<sub>y</sub> partitioned to aerosol phase. In addition, study by (Bian et al., 2017) found that the NH<sub>3</sub> wet deposition is very sensitive to the pH value in the cloud, which as a result will largely affect the NH<sub>3</sub>-NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> equilibrium. The models without pH adjustment can provide very different results of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> aerosol with models that with the adjustment.

21- Lines 324-327: briefly describe the reported seasonality.

Response: We have changed in the manuscript.

"This agrees with the seasonality of the transpacific, transatlantic and trans-Eurasia flows of air pollutants that spring is the most efficient season for long-range transport for mid-latitudes."

22- Line 328: replace 'due to that' by 'because'

Response: We have changed it.

23- Lines 361-364: can you discuss this based on atmospheric circulation?

Response: We have added the following description for circulation.

"Except large scale circulation like prevailing westerlies, the coastal regions are featured with complex small scale circulations. For instance, the low-level jet (zonal winds with high speed) contributes to the rainfall in coastal regions in Asia (Xavier et al., 2018). The orographic effects enhance the precipitation over coastal mountain regions such as west coast of NA, EU and southeast coast of RU (James and Houze, 2005)."

24- Line 381: 'other reasons' & line 388 'joint effects' : can you spell out potential reasons? Could this be change in oxidant chemistry and lifetimes for instance?

Response: we explain the "other reason" in following sentence:

"It indicates the deposition change due to other reasons than the total effects of separate emission reduction in the 6 regions. It could come from the emission reduction in rest of world, especially nearby regions such as from Central Asia and North Africa to EU and ME. It could also come from the joint effects of emission control by multiple source regions, which possibly change the oxidant chemistry, atmospheric mixing and lifetimes of reactive pollutants. However, the model simulations do not allow to separate these two contributions in this study."

25- Line 397: separately

Response: We have changed it.

26- Lines 402-404 are very hard to read, please separate and rephrase this sentence for clarity

Response: we have rephrased the sentence.

"In terms of S deposition (Fig. 7(a)), the ranges of modelled  $\Delta$  Depo by multiple models, defined as (modelled maximum value – modelled minimum value), are (0.06-0.23) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.01-0.22) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for SO<sub>2</sub> dry and wet deposition, and (0.01-0.03) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.009-0.17) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> dry and wet deposition, respectively."

We also change the corresponding sentences for  $NO_y$  and  $NH_x$  deposition.

"In terms of NO<sub>y</sub> deposition (Fig. 5(b)), the differences among models range (0.003-0.07) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for NO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition, and (0.07-0.55) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.03-0.75) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> dry and wet deposition, respectively."

"In terms of  $NH_x$  deposition (Fig. 5(c)), the differences among models range (0.04-0.09) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for  $NH_3$  dry deposition, and (0.008-0.15) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.002-0.11) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for  $NH_4^+$  dry and wet deposition, respectively."

27- Lines 402-412: I think the units should be Tg(S)/yr or Tg(N)/yr.

Response: We have changed it.

28- Lines 427-429: you provide percentages for export of emissions from Europe to Russia and hen from Russia to Europe; similar for EA to RU and RU to EA, why you do not provide the net effect? Please rephrase for clarity.

Response: The export fraction are related to the total emission amount and seasonal variation of the source regions, thus we prefer to describe the fraction separately for each region. In order to make it clear, we rewrite the sentence:

"The most significant exports of emissions are: 1) transport between EU and RU. 10-14% of EU's emission is transported to RU and 7-12% of RU's emission is transport to EU. 2) transport between EA and RU. 5% of EA's emission is transported to RU and 4-5% of RU's emission is transported to EA. 3) transport from SA to EA (4-9%)."

29- Lines 429-430: remove 'to abroad' since it is export.

Response: We have changed it.

30- Line 447: do you mean that 'coastal regions receive upmost half of their deposition though hemispheric transport from foreign regions' or that 'half of the transported by LRT amount from foreign regions is deposited over the coastal regions' ?

Response: The later one is the appropriate understanding. We rephrase the sentence in the manuscript.

"For some regions, upmost half of the hemispheric transport from foreign regions is deposited over their coastal regions."

31- Figure captions:

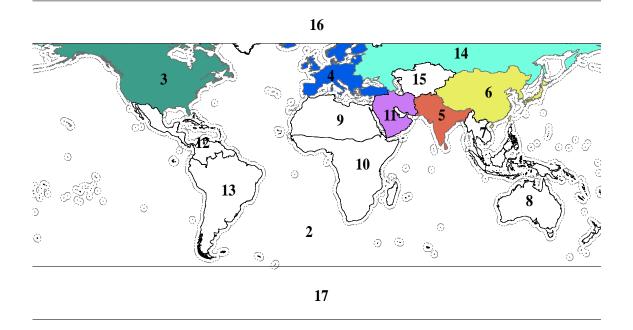
Response: We have changed it.

32- Line 745: correct MD to ME

Response: We have changed it.

33- Figure 1: why this figure does not show the upper boundaries of regions 3,4,14 and the Arctic?

Response: We re-do the figure for clarity. The upper boundaries of regions 3,4 and 14 are region 16-Arctic.



34- Line 751: add per  $0.1 \times 0.1$  deg grid box

Response: We have changed it. We also change the unit in the caption of figure 3.

35- Line 4: According to eq 1 the negative values should indicate increase in deposition with decline in emissions

Response: Yes, thus table 1 are all possible values, which means decrease in emission lead to decrease in deposition.

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Abstract. With the rising anthropogenic emissions from human activities, elevated concentrations 21 of air pollutants have been detected in the hemispheric air flows in recent years, aggravating the 22 regional air pollution and deposition issues. However, regional contributions of hemispheric air 23 pollution to deposition at global scale have been given little attention in the literature. In this light, 24 25 we assess the impact of hemispheric transport on sulfur (S) and nitrogen (N) deposition for 6 world regions: North America (NA), Europe (EU), South Asia (SA), East Asia (EA), Middle East (ME) 26 and Russia (RU) in 2010, by using the multi-model ensemble results from the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Task 27 Force Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (HTAP II) with 20% emission perturbation 28 experiments. About 27-58%, 26-46% and 12-23% of local S, NOx and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions are 29 transported and removed by deposition outside of the source regions annually, with seasonal 30 variation of 5% more in winter and 5% less in summer. The 20% emission reduction in source 31 regions could affect 1-10% of deposition on foreign continental regions and 1-14% on foreign 32 coastal regions and the open ocean. Significant influences are found from NA to the North Atlantic 33 34 Ocean (2-14%), and from EA to the North Pacific Ocean (4-10%) and western NA (4-6%) with 20% emission reduction in source regions. The impact on deposition caused by short-distance 35

transport between neighbouring regions (i.e. EU and RU) occurs throughout the whole year 36 (slightly stronger in winter), while the long-range transport (i.e. from EA to NA) mainly takes 37 place in spring and fall, which is consistent with the seasonality found for hemispheric transport 38 of air pollutants. Deposition in emission intensive regions such as EA is dominated (~80%) by 39 own region emission, while deposition in low emission intensity regions such as RU is almost 40 equally affected by foreign emission (40-60%) and own region emission. We also find that 41 deposition on the coastal regions or the near-coastal open ocean is twice more sensitive to 42 hemispheric transport than non-coastal continental regions, especially for regions (i.e. west coast 43 of NA) in the downwind location of emission source regions. This study highlights the significant 44 impact of hemispheric transport on the deposition of coastal regions, the open ocean and low 45 emission intensity regions. Further research is proposed for improving ecosystem and human 46 health, with regards to the enhanced hemispheric transport. 47

### 48 **1 Introduction**

49 The increasing consumption of energy by human activities has largely increased the deposition of nitrogen (N) over the terrestrial and marine ecosystem (Kim et al., 2011; Galloway et al., 2008; 50 Duce et al., 2008). The impact is estimated to continue increasing in the near future (Bleeker et al., 51 2011; Lamarque et al., 2013; Kanakidou et al., 2016; Paulot et al., 2013; Lamarque et al., 2005; 52 Bian et al., 2017). The NO<sub>x</sub> emission has increased by about 10 Tg(N) from 2001 to 2010, due to 53 large increase in Asia regions (Tan et al., 2018), but the recent studies report a turning point for 54 Chinese NO<sub>x</sub> emission in 2011 (Li et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2016). On the other hand, the global 55 sulfur (S) emission has declined by about 5 Tg(S) from 2000 to 2010 (Tan et al., 2018). The global 56 fossil fuel SO<sub>2</sub> emission has a decreasing trend since 1980 owing to the significant decline in SO<sub>2</sub> 57 emission from Europe (EU) and U.S. (Chin et al., 2014). The SO<sub>2</sub> emission in China experiences 58 increases from 2000-2005 due to energy consumption and decreases after 2006 thanks to the 59 implementation of Flue-Gas Desulphurization system. Deposition supplies the ecosystem with 60 nutrients, but too much deposition could cause various adverse impacts on the environment, 61 62 including acidification and eutrophication of the forest and waterbody (Bouwman et al., 2002; Bergstrom and Jansson, 2006; Dentener et al., 2006; Phoenix et al., 2006), soil acidification that 63 64 slows down the crop production (Guo et al., 2010; Janssens et al., 2010) and even destroying the

plant biodiversity (Bobbink et al., 2010; Clark and Tilman, 2008). The prevention and control of
exceeding deposition have become a growing worldwide concern.

67 Hemispheric transport of air pollutants is found to aggravate the regional air pollution issues (Wild and Akimoto, 2001; Sudo and Akimoto, 2007; Fu et al., 2012; Fiore et al., 2009) as 68 well as enlarge the local deposition burden (Glotfelty et al., 2014; Sanderson et al., 2008). The 69 mass of aerosols arriving at the North American coasts is comparable to that emitted domestically 70 71 (Yu et al., 2012). Air pollution from Asia contributes to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in western U.S. by 1.5 µg m<sup>-3</sup> (Tao et al., 2016), the O<sub>3</sub> concentration by 3-10 ppbv (Zhang et al., 2009; Zhang et 72 al., 2008; Yienger et al., 2000; Reidmiller et al., 2009; Jacob et al., 1999; Brown-Steiner and Hess, 73 2011) and the peroxyacyl nitrate (PAN) concentration by 26 ppbv (Berntsen et al., 1999) in spring. 74 The long-range transport of air pollution from North America (NA) is estimated to contribute by 75 3-5 ppb (7-11%) to the O<sub>3</sub> concentration in EU annually (Auvray and Bey, 2005; Guerova et al., 76 2006; Derwent et al., 2004; Li et al., 2002) and the increment can reach 25-28 ppbv during 77 particular events (Guerova et al., 2006). European outflow affects the surface O<sub>3</sub> concentration in 78 western China by 2-6 ppbv in spring and summer (Li et al., 2014) and North Africa by 5-20 ppbv 79 in summer (Duncan et al., 2008; Duncan and Bey, 2004). The study by Yu et al. (2013) found that 80 the long-range transport contributes by 6-16% and 22-40% to aerosol optional depth and direct 81 radiative forcing in 4 regions including NA, EU, East Asia (EA) and South Asia (SA). Recent 82 studies have reported an increasing trend in the hemispheric transport of air pollution from Asia to 83 84 NA from mid-1980s to late-2000s. The Asian plume has contributed  $\sim 10$  ppby (30%) to the O<sub>3</sub> concentration over western NA from mid-1980s to mid-2000s (Jaffe et al., 2003; Parrish et al., 85 2004), with an annal increase of 0.34-0.50 ppbv O<sub>3</sub> (Parrish et al., 2009). More recent study showed 86 the contribution is about 5-7 ppby O<sub>3</sub> in 2006 with an annual increase rate of 1-2 ppb O<sub>3</sub> since 2000 87 88 (Zhang et al., 2008). The trend well agreed with the rapid growth of Asian emission (Richter et al., 2005; Lu et al., 2010; Verstraeten et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2007; van der A et al., 2006; van der 89 A et al., 2008). 90

Compared to the impact on air pollution, the impact of hemispheric transport on deposition hasn't been fully studied. Arndt and Carmichael (1995) developed a source-receptor (S-R) relationship for S deposition among the Asia regions in early 1990s. Zhang et al. (2012) found that foreign anthropogenic emission contributes to 6% and 8% of the oxidized nitrogen (NO<sub>y</sub>) and reduced nitrogen (NH<sub>x</sub>) deposition in contiguous U.S., respectively. A systematic study by

96 Sanderson et al. (2008) shed light on the impact of long-range transport on NO<sub>v</sub> deposition at global scale. The study used the model ensemble results from the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Task Force 97 Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (HTAP I) to calculate the S-R relationship for NOv 98 deposition in 2001 among 4 regions: EU, NA, SA and EA. Results showed that about 12-24% of 99 100 the  $NO_x$  emission was transported and deposited out of source regions. About 3-10% of the emission was deposited on the other 3 regions and affects their deposition by about 1-3%. However, 101 102 these studies focused on the emission intensive regions, where the foreign disturbance could be relatively small compared to huge own region emission. The foreign impact on low emission 103 intensity regions was not evaluated in the same detail. Furthermore, both the magnitude and spatial 104 distribution of S and N emission and deposition have been changed considerably during the last 105 10 years (2001-2010) (Tan et al., 2018). It is necessary to update the S-R relationship for more 106 recent years with regards to these changes. 107

To explore these questions, this study assesses the impact of hemispheric transport of S, 108 NOx and NH3 emissions on S and N deposition, with multi-model ensemble results from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 109 phase of HTAP (HTAP II). Additional to the 4 regions: NA, EU, SA, EA used in Sanderson's 110 study for HTAP I, we include 2 more regions: Middle East (ME) and Russia, Belarussia, Ukraine 111 (RU) in this study. These two regions have low S and N emissions relative to their areal extent, 112 113 but are located close to the high emission regions such as EU, SA and EA. We calculate the amount of deposition brought by hemispheric transport by comparing model results between the base case 114 115 and the 20% emission perturbation cases. The experimental design is described in Section 2. Section 3 is the result part and has 3 subsections. We explore the following questions: 116

What fraction (percentage) of the S or N emissions is transported and deposited outside of each
 source region? What is the fraction of emission that finally deposited on the other 5 receptor
 regions and oceans? What is the seasonality of the exported fraction?

120 2) As receptor regions, how much deposition is brought by hemispheric transport? What is the121 impact on local deposition? Is there any seasonality for this impact?

3) For each region, what are the contributions on deposition of hemispheric transport from foreign
regions and of own region emission? In line with the analysis for other pollutants, to this
purpose we evaluate the so-called response to extra-regional emission reduction (RERER)
metric. We also discuss the own region and foreign impact on the coastal regions specifically.
The inter-model variations are also illustrated.

127 Section 4 is a summary of the findings in this study and some suggestions for future study.

# 128 2 Methodology

### 129 2.1 HTAP II and experiment set-up

The HTAP was created in 2004 under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution 130 (CLRTAP). It involves efforts from international scientists aiming at understanding the 131 hemispheric transport of air pollutants and its impact on regional and global air quality, public 132 health and near-term climate change. Until now, two phases of HTAP experiments have been 133 conducted successfully. The HTAP I involved more than 20 models from international modeling 134 groups, with 2001 as the base year for modeling studies. A comprehensive report of the major 135 findings of HTAP I was released in 2010 and could be downloaded from http://www.htap.org/. 136 The HTPA II was launched in 2012, with 2010 as the base simulation year. HTAP II required all 137 models to use the same prescribed anthropogenic emission instead of using the best estimates of 138 emission by each modeling group as HTAP I. This facilitates an inter-model comparison between 139 140 models. In addition, HTAP II had a refined definition for the boundaries of regions, which enabled 141 an update in the S-R relationships for air pollutants and deposition among regions.

142 This study uses the ensemble of 11 global models from HTAP II (including CAM-Chem, CHASER re1, CHASER t106, EMEP rv48, GEMMACH, GEOS5, GEOSCHEMAJOINT, 143 OsloCTM3v.2, GOCARTv5, SPRINTARS and C-IFS v2). A detailed description of the 144 experiment set-up could be found in Galmarini et al. (2017). The S deposition includes SO<sub>2</sub> 145 deposition and  $SO_4^{2-}$  deposition. N deposition is categorized to  $NO_v$  and  $NH_x$  deposition.  $NO_v$ 146 deposition is a sum of all oxidized N except N<sub>2</sub>O, including NO<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, PAN and other 147 organic nitrates than PAN (Orgn). NH<sub>x</sub> deposition includes NH<sub>3</sub> deposition and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> deposition. 148 To form the multi-model ensemble, we re-grid all models to a uniformed horizontal resolution of 149 150  $0.1^{\circ} \times 0.1^{\circ}$ . We use the multi-model mean value (MMM) of all models to present the ensemble results, a procedure which has been proven previously to have a better agreement with observations 151 than single model result (Dentener et al., 2006; Tan et al., 2018). The multi-model mean values of 152 153 the compositions of S or N deposition are calculated separately and then combined to compute the total S or N deposition. More details can be found in Tan et al. (2018). 154

### 155 **2.2 Simulation scenarios**

The base simulation uses anthropogenic emissions in 2010 (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 156 2015), which is called "base case" in this study. The MMM performance on wet deposition has 157 been evaluated with observations from National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) 158 (http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/, last access: 6 April 2018) for NA, European Monitoring and Evaluation 159 160 Programme (EMEP) CCC reports (http://www.nilu.no/projects/ccc/reports.html, last access: 6 161 April 2018) for EU and Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) 162 (http://www.eanet.asia/, last access: 6 April 2018) for EA in the previous study of Tan et al. (2018). Following are some brief results of the evaluation results. Modeled gas phase SO<sub>2</sub> wet deposition 163 and aerosol  $SO_4^{2-}$  wet deposition are evaluated with observed  $SO_4^{2-}$  wet deposition. 76% of the 164 stations of all networks are predicted within  $\pm 50\%$  of observation. Negative model biases (-20%) 165 are found at some East Asian stations. Modeled gas phase HNO<sub>3</sub> wet deposition and aerosol NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> 166 wet deposition are compared with observed  $NO_3^-$  wet deposition. 83% of the stations of all 167 networks are within  $\pm 50\%$  of observation. The European and Southeast Asian stations with high 168 observed NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> wet deposition are somewhat underestimated. Modeled gas phase NH<sub>3</sub> wet 169 deposition and aerosol NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> wet deposition are compared with observed NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> deposition. 81% of 170 modeled  $NH_4^+$  wet deposition at stations of all networks are within  $\pm 50\%$  of observation. A general 171 underestimation is found in modeled NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> wet deposition, especially at East Asian stations. In 172 terms of dry deposition, due to the lack of directly measured data, we compare the modeled dry 173 174 deposition with inferential data from the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) over U.S. The CASTNET data is calculated with observed aerosol concentration and modeled dry 175 deposition velocity, therefore it might have high uncertainty in data quality. Comparison shows 176 that the modeled dry deposition is generally higher than the CASTNET inferential data by a factor 177 of 1-2. This is a common feature of many global and regional models (WMO, 2017). According 178 179 to the analysis, the model bias for dry deposition mainly comes from the model over-prediction of air pollutant concentration. The CASTNET sites are generally located in remote regions with 180 relatively lower air pollutant concentrations than urban regions, but the models fail to represent 181 this characteristic with coarse spatial resolution (Tan et al., 2018). 182

HTAP II defines the boundaries of 17 regions as shown in Fig. 1. The emission perturbation
experiments are conducted separately for 6 regions (regions with color in Fig.1) with high priority:
NA, EU, SA, EA, ME and RU. In the perturbation experiments, the anthropogenic emissions

186 (including NO<sub>X</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, VOC, CO and PM) of a specific region are reduced by 20% from the amounts in the base case simulation, while the emissions in other regions keep constant. In addition, 187 188 a global perturbation experiment referred as "GLO" is conducted with 20% reduction of global anthropogenic emissions. We estimate the impact of hemispheric transport on deposition by 189 190 comparing the model results under perturbation experiments with those under base case simulation. In order to validate the quality of model outputs, we check the mass balance between emission and 191 192 deposition at global scale. The mass balance check for base case simulation is shown in Tan et al. (2018), therefore we show the mass balance for perturbation experiments in this study. We 193 compare the global total amounts of changes of deposition ( $\Delta$  Depo) with changes of emissions ( $\Delta$ 194 Emis) for all perturbation cases (Table S1). Models are excluded if their global  $\Delta$  Depo values fall 195 outside the range of  $\pm 20\%$  of their global  $\Delta$  Emis. According to our results, the amounts of  $\Delta$  Depo 196 are almost equivalent to  $\Delta$  Emis for all perturbation cases except the NH<sub>x</sub> deposition under EA 197 case. The  $\Delta$  Depo of NH<sub>x</sub> deposition under EA case is not available due to lack of model results 198 for the NH4<sup>+</sup> wet deposition under 20% emission perturbation in EA. 199

## 200 **3 Results**

### 201 **3.1 Export of S and N emissions from source regions**

This section studies the export of S and N emissions and oxidation products from source regions. Table 1 shows the S-R relationship of S and N deposition among the 6 regions. The numbers are the sensitivity (SEN<sub>r→s</sub>) of deposition in the receptor/source regions to emission changes in the source regions (Sanderson et al., 2008). The metric is calculated as  $\Delta$  Depo in the receptor/source regions divided by  $\Delta$  Emis in the source regions following Eq. (1).

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$$SEN_{r \to s} = \frac{\Delta Depo(r/s)}{\Delta Emis(s)} \times 100\%$$
(1)

where s is the source region and r is the receptor region.  $\Delta$  Depo (r/s) is the deposition change in the receptor/source regions,  $\Delta$  Emis (S) is the emission change in the source regions. This value indicates the fraction of emission of source regions that is deposited locally or exported to foreign regions.

The numbers outside of the parenthesis in Table 1 are for coastal and non-coastal regions together and the numbers in the parenthesis are specifically for coastal regions (defined in Fig. 1).

"Others" means the other regions in the world than the 6 regions (white color in Fig.1). The NA 214 region has 69% of its S emission deposited within itself, including 9% deposited on its coastal 215 region. The remaining 31% is exported to the other regions, mostly to the "Others" and less than 216 3% is deposited on the other 5 regions (EU, SA, EA, ME and RU). A relatively large fraction (14 217 %) of European S emissions are exported to RU region. Other major pathways of export of S 218 emissions/reaction products are from SA to EA (9%), from EA to RU (5%) and from RU to EU 219 220 (7%) and EA (5%). ME has considerable percentages of S emission exported to its nearby regions such as SA (8%), EA (5%) and RU (5%). The S-R relationship of NO<sub>v</sub> deposition is similar to that 221 of S deposition, except that EU and ME have 66% and 54% of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions deposited within 222 the source region, which are 6% and 12% higher than those of S emissions, likely due to somewhat 223 longer lifetimes of S emission compared to NO<sub>x</sub> emission and the large average emission altitude 224 of S emissions. In terms of NH<sub>x</sub> deposition, about 20% more NH<sub>3</sub> emission is deposited within the 225 source regions (except ME) compared with S and NO<sub>x</sub> emission, due to its short lifetime in the 226 atmosphere. 227

The seasonal variations of the export of S and N emissions by source regions is shown in 228 229 Fig. S1. In terms of S emission, there is 5-10% of seasonal differences around the annual average export fractions for all regions except SA. SA exports almost half of its S emission in spring, which 230 231 is twice the numbers in summer (20%) and fall (25%), related to the specific dry period and monsoon circulation. The seasonal export fractions of NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> emission are similar to that 232 233 of S emission in the pattern, but generally lower in values in all seasons. Generally, the source regions export the highest percentage of their emissions in winter and spring and lowest in summer. 234 235 More proficient oxidation chemistry in summer results in more soluble component, and local weather systems, especially the episodic of precipitation has large influence on this seasonality. 236 237 For most continental regions, the wet deposition accounts for 50-70% of total deposition (Tan et al., 2018; Vet et al., 2014; Dentener et al., 2006). Therefore, local precipitation plays an important 238 role in the local pollution removal process. On the other hand, for regions with low local 239 precipitation like ME, the percentage of emission removed within own region would be lower than 240 the other regions. In addition, the strong westerly winds in winter and spring favor the hemispheric 241 transport for regions in mid-latitudes of the North Hemisphere. While the rapid vertical convection 242 in summer slows down the zonal transport of air flows and accelerates the local removal process. 243

244 A comparison is conducted with previous studies. Bey et al. (2001) estimated that 70% of emitted NO<sub>x</sub> from Asia is lost within its boundary by deposition of HNO<sub>3</sub> in spring. The estimation 245 in our study is 70% for EA and 61% for SA, close to Bey's result. Li et al. (2004) reported that 246 about 20% of anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> emitted by NA is deposited out of its boundary (about 1000 km 247 248 offshore). Stohl et al. (2002) calculated that 9-22% of surface  $NO_x$  emissions is exported out of the boundary layer of NA. Our estimation is about 30%, higher than Li's and Stohl's results. HTAP 249 250 I study by Sanderson et al. (2008) developed a SR relationship for NO<sub>v</sub> deposition among NA, EU, SA and EA. Their results showed that about 12-24% of the emitted NO<sub>x</sub> is deposited out of source 251 regions. This study of HTAP II finds a higher percentage of export (26-34%). It should be noted 252 that the estimations of different studies are influenced by several factors and the results are not 253 fully comparable: (1) Definition of boundaries of source and receptor regions. For instance, Li et 254 al. (2004) defined the boundary of NA by a squared domain: 65-130°W, 25-55°N, while we use 255 the continental boundaries defined by HTAP II. There are also changes in the definition of 256 boundaries from HTAP I to HTAP II. For instance, HTAP I includes Mexico and Central America 257 in NA, but they are defined as a separate region in HTAP II (region 12 in Fig. 1). The boundary of 258 EU is also changed in HTAP II. (2) HTAP I simulations only change the NO<sub>x</sub> emission, but HTAP 259 II simulations also reduce the other anthropogenic emissions, including SO<sub>2</sub> and PM. The joint 260 control of multiple species may result in more reduction in NO<sub>v</sub> deposition and it is hard to estimate 261 this effect in this study. 262

## **3.2 Impact of hemispheric transport on deposition**

This section investigates the impact of hemispheric transport on deposition in the receptor regions.
Figure 2 is annual response of S deposition to 20% emission reduction in source regions calculated
as Eq. (2).

(2)

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$$Response = \frac{\Delta Depo (perturbation)}{Depo (base)} \times 100\%$$

where  $\Delta$  Depo (perturbation) is the  $\Delta$  Depo between perturbation case and base case. Depo (base) is the deposition under base case. The negative values mean that the deposition decreases with reduction in emission. Table S2 summarizes the regional median deposition fluxes under base case and under emission perturbation cases. Fig. 2(a) shows the global response of S deposition to 20% emission reduction in NA. The largest deposition change is found in the source region NA, with a 273 4-20% decrease in S deposition in the non-coastal region and 14-16% decrease at the east coast. The impact on the North Atlantic Ocean deposition declines gradually from near coastal region 274 275 (12-14%) to the open ocean (2-12%) and Eurasia (<1%). Fig. 2(b) shows the global response of S deposition to 20% emission reduction in EU. Although the impact on continental non-coastal 276 277 regions is high (6-18%), the impact on the coastal regions is generally less than 6%, much lower than NA's impact on its east coast (14-16%). The deposition in North Africa, central Asia and 278 279 western RU is affected by 2-6%. The 20% emission reduction in SA (Fig. 2(c)) shows large influence over its south-west coast and the Arabian Sea (4-12%). The SA's outflow affects the 280 deposition in southeastern ME and eastern Sub Saharan Africa by 1-4% and western EA and 281 Southeast Asia (mainly Bangladesh) by 2-6%. Fig. 2(d) shows the impact on S deposition from 282 20% emission reduction on deposition in EA. On one hand, the impact is strong on the east coast 283 of China (12-16%) and decreases gradually over the North Pacific Ocean (4-10%). Although the 284 majority of S emission is deposited on the North Pacific Ocean, the influence on western NA can 285 still reach 4-6%. On the other hand, the impact on Southeast Asia and SA is much lower (2-5% 286 and <1%), due to the block of air flows by the Himalaya Mountains (Fig. S4). The 20% emission 287 reduction in ME mainly affects the S deposition in Africa by 2-10% and western EA by 2-4%. Fig. 288 2(f) shows the S deposition change with 20% emission reduction in RU. The regions of impact are 289 mainly at high latitudes in the North Hemisphere, including northern EU (2-6%) and western 290 Arctic Circle (1-4%). The Russian flow enters the Arctic in the lower troposphere in winter season 291 292 (Stohl, 2006).

The impact of NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction on NO<sub>y</sub> deposition from each source region is 293 shown in Fig 3. The overall impact is qualitatively similar to that of S emission in the spatial 294 pattern, with some differences in the values. For some regions, the impact of hemispheric transport 295 296 on NO<sub>v</sub> deposition is lower than that on S deposition. For instance, SA's impact on eastern Africa is about 1-4% on S deposition, but is <1% on NO<sub>v</sub> deposition. ME's impact on the western Africa 297 298 and Gulf of Guinea is about 2-4% on S deposition, but is <1% on NO<sub>v</sub> deposition. These smaller sensitivities reflect differences in lifetimes, and the lower formation of aerosol nitrate under warm 299 300 conditions in tropical regions. Under the NA perturbation case (Fig. 3(a)), an 8-12% change of NO<sub>v</sub> deposition is found on the west coast of California, due to high NO<sub>x</sub> emission in California 301 from mobile source, which is not seen in S deposition. The impact of emission reduction in EU 302 and EA on their coastal regions is generally 2-4% higher for NO<sub>v</sub> deposition than S deposition 303

304 (Fig. 3(b) and (d)). The impact on  $NH_x$  deposition is similar to that on  $NO_y$  deposition (Fig. S2). 305 It should be noted that this is the result from 20% emission reduction in the source regions, 306 therefore the actual impact (100% emission reduction) could be 5 times higher when assuming a 307 linear relationship between 20% and 100% emission reduction on deposition.

308 We quantify the amount of deposition carried by hemispheric transport and study its seasonality. Fig. 4 shows the monthly changes of S deposition for 20% emission reductions in 309 source regions. The values are meridional sum with a west-east resolution of 0.1 degree, and 310 display well the locations of the source regions. The negative values indicate the amounts of 311 312 pollutants transported from source regions to receptor regions. According to Fig 4(a), NA has about (1-10)  $\times 10^4$  kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude of its S emission transported and deposited 313 over the North Atlantic Ocean (15-75°W) throughout the whole year. We also find about (1-3) 314  $\times 10^4$  kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude decrease of S deposition at about 90°E and 120°E in spring 315 and fall, which gives evidence to NA's influence on Eurasia via transatlantic flow, although this 316 amount accounts for less than 1% of local S deposition (white in Eurasia in Fig.2(a)). Fig. 4(b) 317 shows that about (1-3)  $\times 10^4$  kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude of EU's emission is transported to 318 and deposited at 30-60°E in RU throughout the whole year and at 100-120°E in EA in spring and 319 fall. According to Fig. 4(c), SA exports its S emission to 30-60°E in ME and eastern Africa in 320 321 early spring and to 90°E-180° in EA and North Pacific Ocean from late spring until fall. In particular, the influence on EA can reach (5-10)  $\times 10^4$  kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude in mid-322 spring. According to Fig. 4(d), EA's S emission is widely transported and deposited over the North 323 Pacific Ocean throughout the whole year. The Asian outflow arrives at the west coast of NA 324 325 (~130°W) in all seasons except summer, but only reaches far in western NA (~90°W) in spring and brings about  $1 \times 10^4$  kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude of S deposition. The export to SA in only 326 327 found during the Asia winter monsoon. The monthly changes of NO<sub>v</sub> deposition with perturbation experiments are shown in Fig. 5. Compared to S deposition, the change in NO<sub>v</sub> deposition by 328 hemispheric transport is generally smaller. For instance, the NA's impact on Eurasia is  $(1-3) \times 10^4$ 329 kg(S) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude for S deposition, but is less than  $0.5 \times 10^4$  kg(N) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° 330 longitude for NO<sub>v</sub> deposition. The SA's impact on EA (90-120°E) can reach (5-10)  $\times 10^4$  kg(S) 331 month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude for S deposition, but the amount is 4 times lower for NO<sub>v</sub> deposition. 332 This result is in accordance with the S-R results in section 3.1 that more S emission is transported 333 out of the source regions than N emission, probably due to longer chemical lifetimes and higher 334

emission altitudes. Patterns similar to  $NO_y$  are also found in the monthly changes of  $NH_x$ deposition (Fig. S3).

The deposition change via transport between neighboring regions is found throughout the 337 whole year and is slightly stronger in winter, such as between EU and RU (~30°E) (Fig. 4(b) and 338 (f)) and from EA to the North Pacific Ocean (~130°E) (Fig. 4(d)). This is consistent with the 339 seasonality we found for the export of emission by source regions in section 3.1. In addition, most 340 source regions reduce more S and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in winter than the other seasons (Table S3), thus 341 more emissions are exported abroad in winter. On the contrary, the deposition change by transport 342 343 over long distance mainly occurs in spring and fall, especially for the hemispheric transport from NA to EU, from EU to EA and from EA to NA. The seasonality of long-range transport for NA, 344 EU and EA well fits the characteristic of westerlies, which is the prevailing winds in the mid-345 latitude of the North Hemisphere. This agrees with the seasonality of the transpacific, transatlantic 346 347 and trans-Eurasia flows of air pollutants that spring is the most efficient season for long-range 348 transport for mid-latitudes (Holzer et al., 2005;Liu et al., 2005;Liang et al., 2004;Brown-Steiner and Hess, 2011;Li et al., 2014;Auvray and Bey, 2005;Wild et al., 2004;Liu et al., 2003). Although 349 350 the westerlies is also strong in winter, the pollution in the air flow is low, because the formation of secondary species like PAN is suppressed by slow oxidation in cold environment (Berntsen et 351 352 al., 1999; Deolal et al., 2013; Moxim et al., 1996), which plays an important role as a reservoir for NO<sub>x</sub> in the long-range transport of air plumes (Lin et al., 2010;Hudman et al., 2004). 353

## 354 **3.3 Own region and foreign contributions on deposition**

This section compares the contributions between hemispheric transport and own region emission control on deposition. A metric called extra-regional emission reduction (RERER) is calculated by dividing the  $\Delta$  Depo due to foreign emission reduction by  $\Delta$  Depo due to global (foreign + own region) emission control following Eq. (3).

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$$RERER_{i} = \frac{\Delta Depo_{i} (foreign)}{\Delta Depo_{i} (global)}$$
(3)

where i is the region of focus.  $\Delta$  Depo<sub>i</sub> (foreign) is the  $\Delta$  Depo in region i due to 20% foreign emission reduction. It is calculated by subtracting the  $\Delta$  Depo due to 20% own region emission 363 control from  $\Delta$  Depo due to 20% global emission reduction.  $\Delta$  Depo<sub>i</sub> (global) is the  $\Delta$  Depo in 364 region i due to 20% global emission reduction. This metric indicates the importance of foreign 365 emission on local deposition. A low RERER value (close to 0) indicates a predominance effect of 366 own region emission on local deposition, while high RERER value (close to 1) means strong 367 impact of hemispheric transport on local deposition.

Table 2 shows the RERER values for total (include both non-coastal and coastal regions), 368 non-coastal and coastal regions. For both non-coastal and coastal regions, the own region impact 369 includes control of both its coastal and non-coastal regions, and the foreign impact comes from 370 371 emission reduction of foreign coastal and non-coastal regions. As we expected, NA (0.07, 0.17, and 0.17), SA (0.04, 0.17, and 0.18) and EA (0.16 and 0.16) regions have relatively low RERER 372 values, due to large local emissions compared to the foreign contributions. EU (0.12, 0.34 and 373 374 0.36) and ME (0.32, 0.32 and 0.42) have relatively higher RERER values. RU is the only region with RERER (0.55, 0.59 and 0.61) higher than 0.5, which means its deposition is almost equally 375 376 sensitive to foreign impact and own region control. The RERER values NO<sub>v</sub> deposition are of similar magnitudes to S deposition, while the RERER of NH<sub>x</sub> deposition is 0.1 lower, probably 377 378 due to the lack of data from EA perturbation case, so that the contribution from EA is not considered. 379

380 The RERER values of coastal regions are generally 0.1-0.3 higher than those of non-coastal regions. The values for RU's coast are all higher than 0.84. Even regions with low non-coastal 381 RERER such as NA and SA have high RERER on coastal regions. For instance, the RERER of 382 NA reaches 0.3-0.4 for its coastal region, more than double of the RERER on its non-coastal 383 regions (0.05-0.12). Coastal regions receive high proportion of deposition from foreign transport. 384 Except large scale circulation like prevailing westerlies, the coastal regions are featured with 385 386 complex small scale circulations. For instance, the low-level jet (zonal winds with high speed) contributes to the rainfall in coastal regions in Asia (Xavier et al., 2018). The orographic effects 387 enhance the precipitation over coastal mountain regions such as west coast of NA, EU and 388 southeast coast of RU (James and Houze, 2005). According to table 1, EA exports 5% of its S and 389 390 N emission to RU, almost half of which is deposited on RU's coastal regions. RU exports 7-12% 391 of S and N emission to EU, of which 30% is deposited on EU's coastal regions. The impact of hemispheric transport is identical or even larger than the effect of own region emission control for 392

393 some coastal or near coastal regions. According to Fig. 2, 20% emission reduction in EA can reduce 2-6% of S deposition in the west coast of NA. This effect is even larger than 20% emission 394 395 reduction in own region emission (<1%). Similarly, 20% emission reduction in NA can change 2-5% of S deposition in west coast of EU, which is almost identical to the effect of 20% emission 396 control in EU. On one hand, the emissions in western NA and western EU are relatively low, thus 397 the effect of own region control is not significant. On the other hand, these coastal regions are in 398 399 the downwind location of eastern EA and eastern NA, which are the main source regions of S and N emissions. Coastal regions serve as transit places for air-sea exchange with vulnerable 400 ecosystem (Jickells, 2006; Jickells et al., 2017). The over-richness of deposition in coastal water 401 and ecosystem can evoke a number of environmental issues, of which some are specifically for 402 coastal regions such as threats to coastal benthic and planktonic system and sustainability of 403 fishery (Paerl, 2002;Doney et al., 2007). 404

Figure 6 compares the percentage concentrations on deposition between foreign transport 405 and own region emission. Other (OTH, pattern fill in the figure) is calculated as  $\Delta \text{Depo}_{(\text{GLO})} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}$ 406  $\Delta$  Depo<sub>(case)</sub> (case = 6, including NA, EU, SA, EA, ME and RU). It indicates the deposition change 407 408 due to other reasons than the total effects of separate emission reduction in the 6 regions. It could come from the emission reduction in rest of world, especially nearby regions such as from Central 409 410 Asia and North Africa to EU and ME. It could also come from the joint effects of emission control by multiple source regions, which possibly change the oxidant chemistry, atmospheric mixing and 411 412 lifetimes of reactive pollutants. However, the model simulations do not allow to separate these two contributions in this study. For regions with low RERER values (NA, SA and EA), the own region 413 414 emission dominates the deposition by more than 80%. For these regions, determined by vicinity and transport patterns, the foreign impact is somewhat dominated by certain source regions, such 415 416 as from EA to NA (2-4% out of 4-5%), from ME to SA (5-6% out of 7-11%) and from SA to EA (3-4% out of 4-7%). For EU and ME, there is about 20% contribution from "OTH". Beside this, 417 RU contributes 4-5% to EU's deposition and EU contributes 5% to ME's deposition. For high 418 RERER regions, RU has a different pattern than the other regions. The contributions of 419 420 hemispheric transport from the other 5 regions (23-45%) are almost equivalent to its own region emission control (39-45%), with significant contributions from EA (20-24%) and EU (13-15%). 421

Figure 7 shows the inter-model variation on simulating the  $\Delta$  Depo of S, NO<sub>y</sub> and NH<sub>x</sub> under emission perturbation cases, separately for wet and dry deposition. The values are global 424 integrated changes in component deposition for perturbation experiments from MMM results, with error bars showing the maximum and minimum values of models. The figure only shows main 425 426 compositions of S and N deposition, which together account for more than 95% of total deposition. In terms of S deposition (Fig. 7(a)), the modeled  $\Delta$  Depo by multiple models, defined as (maximum 427 428 value of multi-model – minimum value of multi-model), ranges (0.06-0.23) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.01-0.22) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for SO<sub>2</sub> dry and wet deposition, and (0.01-0.03) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.009-0.17) Tg(N) 429 yr<sup>-1</sup> for SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> dry and wet deposition, respectively. High uncertainty is found in EA perturbation 430 case, where the model divergence are mainly from  $SO_2$  wet and dry deposition and  $SO_4^{2-}$  wet 431 deposition. In terms of NO<sub>y</sub> deposition (Fig. 5(b)), the differences among models range (0.003-432 0.07) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for NO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition, and (0.07-0.55) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.03-0.75) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for 433 NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> dry and wet deposition, respectively. The EA perturbation case also has the largest inter-434 model variation, with high uncertainty in simulating both the  $NO_3^-$  wet and dry deposition. In terms 435 of NH<sub>x</sub> deposition (Fig. 5(c)), the differences among models range (0.04-0.09) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for NH<sub>3</sub> 436 dry deposition, and (0.008-0.15) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> and (0.002-0.11) Tg(N) yr<sup>-1</sup> for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> dry and wet 437 deposition, respectively. Both EA and SA perturbation cases have relatively high uncertainties on 438 NH4<sup>+</sup> dry deposition. Overall, the inter-model variation is considerably high under emission 439 440 perturbation in Asian regions, especially EA. On one hand, the EA perturbation case assumes the largest amount of emission reductions among all cases (Table S3). On the other hand, model 441 evaluation (Tan et al., 2018) reported high model bias in simulating the deposition in this region, 442 443 and suggest an incomplete knowledge from the combined picture provided by observations and models. 444

### 445 **4** Conclusion

This study assesses the impact of hemispheric transport on S and N deposition for 6 regions: North
America (NA), Europe (EU), South Asia (SA), East Asia (EA), Russia (RU) and Middle East
(ME), by using multi-model ensemble results from 11 models of HTAP II, with simulations under
base case and 20% emission perturbation scenario for each region.

We investigate the export of S and N emissions from source regions. Results show that about 27-58%, 26-46% and 12-23% of the emitted S,  $NO_x$  and  $NH_3$  emissions are deposited outside of the source regions (ranges are for different source regions). The most significant exports of emissions are: (1) transport between EU and RU. 10-14% of EU's emission is transported to RU and 7-12% of RU's emission is transport to EU. (2) transport between EA and RU. 5% of EA's
emission is transported to RU and 4-5% of RU's emission is transported to EA. (3) transport from
SA to EA (4-9%). Most regions export 5-10% more emission in winter than summer, which is
highly influenced by chemistry, precipitation amount and frequency, atmospheric mixing and
transport patterns.

We explore the impact of hemispheric transport on deposition in receptor regions. Overall, 459 460 20% emission reduction in source regions could affect 1-10% of deposition on foreign continental regions and 1-14% on foreign coastal regions and the open ocean. The most significant impacts 461 are from NA to the North Atlantic Ocean (2-14%), and from EA to North Pacific Ocean (2-12%) 462 and to western NA (4-6%). The amounts of deposition brought by hemispheric transport range 463 from 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> kg(S or N) month<sup>-1</sup> per 0.1° longitude (meridional sum). The impact on deposition 464 via short-distance transport between neighbouring regions (i.e. EU to RU) is generally found 465 throughout the whole year and slightly stronger in winter, while the long-range transport (i.e. from 466 EA to NA) mainly occurs in spring and fall. 467

We compare the impact from own region emission and foreign transport on local 468 deposition. The deposition in NA, SA and EA is dominated (~80%) by their own region emission, 469 while EU, ME and RU receive 40-60% of deposition from hemispheric transport. In particular, 470 Russian deposition is even equally contributed by foreign inputs and own region emission, with 471 high contributions from two neighbouring source regions: EA (~20%) and EU (~15%). For some 472 473 regions, upmost half of the hemispheric transport from foreign regions is deposited over their coastal regions. Deposition in coastal regions or the near-coastal open ocean is found twice more 474 475 sensitive to long-range transport than non-coastal regions. For some coastal regions such as west coast of NA and west coast of EU, the impact of hemispheric transport is identical or even larger 476 477 than that of own region emission control.

This study highlights the impact of hemispheric transport on deposition in coastal regions and the open ocean, which hasn't been fully studied in the literature. We therefore suggest further research on this impact on the mitigation of coastal and oceanic ecosystem, with regards to the increasing air pollutants in hemispheric outflow. We also find significant impact of hemispheric transport on deposition in relatively low emission regions such as RU. The impact on their ecosystem and human health requires further research. Meanwhile, there is still a portion of foreign impact that hasn't been attributed in this study (aggregated as other regions "OTH" in Fig. 6). For instance, at least 4 regions (NA, EU, SA and ME) have shown considerable impact (2-10%) on
the S and N deposition in North Africa. But since North Africa is not included as a receptor/source
region in the perturbation experiments, it is hard to quantify the impact of long-range transport on
its deposition. Meanwhile, Southeast Asia is regarded as a big emission contributor in Asia. It is
important to establish an S-R relationship with other Asian regions. We suggest the future HTAP
simulations to include these regions in the perturbation experiments.

- 492 *Data availability.* The model data can be downloaded from AeroCom database
- 493 (http://iek8wikis.iek.fz-juelich.de/HTAPWiki/FrontPage) upon request.
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## 807 Figure captions:

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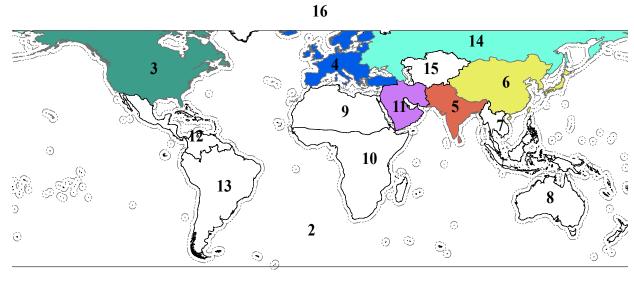
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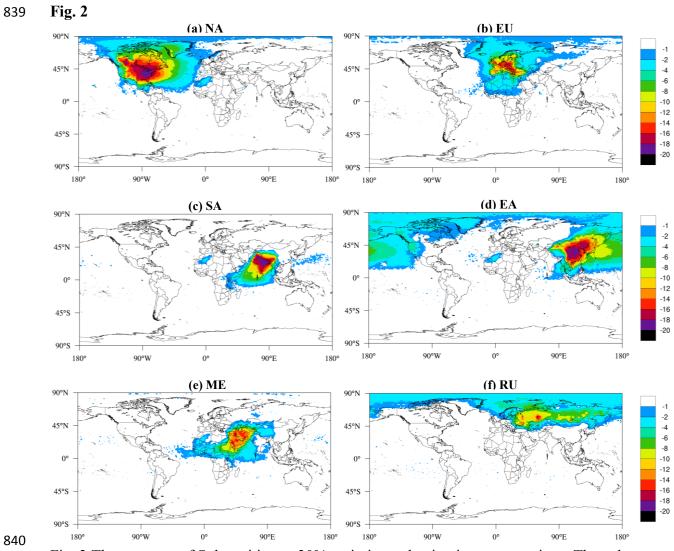
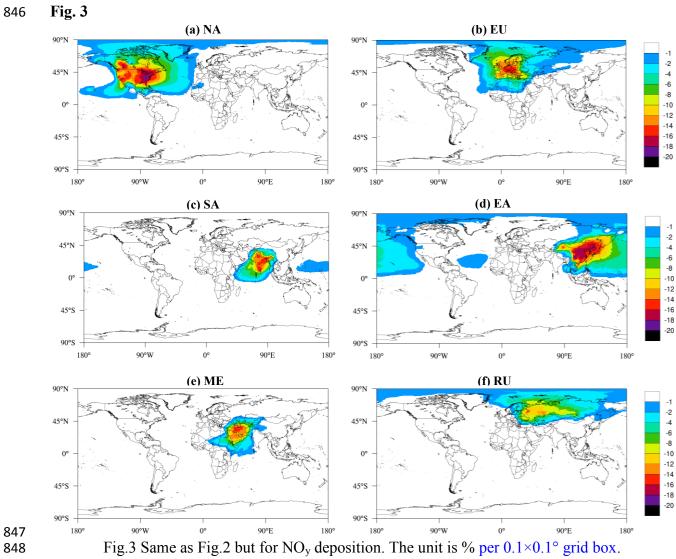


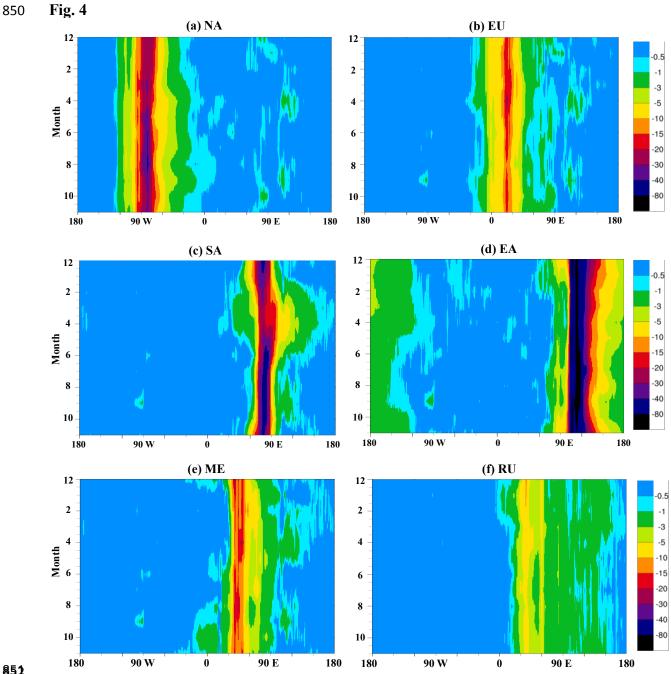
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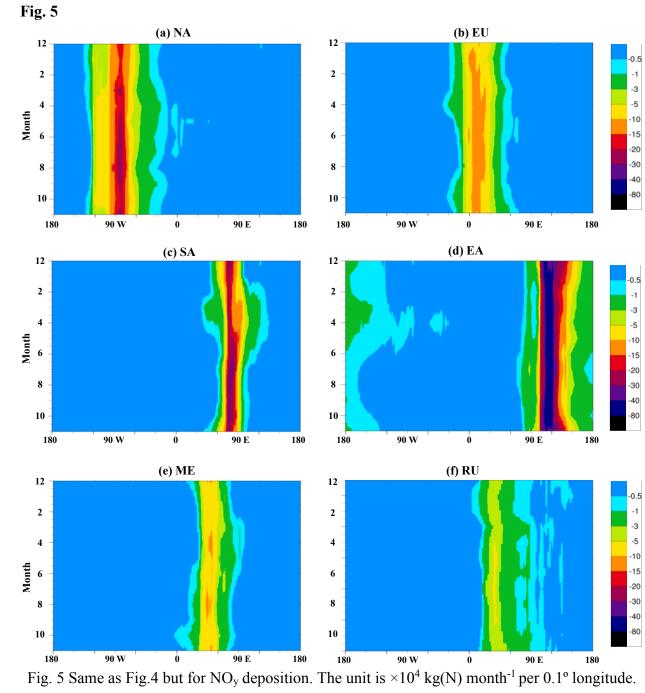






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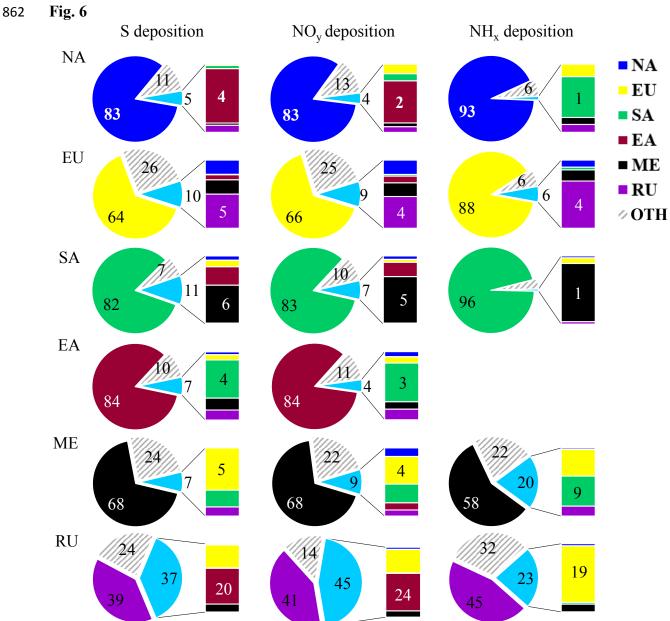




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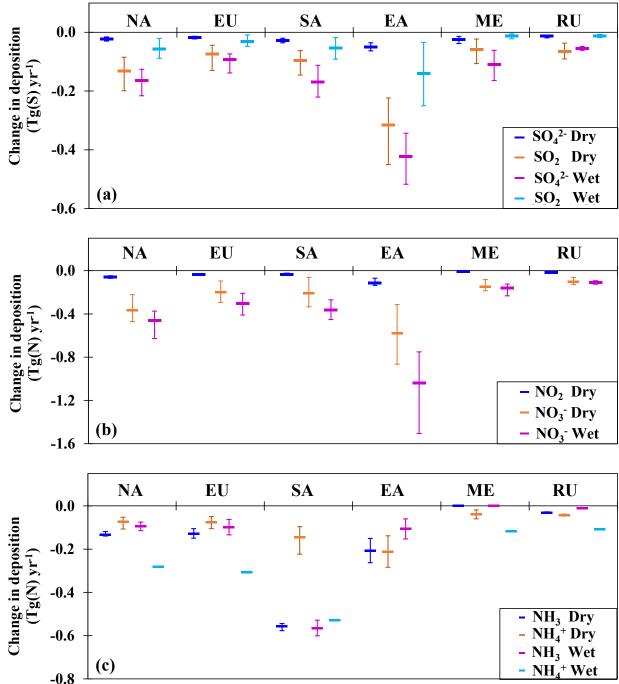




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874 single model.

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Table 1. Source-receptor relationship of S/NO<sub>y</sub>/NH<sub>x</sub> deposition (%) for regions (including

878 continental coastal and non-coastal regions). The values in the parentheses are for coastal regions

as a subset of the total.

	Receptor	Source Regions						
	Regions	NA	EU	SA	EA	ME	RU	
	NA	68.9 (8.9)	0.2 (0.1)	0.2 (0.0)	1.5 (0.6)	0.3 (0.1)	1.2 (0.6	
	EU	1.1 (0.6)	60.4 (14.4)	0.0 (0.0)	0.2 (0.1)	2.1 (0.2)	6.9 (2.5	
	SA	0.5 (0.1)	1.2 (0.3)	66.4 (10.0)	0.9 (0.4)	7.9 (1.6)	0.3 (0.1	
S Deposition	EA	0.6 (0.2)	1.8 (0.4)	8.8 (1.3)	73.4 (11.5)	4.6 (0.8)	5.2 (1.4	
	ME	0.0 (0.0)	2.6 (0.6)	0.6 (0.3)	0.0 (0.0)	42.4 (8.2)	0.8 (0.2	
	RU	0.4 (0.1)	13.6 (2.2)	0.1 (0.1)	5.1 (2.2)	5.0 (1.1)	62.2 (4.4	
	Others	28.5	20.1	23.8	19.1	37.7	23.4	
	NA	71.5 (7.8)	0.8 (0.2)	0.5 (0.1)	1.0 (0.3)	0.5 (0.1)	1.0 (0.3	
	EU	1.3 (0.6)	66.2 (17.5)	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	3.5 (0.9)	9.8 (2.9	
NO	SA	0.2 (0.0)	0.2 (0.0)	66.2 (8.6)	0.5 (0.2)	7.9 (1.3)	0.2 (0.0	
NO <sub>y</sub> Deposition	EA	0.6 (0.1)	1.2 (0.2)	6.2 (0.7)	74.4 (14.3)	2.4 (0.3)	4.3 (0.9	
	ME	0.4 (0.1)	1.6 (0.3)	0.9 (0.4)	0.1 (0.0)	54.4 (8.0)	0.8 (0.2	
	RU	0.6 (0.1)	10.3 (1.3)	0.1 (0.0)	5.1 (2.2)	4.9 (1.3)	61.4 (3.1	
	Others	25.6	19.7	25.8	18.6	26.4	22.:	
	NA	88.4 (5.6)	0.2 (0.1)	0.3 (0.1)	_*	0.7 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2	
NH <sub>x</sub> Deposition	EU	0.6 (0.3)	83.2 (17.8)	0.0 (0.0)	-	4.6 (1.2)	11.9 (3.1	
	SA	0.0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	85.1 (7.6)	-	8.6 (2.4)	0.0 (0.0	
	EA	0.0 (0.0)	0.4 (0.1)	4.2 (0.3)	-	2.6 (0.5)	3.8 (1.0	
	ME	0.1 (0.0)	1.3 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)	-	49.4 (5.9)	1.5 (0.4	
	RU	0.4 (0.1)	10.3 (1.3)	0.1 (0.0)	-	7.3 (1.5)	76.9 (4.1	
	Others	10.5	4.4	9.7	-	26.9	5.	

\* Lack of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> wet deposition under EA emission perturbation experiment from all models.

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Table 2. Extra-regional emission reduction (RERER) values of S/NO<sub>y</sub>/NH<sub>x</sub> deposition for

continent non-coastal and coastal regions. The RERER values are calculated by dividing the  $\Delta$ 

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885	emission control. Total column gives the RERER for coastal and non-coasta	al togethe	r.

Regions	S deposition			NO <sub>y</sub> deposition			NH <sub>x</sub> deposition		
	Total	Non-coastal	Coastal	Total	Non-coastal	Coastal	Total	Non-coastal	Coastal
NA	0.17	0.12	0.40	0.17	0.12	0.43	0.07	0.05	0.31
EU	0.36	0.27	0.53	0.34	0.27	0.48	0.12	0.09	0.22
SA	0.18	0.14	0.35	0.17	0.12	0.37	0.04	0.03	0.17
EA	0.16	0.14	0.28	0.16	0.12	0.27	-	-	-
ME	0.32	0.27	0.46	0.32	0.27	0.50	0.42	0.36	0.67
RU	0.61	0.56	0.84	0.59	0.52	0.90	0.55	0.49	0.85