

Modeling the Source Sectors Contribution to Nitrogen Deposition in U.S. Hydrological Regions

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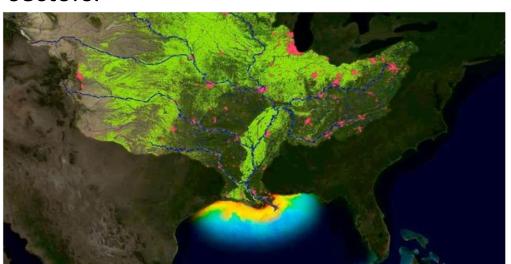
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OBJECTIVE

To model and quantify spatially and temporally-resolved contributions to atmospheric nitrogen containing species deposition from major source sectors.



(Credit: NOAA.)

Largest Hypoxic or Dead zone in United
States [1]



(Credit: Dr. Jennifer L. Graham, U.S.G.S.)

Fish death due to harmful algal blooms [2]

METHODOLOGY

Model: Comprehensive Air Quality Model with Extensions (CAMx)

Resolution: 12km*12km horizontal

grid

Inputs: United States Environmental

Protection Agency's (USEPA) 2011

modeling platform

version 6.0

Time Period: 2011

Probing Tool: CAMx with PSAT

(Particulate Source Apportionment
Technology)

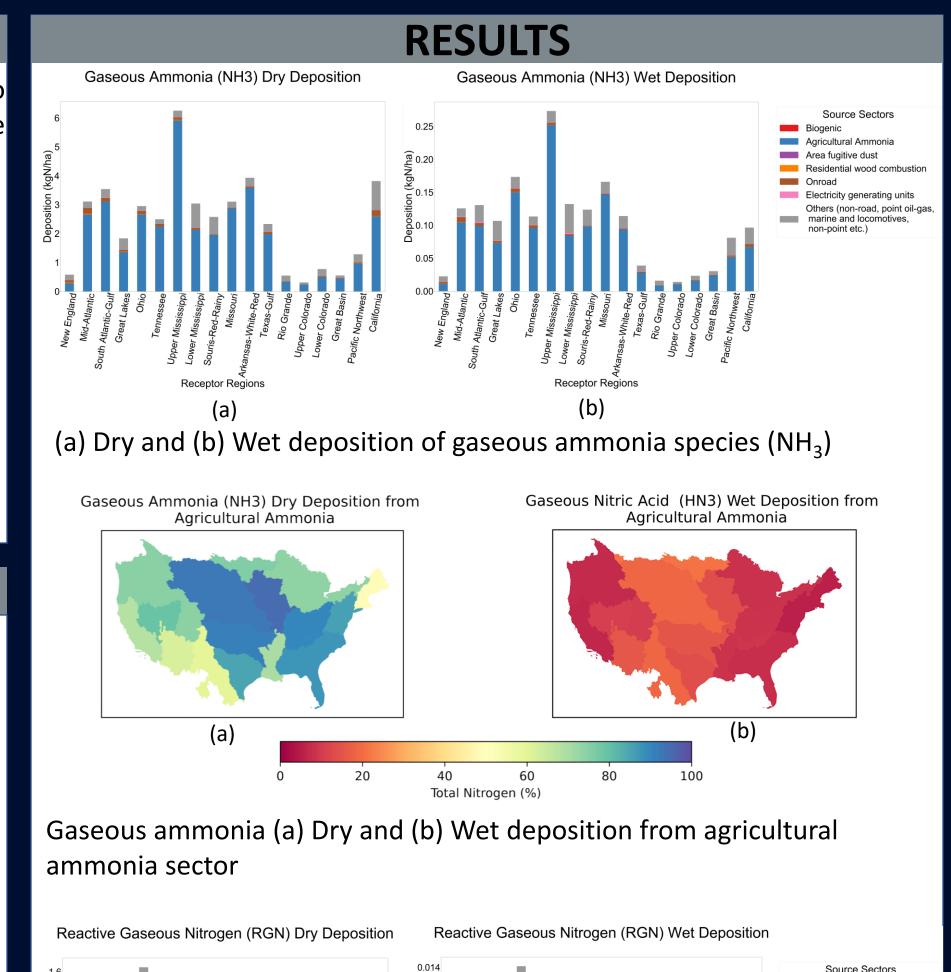
Mechanism: Carbon Bond 6 (CB6)

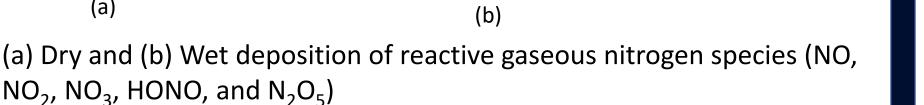
with aerosol chemistry

Deposition Scheme: WESELY89 --- Wesely (1989) and Slinn and Slinn

(1980)

Water resource regions of the United States based on 2-digits hydrologic unit code (HUC 2)

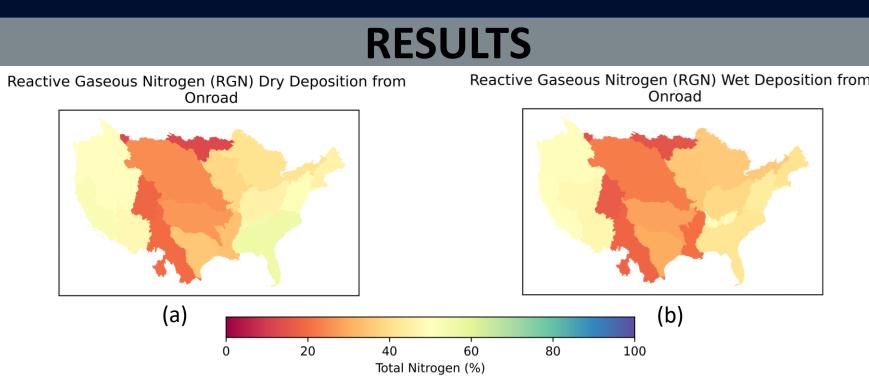




Agricultural Ammonia

Electricity generating units
Others (non-road, point oil-gas
marine and locomotives,
non-point etc.)

Area fugitive dust



Reactive gaseous nitrogen (a) Dry and (b) Wet deposition from onroad sector

CONCLUSIONS

- The **Upper Mississippi** region experiences the highest gaseous ammonia dry and wet deposition where the dominant sector is **agricultural ammonia** (more than 90 percent contribution of total nitrogen) due to its higher fertile lands and agricultural activities. A little contribution from onroad sector is found.
- Based on the estimates, the Ohio and Mid Atlantic regions receive higher nitrogen from reactive gaseous nitrogen dry and wet deposition from onroad and electricity generating units due to their high onroad vehicles and industrial activities.

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