# **Supporting Information (SI)**

# Migration and emission characteristics of ammonia/ammonium through flue gas cleaning devices in coal-fired power plants of China

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------|-----------|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-----|-----|------|----|
| Sampling points                       |                    | #a*       | #b*  | #c*    | #a        | #b   | #c              | #a   | #b                | #c  | #a  | #b   | #c |
| $SO_2$                                | mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | -         | 5269 | 13     | -         | 1468 | 14              | -    | 1785              | 19  | -   | 1554 | 6  |
| NO <sub>x</sub>                       | mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 43        | -    | -      | 39        | -    | -               | 33   | -                 | -   | 34  | -    | -  |
| O <sub>2</sub>                        | %                  |           | 5.9  | 5.8    | 4.5       | 6    | 7.5             | 3.7  | 8.4               | 8.4 | 4.9 | 7    | 7  |
| Т                                     |                    | 368       | 108  | 49     | 155       | 134  | 48              | 327  | 137               | 48  | 342 | 152  | 49 |
| W                                     | %                  | -         | 6.5  | 7      | -         | 4.5  | 7.5             | -    | 5.5               | 11  | -   | 4.5  | 10 |
| Denitrification process               |                    |           |      |        |           |      |                 |      |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Denitrification efficiency            | %                  |           | 93.9 |        |           | -    |                 |      | 93.3              |     |     | 94.3 |    |
| Number of Catalyst layers             |                    |           | 4    |        |           | -    |                 |      | 3                 |     |     | 3    |    |
| Ammonia consumption                   | kg/h               | 263       |      | 20     |           | 38   |                 | 68   |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Ammonia slip(online<br>measurement)   | mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 0.49      |      | $ND^*$ |           | ND   |                 | ND   |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Desulfurization process               |                    |           |      |        |           |      |                 |      |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Number of desulfurization tower       |                    | 2         |      | 1      |           | 1    |                 | 1    |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Number of spraying layers             |                    | 4+3       |      |        | 5         |      |                 | 3    |                   | 3   |     |      |    |
| Desulfurization sorbent               |                    | Limestone |      |        | Limestone |      | Aqueous ammonia |      | Liquefied ammonia |     |     |      |    |
| Desulfurization absorbent consumption | kg/h               | 20510     |      | 416    |           | 991  |                 | 234  |                   |     |     |      |    |
| Desulfurization efficiency            | %                  | 99.8      |      | 99     |           | 98.9 |                 | 99.6 |                   |     |     |      |    |

## Table S1. Parameters and Components of Flue Gas at Each Sampling Points and Key Operation Parameters of APCDs

2 \*#a: denitrification outlet, #b: desulfurization inlet, #c: final outlet, ND: not detected.

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4 Table S2. Comparison of NH<sub>3</sub>/NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> average concentration in flue gas from our

|                              | After denitrifi  | ication devices                    | After dedus      | sting devices             | Final outlet    |                           |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                              | NH <sub>3</sub>  | $\mathrm{NH_4}^+$                  | NH <sub>3</sub>  | $\mathrm{NH_4}^+$         | NH <sub>3</sub> | $\mathrm{NH_4}^+$         |  |  |
| PP1                          | 0.54±0.01        | $21.35 \pm 1.57$                   | $0.17 \pm 0.007$ | $0.34 \pm 0.14$           | $0.14 \pm 0.01$ | $0.21 \pm 0.11$           |  |  |
| PP2                          | $0.15 \pm 0.008$ | $15.08 \pm 0.48$                   | $0.18 \pm 0.002$ | $0.18 \pm 0.32$           | $0.16{\pm}0.03$ | $0.22 \pm 0.05$           |  |  |
| PP3                          | $0.44{\pm}0.11$  | $4.98 \pm 0.11$                    | $0.49{\pm}0.03$  | $0.42 \pm 0.20$           | $0.44{\pm}0.20$ | $1.07 \pm 0.09$           |  |  |
| PP4                          | $0.41 \pm 0.05$  | $6.85 \pm 1.00$                    | $0.28 \pm 0.06$  | $0.05 \pm 0.007$          | $4.07 \pm 0.30$ | 6.27±1.87                 |  |  |
| Li et<br>al. <sup>1</sup>    |                  |                                    |                  |                           | 0.26            | 0.15 (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) |  |  |
| Cheng<br>et al. <sup>2</sup> | 0.53             | $1.19 \left( PM_{2.5} \right)^{*}$ | 0.35             | 0.32 (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) | 0.04            | 0.41 (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) |  |  |
| Ruan<br>et al. <sup>3</sup>  |                  | $0.32 (PM_{10})^*$                 |                  | 0.05 (PM <sub>10</sub> )  |                 | 0.005(PM <sub>10</sub> )  |  |  |
|                              |                  | $0.19 \left( PM_{2.5} \right)^{*}$ |                  | 0.03 (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) |                 | $0.005(PM_{2.5})$         |  |  |
|                              |                  | $0.17 (PM_1)^*$                    |                  | 0.03 (PM <sub>1</sub> )   |                 | 0.004 (PM <sub>1</sub> )  |  |  |

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<sup>6</sup> \*The  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_1$  in brackets means the  $NH_4^+$  concentration in the three diameters.





Figure S1 Schematic of the Ammonia/Ammonium Sampling system



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 Figure S2. The hourly variations of NH<sub>3</sub>/NOx normalized stoichiometric ratio

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 (NSR) in three tested plants





of four tested plants







### 34 Equation S1

Because there are no proper sampling conditions before the SCR, hourly  $NO_x$ concentration of SCR inlet and the amount of injecting ammonia were derived from the denitrification flue gas continuous emission monitoring system, and used to calculate the NSR based on the following equation<sup>4</sup>:

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NSR = W/
$$(\frac{V_q \times C_{NO} \times 17}{30 \times 10^6} + \frac{V_q \times C_{NO2} \times 34}{46 \times 10^6})$$
 (eq S1)

Where *W* is the ammonia consumption per hour in the denitrification system, Vq is the flux of the flue gas at the inlet of SCR reactor,  $C_{NO}$  and  $C_{NO2}$  are the NO and NO<sub>2</sub> concentration at the inlet of SCR reactor, "17" and "34" are determined based on the reaction molar ratio of NO/NH<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub>, respectively.

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