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# Wetland methane feedback over the last decades

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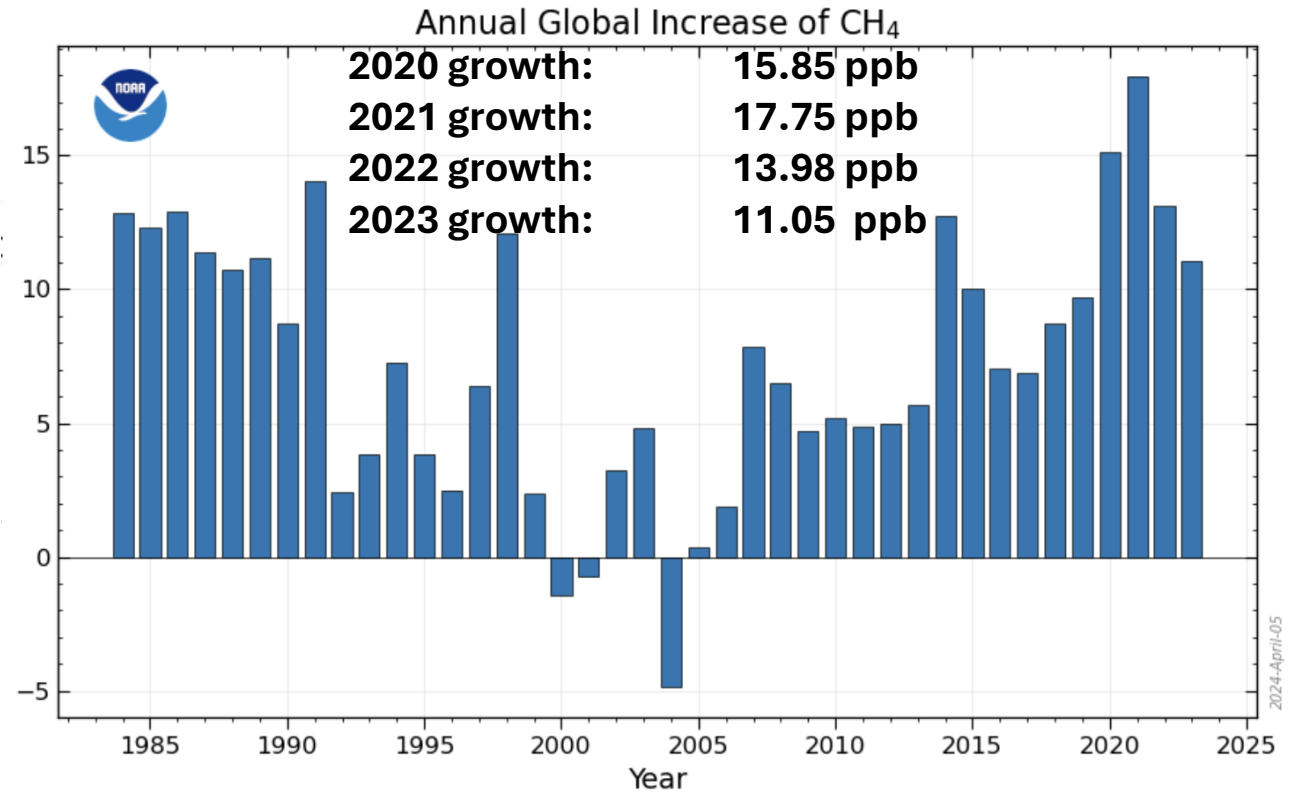
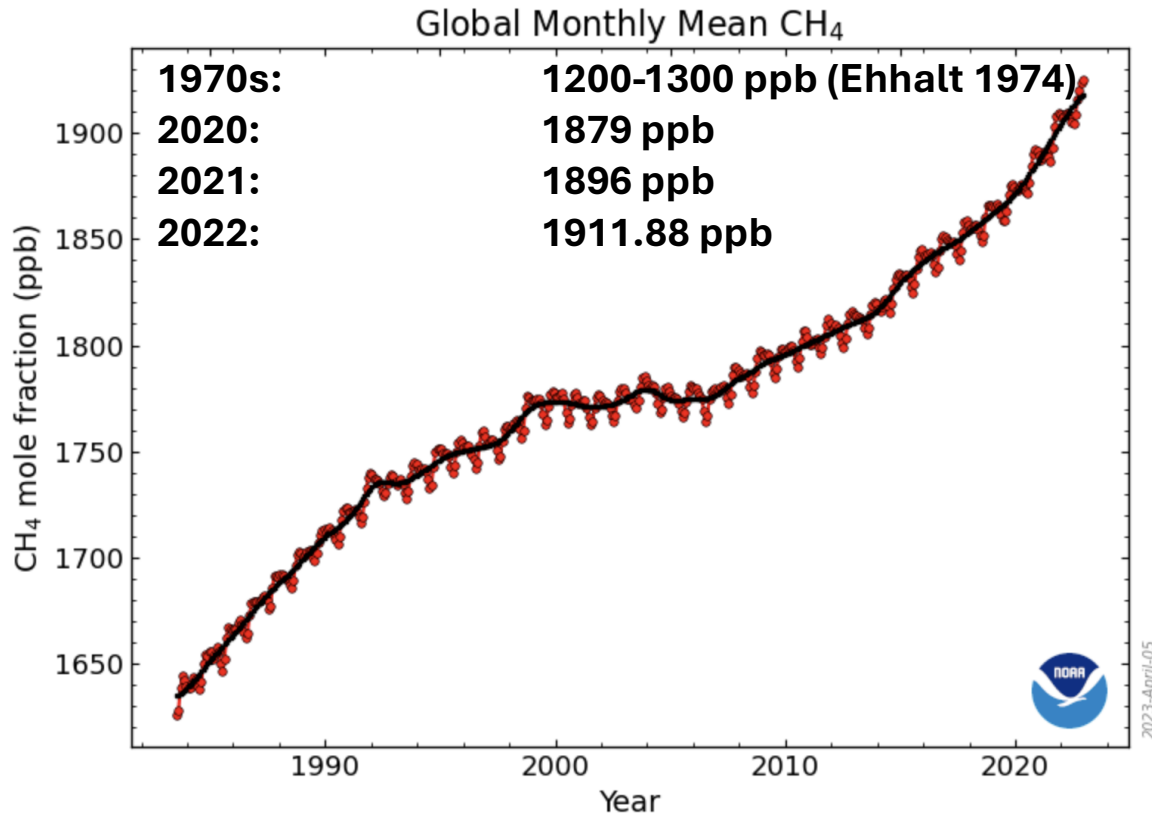
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# Methane is fascinatingly difficult to study

- Methane is a greenhouse gas 82x (GWP-20) more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> (29x, GWP-100)
- The short lifetime, 11.8 years, provides several opportunities for mitigation



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# Wetland-methane feedback is the major driver of rising methane concentration during paleoclimate events

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## Extensive global wetland loss over the past three centuries

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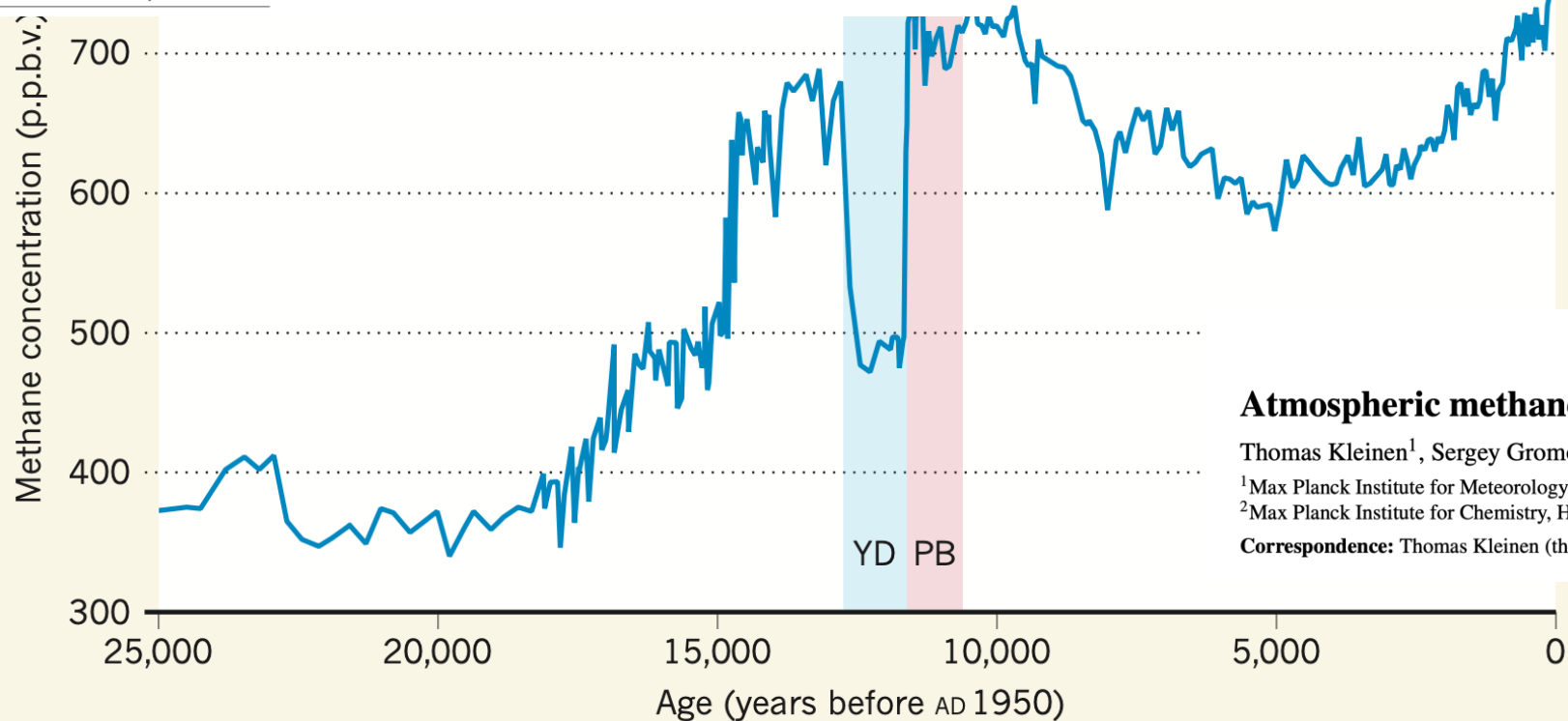
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## Minimal geological methane emissions during the Younger Dryas–Preboreal abrupt warming event

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## Atmospheric methane since the LGM was driven by wetland sources

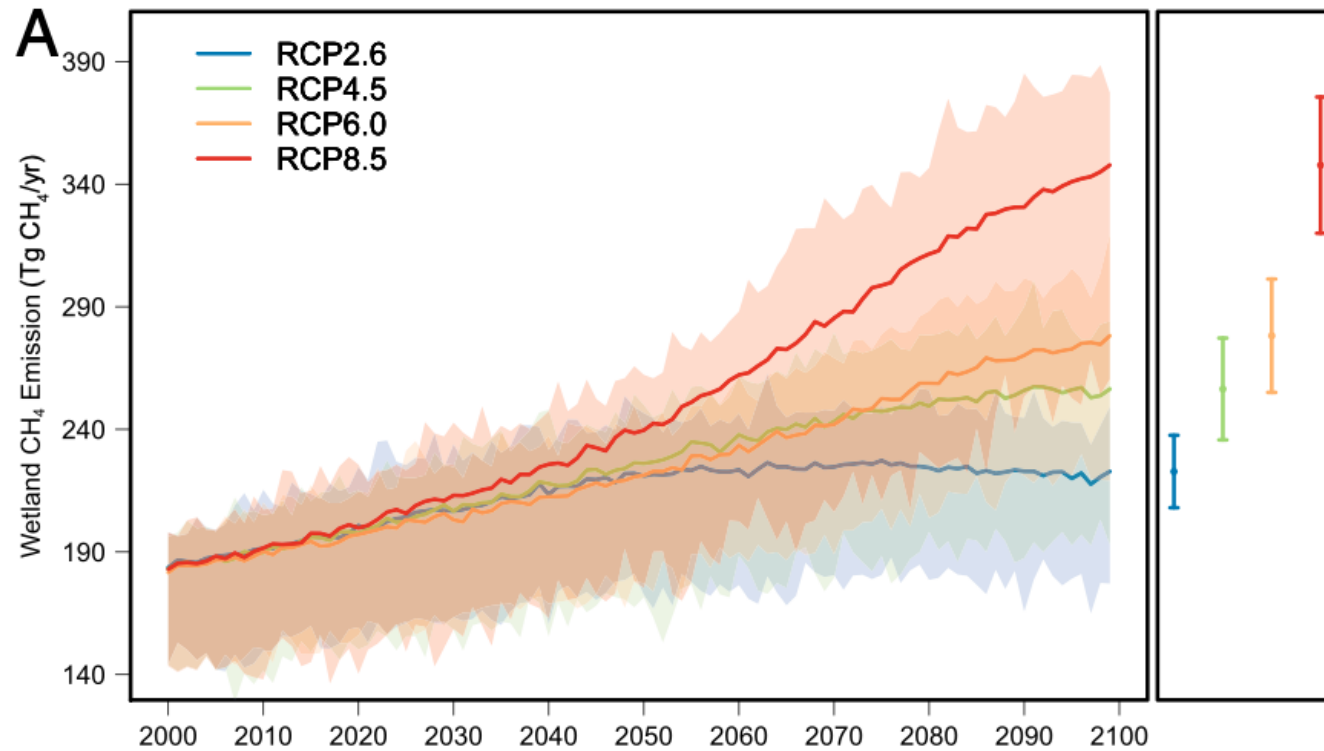
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# Future projections of wetland-methane feedback



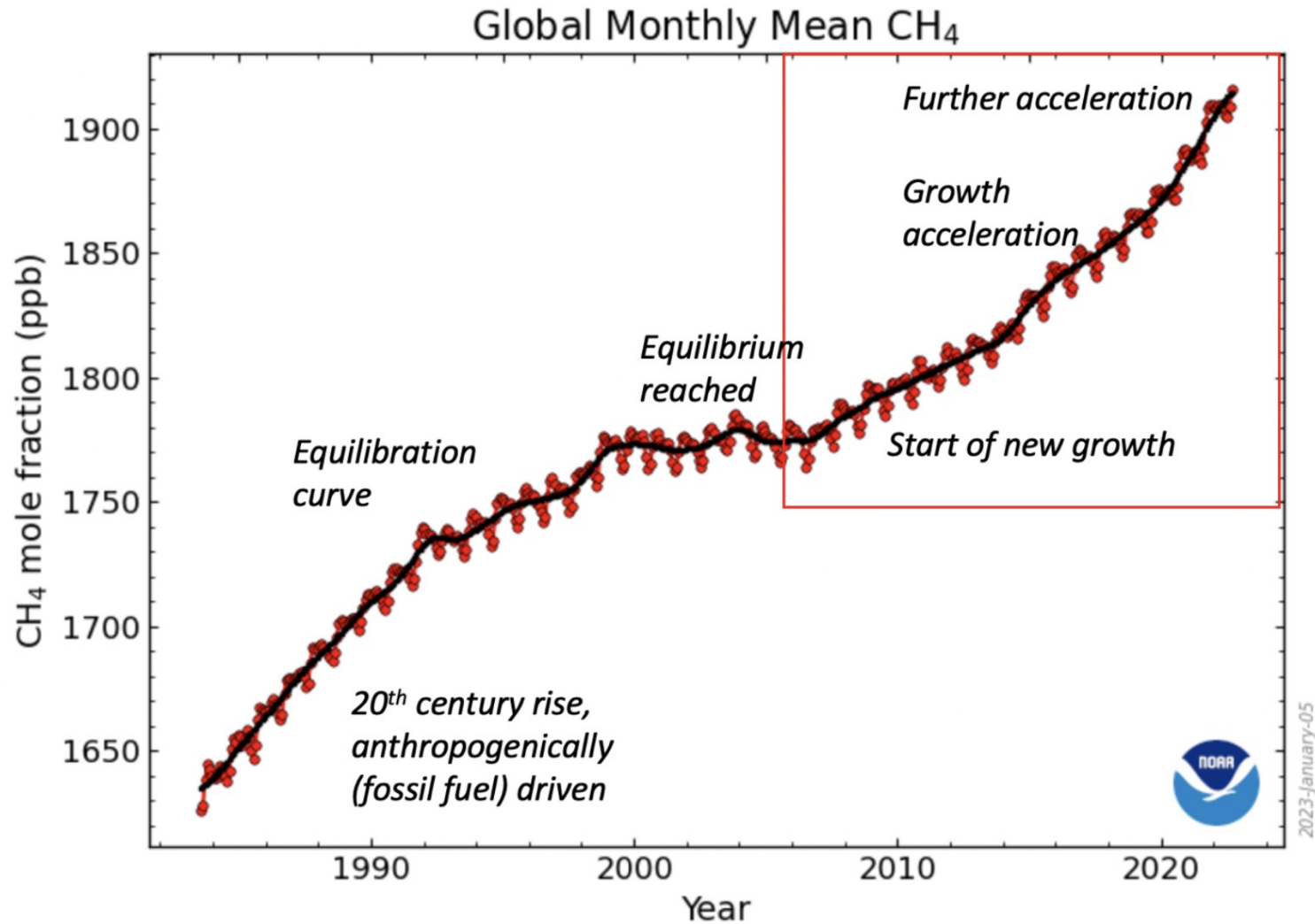
## Emerging role of wetland methane emissions in driving 21st century climate change

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# Signal of emerging wetland feedback to climate change?



# The rise of atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> growth rate for the last three decades is mainly driven by anthropogenic sources

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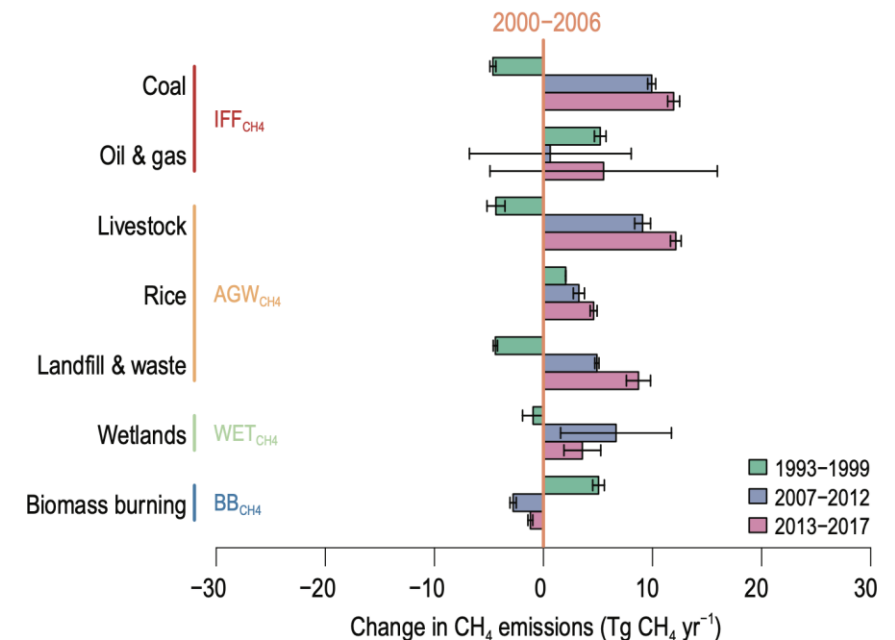
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## Anthropogenic emission is the main contributor to the rise of atmospheric methane during 1993–2017

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- Atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> box model in forward and inverse mode
- Comprehensive <sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> isotopes database
- Thousands of emissions scenarios that cover prevailing CH<sub>4</sub> hypothesis.



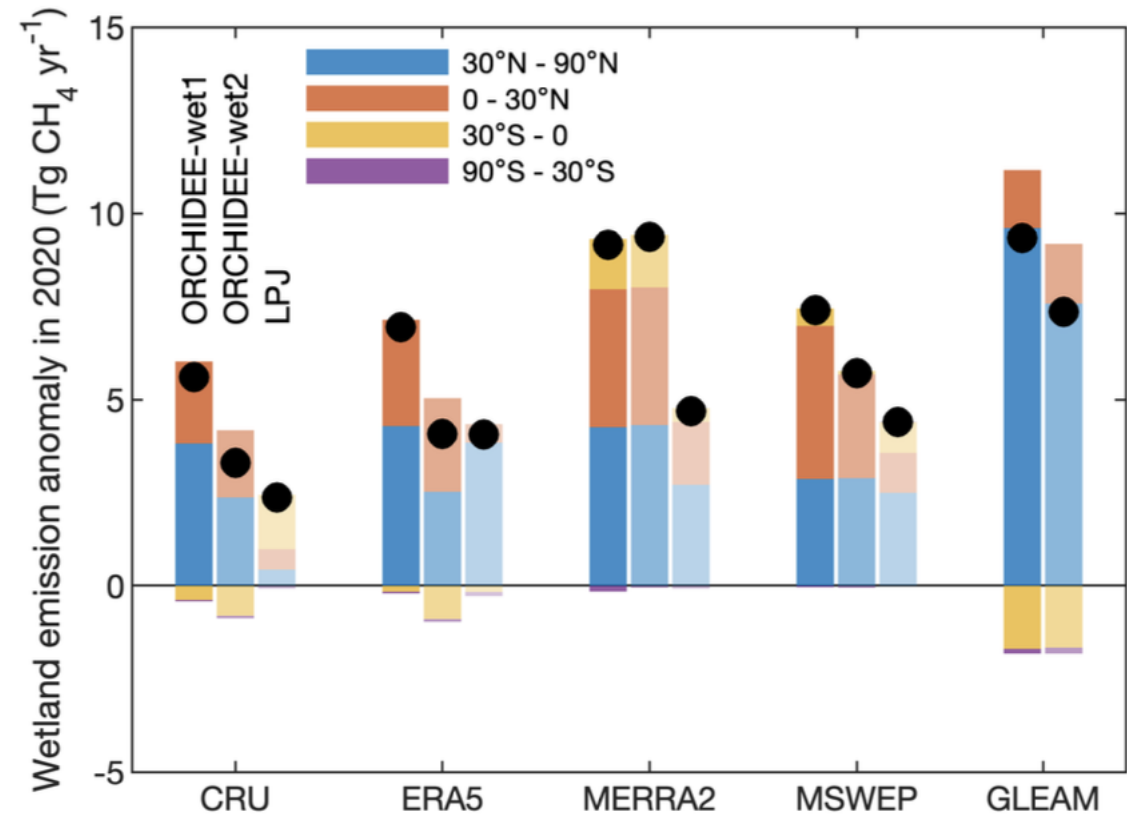
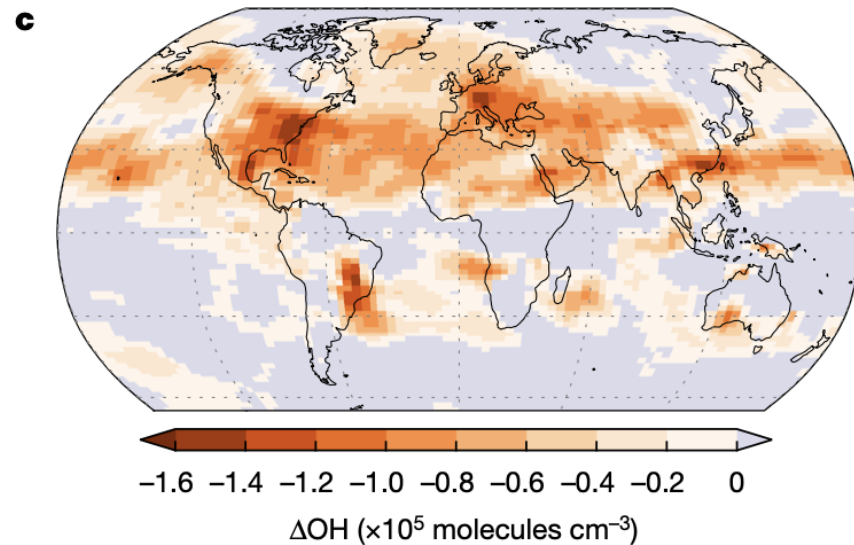
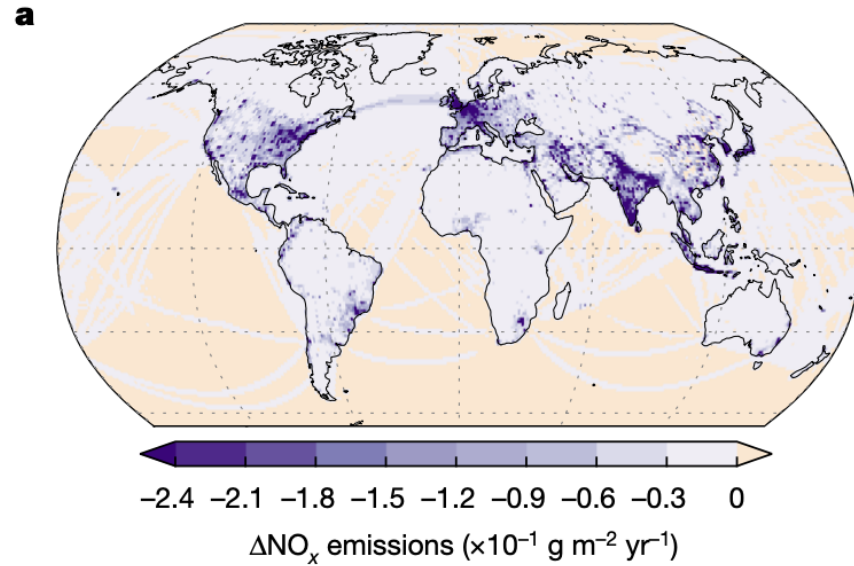
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# Model results support enhancing wetland CH<sub>4</sub> feedback (1)



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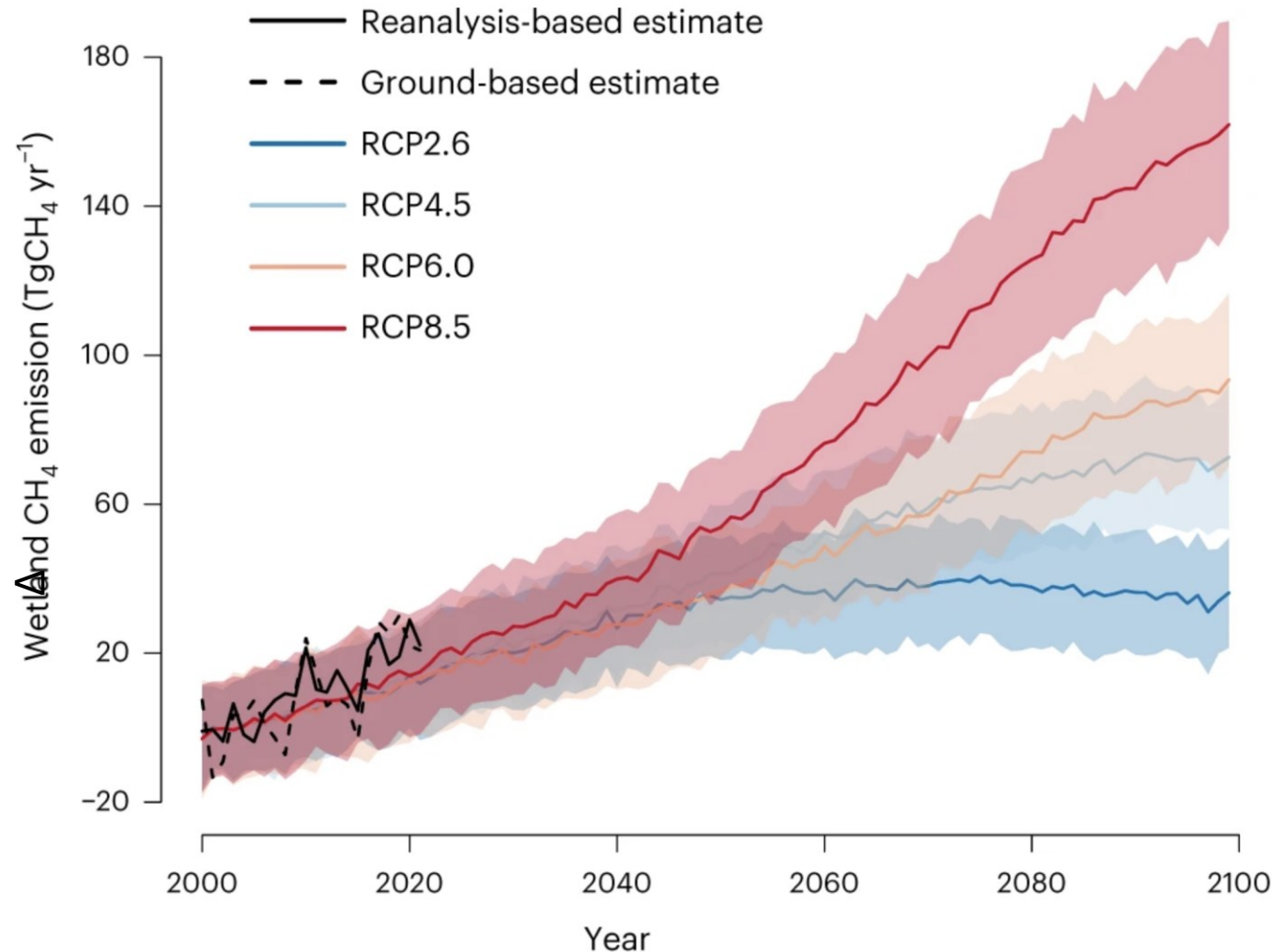
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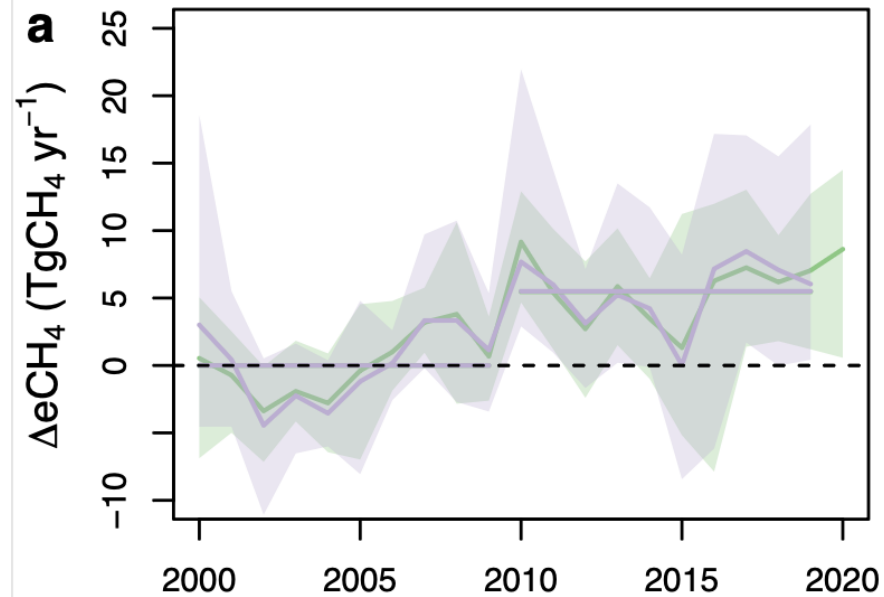
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The positive response of wetland methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions to climate change is an important yet uncertain Earth-system feedback that amplifies atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations. Here, using a wetland model, we report intensified wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions during 2000–2021, corresponding with 2020 and 2021 being exceptional years of growth. Our results highlight the need for sustained monitoring and observations of global wetland CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes to document emerging trends, variability and underlying drivers.

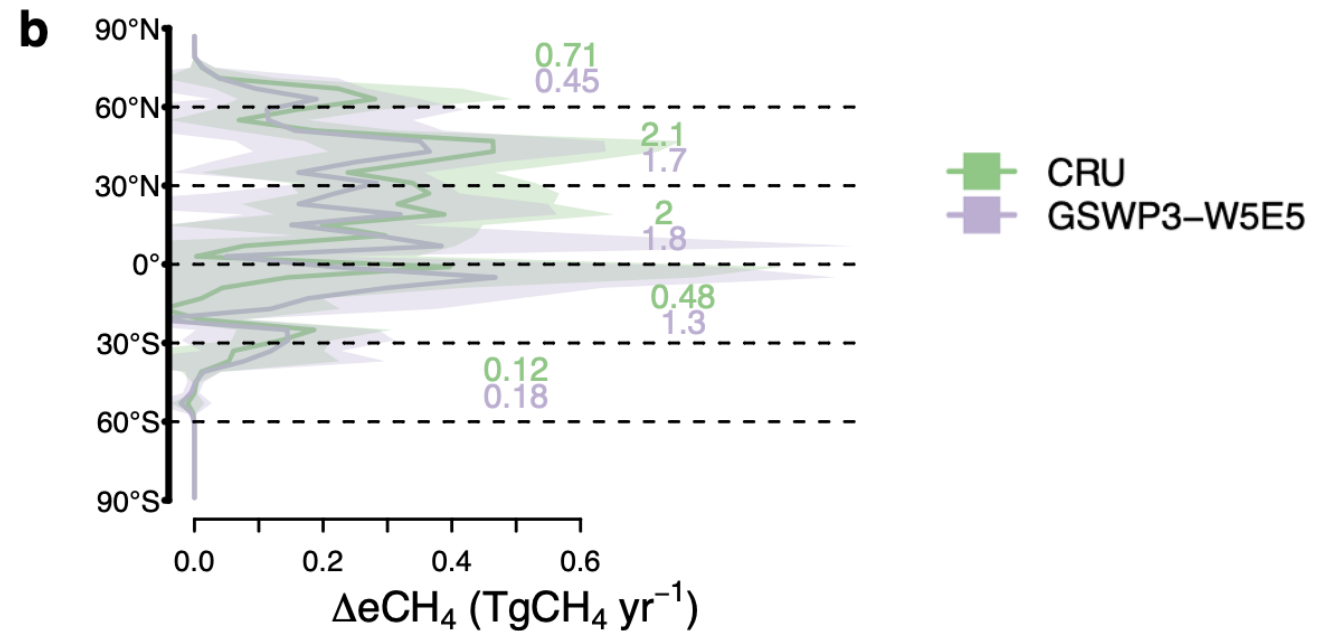


# Model results support enhancing wetland CH<sub>4</sub> feedback (2)

Time series of wetland CH<sub>4</sub> anomaly



Latitudinal change



## Ensemble estimates of global wetland methane emissions over 2000-2020

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# Using measurements to inform CH<sub>4</sub> studies

Knowledge-informed CH<sub>4</sub> ML Model WetCH<sub>4</sub>

## FLUXNET-CH<sub>4</sub> SYNTHESIS ACTIVITY

Objectives, Observations, and Future Directions

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FLUXNET-CH<sub>4</sub>: a global, multi-ecosystem dataset and analysis of methane seasonality from freshwater wetlands



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Key Points:

- Significant model-observation disagreements were found at multi-day and weekly time scales (<15 days)
- Models captured variability at monthly and seasonal time (42–142 days) scales for boreal and Arctic tundra sites but not for temperate and tropical sites
- The model errors show that biases at multi-day time scales may contribute to persistent systematic biases on longer time scales

Supporting Information:

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### Characterizing Performance of Freshwater Wetland Methane Models Across Time Scales at FLUXNET-CH<sub>4</sub> Sites Using Wavelet Analyses

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Variable type	Name	Description	Unit	Data source	Spatial resolution	Temporal resolution
Reanalysis	tas	surface air temperature	° C	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	pa	surface air pressure	Kpa	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	le	latent heat	W m <sup>-2</sup>	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	h	sensible heat	W m <sup>-2</sup>	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	rsdl	downward-incoming longwave radiation	W m <sup>-2</sup>	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	rsds	downward-incoming shortwave radiation	W m <sup>-2</sup>	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	spfh	surface specific humidity	unitless	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	ts1	soil temperature	° C	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	ts2	soil temperature	° C	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Reanalysis	ts3	soil temperature	° C	MERRA2	0.625°×0.5°	1 hourly
Remote Sensing	sm_s_wetness	surface soil wetness	unitless	SPL4SMGP.007	9 km	3 hourly
Remote Sensing	sm_r_wetness	rootzone soil wetness	unitless	SPL4SMGP.007	9 km	3 hourly
Remote Sensing	sm_p_wetness	profile soil wetness	unitless	SPL4SMGP.007	9 km	3 hourly
Remote Sensing	nbar1	red band	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar2	near infrared 1 band	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar3	blue	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar4	green	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar5	near infrared 2 band	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar6	shortwave infrared 1 band	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500m	daily
Remote Sensing	nbar7	shortwave infrared 2 band	unitless	MCD43A4v061	500 m	daily
Remote Sensing	dem	altitude	m	MERIT-DEM	90 m	static
Remote Sensing	slope	terrain slope	radian	Geomorpho90m	90 m	static
Remote Sensing	spi	stream power index	unitless	Geomorpho90m	90 m	static
Remote Sensing	cti	compound topographic index	unitless	Geomorpho90m	90 m	static

(Ying et al., 2024)

# Key Messages

- Anthropogenic emissions are the dominant driver to the rise of growth rate during the last decades.
- Strong evidence suggest ongoing wetland-methane feedbacks.
- Wetland methane feedback is likely playing an important role in the record high growth rate of atmospheric for 2020-2022.

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