

PROJECT. Natural and anthropogenic methane emissions

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Initial allocation of tasks:

Dave and Sean: Develop dynamic wetland distribution model, incorporating connected versus non-connected wetlands (for pH); help with development of prototype CH₄ emissions model

Natalie and Peter: Testing and evaluation of emissions model once prototype emissions model has been implemented, focus on atmospheric methane and tropical emissions

Bill: Develop prototype emissions model, in collaboration with Dave

Inez: Collate anthropogenic emissions data and generate a gridded anthropogenic emissions dataset; static or evolving?

Methane emissions model requirements:

1. Modular, e.g. should work with CN or CASA
2. Model should represent four critical methane processes:
 - i. Allocation of carbon substrate available to methanogens
 - ii. CH₄ production
 - iii. CH₄ oxidation
 - iv. CH₄ transport

Information on CH₄ emissions models:

1. Review of recent mechanistic CH₄ emissions models in <a href=<http://www.wania.net/work.html>>Modelling northern peatland land surface processes, vegetation dynamics, and methane emissions; Rita Wania thesis, Section 1.5
2. LPJ-WhYMe described in <a href=<http://www.wania.net/work.html>>Modelling northern peatland land surface processes, vegetation dynamics, and methane emissions; Rita Wania thesis, Section 4

Information on atmospheric CH₄: ???