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Update on Non-CO₂ Emissions and Budgets



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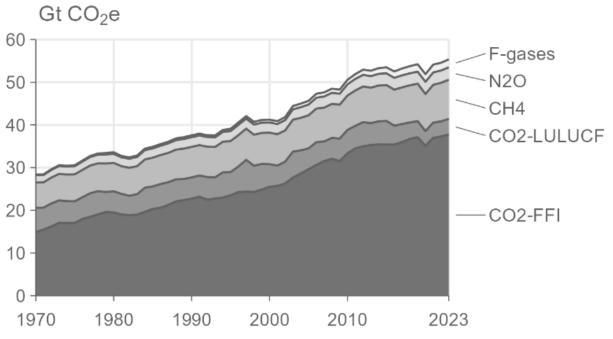
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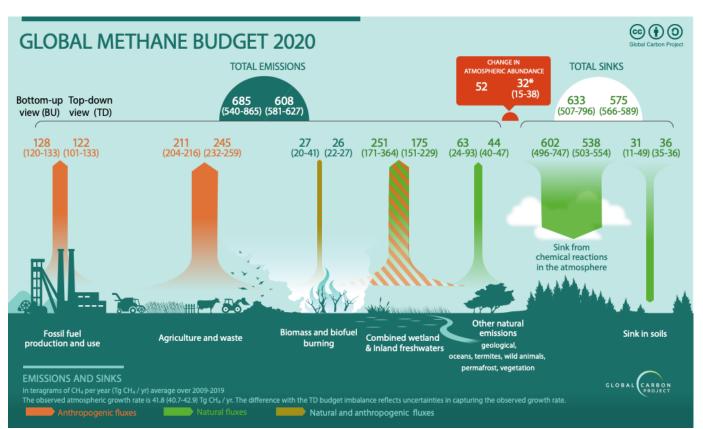
CH₄ and N₂O emissions account for 22% of global anthropogenic GHG emissions

(a) Global total greenhouse gas emissions



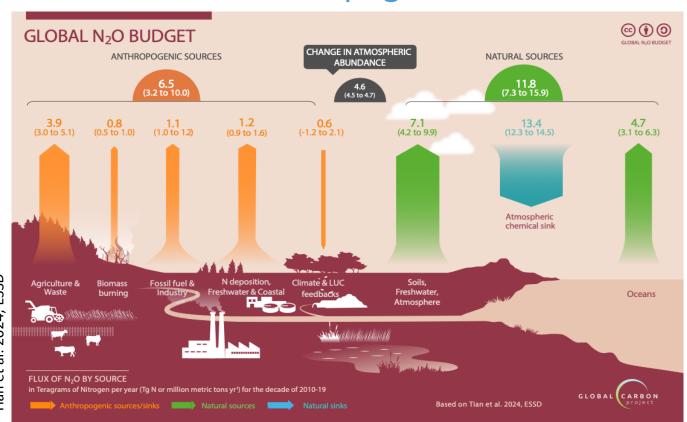
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Agriculture & Waste CH₄ dominates anthropogenic emissions but Livestock and Fossil Fuels emissions are comparable



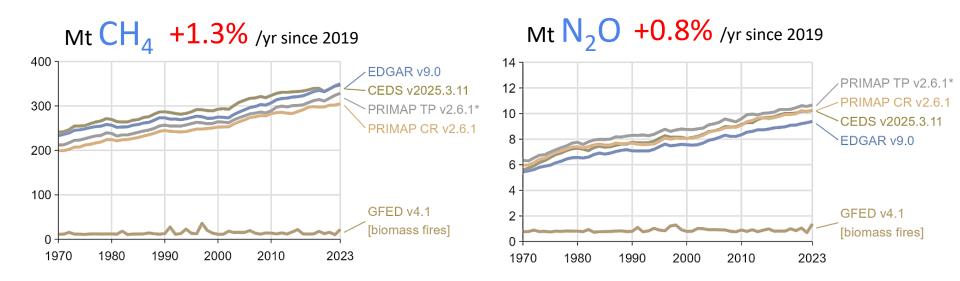
Jackson et al, 2024, ERL Saunois et al, 2025, ESSD

Fertilizers & Manure N₂O emissions are 3x bigger than the next anthropogenic source



Tian et al. 2024, ESSD

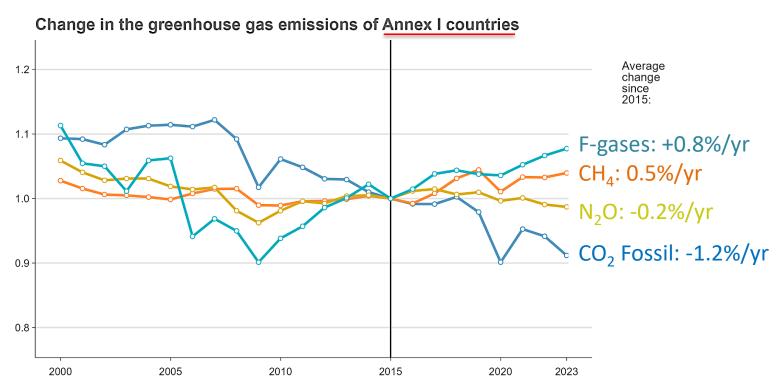
Global anthropogenic CH₄ and N₂O emissions are continuing to grow



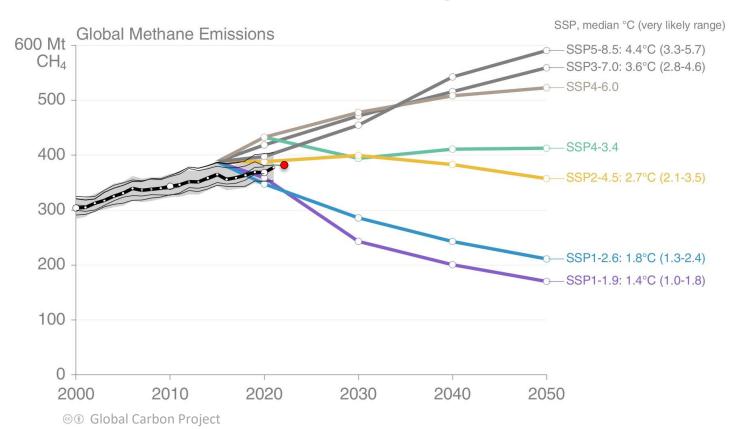
Compared to Fossil CO_2 at 1% /yr since 2019

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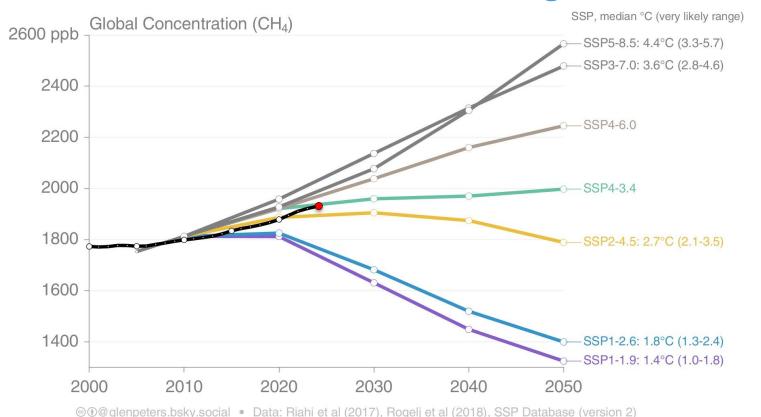
Regional reductions in CH₄ and N₂O emissions are less successful than for CO₂ fossil emissions

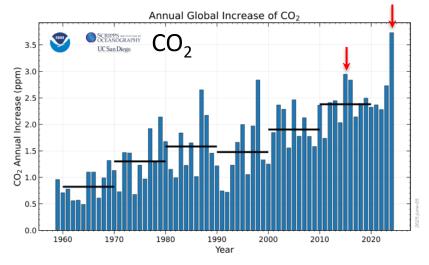


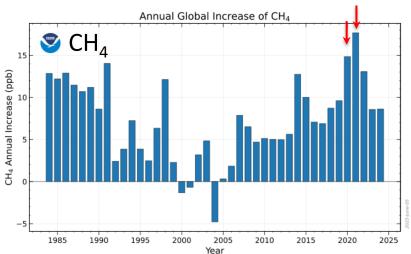
Current CH₄ emission trajectory is not consistent with the Paris Agreement



Current CH₄ concentration trajectory is not consistent with the Paris Agreement

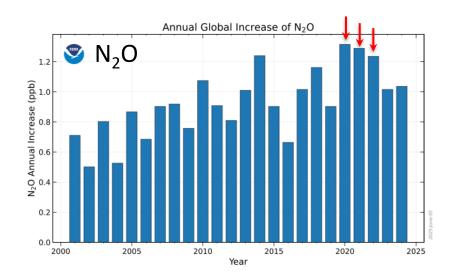






Unprecedented Atmospheric Growth Rates

Responses of the Natural Cycles to higher emissions, pollution, and warmer and more variable climate

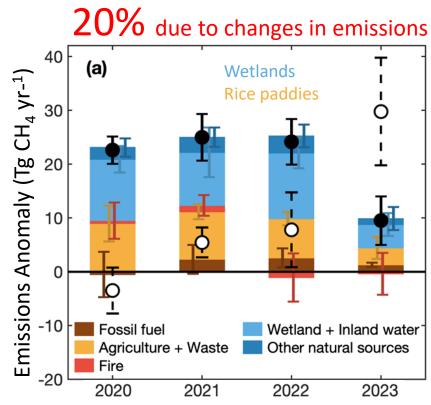


Why did methane surge in the atmosphere during the early 2020s?

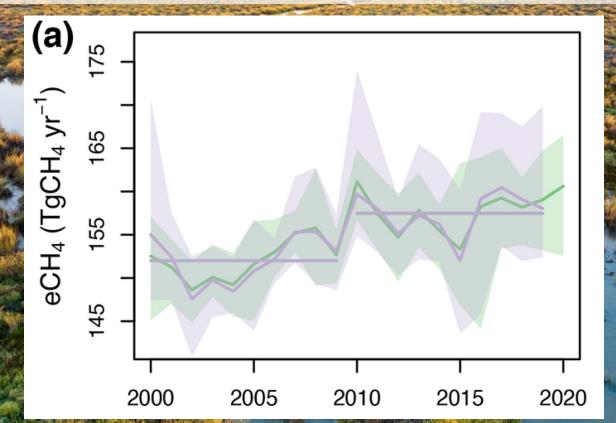
80% due to variations of the chemical capacity of the atmosphere to destroy CH₄ due to reduced pollutants from Covid19 lockdowns (e.g. NOx, Ozone)



Ciais et al. 2025, in review



Global Wetland Methane Emissions have Increased with Warming (decreased with drying)



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