

**Characterization of methane source using vegetation index and precipitation
derived from satellite**

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ABSTRACT : In order to investigate the CH₄ sources, we used SCIAMACHY data to investigate the changes in the CH₄ concentration time series during nine years. As assuming that CH₄ does not emit in the sea, the increase in CH₄ concentration of sea areas is caused by the flowing CH₄ emitted in land. The difference of land and sea methane concentration is the emission of land CH₄ concentration. According to the land CH₄ emission concentration, the high CH₄ emission concentration areas are not only in paddy fields (80ppb/year) but also broadleaf evergreen areas in South America and Central Africa(50- 80ppb/year).we compared the CH₄ emission concentration and vegetation Index. If it assumes that CH₄ is emitted by photosynthetic activity of vegetation then we can explain the changes in CH₄ emission concentration and EVI changes of paddy field and cropland areas. But, there were not much changes in EVI of BEF so it could not explain the ch₄ emission concentration changes.The tendency of the methane emission concentration change of South American BEF and change of precipitation amount is coincided. As a result, the amount of CH₄ from anaerobic bacteria is higher than vegetation activity in BEF.

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