

# Treibhausgasdynamik in montanen gestörten Ökosystemen

## Studien in besonders klimasensitiven Regionen mittlerer Höhenlagen

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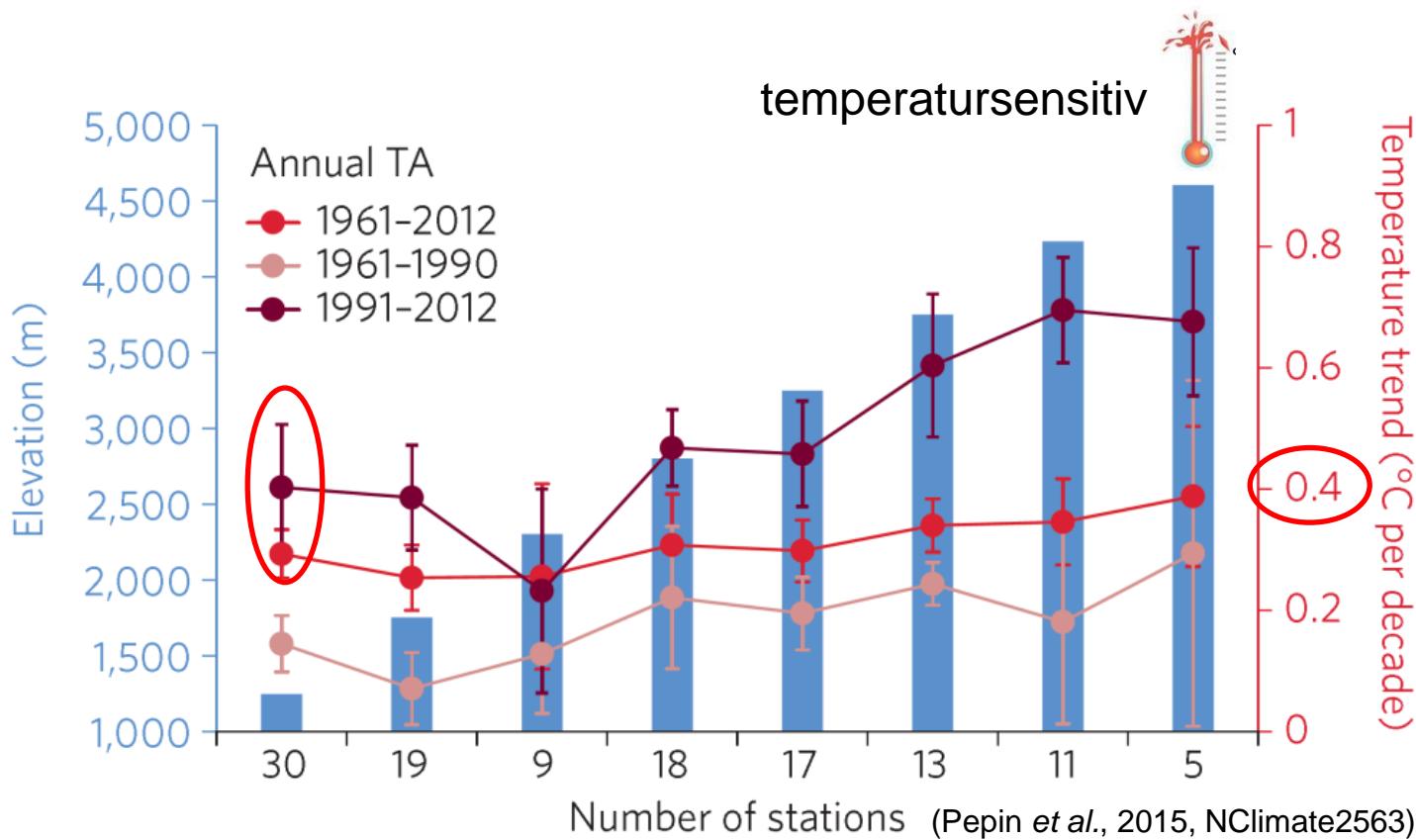


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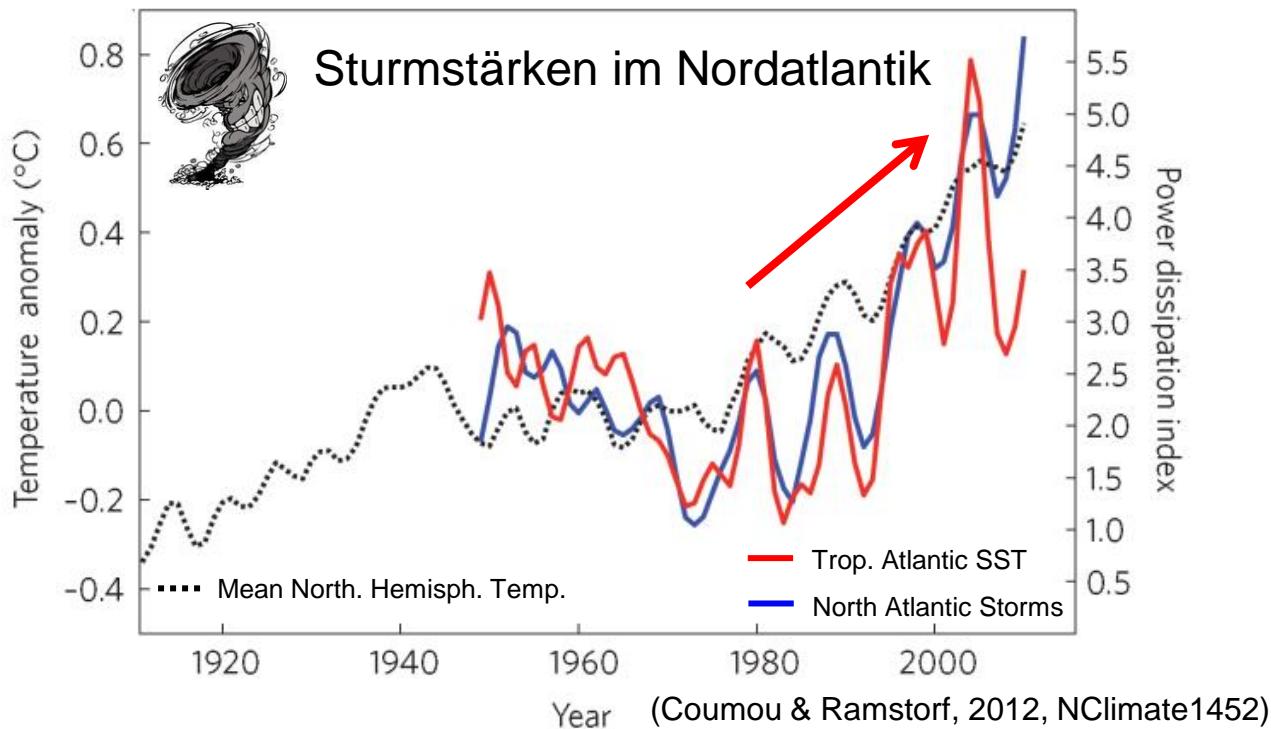
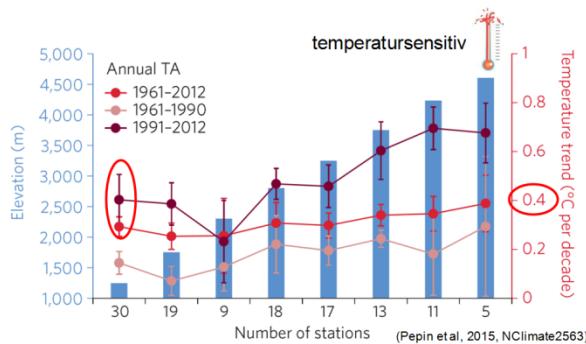


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# Klimawandel in mittleren Höhenlagen



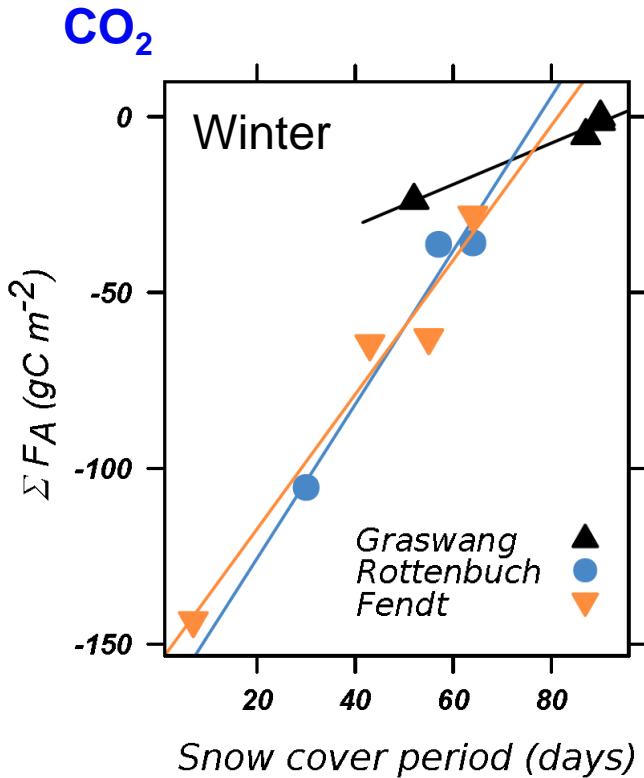
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# Klimawandel(extreme) und Rückkopplungen auf den C-basierten THG Austausch

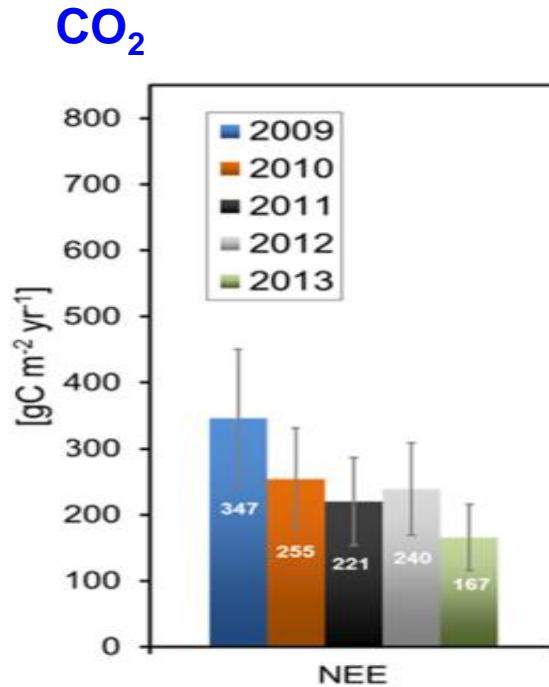
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Wälder in Mittelgebirgen  
mit Windwurf

Bsp. Bayerischer Wald



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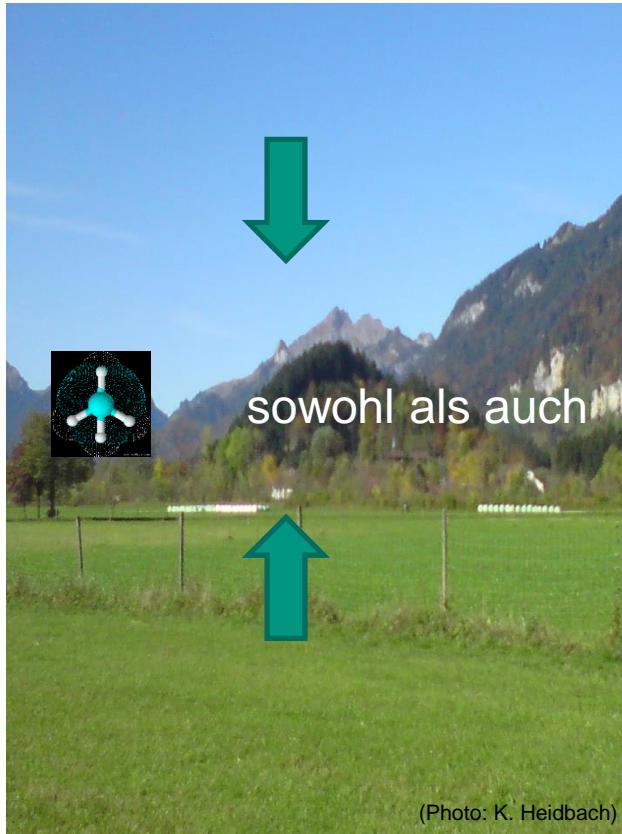
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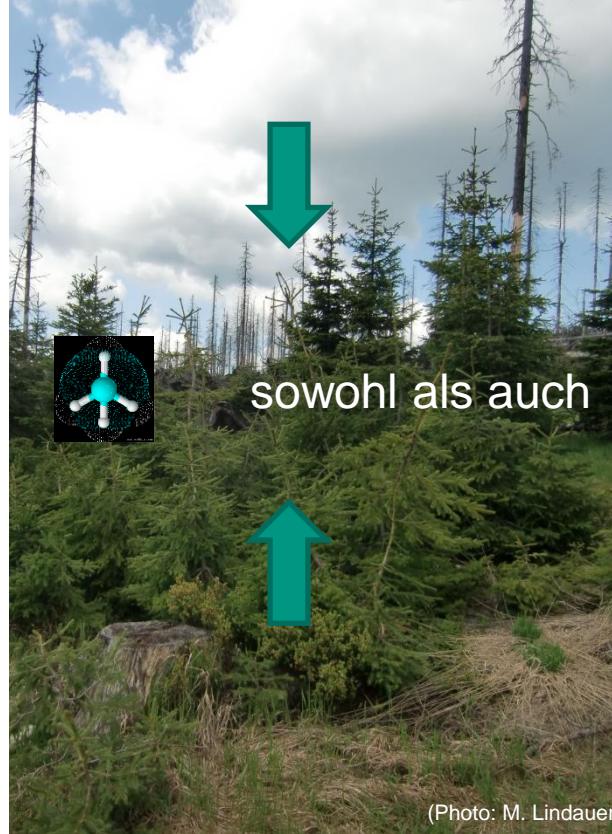
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$\text{CH}_4$



Wälder

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(Hoertnagl *et al.*, 2014, Biogeoscience, 11;  
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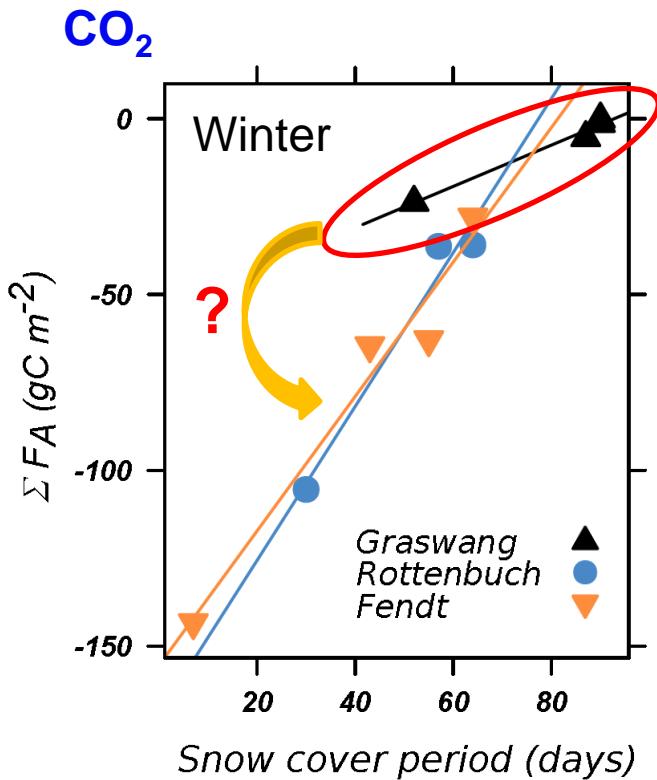
(Krause *et al.*, 2013, AgrForMet., 161;  
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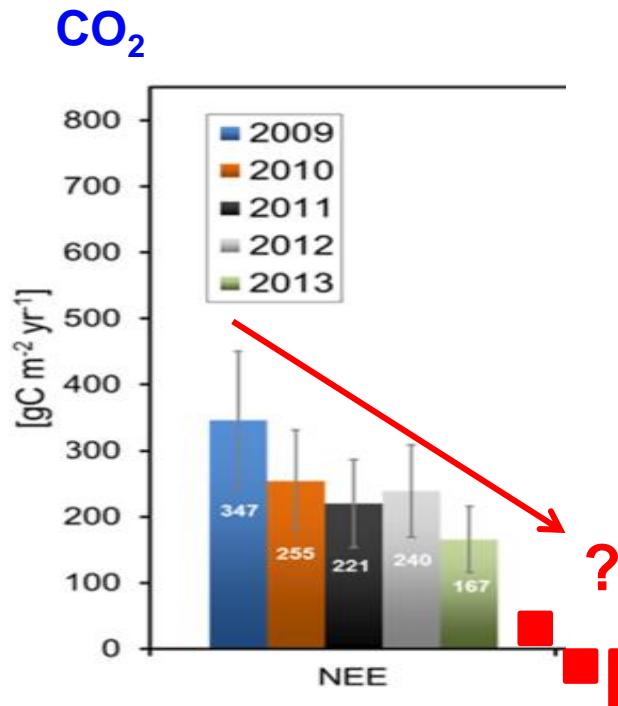
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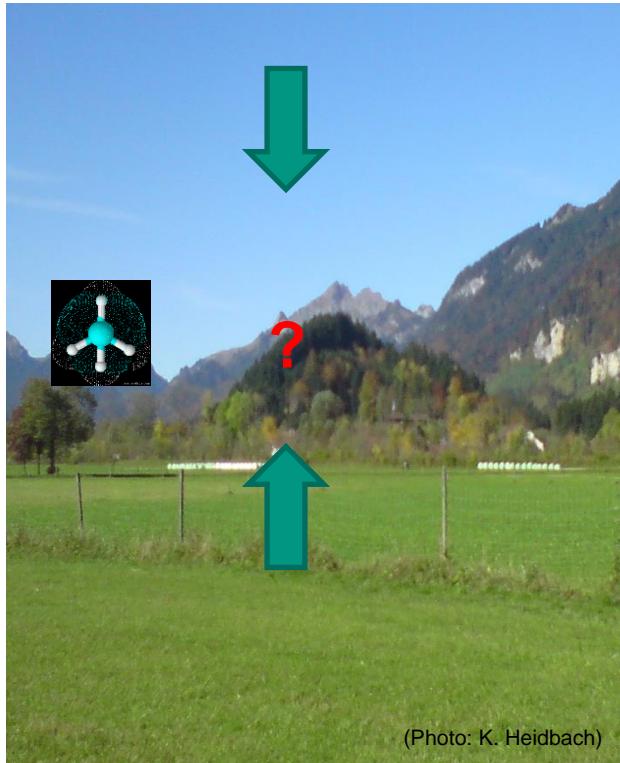


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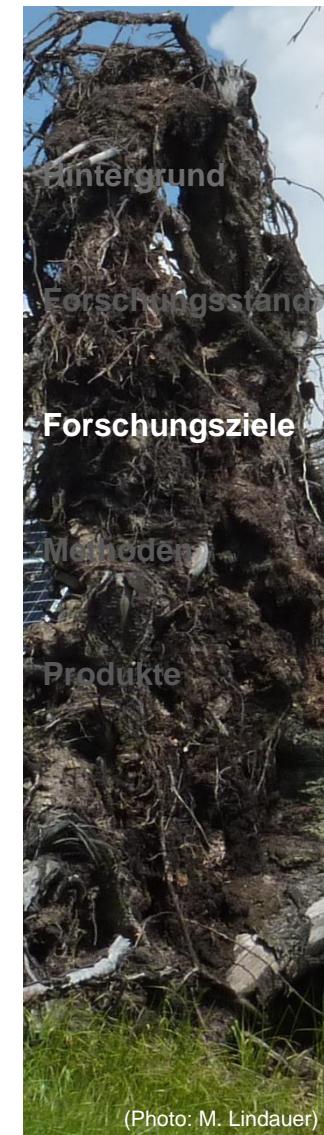
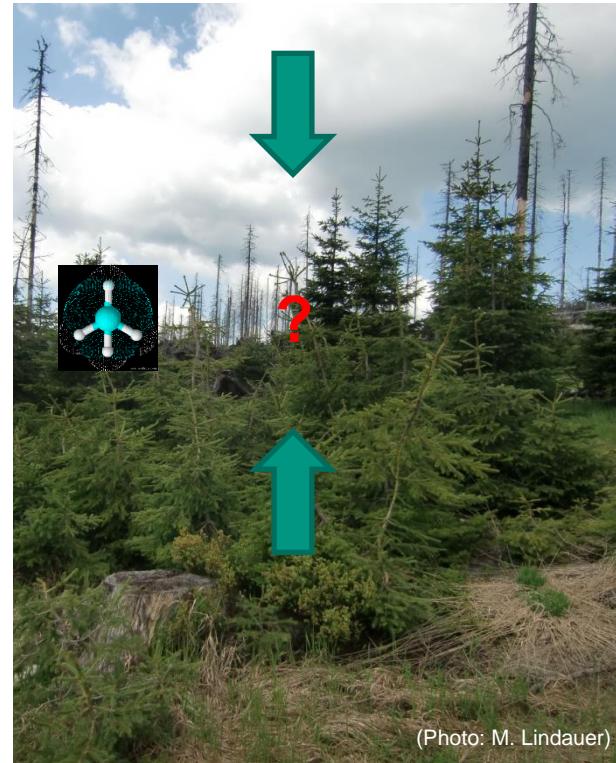
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Wälder in Mittelgebirgen  
nach Störung

Bsp. Bayerischer Wald

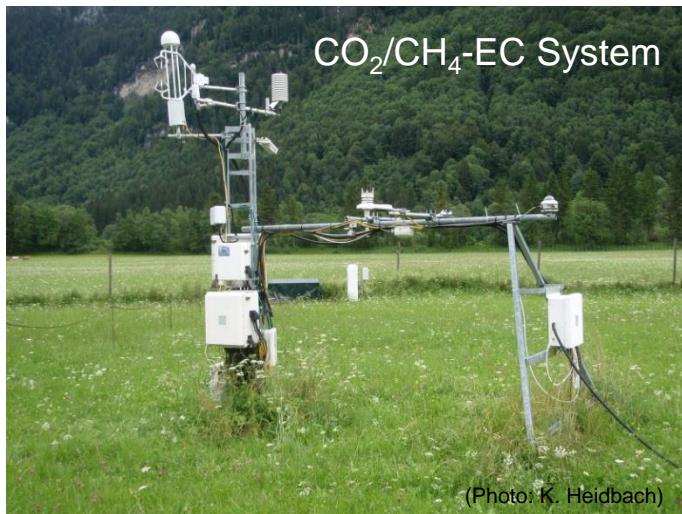
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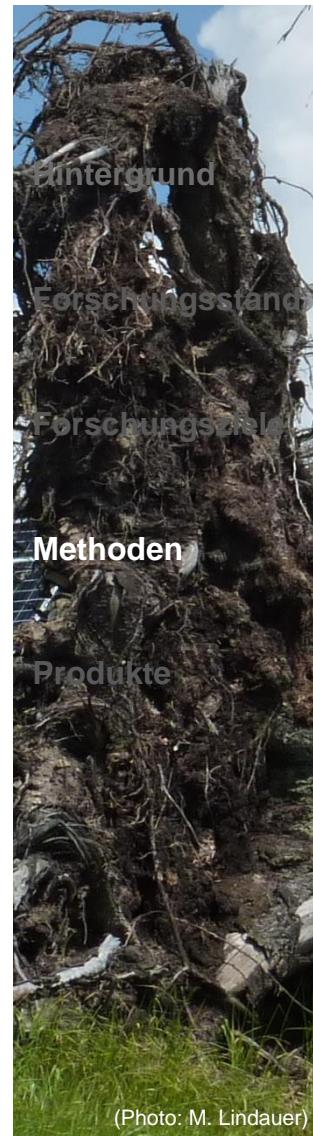
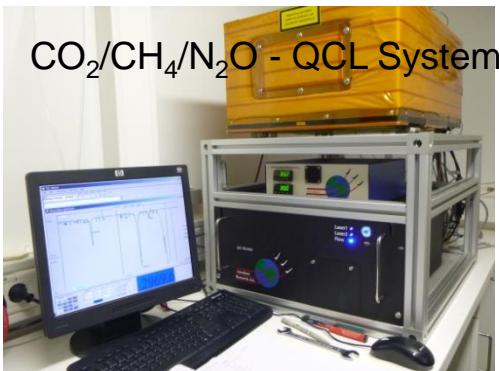
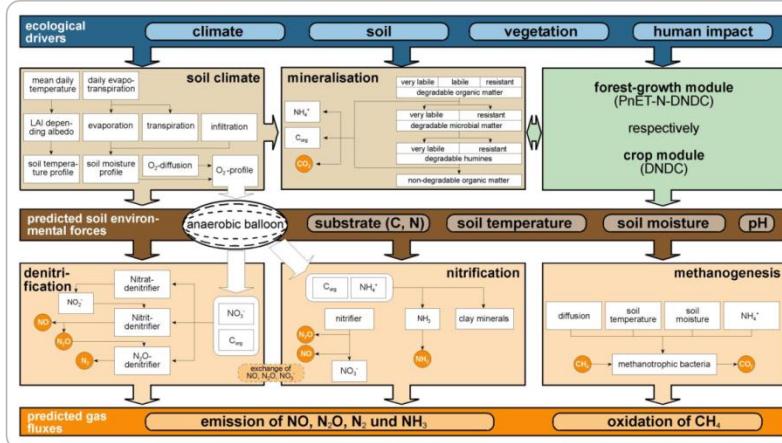
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## LandscapeDNDC Modell

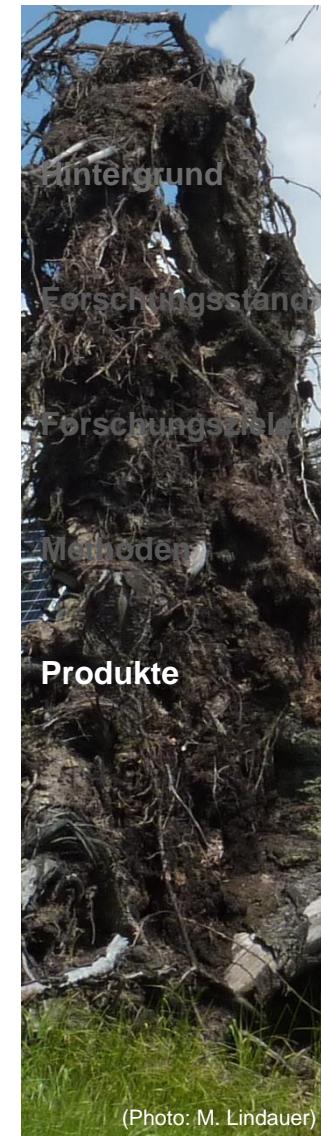


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Grünland

Wälder



- ❖ Weiterentwickelte Methoden zur Quantifizierung des Treibhausgasaustauschdynamik (THG) von komplexen Landoberflächen.
- ❖ Quellen-/Senkenterme von THGs für bisher kaum erforschte Gebiete.
- ❖ Kontinuierliche Datensätze von THGs zur Modellentwicklung und Modellvalidierung.
- ❖ Neue validierte Modelle zur Abschätzung der Relevanz der THG Dynamik in komplexen montanen Landoberflächen für THG Bilanzen.

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# Treibhausgasdynamik in montanen gestörten Ökosystemen: Ein Projektvorschlag

Vielen Dank!

Instrumentierung zur Bestimmung der Ökosystem-dynamik für kohlestoffbasierte Treibhausgase

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By: Wei, Da; Xu-Ri; Tenzin-Tarchen; et al.

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## C Close Abstract

The uptake of CH<sub>4</sub> by aerate soil plays a secondary role in the removal of tropospheric CH<sub>4</sub>, but it is still highly uncertain in terms of its magnitude, spatial, and temporal variation. In an attempt to quantify the *sink* of the vast alpine grasslands (1400000km(2)) of the Tibetan Plateau, we conducted in situ measurements in an alpine steppe (4730m) and alpine meadow (4900m) using the static chamber and gas chromatograph method. For the alpine steppe, measurements (2008-2013) suggested that there is large interannual variability in CH<sub>4</sub> uptake, ranging from -48.8 to -95.8g CH<sub>4</sub>(m(-2)h(-1)) (averaged of -71.5 +/- 2.5g CH<sub>4</sub>(m(-2)h(-1))), due to the variability in precipitation seasonality. The seasonal pattern of CH<sub>4</sub> uptakes in the form of stronger uptake in the early growing season and weaker uptake in the rainy season closely matched the precipitation seasonality and subsequent soil moisture variation. The relationships between alpine steppe CH<sub>4</sub> uptake and soil moisture/temperature are best depicted by a quadratic function and an exponential function ( $Q(10)=1.67$ ) respectively. Our measurements also showed that the alpine meadow soil (average of -59.2 +/- 3.7g CH<sub>4</sub>(m(-2)h(-1))) uptake less CH<sub>4</sub> than the alpine steppe and produces a similar seasonal pattern, which is negatively regulated by soil moisture. Our measurements quantified - at values far higher than those estimated by process-based models - that both the alpine steppe and alpine meadow are considerable CH<sub>4</sub> sinks, despite the cold weather of this high-altitude area. The consecutive measurements gathered in this study also highlight that precipitation seasonality tends to drive the interannual variation in CH<sub>4</sub> uptake, indicating that future study should be done to better characterize how CH<sub>4</sub> cycling might feedback to the more extreme climate.

## Methane and nitrous oxide exchange over a managed hay meadow

By: Hoertnagl, L.; Wohlfahrt, G.

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View AbstractClose Abstract The methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) exchange of a temperate mountain grassland near Neustift, Austria, was measured during 2010-2012 over a time period of 22 months using the eddy covariance method. Exchange rates of both compounds at the site were low, with 97% of all half-hourly CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes ranging between +/- 200 and +/- 50 ngm(-2) s(-1), respectively. The meadow acted as a sink for both compounds during certain time periods, but was a clear source of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O on an annual timescale. Therefore, both gases contributed to an increase of the global warming potential (GWP), effectively reducing the sink strength in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents of the investigated grassland site. In 2011, our best guess estimate showed a net greenhouse gas (GHG) sink of -32 gCO<sub>2</sub> equ. m(-2) yr(-1) for the meadow, whereby 55% of the CO<sub>2</sub> sink strength of -71 gCO<sub>2</sub> m(-2) yr(-1) was offset by CH<sub>4</sub> (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions of 7 (32) gCO<sub>2</sub> equ. m(-2) yr(-1). When all data were pooled, the ancillary parameters explained 27 (42)% of observed CH<sub>4</sub> (N<sub>2</sub>O) flux variability, and up to 62 (76)% on shorter timescales in-between management dates. In the case of N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes, we found the highest emissions at intermediate soil water contents and at soil temperatures close to 0 or above 14 degrees C. In comparison to CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and energy fluxes, the interpretation of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O exchange was challenging due to footprint heterogeneity regarding their sources and sinks, uncertainties regarding post-processing and quality control. Our results emphasize that CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes over supposedly well-aerated and moderately fertilized soils cannot be neglected when evaluating the GHG impact of temperate managed grasslands.

Soil-atmosphere fluxes of the greenhouse gases CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O in a mountain spruce forest subjected to long-term N addition and tree girdling

By: Krause, Kim; Niklaus, Pascal A.; Schleppi, Patrick

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View AbstractClose Abstract At Alptal, Switzerland, nitrogen (N) has been applied as NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> since 1995 in low doses during rain events to realistically mimic increased N deposition to a mature mountain spruce stand. Five years of measurements in a replicated plot design showed that N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from the soil to the atmosphere increased due to the N addition. For CH<sub>4</sub>, this involved a shift from a net sink to a net source. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions did not change significantly, although they averaged lower rates under simulated N deposition. The girdling of 40% of tree basal area, followed by subsequent felling of the girdled trees, increased emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O but reduced net emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> from soils. CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions depended on soil temperature and water table depth. Soil temperature did not affect CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes, whereas net CH<sub>4</sub> production was higher when the water table was closer to the soil surface. Our data highlights the need that future investigations should focus more on the allocation of assimilates to tree roots in order to better quantify the ecosystem's C balance. (C) 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved

High-precision measurements of the methane flux over a larch forest based on a hyperbolic relaxed eddy accumulation method using a laser spectrometer

By: Ueyama, Masahito; Takai, Yuriko; Takahashi, Yoshiyuki; et al.

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View AbstractClose Abstract The precision of current micrometeorological techniques has restricted their applications in measuring small methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) fluxes in forest ecosystems. In this study, we continuously measured CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes using a state of the art laser-based gas analyzer and a hyperbolic relaxed eddy accumulation (HREA) method. The precision of the half-hourly fluxes was estimated at 2.93 nmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The HREA method also contained uncertainties associated with scalar dissimilarity of 1.26 nmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The precision was higher than those obtained in previous eddy covariance studies, because the HREA system did not require density fluctuation and high-frequency attenuation corrections. The observed CH<sub>4</sub> uptake decreased with increases in soil water content during the summer months. The estimated annual methane sink was 673 mg CH<sub>4</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> with uncertainties of +/- 231 mg CH<sub>4</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>. This annual methane sink increased to 868 mg CH<sub>4</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> with the application of friction velocity (u\*) filtering. The uncertainties in gap-filling, storage correction, and scalar dissimilarity were less important than the uncertainties in the u\* filtering. Our technique using the HREA method is a suitable tool for measuring small CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in forest ecosystems, especially in remote sites where frequent maintenance is not practical. (C) 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

