

Supplementary Material

Emission datasets for the p-TOMCAT BASE scenario

The kinetic isotope effects for the methane reaction rates used in the model are listed in Table S1, and the emissions used in the p-TOMCAT BASE scenario described in Table S2. Prescribed surface methane fluxes from anthropogenic sources are taken from EDGAR v4.1 (<http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=41>) for 2005. A seasonal variation has been applied to the EDGAR v4.1 fossil fuel source, following Gurney et al. (2005). Biomass burning emissions are taken from a GFEDv2 climatological average (Van der Werf et al. 2006), and are scaled to 31 Tg yr⁻¹. The geographical and temporal distribution of natural methane emissions from termites, hydrates and wetlands is taken from Fung et al. (1991). Tropical and mid-latitude wetland emissions (<50° N) are scaled to 200 Tg yr⁻¹ (wetland emissions >50° N are left unscaled). Table S2 also shows the source-specific $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and δD signatures used in the model. As for the fluxes, the isotopic signatures used are all subject to a level of uncertainty. Measurements of source δD signatures are currently much more limited than the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signatures and are therefore there is less information about how they vary with source type and region. Out of the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ source signatures, there is a large uncertainty associated with the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ isotopic signature of methane emissions to the atmosphere from subsea permafrost and hydrates. This is discussed in Section 6.3. Observations also suggest a wide geographical spread in the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signature of emissions from the coal industry (e.g. Zazzeri et al. 2015). In the results presented, we have used a $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ signature for emissions from the coal industry of -50 ‰. However, simulations in which emissions were assigned $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of both -35 ‰ and -40 ‰ only had a small impact on the modelled distribution relative to using -50 ‰ and did not influence our conclusions.

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Table S1. Kinetic isotope effects for methane sinks in p-TOMCAT

Methane Sink	KIE ^{12C/13C}	KIE ^{H/D}
CH ₄ + OH	1.0039 ¹	1.29 ⁵
CH ₄ + Cl	1.066 ^{2,3,a}	1.508 ^{4,a}
CH ₄ + O(¹ D)	1.013 ¹	1.06 ¹
Soil Oxidation	1.018 ⁶	1.083 ⁶

¹Saueressig et al. (2001), ²Saueressig et al. (1995), ³Crowley et al. (1999), ⁴Saueressig et al. (1996), ⁵This value is within a range of quoted literature values (Gierczak et al., 1997, Saueressig et al. 2001, Bergamaschi et al., 2000, Tyler et al., 2007), ⁶Snover et al., (2000a), ^aKinetic isotope effects are temperature dependent, the value quoted is for 298 K.

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Table S2. Global methane source magnitudes and isotopic signatures used in p-TOMCAT

Surface Source/Sink	Global flux (Tg/yr)	High latitude (>50°N) flux (Tg/yr)	δ ¹³ C-CH ₄ (‰)	δD-CH ₄ (‰)
Northern Wetlands	30	30.0	-70 ^{d,h,l,n*}	-360 ^{f,n*}
Tropical Wetlands	200	0.0	-55 ^{b,m*}	-320 ^{g,o*}
Hydrates	5	5.0	-55 ^{d*}	-190 ^p
Coal	40	3.2	-50 ^{i,q*}	-140 ^p
Gas	63	15.3	-40 ^{b,n*}	-185 ^{i,j,n*}
Biomass burning	31	3.1	-26 ^b	-210 ^k
Ruminants	110	8.0	-63 ^{a,c*}	-360 ^{a*}
Landfills	27	4.6	-53 ^b	-310 ^{i,p}
Sewage	29	1.8	-57 ^b	-310 ^r
Rice	33	0.0	-62 ^{b,g,m*}	-330 ^{p*}
Termites	20	1.1	-57 ^{e,m*}	-390 ^p
Total	588	72.1		

Source isotopic signature data are based on reported values from: ^aBilek et al., 2001, ^bDlugokencky et al., 2011, ^cLevin et al., 1993, ^dFisher et al., 2011, ^eGupta et al., 1996, ^fNakagawa et al., 2002a, ^gNakagawa et al., 2002b, ^hO'Shea et al., 2014, ⁱQuay et al., 1999, ^jSchoell, 1980, ^kSnover et al., 2000b, ^lSriskantharajah et al., 2012, ^mTyler et al., 1988, ⁿUmezawa et al., 2012, ^oWaldron et al., 1999, ^pWhiticar and Schaefer, 2007, ^qZazzeri et al., 2015, ^rvalue used taken from landfill data, *value is within a range of quoted literature estimates..

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