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## **Physical controls on CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from a newly flooded subtropical fresh-water hydroelectric reservoir: Nam Theun 2**

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## 1 **Supplementary material**

### 2 **S1: Artificial Neural Network**

3 The MLP will approximate highly non linear functions between input vectors X and output  
4 vectors Y (where  $Y=f(X)$ ) and requires no prior knowledge of the nature of this relationship.  
5 In that study, Y is represented by the ebullition flux ( $CH_{4\text{ebullition}}$ ) and X is represented by a set  
6 of 3 inputs (change in total static pressure, total static pressure, and bottom temperature). The  
7 non-linear function f represented by the hyperbolic tangent (tanh). All inputs and output are  
8 normalized and centered in order to avoid artifact in the training process (procedure that  
9 estimates for each normalized parameter a set of weights able to give the smallest error  
10 between actual and desired output.)

$$11 \quad CH_{4\text{fluxnorm}} = w_{12} + w_{13} \cdot \tanh(S_1) + w_{14} \cdot \tanh(S_2) + w_{15} \cdot \tanh(S_3) \quad (S1)$$

12 where  $CH_{4\text{fluxnorm}}$  is the normalized  $CH_4$  flux, and

$$13 \quad S_1 = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i v_{j,\text{norm}} \quad (S2)$$

$$14 \quad S_2 = w_4 + \sum_{i=5}^7 w_i v_{j,\text{norm}} \quad (S3)$$

$$15 \quad S_3 = w_8 + \sum_{i=9}^{11} w_i v_{j,\text{norm}} \quad (S4)$$

16 with  $j=1 \rightarrow 3$

17 where  $v_1$  to  $v_3$  correspond to change in total static pressure (sum of change in water level and  
18 change in atmospheric pressure), total static pressure (water depth + atmospheric pressure)  
19 and bottom temperature, respectively; with

$$20 \quad v_{1,\text{norm}} = x_1 + x_2 * v_1 \quad (S5)$$

$$21 \quad v_{2,\text{norm}} = x_3 + x_4 * v_2 \quad (S6)$$

$$22 \quad v_{3,\text{norm}} = x_5 + x_6 * v_3 \quad (S7)$$

23 All weights  $w_i$  are given in Table S2 the weights  $w_0$ ,  $w_4$ , and  $w_8$  being linked to the bias  
24 neuron (constant term equal to 1).

25 The resulting  $CH_4$  ebullition is finally calculated (in  $\text{mmol.m}^{-2}.\text{d}^{-1}$ ) using:

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$$\text{CH}_{4\text{ebullition}} = x_6 + x_8 * \text{CH}_{4\text{fluxnorm}}$$
 (S8)

2 where  $x_j$  are the normalization coefficient, given in Table S3.

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1 Table S1. Details of the meteorological and physical conditions at the eddy covariance site during the four different deployments. Average,  
 2 standard deviation, and range are given for all variables.

	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	June 2011
Water depth (m)	~10	~10.5	~6.7	~1.5
Wind speed ( $\text{m.s}^{-1}$ )	$2.4 \pm 1.1$ (0.3–6.7)	$2.9 \pm 2.3$ (0.2–10)	$3.0 \pm 1.9$ (0.2–7.3)	$1.4 \pm 0.9$ (0.2–4.3)
Friction velocity, $u_*$ ( $\text{m.s}^{-1}$ )	$0.25 \pm 0.11$ (0.07–0.7)	$0.21 \pm 0.11$ (0.03–0.59)	$0.19 \pm 0.12$ (0.02–0.47)	$0.15 \pm 0.08$ (0.02–0.39)
Relative humidity (%)	$77 \pm 9$ (47–91)	$66 \pm 14$ (35–86)	$72 \pm 11$ (45–87)	$73 \pm 15$ (20–93)
Air temperature, $T_{\text{air}}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$25 \pm 2$ (23–30)	$23 \pm 4$ (16–33)	$22 \pm 3$ (17–30)	$26 \pm 2$ (24–30)
Water temperature, $T_{\text{water}}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$29 \pm 1$ (28–31)	$24 \pm 2$ (21–30)	$23 \pm 1$ (21–27)	$29 \pm 2$ (25–32)
$T_{\text{water}} - T_{\text{air}}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$3.6 \pm 1.2$ (0.2–6.2)	$1.0 \pm 2.6$ (-5.7–5.2)	$1.5 \pm 1.9$ (-3.1–3.9)	$2.9 \pm 1.5$ (0.2–5.3)
Net shortwave radiation ( $\text{W.m}^{-2}$ )	$141 \pm 200$ (-3–634)	$114 \pm 169$ (-4–551)	$219 \pm 314$ (-6–880)	$149 \pm 253$ (-5–1018)
Net longwave radiation ( $\text{W.m}^{-2}$ )	$-28 \pm 11$ (-49– (-6))	$-43 \pm 9$ (-63– (-10))	$-75 \pm 8$ (-88–(-48))	$-38 \pm 15$ (-61– (-6))
Net radiation ( $\text{W.m}^{-2}$ )	$90 \pm 188$ (-51–596)	$67 \pm 171$ (-60–497)	$117 \pm 307$ (-94–777)	$110 \pm 251$ (-66–1011)

1 Table S2. Weights for CH<sub>4</sub> ebullition modeling with neural network parameterization

Weights	
W <sub>(0)</sub>	-0.735741
W <sub>(1)</sub>	-1.93496339
W <sub>(2)</sub>	-1.54455293
W <sub>(3)</sub>	-0.38119742
W <sub>(4)</sub>	0.67514498
W <sub>(5)</sub>	1.81679708
W <sub>(6)</sub>	0.30915645
W <sub>(7)</sub>	-0.31561338
W <sub>(8)</sub>	0.76193471
W <sub>(9)</sub>	0.98635468
W <sub>(10)</sub>	0.7621441
W <sub>(11)</sub>	0.20152095
W <sub>(12)</sub>	0.92422681
W <sub>(13)</sub>	-1.2168297
W <sub>(14)</sub>	-1.0238241
W <sub>(15)</sub>	-1.92242616

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1 Table S3. Normalization coefficients for CH<sub>4</sub> ebullition modeling with neural network  
2 parameterization

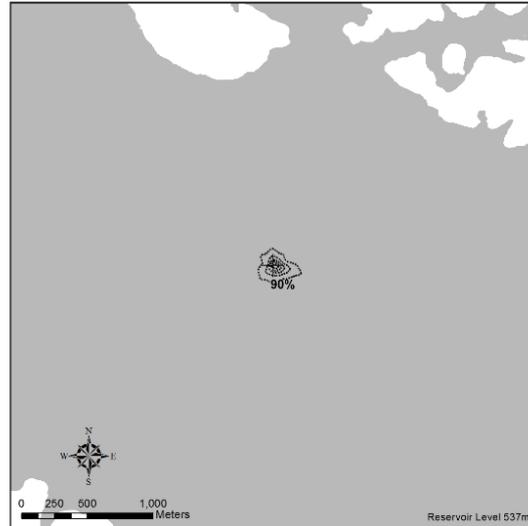
Normalization Coefficients	
x <sub>1</sub>	0.3872344
x <sub>2</sub>	12.520561
x <sub>3</sub>	-4.370062
x <sub>4</sub>	0.302245
x <sub>5</sub>	-11.117316
x <sub>6</sub>	0.557007
x <sub>7</sub>	9.066059
x <sub>8</sub>	9.029213

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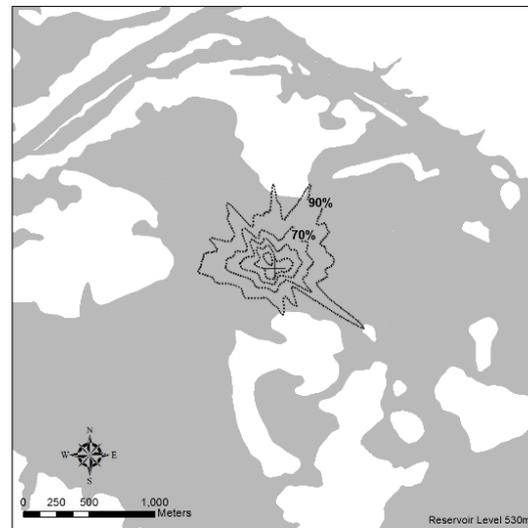
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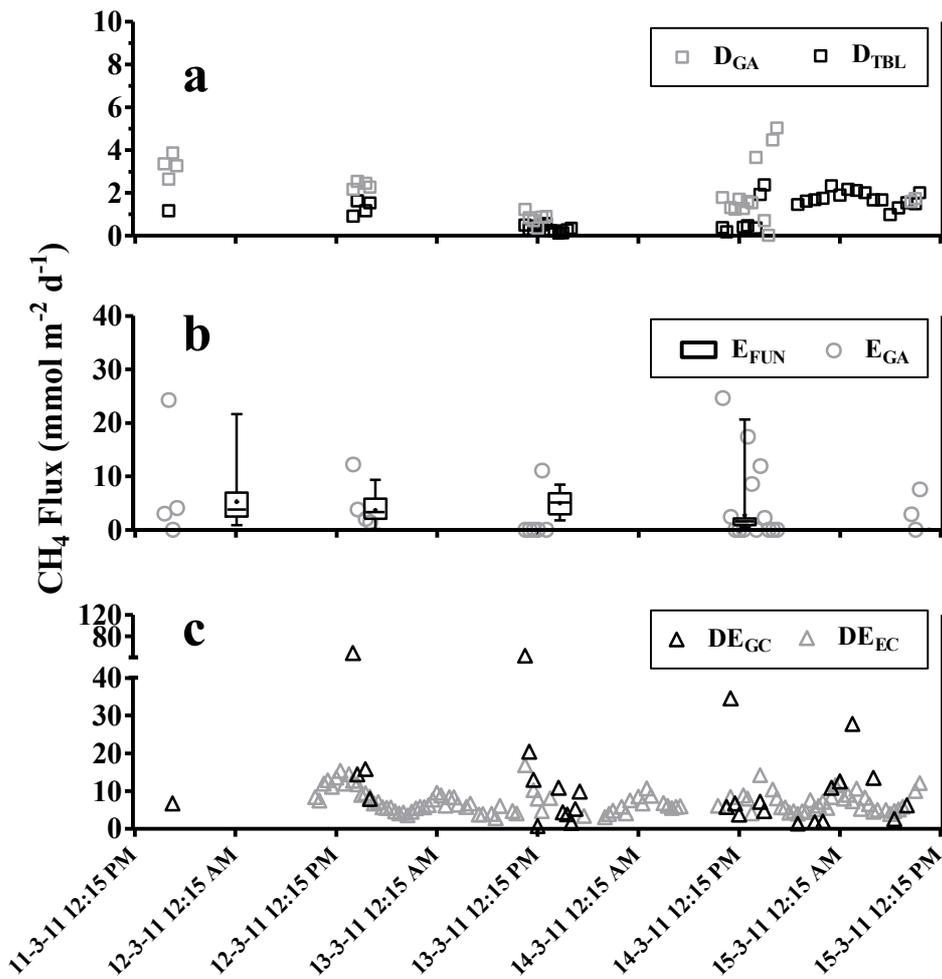
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2 Figure S1: Footprint of the eddy covariance system at Nam Theun 2 Reservoir in (a) May  
3 2009, (b) March 2010, (c) March 2011 and (d) June 2011. Grey area represents the water  
4 surface, white area islands and shoreline. Main shoreline is visible in the Southwest and  
5 Northeast corners

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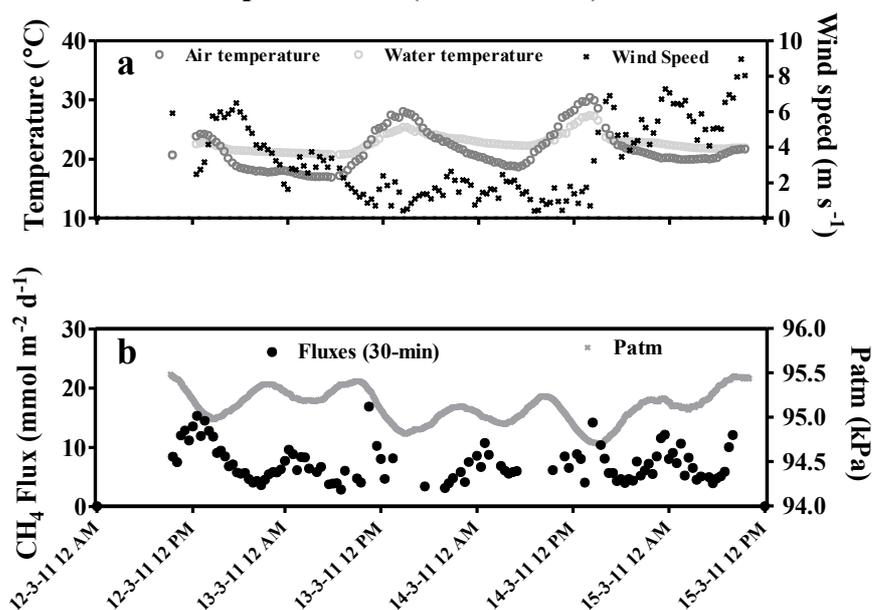


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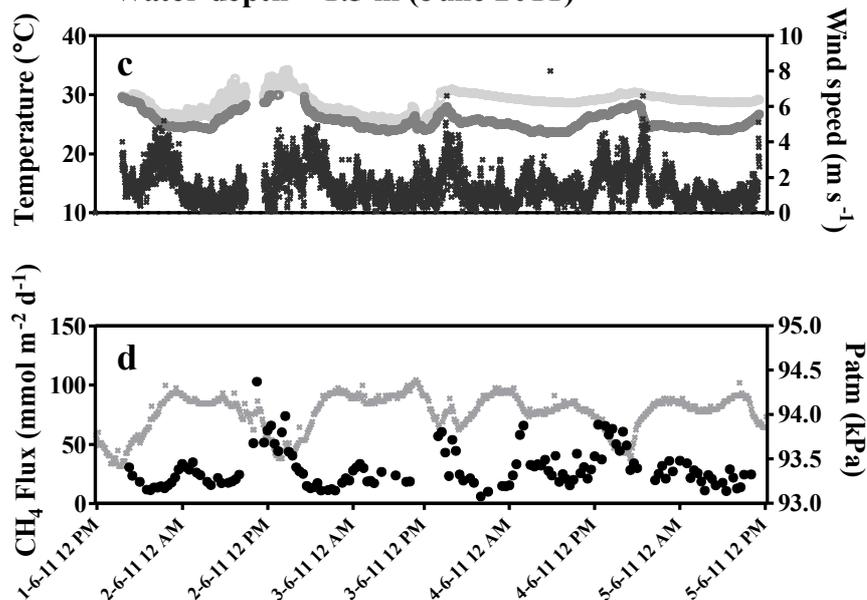
2 Figure S2. Time series of (a) diffusion, (b) ebullition, and (c) total (diffusion +  
 3 ebullition) obtained during March 2011. In panel b, boxes show the median ebullition and the  
 4 interquartile range, and whiskers denote the full range of all values. Plus sign (+) in the box is  
 5 showing the mean value.  $D_{TBL}$ : Diffusion calculated by thin boundary layer (TBL) method  
 6 from surface  $CH_4$  concentrations,  $D_{GA}$ : Diffusion from FC and in situ gas analyser,  $E_{FUN}$ :  
 7 Ebullition from submerged funnel,  $E_{GA}$ : Ebullition from FC and in situ gas analyser,  $DE_{EC}$ :  
 8 Total emissions measured by eddy covariance,  $DE_{GC}$ : Total emissions by FC (diffusion +  
 9 ebullition) affected by ebullition.

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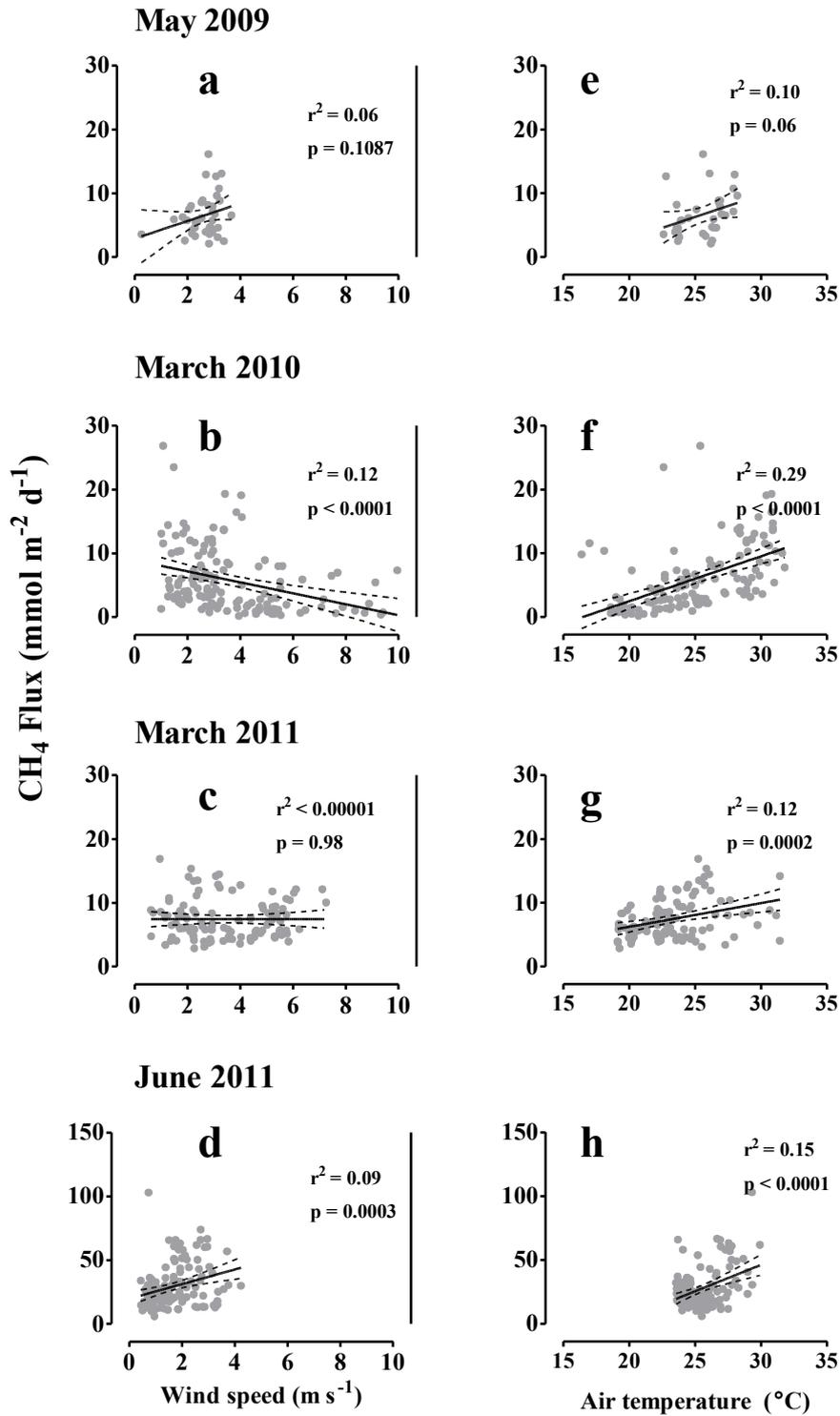
### Water depth = 6.7 m (March 2011)



### Water depth = 1.5 m (June 2011)



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3 Figure S3. Time series of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions measured by eddy covariance (DE<sub>EC</sub>) (b, d), wind  
4 speed (a, c), air temperature (a, c), surface water temperature (a, c) and atmospheric pressure  
5 (b, d), obtained during the March and June 2011 field campaigns. Note the difference in the y-  
6 axis scale between the two field campaigns.



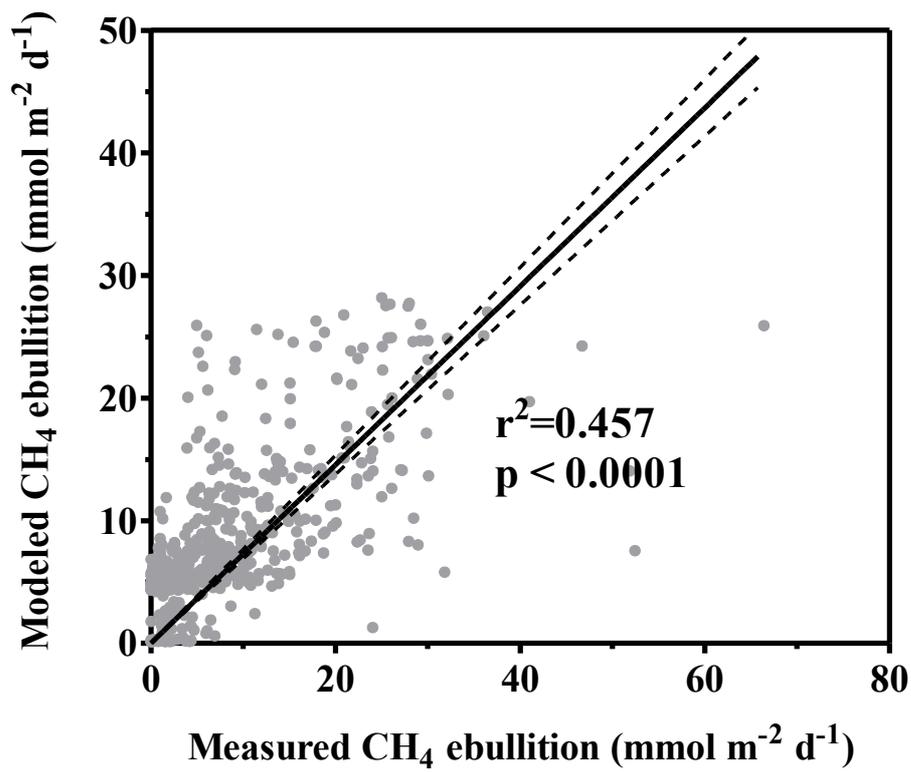
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3 Figure S4. CH<sub>4</sub> emissions measured by eddy covariance (DE<sub>EC</sub>) versus wind speed (a, b, c, d)

4 and air temperature (e, f, g, h) for the four field campaigns. Note that y-axis scale differs for

5 June 2011.



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2 Figure S5. Funnels versus ANN modeled ebullition fluxes.