

Interactive comment on “Effects of free-air CO₂ enrichment (FACE) and soil warming on CH₄ emission from a rice paddy field: impact assessment and stoichiometric evaluation” by T. Tokida et al.

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The paper reports on a "FACE" type experiment to look at changed CH₄ emissions caused by increased CO₂ concentration and/or increased temperature. Because rice production is essential for food security it is important to know whether changed climatic conditions potentially also alter the greenhouse gas emissions. As far as I can understand as outsider the authors are given reasonable mechanistic explanations for their observed changes. I am wonder too which extent "FACE" type experiments can be translated to real world conditions. The measured strong increase with temperature

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should e.g. be seen in CH₄ emission time series over longer period covering a range of ambient temperature. the manuscript certainly would gain in quality in case this aspect could also be discussed.

Because the measured increase of 26% with enhanced CO₂ emissions alone is not significant it has to be explicitly mentioned in the abstract, the indication of the p-value in bracket is misleading. The same holds for the conclusion where the lack of significance is omitted.

Albrecht Neftel, editorial review

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