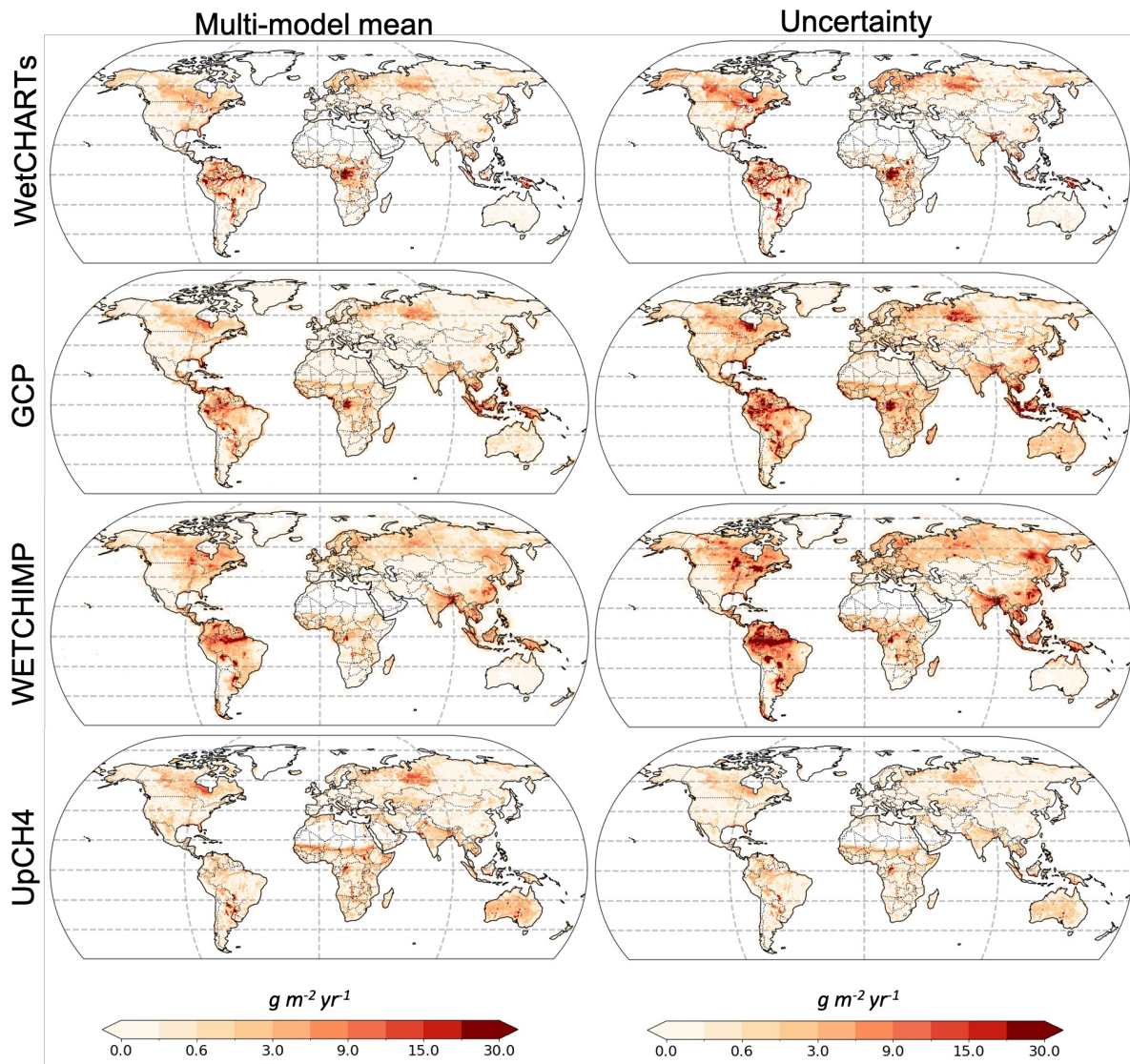


(79-240418-C) **Advancements in Bottom-up Estimates of Global Wetland CH<sub>4</sub> Emissions to Support Atmospheric Chemistry Transport Modeling**

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Wetlands are the largest natural source of atmospheric methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), responsible for around 30% of total surface CH<sub>4</sub> emissions. However, uncertainties in estimating these emissions pose significant challenges for understanding their variations over time and space, and for the scientific community to monitor surface CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from space. To gain quantitative understanding of these challenges, we conduct a comprehensive review of recent advancements, validations, and applications in bottom-up estimates of global wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions. These estimations employ diverse methodologies, including empirical modeling, process-based modeling and data-driven machine learning, and hybrid modeling. Then we showed the GEOS-Chem transport modeling results to highlight large uncertainty stemming from wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions on the seasonality of atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> concentration. To move forward, we suggest continuous, long-term surface measurements in representative wetland areas, coupled with high-fidelity wetland mapping and an appropriate modeling framework, as essential steps to enhance bottom-up estimates of wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions.



**Figure 1.** Spatial distributions of prevailing bottom-up inventories of wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, in terms of multi-model ensemble mean and uncertainty (95 percentile minus 5 percentile across all ensemble members).