

## Origin and seasonal variations of atmospheric methane over western Siberian forest

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The carbon budget in Siberia occupy significant portion of global carbon budget. Besides, the budget must be highly variable due to global climate changes. To quantify the magnitude of the variation, vertical distributions of both CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> have been monitored at least once every month for more than 10 years in western Siberia forest area, using both on land monitoring stations and air crafts. The mixing ratios of CH<sub>4</sub> on surface (500 m) exhibit 45 - 105 ppbv higher mixing ratios than that those at free troposphere (7,000 m), suggesting that the area must be source of CH<sub>4</sub>. In this study, we have determined the stable carbon isotopic compositions of CH<sub>4</sub> to clarify the sources of CH<sub>4</sub> in western Siberia forest, as well as their seasonal variations. This study have been supported by Drs. Mikhail Arshinov and Boris Belan in Inst. Atmos. Optics SB RAS.