

Interactive comment on “Methane production from mixed tropical savanna and forest vegetation in Venezuela” by P. J. Crutzen et al.

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The authors present interesting findings on methane emissions from tropical vegetation in context of a previously overlooked methane source reported by Keppler et al. (2006). A short comment by Kesselmeier has addressed the complexity of upscaling leaf level measurements. New results presented in the current paper could support/constrain conclusions drawn by Keppler et al. 2006.

It might be of interest that the manuscript by Keppler et al. (2006) has created an intense debate by policy makers on Capitol Hill due to the spin given by certain media coverage. An independent assessment of the potentially large methane emissions from live vegetation was requested and a white paper has now been published by the

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