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CH₄ and N₂O emissions from rice field in black earth and mitigative measures

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CH₄ and N₂O emissions from rice field in black earth were determined. The results show that their emission amount from rice growing season are much lower than any other region in China. There is a trade-off relationship between CH₄ and N₂O emissions ($r = -0.513, p < 0.05$). Under the same fertilization compared with continual irrigation, intermittent irrigation can reduce significantly CH₄ emission and increase N₂O emission, but the overall warming potential of greenhouse effect is reduced greatly while rice yield is not affected. So intermittent irrigation is an effective irrigative measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from rice paddy field. In addition the investigation on CH₄ and N₂O emissions and their related microbial process shows positive relation between methanogens number and CH₄ emission ($R^2 = 0.82, p < 0.05$) and shows the important relationship between the numbers of nitrifiers and denitrifiers and N₂O emissions.