



Supplementary Information for
A Gap in Nitrous Oxide Emissions Reporting Complicates Long Term
Climate.

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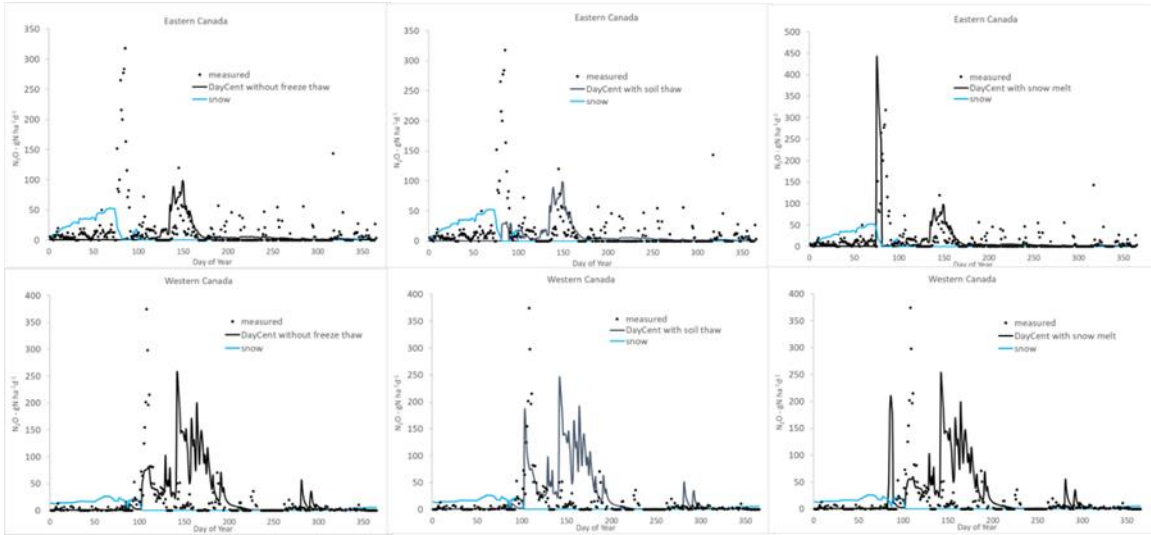


Fig. S1. Simulated and observed N₂O emissions from cropped soils in Eastern and Western Canada comparing DayCent without freeze-thaw and enhancements based on thawing of soil and melting of snow, and simulated snowpack..

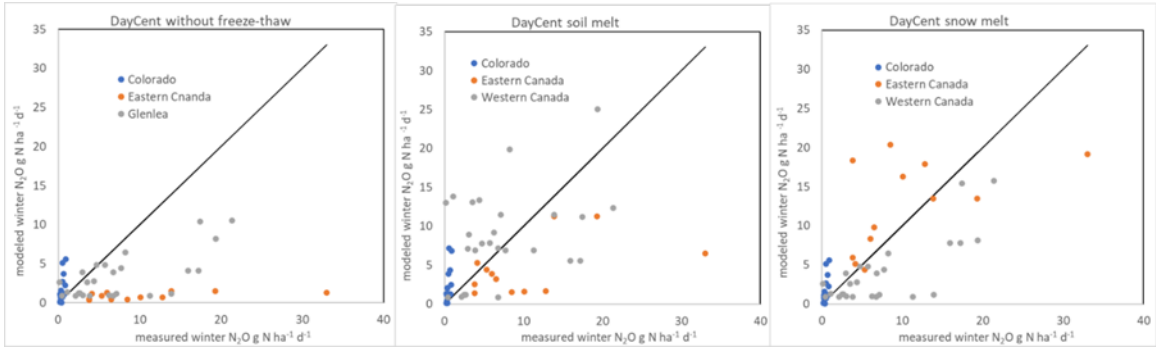


Fig. S2. N₂O emissions from cropped soils used for model parameterization in Colorado, Eastern and Western Canada comparing DayCent without freeze-thaw and enhancements based on thawing of soil and melting of snow.

Table S1. Research sites used for freeze-thaw related N₂O emission calibration of the DayCent model. Fluxes were measured at the Colorado site using ground level chamber-based measurements and the Canadian sites used micro metrological flux data.

Site	crop	tillage	N fertilizer kg N ha ⁻¹	years
ARDEC, Colorado (1)	maize	conventional	0	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	no till	0	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	conventional	130	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	no till	130	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	conventional	170	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	no till	170	2002-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	conventional	70	2003-2004
ARDEC Colorado	maize	no till	70	2003-2004
Elora, Ontario (2)	maize, soybean, wheat, clover	no till	160, 0, 90	2000-2005
Elora Ontario	maize, soybean, wheat	conventional	60 ¹ , 0, 60	2000-2005
Glenlea, Manitoba (3)	maize, faba bean, alfalfa	conventional on maize	90, 0, 0	2006-2012
Glenlea Manitoba	maize, faba bean, spring wheat, rapeseed, barley	conventional	130, 0, 110, 150, 110	2006-2012
Glenlea Manitoba	maize, faba bean, spring wheat, rapeseed, barley	conventional	130, 0, 110, 150, 110	2006-2012
Glenlea Manitoba	Maize, faba bean, alfalfa	conventional	90, 0, 0	2006-2012

¹Organic N

Table S2. Comparisons of the the DayCent model without freeze-thaw) and different optimized freeze-thaw models with N₂O flux data from research sites in Sup. Table 1 for January-April mean fluxes. CFDmin is the minimum cumulative freezing degree days required to trigger a pulse of minimum magnitude and pulse magnitude increases linearly up to CFDmax.

$$CFD = \sum_{i=1}^n (-T_s) \quad \text{For } T_s < 0^\circ\text{C, where } T_s \text{ is soil temperature at 5 cm depth and } n = \text{number of days over the non-growing season}$$

Event Conditions	Event Activation	CFDmin	CFDmax	Site level Comparisons			Inversion Comparison
				RMSE	Bias	r	r
No freeze thaw				7.57	-3.99	0.45	0.74
Snow Accumulation	Snow Melt			6.21	-0.27	0.49	
CFD without reset after F-T events	Thawing in 0-2 cm	90	180	7.34	0.10	0.52	
CFD with reset after F-T events	Thawing in 0-2 cm	5	25	6.49	-0.33	0.57	
CFD without reset after F-T events	Thawing in 2-5 cm	100	180	6.74	-0.22	0.56	0.81
CFD with reset after F-T events	Thawing in 2-5 cm	5	10	6.28	-0.33	0.56	
Snow Accumulation, CFD without reset after F-T events	Snow Melt	190	280	5.31	-0.93	0.56	0.68
Snow Accumulation, CFD with reset after F-T events	Snow Melt	110	160	4.52	-0.36	0.56	0.71

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