

Peatlands and their carbon dynamics in northern high latitudes from 1990 to 2300: A process-based biogeochemistry model analysis

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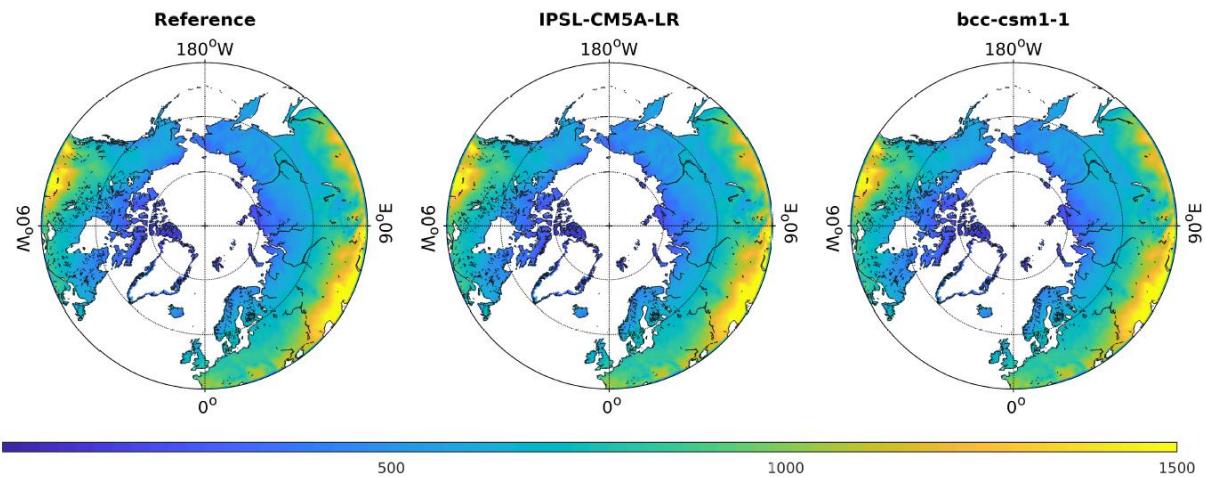


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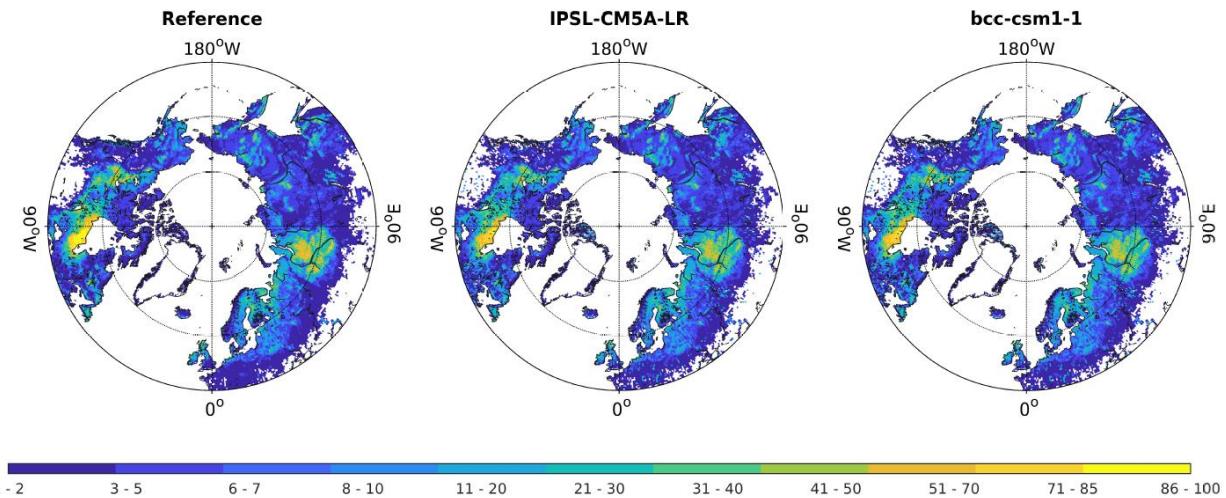


Figure S2. Comparison between the reference and calibrated wetland abundance (%) interpolated with TOPMODEL approach. The reference dataset is the average peatland abundance of three peatland maps (Xu et al., 2018; Hugelius et al., 2020; Melton et al., 2022), and calibration is conducted for IPSL-CM5A-LR and bcc-csm1-1 climate inputs, respectively. The grid cells with less than 1% wetlands are left blank.

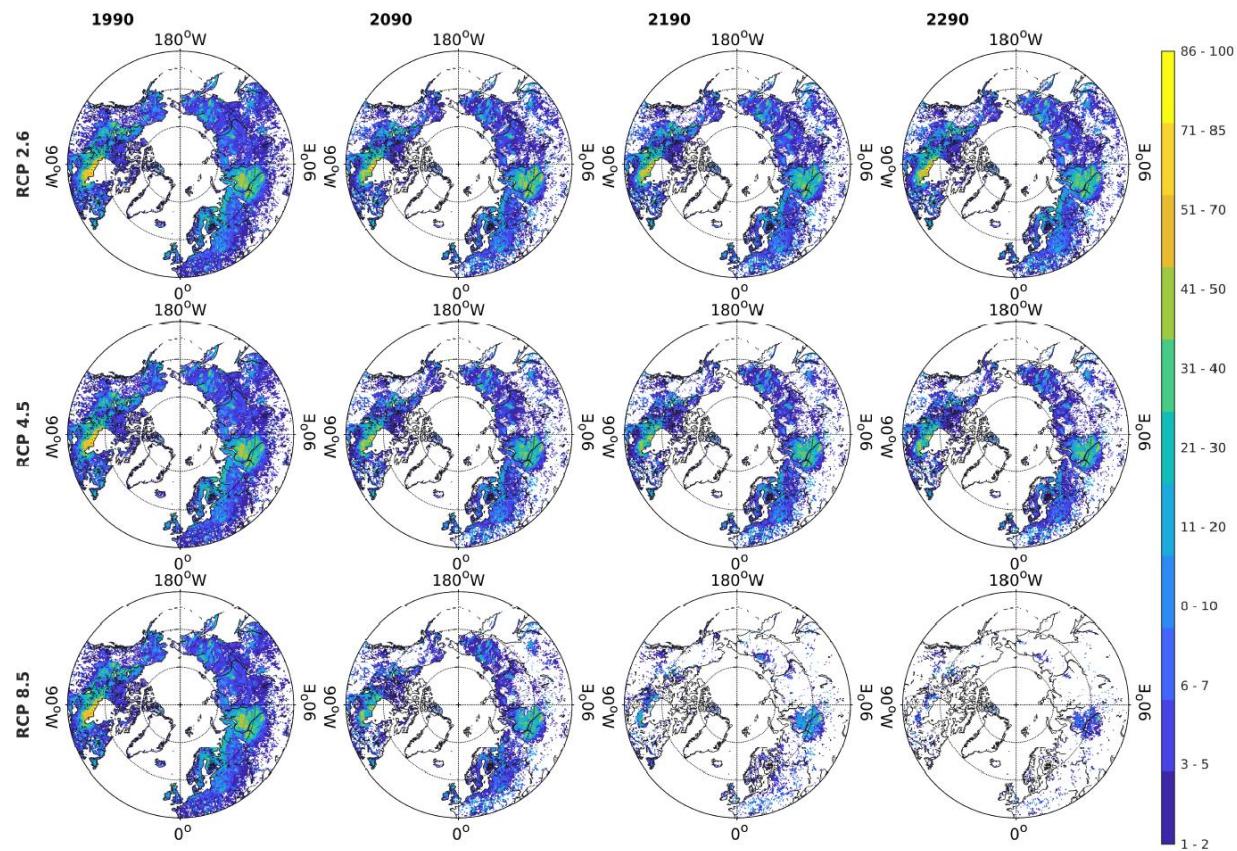


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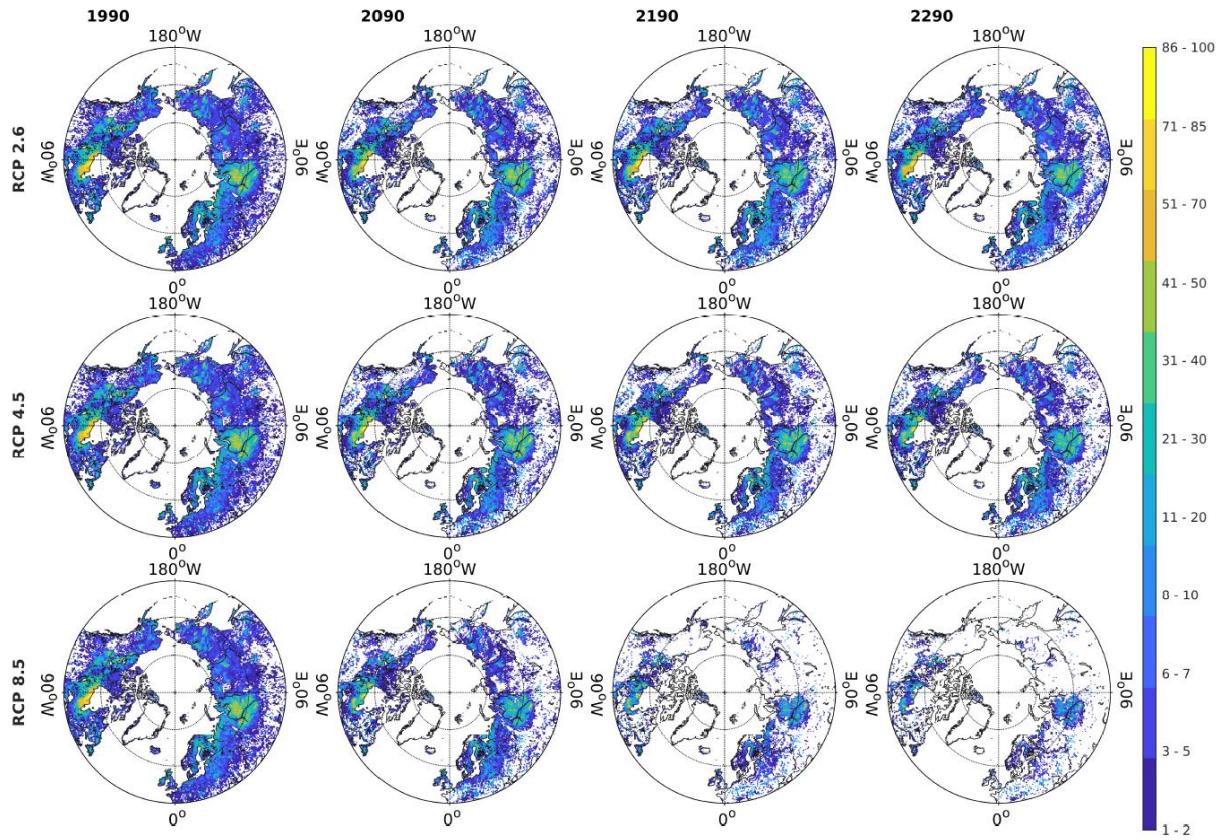


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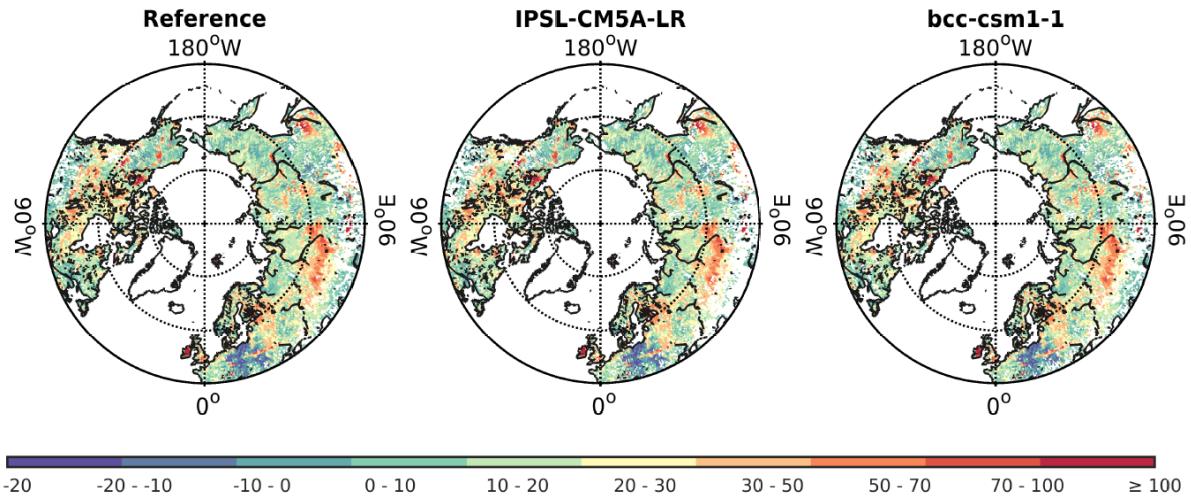


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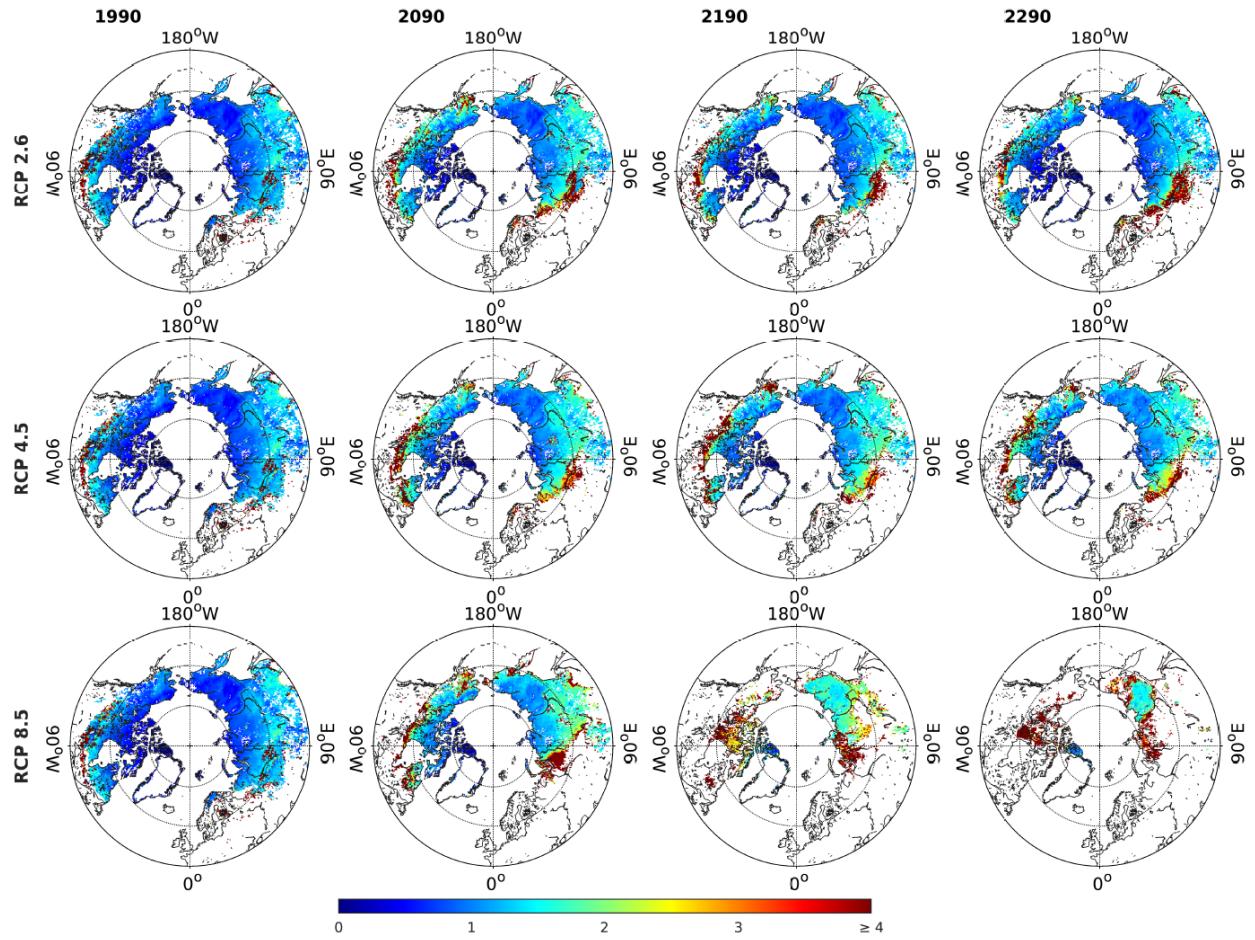


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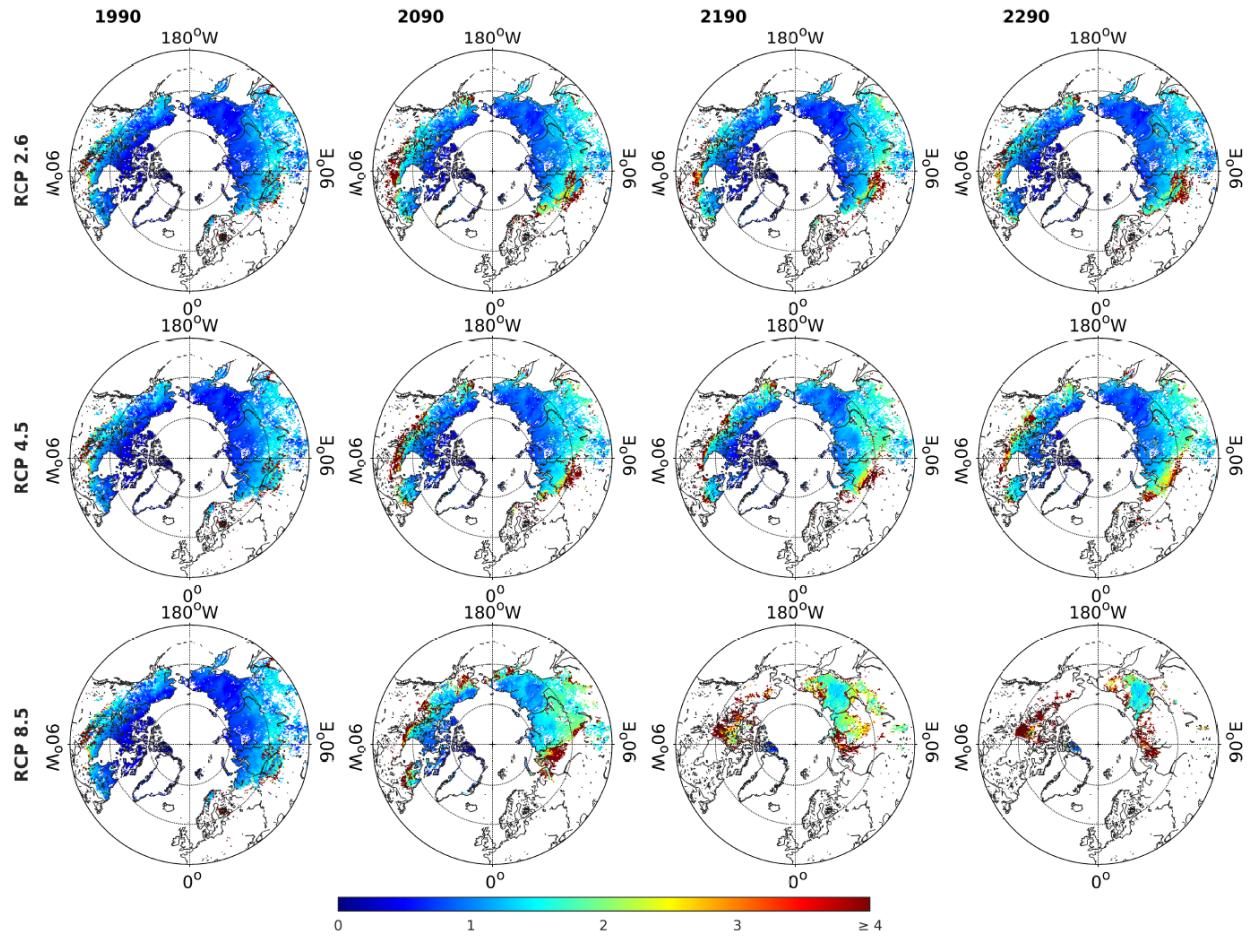


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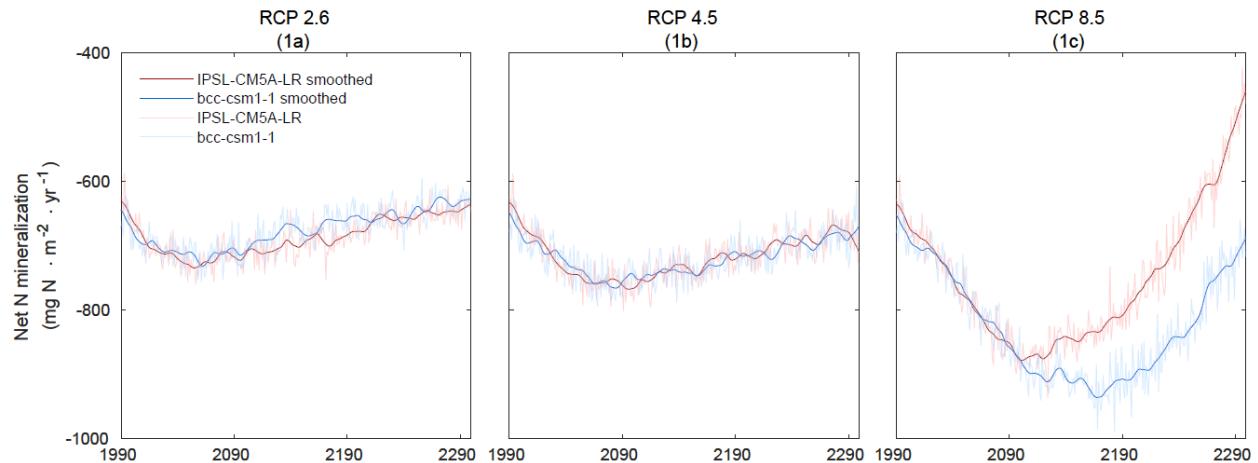


Figure S8. Time series of pan-Arctic peatland average net N mineralization rate C ($\text{mgN} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{yr}^{-1}$). Lower negative values indicate more net N mineralization and more plant available N in soils.

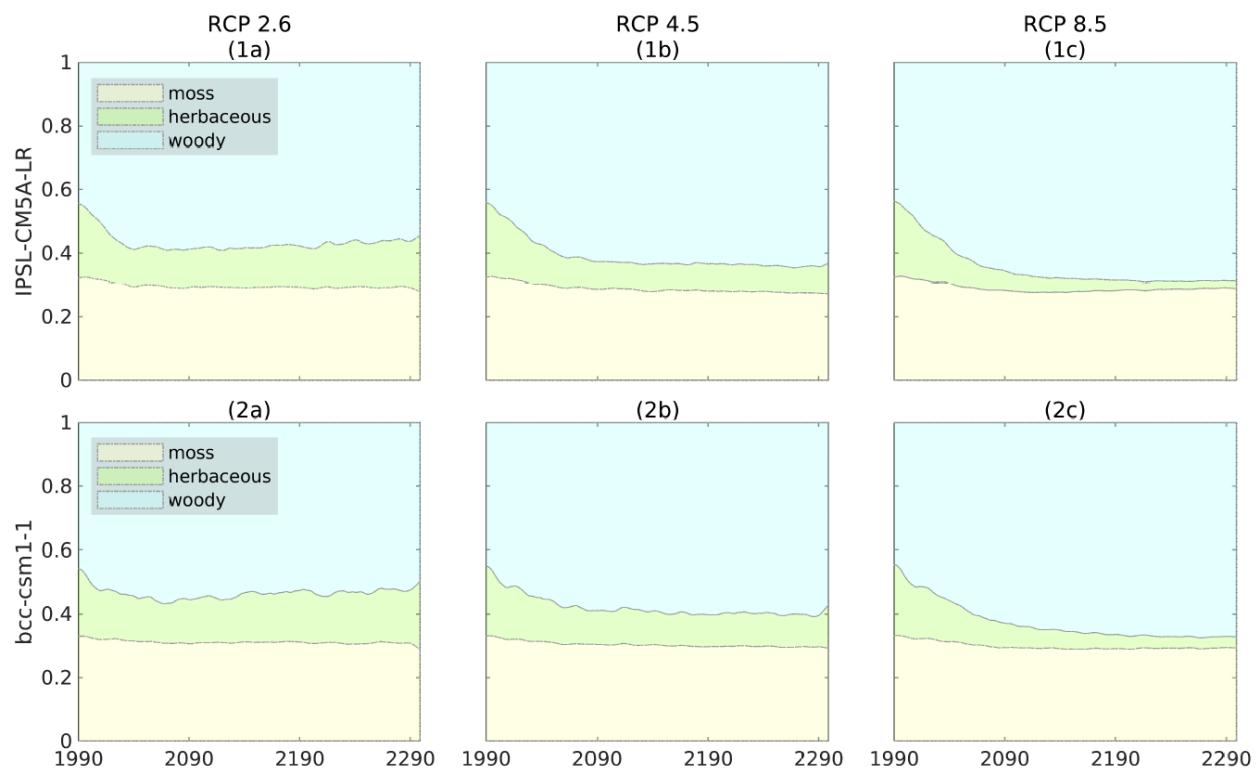


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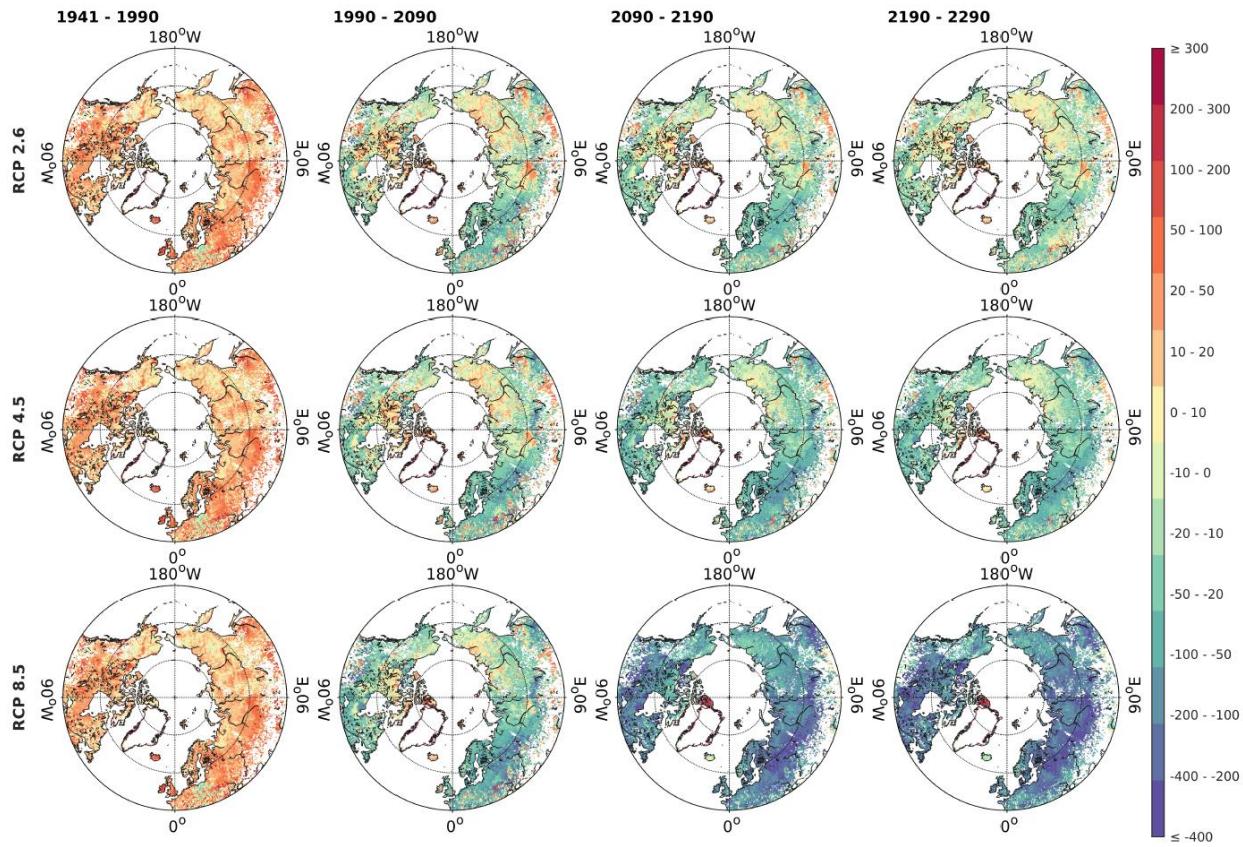


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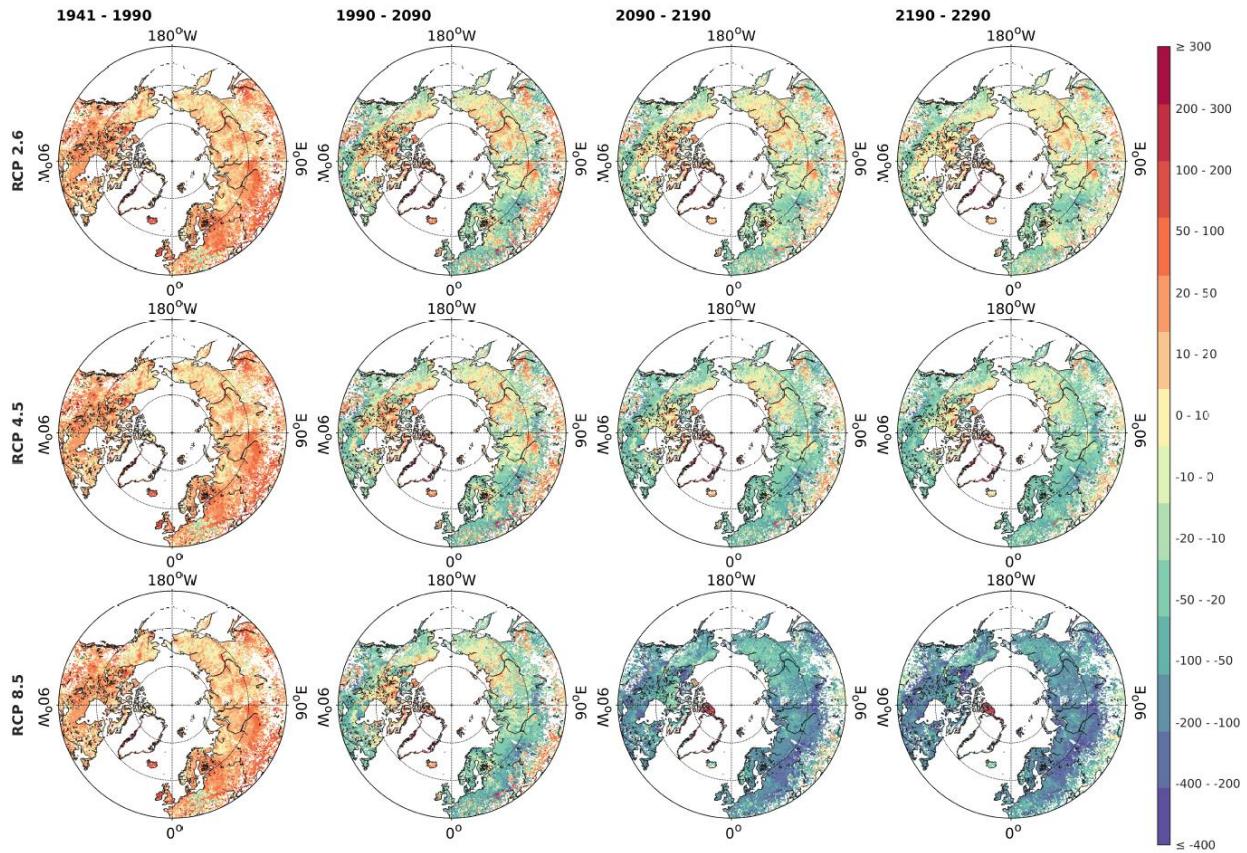


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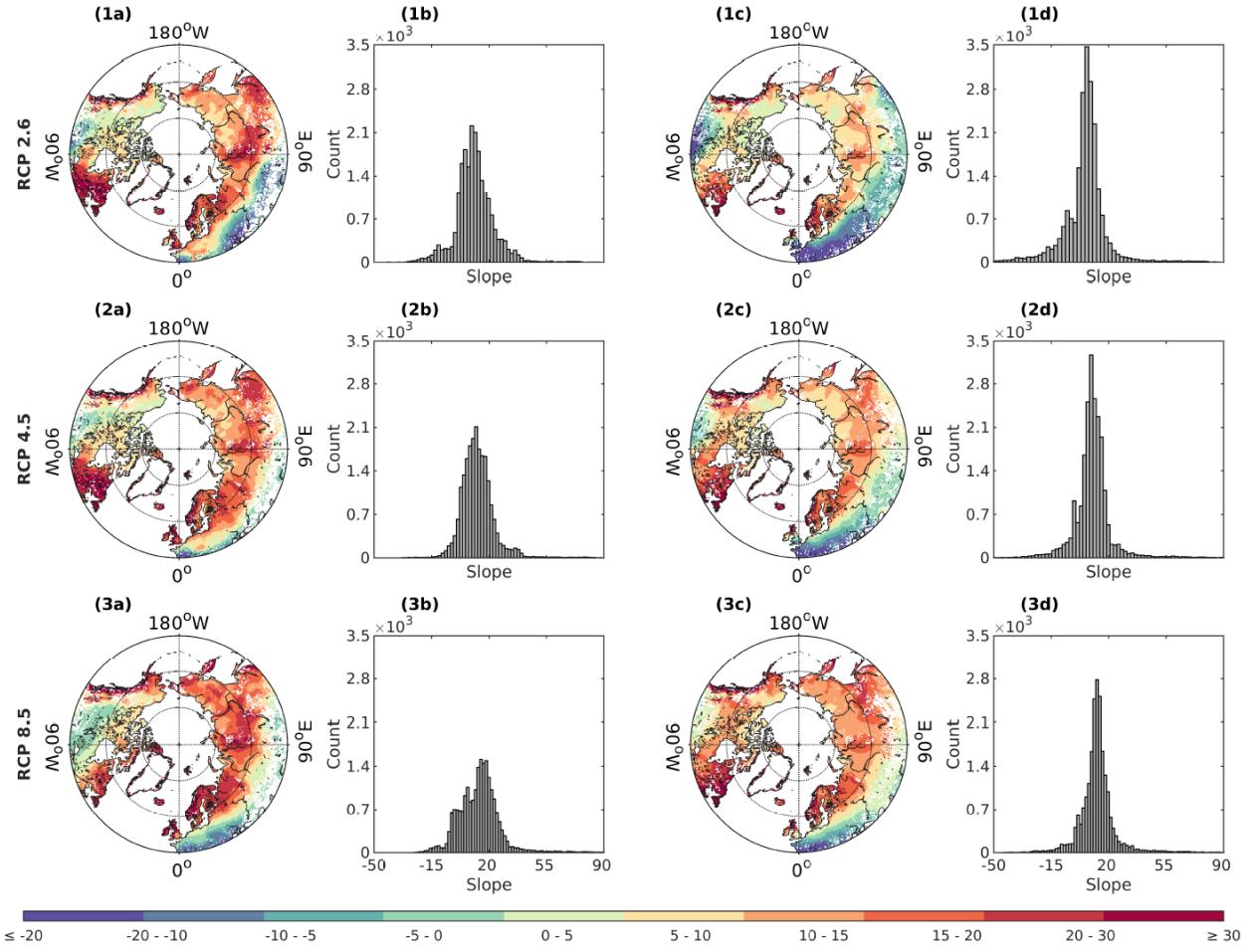


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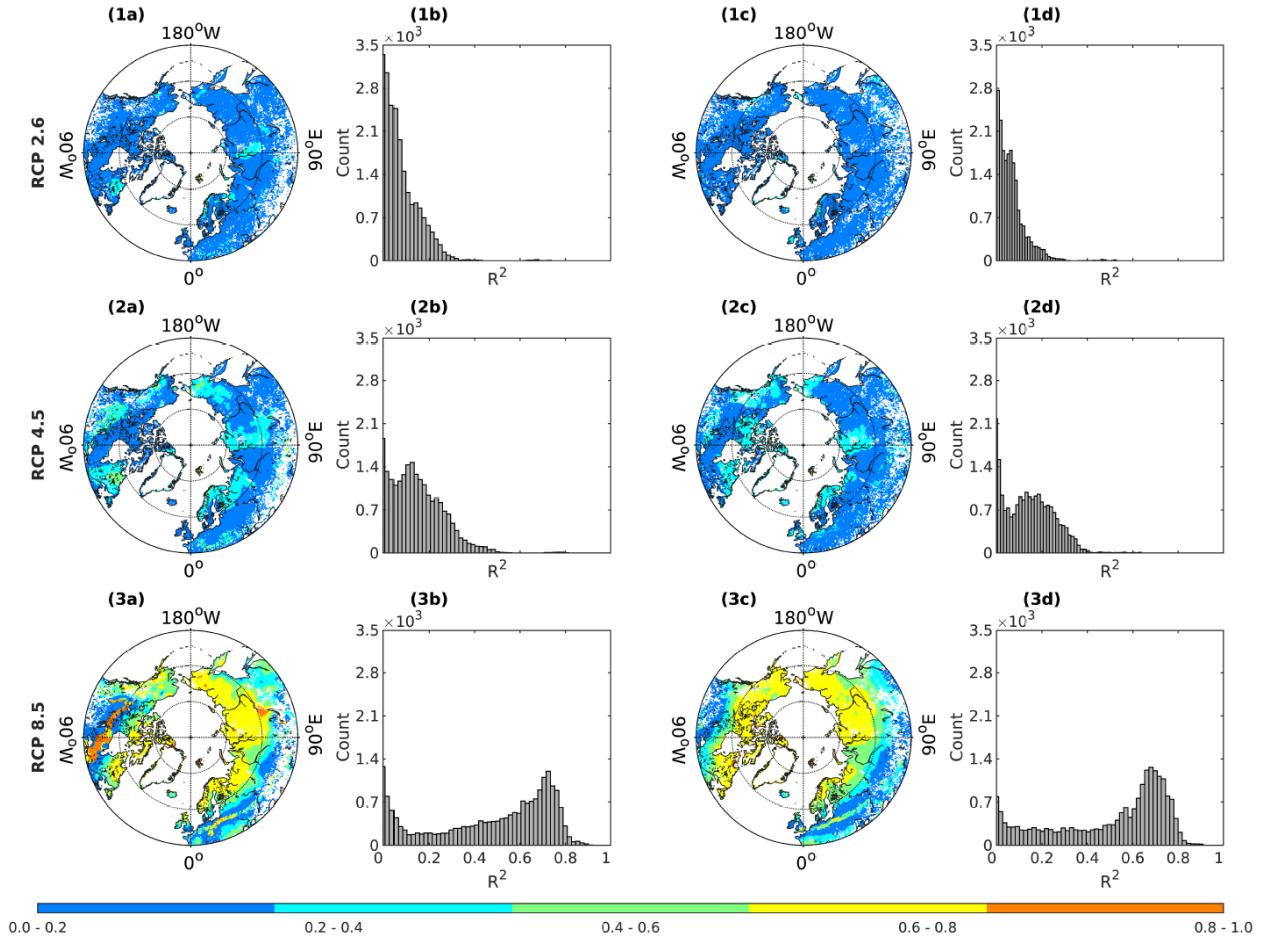


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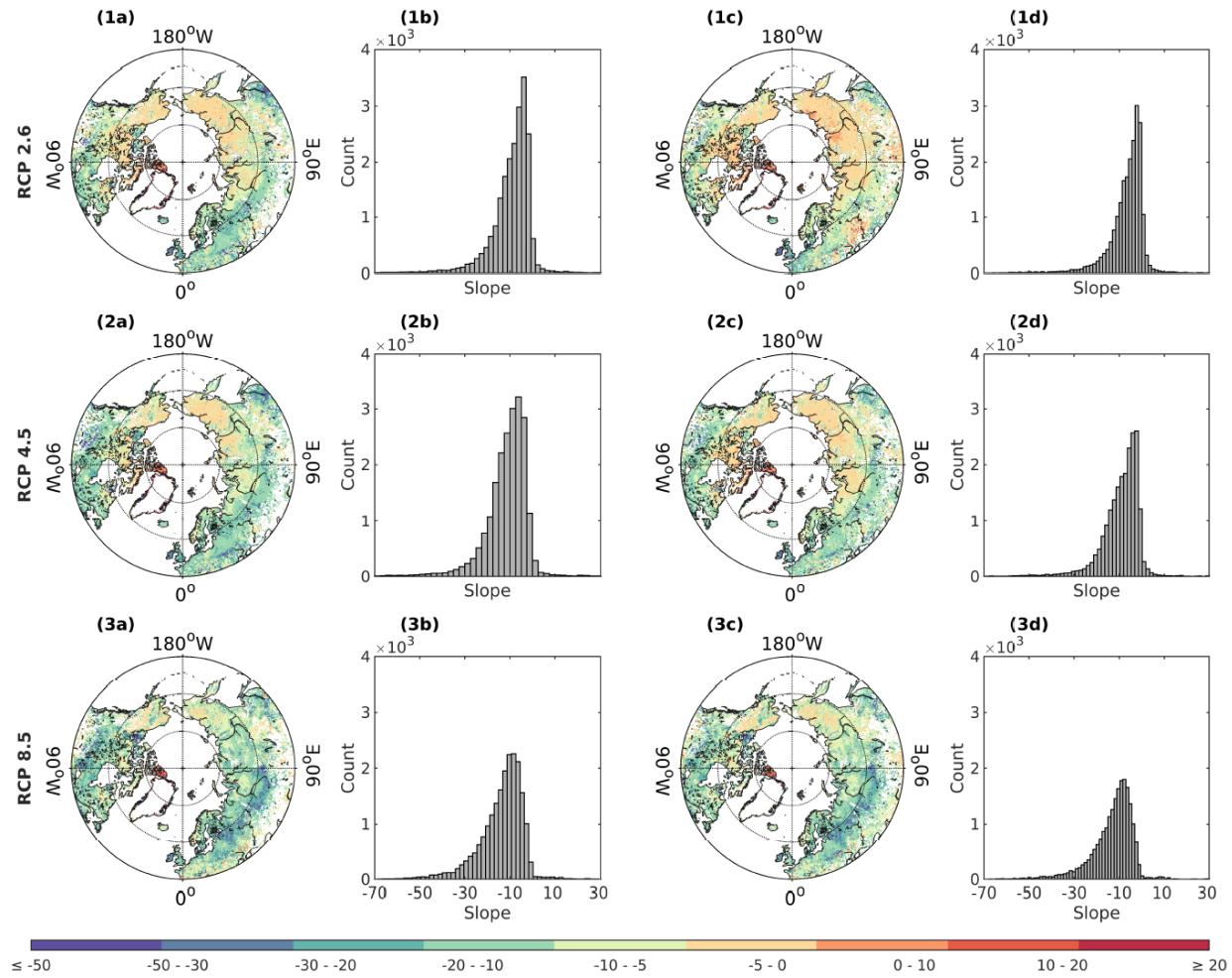


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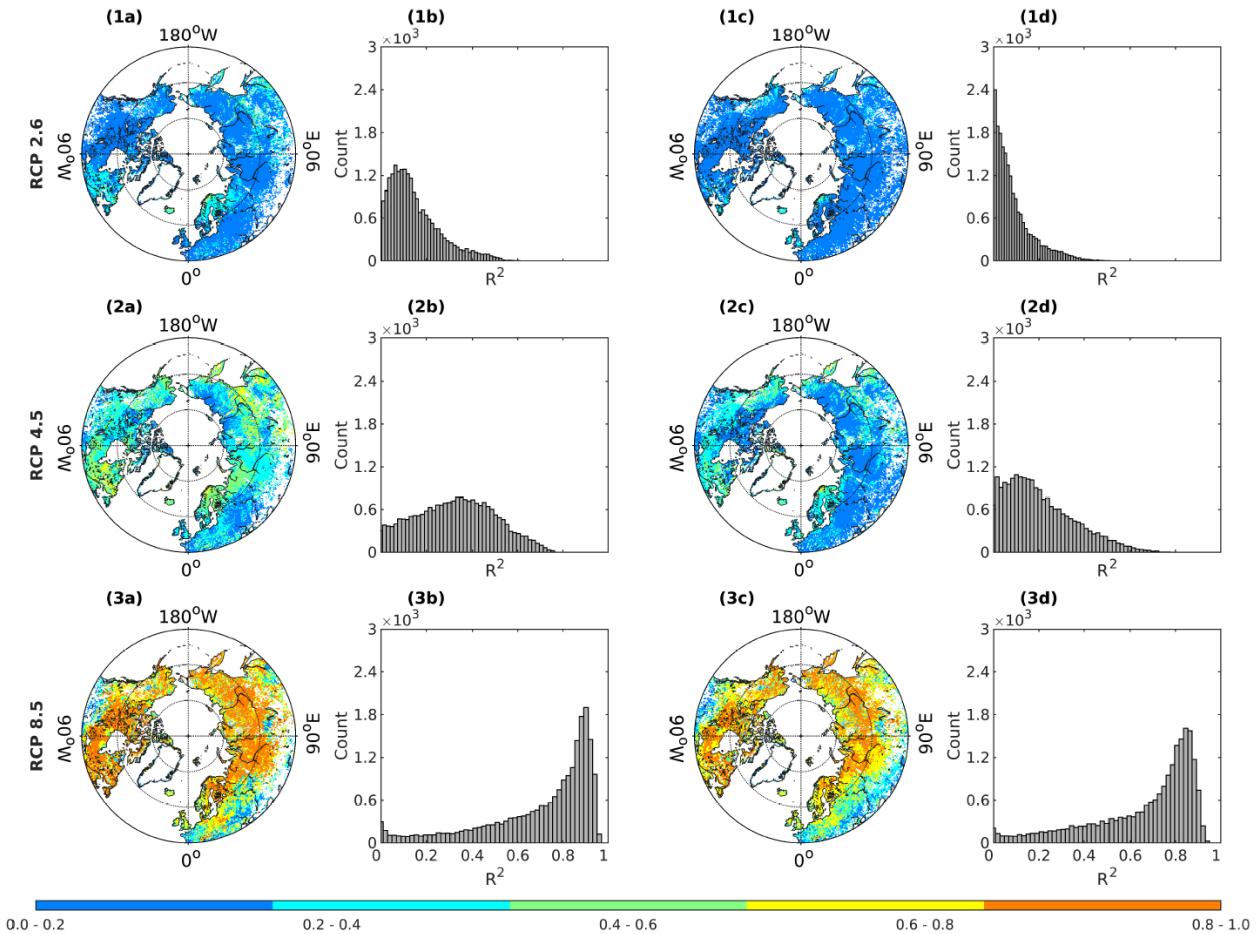


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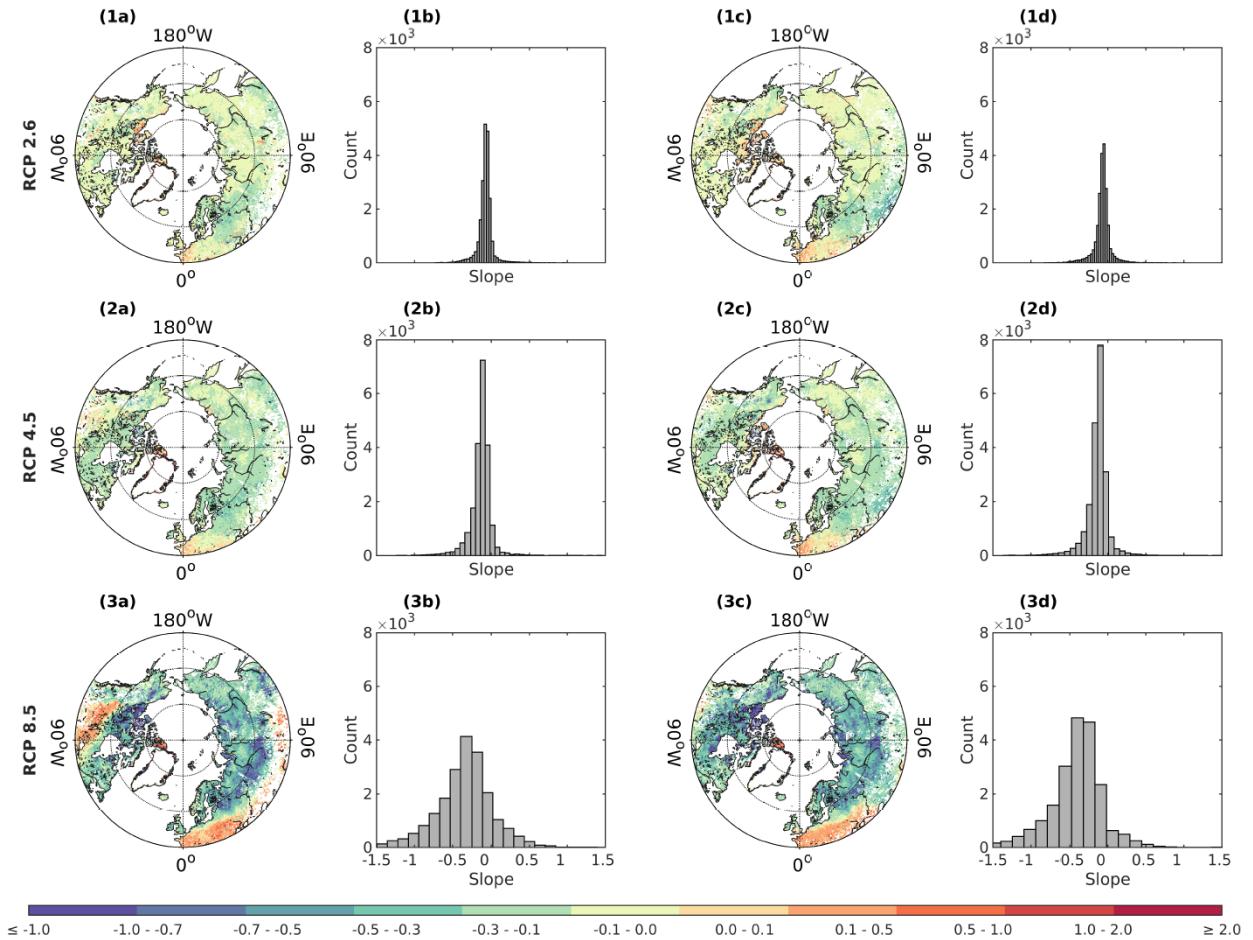


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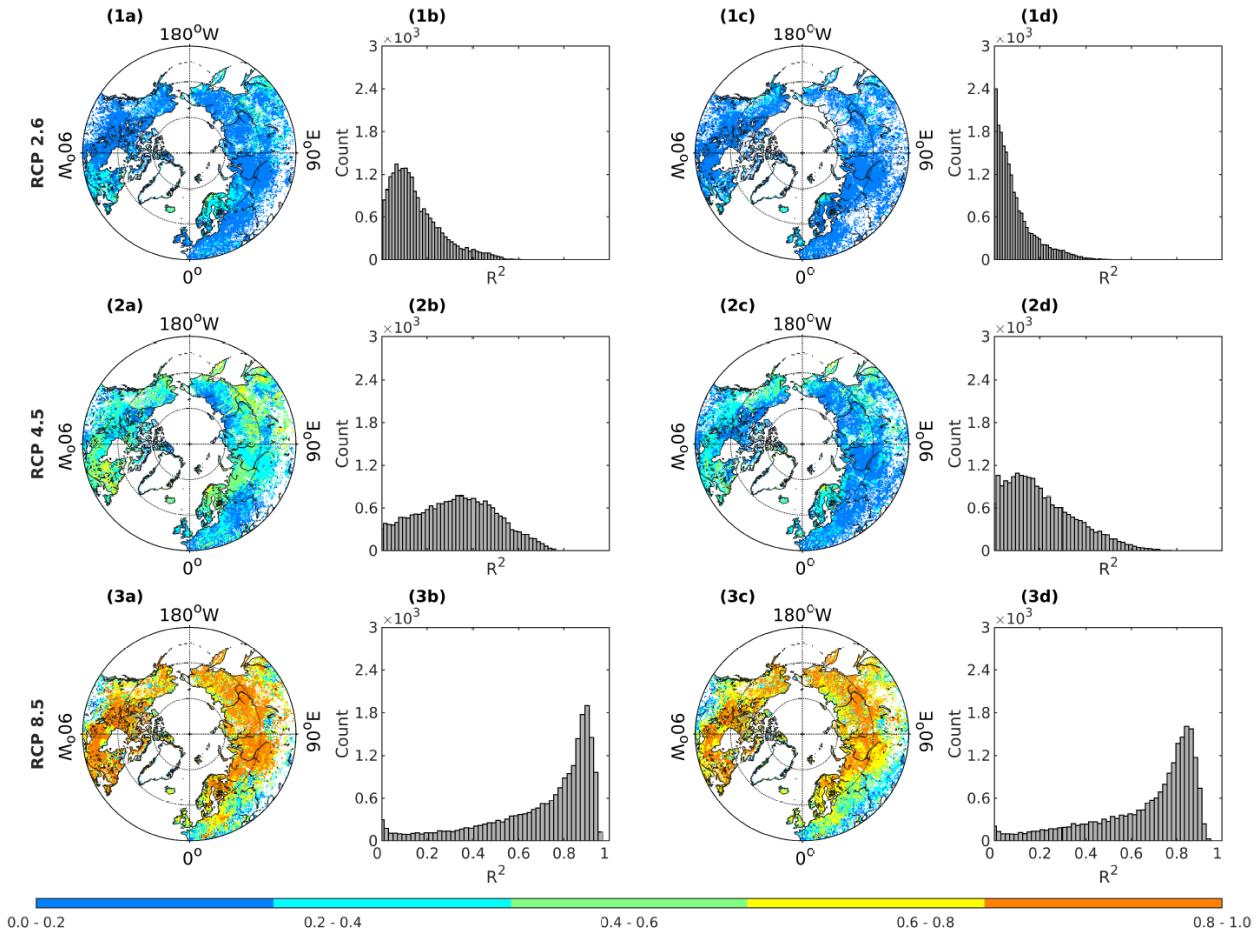


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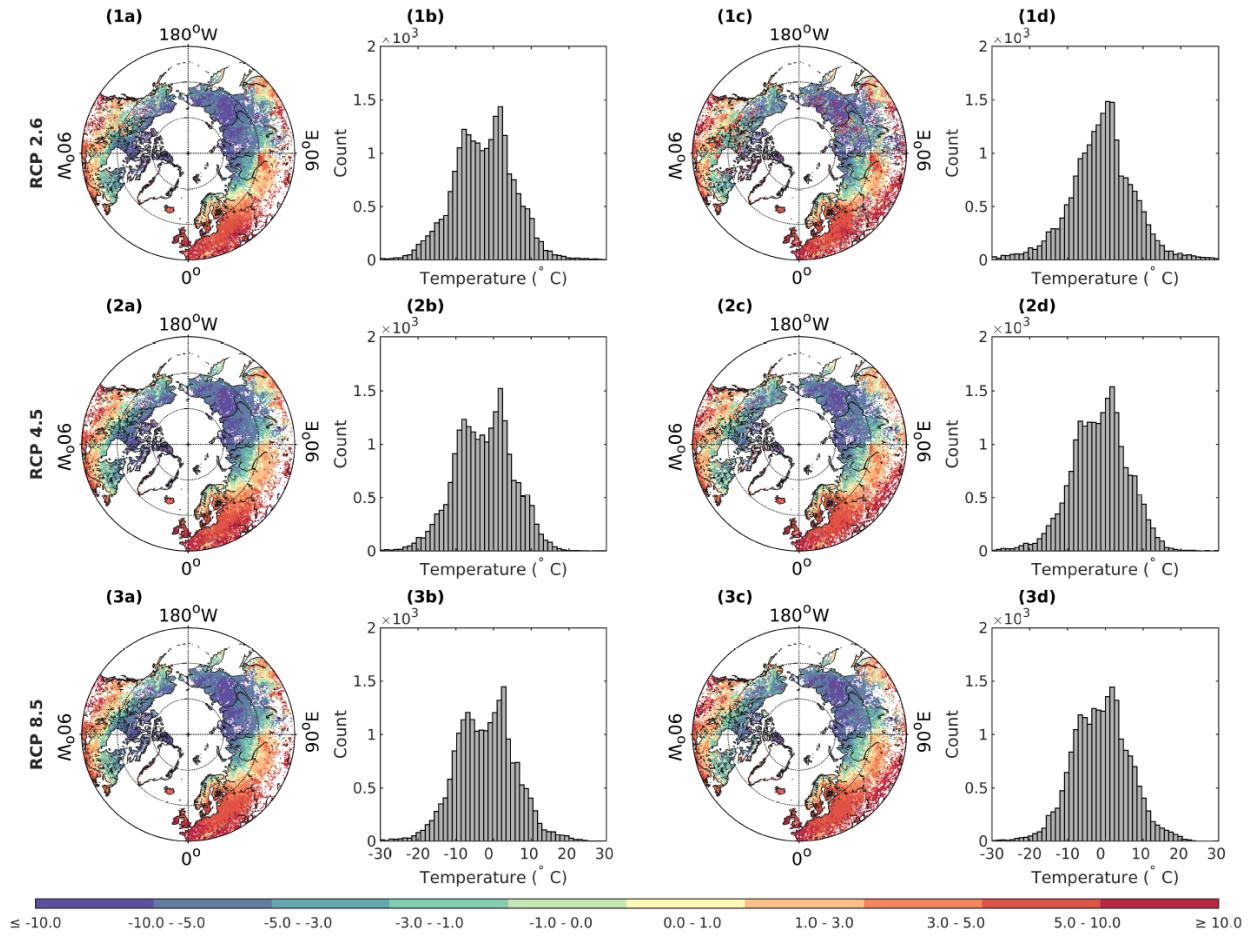


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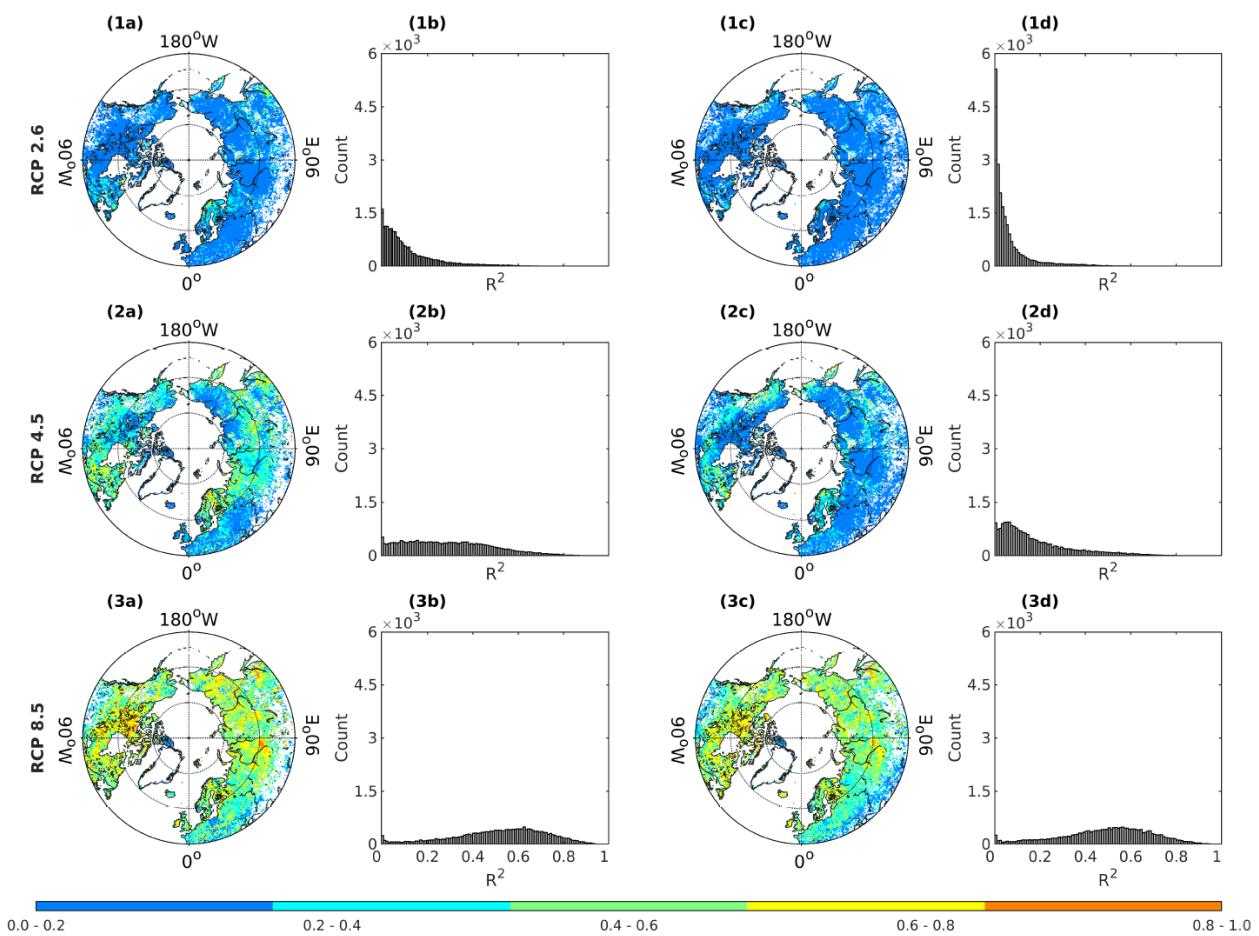


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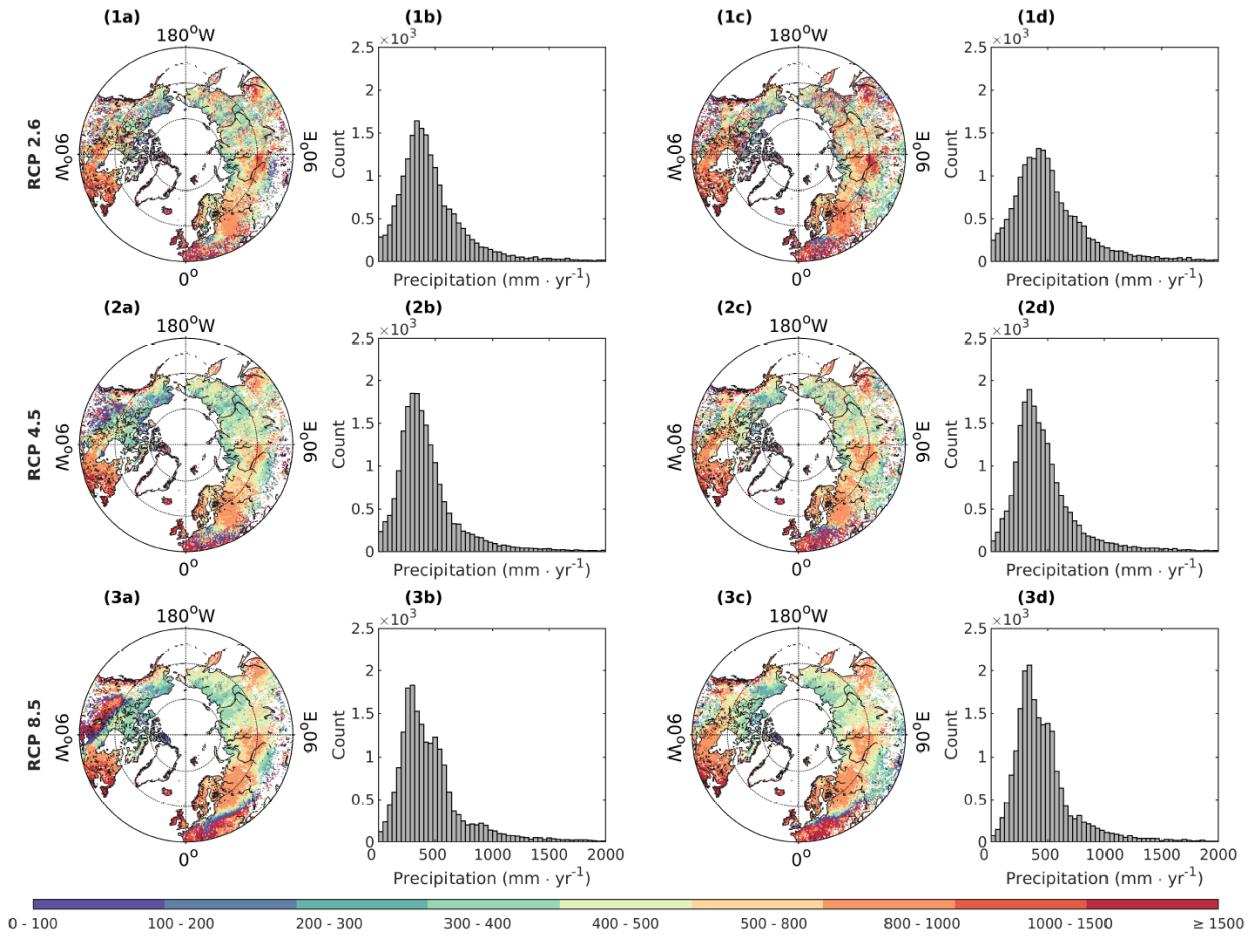


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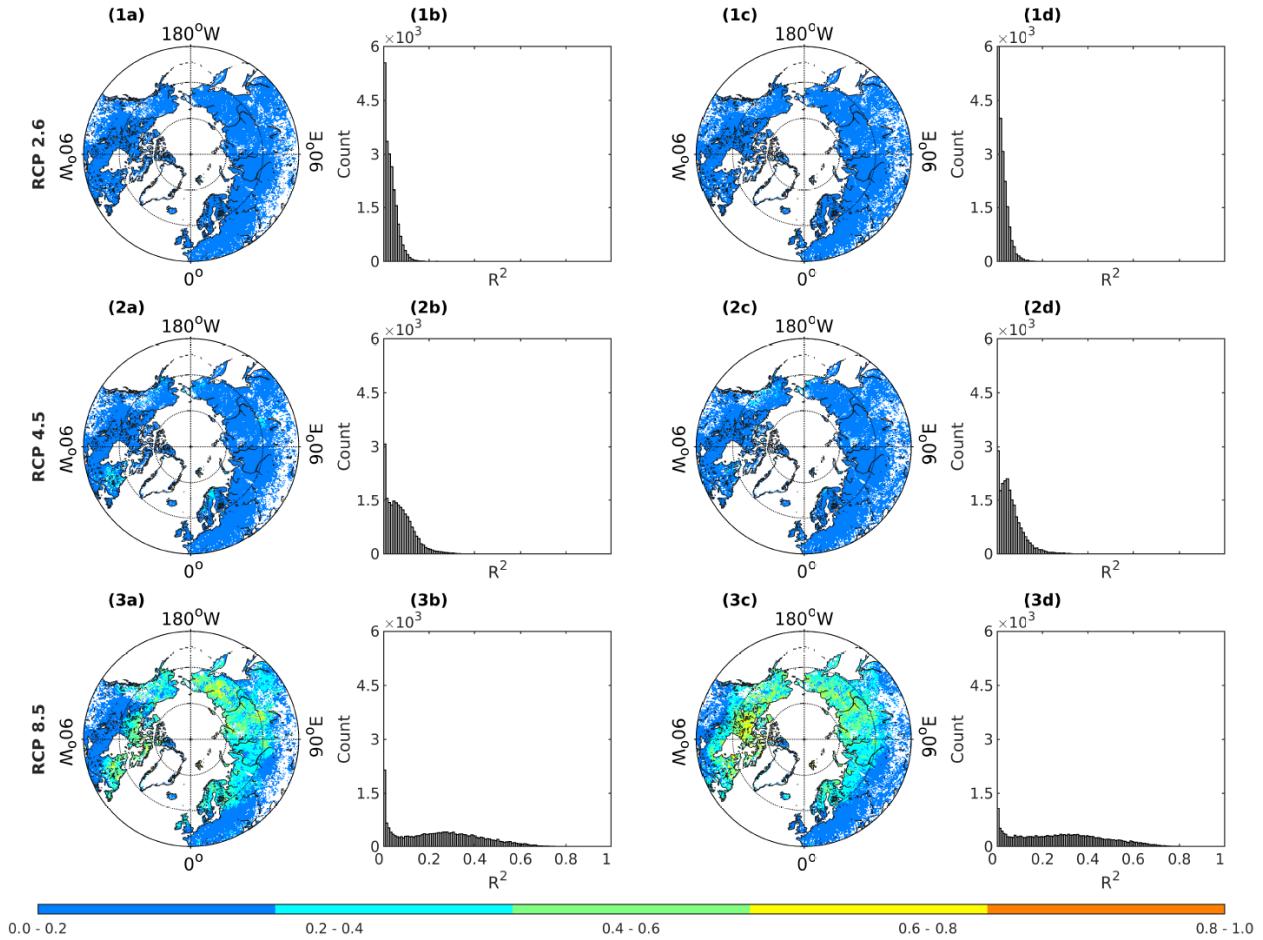


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Table S1. Comparison of initialization conditions under different forcing data and warming scenarios

CMIP5 forcing	Warming scenario	Potential peatland bin number (n)	Initial pan-Arctic peatland C storage in 1940 (Pg C)
IPSL-CM5A-LR	RCP 2.6	204549	333.2
	RCP 4.5	199343	330.7
	RCP 8.5	195910	328.7
bcc-csm1-1	RCP 2.6	208157	338.7
	RCP 4.5	203844	336.9
	RCP 8.5	198869	334.6

* Grid cells with less than 1% peatland coverage are not included.

Table S2. Annual temperature, precipitation, and the area of wetland, peatland and permafrost in 1990, 2100 and 2300

		IPSL-CM5A-LR			bcc-csm1-1		
		RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5	RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5
Temperature (°C)	1990	-4.1			-3.8		
	2100	-1.8	0.1	4.3	-1.8	-0.6	3.4
	2300	-2.6	1.4	12.5	-2.9	-0.2	10.3
Precipitation (mm·yr ⁻¹)	1990	463.3			459.8		
	2100	504.0	523.0	569.4	497.9	513.7	560.7
	2300	492.0	552.1	701.1	492.1	522.2	657.8
Wetland area (million km ²)	1990	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
	2100	2.0	1.6	1.1	2.2	2.0	1.4
	2300	2.1	1.4	0.2	2.3	1.8	0.5
Northern peatlands permafrost area (million km ²)	1990	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
	2100	1.9	1.4	0.8	1.8	1.7	0.9
	2300	2.0	1.5	0.3	1.9	1.6	0.3
Old peatland area (million km ²)	1990	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
	2100	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
	2300	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.4
New peatland area (million km ²)	1990	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	2100	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
	2300	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total peatland area (million km ²)	1990	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
	2100	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6
	2300	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.4

* Peatland refers to the region with peat thickness $\geq 30\text{cm}$.

Table S3. Pan-Arctic total C stock and annual C fluxes in 1990, 2100 and 2300

		IPSL-CM5A-LR			bcc-csm1-1		
		RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5	RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5
C stock (Pg C)	1990	338.1	335.4	333.3	343.7	341.8	339.3
	2100	336.8	330.2	320.0	344.5	340.6	331.5
	2300	330.9	307.7	201.7	343.8	328.0	243.9
NPP (TgC·yr ⁻¹)	1990	362.2	355.0	352.4	377.6	373.1	366.2
	2100	361.4	348.2	350.9	390.7	391.5	387.7
	2300	354.4	340.0	297.5	381.4	413.2	339.0
CO ₂ emission (TgC·yr ⁻¹)	1990	257.9	254.3	252.5	272.2	269.2	265.8
	2100	357.0	430.1	618.5	352.7	389.9	558.0
	2300	320.0	413.5	676.1	321.1	359.5	636.5
CH ₄ emission (TgC·yr ⁻¹)	1990	31.8	31.7	31.7	33.8	33.7	33.7
	2100	42.4	59.2	118.8	42.3	49.5	92.9
	2300	37.9	62.9	210.7	37.9	48.5	140.5

* C stock includes both soil and vegetation C.

Table S4. Pan-Arctic peatlands C accumulation rate during four time periods

	IPSL-CM5A-LR	bcc-csm1-1					
		RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5	RCP 2.6	RCP 4.5	RCP 8.5
C accumulation rate ($\text{gC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$)	1940-1990	32.5	31.9	31.8	32.1	32.1	31.5
	1990-2090	-3.0	-13.0	-33.5	3.0	-2.5	-18.5
	2090-2190	-12.3	-38.7	-169.0	-1.1	-18.2	-122.2
	2190-2290	-7.6	-36.9	-227.3	-1.9	-23.1	-163.8

* C accumulation rate is averaged from all grid cells weighted by the spatially-explicit peatland area.

Table S5. R^2 values of PTEM simulated pan-Arctic active layer depth (m) with ESACCI dataset

Forcing	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
IPSL-CM5A-LR	0.54	0.52	0.54	0.48	0.56	0.55	0.58	0.55	0.58	0.6	0.5
bcc-csm1-1	0.48	0.44	0.52	0.54	0.51	0.45	0.6	0.46	0.54	0.53	0.52
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
IPSL-CM5A-LR	0.51	0.51	0.42	0.48	0.6	0.54	0.53	0.51	0.56	0.48	0.53
bcc-csm1-1	0.56	0.47	0.48	0.45	0.51	0.51	0.54	0.49	0.57	0.47	0.52

* R values are all positive.

* ESACCI is Essential Climate Variable Permafrost Climate Change Initiative (Obu et al., 2020).

Table S6. R^2 values of PTEM simulated Alaska active layer depth (m) with ABoVE dataset

Forcing	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
IPSL-CM5A-LR	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.39	0.32	0.28	0.27	0.33
bcc-csm1-1	0.26	0.37	0.26	0.33	0.35	0.23	0.28	0.29
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
IPSL-CM5A-LR	0.26	0.31	0.18	0.22	0.30	0.25	0.36	
bcc-csm1-1	0.33	0.31	0.21	0.32	0.36	0.28	0.26	

* R values are all positive.

* ABoVE is Arctic-Boreal Vulnerability Experiment, the dataset is obtained from the subtopic of Active Layer Thickness from Remote Sensing Permafrost Model, Alaska, 2001-2015 (Yi and Kimball, 2020).

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