



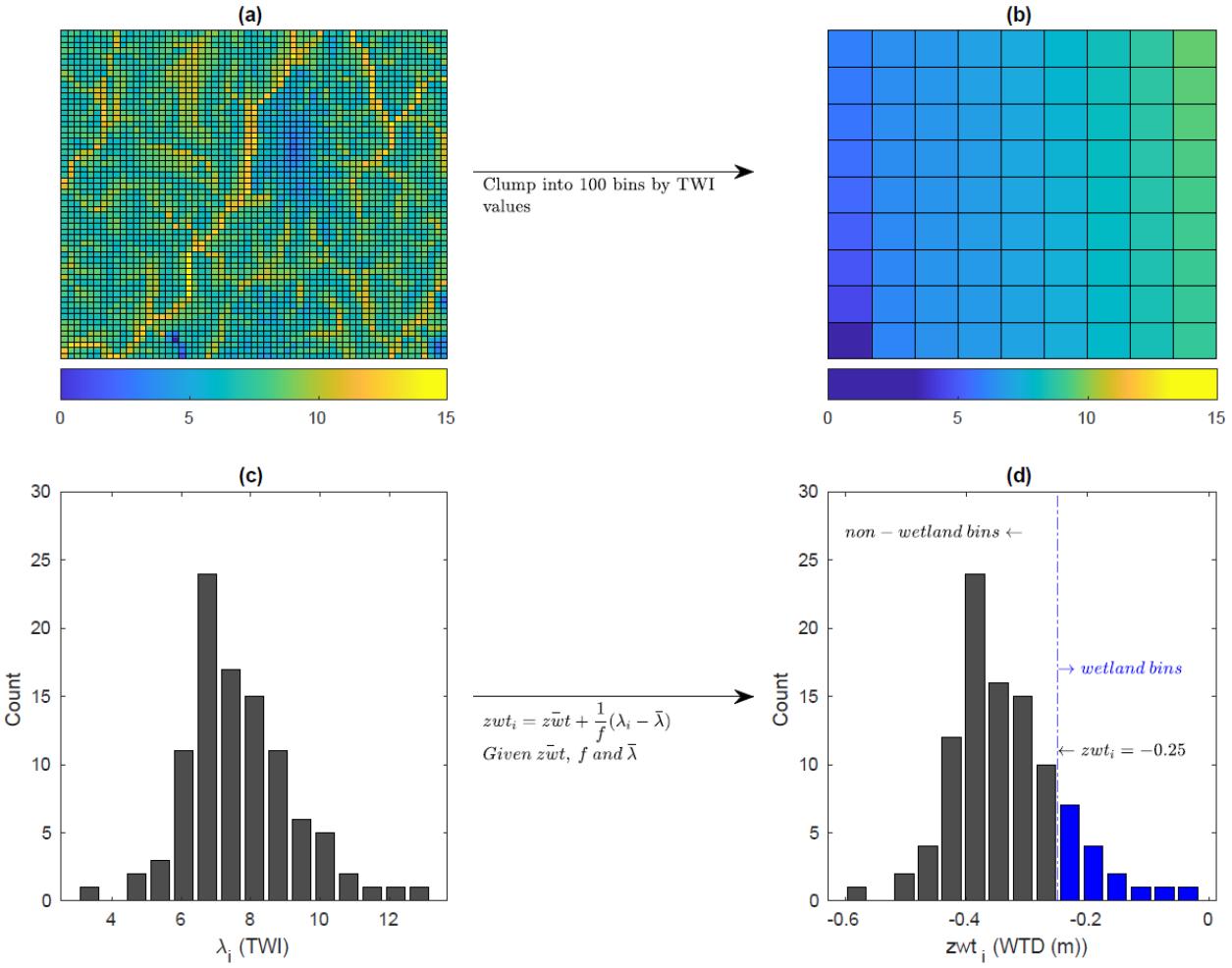
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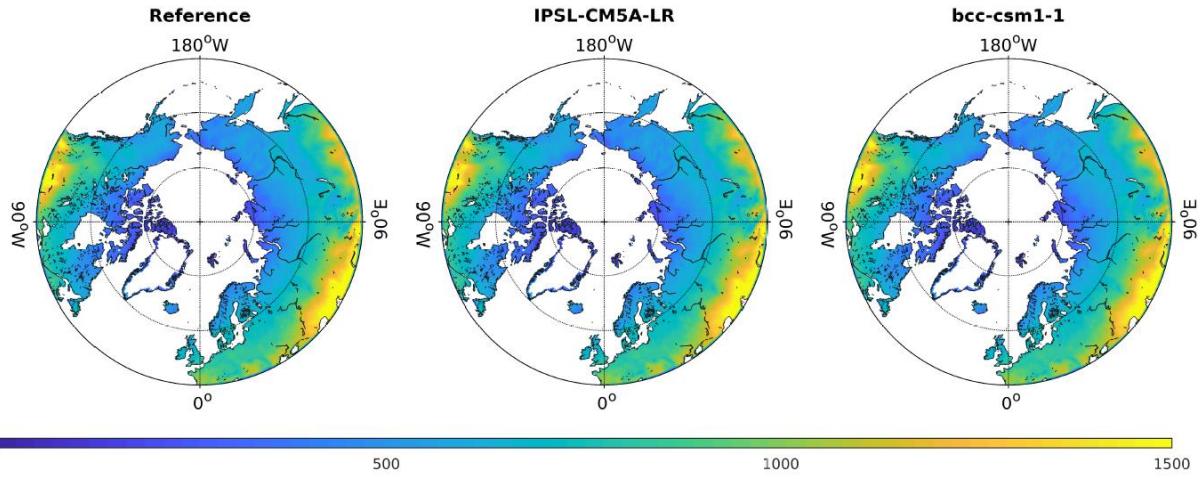


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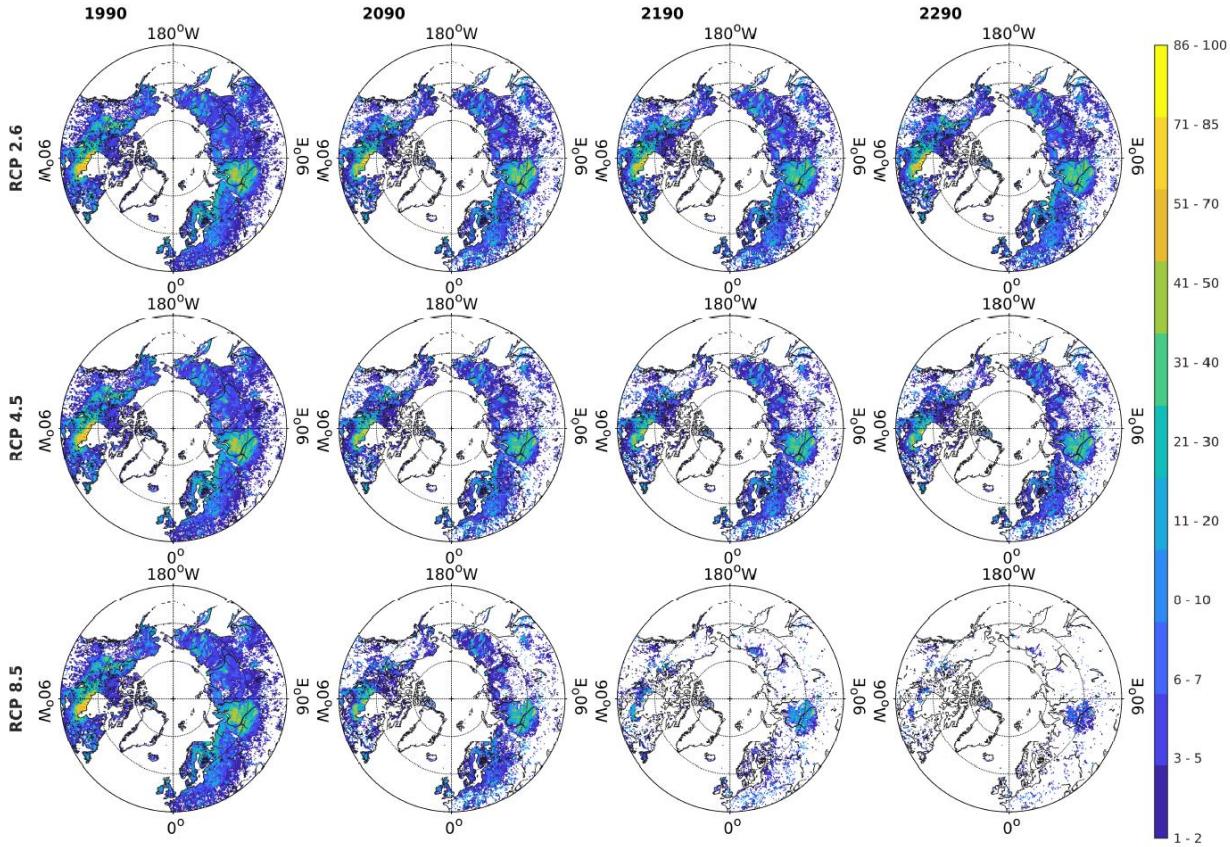
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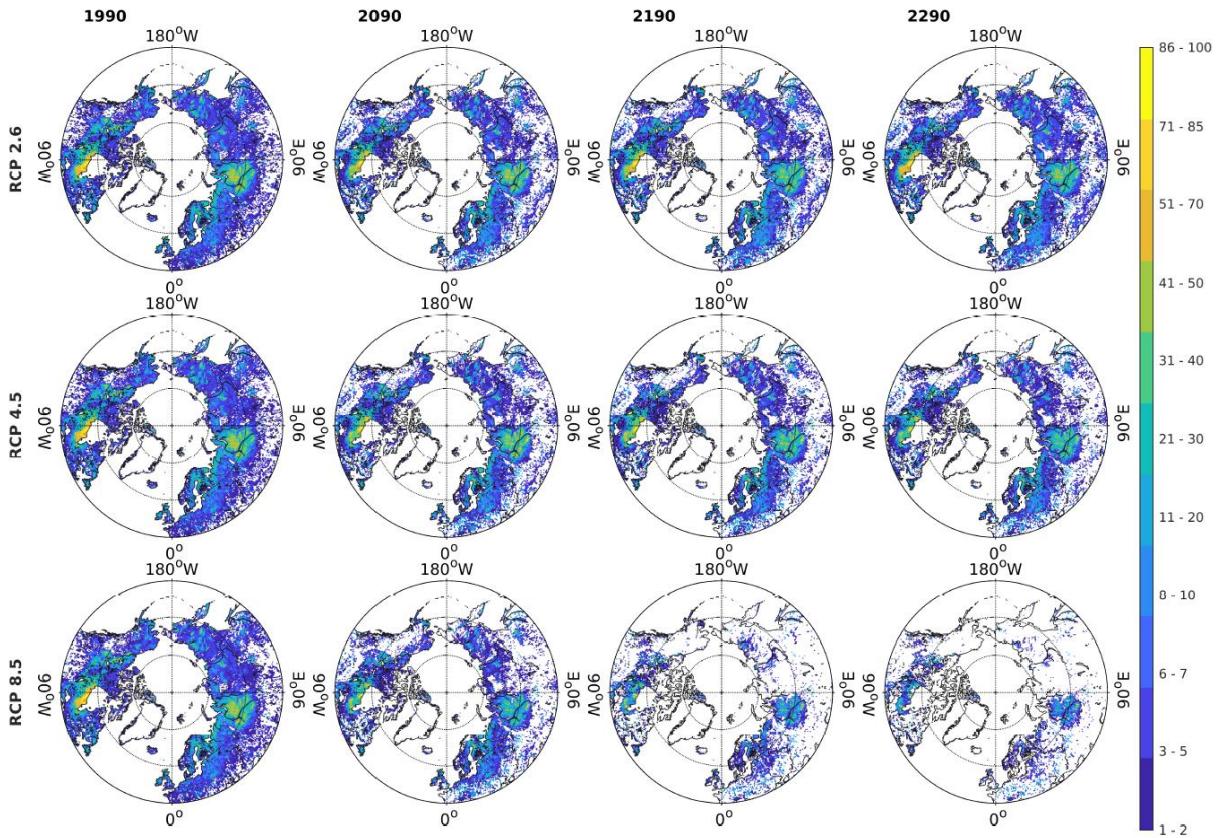
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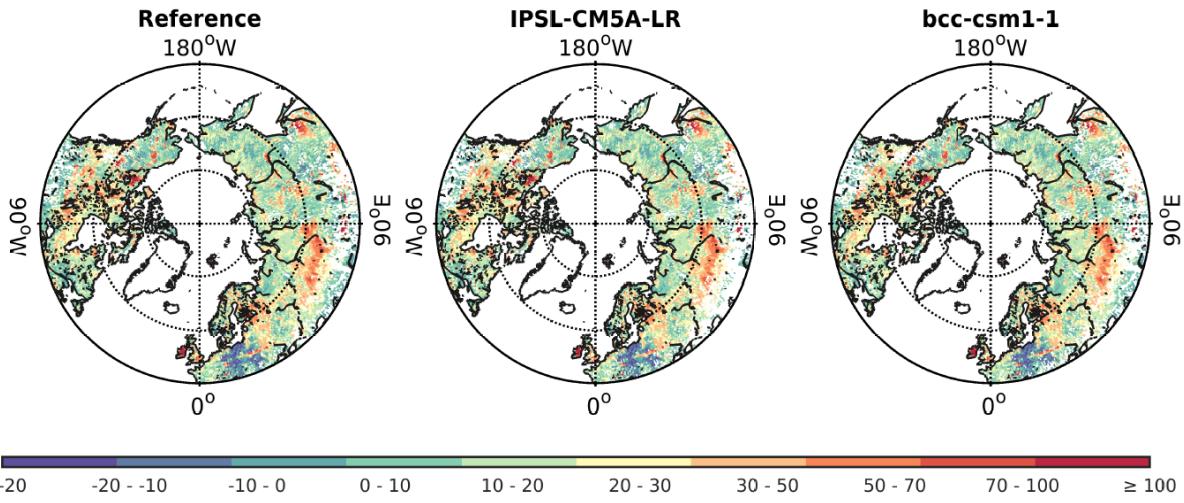
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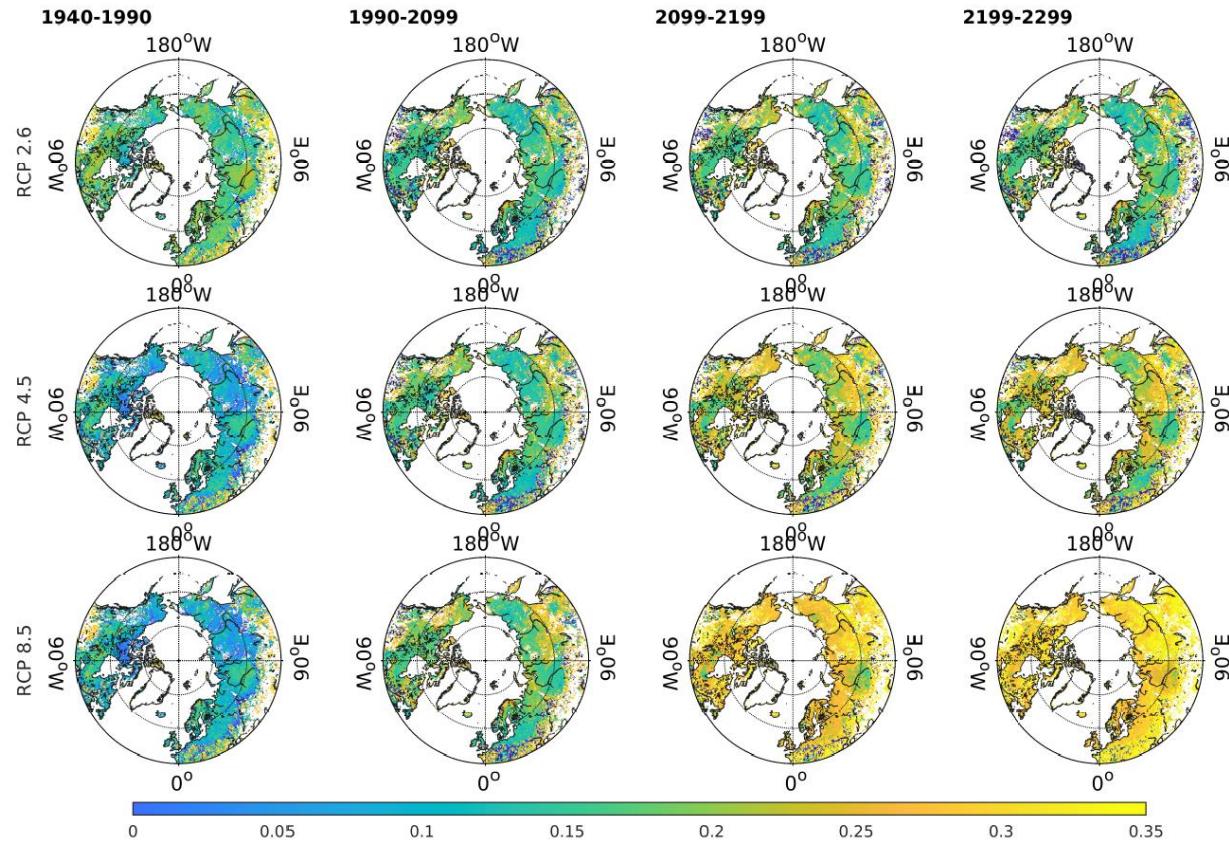
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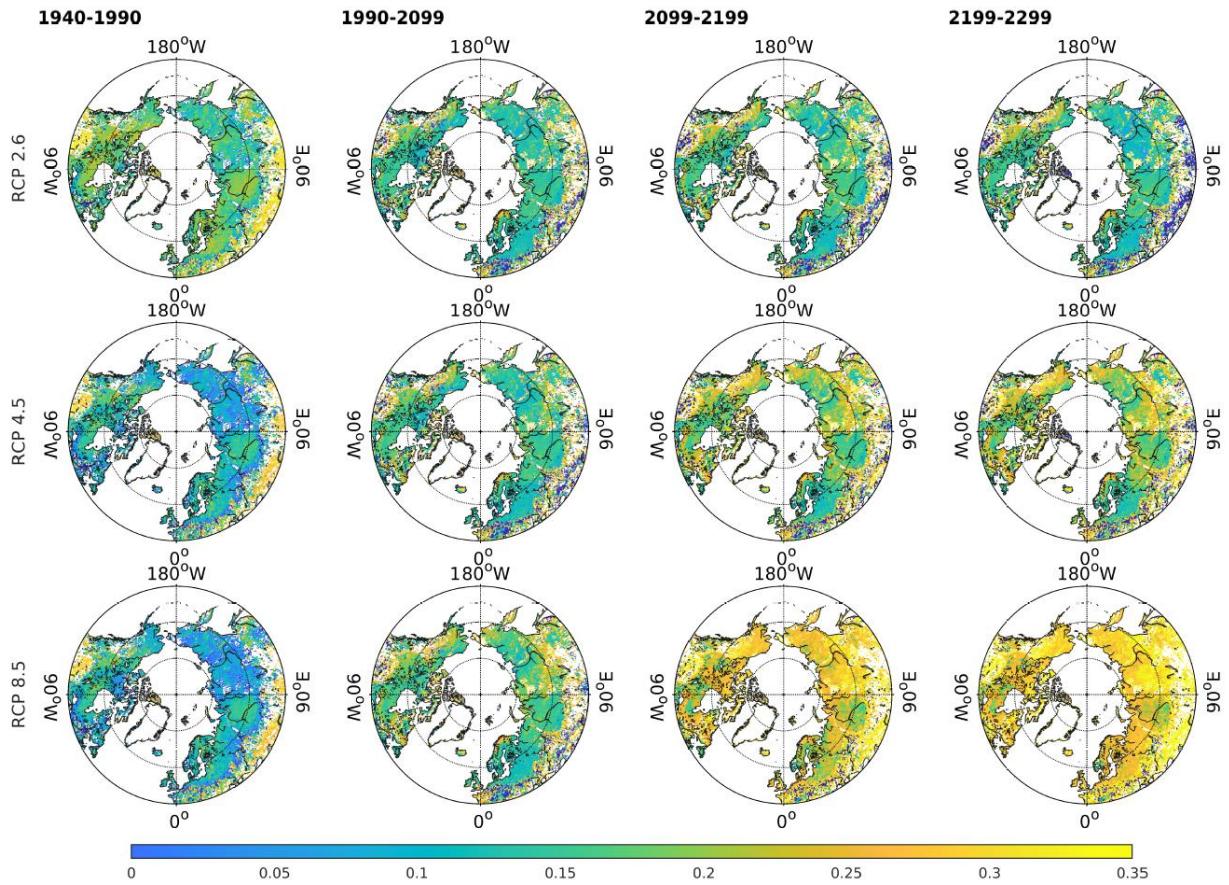


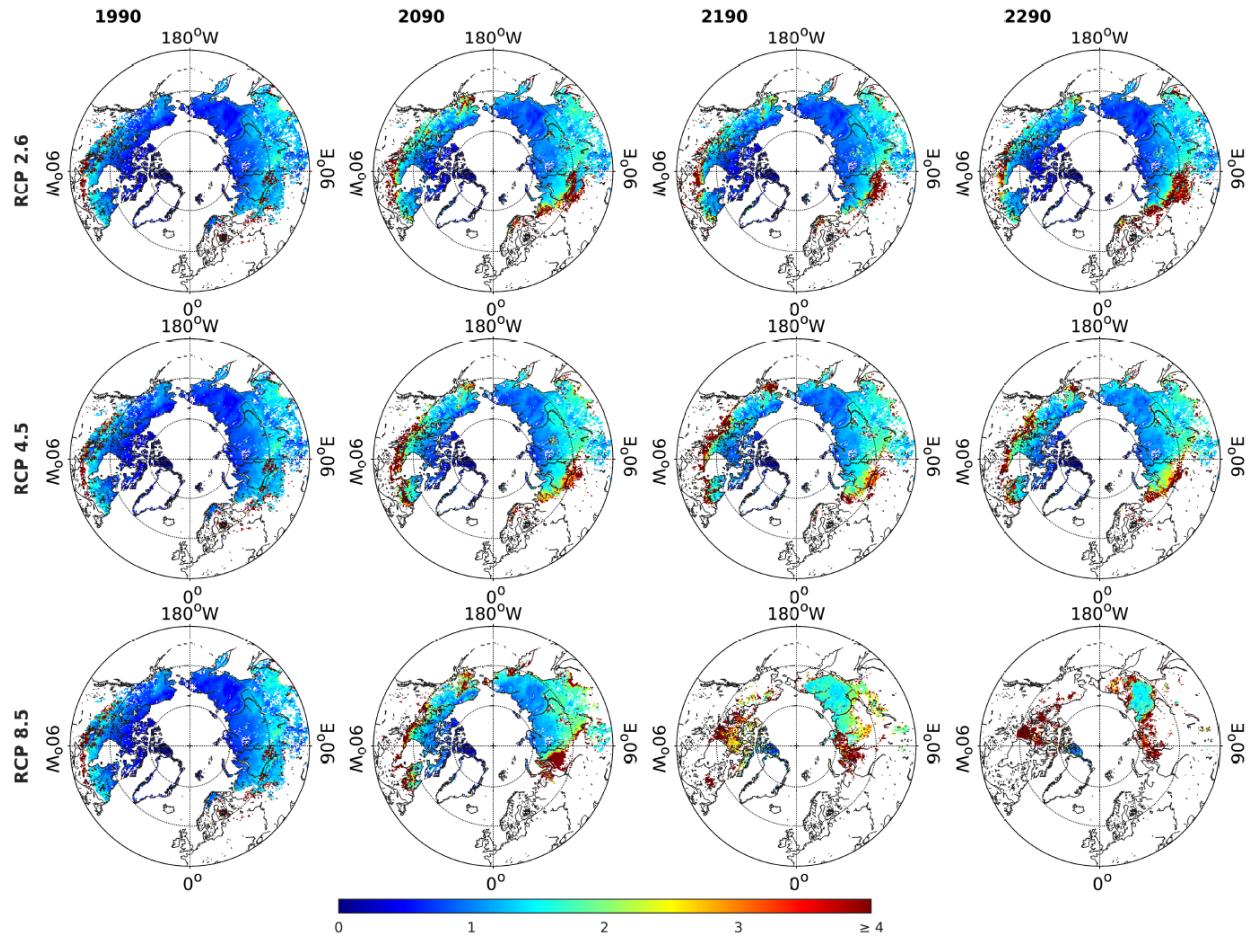
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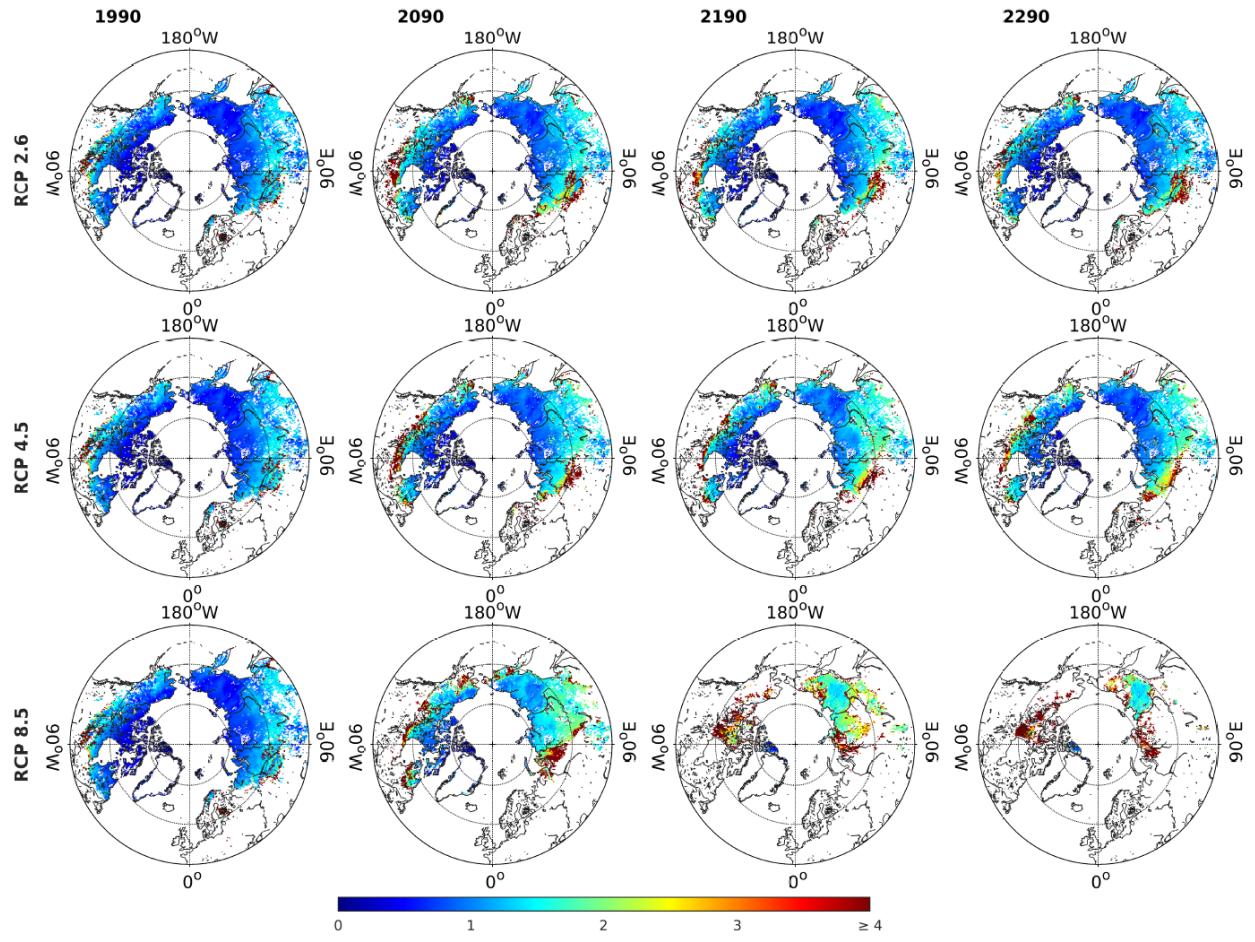




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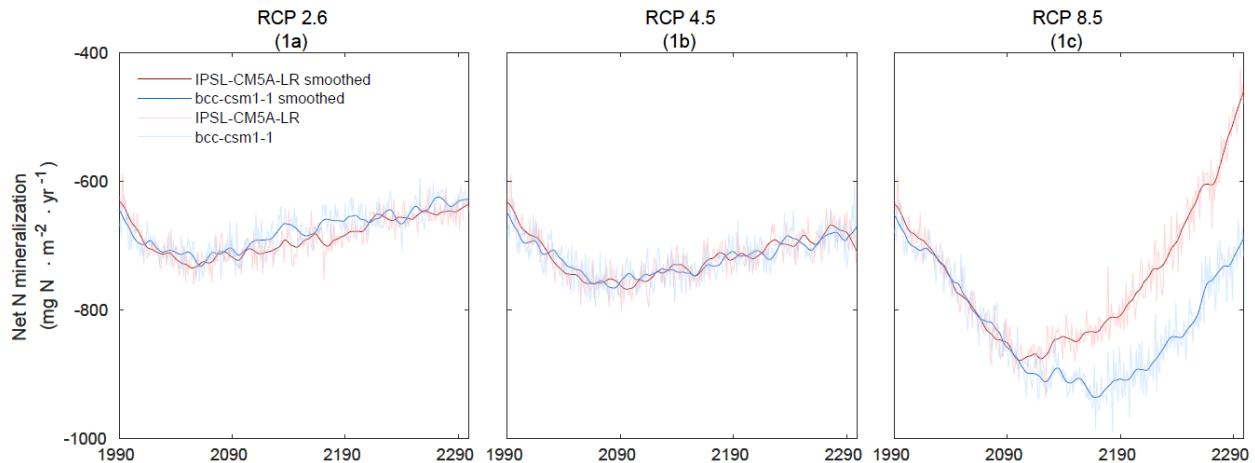
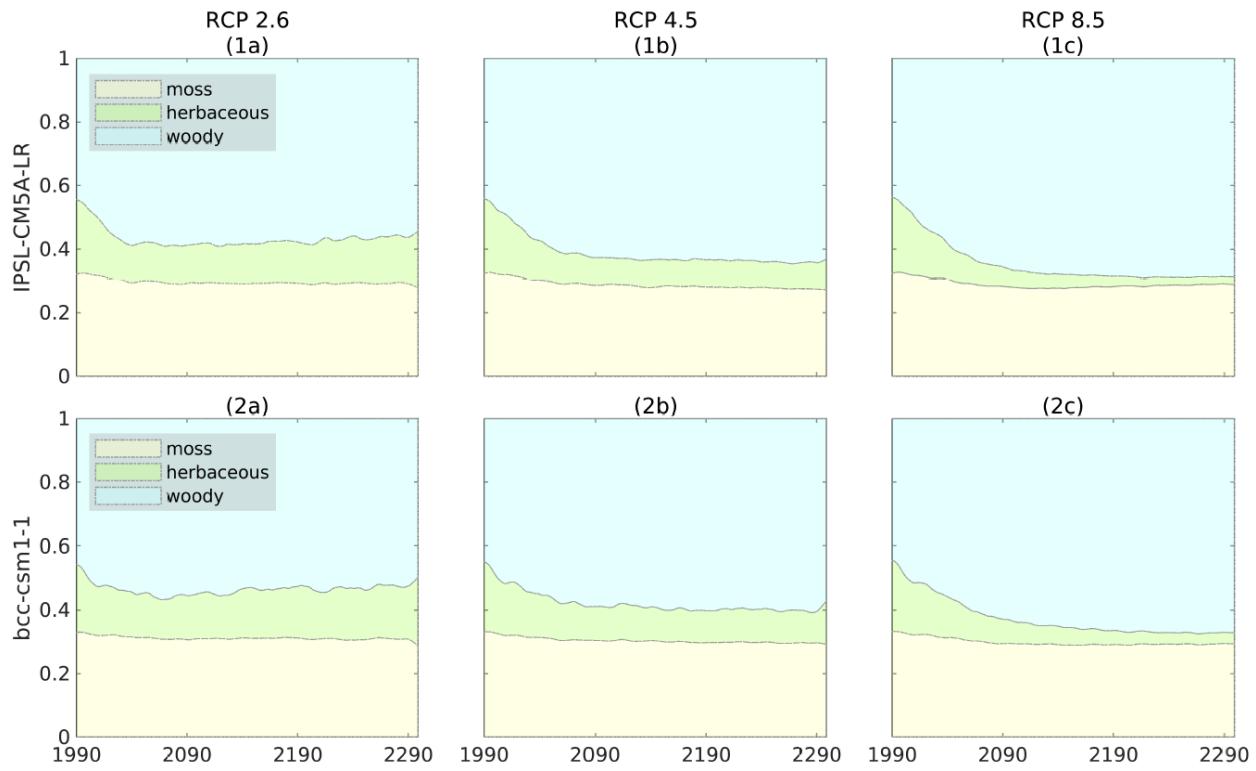


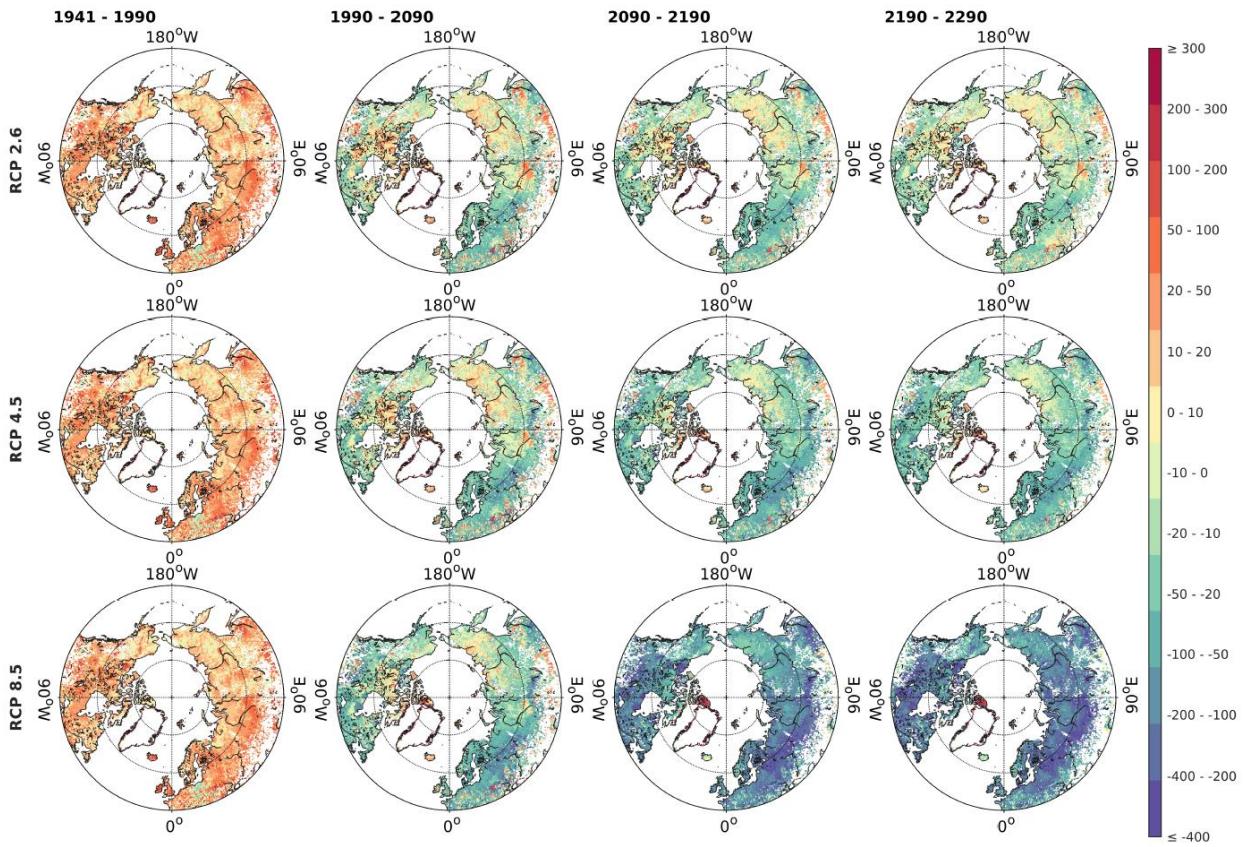
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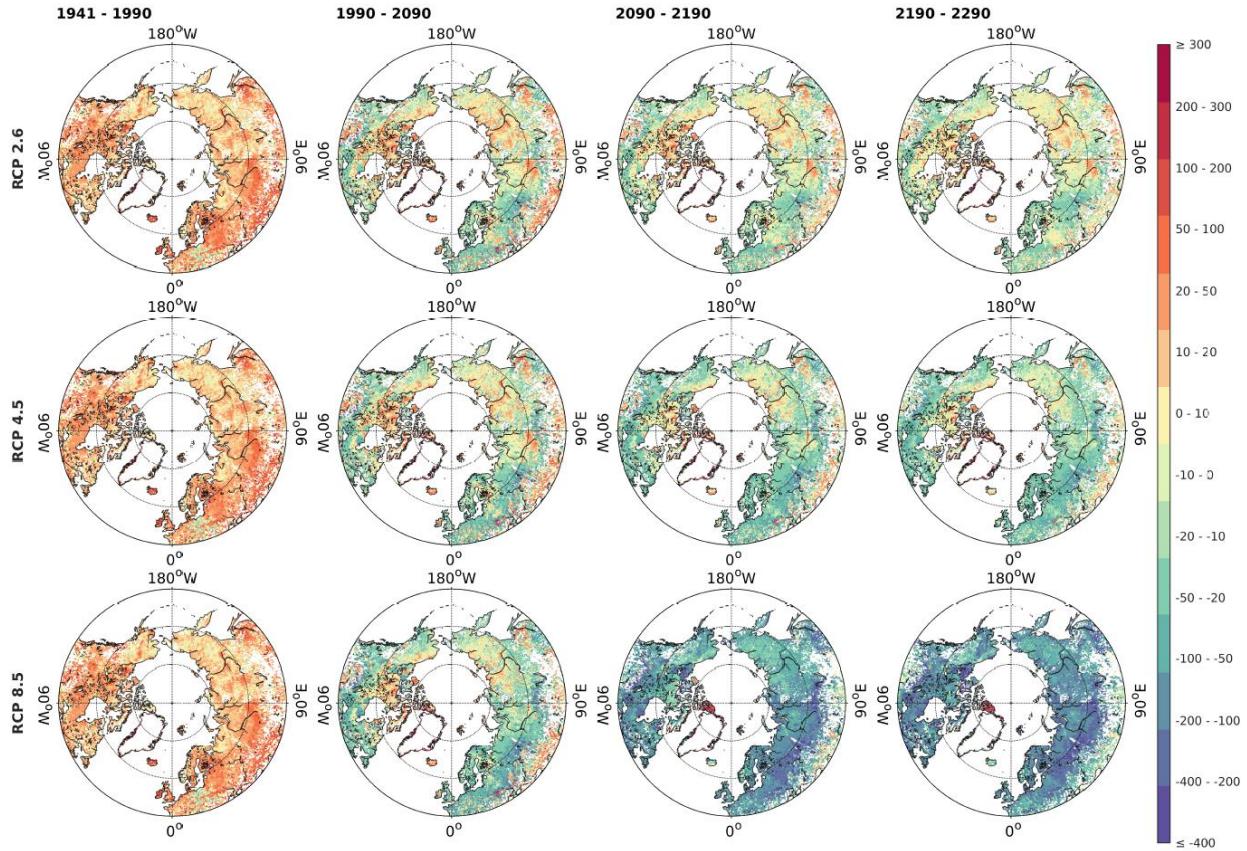


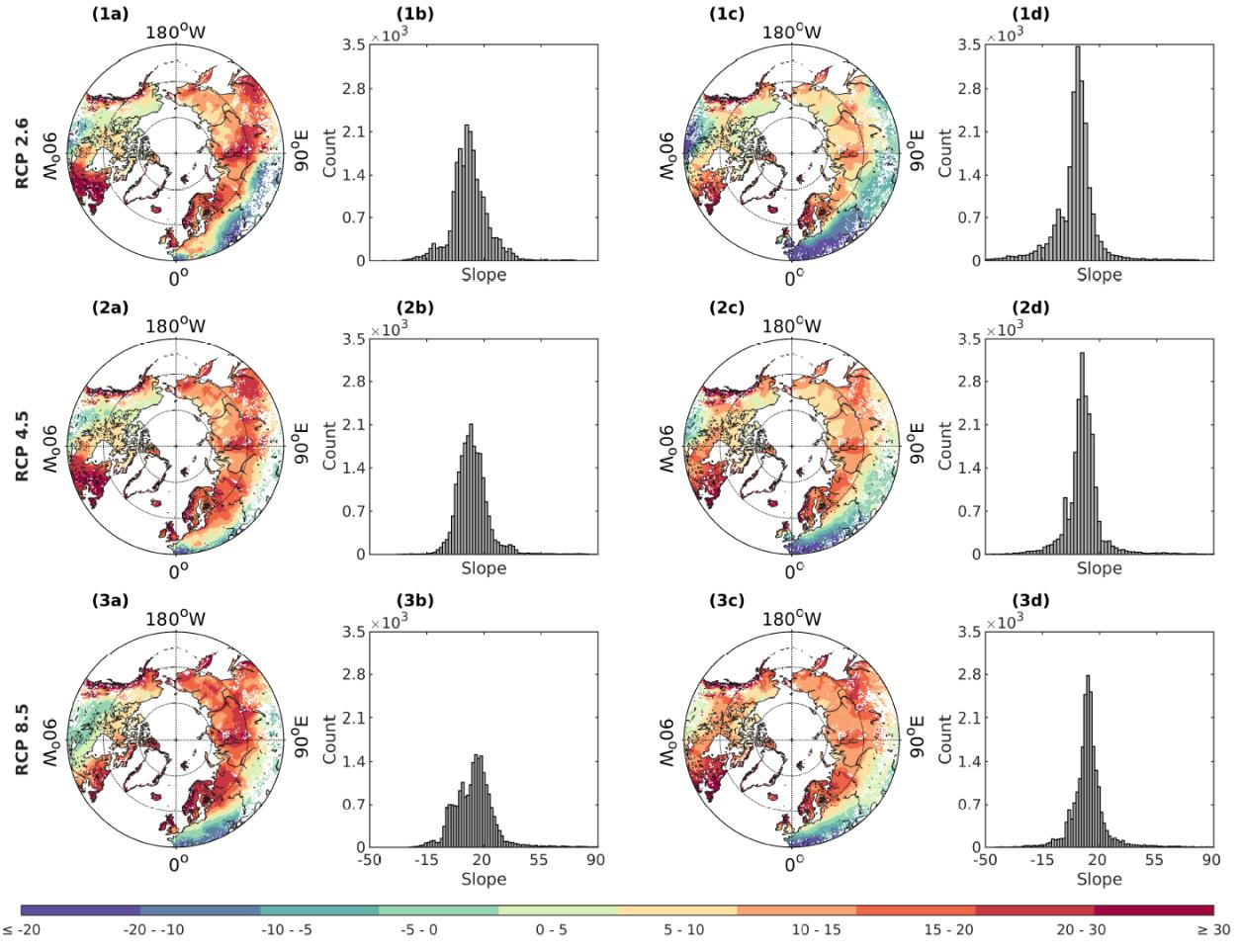


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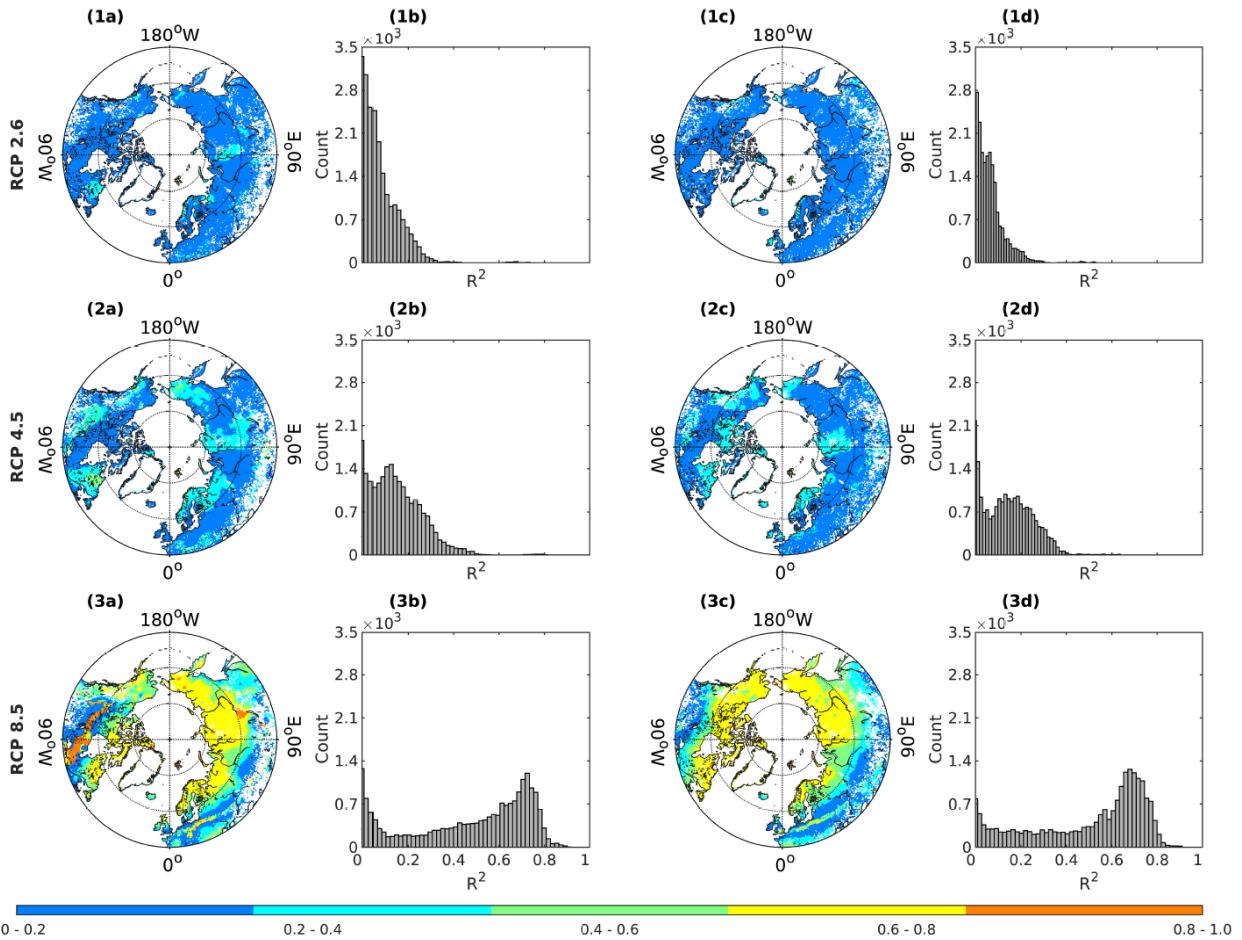




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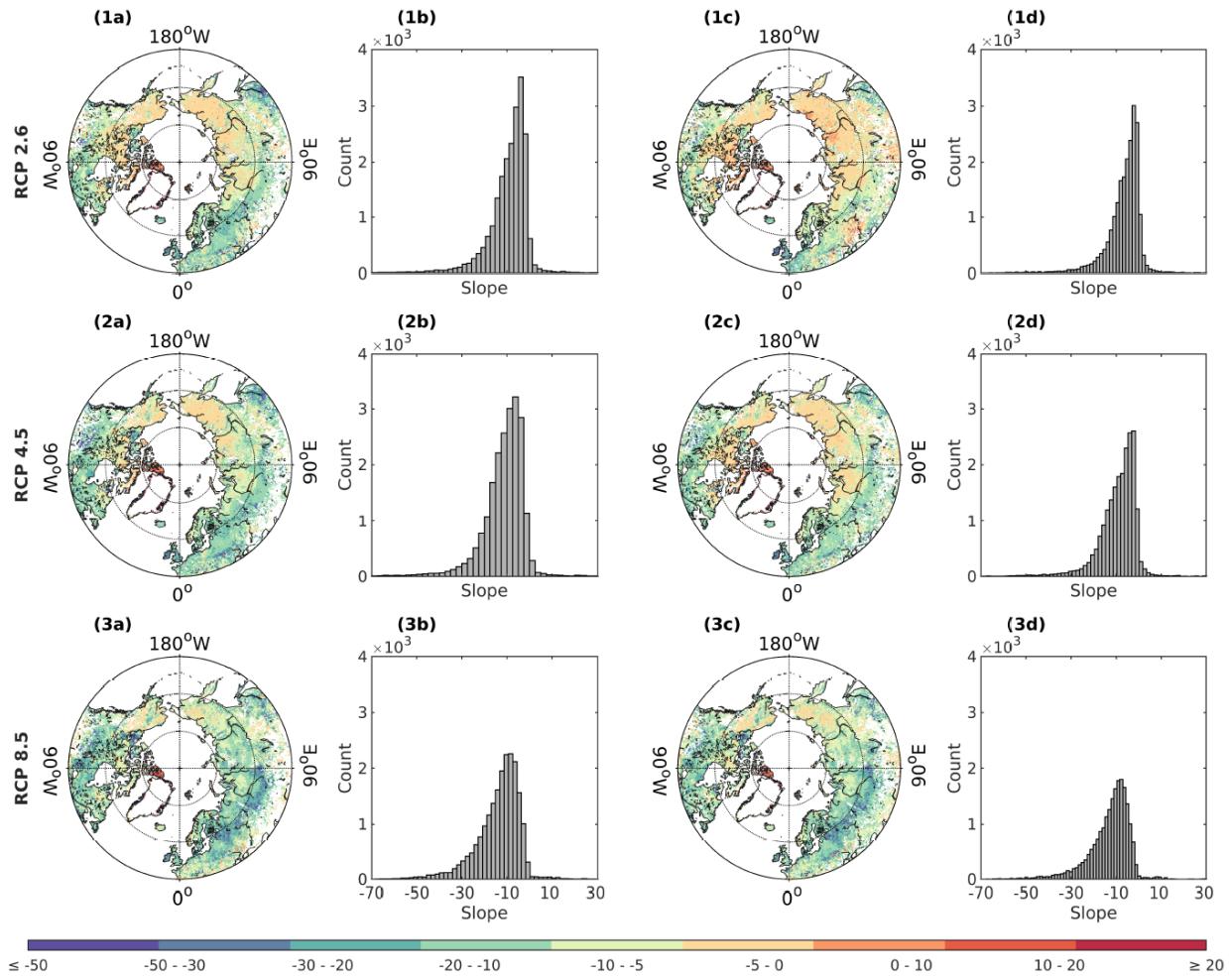
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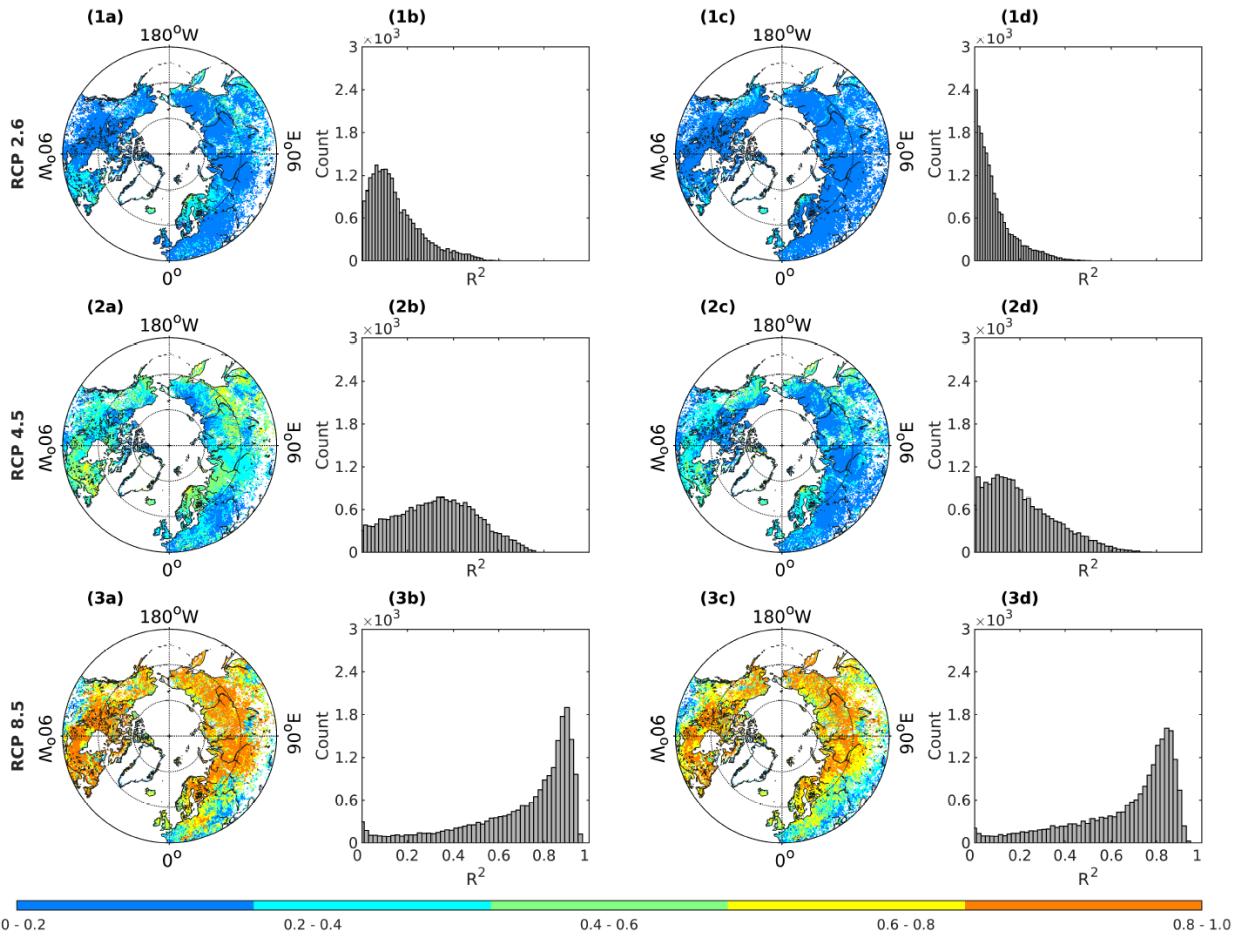
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65 **Figure S16.** Correlation coefficients and their histograms between annual temperature (°C) and peatland C sink
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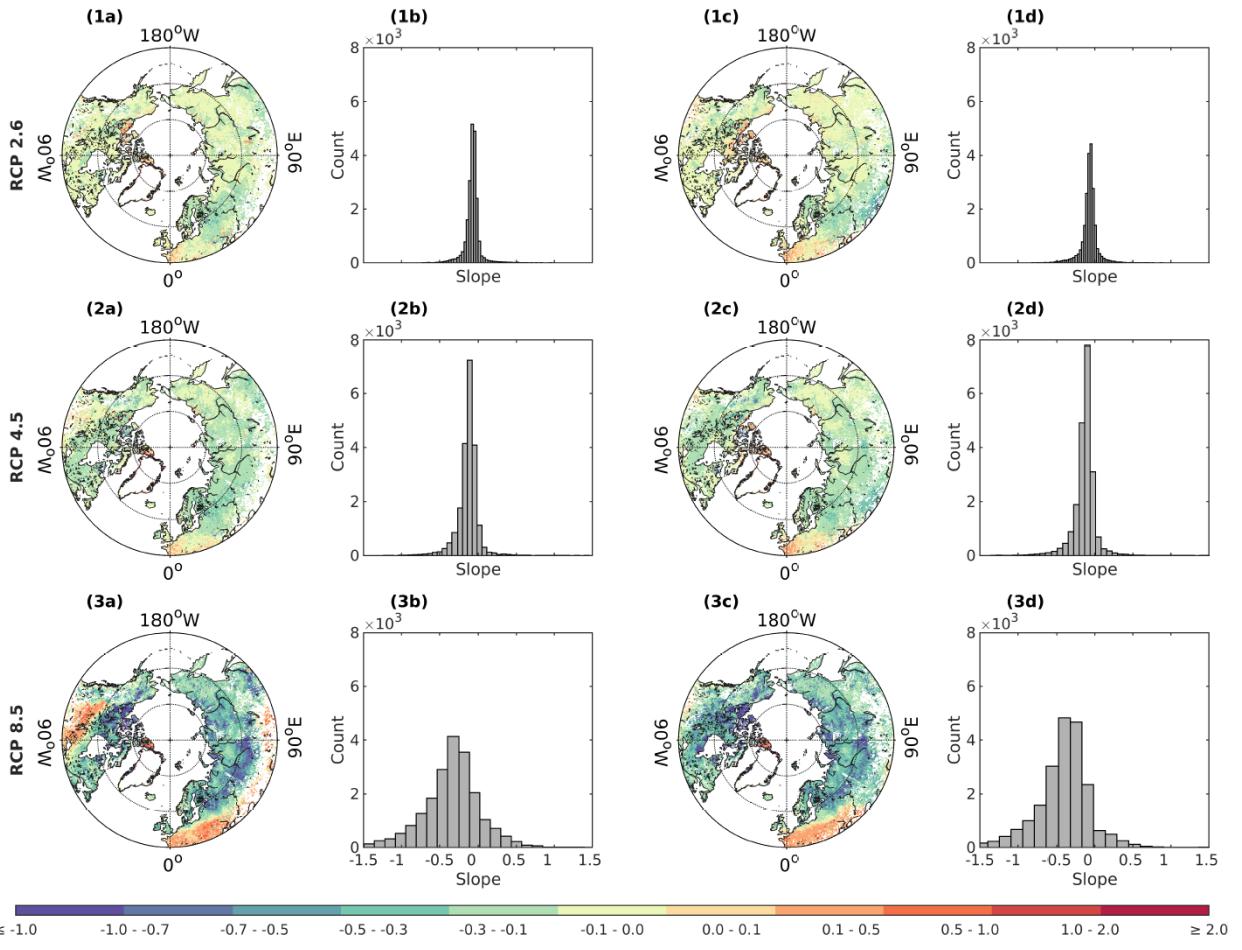
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Figure S17. R² values and their histograms of the correlation between annual temperature (°C) and peatland C sink
71 capability (gC·m⁻²·yr⁻¹). Panel (a): the R² values with IPSL-CM5A-LR forcing; panel (b): the histogram of panel (a);
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75 **Figure S18.** Correlation coefficients and their histograms between annual precipitation (mm)
76 and peatland C sink capability ($\text{gC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$). Panel (a): the correlation coefficient of IPSL-CM5A-LR forcing; panel (b): the histogram of
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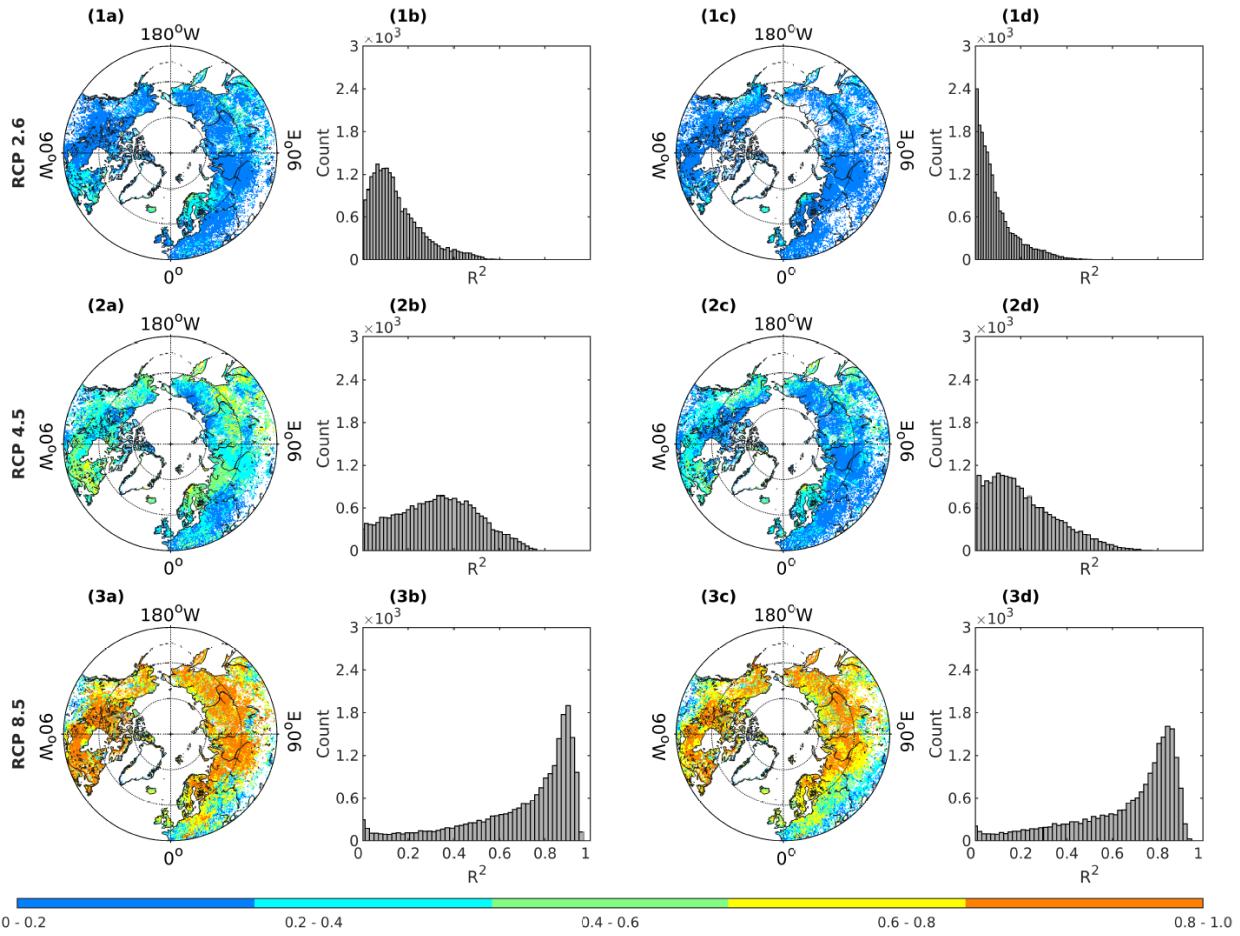
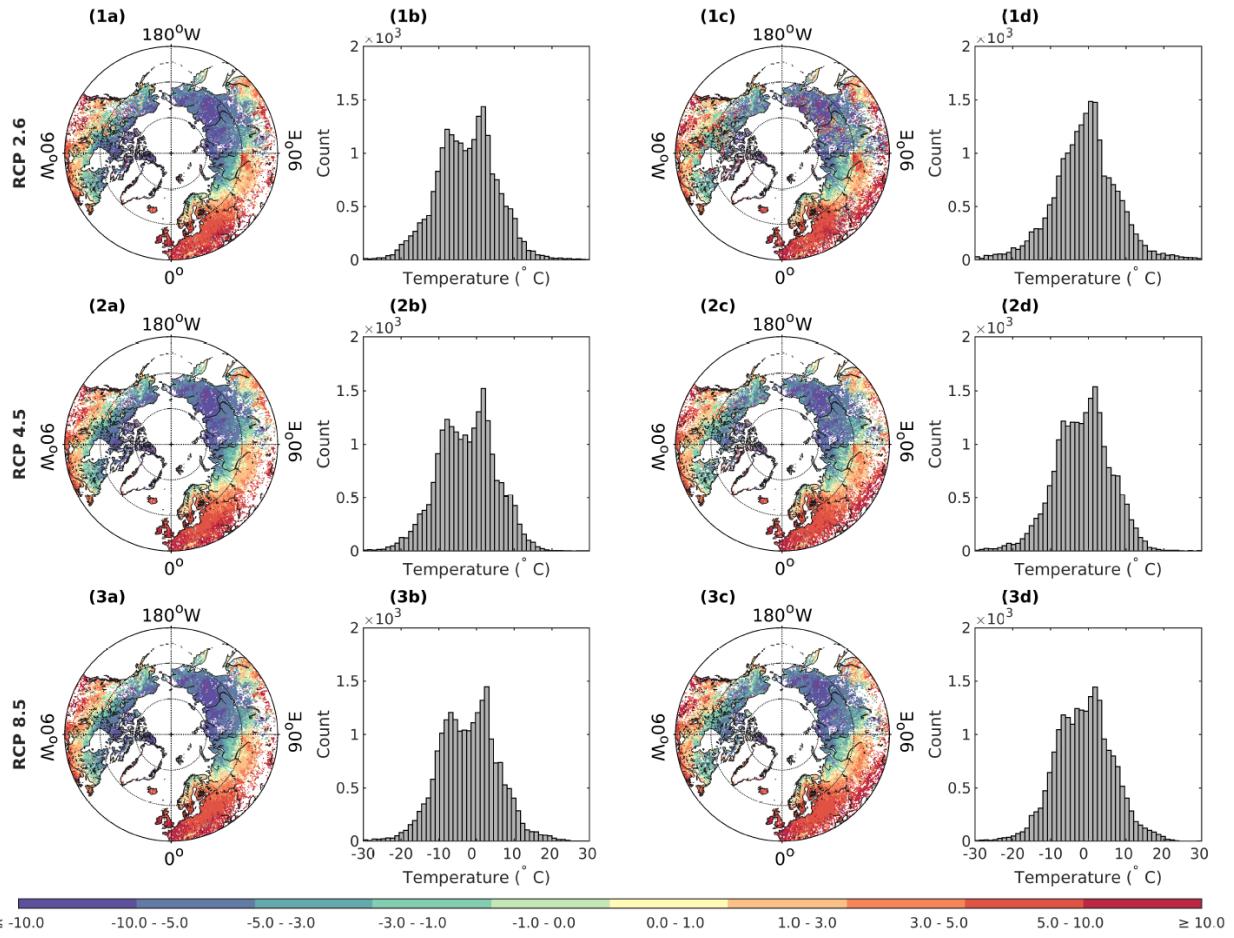


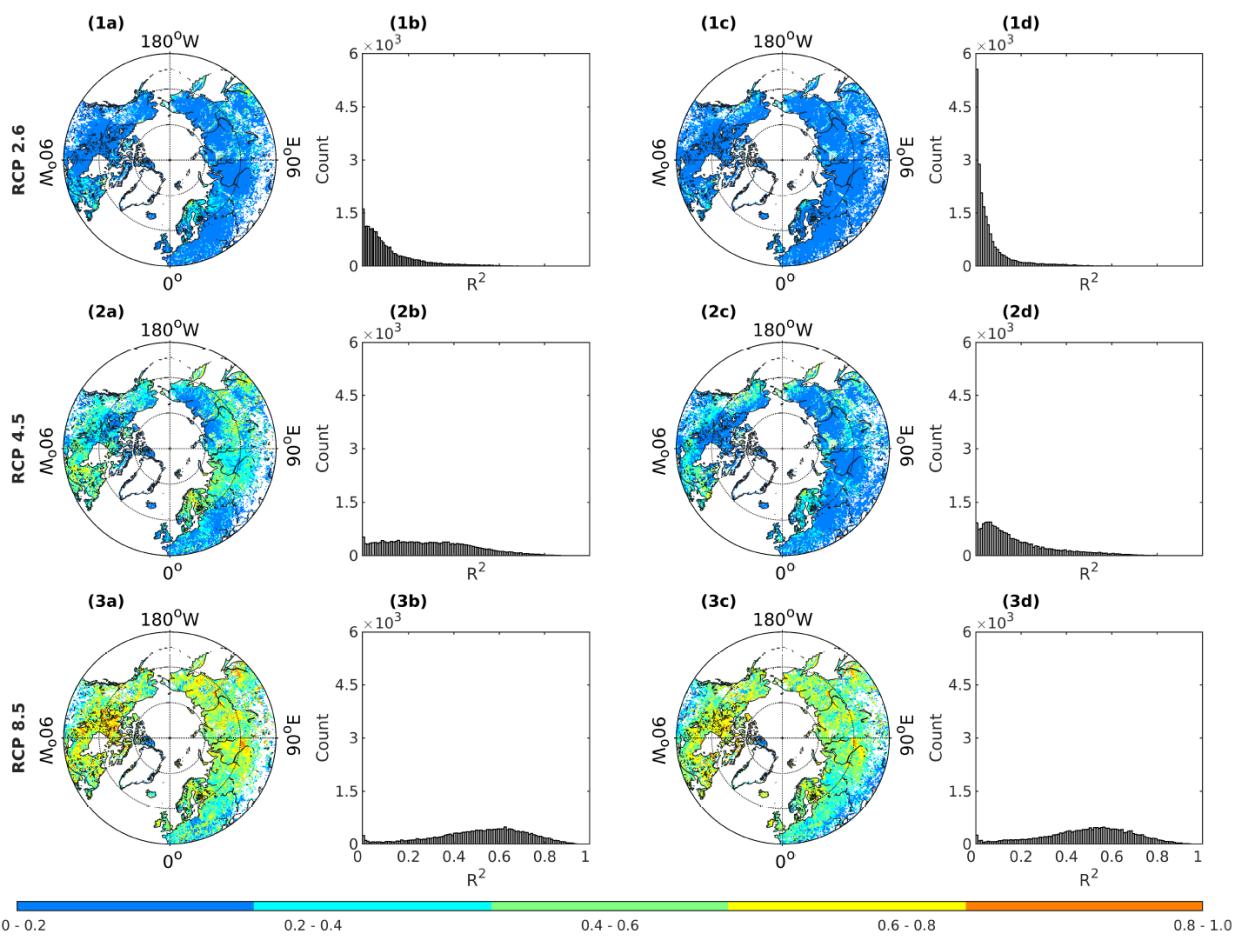
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85 **Figure S20.** Threshold annual temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) of peatland C sink-source shift. Panel (a): the threshold temperature
 86 of IPSL-CM5A-LR forcing; panel (b): the histogram of panel (a); panel (c): the threshold temperature of bcc-csm1-1
 87 forcing; panel (d): the histogram of panel (c).

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Figure S21. R^2 values and their histograms of the annual threshold temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) of peatland C sink-source shift.

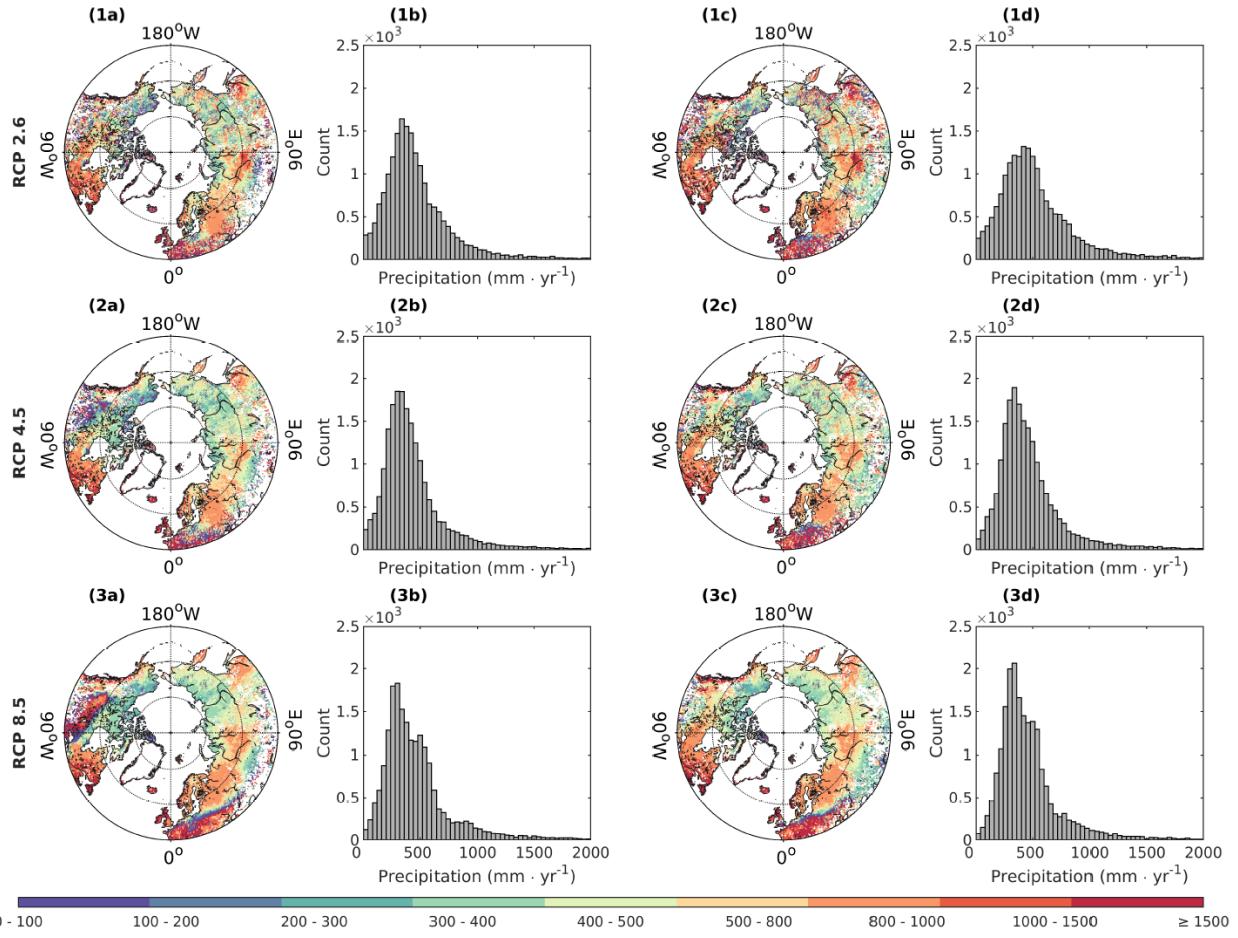
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Panel (a): the R^2 values with IPSL-CM5A-LR forcing; panel (b): the histogram of panel (a); panel (c): the R^2 values

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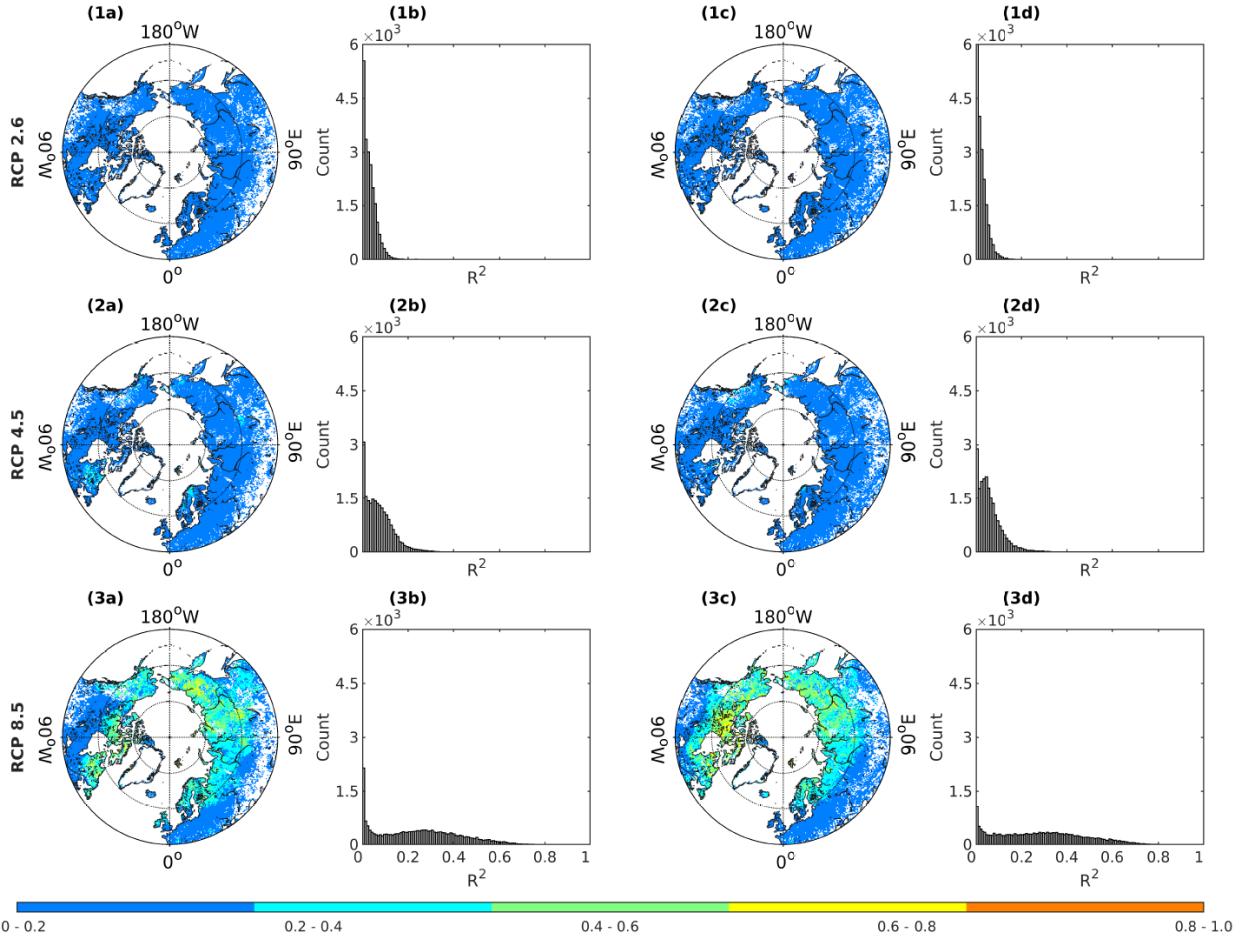
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95 **Figure S22.** Threshold annual precipitation (mm) of peatland C sink-source shift. Panel (a): the threshold
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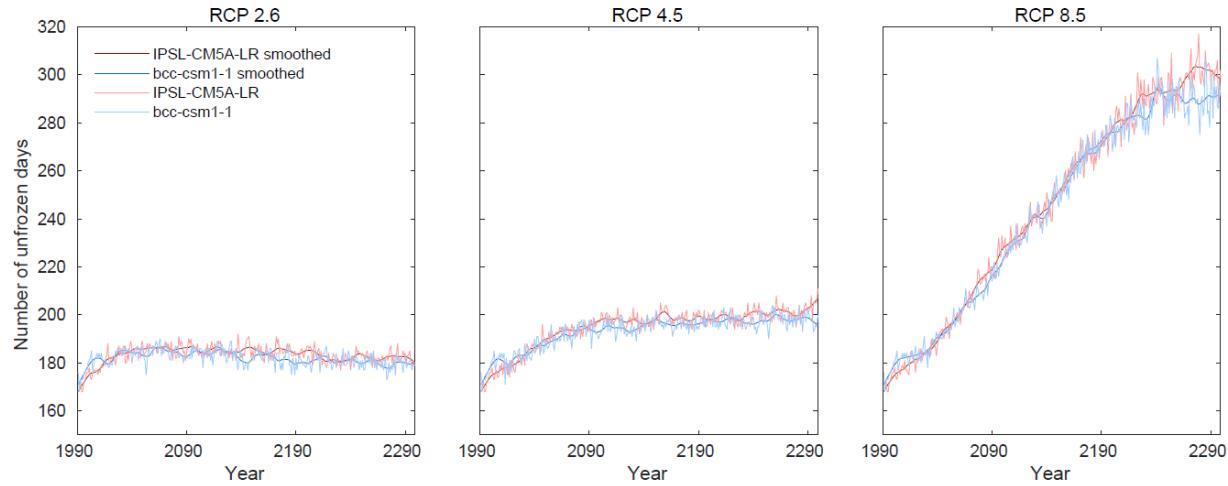
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 101 shift. Panel (a): the R^2 values with IPSL-CM5A-LR forcing; panel (b): the histogram of panel (a); panel (c): the R^2
 102 values with bcc-csm1-1 forcing; panel (d): the histogram of panel (c).

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105 **Figure S24.** The number of unfrozen days under different warming scenarios from 1990-2300.

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108 **Table S1.** Comparison of IPSL-CM5A-LR and bcc-csm1-1 forcing datasets

	IPSL-CM5A-LR	bcc-csm1-1
Temperature		
Annual temperature higher than CUR dataset (°C)	0.03	-0.80
Maximum increase under RCP 2.6 (°C)	4.73	4.83
Maximum increase under RCP 4.5 (°C)	7.32	6.98
Maximum increase under RCP 8.5 (°C)	18.38	16.78
Precipitation		
Annual precipitation higher than CUR dataset (%)	80.53	79.20
Maximum increase under RCP 2.6 (mm·yr ⁻¹)	90.48	86.32
Maximum increase under RCP 4.5 (mm·yr ⁻¹)	135.84	120.26
Maximum increase under RCP 8.5 (mm·yr ⁻¹)	306.85	261.52
Cloudiness		
Annual cloudiness higher than CUR dataset (%)	-5.57	4.18
Maximum increase under RCP 2.6 (%)	6.60	3.11
Maximum increase under RCP 4.5 (%)	7.94	2.88
Maximum increase under RCP 8.5 (%)	15.36	3.80
Vapor pressure		
Annual vapor pressure higher than CUR dataset (%)	31.81	24.15
Maximum increase under RCP 2.6 (hPa)	1.52	1.32
Maximum increase under RCP 4.5 (hPa)	2.46	1.98
Maximum increase under RCP 8.5 (hPa)	7.85	6.58

109 *The comparison between forcing and CRU dataset is based on the data during 1940-1990.

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112 **Table S2.** 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

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

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115 **Table S3.** Annual temperature, precipitation, and the area of wetland, peatland and permafrost in 1990, 2100 and
 116 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
CO ₂ concentration (ppm)	1990	351.4					
	2100	420.9	538.4	935.9			
	2300	360.7	543.0	1961.6			
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
Northern peatlands non-permafrost area (million km ²)	1990	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
	2100	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.7
	2300	0.7	1.1	1.9	0.9	1.1	2.1
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

117 * Peatland refers to the region with peat thickness >= 30cm.

118 * The CO₂ concentration in 1990 is the same for all scenarios, and the concentration in 2100 and 2300 are the same
 119 for two forcing.

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121 **Table S4.** 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

122 * R values are all positive.

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

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125 **Table S5.** 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	

126 * R values are all positive.

127 * ABoVE is Arctic-Boreal Vulnerability Experiment, the dataset is obtained from the subtopic of Active Layer
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