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JULES-IMOGEN and the Paris targets: A story of feedbacks, mitigation and inversion

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NERC SCIENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

NERC Programme – Understanding the Pathways to and Impacts of a 1.5°C Rise in Global Temperature

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- Evidence for the UK Committee on Climate Change, with regard to their statutory advice on national carbon budgets.
- Input to the special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): “Impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels", publication in 2018

Three projects with common methods (**JULES-IMOGEN**) formed an “Intra-Consortia”

CLIFFTOP

Climate feedbacks from wetlands and permafrost thaw in a warming world

Garry Hayman, Sarah Chadburn, Eddy Comyn-Platt, Toby Marthews, Eleanor Burke, Nic Gedney, Eleanor Blyth and Hanna Lee

CLUES

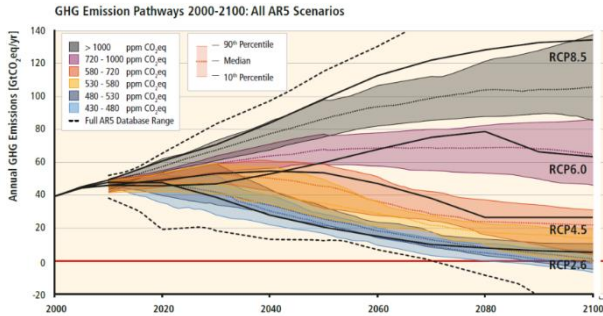
Climate, Land-Use, and Ecosystem Services at 1.5°C

Anna Harper, Peter Cox, Stephen Sitch, Tim Lenton, Tom Powell, Jo House, Chris Huntingford

MOC1.5

Methane, Ozone and the Carbon Budget for 1.5°C

Bill Collins, Peter Cox, Stephen Sitch, Jason Lowe, Chris Webber, Chris Huntingford



Prescribed Anthropogenic Emissions

Atmospheric Composition

Simple Ocean Uptake Model

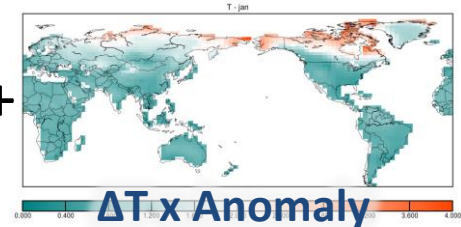
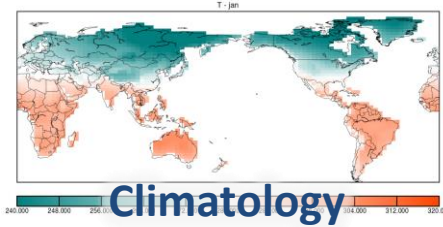
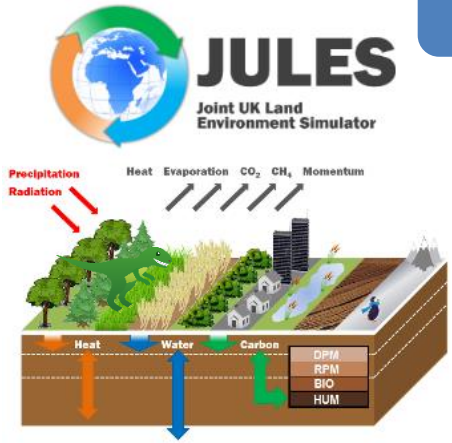
Energy Balance Model

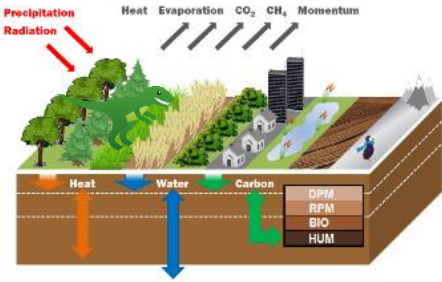
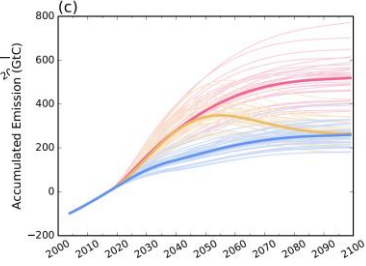
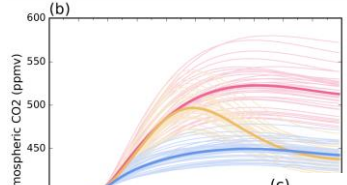
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Global Warming

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Derived Anthropogenic Emissions

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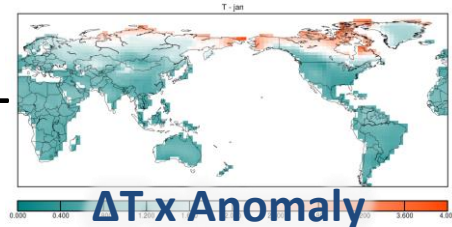
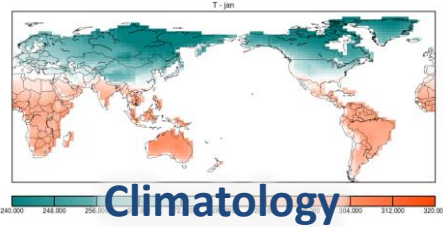
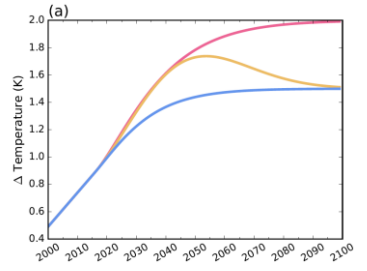
Inverted Energy Balance Model

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CLIFFTOP Results - Permafrost

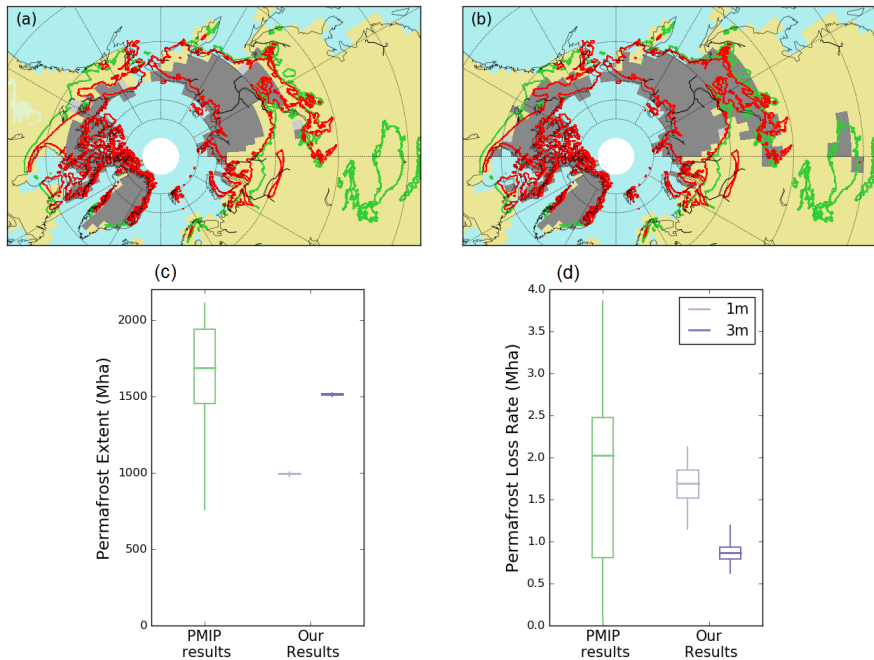


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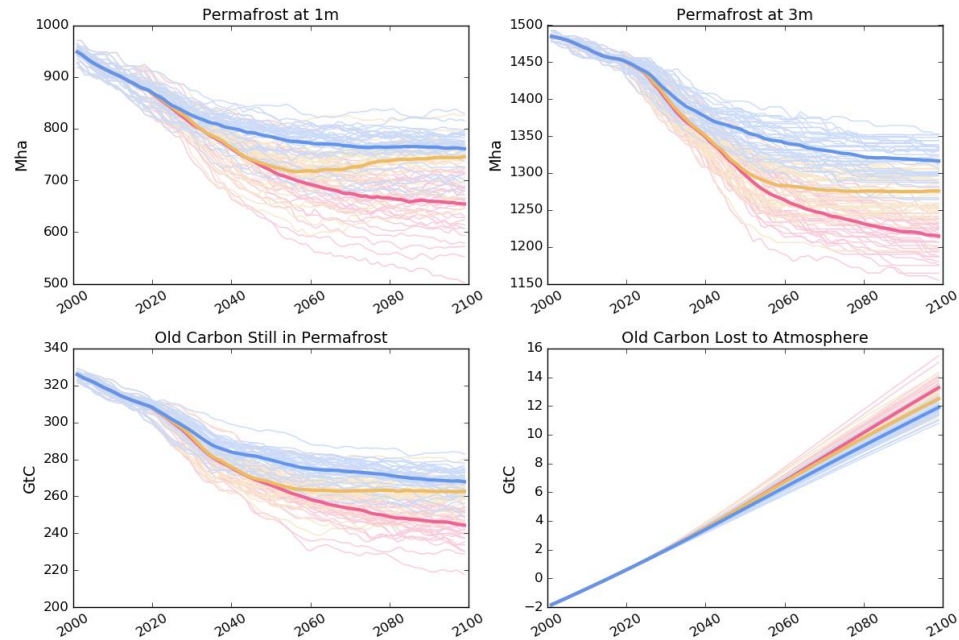


Figure 2

CLIFFTOP Results – Natural Wetlands

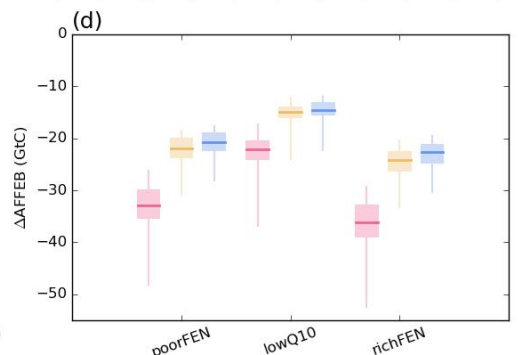
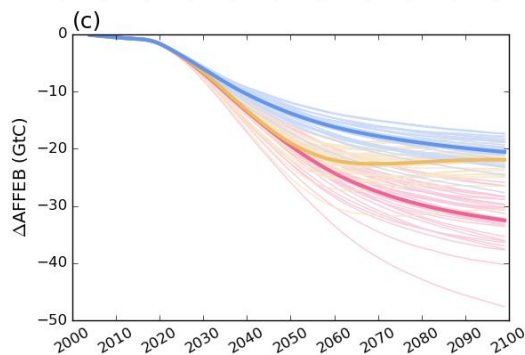
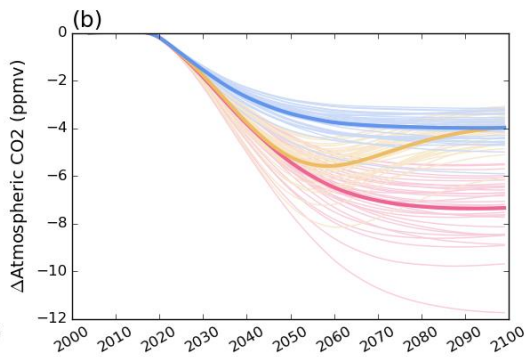
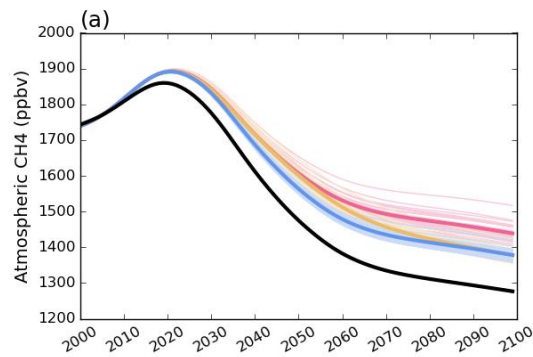
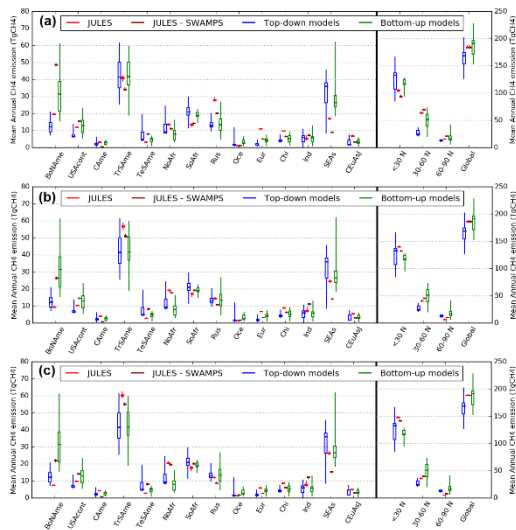
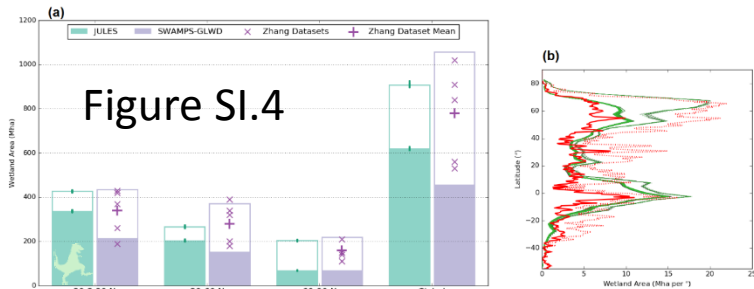
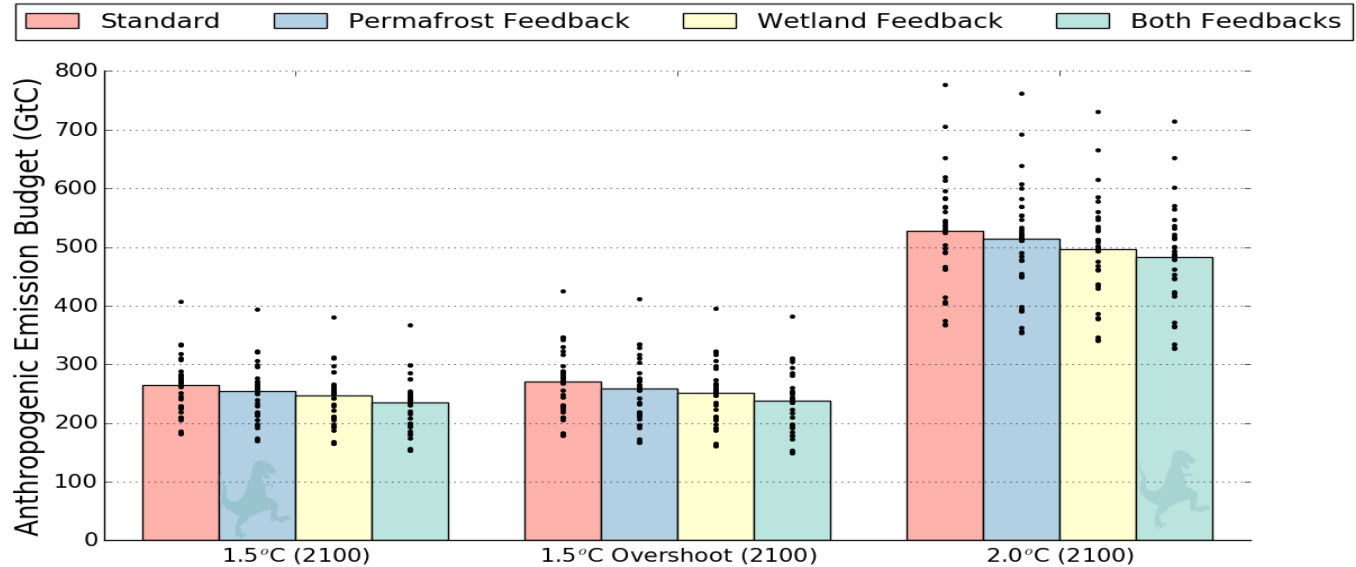


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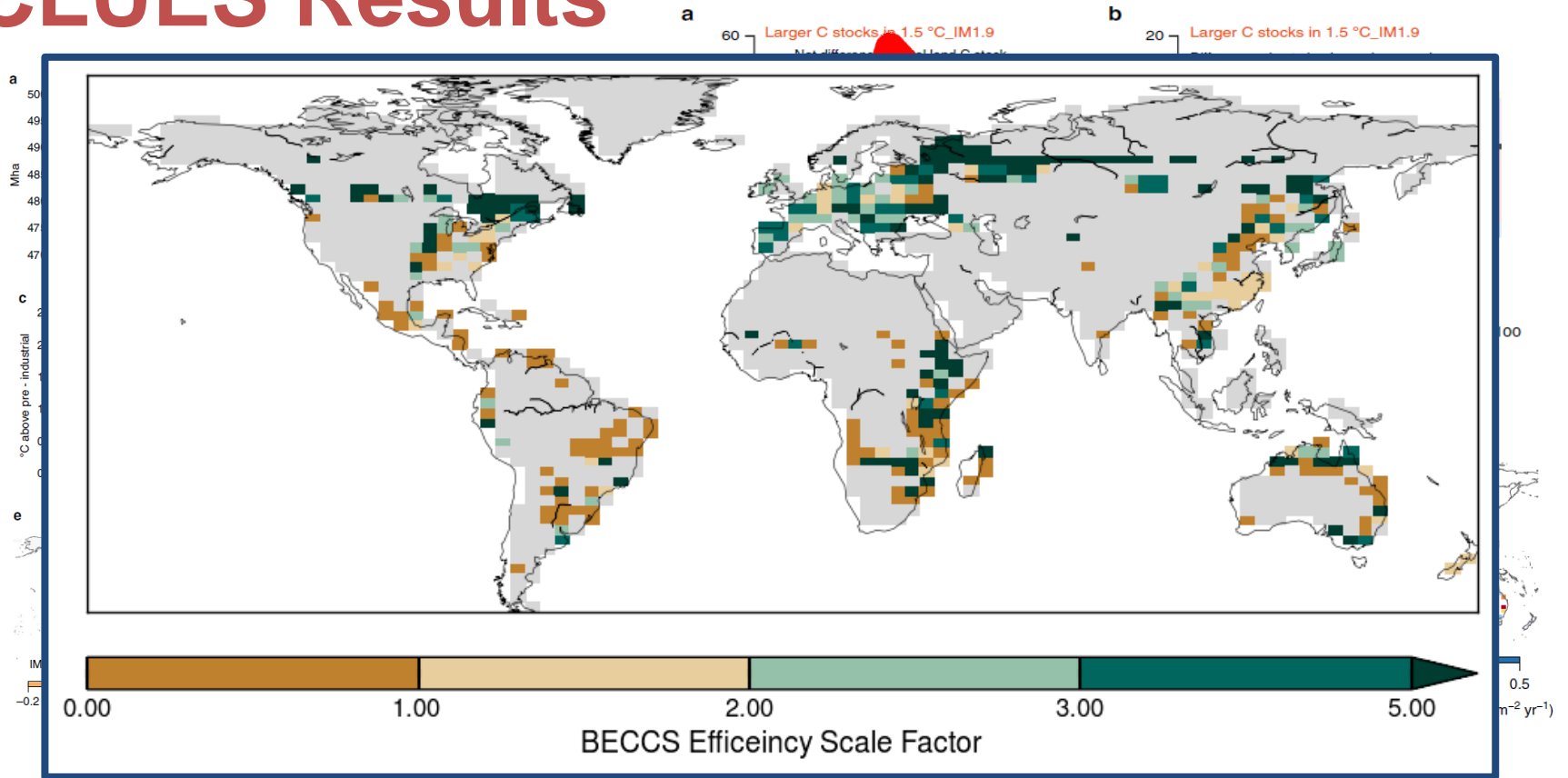
CLIFFTOP Results

Relative to
present day



Control	265 GtC	271 GtC	527 GtC
Both Feedbacks	235 GtC	238 GtC	483 GtC
Additional Reductions	12.0 %	12.5 %	8.5%

CLUES Results



MOC1.5 Results

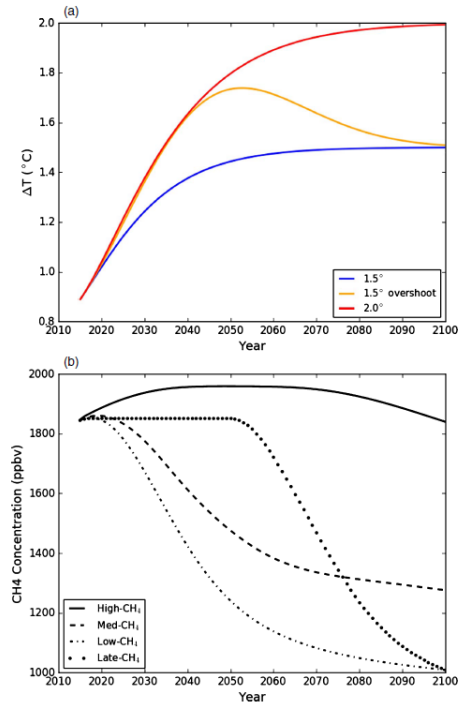


Figure 1. (a) The three temperature pathways used (surface temperature increases with respect to 1850). (b) Global mean atmospheric concentrations of CH₄ for the four scenarios.

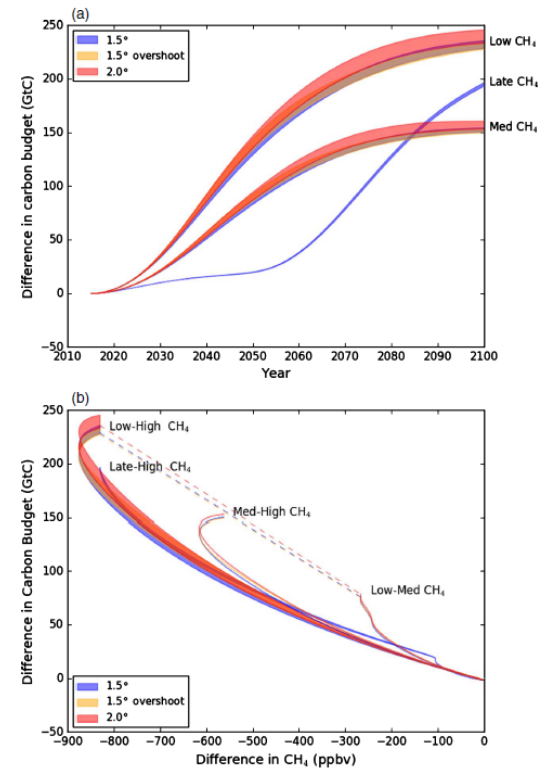
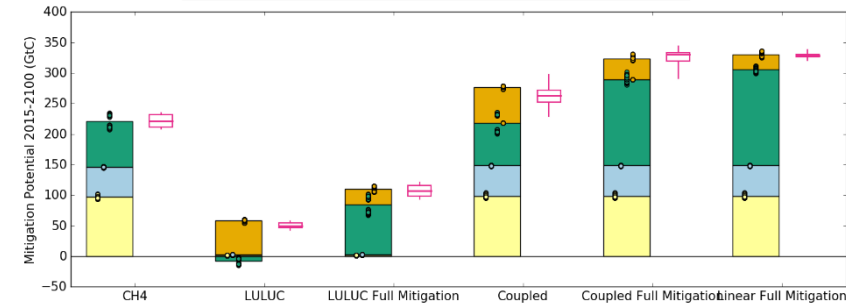
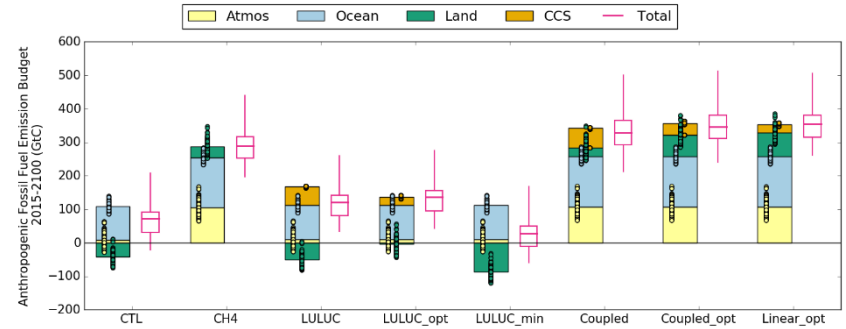
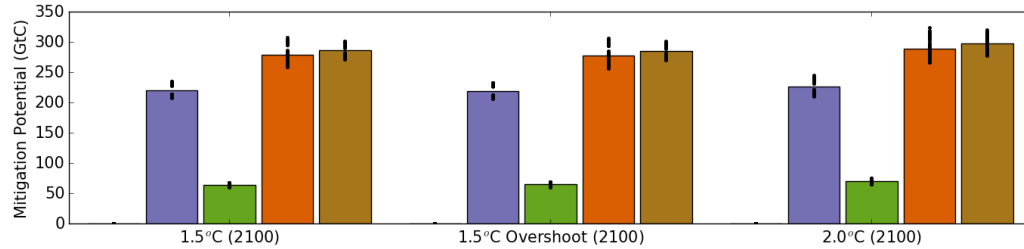
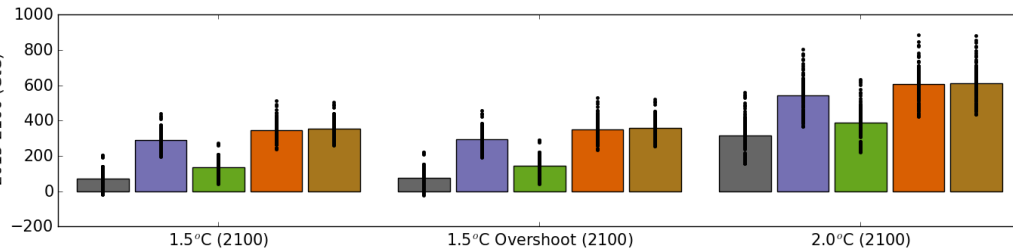


Figure 2. Impact of CH₄ mitigation on the carbon budget for the three temperature profiles. (a) Increase in allowable carbon emissions compared to the High CH₄ scenario. Data are shown for the three temperature profiles. The widths of the lines cover the range of the CMIP5 models. (b) Difference in allowable carbon emissions between pairs of CH₄ scenarios, as a function of difference in CH₄ concentration for each year 2015–2100. The widths of the lines cover the range of the CMIP5 models. The dashed lines connect the differences in 2100 carbon budget against 2100 CH₄ concentrations for the Low, Medium and High CH₄ scenarios. For the Late vs High CH₄ scenario only the 1.5 $^{\circ}$ temperature profile is shown.

SYNTHESIS

Anthropogenic Fossil Fuel Emission Budget, 2015-2100 (GtC)

Control CH₄ Mitigation LULUC Mitigation Coupled Linear

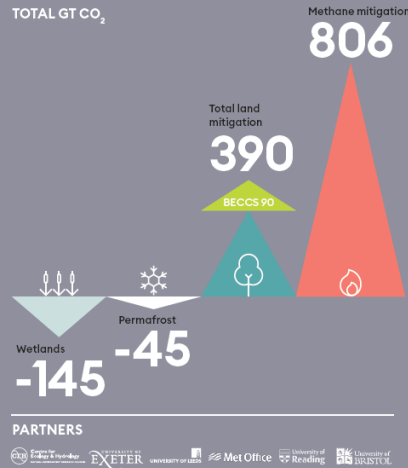


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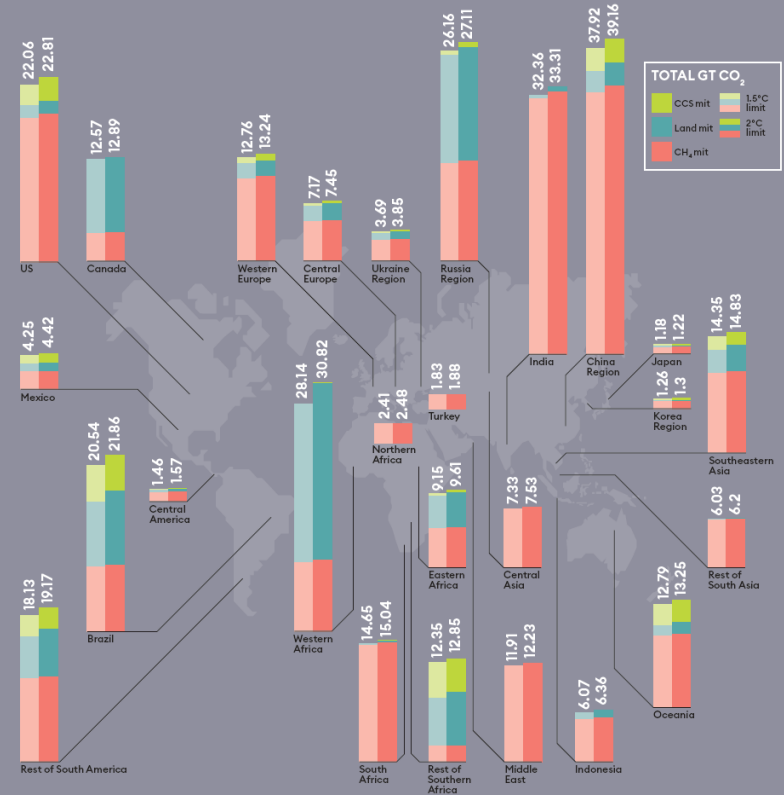
- Summary policy card for BEIS meeting.
- These results with additional water demand analysis to form synthesis paper

Updating our understanding of how earth system processes can alter the feasibility of limiting global warming to 1.5°C

Several natural and human driven processes alter the total allowable global carbon emissions from human sources. Methane mitigation, reforestation and biofuels combined with CCS may increase the size of the carbon budget that limits warming to 1.5°C and 2°C levels. Enhanced greenhouse gas emissions from permafrost thaw and from wetlands may reduce the carbon budget

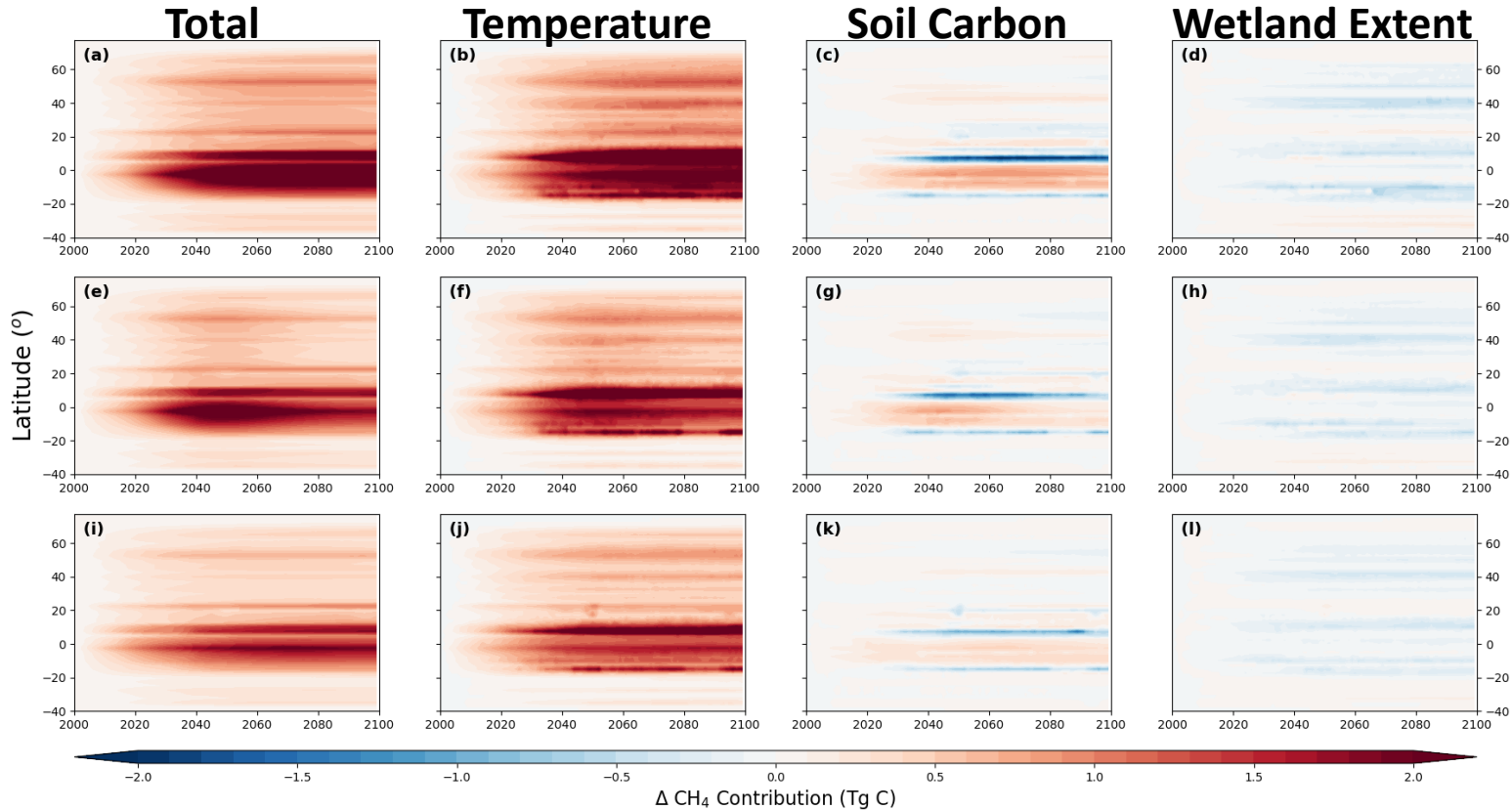


The impact on global allowable carbon budgets of BECCS, reforestation and methane mitigation varies with location
New results based on CLUES, CLIFFTOP and MOC1.5 provide an estimate of the geographic spread

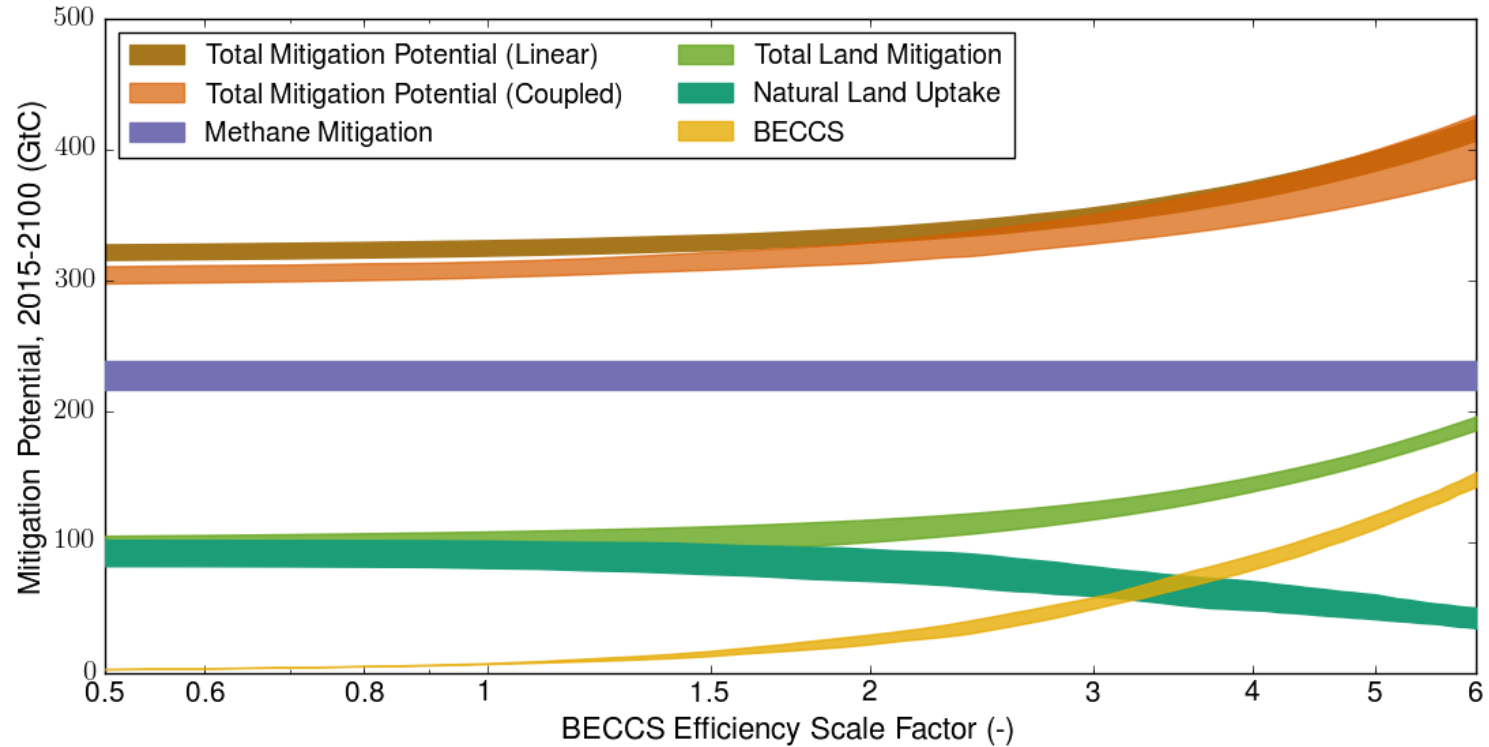


Additional Material Section

CLIFFTOP - Increased Methane Emission Sources



BECCS efficiency sensitivity





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