

25 **Abstract**

26 Although the plant photosynthetic capacity as determined by the maximum carboxylation
27 rate (i.e., $V_{c,max25}$) and the maximum electron transport rate (i.e., J_{max25}) at a reference
28 temperature (generally 25°C) is known to vary considerably in space and time in response to
29 environmental conditions, it is typically parameterized in Earth system models (ESMs) with
30 tabulated values associated to plant functional types. In this study, we have developed a
31 mechanistic model of leaf utilization of nitrogen for assimilation (LUNA V1.0) to predict the
32 photosynthetic capacity at the global scale under different environmental conditions. We adopt
33 an optimality hypothesis to nitrogen allocation among light capture, electron transport,
34 carboxylation, and respiration. The LUNA model is able to reasonably capture the measured
35 spatial and temporal patterns of the photosynthetic capacity as it explains ~55% of the global
36 variation in the observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ and ~65% of the variation in the observed values of
37 J_{max25} . Model simulations with LUNA V1.0 under current and future climate conditions
38 demonstrate that modeled values of $V_{c,max25}$ are most affected in high-latitude regions under
39 future climates. ESMs that relate the values of $V_{c,max25}$ or J_{max25} to plant functional types only are
40 likely to substantially overestimate future global photosynthesis.

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43 1. Introduction

44 Photosynthesis is one of the major components of the ecosystem carbon cycle (Canadell
45 et al., 2007; Sellers et al., 1997) and is thus a key ingredient of Earth system models (ESMs)
46 (Block and Mauritsen, 2013; Hurrell et al., 2013). Most ESMs are based on the photosynthesis
47 model developed by Farquhar et al. (1980). The maximum carboxylation rate scaled to 25°C
48 [i.e., $V_{c,max25}$ ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)] and the maximum electron transport rate scaled to 25°C [i.e.,
49 J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)] in the model have been generally accepted as main proxy of the
50 photosynthetic capacity. $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} are key biochemical parameters in photosynthesis
51 models as they control the carbon fixation process (Farquhar et al., 1980). There exist large
52 spatial and temporal variations in estimates of the gross primary productivity across ESMs
53 (Schaefer et al., 2012), which have been partly attributed to uncertainties in $V_{c,max25}$ (Bonan et al.,
54 2011). Accurate estimates of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} are of paramount importance to simulate the gross
55 primary productivity as errors in these two entities may be exacerbated when upscaling from leaf
56 to ecosystem level (Hanson et al., 2004).

57 Many studies have demonstrated that it is particularly difficult to predict accurately the
58 global scale variations in $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Bonan et al., 2011; Rogers, 2014). One important
59 reason that contributes to this rather poor predictability is a lack of understanding of the
60 processes that control the values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Maire et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2012) despite
61 the fact that $V_{c,max25}$ has been measured and studied more extensively than most other
62 photosynthetic parameters (Kattge and Knorr, 2007; Leuning, 1997; Wullschleger, 1993). Many
63 empirical studies have shown that $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (or field-based surrogates) correlate with
64 leaf nitrogen content (Medlyn et al., 1999; Prentice et al., 2014; Reich et al., 1998; Ryan, 1995;
65 Walker et al., 2014). Therefore, a constant relationship between the leaf nitrogen content and

66 $V_{c,max25}$ or J_{max25} is commonly utilized by many ecosystem models (Bonan et al., 2003; Haxeltine
67 and Prentice, 1996; Kattge et al., 2009). However, the relationship between leaf nitrogen content,
68 $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} varies with light intensity, temperature, nitrogen availability and the
69 atmospheric CO₂ concentration (Friend, 1991; Reich et al., 1995; Ripullone et al., 2003). Thus,
70 the presumed relationship between $V_{c,max25}$, J_{max25} and leaf nitrogen content might introduce
71 significant simulation biases of future photosynthetic rates, which in turn, may also affect
72 predictions of the downstream carbon cycle and other climate processes that are dependent on
73 the modeled photosynthetic rates (Bonan et al., 2011; Knorr and Kattge, 2005; Rogers, 2014).

74 To better describe the relationship between the photosynthetic capacity and its driving
75 environmental conditions, we have developed a global scale mechanistic model of leaf utilization
76 of nitrogen for assimilation. This model, LUNA V1.0, takes into explicit consideration the key
77 environmental variables including temperature, radiation, humidity, CO₂ concentration, and day
78 length to explain the complex dependencies between leaf nitrogen, $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} . Using an
79 optimality hypothesis, the LUNA model allocates leaf nitrogen to different processes, thereby
80 predicting the values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} under different environmental conditions. We estimate
81 the parameters of LUNA by fitting the model against globally distributed observations of $V_{c,max25}$
82 and J_{max25} . We then use the calibrated LUNA model to assess the impacts of future climate
83 change on photosynthesis by estimating the summer season net photosynthetic rate using
84 LUNA's predicted values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} under historic and future climate conditions.

85 **2. Methodology**

86 *2.1. Overview*

87 The LUNA model (version 1.0) is based on the nitrogen allocation model developed by Xu
88 et al. (2012), which optimizes nitrogen allocated to light capture, electron transport,

89 carboxylation, and respiration. Xu et al. (2012) considered a few model assumptions to derive
90 the optimized nitrogen distributions, including (i) storage nitrogen is allocated to meet
91 requirements to support new tissue production; (ii) respiratory nitrogen is equal to the demand
92 implied by the sum of maintenance respiration and growth respiration; (iii) light capture, electron
93 transport and carboxylation are co-limiting to maximize photosynthesis. The model of Xu et al.
94 (2012) has been tested for three different sites only without global-scale calibration of its
95 parameters. Here, we expand the work of Xu et al. (2012) by using a global data set of
96 observations of the photosynthetic capacity to derive accurate values of the model parameters
97 and by incorporation of several refinements to support global-scale prediction of $V_{c,max25}$ and
98 J_{max25} . Specifically, this revised model considers additional environmental variables such as day
99 length and humidity, and honors variations in the balance between the light-limited electron
100 transport rate and the Rubisco-limited carboxylation rate. We use an efficient Markov chain
101 Monte Carlo simulation approach, the Differential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis algorithm
102 (DREAM_(ZS)) (Laloy and Vrugt, 2012; Vrugt et al., 2008; Vrugt et al., 2009), to fit the nitrogen
103 allocation model to a large dataset of observed $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} values collected across a wide
104 range of environmental gradients (Ali et al., 2015). After model fitting, sensitivity analyses are
105 performed to gauge the response of the model to changes in its parameter values and the key
106 environmental drivers including temperature, photosynthetic active radiation, day length, relative
107 humidity and atmospheric CO₂ concentration. Finally, mean summer-season $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}
108 values and their impacts on net photosynthesis are estimated for the globe using climate
109 projections from the Community Climate System Model (CCSM) (Gent et al., 2011).

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112 2.2. Model description

113 The structure of LUNA model is based on Xu et al. (2012), where the leaf nitrogen is
114 divided into four different pools including structural nitrogen, photosynthetic nitrogen, storage
115 nitrogen and respiratory nitrogen. We assume that plants optimize their nitrogen allocation to
116 maximize the net photosynthetic carbon gain, defined as the gross photosynthesis (A) minus the
117 maintenance respiration for photosynthetic enzymes (R_{psn}), under given environmental
118 conditions and leaf nitrogen use strategy as determined by the parameters of the LUNA model.
119 The model includes the following four unitless parameters: 1) J_{maxb0} which specifies the baseline
120 proportion of nitrogen allocated for electron transport rate; 2) J_{maxb1} which determines response
121 of electron transport rate to light; 3) $t_{c,j0}$ which defines the baseline ratio of Rubisco-limited rate
122 to light-limited rate; and 4) H which determines the response of electron transport rate to relative
123 humidity. The LUNA model predicts the values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} based on the optimal
124 amounts of nitrogen allocated for carboxylation and electron transport. The model inputs are
125 area-based leaf nitrogen content, leaf mass per unit leaf area and the driving environmental
126 conditions including temperature, CO_2 , radiation, relative humidity and day length.

127 It is important to stress here that the outcome of the optimality concept used in LUNA is
128 conditional on the plant's nitrogen use strategies built into the model. Thus, it is possible that the
129 “optimal” values of $V_{c,max 25}$ and J_{max25} predicted by the LUNA model for future climate
130 conditions could produce lower values of the net photosynthetic carbon gain than fixed values of
131 $V_{c,max 25}$ and J_{max25} without the use of a nitrogen use strategy. An example of this is shown in Fig.
132 S1 where the net photosynthetic carbon gain pertaining to the “optimal” nitrogen allocations
133 predicted by the LUNA model for the elevated temperature is lower than its counterpart derived
134 from a fixed nitrogen allocation for the ambient temperature. A complete description of the

135 LUNA model and the associated optimality hypothesis and algorithms appears in Appendix A.
136 This optimality approach is introduced and tested by Xu et al. (2012) for only three different
137 sites, and here we evaluate its usefulness and applicability at the global scale with improvements
138 to account for large scale variability. Optimality approaches are important tools for land surface
139 models because they provide testable hypotheses for specific plant functions (Dewar, 2010;
140 Franklin et al., 2012; Schymanski et al., 2009; Thomas and Williams, 2014).

141 2.3. Data and temperature response functions

142 Details of data collection are reported in Ali *et al.* (2015) . Specifically, we conduct an
143 exhaustive literature search with Google Scholar to obtain publications that contained the words
144 “ $V_{c,max}$ ”, “ J_{max} ”, “maximum carboxylation rate”, or “maximum electron transport rate”. To
145 rapidly subset the most appropriate and relevant publications, we use simultaneously the wording
146 “leaf nitrogen content”, “leaf mass per area”, or “specific leaf area”. Individual values of
147 $V_{c,max}$, J_{max} , area-based leaf nitrogen content (LNC_a , g N m⁻² leaf) and leaf mass per unit leaf
148 area (LMA, g dry mass m⁻² leaf) are then obtained by digitizing the experimental data depicted
149 graphically in the selected papers. We use all of the data from Ali *et al.* (2015) with the
150 exception of one study that collected seasonal data on $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} during a prolonged drought
151 (Xu and Baldocchi, 2003) as the LUNA model does not take into consideration the potential
152 enzyme deterioration due to water stress but rather simulates only the optimal nitrogen allocation
153 based on monthly climate conditions. This resulted in a data set of 766 observations of $V_{c,max}$ and
154 643 data points of J_{max} ranging from the tropics to the arctic with a total of 125 species. The data
155 includes evergreen and deciduous species from arctic, boreal, temperate and tropical areas at
156 different times of the year and from various canopy locations (Fig. S2).

157 To allow comparisons of $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} data collected at different temperatures, we first
158 standardize our data to a common reference temperature (25°C). To do this, we employ
159 temperature response functions (TRFs) for $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} . Because of issues related to the
160 possibility of acclimation to temperature, there is not yet scientific consensus on which TRF to
161 use (Yamori et al., 2006). Therefore, we use two alternative temperature response functions to
162 evaluate the potential impact of our selection of the TRFs on the outcome of our analysis. The
163 first temperature response function (TRF1) uses Kattge & Knorr's (2007)'s formula, which
164 accounts empirically for the potential of thermal acclimations to growth temperature. Following
165 the Community Land Model version 4.5, the growth temperature is constrained between 11°C
166 and 35°C (Oleson et al., 2013) to limit the extent of acclimation to growth temperatures found in
167 the calibration data set. The second temperature response function (TRF2) does not consider the
168 thermal acclimations by fixing the acclimation coefficients in TRF1 (Kattge and Knorr, 2007).
169 Please refer to Appendix B for details of TRF1 and TRF2 used herein.

170 Because the LUNA model is based on the C_3 photosynthetic pathway, in this study, we
171 only consider C_3 species. Typically, plant species are grouped into several simple plant
172 functional types (PFTs) in ESMs because of computational limitations and gaps in ecological
173 knowledge. The LUNA model does not differentiate among the PTFs of C_3 species due to a
174 limited coverage of environmental conditions for individual PFTs. Thus, a single set of
175 parameter estimates is used for the PTFs of all C_3 species.

176 *2.4. Parameter estimation*

177 The four parameters of LUNA are difficult to measure directly in the field. In this study, we
178 estimate their values by fitting our model against observations of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} using the
179 DREAM_(ZS) algorithm (Vrugt et al., 2008, 2009; Laloy and Vrugt, 2012). This method uses

180 differential evolution as genetic algorithm for population evolution with a Metropolis selection
181 rule to decide whether candidate points should replace their parents or not. This simple Markov
182 Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method exhibited excellent sampling efficiencies on a wide range
183 of model calibration problems, including multimodal and high-dimensional search problems. A
184 detailed description of DREAM_(ZS) appears in Vrugt et al., (2008, 2009) and Laloy and Vrugt
185 (2012) and interested readers are referred to these publications for further details. Uniform prior
186 parameter distributions are used to constrain the potential parameter values and the Gaussian
187 likelihood function is used to quantify the distance between the modelled $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}
188 values and their observed counterparts. Convergence plots of the DREAM_(ZS) sampled LUNA
189 parameters to the posterior distribution are presented in Fig. S3 and S4.

190 2.5. Model evaluations

191 In this study, two different goodness-of-fit metrics are used to quantify the performance of
192 the LUNA model against the $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} data. These are the coefficient of determination (r^2)
193 (Whitley et al., 2011) and the model efficiency (ME) (Whitley et al., 2011). The r^2 metric ranges
194 between 0 and 1 and measures how much of the observed dispersion of $V_{c,max}$ or J_{max} is explained
195 by the model. A related metric, the model efficiency is calculated using

$$ME = 1 - \frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2},$$

196 where y_i and \hat{y}_i denote the observed and LUNA simulated values, respectively, and \bar{y} signifies
197 the mean of the observations. This metric measures the proportion of the variance in $V_{c,max}$ or
198 J_{max} explained by the 1:1 line between model predictions and observations (Mayer and Butler,
199 1993; Medlyn et al., 2005). The ME ranges between 0 and 1, where a ME of unity corresponds to
200 a perfect match between the modelled and measured data and a ME of zero indicates that the
201 model predictions are only as accurate as the mean of the measured data.

202 *2.6. Model sensitivity analysis*

203 To better understand how the simulated LUNA output of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} depends on
204 its four parameters and the key model inputs, a one-at-a-time (OAT) sensitivity analysis is
205 performed. In the first analysis, we focus on the model parameters only, and perturb their
206 calibrated values, one at a time, with +/- 15%. The second sensitivity analysis considers
207 separately the effect of the key environmental variables on the simulated values of $V_{c,max25}$ and
208 J_{max25} and perturbs the values of the day length (hours), daytime radiation ($W\ m^{-2}$), temperature
209 ($^{\circ}C$), relative humidity (unitless), and carbon dioxide (ppm) with +/-15% around their mean
210 values.

211 *2.7. Changes in $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} under future climate projections*

212 The global surface temperature could increase as much of $3.9^{\circ}C$ by the year 2100 relative
213 to present day (Friedlingstein et al., 2014), with large variations across different regions of the
214 globe (Raddatz et al., 2007). Given the dependence of photosynthesis on temperature, it is
215 critical to examine how much future photosynthesis is likely to change in different regions. In
216 this study, we investigate how the LUNA predicted values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} will change
217 under future climate conditions and how they will affect future estimates of A_{net} , the net
218 photosynthesis rate. The impacts of future climate on $V_{c,max25}$, J_{max25} and A_{net} are quantified by
219 calculating their values for the leaf layer at the top canopy during the summer season under
220 historic and future climate conditions. Appendix C summarizes the calculation of A_{net} .

221 We use model outputs from the Coupled Climate Carbon Cycle Model Intercomparison
222 Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) (Meehl et al., 2000) to obtain projections of future climate. Climate
223 modelers have developed four representative concentration pathways (RCPs) for the 21st century
224 (Taylor et al., 2013). Each of them corresponds to a different level of greenhouse gas emission.

225 In this study, we use historic and future climate conditions simulated by the CCSM 4.0 model
226 under scenario RCP8.5, which considers the largest greenhouse gas emissions. We do not
227 consider herein other models and emission scenarios as the main purpose of our study is not to
228 do a complete analysis under all CMIP5 outputs but rather to estimate the potential impact of
229 nitrogen allocation on photosynthesis. Specifically, the ten-year climate record between 1995
230 and 2004 is used as a benchmark for historic conditions, whereas the climate data between 2090
231 and 2099 is used for future conditions. We present the LUNA's predicted $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}
232 values for the months of the peak growing season. Data from the NOAA Earth System Research
233 Laboratory (Riebeek, 2011) showed that the maximum amount of carbon dioxide drawn from the
234 atmosphere occurs in August and February for the large land masses of the Northern and
235 Southern hemisphere, respectively. As a result, June, July and August are assumed herein to best
236 represent the summer season for the Northern hemisphere and December, January and February
237 are considered representative for the summer season on the Southern Hemisphere. In this study,
238 $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} values are predicted by LUNA using the average values of climate variables
239 for the summer season.

240 We conduct a third sensitivity analysis to quantify the impacts of future changes in
241 climate variables such as temperature, CO₂ concentration, radiation and relative humidity on the
242 simulated values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} . While the first two sensitivity analyses in section 2.6
243 assume current mean climate conditions, this sensitivity analysis investigates global patterns in
244 sensitivity of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} to future changes in climate variables across different biomes.
245 Specifically, we calculate the percentage difference in the LUNA predicted values of $V_{c,max25}$ and
246 J_{max25} using historic and future values of each climate variable. All other climate variables are set
247 at their default (or historic) values.

248 **3. Results**

249 *3.1. Model-data comparison of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}*

250 The DREAM algorithm provides us the posterior means and standard deviations of the four
251 LUNA parameters (Table 1). The calibrated LUNA model explains ~54% of the variance in the
252 observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ across all species (Fig. 1a) and ~65% of the variance in the observed
253 values of J_{max25} (Fig. 1b) using temperature response function TRF1. This response function
254 considers explicitly the thermal acclimations. If TRF2 is used in LUNA, the model is able to
255 explain ~57% of the variance in the observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ (Fig. 1c) and ~66% of the
256 variance in the observed values of J_{max25} (Fig. 1d) across all species. When the LUNA
257 predictions with TRF1 are compared with the observation data with seasonal cycles, the model
258 explains ~67 and ~53% of the variance in the observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} , respectively
259 (see Fig. S5a, b in the supporting information). The model performs similarly when TRF2 is used
260 (Fig. S5 c, d).

261 Our model also performs well for different PFTs. With TRF1, the LUNA model explains
262 about 57, 58 and 47% of the variance in the observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ for herbaceous plants
263 (Fig. S6a), shrubs (Fig. S6b) and trees (Fig. S6c), respectively. For J_{max25} , LUNA explains
264 approximately 49, 85 and 46% of the variances in the observed values of J_{max25} for herbaceous
265 plants (Fig. S6d), shrubs (Fig. S6e) and trees (Fig. S6f), respectively. The predictive power of
266 LUNA increases for shrubs when TRF2 is used. About 63% of the variance in the observed
267 $V_{c,max25}$ values is explained by the model (Fig. S7 b), yet a similar performance is observed for
268 herbaceous and trees (Fig. S7 a, c). The statistics for the predictions of J_{max25} are very similar to
269 those reported previously for TRF1 (Fig. S6 d-f).

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271 3.2. Model sensitivity analysis

272 Sensitivity analysis shows that all four LUNA model parameters (Table 1) have a positive
273 effect on $V_{c,max25}$ (Fig. 2 a, c) and J_{max25} (Fig. 2 b, d) regardless which temperature response
274 function is used. The parameter t_{c,j_0} has the strongest effect on $V_{c,max25}$ (Fig. 2 a, c) while J_{maxb0}
275 has the strongest impact on J_{max25} (Fig. 2 b, d). Parameter H has a much lesser control on the
276 simulated values of both $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Fig. 2 a-d).

277 Sensitivity analysis of the LUNA model output to its main climate variables shows that
278 radiation most strongly affects the simulated $V_{c,max25}$ values, whereas an increasingly smaller
279 impact is observed for the day length, temperature, CO₂ concentration, and relative humidity
280 (Fig. 3a,c). The LUNA predicted values of J_{max25} appear most sensitive to day length, followed
281 by temperature, radiation, relative humidity and CO₂ concentration (Fig. 3b, d). These findings
282 are independent of the TRF being used.

283 3.3. Impacts of climate change on $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}

284 Across the globe, a similar pattern is observed for TRF1 and TRF2 in the simulated values
285 of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Fig. 4 and Fig. S8). Under historical climate conditions, the higher latitudes
286 are predicted to have relatively high values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} while lower latitudes are
287 predicted to have relatively low values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Fig. 4a,c for TRF1; Fig. S8a, c for
288 TRF2). Future climate conditions are likely to decrease significantly the $V_{c,max25}$ values for most
289 vegetated lands in large part due to a predicted rise in the temperature and CO₂ concentration
290 (Fig. 4b for TRF1; Fig. S8b for TRF2). A somewhat opposite trend is observed for J_{max25} with
291 decreasing values at higher latitudes and increasing values at the lower latitudes (Fig. 4d for
292 TRF1 and Fig. S8b for TRF2).

293 Our results show that the LUNA simulated $V_{c,max25}$ values are most sensitive to the
294 changes in CO₂ concentration, followed by temperature, radiation and relative humidity (Fig. 5
295 a-d for TRF1 and Fig. S9a-d for TRF2). The variable J_{max25} appears most sensitive to the changes
296 in temperature, and then radiation, relative humidity and CO₂ (Fig. 6 a-d for TRF1 and Fig.
297 S10a-d for TRF2). Across the globe, temperature has negative impacts on $V_{c,max25}$ when using
298 TRF1 (Fig. 5a); however when TRF2 is used, $V_{c,max25}$ is found to increase at the lower latitudes
299 (Fig. S9a).

300 The simulations of LUNA demonstrate that the future summer-season mean
301 photosynthetic rate at the top leaf layer might be substantially overestimated if acclimation of
302 $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} under future climate conditions (i.e., using historic values of $V_{c,max25}$ and
303 J_{max25}) is not explicitly considered (Fig. 7a, b). This is especially true for regions with high
304 temperatures (Fig. S11). Future estimates of the summer-season mean photosynthesis rate are
305 much higher under TRF1 than TRF2 (Fig. 7b). The omission of acclimation could lead to a 10.1
306 and 16.3% overestimation in the global net photosynthetic rate at the top canopy layer for TRF1
307 and TRF2, respectively.

308 **4. Discussion**

309 *4.1. Model limitations*

310 The LUNA model built on the assumption that nitrogen is allocated according to
311 optimality principles explains a large part of the global-scale variability observed in $V_{c,max25}$
312 (~55%) and J_{max25} (~65%), regardless which TRF is used. This approach used by LUNA also
313 mimics accurately seasonal cycles and PFT-specific values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Fig. S5-7), and
314 has a much better overall predictive power than a multiple linear regression with LNC_a and LMA
315 as main predictors. Such linear model is able to explain only, for both TRFs, about 22% of the

316 variance in the observed $V_{c,max25}$ values (Fig. S12 a, d) and approximately 13% of the variance in
317 the observed J_{max25} values (Fig. S12 b, d). These results suggest that our model includes many
318 of the key variables that determine the spatial and temporal variation of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} across
319 the globe. The remaining portion of the variance that cannot be explained by the LUNA model
320 can be related to variability within the 125 species considered in this study. There are inherent
321 intraspecific variations in leaf traits (Valladares et al., 2000) and in photosynthetic capacity
322 (Moran et al., 2015). Data availability limits the number of species that can be considered in the
323 present analysis and favors a single LUNA calibration for all species. Indeed, the data for
324 individual species normally did not cover a sufficiently large range of environmental conditions.
325 When more data become available for individual species in the future, we can revisit the
326 calibration procedure and fit our model to specific PFTs pending a sufficiently large enough
327 coverage of environmental conditions. We posit that such model will be able to capture
328 adequately a larger portion of the variability observed in $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} .

329 Other deficiencies of LUNA might be related to unexplored nutrient limitations and other
330 plant physiological properties. For example, low phosphorus concentrations can reduce
331 considerably the nitrogen use efficiency of tropical plants with typically modest to low nitrogen
332 (Cernusak et al., 2010; Reich and Oleksyn, 2004), suggesting that our LUNA model can be
333 enhanced by considering multiple different nutrient limitations simultaneously (Goll et al., 2012;
334 Walker et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2010). Our treatment of the photosynthetic capacity can also be
335 improved by incorporating a species-specific mesophyll and stomatal conductance (Medlyn et
336 al., 2011), by analyzing properties such as leaf life span (Wright et al., 2004), and by
337 considering soil pH, nutrient and water availability (Maire et al., 2015). Unexplored nutrient
338 limitations and other plant physiological properties could also play a factor in the limitation of

339 our model. For example, the nitrogen use efficiency of tropical plants (typically modest to low
340 nitrogen) can be diminished by low phosphorus (Cernusak et al., 2010; Reich and Oleksyn,
341 2004), suggesting that our model could be improved by considering multiple nutrient limitations
342 (Goll et al., 2012; Walker et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2010). Our treatment of photosynthetic
343 capacity could also be improved by incorporating species-specific mesophyll and stomatal
344 conductance (Medlyn et al., 2011), by analyzing leaf properties such as leaf life span (Wright et
345 al., 2004), or by considering soil nutrient, soil water availability, and soil pH (Maire et al.,
346 2015).

347 Measurement errors of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} also affect negatively the ability of LUNA to
348 describe perfectly the observational data. These errors can originate from many different sources
349 but are rarely quantified in the literature. They can play a significant role in parameter fitting.
350 Indeed, previous research has shown that the value of C_i in the Farquhar et al. model used to
351 differentiate between Rubisco and RUBP limitations, could be estimated from different methods
352 in the literature (Miao et al., 2009). Furthermore, it is particularly difficult to obtain accurate and
353 biologically realistic estimates of dark respiration (but see Dubois et al., 2007), and
354 consequently, dark respiration is sometimes not reported (Medlyn et al., 2002b).

355 *4.2. Importance of environmental control on $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}*

356 Our model predicts that higher temperatures generally lead to lower values of $V_{c,max25}$ and
357 J_{max25} (Fig. 3a, c). As temperature increases, the nitrogen use efficiencies of $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} also
358 increase and thus plants need a lower amount of nitrogen allocated for carboxylation and electron
359 transport. This is true for all the sites except for $V_{c,max25}$ in the warmest regions of our planet
360 when TRF2 is used (Fig. S9a). This is explained by a large increase in the night time temperature
361 of LUNA (e.g., 22 to 30°C) as the daytime temperature (e.g., from 31 to 33°C) is constrained by

362 the maximum temperature for optimization in TRF2 (i.e., 33°C). To maximize the net
363 photosynthetic carbon gain, the model predicts a higher proportion of nitrogen allocated to
364 carboxylation to compensate for a higher nighttime respiration rate. Therefore, the LUNA model
365 predicts higher values of $V_{c,max25}$. Yet, this may result from a deficiency of TRF2 in that this
366 response function does not allow for thermal acclimations under global warming (Lombardozi
367 et al., 2015).

368 Our model predicts that the future changes in atmospheric CO₂ concentration has a negligible
369 effect on J_{max25} , a finding that is in agreement with results from other studies (e.g. Maroco et al.,
370 2002). A meta-analysis of 12 FACE experiments demonstrated reductions in J_{max} on the order of
371 5% but with a 10% reduction in $V_{c,max25}$ under elevated CO₂ concentrations (Long et al., 2004).
372 Our model also predicts that the relative humidity has a relatively minor effect on $V_{c,max25}$. This
373 may be due to the fact that most of the values of $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} in our dataset coincide with
374 relatively high values of the humidity. As LUNA does not consider the effects of drought on
375 photosynthesis, it may have underestimated the effects of water scarcity on $V_{c,max25}$ under low
376 humidity conditions (Xu and Baldocchi, 2003). Under prolonged drought, plants close their
377 stomata and photosynthesis is greatly reduced (Breshears et al., 2008; McDowell, 2011). Without
378 sufficient carbon input, photosynthetic enzymes may degenerate during the high temperatures of
379 a drought, which could decrease $V_{c,max25}$ substantially (Limousin et al., 2010; Xu and Baldocchi,
380 2003).

381 There are many different ways to incorporate environmental controls on $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} .
382 One such approach is to use relatively simple empirical relationships between environmental
383 variables and $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (e.g. Ali et al., 2015; Verheijen et al., 2013). Such functions can
384 improve the model performance (Verheijen et al., 2015), yet may exhibit rather poor

385 extrapolative capabilities under future climate conditions. The optimality hypothesis used by
386 LUNA is arguably better rooted in ecologic theory, and is therefore expected to exhibit a better
387 predictive quality when confronted with novel future climate conditions. Indeed, the concept of
388 optimality has been applied to the prediction of many different plant functions and structures
389 under a wide-array of environmental conditions. Examples include carbon allocation (Franklin et
390 al., 2012), leaf C:N (Thomas and Williams, 2014), root distribution (McMurtrie et al., 2012), and
391 stomatal conductance (Cowan and Farquhar, 1977). For photosynthetic capacity optimization,
392 Haxeltine and Prentice (1996) have predicted $V_{c,max25}$ based on a trade-off analysis of
393 photosynthesis and respiration. This concept has been incorporated in different land surface
394 models such as LPJ-GUESS (Smith et al., 2001) and LPJmL (Sitch et al., 2003). Both LUNA
395 and the model of Haxeltine and Prentice (1996), hereafter conveniently referred to as HP,
396 consider $V_{c,max25}$ and respiration. The LUNA model is currently limited to prediction at the leaf
397 level only while the HP model is applicable for both the leaf and canopy level. Nevertheless, key
398 improvements of LUNA over HP include an explicit consideration of light capture, electron
399 transport and storage. Furthermore, the parameters of LUNA have been derived from a much
400 larger global data set, with many different environmental conditions.

401 *4.3. Importance of changes in $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} to future photosynthesis estimation*

402 Our model suggests that most regions of the world will likely experience reductions in
403 $V_{c,max25}$ (Fig. 4b and Fig. S8b) due to global warming. An increase of the temperature (Fig. S13)
404 and atmospheric CO_2 concentration is expected to increase the nitrogen use efficiency of
405 Rubisco and thus plants are able to reduce the amount of nitrogen allocated for Rubisco to reduce
406 the carbon cost required for enzyme maintenance. Similarly, J_{max25} will also decrease globally,
407 except in regions where the present temperatures of the growing season are relatively high (Fig.

408 S12b). The increase of $J_{\max25}$ can be attributed to leaf temperature limitations and increased
409 shortwave radiation (Fig. S14 and S15). Temperature will have a relatively small impact on
410 nitrogen allocation in regions with historically high temperatures during the growing season
411 because leaf temperature is already close to or higher than the upper limit of optimal nitrogen
412 allocation (42°C for TRF1 and 33°C for TRF2). Based on eq. (A11), higher levels of shortwave
413 solar radiation will increase nitrogen allocation to electron transport (Evans and Poorter, 2001).

414 If we do not account for the potential acclimation of $V_{c,\max25}$ and $J_{\max25}$ under future climate
415 conditions, our analysis based on the LUNA model indicates that ESM predictions of future
416 global photosynthesis at the uppermost leaf layer will likely be overestimated by as much as 10-
417 16% if $V_{c,\max25}$ and $J_{\max25}$ are held fixed (Fig. 7). This overestimation is larger for TRF2 (16.3%)
418 than TRF1 (10.1%) and can result from the fact that TRF2 does not account for thermal
419 acclimations under future climate conditions. Consequently, LUNA predicts a large nitrogen
420 allocation acclimation under climate change. In both cases, our results suggest that, to reliably
421 predict global plant responses to future climate change, ESMs should take into explicit
422 consideration environmental controls on $V_{c,\max25}$ and $J_{\max25}$. It has been suggested recently that
423 nitrogen-related factors are not well represented in ESMs (Houlton et al., 2015; Wieder et al.,
424 2015). Our nitrogen partitioning scheme would help remove the prediction bias of future
425 photosynthetic rates, which will also improve considerably related climate processes that are
426 dependent on these predictions (Bonan et al., 2011; Knorr and Kattge, 2005; Rogers, 2014).

427 **5. Code availability**

428 The LUNA model has been implemented in CLM5.0 and will be made publicly available
429 with its release in 2016. Stand-alone codes of LUNA are available in MATLAB, FORTRAN,

430 and C. These source codes can be obtained from the corresponding author upon request
431 (cxu@lanl.gov).

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433 6. Appendices

434 Appendix A: Leaf Utilization of Nitrogen for Assimilation (LUNA) Model

435 The LUNA model considers nitrogen allocation within a given leaf layer in the canopy
436 that has a predefined leaf-area-based plant leaf nitrogen availability (LNC_a ; g N m⁻² leaf) to
437 support its growth and maintenance. The structure of the LUNA model is adapted from Xu et al.
438 (2012), where the plant nitrogen at the leaf level is divided into four pools: structural nitrogen
439 (N_{str} ; g N m⁻² leaf), photosynthetic nitrogen (N_{psn} ; g N m⁻² leaf), storage nitrogen (N_{store} ; g N m⁻²
440 leaf), and respiratory nitrogen (N_{resp} ; g N m⁻² leaf). Namely,

$$441 \quad LNC_a = N_{psn} + N_{str} + N_{store} + N_{resp}. \quad (A1)$$

442 The photosynthetic nitrogen, N_{psn} , is further divided into nitrogen for light capture (N_{lc} ; g N/m²
443 leaf), nitrogen for electron transport (N_{et} ; g N/m² leaf), and nitrogen for carboxylation (N_{cb} ; g
444 N/m² leaf). Namely,

$$445 \quad N_{psn} = N_{et} + N_{cb} + N_{lc}. \quad (A2)$$

446 The structural nitrogen, N_{str} , is calculated as the multiplication of leaf mass per unit area (LMA:
447 g biomass/m² leaf), and the structural nitrogen content (SNC: g N g⁻¹ biomass). Namely,

$$448 \quad N_{str} = SNC \cdot LMA, \quad (A3)$$

449 where SNC is set to be fixed at 0.002 (g N/g biomass), based on data on C:N ratio from dead
450 wood (White et al., 2000). The functional leaf nitrogen content (FNC_a ; g N m⁻² leaf) is defined
451 by subtracting structural nitrogen content, N_{str} , from the total leaf nitrogen content (LNC_a ; g N/m²
452 leaf),

$$453 \quad FNC_a = LNC_a - N_{str}. \quad (A4)$$

454 We assume that plants optimize their nitrogen allocations (i.e., N_{store} , N_{resp} , N_{lc} , N_{et} , N_{cb}) to
455 maximize the net photosynthetic carbon gain, defined as the gross photosynthesis (A) minus the

456 maintenance respiration for photosynthetic enzymes (R_{psn}), under specific environmental
 457 conditions and given plant's strategy of leaf nitrogen use. Namely, the solutions of nitrogen
 458 allocations $\{ N_{store}, N_{resp}, N_{lc}, N_{et}, N_{cb} \}$ can be estimated as follows,

$$459 \quad \{\hat{N}_{store}, \hat{N}_{resp}, \hat{N}_{lc}, \hat{N}_{et}, \hat{N}_{cb}\} = \underset{N_{store} + N_{resp} + N_{lc} + N_{et} + N_{cb} < FNC_a}{\operatorname{argmax}} (A - R_{psn}). \quad (A5)$$

460 The gross photosynthesis, A , is calculated with a coupled leaf gas exchange model based on the
 461 Farquhar et al. (1980) model of photosynthesis and Ball-Berry-type stomatal conductance model
 462 (Ball et al., 1987) (See Appendix C for details). The maintenance respiration for photosynthetic
 463 enzymes, R_{psn} , is calculated by the multiplication of total photosynthetic nitrogen (N_{psn}) and the
 464 maintenance respiration cost for photosynthetic enzyme (NUE_{rp} , see Appendix D). Namely,

$$465 \quad R_{psn} = NUE_{rp} N_{psn}. \quad (A6)$$

466 In the LUNA model, the maximum electron transport rate (J_{max} ; $\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) is
 467 simulated to have a baseline allocation of nitrogen and additional nitrogen allocation to change
 468 depending on the average daytime photosynthetic active radiation (PAR; $\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$),
 469 day length (hours) and air humidity. Specifically, we have

$$470 \quad J_{max} = J_{max0} + J_{maxb1} f(\text{day length}) f(\text{humidity}) \alpha \text{ PAR}. \quad (A7)$$

471 The baseline electron transport rate, J_{max0} , is calculated as follows,

$$472 \quad J_{max0} = J_{maxb0} FNC_a NUE_{J_{max}} \quad (A8)$$

473 where J_{maxb0} (unitless) is the baseline proportion of nitrogen allocated for electron transport rate.

474 $NUE_{J_{max}}$ ($\mu\text{mol electron s}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ N}$) is the nitrogen use efficiency of J_{max} (see eq. (D2) for details).

475 J_{maxb1} (unitless) is a coefficient determining the response of the electron transport rate to amount

476 of absorbed light (*i. e.*, $\alpha \text{ PAR}$). $f(\text{day length})$ is a function specifies the impact of day length

477 (hours) on J_{max} in view that longer day length has been demonstrated by previous studies to

478 alter $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} (Bauerle et al., 2012; Comstock and Ehleringer, 1986) through
 479 photoperiod sensing and regulation (e.g. Song et al., 2013). Following Bauerle et al. (2012),
 480 $f(\text{day length})$ is simulated as follows,

$$481 \quad f(\text{day length}) = \left(\frac{\text{day length}}{12} \right)^2. \quad (\text{A9})$$

482 $f(\text{humidity})$ represents the impact of air humidity on J_{max} . We assume that higher humidity
 483 leads to higher J_{max} with less water limitation on stomata opening and that low relative humidity
 484 has a stronger impact on nitrogen allocation due to greater water limitation. When relative
 485 humidity (RH; unitless) is too low, we assume that plants are physiologically unable to reallocate
 486 nitrogen. We therefore assume that there exists a critical value of relative humidity ($RH_0 = 0.25$;
 487 unitless), below which there is no optimal nitrogen allocation. Based on the above assumptions,
 488 we have

$$489 \quad f(\text{humidity}) = \left(1 - e^{\left(-H \frac{\max(\text{RH}-\text{RH}_0, 0)}{1-\text{RH}_0} \right)} \right), \quad (\text{A10})$$

490 where H (unitless) specifies the impact of relative humidity on electron transport rate. Replacing
 491 eq. (A7) with eqs. (A8), (A9) and (A10), we have

$$492 \quad J_{max} = J_{maxb0} \text{FNC}_a \text{NUE}_{J_{max}} + J_{maxb1} \left(\frac{\text{day length}}{12} \right)^2 \left(1 - e^{\left(-H \frac{\max(\text{RH}-\text{RH}_0, 0)}{1-\text{RH}_0} \right)} \right) \alpha \text{PAR}. \quad (\text{A11})$$

493 The efficiency of light energy absorption (unitless), α , is calculated depending on the amount of
 494 nitrogen allocated for light capture, N_{lc} . Following Niinemets and Tenhunen (1997), we have,

$$495 \quad \alpha = \frac{0.292}{1 + \frac{0.076}{N_{lc} C_b}}, \quad (\text{A12})$$

496 where 0.292 is the conversion factor from photon to electron. C_b is the conversion factor (1.78)
 497 from nitrogen to chlorophyll. After we estimate J_{max} , the actual electron transport rate with the
 498 daily maximum radiation (J_x) can be calculated using the empirical expression of Smith (1937),

$$J_x = \frac{\alpha \text{PAR}_{\max}}{\left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2 \text{PAR}_{\max}^2}{J_{\max}^2}\right)^{0.5}}, \quad (\text{A13})$$

where PAR_{\max} ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) is the maximum photosynthetically active radiation during the day.

Based on Farquhar et al. (1980) and Wullschlegel (1993), we can calculate the electron-limited photosynthetic rate under daily maximum radiation (W_{j_x}) and the Rubisco-limited photosynthetic rate (W_c) as follows,

$$W_{j_x} = K_j J_x, \quad (\text{A14})$$

$$W_c = K_c V_{c,\max}, \quad (\text{A15})$$

where K_j and K_c as the conversion factors from $V_{c,\max}$ to W_c and from J_x to W_{j_x} , respectively [see eqs. (C4) and (C6) in Appendix C for details of calculation]. Based on Xu et al. (2012), Maire et al. (2012) and Walker et al. (2014), we assume that W_c is proportional to W_{j_x} . Specifically, we have

$$W_c = t_{c,j} W_{j_x}, \quad (\text{A16})$$

where $t_{c,j}$ is the ratio of W_c to W_{j_x} . We recognize that this ratio may change depending on the nitrogen use efficiency of carboxylation and electron transport (Ainsworth and Rogers, 2007) and therefore introduce the modification as follows,

$$t_{c,j} = t_{c,j_0} \left(\frac{\text{NUE}_c / \text{NUE}_j}{\text{NUE}_{c0} / \text{NUE}_{j0}} \right)^{0.5}, \quad (\text{A17})$$

where t_{c,j_0} (unitless) is the ratio of Rubisco limited rate to light limited rate, NUE_{c0} ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}\text{N}$), NUE_{j0} ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}\text{N}$) are the daily nitrogen use efficiency of W_c and W_j under reference climate conditions defined as the 25°C leaf temperature and atmospheric CO_2 concentration of 380 ppm, with leaf internal CO_2 concentration set as 70% of the atmospheric CO_2 concentration. NUE_c ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}\text{N}$), NUE_j ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}\text{N}$) are the nitrogen use efficiency of W_c and W_j at the current climate conditions. See eqs (D6) and (D7) for details of

521 calculation. The term $\frac{NUE_c/NUE_j}{NUE_{c0}/NUE_{j0}}$ assumes that the higher nitrogen use efficiency of W_c
 522 compared to that of W_j will lead to a higher value of $t_{c,j}$ given the same value of W_j . The
 523 exponent 0.5 is used to ensure that the response of $V_{c,max}$ to elevated CO_2 is down-regulated by
 524 approximately 10% when CO_2 increased from 365 ppm to 567 ppm as reported by Ainsworth &
 525 Rogers (2007).

526 Replacing eq. (A16) with eqs. (A14), (A15) and (A17), we are able to estimate the
 527 maximum carboxylation rate ($V_{c,max}$; $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) as follows,

$$528 \quad V_{c,max} = t_{c,j0} \left(\frac{NUE_c/NUE_j}{NUE_{c0}/NUE_{j0}} \right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{K_j}{K_c} \right) J_x. \quad (\text{A18})$$

529 Following Collatz et al. (1991), the total respiration (R_t) is calculated in proportion to $V_{c,max}$,

$$530 \quad R_t = 0.015V_{c,max}. \quad (\text{A19})$$

531 Accounting for the daytime and nighttime temperature, we are able to estimate the daily
 532 respirations as follows,

$$533 \quad R_{td} = R_t [D_{day} + D_{night} f_r(T_{night}) / f_r(T_{day})], \quad (\text{A20})$$

534 where D_{day} and D_{night} are daytime and nighttime durations in seconds. $f_r(T_{night})$ and $f_r(T_{day})$
 535 are the temperature response functions for respiration (see eq. (B1) for details).

536 In summary, given an initial estimation of N_{ic} , we are able to first estimate the efficiency
 537 of light energy absorption α using eq. (A12). With that, we are able to estimate the maximum
 538 electron transport rate, J_{max} , using eq. (A11). The nitrogen allocated for electron transport can
 539 thus be calculated as follows,

$$540 \quad N_{et} = \frac{J_{max}}{NUE_{J_{max}}}. \quad (\text{A21})$$

541 Then, based on eq. (A18), we are able to estimate the corresponding the maximum carboxylation
 542 rate $V_{c,max}$ and the nitrogen allocated for carboxylation as follows,

543
$$N_{cb} = \frac{V_{c,max}}{NUE_{V_{c,max}}} \quad (A22)$$

544 where $NUE_{V_{c,max}}$ is the nitrogen use efficiency for $V_{c,max}$. See eq. (D1) for details of calculation.

545 Using eq. (A 20), we are able to estimate R_{td} and thus the nitrogen allocated for respiration as
546 follows,

547
$$N_{resp} = \frac{R_{td}}{NUE_r}, \quad (A23)$$

548 where NUE_r is nitrogen use efficiency of enzymes for respiration. See eq. (D3) for details of
549 calculation. Finally, the “storage” nitrogen is calculated as follows,

550
$$N_{store} = FNC_a - N_{resp} - N_{cb} - N_{lc} - N_{et}. \quad (A24)$$

551 Note that this “storage” nitrogen is mainly a remaining component of FNC_a . Its formulation is
552 different from the formulation of Xu et al (2012) where N_{store} is set as a linear function of net
553 photosynthetic rate. This modification is based on the observations that the preliminary fitting to
554 data using the linear function shows no dependence of N_{store} on net photosynthetic rate. To
555 make the solutions realistic, we set minimum of N_{store} as 5% of FNC_a in view of potential
556 nitrogen for plant functionality that is not accounted for by photosynthesis and respiration. By
557 exploring different values of nitrogen allocated for light capture N_{lc} and using the eqs. (A21-23),
558 we will find the “optimal” nitrogen allocations ($\hat{N}_{store}, \hat{N}_{resp}, \hat{N}_{lc}, \hat{N}_{et}, \hat{N}_{cb}$) until the net
559 photosynthetic rate is maximized (see eq. (A5)) given a specific set of nitrogen allocation
560 coefficients (i.e., J_{maxb0}, J_{maxb1}, H , and $t_{c,j0}$). The detailed optimization algorithms are
561 implemented as follows:

- 562 1) Increase the nitrogen allocated (N_{lc}) for light capture (from a small initial value of 0.05)
563 and calculate the corresponding light absorption rate α with eq. (A12);

- 564 2) Calculate J_{\max} from eq. (A11) and derive the nitrogen allocated to electron transport, N_{et} ,
565 using eq. (A21);
- 566 3) Calculate $V_{\text{c,max}}$ from eq. (A18) and derive the nitrogen allocated to Rubisco, N_{cb} , using
567 eq. (A22);
- 568 4) Calculate the total respiration R_{id} from eq. (A20) and derive the nitrogen allocated to
569 respiration, N_{resp} , using eq. (A23);
- 570 5) Calculate the total nitrogen invest in photosynthetic enzymes including nitrogen for
571 electron transport, carboxylation and light capture using eq. (A2);
- 572 6) Calculate the gross photosynthetic rate, A , and the maintenance respiration for
573 photosynthetic enzymes, R_{psn} , by eq. (A6);
- 574 7) Repeat steps 1) to 6) until the increase from previous time step in A is smaller than or
575 equal to the increase in R_{psn} .

576 Since the response of $V_{\text{c,max}}$ and J_{\max} to increasing temperature shows a steady rise to an
577 optimum followed by a relatively rapid decline (Bernacchi et al., 2003; Kattge and Knorr, 2007;
578 Leuning, 2002; Medlyn et al., 2002a), we postulate that the detrimental heat stress on leaf
579 enzymatic activity beyond this optimum (Crafts-Brandner and Law, 2000; Crafts-Brandner and
580 Salvucci, 2000; Law and Crafts-Brandner, 1999; Spreitzer and Salvucci, 2002) will cause the
581 leaf to fail to optimize its nitrogen allocation. Consequently, we hypothesized that plants only
582 optimize nitrogen allocation up to their optimum enzymatic activity, which is 42°C for TRF1 and
583 33°C for TRF2. Regardless of whether plants acclimate to temperature or not, we assume that
584 they do not optimally allocate nitrogen when leaf temperature is below 5°C because low
585 temperatures could substantially limit plant enzymes (Martin et al., 1978; Öquist et al., 1980;
586 Strand and Öquist, 1988).

587 After we get the optimal nitrogen allocations ($\hat{N}_{\text{store}}, \hat{N}_{\text{resp}}, \hat{N}_{\text{lc}}, \hat{N}_{\text{et}}, \hat{N}_{\text{cb}}$), we are able to estimate
588 the $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} by rearranging eqs. (A21) and (A22) as follows,

589
$$V_{\text{c,max25}} = \hat{N}_{\text{cb}} \text{NUE}_{V_{\text{c,max25}}} \quad (\text{A25})$$

590
$$J_{\text{max25}} = \hat{N}_{\text{cb}} \text{NUE}_{J_{\text{max25}}} \quad (\text{A26})$$

591 where $\text{NUE}_{V_{\text{c,max25}}}$ and $\text{NUE}_{J_{\text{max25}}}$ are the nitrogen use efficiency for $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} . See eqs.
592 (D1) and (D2) in Appendix D for details of calculations.

593

594 **Appendix B: Temperature response functions**

595 *Temperature dependence of Rubisco properties and respiration*

596 The temperature dependence of Rubisco kinetic parameters (K_c , K_o , τ) and mitochondrial
597 respiration in light (R_d) (Farquhar et al., 1980) is an Arrhenius function taken from Bernacchi et
598 al. (2001). The temperature response functions of Rubisco kinetic parameters used are outlined
599 below, which are the same irrespective of whether plants are assumed to acclimate to growth
600 temperatures (Temperature response function one; TRF1) or not (Temperature response function
601 two; TRF2).

602 Community land model version 4.5 (CLM4.5) (Oleson et al., 2013) uses the partial pressures
603 of oxygen, O as 20900Pa. The kinetic properties of Rubisco which depend on temperature are
604 Rubisco specific factor, τ (Jordan and Ogren, 1984), K_{cc} and K_o , which are the Michaelis-Menten
605 constants for CO_2 and O_2 , respectively. The temperature response function of R_d and kinetic
606 properties of Rubisco (K_{cc} , K_o , τ) are described below, where the fixed coefficients of the
607 equations are values at 25°C.

608 $f_r(T_1) = e^{[(46390/RT_0)(1-T_0/T_1)]}$ (B1)

609 $K_o(T_1) = 27840e^{[(36380/RT_0)(1-T_0/T_1)]}$ (B2)

611 $K_c(T_1) = 40.49e^{[(79430/RT_0)(1-T_0/T_1)]}$ (B3)

612 $\tau(T_1) = 2407.834e^{[(37830/RT_0)(1-T_0/T_1)]}$ (B4)

613 In the above equations, R is the universal gas constant ($8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$), T_l is the leaf
614 temperature (K) and the reference temperature, $T_0 = 298.15K$.

615 *Temperature dependence of $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max}*

616 Temperature sensitivities of $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} are simulated using a modified Arrhenius
617 function (e.g. Kattge and Knorr, 2007; Medlyn et al., 2002a; Walker et al., 2014). Because the

618 temperature relationship could acclimate, we examined Kattge & Knorr (2007)'s formulation of
 619 with and without temperature acclimation to plant growth temperature. We use two temperature
 620 dependence functions of $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} , which are described below.

621 *Temperature response function one (TRF1)*

622 Fundamentally, TRF1 is a temperature dependence function for $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} , which is
 623 based on the formulation and parameterization as in Medlyn et al. (2002a) but further modified
 624 by Kattge & Knorr (2007) to make the temperature optima a function of growth temperature (T_g ;
 625 °C).

$$626 \quad V_{c,max}(T_1, T_g) = V_{c,max25} f_{V_{c,max}}(T_1, T_g) \quad (B5)$$

627 with

$$628 \quad f_{V_{c,max}}(T_1, T_g) = \frac{(1 + e^{[(S_v T_0 - H_d)/(RT_0)])} e^{[(H_a/RT_0)(1 - T_0/T_1)]}}{1 + e^{[(S_v T_1 - H_d)/(RT_1)]}} \quad (B6)$$

629 where $V_{c,max25}$ is the value of $V_{c,max}$ at the reference temperature ($T_0 = 298.15K$). H_a ($J mol^{-1}$) is
 630 energy of activation and H_d ($J mol^{-1}$) is the energy of deactivation. R is the universal gas
 631 constant ($8.314 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}$) and T_1 (K) is the leaf temperature. The entropy term, S_v ($J mol^{-1} K^{-1}$),
 632 is now a function of temperature (Kattge and Knorr, 2007),

$$633 \quad S_v = a + bT_g, \quad (B7)$$

634 where a and b are acclimation parameters.

635 TRF1 is implemented in CLM4.5 by Oleson et al. (2013), who use the form of
 636 temperature dependence function for $V_{c,max}$ and J_{max} as shown in Eq. B5, but with limited
 637 temperature acclimation, where $S_v = 668.39 - 1.07 \min(\max(t_g, 11), 35)$ with t_g representing
 638 the monthly mean air temperature (°C). Other parameters that are present in CLM4.5 model
 639 include, $H_a = 72000 J mol^{-1}$ and $H_d = 200000 J mol^{-1}$. The values of the acclimation parameters

640 ($a = 668.39$ and $b = -1.07$) are taken from Table 3 of Kattge & Knorr (2007), which are fixed
641 across our data set. The same values of a and b are used by CLM4.5.

642 A equation similar to eq. (B6), $f_{J_{\max}}(T_1, T_g)$, is used to describe the temperature
643 dependence of J_{\max} that considers temperature acclimations based on the S_v term. The values of
644 the acclimation parameters (a and b) for S_v are taken from Table 3 of Kattge & Knorr (2007)
645 and are fixed across our data set. The same values of a and b are used by CLM4.5. Following
646 Kattge & Knorr (2007) and CLM4.5, we set H_a and H_d as 50000 J mol^{-1} and $200000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$,
647 respectively.

648 *Temperature response function two (TRF2)*

649 TRF2 does not consider the thermal acclimations. The formulation of TRF2 is same as
650 TRF1 except that in TRF2, the entropy term; S_v ($\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$) is fixed across our data set. The
651 values of S_v are taken from Table 3 of Kattge & Knorr (2007). S_v is set as $649.12 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and
652 $646.22 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ for $V_{c,\max25}$ and $J_{\max25}$, respectively.

653

654 **Appendix C: The Farquhar Photosynthesis & Ball-Berry model**

655 *Overview*

656 Photosynthesis is described using a system of three equations and three unknown variables.
657 The three unknown variables include 1) the net rate of leaf photosynthesis (A); 2) the stomatal
658 conductance (g_s); and 3) the intercellular partial pressure of CO_2 (C_i). All of the unknown
659 variables influence one another. The three equations include 1) the Farquhar's non-linear
660 equation (A vs C_i); 2) the Ball-Berry equation (g_s vs A); and 3) the diffusion equation ($A = g_s (C_a$
661 $- C_i)$). We solved all of these equations simultaneously by taking an iterative approach (Collatz
662 et al., 1991; Harley et al., 1992; Leuning, 1990). The detailed algorithm for modeling
663 photosynthesis is described below.

664 *Modelling Photosynthesis*

665 The photosynthetic rate (A) depends upon (i) the amount, activity, and kinetic properties
666 of Rubisco, and (ii) the rate of ribulose-1,5 bisphosphate (RuBP) regeneration via electron
667 transport (Farquhar et al., 1980). The minimum of these two limiting conditions yields the
668 following expression,

$$669 \quad A = \min(W_c, W_j) \quad (\text{C2})$$

670 where W_c is the Rubisco limited rate and W_j is the electron transport limited rate. The Rubisco-
671 limited carboxylation can be described by,

$$672 \quad W_c = K_c V_{c,\max} \quad (\text{C3})$$

673 with

$$674 \quad K_c = \frac{\max(0, c_i - \frac{0.5O}{\tau})}{c_i + K_{cc}(1 + \frac{O}{K_o})} \quad (\text{C4})$$

675 where $V_{c,\max}$ is the maximum rate of carboxylation, competitive with respect to both CO_2 and
676 oxygen, and K_{cc} and K_o are Michaelis constants for carboxylation and oxygenation, respectively.

677 τ is the specificity factor for Rubisco (Jordan and Ogren, 1984), while C_i , and O are the partial
 678 pressures of CO₂ and O₂ in the intercellular air space, respectively. Likewise, the electron-
 679 limited rate of carboxylation can be expressed by,

$$680 \quad W_j = K_j J, \quad (C5)$$

681 with

$$682 \quad K_j = \frac{\max(0, C_i - \frac{0.5O}{\tau})}{4(C_i + 2\frac{0.5O}{\tau})}, \quad (C6)$$

683 where J is the potential rate of electron transport, and the factor 4 indicates that the transport of
 684 four electrons will generate sufficient ATP and NADPH for the regeneration of RuBP in the
 685 Calvin cycle (Farquhar and von Caemmerer, 1982). The potential rate of electron transport is
 686 dependent upon irradiance, I , according to the empirical expression of Smith (1937),

$$687 \quad J = \frac{\alpha I}{\left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2 I^2}{J_{\max}^2}\right)^{1/2}} \quad (C7)$$

688 where α , the efficiency of light energy conversion is considered as 0.292 (unitless) (Niinemets
 689 and Tenhunen, 1997) and J_{\max} is the maximum rate of electron transport.

690
 691 *Ball-Berry Model*

692 The stomatal conductance (g , m/s) is evaluated by the Ball-Berry empirical stomatal
 693 conductance model (Ball et al., 1987),

$$694 \quad g_s = g_0 + m \frac{A \text{ RH}}{C_a} \quad (C8)$$

695 where RH is the relative humidity (unitless) at the leaf surface, C_a is the CO₂ concentration at the
 696 leaf surface, and g_0 (0.0005 s/m) and m are the maximum stomatal conductance and slope (9,
 697 constant across all C₃ species), respectively.

698 The estimation of A could be sensitive to the choice of maximum stomatal conductance
699 slope, as this parameter varies both within and across species (Harley and Baldocchi, 1995;
700 Wilson et al., 2001). A recent synthesis provides the first analysis of the global variation in
701 stomatal slope based on an alternative algorithm that considers representation of optimal
702 stomatal behavior (Lin et al., 2015). However, following CLM4.5, which uses the Ball-Berry
703 empirical stomatal conductance model (Ball et al., 1987), we fixed the value of stomatal slope
704 (m) as 9 for all PFTs in our study.

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706 *Calculation of photosynthesis and stomatal conductance*

707 We solved Farquhar's non-linear equation (A vs C_i), the Ball-Berry equation (g_s vs A) and the
708 diffusion equation ($A = g_s (C_a - C_i)$) simultaneously by taking an iterative approach (Collatz et al.,
709 1991; Harley et al., 1992; Leuning, 1990) until values of A , g_s , and C_i are obtained. The three
710 equations are solved in two phases; the first phase included solving the equations for which
711 Rubisco is limiting while the second phase considered light limitation. The following steps are
712 followed:

- 713 1) Given the initial values of C_i (where initial value of C_i is assumed $0.7 \times$ ambient CO_2
714 concentration), the temperature dependence functions of $V_{c,\text{max}}$ and J_{max} (see Appendix
715 B), and the temperature dependence of Rubisco kinetics (O , τ , K_c and K_o , Appendix B), A
716 is calculated from eq. (C2).
- 717 2) CO_2 concentration at the leaf surface (C_a) is determined by calculating the difference
718 between C_i and the partial pressure due to A , wind speed and the dimension of the leaf.
- 719 3) Given A and C_a , the stomatal conductance (g_s) is determined using eq. (C 8).

- 720 4) C_i is determined by calculating the difference between C_a and partial pressure due to A
721 and boundary conditions of the stomata.
- 722 5) Using the leaf energy balance based on absorbed short-wave radiation, molar latent heat
723 content of water vapor, air temperature, and a parameter that governs the rate of
724 convective cooling ($38.4 \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$) (Jarvis, 1986; Moorcroft et al., 2001), leaf
725 temperature is calculated.

726 The above five steps are repeated in a systematic way until C_i is equilibrated and the final value
727 of A is then recorded. The net photosynthetic rate, A_{net} , is then calculated by subtracting the
728 respiration from A as follows,

$$729 \quad A_{\text{net}} = A - R_t, \quad (\text{C9})$$

730 where R_t is respiration calculated by eq. (A19).

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734 **Appendix D: Nitrogen use efficiencies**

735 The nitrogen use efficiency for $V_{c,max}$ ($NUE_{V_{c,max}}$, $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$) is estimated from a
736 baseline nitrogen use efficiency 25°C ($NUE_{V_{c,max25}}$) and a corresponding temperature response
737 function at as follows,

738
$$NUE_{V_{c,max}} = NUE_{V_{c,max25}} \times f_{V_{c,max}}(T, T_g), \quad (\text{D1})$$

739 with

740
$$NUE_{V_{c,max25}} = 47.3 \times 6.25,$$

741 where the constant 47.3 is the specific Rubisco activity ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ Rubisco s}^{-1}$) measured at
742 25°C and the constant 6.25 is the nitrogen binding factor for Rubisco ($\text{g Rubisco g}^{-1} \text{ N}$) (Rogers,
743 2014). $f_{V_{c,max}}(T, T_g)$ is the function specifying the temperature dependence of $V_{c,max}$ with T as the
744 leaf temperature (K) and T_g as the growth air temperature (See Appendix B for details of the
745 temperature dependence of $V_{c,max}$).

746 The nitrogen use efficiency for J_{max} ($NUE_{J_{max}}$, $\mu\text{mol electron g}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$) is estimated based
747 on a characteristic protein cytochrome f (Evans and Poorter, 2001),

748
$$NUE_{J_{max}} = NUE_{J_{max25}} \times f_{J_{max}}(T, T_g), \quad (\text{D2})$$

749 with

750
$$NUE_{J_{max25}} = 8.06 \times 156,$$

751 where the coefficient 156 is the maximum electron transport rate for cytochrome f at 25°C (μmol
 752 electron/ μmol cytochrome f); 8.06 is the nitrogen binding coefficient for cytochrome f (μmol
 753 cytochrome f g^{-1} N in bioenergetics). $f_{J_{\max}}(T, T_g)$ is a function specifies the dependence of J_{\max}
 754 on temperature (See Appendix B for details of the temperature dependence of J_{\max}).

755 The nitrogen use efficiency of enzymes for respiration ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}\text{N day}^{-1}$), NUE_r , is
 756 assumed to be temperature-dependent. Specifically, it is calculated as follows,

$$757 \quad \text{NUE}_r = 33.69 [D_{\text{day}} f_r(T_{\text{day}}) + D_{\text{night}} f_r(T_{\text{night}})] \quad (\text{D3})$$

758 where 33.69 is the specific nitrogen use efficiency for respiration at 25°C ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{N s}^{-1}$)
 759 (Makino and Osmond, 1991) and $f_r(T)$ specifies the dependence of respiration on temperature.
 760 D_{day} and D_{night} is the daytime and nighttime length in seconds.

761 The maintenance respiration cost for all photosynthetic enzymes (NUE_{rp} , $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ g}^{-1}\text{N}$
 762 s^{-1}) is calculated as follows:

$$763 \quad \text{NUE}_{\text{rp}} = \text{NUE}_{\text{rp}25} f_r(T, T_g), \quad (\text{D4})$$

764 where $\text{NUE}_{\text{rp}25}$ is the nitrogen use efficiency at 25 °C . $\text{NUE}_{\text{rp}25}$ is estimated from the
 765 observation of $J_{\text{max}25}$ and $V_{\text{c,max}25}$ as follows,

$$766 \quad \text{NUE}_{\text{rp}25} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.5 \times 0.015 \times V_{\text{c,max}25}}{\frac{J_{\text{max}25}}{\text{NUE}_{J_{\text{max}25}}} + \frac{V_{\text{c,max}25}}{\text{NUE}_{V_{\text{c,max}25}}} + 0.2}, \quad (\text{D5})$$

767 where the total respiration is set as 1.5% of $V_{\text{c,max}}$ (Collatz et al., 1991). We assume that 50% of
 768 the total respiration is used for maintenance respiration (Van Oijen et al., 2010) and 80% of the

769 maintenance respiration is used for photosynthetic enzyme. In view that the light absorption rate
 770 is generally around 80% (Evans and Poorter, 2001), we set the nitrogen for light capture as 0.2
 771 based on eq. (A12) in Appendix A. $NUE_{J_{\max 25}}$ and $NUE_{V_{c,\max 25}}$ are the nitrogen use efficiency for
 772 $J_{\max 25}$ and $V_{c,\max 25}$ estimated from eqs. (D1) and (D2). In this study, we use the estimated mean
 773 value of 0.715 for NUE_{rp25} based on the data of Ali *et al.* (2015).

774 The nitrogen use efficiency for carboxylation (NUE_c) is calculated as the multiplication
 775 of conversion factor K_c and the nitrogen use efficiency for $V_{c,\max}$ follows:

$$776 \quad \quad \quad NUE_c = K_c \cdot NUE_{V_{c,\max}}, \quad \quad \quad (D6)$$

777 where K_c is calculated based on the actual internal CO_2 concentrations and leaf temperature (see
 778 eq. (C4) for details). Correspondingly, the reference nitrogen use efficiency for carboxylation
 779 (NUE_{c0}) is calculated using the eq. (D5) except that K_c is calculated based on the reference
 780 internal CO_2 concentration of 26.95 Pa and the reference leaf temperature of 25°C. The
 781 reference internal CO_2 concentration is estimated by assuming 70% of the atmospheric CO_2
 782 concentration of 380 ppm and an air pressure of 101, 325 Pa.

783 The nitrogen use efficiency for electron transport (NUE_j) is calculated as the
 784 multiplication of conversion factor K_j and the nitrogen use efficiency for J_{\max} follows:

$$785 \quad \quad \quad NUE_j = K_j \cdot NUE_{J_{\max}}, \quad \quad \quad (D7)$$

786 where K_j is calculated based on the actual internal CO_2 concentrations and leaf temperature (see
 787 eq. (C6) in Appendix C for details). Correspondingly, the reference nitrogen use efficiency for
 788 electron transport (NUE_{j0}) is calculated using the eq. (D6) except that K_j is calculated based on
 789 the reference internal CO_2 concentration of 26.95 Pa and the reference leaf temperature of 25°C.

790 The reference internal CO₂ concentration is estimated by assuming 70% of the atmospheric CO₂
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1093 **9. Tables**

1094 **Table 1** Mean values and standard deviations (parentheses) of LUNA parameters estimated by
 1095 using the Differential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis Snooker updater (DREAM-ZS) sampling
 1096 technique for temperature response functions TRF1 and TRF2. The parameters include 1)
 1097 $J_{\max b0}$ (unitless): baseline proportion of nitrogen allocated for electron transport rate, 2) $J_{\max b1}$
 1098 (unitless):electron transport rate response to light availability, 3) $t_{c,j0}$ (unitless): baseline ratio of
 1099 Rubisco limited rate to light limited rate, and 4) H (unitless): electron transport rate response to
 1100 relative humidity.

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Statistics	$J_{\max b0}$	$J_{\max b1}$	$t_{c,j0}$	H
TRF1	0.0311 (0.0004)	0.1745 (0.0002)	0.8054 (0.0015)	6.0999 (0.2416)
TRF2	0.0322 (0.0002)	0.1695 (0.0006)	0.7760 (0.0031)	5.7139 (0.0354)

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1111 **10. Figures**

1112 **Figure captions**

1113 **Figure 1** Percentage of variance (r^2 and ME) in observed values of $V_{c,max25}$ ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (a,
1114 TRF1; c, TRF2) and J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (b, TRF1; d, TRF2) explained by the LUNA
1115 model for all the species. The r^2 is derived by a linear regression between observed and modeled
1116 values. The dashed line is the 1:1 line between observed and modeled values.

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1118 **Figure 2** Sensitivities of $V_{c,max25}$ ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (a, TRF1; c, TRF2) and J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron}$
1119 $\text{m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (b, TRF1; d, TRF2) to changes in model parameters. Each parameter (J_{maxb0} , J_{maxb1} , $t_{c,j0}$,
1120 and H) is varied one at a time by +/-15% of its fitted value. The values of environmental
1121 variables are held fixed at their mean values with day length = 14 hours, daytime radiation=182
1122 W m^{-2} , temperature=14°C, relative humidity=0.6 (unitless), and CO_2 concentration = 393 ppm.
1123 $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} values are first obtained at changed parameter values and the percentage
1124 changes in $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25} are then calculated relative to the baseline values of $V_{c,max25}$ and
1125 J_{max25} predicted based on default parameter values. Positive values indicate that the increase in a
1126 specific model parameter leads to larger values of $V_{c,max25}$ or J_{max25} , while negative values
1127 indicate that the increase in a specific model parameter leads to smaller values of $V_{c,max25}$ or
1128 J_{max25} .

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1130 **Figure 3** Sensitivities of $V_{c,max25}$ ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (a: TRF1, c: TRF2) and J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron}$
1131 $\text{m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (b:TRF1, d:TRF2) to changes in environmental variables including day length (D),
1132 daytime radiation (R), temperature (T), relative humidity (RH), and CO_2 concentration. Each
1133 environmental variable is varied one at a time by +/-15% around their mean values with day

1134 length = 14 hours, daytime radiation = 182 W m^{-2} , temperature = 14°C , relative humidity = 0.6
1135 (unitless), and CO_2 concentration = 393 ppm. The model parameters (J_{maxb0} , J_{maxb1} , $t_{\text{c,j0}}$, and H)
1136 are held fixed at their fitted values. $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} values are first obtained at changed
1137 environmental conditions and percentage changes in $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} are calculated relative to
1138 the baseline values of $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} under the mean climate conditions in the data. Positive
1139 values indicate that the increase in a specific environmental variable leads to larger values of
1140 $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} , while negative values indicate that the increase in a specific environmental
1141 variable leads to smaller values of $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ and J_{max25} .

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1143 **Figure 4** Summer season photosynthetic capacity for the top leaf layer in the canopy under
1144 historical climatic conditions [a: $V_{\text{c,max25}}(\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$, b: $J_{\text{max25}}(\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$]
1145 and the difference in either $V_{\text{c,max25}}$ (b) or J_{max25} (d) due to changed climatic conditions in the
1146 future. The difference is calculated by subtracting the photosynthetic capacity predicted by the
1147 LUNA model under the historical climate conditions from that under the future climate
1148 conditions. The historical climate is represented by the ten-year monthly averages over years
1149 1995-2004 and the future climate is represented by the ten-year monthly averages over years
1150 2090-2099. The model is run by using TRF1, which is a temperature response function that
1151 considered the thermal acclimations.

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1153 **Figure 5** Sensitivity of $V_{\text{c,max25}}(\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$ to projected future changes in environmental
1154 variables including temperature (a), radiation (b), humidity (c), and CO_2 (d) at the global scale
1155 for TRF1. The sensitivity analysis is conducted by changing the value of an individual
1156 environmental variable from its 10-year monthly averages in the past (1995-2004) to those in the

1157 future (2090-2099) for each individual grid cell across the globe. Positive values indicate that the
1158 increase in a specific environmental variable leads to larger values of $V_{c,max25}$, while negative
1159 values indicate that the increase in a specific environmental variable leads to smaller values of
1160 $V_{c,max25}$.

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1162 **Figure 6** Sensitivity of J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) to projected future changes in environmental
1163 variables including temperature (a), radiation (b), humidity (c), and CO_2 (d) at the global scale
1164 using TRF1. The sensitivity analysis is conducted by changing the value of an individual
1165 environmental variable from its 10-year monthly averages in the past (1995-2004) to those in the
1166 future (2090-2099) for each individual grid cell across the globe. Positive values indicate that the
1167 increase in a specific environmental variable leads to larger values of J_{max25} , while negative
1168 values indicate that the increase in a specific environmental variable leads to smaller values of
1169 J_{max25} .

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1171 **Figure 7** Percentage differences in estimated top-canopy net photosynthetic rate (A_{net} , $\mu\text{mol CO}_2$
1172 $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) under future climate conditions (a: TRF1, b: TRF2) by using LUNA predicted values of
1173 $V_{c,max25}$ ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and J_{max25} ($\mu\text{mol electron m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) under historic versus future climate
1174 conditions. Positive values indicate overestimation by using fixed (or historic) $V_{c,max25}$ and J_{max25}
1175 while negative values indicate underestimation. The historic climate is represented by the ten-
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1177 year monthly averages over years 2090-2099.

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Figures

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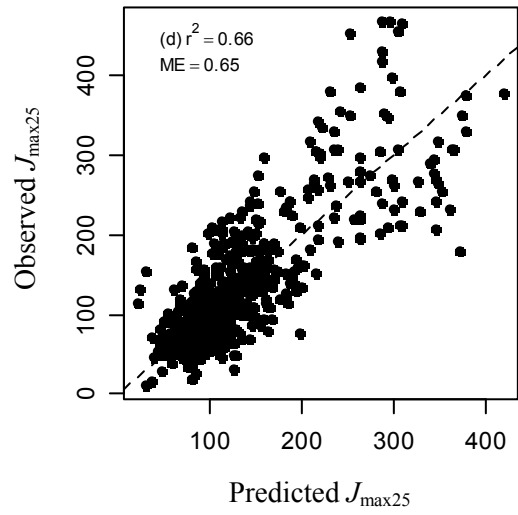
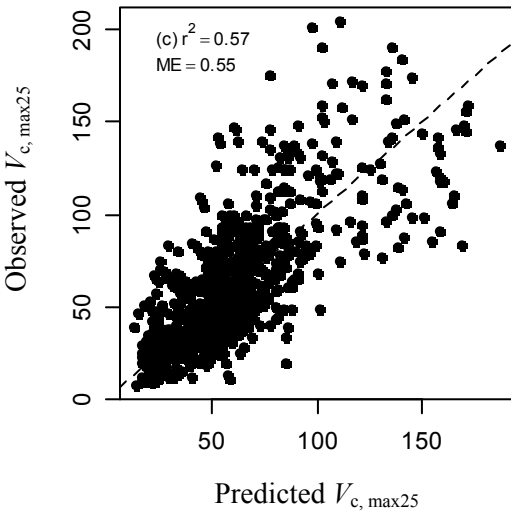
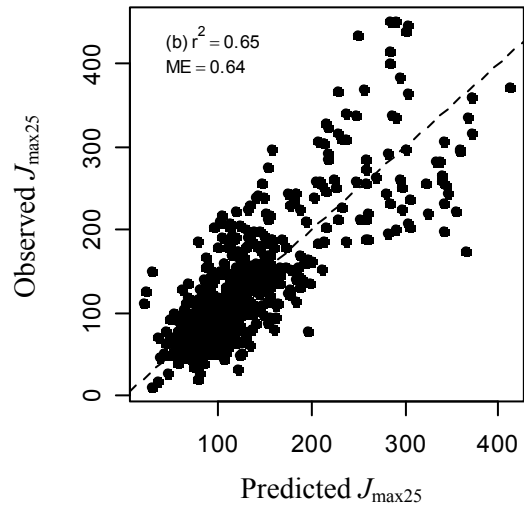
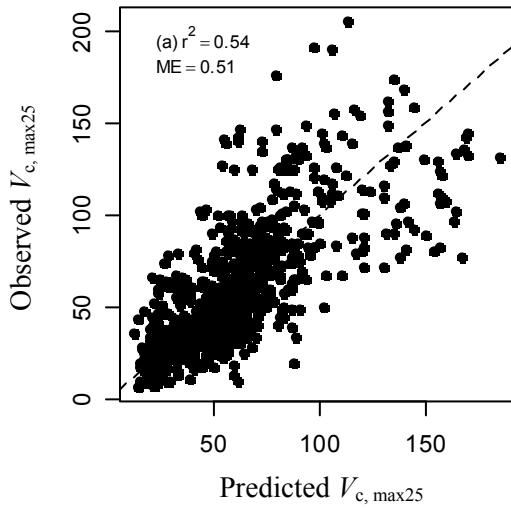


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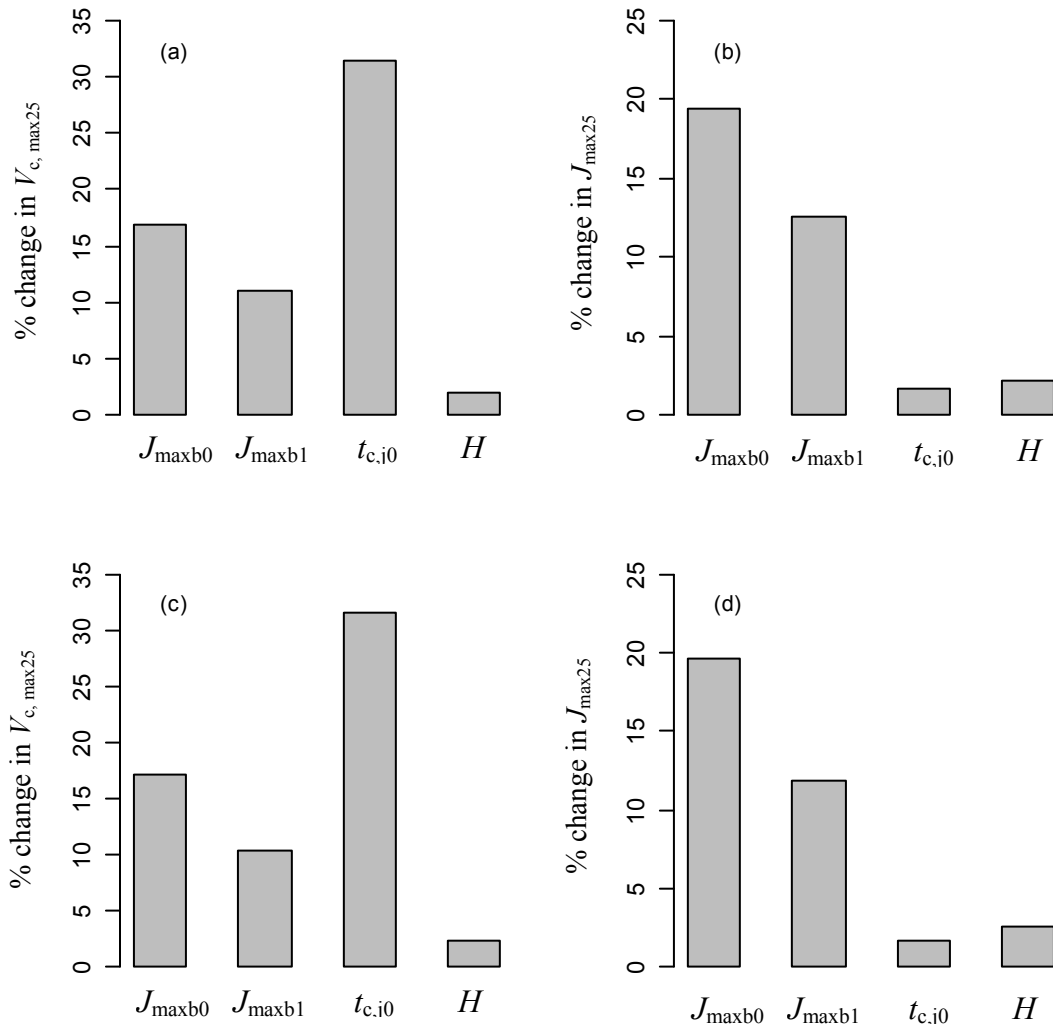


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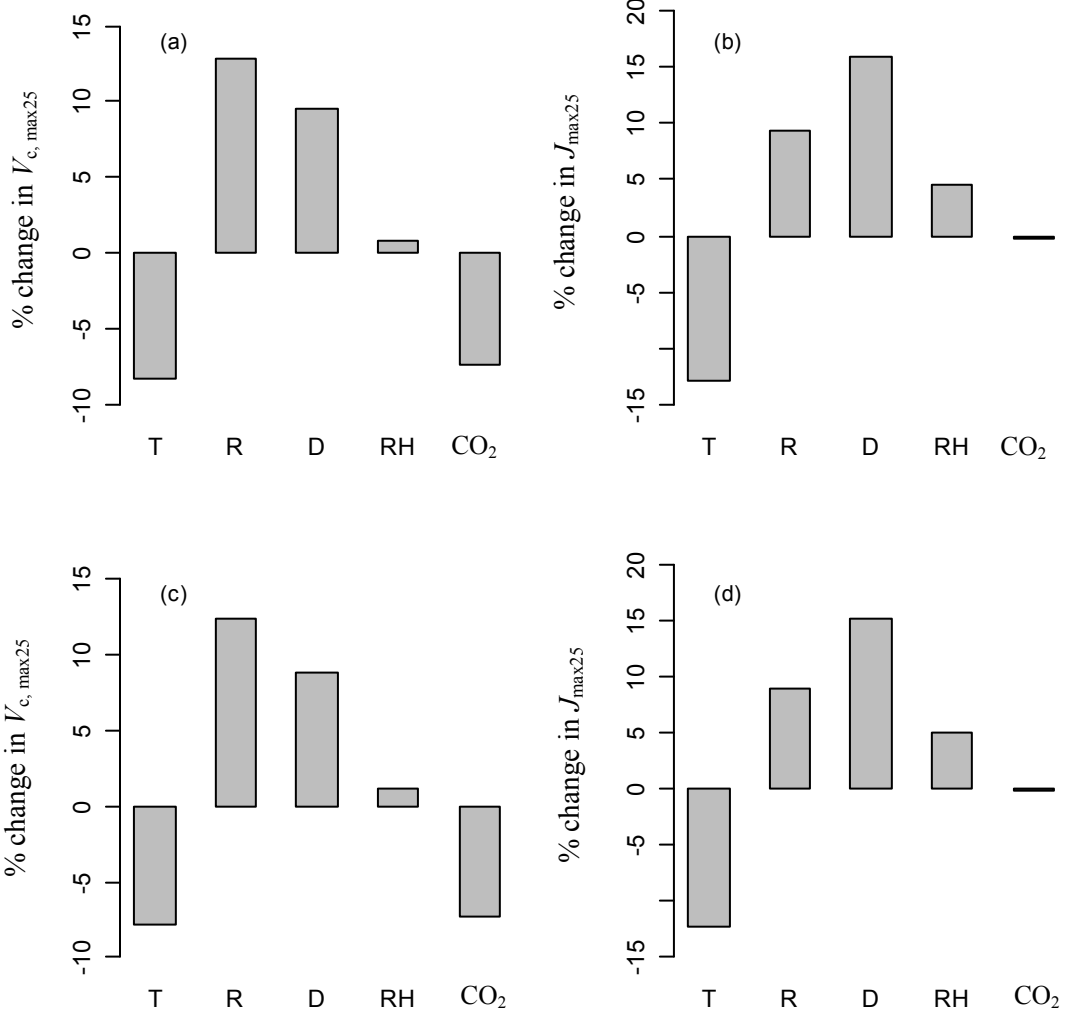


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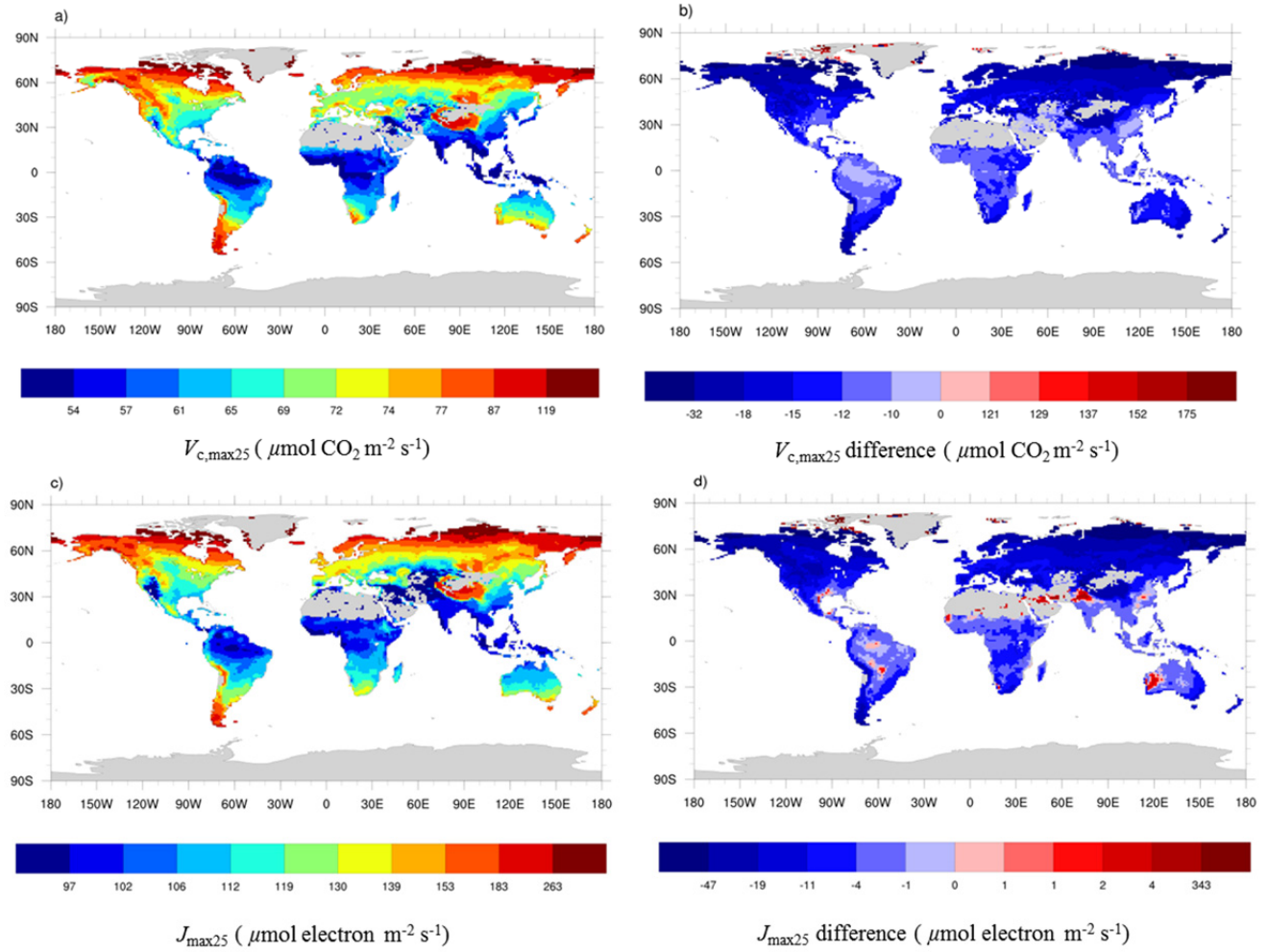


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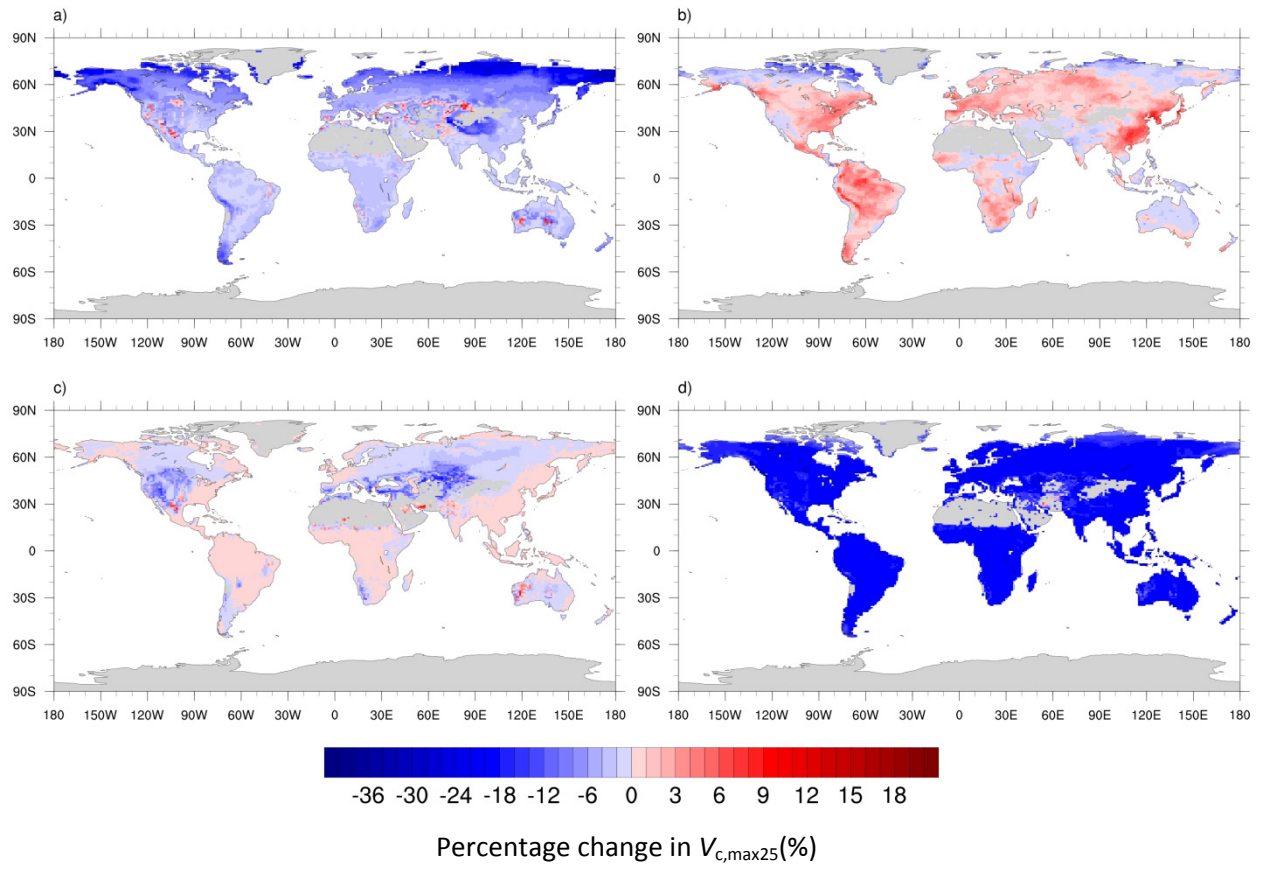


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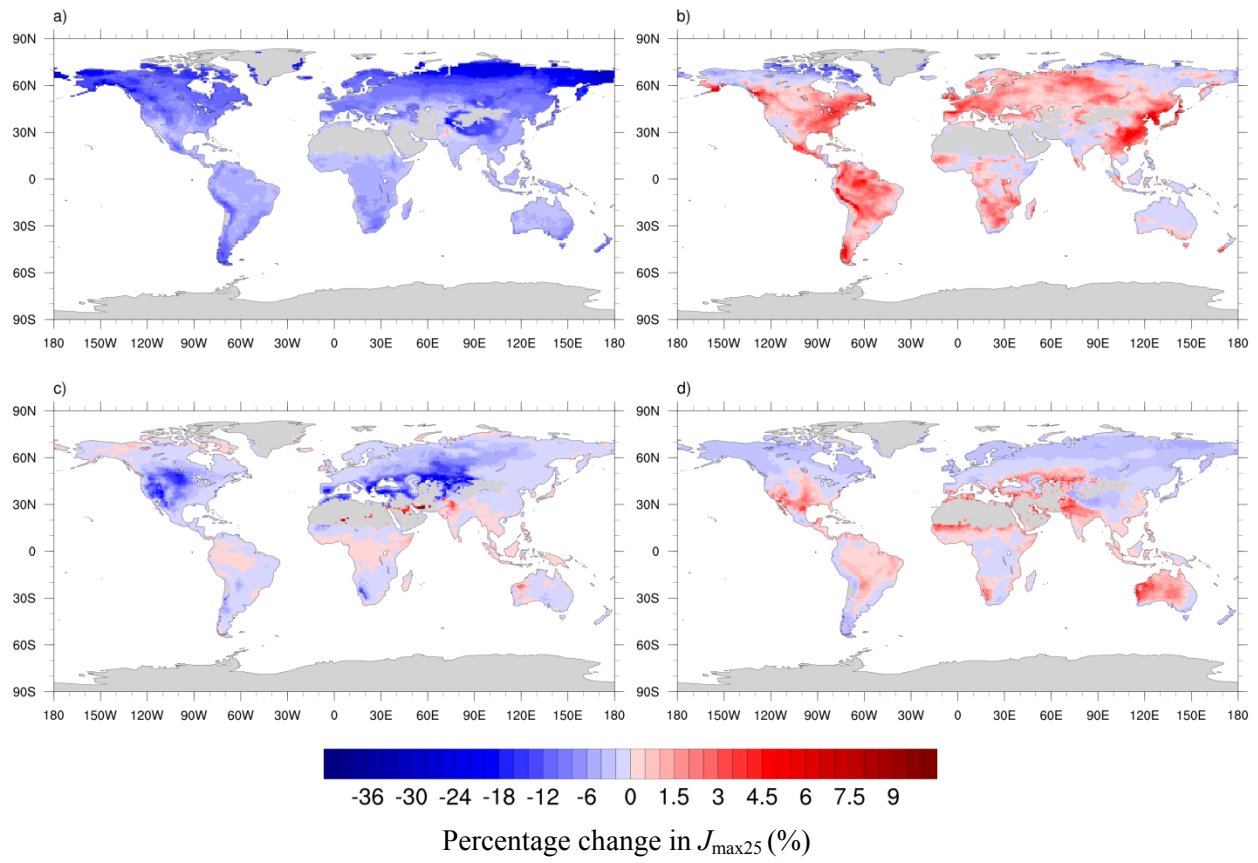


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