

Thank you to the two reviewers and community members for considering our manuscript. Following recommendations we have restructured and clarified the role of configurations in JULES. We also restructure information regarding the access and use of the configuration to an Appendix. We include our responses inline below and new text in bold. We note the two reviewers considered only minor revisions were necessary. These have now been made and we hope you consider this ready for publication.

Reviewer 1:

The authors describe JULES-GL7, the latest land configuration for the JULES model. In particular JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 are the latest configurations for standalone JULES (without an atmospheric model). The background to various configurations used by the UK Met Office is described, before the main part of the manuscript goes through each of the main areas of the model in turn, describing the approaches used. Later sections cover how to run the model and evaluation. In general I think this is an important manuscript as it describes a key part of the modelling system, namely the configuration. The provision and description of configurations is an essential underpinning activity, on which an entire community of modeller can base their activities. Therefore I welcome this manuscript, although I have a few suggestions for relatively minor changes to the presentation. In particular I think that the main concepts of what a configuration is (and what it isn't) should be made clearer, and at any early point in the manuscript. (Note that a large section of the manuscript is given over to describing how to run the model using standard suites on particular computers. I have not worked through the steps described and therefore cannot confirm their validity.)

Thank you for the supporting comments and we agree this manuscript is a key aspect of the JULES numerical modelling ecosystem. Following your major comment on 'defining what a configuration is' we now include a new section in introduction and clarify throughout.

Main comments I would like to see a clearer explanation of exactly what defines a configuration, meaning what it covers and what it doesn't, how it differs from an "experimental setup" and the likes. There's a bit of this on P9 bottom paragraph, and possibly elsewhere, but it left me wanting to know more. Given that the paper is all about describing a configuration, it would be better to clarify the definition well before P9. Maybe at the start of section 2, when JULES configurations are first mentioned? From what I understand, meteorological data are not part of the configuration, but I am less clear about some of the other inputs, e.g. soil and vegetation data. P7 L28 suggests some soil "parameter values...are described in...", and topographic index data are included; earlier we read about LAI derived from MODIS. Which of these are part of the configuration? Table 3 looks like the required inputs, but does not specify named files or sources for the information (e.g. MODIS processed according to a given recipe). It's all a bit confusing. If the datasets (or rather, input files derived from other datasets) are part of the configuration then (a) this should be clear, and (b) ideally we need to know more about the derivation of the files (thought that might be impractical to include). A diagram might be helpful here, to show what's in a configuration, and how it relates to other components of the system, e.g. the experimental setup, model suites, etc.. This might also be where the ideas of having standard model suites could also be explained.

We take this comment on board and introduce a new section as part of the introduction '1.2 JULES Configurations.' As part of this we distinguish between science configuration, experimental setup and suite control and the broader aims and objectives of community model development.

Defining JULES configurations and how they should be used and developed is therefore an essential component of improving land surface modelling. At the core of an application is the science configuration, which is the collection of parameters, ancillaries and switches necessary to produce the same results for a given experimental setup. The experimental setup covers the necessary model forcing information to produce a simulation. For example, the setup provided here uses historical meteorological information to perform a simulation from the pre-industrial to present day at n96 (1.875° x1.25°) resolution. Alternative experimental setups may be running future scenarios such as those included in CMIP6 (Eyring et al., 2016). The third component provided here is a standardised way by which the science and experimental configuration can be setup and run and is largely provided to support ease of access and use by a diverse range of users. This done by way of a suite compatible with the Rose/Cylc suite control system (<https://metomi.github.io/rose/doc/html/index.html>) available on JASMIN. The control system orchestrates the flow of inter-dependent tasks (workflow) from the initial extraction of the source code from repository, subsequent build and installation of the science and experimental setups and finally controls the simulation on the compute platform. The suite is the collection of all the information to make a simulation from start to finish in a format compatible with the workflow manager and a user-friendly graphical user interface.

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We consider the release of GL7 as the first step in a process to developing a comprehensive community based modelling approach. This will include comprehensive benchmarking and evaluation tools and a documented system for producing ancillary model information. The aim is to further enhance community engagement in the development and improvement in the standard configurations that underpin UK national capability in weather, climate and hydrological modelling.

P2 L17 and elsewhere: we are told that the paper covers GL7.0 and 7.2. In time we discover that these differ in terms of their treatment of radiation. It would be useful if the paper highlighted these differences more. For example, near P2 L17 briefly say that they differ slightly. And/or have a separate sub-section later that is just about GL7.2, so that the reader can easily navigate to find the answer as to how these configurations differ. And/or briefly note the differences at the top of Section 2. Also in abstract.

Agreed. Now covered in introduction

P3 L29 and elsewhere. I think the convention in use is that GL7 denotes a family of configurations, including GL7.0 and GL7.2. It would be good to have this clarified from the start, and to have the convention applied consistently - a.g. P3 L8 should be GL7.0? At present it is a bit confusing.

Agreed. Now covered in introduction.

P3 L26: Here and elsewhere there are some terms that are probably more or less specific to JULES, e.g. ancillaries, rose suites, and that at any rate deserve more explanation for the broader readership. This is a wider point than just here - e.g. other comments about need to clarify what a "configuration" is. The ideas of suites etc. need to be properly introduced and woven into the manuscript at an appropriate place, and not assume too much background knowledge.

Agreed. This is now covered in the new section as part of the introduction.

Section 4: There is a small amount of material related to evaluation of the configuration. The extent to which one paper can describe configurations and their evaluation is a tricky one, and it is important that the description of a configuration is not delayed substantially by the need to carry out a comprehensive evaluation. However I would suggest that any future updates on the JULES GL series should include a bit more on the evaluation, and/or signpost another set of papers that provides more in-depth evaluation.

We appreciate the evaluation material could be further developed. Indeed as part of future updates we plan to develop a comprehensive benchmarking and evaluation system with GL7.0 as the initial benchmark. This would enable the impact of a change in configuration to be clearly documented in terms of its impact against the base setup. However, this is very much part of an ongoing activity.

Section 5: Most of this is very detailed and arguably is not required as part of the main manuscript (and for some people it will never be required). I suggest moving all or most of it to an Appendix. Only Sec5.4 "Inter-version compatibility" seems important enough for the main text, and I suggest that this should come much earlier as part of the process of clarifying the terms and approaches used (the idea that the configuration is largely independent from the code version seems important to me, but at present the early discussion is possibly limited to a brief mention at P2 L36).

Agreed. Most of section 5 is now in the appendix. As suggested we introduce the independence between configuration and code version in the introduction.

More minor comments and suggestions

Abstract: I would prefer to read more about the details of the GL7 configuration - at present the second half of the abstract is a rather rambling set of thoughts about the ideas behind the need for configurations, and similar. e.g. briefly note that GL7.0 and 7.2 are covered and how they differ?

Capitalise "coupled model intercomparison project"

Done

Change "cluster accessible to all with links to JULES" to "cluster, accessible to all JULES users". P2 L13: New paragraph at "JULES is the land component".

Done

P2 L32 and nearby: Here I would just say that platforms and other tools are available, and give details later. Saying "Rose and Cylc" here doesn't add anything.

Done

P2 L37 and others: Recommendations to use latest code version, temporary switches etc. - move these to later in the document. This level of detail is not useful this early, before we know much about the configurations themselves.

Agreed. Thinned section and moved some of the detail to appendix.

P2 L42 and others: There are many links that cannot be accessed without a valid login account. This should be indicated, e.g. with "login required". I suspect there might be a journal policy or guidance for this.

All links in the main documentation are now indicated where login is required. The number of links has also been reduced as part of the manuscript restructuring.

P4 L7: "Table B1" - inconsistent numbering. L12: add "Sections" before numbers.

Done

P8 L13: "in the original version" - meaning what? An earlier configuration? An earlier iteration? I'm not sure we need to know this, and it should certainly be made clearer.

Superfluous and removed.

Appendix A: JASMIN. This is very detailed information, and I worry that it might be the kind of detail that tends to change relatively quickly as HPC platforms evolve. Could this detail be replaced by a reference to an online resource that is more likely to be kept up to date? Appendix B: I'm pretty sure this is referenced before Appendix A - so change the order (B to become A).

We have updated the appendix to include much of section 5 as suggested. We also note that significant effort has gone into the suite design and configuration of HPC platforms with the view of producing a long-term solution for community access to JULES. We feel this is an important part of the community offering. We include additional reference to where the living documentation can be found.

Appendix A was intended to be referenced in the introduction but was lost during editing. As part of the restructuring and clarification Appendix A is now referenced before B.

Figures: In general I do not like colour schemes that use only 1 or 2 colours. They might look good but they tend to obscure information! e.g. Fig.2, Fig.5 (in particular!). However I realise these are very popular, so I will just note that they have major limitations!

We note this for the future but keep the colours scheme in this manuscript.

Reviewer 2:

The paper submitted by Wiltshire et al. describe briefly the new JULES version from a scientific point of view but describes quite in details the configuration. I think this kind a paper is important to track the different version and help to increase transparency in Earth system modelling. The description of

the simulations results are quite short but it is probably not so important for such paper. I suggest accepting the paper with some minor modifications:

1. The difference between GL7.0 and GL7.2 is not clearly explained and throughout the manuscript it was not so clear to me. Please explain briefly the differences in the introduction.

Agreed. We now include this in the introduction and make clear on GL7 as a family of configurations as suggested by Reviewer 1.

2. All the webpages started like <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk> need to a password and a login. Mentioning these webpages without providing access is not very useful.

We appreciate the difficulties here but are limited in our options. We indicate a login is required now in the text.

3. There is a very limited description of the C cycle so I guess you only represent GPP but what happens with the C fixed? This needs clarification

We now make clear that GPP does not affect vegetation structure (LAI and canht) and is purely diagnostic in this setup. Furthermore, in the introduction we make it clear this is the non-biogeochemical configuration for physical climate simulation.

4. For eq. 2 where the allometric relationship comes from?

Jones, C.P.. Ancillary file generation for the UM. Unified Model Documentation Paper #73. Met Office Technical Documentation, 1998.

Now cited in the manuscript

Interactive Comment 1:

I would like to know why Jules users should use configuration GL7 rather than older configurations such as GL4. Please can you explain how GL7 compares to the other configurations that are described in the Jules documentation: <http://julesism.github.io/vn5.1/science-configurations.html> The Jules web-pages show some benchmarking for these older science configurations: <https://jules.jchmr.org/sites/default/files/ILAMB%20Benchmark%20Results.png>

Alternative examples of configurations have been previously been made available to the community as a stop-gap measure but the provenance of these is unknown and has resulted in a number of cases of poor performance. The release of JULES-GL7 is part of a national capability activity to ensure integrity of science results and enhance future development and capability of JULES land surface modelling. We do not recommend the use of these previous examples and work is underway to remove them from the standard examples and websites.

How does GL7 skill compare? I couldn't find a similar table in the GL7 manuscript. Such a Table would help choose the best science configuration for my project.

This would be very useful and the way we are moving. Unfortunately, I cannot answer that at the moment. However, GL4 is getting on for being 10 years old and uses code marked as deprecated.

The manuscript mentions Table B2, but it doesn't exist. Also I am confused whether the Jules canopy heights are remotely sensed or not. The Jules ancillaries I have looked at do not appear to use remotely sensed data. The numbers in Tables 6 and 7 look like "Guesstimates" rather than anything

derived from observations or satellite measurements. Please can you provide plots of the Jules canopy heights.

Tables 6 and 7 were mislabelled in the original manuscript. Canopy heights are a pragmatic combination of satellite information and scaling factors. Look out for a later iteration of GL in which canopy height will be derived from Lidar data. We now include a spatial plot of canopy heights in the manuscript.

Interactive Comment 2:

P7L27: This sentence is not entirely accurate and better replaced by "The Jules-GL7 soil parameter values are based in part on soil parameter values developed for the MOSES model by Dharssi et al., (2009) and Cox et al., (1999)." Dharssi et al (2009) is a Technical Report published by the UK Meteorological Office. The reference given in the discussion paper is unfortunately garbled. The correct reference is:

*Dharssi, I., Vidale, P. L., Verhoef, A., Macpherson, B., Jones, C. and Best, M.: New soil physical properties implemented in the Unified Model at PS18, Meteorology Research and Development Technical Report 528, Met. Office, Exeter, UK, [online] Available from http://research.metoffice.gov.uk/research/nwp/publications/papers/technical_reports/reports/528.pdf (Accessed 16 Sep 2019), 2009. Cox, P. M., R. A. Betts, C. B. Bunton, R. L. H. Essery, P. R. Rowntree, and J. Smith. "The impact of new land surface physics on the GCM simulation of climate and climate sensitivity." *Climate Dynamics* 15, no. 3 (1999): 183-203. 2*

Thankyou. Corrected in manuscript. Note, we used a more up to date link for the Dharssi paper.

Section 2.1.1.1

P4L33 is potentially misleading "The ancillaries are derived from satellite data processed ...". The Canopy heights are derived using parameters h_i and $L_{bi,j}$. Please can you clarify whether the PFT specific height scalar (h_i) and/or the balanced LAI ($L_{bi,j}$) are derived from remote sensing data. The text references a non-existent Table B2, perhaps the correct reference is Table 6 or 7. Please can you clarify if Table 6 contains values for the balanced LAI and Table 7 contains values for the PFT specific height scalar. Spatial maps of Canopy height would allow the reader to more clearly judge the quality of the Jules Canopy heights and whether any remote sensing data has been used.

Fixed references to tables. Clarified in the text that canopy height is based on allometric scaling of landcover classes.

You might mention that GL9 uses remotely sensed tree heights and the work was in part influenced by Dharssi, I., Steinle, P. and Fernon, J. 2015: Improved numerical weather predictions by using optimised urban model parameter values and satellite derived tree heights. 21st International Congress on Modelling and Simulation, Gold Coast, Australia.

<https://www.mssanz.org.au/modsim2015/M4/dharssi.pdf>

We include mention that a priority for GL9 is to improve canopy height.

Table 3 The entry "b: exponent in soil hydraulic characteristics" should be replaced by "b: van Genuchten soil hydraulic parameter $1/(n-1)$ ".

Thankyou. Clarified

JULES-GL7: The Global Land Configuration of the Joint UK Land Environment Simulation version 7.0 and 7.2

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15 **Abstract.**

We present the latest global land configuration of the Joint UK Land Environment Simulator (JULES) model as used in the latest international ~~coupled~~-~~Coupled model~~-~~Model intercomparison~~-~~Intercomparison project~~-~~Project~~ (CMIP6). The configuration is defined by the combination of switches, parameter values and ancillary data, which we provide alongside a set of historical forcing data that defines the experimental setup. [The configurations provided are JULES-GL7.0, the base setup used in CMIP6 and JULES-GL7.2, a subversion that includes improvements to the representation of canopy radiation and interception. These configurations are recommended for all JULES applications focused on the exchange and state of heat, water and momentum at the land surface.](#)

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In addition, we provide a standardised modelling system that runs on the NERC JASMIN ~~eluster~~-~~cluster~~, accessible to all ~~with~~ [links to JULES users](#). This is provided so that users can test and evaluate their own science against the standard configuration to promote community engagement in the development of land surface modelling capability through JULES. It is intended that JULES configurations should be independent of the underlying code base and thus they will be available at the latest release of the JULES code. This means that different code releases will produce scientifically comparable results for a given configuration version. Versioning is therefore determined by the configuration as opposed to the underlying code base.

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1 Introduction

The Joint UK Land Environment Simulator (JULES) (Best et al., 2011; Clark et al., 2011) is the land surface model used by the UK land, hydrological, weather and climate communities. JULES is a comprehensive model simulating the atmospheric exchange of radiation, heat, water, momentum, carbon and methane and changes in the surface states of moisture, heat and carbon. All these processes are important for the wide ranging application of JULES from carbon cycle (Le Quéré et al., 2018) to climate impact (Shannon et al., 2018) and hydrological (Betts et al., 2018) modelling. However, each of these applications is best suited to a combination of different processes and schemes, for instance an interactive dynamic vegetation model is important to understanding carbon cycle processes but not crucial to crop modelling (Osborne et al., 2015) and may introduce additional biases and errors. The JULES code base enables a vast number of different setups through parameter and switch combinations, many of which are undesirable for a plethora of reasons from poor performance, lack of testing or incompatibility between options. This can lead to very poor scientific outcomes if the user is not completely familiar with the JULES code base. Addressing this is best achieved by having defined science configurations, specifying a particular combination of parameters and switches that are known to produce appropriate, well evaluated and tested results.

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JULES is the land component of the Met Office modelling system, which is used across weather to climate timescales. Each component has defined configurations: the Global Atmosphere (GA) for configurations of the atmospheric model, Global Land (GL) configuration for JULES, and likewise for the ocean and sea-ice components, with the Global Coupled (GC) configuration for the fully coupled atmosphere, ocean, sea-ice and land model. Here, we present the ~~JULES-GL7.0~~ and ~~JULES-GL7.2~~ configurations family developed primarily as part of the atmosphere model at the Met Office. JULES-GL7.0 is the offline version of the GL7.0 configuration used in conjunction with GA7.0 (Walters et al., 2017), the atmospheric configuration of the Met Office. These are the latest iterations in the GA/GL configuration series developed for use in global modelling and underpin the HadGEM3-GC3.1 (Williams et al., 2018) model that is being used as part of the sixth iteration of the Coupled Modelling Intercomparison Project (CMIP6) (Eyring et al., 2016). The GL7.0 configuration is specifically developed to simulate the exchange of heat, water and momentum generally known as the ‘physical environment,’ and therefore does not include biogeochemical components which come under ‘earth system’ modelling, neither does it include processes specifically related to climate impacts such as crops. It is the appropriate configuration for understanding hydrology and land surface processes relating to the partitioning of heat and radiation. In many ways, GL7.0 is the core JULES configuration as, for ~~example instance~~, the earth system setup adds components to it to enable the simulation of the exchange of carbon and methane. We also describe a sub-version JULES-GL7.2 which includes an improved canopy radiation scheme and diffuse radiation effects. This version addresses some known issues in the treatment of radiative transfer through the canopy.

Although this is the first time a standalone standard configuration of JULES is being made available to the community, land configurations are widely established in weather and climate modelling. The predecessor to JULES was the Met Office Surface Exchange Scheme (MOSES, Cox et al., 1999). Configurations of MOSES2.2 (Essery et al., 2003) underpin the CMIP5 physical model, HadGEM2 (Martin et al., 2011) and the earth system model HadGEM2-ES (Collins et al., 2011). As of GL3 (Walters et al., 2011), configurations of JULES were introduced and have been developed over subsequent iterations of the model development cycle. The latest of which is GL7 as described here offline and as coupled to the atmosphere (Walters et al., 2017) and ocean (Williams et al., 2018). Future configurations are currently in development with the aim of reducing model biases and improving the representation of physical processes. For instance, GL8 will include updated snow process representation including a new scheme parameterising snow grain size growth (Taillandier et al., 2007) with the aim of reducing albedo biases over the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets and GL9 to include improved spatially varying observationally based canopy height. Alternative examples of configurations have ~~been~~ previously been made available to the community as a stop-gap measure but the ~~providenc~~ provenance of these is unknown and has resulted in a number of cases of poor performance. The

release of JULES-GL7 is part of an activity to ensure integrity, provenance of science results and enhance future development and capability of JULES land surface modelling.

5 Here, we document the offline JULES-GL7 configurations and their release at JULES vn5.3. The release includes a standardised suite control setup to initialise, reconfigure, spinup and run a standard historical experiment. The release is designed to be as easy as possible to access and run on the NERC JASMIN platform (<http://www.jasmin.ac.uk/>). Further details on running the JULES-GL7 configurations are given in Appendix A. The provision of standard configurations is an important step in the ongoing aim for community development of configurations underpinning weather, climate, hydrological and impact modelling in the UK. Future developments will include improved benchmarking and evaluation tools.

10 The configuration management makes use of Rose and Cyle suite management tools (-). These can be installed locally but are available and maintained on JASMIN, which is the recommended platform for most users.

1.2 JULES Configurations

15 Defining JULES configurations and how they should be used and developed is therefore an essential component of improving land surface modelling. At the core of an application is the science configuration, which is the collection of parameters, ancillaries and switches necessary to produce the same results for a given experimental setup. The experimental setup covers the necessary model forcing information to produce a simulation. For example, the setup provided here uses historical meteorological information to perform a simulation from the pre-industrial to present day at n96 (1.875° x1.25°) resolution. Alternative experimental setups may be running future scenarios such as those included in CMIP6 (Eyring et al., 2016). The third component provided here is a standardised way by which the science and experimental configuration can be setup and run and is largely provided to support ease of access and use by a diverse range of users. This done by way of a suite compatible with the Rose/Cyle suite control system (<https://metomi.github.io/rose/doc/html/index.html>) available on JASMIN. The control system orchestrates the flow of inter-dependent tasks (workflow) from the initial extraction of the source code from repository, subsequent build and installation of the science and experimental setups and finally controls the simulation on the compute platform. The suite is the collection of all the information to make a simulation from start to finish in a format compatible with the workflow manager and a user-friendly graphical user interface.

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40 The ancillary data component or ancillaries of a configuration are the spatially explicit information that varies according to the site or from gridbox to gridbox in the case of a gridded run. An example of this would be landcover. In the case of a gridded

experiment these data typically are derived from high resolution satellite or observation based sources, which have to be post-processed to meet the requirements of JULES. The exact ancillary data vary according to the experimental setup (i.e. resolution, individual site, etc) but as far as possible the mechanism by which the JULES specific information is derived from the source data is part of the science configuration. In the case of landcover in GL7 this would include the aggregation of landcover types into surface tile types from IGBP maps (Section 2.1). Here, we include a description of the ancillary generation process and include the ancillaries for an n96 experimental configuration simulating the twentieth century.

As a configuration of the JULES model, JULES-GL7 will be available at subsequent model versions and tested to ensure the setup produces scientifically comparable results between model versions until a date when JULES-GL7 is superseded and retired. It is recommended that users use the latest version of the code base to benefit from bug fixes, ease of testing and implementing developments, which can only take place at the head of the JULES code trunk. All bug fixes, which would otherwise affect the scientific comparability of configurations, are implemented on a temporary logical switch so scientific comparability is maintained over different code versions. These temporary switches are reviewed periodically and are retired when they are no longer required.

The JULES suites and online resources are available via the Met Office Science Repository Service (MOSRS) (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk>, login required) and are freely available subject to completion of a software licence (Appendix § A). Living documentation of the latest suite version can be found here, (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/wiki/JulesConfigurations>, login required)

Living documentation of the latest suite version can be found on the JULES trac configuration page (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/wiki/JulesConfigurations>) and under ticket #837 (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/ticket/837>). Model developers should use the suite and information presented here in combination with the JULES technical documentation found in Best et al., (2011) and Clark et al., (2011).

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JULES-GL7 <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/3/1/6>

JULES-GL7.2 <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/5/4/3>

1.2 Land Configurations in use in Hadley Centre Models

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representation including a new scheme parameterising snow grain size growth (Taillandier et al., 2007) with the aim of reducing albedo biases over the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets.

2 JULES-GL7 Configuration

This section describes the offline JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 science configurations. An important difference between the offline and coupled versions is that in the coupled version JULES acts as an interface between land (including land-ice), sea-ice and the ocean whilst offline only land is considered. Important parameters are listed in Tables 1 and 2, ancillaries in Table 3 and in most cases switches are listed in the text. The full set of switch settings can be found in the Rose suites. We include the full parameter tables for the surface tiles here for clarity as the Rose suites namelists encompass all parameters in JULES many of which are linked to particular switches and options and therefore not used in JULES-GL7.0. Work is progressing to simplify the Rose suite namelists using existing tools within Rose to hide unused parameters and options. The appropriate JULES documentation papers remain Best et al. (2011) and Clark et al. (2011). Where new developments are included, they are described in more detail with appropriate references herein.

2.1 Surface Tiling

JULES-GL7 uses a surface tiling scheme to represent subgrid heterogeneity. Within a gridbox, each tile has its own surface energy budget and is coupled to a single shared soil column (Figure 1). Each tile therefore has its own albedo, surface conductance to moisture, turbulent fluxes, ground heat flux, radiative fluxes, canopy water content, snow mass and melt, and thus surface temperature. Each tile requires its own parameter set which are given in Tables 1 (non-vegetated surface types) and 2 (vegetated surface types) and spatially explicit parameters in Table 3.

There are nine surface tiles consisting of five Plant Functional Types (PFTs) (Broadleaf trees, Needleleaf trees, C3 grass, C4 grass, Shrubs) and four non-vegetated surface types (Urban, Inland Water, Bare Soil and Ice) (Figure 2). These can co-exist in the same gridbox except for ice. The C4 distinction reflects a different photosynthetic pathway with all other PFTs represented as C3. The tile fractions are spatially varying and are read from an ancillary file. The fractions are produced by a re-mapping of the 17 surface types in the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (Loveland and Belward, 1997) to the 9 surface types in JULES. The landcover class remapping procedure is described in Table 4 of Walters et al. (2018) and the cross-walking table relating land-cover classes to PFTs in Table B1.

2.1.1 Plant Functional Types (PFTs)

Vegetation is represented by the five plant functional types described above. In JULES-GL7 each PFT has its own energy budget including thermal heat capacity ($CanMod=4$), which is a function of the PFT height (Sections 2.1.1.1 and 2.3). Leaf level stomatal conductance and photosynthesis are coupled through CO₂ diffusion with PFT specific parameters controlling sensitivity to humidity deficit and internal to external CO₂ pressures (Cox et al., 1998 and Table 2, $f0$, $dqcrit$). This coupling implies that both the energy and carbon cycles are closely related; rising atmospheric CO₂ influences stomatal conductance and therefore the surface energy budget. This mechanism is known as physiological forcing (Betts et al., 2007; Field et al., 1995; Sellers et al., 1996). Leaf level conductance must be scaled to the canopy level and in JULES-GL7 this is done using a 10 layered canopy approach ($CanRadMod=4$). At each level separate direct and diffuse Photosynthetically Available Radiation (PAR) levels are calculated using the two-stream approach (Sellars, 1985) to give a profile of PAR through the

canopy. From this the leaf level photosynthesis can be calculated using PFT specific parameters combined with the Collatz (1992, 1991) leaf biochemistry model utilising separate mechanisms for C3 and C4 plants (Jogireddy et al., 2003; Mercado et al., 2007). At each level, if net photosynthesis is negative or stomatal conductance is below a minimal threshold (gl_{min} , Table 1), the stomata are closed and the stomatal conductance is set to this minimum. A further mechanism scales leaf level conductance via photosynthesis according to the availability of soil moisture in the rooting profile. In JULES-GL7, this scalar (β) relates the rooting profile ($rootd$, Table 2) in each soil layer with the availability of soil moisture. β is a piecewise function that scales from 0 when soil moisture is at or below the *wilting point* to 1 where soil moisture is above the *critical point* (Eq 12; Best et al., 2011). The root fraction weighted ($fsmc_{mod=0}$) total across soil layers value of β is used to scale photosynthesis at the leaf level. Canopy conductance is the leaf area weighted sum of leaf conductance across the 10 levels. A direct output from this setup is a diagnostic of Gross Photosynthetic Potential (GPP). However, as this is the non-biogeochemical configuration the fixed GPP does alter the canopy structure.

2.1.1.1 Spatial Leaf Area and Canopy Height ancillary data

Leaf Area Index (LAI) is defined as the one-sided surface area of canopy leaf cover per unit area of land and is defined spatially and temporally for each vegetated surface tile in JULES-GL7. Similarly, canopy height is spatially varying per vegetated tile but fixed in time. The ancillaries are derived from satellite data processed to be consistent with the landcover and plant functional type classifications used in JULES-GL7. To do this requires decomposing a ‘mixed’ signal from the satellite data into individual PFT contributions. This is achieved via an additional parameter, the “balanced” LAI (Lb), meaning the LAI that would be reached if the plant was in full leaf (Table B2). The combination of the mapping from land cover classes to PFTs and the balanced LAI weighting per PFT per land cover class allows the observed gridded satellite value to be decomposed into individual PFT contributions.

In JULES-GL7, monthly variations in LAI about the balanced LAI are based on a climatology for the period 2005 to 2009 derived from the MODIS LAI product (MOD15; (Yang et al., 2006)). The LAI value for a given PFT, land cover class and month are calculated as follows:

$$LAI_{i,j} = LAI_{MODIS} \frac{(Lb_{i,j} \alpha_{i,j})}{\sum_i (Lb_{i,j} \alpha_{i,j})}$$

Equation 1

Where LAI_i is the LAI for PFT class i , LAI_{MODIS} is the MODIS LAI value for a given month, $Lb_{i,j}$ is given by the LAI lookup table (Table B2), $\alpha_{i,j}$ is the fraction of each PFT i in IGBP class j given by the lookup table in Table B1. The PFT-specific LAI (LAI_i) is accumulated for all land cover classes in a gridbox for a given month. The resulting input ancillary is then internally interpolated within JULES to each model timestep. The seasonally-varying LAI for 5 PFTs for 30-60°N is shown in Figure 33. An outcome of this approach is that JULES is forced with the snow-free LAI which explains the large winter reductions in LAI for needleleaf trees. Improving the treatment of LAI in the ancillary information is a priority development is a priority development for future versions of GL.

The introduced balanced LAI has the property of being allometrically related to the canopy height. Based on this allometric relationship the canopy height (H) can be derived for each PFT in each landcover class (Jones, 1998):

$$H_{i,j} = h_i Lb_{i,j}^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Equation 2

Where h_i is a PFT specific scalar given in Appendix BB (Table Table-7B3). The PFT cover mean height (*canht*) is the area weighted arithmetic mean of the landcover classes in that gridbox. Canopy height (Figure 4) is therefore based on allometric scaling of landcover class dependent parameters. Improving the representation of canopy height is also a priority area for future developments.

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2.1.2 Non-vegetated surface types

The four non-vegetated surface types (urban, inland water, bare soil and land ice) [like the vegetated surface types](#) are represented as tiles with separate energy balances, described using the parameters listed in Table 1. A full description of the representation of the non-vegetated surface types can be found in Best et al. (2011) and the developments since this paper have been highlighted here. Since GL3.0 (Walters, et al., 2011) the urban surface has been represented by the simple one-tile scheme (*l_urban2t=false*), which consists of a radiatively coupled (*vf*, Table 1) “urban canopy” with the thermal characteristics (*ch*, Table 1) of concrete (Best, 2005). The urban canopy has a capacity to hold water (*catch*, Table 1) and when wet the surface moisture resistance is reduced to zero. Similar to the urban surface, lakes are represented as a radiatively coupled “inland water canopy” with the thermal characteristics of a mixed layer depth of water (≈ 5 m). The original representation of inland water, as a freely evaporating soil surface (*ch = vf = 0.0*, Table 1), was shown to have incorrect seasonal and diurnal cycles for surface temperatures and therefore evaporation (Rooney and Jones, 2010). The high thermal inertia of the urban and lake tiles results in an improved diurnal cycle in surface air temperature. Bare soil or bare-ground surface types are represented as having no canopy heat capacity and a surface moisture resistance to evaporation as a function of surface soil moisture (Eq 17, Best et al., 2011). Ice surfaces are an exception to the representation of surface heterogeneity as only ice can exist in a gridbox. This is because the sub-surface is modified to represent the thermal characteristics of ice. No infiltration is allowed, and all melt is assumed to be surface runoff. The surface temperature is limited to the melting point with the residual energy balance term assumed to be melt. As such ice surfaces do not conserve water.

The roughness lengths for inland water, bare soil & ice were updated to their current values as part of GL4.0 (Walters, et al., 2014). The roughness length (*z0* – Table 1) for inland water was reduced to 1×10^{-4} m as GL3.0 suffered from a slow bias when compared to reanalyses in the near-surface wind speed around the Great Lakes. This reduced value is more consistent with the values predicted from wind-speed-dependent parametrisations over open water (Walters, et al., 2014). The roughness length for bare soil was increased to 1×10^{-3} m, an intermediate value between those used in GL3.0 (3×10^{-4} m) and GL3.1 (3.2×10^{-3} m, used in operational global NWP forecasting). Observational estimates of the roughness length of bare soil surfaces suggest large geographical variations covering this range. The ratios of the roughness lengths for heat to momentum (*z0hm* – Table 1) were also revised as part of GL4.0 in conjunction with the roughness length changes. From GL4.0 the urban surface has used the Best (2006) value of 1×10^{-7} m; for inland water, the ratio has been set to 0.25 consistent with the parameterisation for open sea; bare soil was decreased to 0.02 to address a significant underestimate of the near-surface temperature gradient over arid regions; and ice was adjusted to 0.2 to be consistent with sea-ice. Prior to GL4.0, all ratios had a fixed value of 0.1. Another new capability introduced with GL4.0 was an emissivity for each surface type (*emis* – Table 1) based on the data of (Snyder, Wan, Zhang, & Feng, 1998) and additionally for bare soil, satellite retrievals of land surface temperature from over the Sahara. Previously these values were fixed at 0.97 regardless of surface type. The significant reduction in the bare soil emissivity improved a cold bias over the Middle Eastern deserts that was prominent in GL3.0. The description of the non-vegetated surface types in JULES-GL7 remains largely unchanged since GL4.0 (Best et al., 2011).

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2.2 Radiation

Typically, standalone JULES is driven with downward short wave and long wave radiative fluxes. To obtain the net fluxes that enter the surface energy budget, the surface albedo and emissivity must be calculated. The albedo varies with wavelength, although, for many natural surfaces, it is adequate to distinguish between the visible and near infrared parts of the spectrum.

5 In reality, the albedo is also different for direct and diffuse radiation, but a distinction is not made for every surface in GL7.

For unvegetated surfaces single broadband albedos are used (*albsnf*, Table 1). The albedo of bare soil must be specified as ancillary data, but fixed values are used for the other three unvegetated tiles.

10 The albedo of plant canopies is calculated using the two-stream radiation scheme described by Sellers (1985). As inputs, this requires separate transmission (*omega*, *omnir*, Table 2) and reflection coefficients (*alpar*, *alnir*, Table 2) in the visible and near infrared regions respectively for individual leaves (or shoots in the case of needleleaf trees) and the leaf area index. It returns the visible and near infrared albedos for direct and diffuse radiation. However, the direct components are discarded and not used in GL7 for reasons of performance when coupled to the UM. When coupled to the UM, there is an option
15 (*l_albedo_obs*) to scale the leaf-level characteristics to match a specified climatology of the albedo, but this unavailable offline.

A new albedo scheme for snow-covered surfaces was introduced into GL7. This incorporates a two-stream algorithm for the snow pack. The surface is modelled as an underlying soil surface, above which there is a plant canopy that is gradually buried as snow accumulates. The canopy is therefore modelled as a lower snow layer and an upper layer of exposed vegetation that
20 will be absent if the snow is deep enough. The scheme makes explicit use of the canopy height. If canopy snow is allowed on the tile, there will also be a layer of snow on the canopy that is treated using the same two-stream scheme. Additional parameters (*can_clump*, *n_lai_exposed*) represent the vertical distribution of leaf-area density and the clumping of snow on the canopy. However, the values adopted in GL7 have been tuned to work with the existing ancillaries of canopy height which exhibit unrealistically limited spatial variability. Previously, a hard-wired lower limit of 0.5 had been imposed on the LAI in
25 the calculation of the albedo. At GL7 this has been removed and replaced with separate limits for snow and snow-free conditions. In snow-free conditions, the nominal lower limit has been set to 0.005, while in the presence of snow a limit of 1.0 is imposed for trees and a limit of 0.1 in the case of short vegetation (Table 2). Infrared emissivities are specified as single broadband values for each surface type (Tables 1 and 2).

30 2.2.1 Diffuse Radiation

GL7 assumes that photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) is half of total downwelling shortwave. The PAR as seen in the plant physiology is entirely direct, which results in a lower penetration of PAR into the canopy and reduced photosynthesis at the sub-canopy level. For GL7.2 we introduce a constant global mean diffuse fraction of 0.4, based on output from the SOCRATES radiative transfer scheme (Edwards & Slingo, 1996; Manners et al., 2015). This has the impact of increasing light
35 penetration into the canopy and therefore increasing GPP. To further improve GPP, we updated the canopy radiation model (*can_rad_mod*, changed from 4 to 6). Like *can_rad_mod*=5, 6 introduces sunfleck penetration through the canopy ($f_{sun} = \exp(-\frac{k_b}{\cos z} LAI)$; k_b constant value of 0.5) which increases the light within the canopy particularly for high solar zenith angles. Furthermore, *can_rad_mod*=6 introduces a new nitrogen profile through the canopy following $\exp(-k_{nl} LAI)$, where k_{nl} is a PFT constant of 0.2 (Table 2). This has the effect of increasing potential GPP in canopies with low LAI (< 5) and
40 decreasing at high LAI (>5). GL7.2 is consequently a physically more realistic configuration of JULES. The changes to canopy radiation do not affect the simulated albedo as in the current setup the albedo is only calculated for direct radiation. GL7.0 and

7.2 will therefore have the same albedo, but the way light interacts with the canopy differs and therefore affects the exchange of moisture and carbon.

2.3 Surface Exchange

5 The representation of the surface energy budget in JULES is described by Best et al. (2011). The scheme includes a surface heat capacity. Atmospheric resistances are calculated using standard Monin-Obukhov surface layer similarity theory, using the stability functions of Beljaars and Holtslag (1991). Evaporation from bare soil and water on the canopy and transpiration through the plant canopy contribute to the latent heat fluxes. In the case of needle-leaved trees, snow on and beneath the canopy is treated separately (*can_mod=4*).

10 2.4 Soil Hydrology and Thermodynamics

Soil processes are represented using a 4-layer scheme for the heat and water fluxes with hydraulic relationships taken from van Genuchten (1980). The four layers (0.1, 0.25, 0.65 and 2m) are chosen to capture diurnal, seasonal and multiannual variability in soil moisture and heat fluxes. ~~The JULES-GL7 soil parameter values are based in part on those developed for the MOSES model by Dharssi et al., (2009) and Cox et al., (1999). The parameter values used in the scheme are described in~~
15 ~~Dharssi et al., (2009)~~ and are read from an ancillary. There is an additional deep layer with impeded drainage to represent shallow groundwater thus enabling a saturated zone and water table to form. The sub-grid scale soil moisture heterogeneity model is driven by the statistical distribution of topography within the grid box, and is based on a TOPMODEL-type approach (Gedney et al., 2003). The baseflow out of the model is dependent on the predicted grid box mean water table while surface saturation and wetland fractions are dependent on the distribution of water table depth within the grid box. The scheme uses
20 the Marthews et al., (2015) topographic index dataset at 15 arc-sec resolution, which in turn is derived from HydroSHEDS (Lehner et al., 2006). The soil and hydrological ancillaries required are listed in Table 3.

2.5 Snow

A major difference between GL7 and earlier GL configurations is the activation of the multilayer snow scheme in JULES that is described by Best et al. (2011). This replaces the previous so-called zero-layer scheme in which a single thermal store was
25 used for snow and the first soil level, and an insulating factor was applied to represent the lower thermal conductivity of snow. The zero-layer scheme included no representation of the evolution of the snow pack. Compared to the version described in Best et al. (2011), a number of enhancements have been introduced into the multilayer scheme in order to better to represent the thermal state of the snow surface and atmospheric boundary layer when coupled to the UM. The changes are noted in the following description and parameter values in Table 2.

30 In the multilayer scheme, the snow pack is divided into a number of layers, that are added or removed as the snowpack grows or shrinks. A maximum of 3 layers is imposed in GL7. In a deep snow pack, the top layer will be 0.04 m thick, the second 0.12 m thick, while the lowest layer will contain the remainder of the snow pack. Very thin layers of snow (less than 0.04 m deep) are still represented using the zero-layer scheme for reasons of numerical stability. ~~In the original version of the scheme,~~
35 ~~the top two layers were set to default values of 0.1 and 0.2 m thick.~~ The thickness, frozen and liquid water contents, temperature and grain size of each layer are prognostics of the scheme. New snow is added to the top of the snow pack and compaction by the overburden is included. Following these operations, the snow pack is relayered to the specified thickness.

The density of fresh snow has been set to 109 kg m^{-2} , following the scheme adopted in the CROCUS model (Vionnet et al., 2012), but omitting the wind-speed and temperature-dependent factors. The conductivity of snow was originally calculated using the parameterization of Yen (1981), but this has been replaced with the scheme proposed by Calonne et al. (2011). This gives higher conductivities in snow of low density, thereby strengthening the coupling between the snow pack and the boundary layer.

Again, with a view to improving the coupling between the atmosphere and the snow pack, the parameterization of equitemperature metamorphism described by Dutra et al. (2010) has been introduced. This accelerates the rate of densification of fresh snow and is important in reducing cold biases that would otherwise result.

In the original scheme, when the canopy snow model was selected, unloading of snow from the canopy occurred only when it was melting. In GL7, unloading (*unload_rate_u*, Table 2) is also permitted at colder temperatures and the timescale is set to $1/(2.31e-6*U10)$, which is tuned to give an unloading timescale of 2 days in the Canadian boreal forest in winter (MacKay and Bartlett, 2006) for the average 10 m wind speed predicted in the MetUM. Note that a separate canopy is currently used only for the needleleaf tile.

Unlike the original scheme, where it simply bypassed the snow pack, rain water is now allowed to infiltrate. Below a canopy, this infiltrating water includes melting from the canopy.

2.6 Coupled versus Uncoupled Differences

JULES has been developed in more than one modelling environment i.e. standalone and coupled with the UM, and consequently some science options are not available under all environments. This could be because certain science options only make sense in a coupled environment or the converse may be true. This is not true for all options and in some cases the options have only been implemented in one environment and require additional coding to make it available to others. Other differences arise out of the method of coupling the available driving data. When coupled, the surface meteorological state is solved interactively whereas offline this is provided either from observation or reanalysis products. One important difference concerning the treatment of radiation (*jules_radiation*) is that when coupled separate radiative fluxes of NIR and PAR are available from the radiation scheme however, offline typically only broadband shortwave is available and it is assumed this can be split 50:50 between NIR and PAR. Furthermore, when coupled, snow-free albedos on each surface type are nudged towards an observed climatological mean from an ancillary (*l_albedo_obs = .true.*). This approach maintains sensible differences between surface types and allows spatial differences in albedo properties to be captured, while agreeing well with observations. However, in turn this has some limitations and as such it is not suitable for climate change experiments that include a change in land cover. It is therefore not compatible with the dynamic vegetation and land-use models as used in the interactive carbon cycle option and thus is not implemented in the offline JULES-GL7 configuration. Another subtle difference concerning the treatment of radiation is the calculation of the solar zenith angle. When coupled, the SOCRATES radiative transfer scheme calculates this, whereas in standalone JULES the solar zenith angle calculation needs to be explicitly turned on using *l_cosz = .true.* to be equivalent. When using JULES-GL7 therefore with site data, care should be taken to ensure that the model and forcing data is in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), as time is used in the calculation of solar zenith angle.

There are several differences in the treatment of the JULES surface exchange (*jules_surface*) as this is the interface between the surface and either the driving model or the driving data. Orographic form drag (*formdrag = 0 standalone, 1 coupled*) for

example cannot be used in the standalone configuration as the necessary ancillary data is not available to standalone. In any case, it may not make scientific sense to include as the orographic drag may be implicit in the driving data whether from observations or from model generated driving data. The method of discretization in the surface layer is another difference between the two environments, which affects how the driving data is interpreted. The driving data, when standalone, is most likely to be at a specific level ($i_modisopt = 0$) rather than a vertical average as it is when coupled ($i_modisopt = 1$). Also in the coupled model, a parametrisation of transitional decoupling in very light winds is included in the calculation of the 1.5 m temperature ($isrntdiag = 2$), however in standalone the surface is driven by the temperature at 1.5 m and is therefore is not a diagnostic. It is not recommended that the surface is driven with a decoupled variable as this scenario has not been properly tested and should instead be $isrntdiag = 0$. And finally concerning the surface exchange, the coupled model includes the effects of both boundary layer and deep convective gustiness ($isrfexcvgust = 1$), however this is not appropriate in standalone and therefore $isrfexcvgust = 0$. When driving standalone JULES with observations at a high enough frequency the gusts would be implicit in the observational data; and in the case of driving JULES with a longer-term average, where there may be a gust contribution, the relevant information is not accessible.

15 3 JULES-GL7 Experimental Setup and Suite Control

The science configuration consists of a defined set of parameters and switches that can be used in conjunction with an experimental setup. The experimental setup differs from the configuration as it describes the conditions under which the configuration is applied. For example, in this case the setup is a global historical experiment, but it could also be a future climate scenario, driven by alternative historical forcing or at a multiple locations such as FluxNet sites, where more detailed evaluation data are available (e.g. Harper et al., 2016). The experiment in the suite provided is a global historical run from pre-industrial (1860) to present day (2014) including rising atmospheric CO₂ but fixed landcover. This is a standard historical experimental setup as used in the Global Carbon Project (Le Quéré et al., 2015). The climate data (CRU-NCEP v7) consists of 6-hourly NCEP data corrected to CRU climatology and observations updated to 2014 (CRU TS3.23; Harris et al., 2015). The original data were provided on a $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ grid and subsequently regridded to a coarser resolution for consistency with the standard resolution climate experiments for CMIP6 using HadGEM3-GC3.1 at $1.875^\circ \times 1.25^\circ$. The forcing data include both gridded observations of climate and global atmospheric CO₂, which change over time (Dlugokencky and Tans, 2015). However, the CRU-NCEP data only start in 1901. To begin the experiments in 1860, a time when atmospheric CO₂ was relatively stable, requires the years 1901-1920 to be replicated between 1860 and 1900 thus assuming no effect of climate change between 1860 and 1901. CRU-NCEP uses a 365-day calendar so no leap years are included. Furthermore, CRU-NCEP is a land-only dataset including Greenland but excluding Antarctica. At the coarser resolution, a gridbox may only be partially land-covered. JULES works on the land only fraction of the gridbox. It is therefore important when making global means or averages that both the land fraction of a gridbox as well as the gridbox area is considered. An important provided ancillary is therefore the land fraction (Table 3).

35 The suite as provided, includes a standardised suite control approach to manage both the necessary stages of initialising and running an experiment, as well as scheduling resources and timeslots on the supercomputer. This is shown graphically in Figure 54. The suite is set up to run three separate instances of JULES. The first initialises and reconfigures an initial start condition. The second starts from the reconfigured start condition and spins up the states of snow, soil moisture and temperatures by cycling over 1860-1879 climate using fixed pre-industrial CO₂. This is optional according to whether the initial state is already spun-up and is controlled by a switch (l_spinup). Setting this switch to false bypasses spinup entirely. 40 The number of cycles required and the period to loop over can also be set. Each new cycle of spinup is submitted as a new job

taking the initial conditions from the end of the previous cycle. The final task is to perform the transient experiment taking either initial conditions from the reconfiguration step or the final spinup cycle. These settings are all available under *Runtime Configuration* and *Runtime Configuration > Spinup Options*. The transient run makes use of varying climate and atmospheric CO₂. As standard the transient experiment has a 10 year cycle interval to allow a complete cycle to complete within the time limits on the supercomputer. It is worth noting that JULES vn5.3 is unable to perform full bit comparable restarts. This means the model prognostics at the end of one submission differ slightly from those used at the start of the next. The exact state at the end of the transient run will therefore be dependent on the number of spinup and transient cycles used.

4 JULES-GL7 Evaluation

In this section we evaluate the CRU-NCEPv7 historical experimental setup of the JULES-GL7 model configuration. We follow the approach of the International Land Model Benchmarking (ILAMB) project tool (Collier et al, 2018) to compare model simulations against observational data. However, due to technical limitations we are unable to use the full benchmarking range that ILAMB includes. Here, we assess model performance against three key metrics covering surface energy balance, hydrology and vegetation productivity. The metrics are annual mean albedo, evapotranspiration and gross primary productivity and they are benchmarked against observationally based datasets available in ILAMB. The aim here is not to perform a full analysis of model skill but to establish a few important benchmarks against which model developments can be compared and evaluated. In time, it is planned that the standardised JULES suite will be fully compatible with ILAMB allowing for a full model evaluation and benchmarking to be completed in a straight forward and standardised way. Furthermore, caution should be taken in benchmarking a model using a single forcing data set. As part of the Land Surface, Snow and Soil Moisture Model Intercomparison Project (LS3MIP; van den Hurk et al., 2016) this configuration will be setup with GSWP3 forcing data, which in time will be made available to the community. A second dataset will allow sampling of model uncertainty arising from forcing data variation.

Surface albedo is simulated in the model as described in Section 2.2 Radiation. Globally the observed land surface albedo is generally higher in snow-covered regions and deserts as shown in the MODIS satellite data (Figure 65). As noted in Section 2.2.1 Diffuse Radiation, the simulated albedo in JULES-GL7.0 and 7.2 are exactly the same, despite having different canopy radiation options, as the differences only affect light availability for photosynthesis. Overall, we find the model is too bright with a globally positive bias (Table 4). However, Figure Figure-67 shows that the bias is spatially variable with the largest biases (both positive and negative) found in the high latitudes and other snow-covered regions. In general, in this experimental setup we find the surface is too bright in regions of boreal forests and too dark across the far north in the tundra regions.

Evapotranspiration is benchmarked against two observational products: GLEAM (Miralles et al., 2011) and MODIS (Mu et al., 2013). There is uncertainty in the two datasets with large differences in the magnitude of evapotranspiration particularly over the tropical regions (Figure 8Figure-7). Both GL7.0 and 7.2 have large positive biases over much of the world, and these are strongest over the tropics (up to 2mm per day; Figure-89). However, the exact location of the largest biases differs between MODIS and GLEAM. GLEAM suggests a dipole pattern over central Africa while MODIS has a centralised positive bias implying there is a degree of observational uncertainty that needs to be accounted for. Overall, the biases are slightly reduced in GL7.2 (Table 4).

Although GL7 is mainly intended for studying the exchange of momentum, heat and water, the configuration also underpins the carbon-cycle configuration, and photosynthesis is strongly linked to evapotranspiration through the stomatal conductance

model. It is therefore worth benchmarking the model's ability to simulate GPP. Here we compare simulated GPP against the Fluxnet-MTE product (Figure 109; Jung et al., 2010). ~~Figure Figure-401~~ shows that GL7.0 and 7.2 correctly predict that GPP is highest in tropical forests and low in arid areas, but there is a substantial negative bias in most biomes with the exception of tropical forests. GL7.2 is an improvement over GL7.0 with a global total GPP of 95.4 GtC compared with 91.1 GtC in GL7.0. However, this is substantially lower than the 119 GtC in the reference dataset.

5-Running the JULES-GL7 Setup

5.1 Compute Platform Setup

10 The JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 configurations are available as rose suites at <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/3/1/6/trunk> and <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/5/4/3/trunk> respectively. Note, access will be required to the Met Office Science Repository Service (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/home>) and is available to those who have signed the JULES user agreement. JULES is freely available for non-commercial research use as set out in the JULES User Terms and Conditions (http://jules-lsm.github.io/access_req/JULES_Licence.pdf). The easiest way to access the repository is by completing the online form here (http://jules-lsm.github.io/access_req/JULES_access.html).

The suite is configured to run on both the Met Office CRAY XC40 or the JASMIN (<http://www.jasmin.ac.uk/>) platform provided by the Science and Technology Facilities Council UK. For non-Met Office collaborators JASMIN is the most suitable platform for running JULES simulations. JASMIN access is available for all UK based researchers who consider themselves part of the NERC (<https://nerc.ukri.org/>) community. JASMIN is also available for non-UK based researchers who are interested in JULES. Once you have access to JASMIN you will need to request access to the JULES group workspace (`/group_workspaces/jasmin2/jules`), which can be requested here https://accounts.jasmin.ac.uk/services/group_workspaces/jules/. Met Office CRAY XC40 users will need access to the xce100 and/or xce100 machines.

25 Installing the suite requires access to the Met Office suite and code management tools available on both JASMIN and the Met Office Linux estate. To access the tools please follow the guidelines in Appendix A. Once you have access to the necessary compute platforms, repository and tools you are ready to start your run.

30 The suite is designed for ease of use, to enable the maximum number of users to access it. The suite is configured to extract the code from the repository, build on the appropriate platform sourcing appropriate libraries and then run using the appropriate forcing and ancillaries. Most users should be able to set a standard run going in just a few steps:

5.2 Setting up the model configuration

35 The standard JULES-GL7.0 (*JULES-GL7.2*) suite, `u-bb316`, (`u-bb543`) has been configured to minimise the steps necessary to be able to run the standard configuration, however a few important steps and checks remain. It is assumed that a JASMIN user has logged into the `jasmin-cyle` node and a Met Office user is accessing the CRAY via a Linux desktop.

1. Create a new suite:

```
rosie copy u-bb316
```

40 This will create a new suite of your own in which changes can be made and tracked using the Met Office Science Repository Service. Remember to commit any changes back to the repository with `'fcm commit.'` *Rosie copy u-*

bb316 results in a new suite with a similar id in alphanumeric order e.g. *u-ab123*. You should replace '*u-ab123*' with your suite id in the following commands.

2.—The *rose-copy* command will create a local copy of the new suite in the *~/roses* directory. You can change directory to this suite.

3.—Once the suite is installed you can use the Rose GUI editor to check the suite setup. There are a number of platform specific aspects to be checked. To open the GUI:

```
rose edit -C ~/roses/u-ab123/
```

a.—Platform specific > Build and run mode—This radar button is used to setup the platform specific build and installation. This should be '*Met-Office-cray-xc40*' and '*Jasmin-Lotus*' on the CRAY and JASMIN platforms respectively.

b.—Build options > JULES_FCM—This variable points to the location of the code to be compiled. In the standard case this should point to the trunk, however this could equally point to a branch to test a new development. An important point to note is that the CRAY uses an internal 'mirror' copy of the repository held in the cloud. This avoids downtime when the repository is unavailable. This is indicated by an '*m*' in the repository shortcuts. This should be *fcm:jules.xm* and *fcm:jules.x* on the CRAY and JASMIN respectively. Failure to set this correctly will result in a build failure.

c.—Runtime Configuration > MPI_NUM_TASKS—Up to 16 MPI tasks are available on JASMIN. More are available on the CRAY for faster run times. 16 MPI tasks is a recommended setup. However, 18 MPI (with 2 OMP) makes a fuller user of a single broadwell node on the CRAY.

d.—Runtime Configuration > OMP_NUM_TASKS—More recent releases of JULES support more OpenMP threads. A suitable number of tasks is 2.

The suite is now installed and ready to run. On the CRAY the submission can be made from the local machine. On JASMIN use the cyle workflow machine *jasmin-cyle*. The suite can be submitted to the scheduler.

```
rose suite run -C ~/roses/u-ab123/
```

4.—Assuming the suite submits correctly, the next step is to monitor progress. Met-Office and JASMIN users will automatically see the *suite-control-GUI*. However, the suite can be monitored by one of the two following options:

```
cyle sean -c ————— Will show the state of running suites
```

```
tail -f ~/cyle-run/u-ab123/log/suite/log — Will print to screen the current status of u-ab123
```

5.—The output from the suite is automatically written to a directory:

a.—*\$DATADIR/jules-output/u-ab123* on the CRAY.

b.—*/work/scratch/\$USER/u-ab123* on JASMIN.

Note the scratch workspace on JASMIN is not for permanent storage of model output.

5.3 Making changes to model configuration

The purpose of making a standard science configuration and experimental setup available is not so users can reproduce the same results, but to encourage further development and testing, whether that involves new and novel diagnostics and evaluation or new processes and ancillary information. This should be done relative to the 'benchmark' standard configuration and

experimental setup. To modify the configurations users should copy the standard suite as above and switch the code base to point to the user's branch and revision number. Any new parameters and switches can then be added to the app configuration file—this can be done through the GUI or by editing the configuration file directly (`~/roses/u-ab123/app/rose-suite.conf`). Note the model code needs to be consistent with the setup in the app. Any modifications to the suite should be committed and documented on a JULES ticket similar to the one documenting the JULES-GL7 release (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/ticket/837>).

5.4 Inter-version compatibility

The JULES-GL7.x model configurations are independent of the code release as it is a requirement of any modification to the JULES code base that the major configurations are scientifically reproducible between code versions. This is not exactly the same as reproducible to the bit level as some changes are permitted, for instance changing the order of a do loop can have benefits for runtime, but lead to changes at the bit level. From a user perspective the differences between model releases should be pragmatically indistinguishable. It is intended that the JULES-GL7.x configurations will be made available at each model release and the latest release is preferable if undertaking configuration development. Users of the configuration may find benefits in the latest version through technical improvements to suite control tools including user interfaces and code optimisation reducing run time. It is therefore preferable to use the latest available configuration. At some point when a configuration is deemed superseded the guarantee of backwards compatibility will be dropped and code modules may be removed from the code base and no longer supported.

5.6 Summary

JULES-GL7.0 is the standalone version of the land surface configuration underpinning the HadGEM3-GC3.1 climate model that is being run as part of the CMIP6 round of global climate modelling experiments. It is a comprehensive model simulating the exchange of heat, water and momentum developed as part of the coupled climate model and extracted here for use by the community.

It has been shown that both JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 can capture the large-scale features of surface albedo, evapotranspiration and GPP, however there are substantial biases that future updates to the configuration should attempt to reduce. There is also substantial uncertainty in observational evaluation datasets and the forcing for driving the model (Collier et al. 2018), which remains to be accounted for. Caution therefore needs to be taken to avoid overfitting the model to just a few datasets without a full appreciation of the uncertainties involved. In time, we plan to add additional forcing datasets to the standard configuration and the ability to benchmark against the full capability available in ILAMB.

This configuration and the ability to run the model is provided to the land surface modelling community to promote community engagement in the advancement of land surface science whether through application in their individual study, for use in model intercomparison studies such as LS3MIP (van den Hurk et al., 2016) or to promote community science developments progressing onto the main JULES trunk and into the major science configurations that underpin weather and climate forecasting in the UK.

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Data availability

The model configuration and associated forcing data are available via the indicated methods in the manuscript. JULES and associated configurations are freely available for non-commercial research use as set out in the JULES User Terms and Conditions (http://jules-lsm.github.io/access_req/JULES_Licence.pdf).

Code availability

This work is based on JULES version 5.3 with specific configurations included in the form of suites. For full information regarding accessing the code and configurations, please refer to [section 5.1 Appendix A](#)

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Tables

Table 1: Parameters in JULES-GL7 that vary with non-vegetated surface types (note these can be found in nvegparm).

| | Urban | Lake | Bare Soil | Ice |
|---|--------|----------|--|---------|
| albsnf <i>Snow-free albedo</i> | 0.18 | 0.12 | -1 (indicates read from ancillary) | 0.75 |
| catch <i>Water capacity (kg m⁻²)_i</i> | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ch <i>Heat capacity of this surface type (J K⁻¹m⁻²).</i> | 280000 | 21100000 | 0 | 0 |
| emis <i>Surface emissivity</i> | 0.97 | 0.985 | 0.9 | 0.99 |
| gs <i>Surface conductance (m s⁻¹).</i> | 0 | 0 | 0.01 | 1000000 |
| infil <i>Infiltration enhancement factor</i> | 0.1 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 |
| vf <i>Switch indicating whether the canopy is conductivity coupled (0) to the sub-surface or radiatively (1).</i> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| z0 <i>Roughness length for momentum (m)</i> | 1 | 0.0001 | 0.001 | 0.0005 |
| z0hm <i>Ratio of the roughness length for heat to the roughness length for momentum.</i> | 1E-07 | 0.25 | 0.02 | 0.2 |

5 Table 2: Parameters in JULES-GL7 that vary by PFT (note these can be found in pftparm and snow namelists).

| | Broadleaf Tree | Needleleaf Tree | C3 Grass | C4 Grass | Shrub |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------|
| a_wl <i>Allometric coefficient relating the target woody biomass to the leaf area index</i> | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.1 |
| a_ws <i>Woody biomass as a multiple of live stem biomass.</i> | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| albsnc_max <i>Snow-covered albedo for large leaf area index.</i> | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

| | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| albsnc_min <i>Snow-covered albedo for zero leaf area index.</i> | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| alnir <i>Leaf reflection coefficient for NIR</i> | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.58 |
| alpar <i>Leaf reflection coefficient for PAR (photosynthetically active radiation)</i> | 0.1 | 0.07 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| alpha <i>Quantum efficiency (mol CO₂ per mol PAR photons).</i> | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.08 |
| b_wl <i>Allometric exponent relating the target woody biomass to the leaf area index</i> | 1.667 | 1.667 | 1.667 | 1.667 | 1.667 |
| c3 <i>c3/c4 photosynthetic pathway switch</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| can_struct_a <i>Canopy Structure factor</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| catch0 <i>This is the minimum amount of water that can be held on the canopy (kg m⁻²)</i> | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| dcatch_dlai <i>Rate of change of canopy capacity with LAI (kg m⁻²).</i> | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| dqcrit <i>Critical humidity deficit (kg H₂O per kg air).</i> | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.1 | 0.075 | 0.1 |
| dz0v_dh <i>Rate of change of vegetation roughness length for momentum with height.</i> | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| emis_pft <i>Surface emissivity</i> | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| eta_sl <i>Live stemwood coefficient (kg Cm⁻¹/(m2 leaf))</i> | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| f0 <i>Ratio of internal to atmospheric CO₂ concentration at 0. Humidity deficit (CI / CA for DQ = 0)</i> | 0.875 | 0.875 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| fd <i>Scale factor for dark respiration.</i> | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.025 | 0.015 |
| fsmc_mod | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <i>Switch for method of weighting the contribution that different soil layers make to the soil moisture availability factor fsmc.</i> | | | | | |
| gmin <i>Minimum leaf conductance for H₂O (m s⁻¹).</i> | 0.000001 | 0.000001 | 0.000001 | 0.000001 | 0.000001 |
| infil_f <i>Infiltration enhancement factor</i> | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| kext <i>Light extinction coefficient</i> | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| kn1 <i>Parameter for decay of nitrogen through the canopy, as a function of LAI</i> | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| kpar <i>PAR extinction coefficient</i> | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| lai_alb_lim <i>Minimum LAI permitted in calculation of the albedo in snow-free conditions.</i> | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| n10 <i>Top leaf nitrogen concentration (kg N/kg C).</i> | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| neff <i>Scale factor relating V_cmax with leaf nitrogen concentration</i> | 0.0008 | 0.0008 | 0.0008 | 0.0004 | 0.0008 |
| nr_nl <i>Ratio of root nitrogen concentration to leaf nitrogen concentration.</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ns_nl <i>Ratio of stem nitrogen concentration to leaf nitrogen concentration.</i> | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| omega <i>Leaf scattering coefficient for PAR.</i> | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.15 |
| omnir <i>Leaf scattering coefficient for NIR.</i> | 0.7 | 0.45 | 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| orient | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| q10_leaf <i>Q10 factor for plant respiration.</i> | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| r_grow <i>Growth respiration fraction.</i> | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| rootd_ft | 3 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| <i>Parameter determining the root depth (m).</i> | | | | | |
| sigl <i>Specific density of leaf carbon (kg C m⁻² leaf).</i> | 0.0375 | 0.1 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Tlow <i>Lower temperature for photosynthesis (deg C).</i> | 0 | -5 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Tupp <i>Upper temperature for photosynthesis (deg C).</i> | 36 | 31 | 36 | 45 | 36 |
| z0hm_pft <i>Ratio of the roughness length for heat to the roughness length for momentum.</i> | 1.65 | 1.65 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Snow Parameters | | | | | |
| can_clump <i>Clumping factor for snow in the canopy</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| cansnowpft <i>Canopy snow model switch</i> | .false. | .true. | .false. | .false. | .false |
| lai_alb_lim_sn <i>Lower limit on permitted LAI in albedo with snow</i> | 1 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| n_lai_exposed <i>Shape parameter for exposed canopy with embedded snow</i> | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| unload_rate_cnst <i>Constant canopy snow unloading rate (kg m⁻² s⁻¹)</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| unload_rate_u <i>Wind dependent canopy snow unloading rate (kg m⁻² s⁻¹ snow per ms⁻¹ wind)</i> | 0 | 2.31E-06 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 3: Ancillary information as required in the JULES-GL7.0/7.2 Configurations. Required ancillary files cover parameter values that are either spatially or temporarily explicit necessary to define the science configuration. Additional ancillaries covering grid setup and forcing are used in the experimental setup.

| File | Fields and Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| Science Configuration | |
| Landcover Fractions | frac: Spatial fractional cover of each landcover tile |
| Vegetation Function | canht: Canopy height for vegetation tiles |
| | lai: Monthly Leaf Area Index Climatology for vegetation tiles |
| Soil properties | albsoil: Average waveband spatial field |
| | b: exponent in soil hydraulic characteristics van Genuchten soil hydraulic parameter $(1/(n-1))$ |
| | hcap: Dry heat capacity |
| | satcon: Saturated hydraulic conductivity |
| | sathh: van Genuchten soil hydraulic 1/alpha parameter |
| | smcrit: volumetric soil moisture critical point |
| | smsat:saturated volumetric soil moisture |
| | smwilt: volumetric soil moisture wilting point |
| Hydrology | timean: spatial mean in topographic index |
| | tisig: spatial standard deviation in topographic index |
| Experimental Setup | |
| Land Fraction | Land_frac: fraction of a gridbox that is land |

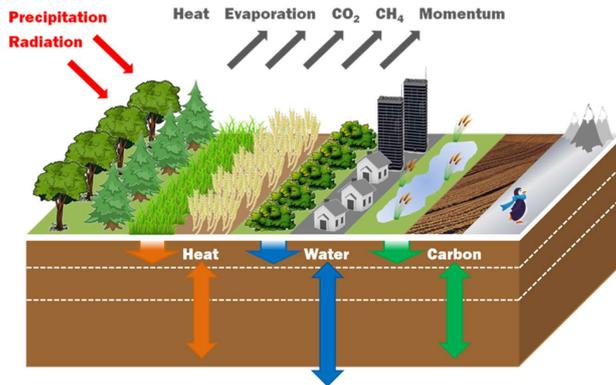
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Table 4: Tabulated measures of model performance against benchmarks. Global Means and Totals are calculated on the native grid of the observational and model grids accounting for fractional land coverage in the totals and weighting for irregular grid box sizes. Biases and RMSEs are calculated by regridding the observational data to the coarser model grid and calculating metrics where the observational and model data intersect.

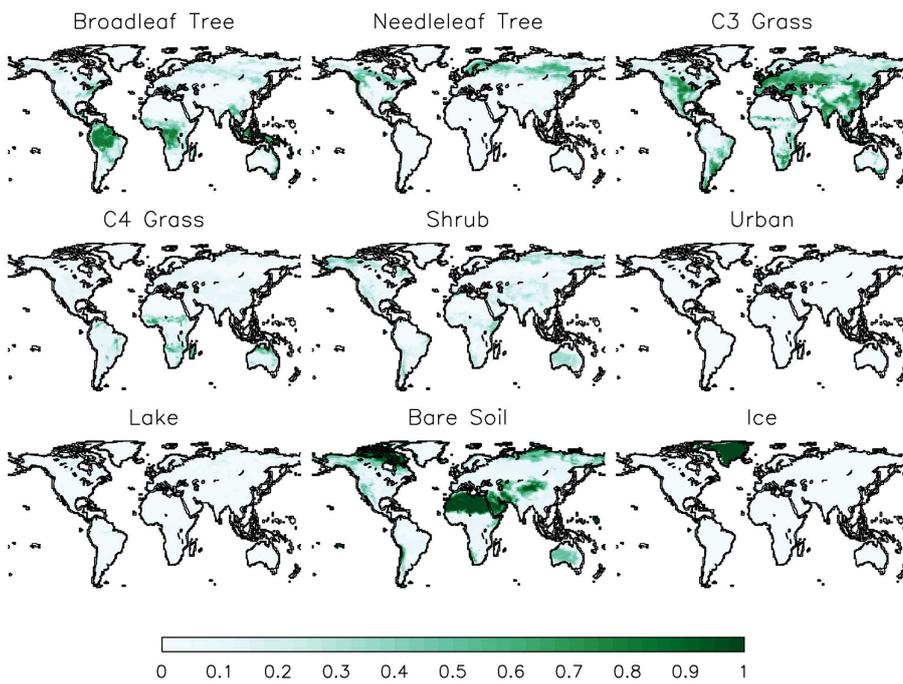
| | Global Means/Totals | Bias | RMSE |
|--|---------------------|-------|-------|
| MODIS Albedo (Dimensionless) | | | |
| Benchmark | 0.20 | | |
| GL7.0 | 0.25 | 0.039 | 0.074 |
| GLEAM Evapotranspiration (mm day⁻¹) | | | |
| Benchmark | 1.29 | | |
| GL7.0 | 1.72 | 0.35 | 0.65 |
| GL7.2 | 1.70 | 0.33 | 0.62 |
| MODIS Evapotranspiration (mm day⁻¹) | | | |
| Benchmark | 1.57 | | |
| GL7.0 | 1.73 | 0.38 | 0.63 |
| GL7.2 | 1.71 | 0.36 | 0.62 |
| Fluxnet-MTE Gross primary Productivity (gC m⁻² day⁻¹) | | | |
| Benchmark | 119 GtC | | |
| GL7.0 | 91.1 GtC | -0.6 | 1.06 |
| GL7.2 | 95.4 GtC | -0.5 | 0.99 |

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Figures



5 Figure 1. JULES schematic of the fluxes of stores of heat, water, carbon and momentum and the surface tiling representation of subgrid heterogeneity.



10 Figure 2. Surface Tile fractions as used in JULES-GL7 derived from the IGBP landcover dataset (IGBP: Global Soil Data Task, 2000)

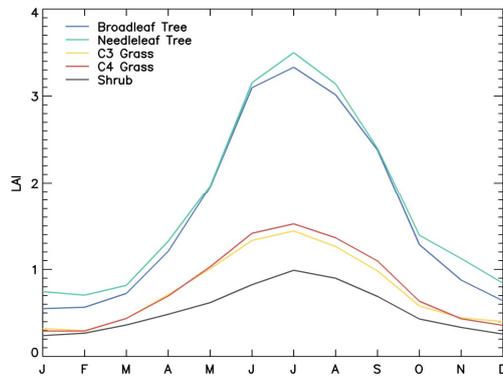


Figure 33. Seasonal Leaf Area Index (LAI) for the 5 vegetation surface types area-averaged over 30-60°N.

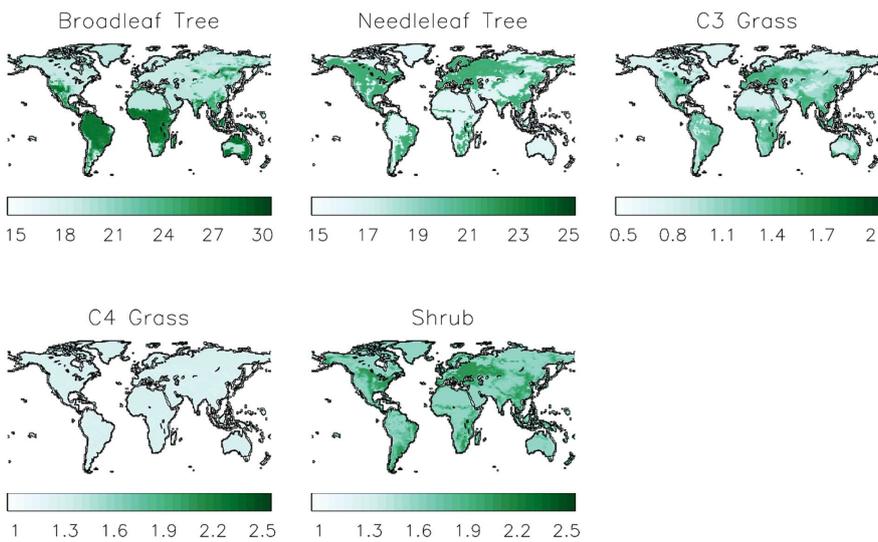


Figure 4. Canopy Height (m) per Plant Functional Type (PFT) as used in JULES-GL7 derived from the IGBP landcover dataset (IGBP: Global Soil Data Task, 2000).

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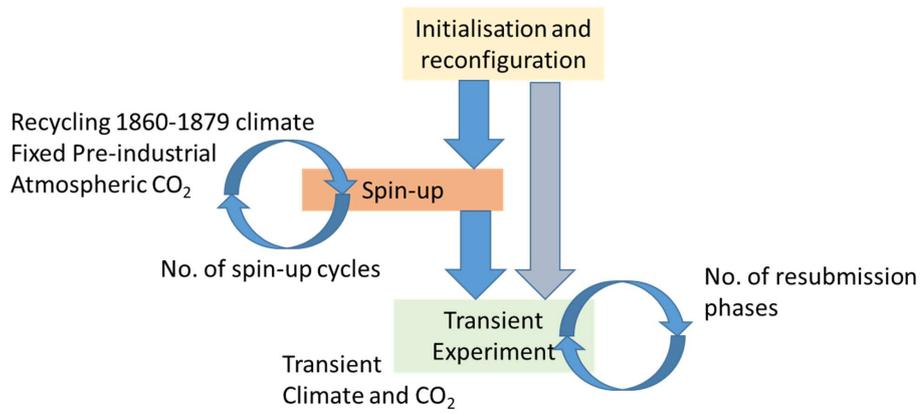


Figure 45: Suite control used to initialise, spinup and perform a full transient experiment with JULES-GL7.

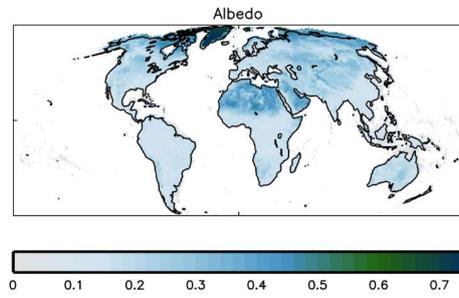


Figure 56: Surface albedo 2000-2005 benchmark derived from MODIS (De Kauwe et al., 2011) as generated by ILAMB (Collier et al., 2018).

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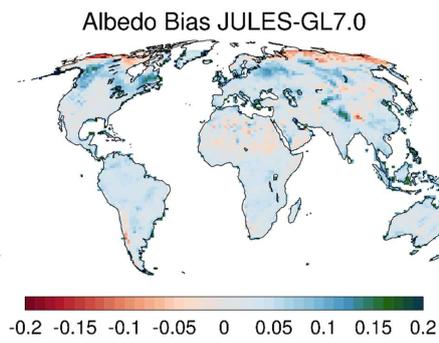


Figure 67: Albedo bias simulated by GL7.0 relative to the MODIS benchmark. Means over 2000-2005 are shown. Biases are calculated as the difference between the model and observations.

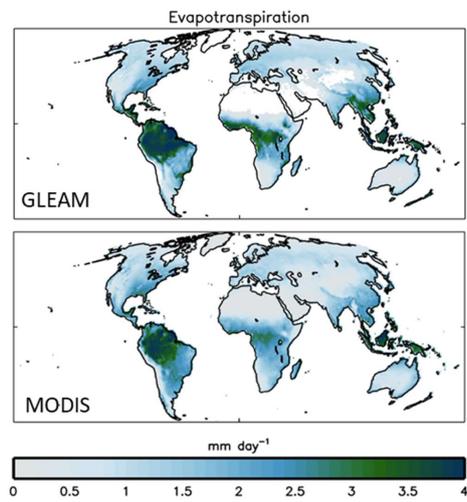
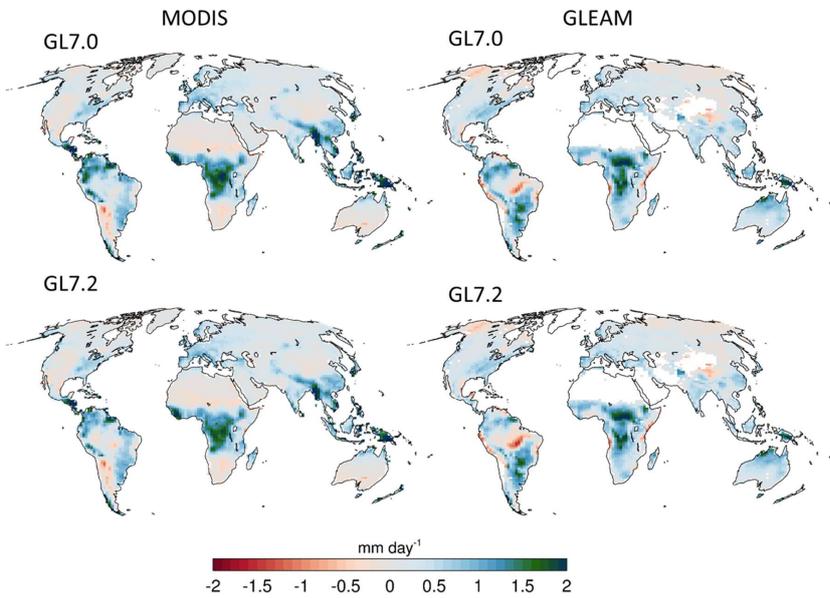
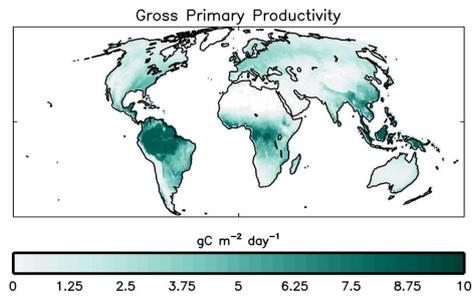


Figure 87: Surface evapotranspiration benchmarks derived from GLEAM (Miralles et al., 2011) and MODIS (Mu et al., 2013) as generated by ILAMB (Collier et al., 2018) covering 1980-2011 and 2000-2013 respectively.



5 **Figure 89:** Evapotranspiration biases simulated by GL7.0 (top row) and GL7.2 (bottom row) for MODIS (left column) and GLEAM (right column) benchmarks. MODIS means are 2000-2013 and GLEAM 1980-2011. Biases are calculated as the difference between the model and observations.



10 **Figure 910:** Global Primary Productivity (GPP) (1982-2008) benchmark derived from Fluxnet- MTE (Jung et al., 2010) as generated by ILAMB (Collier et al., 2018).

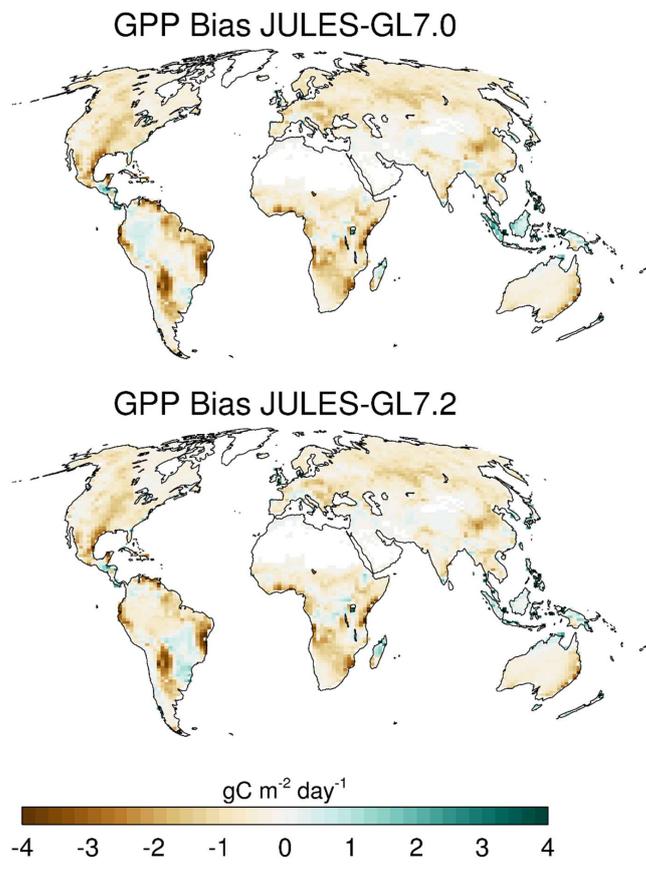
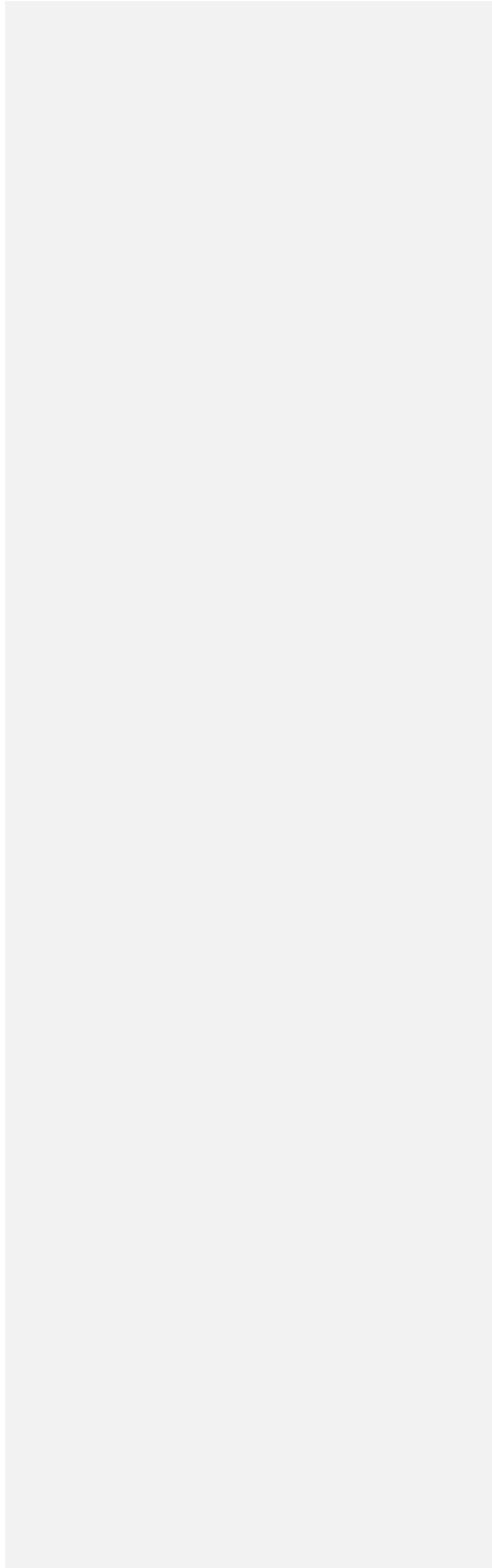


Figure 310411: Global Primary Productivity (GPP) biases simulated by GL7.0 (top row) and GL7.2 (bottom row) against the Fluxnet-MTE dataset. Means are 1982-2008. Biases are calculated as the difference between the model and observations.

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Appendix A.A: Running JULES-GL7

This section describes how to access and run the JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 suites provided at JULES version 5.3. It is recommended that the latest version is used available from (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/wiki/JulesConfigurations>, login required) to benefit. It is recommended that users use the latest version of the code base to benefit from bug fixes, ease of testing and implementing developments, which can only take place at the head of the JULES code trunk. All bug fixes, which would otherwise affect the scientific comparability of configurations, are implemented on a temporary logical switch so scientific comparability is maintained over different code versions. These temporary switches are reviewed periodically and are retired when they are no longer required.

A.1 Compute Platform Setup

The JULES-GL7.0 and JULES-GL7.2 configurations are available as ~~R~~ose suites at <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/3/1/6/trunk> and <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/roses-u/browser/b/b/5/4/3/trunk> respectively. Note, access will be required to the Met Office Science Repository Service (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/home>) and is available to those who have signed the JULES user agreement. JULES is freely available for non-commercial research use as set out in the JULES User Terms and Conditions (http://jules-lsm.github.io/access_req/JULES_Licence.pdf). The easiest way to access the repository is by completing the online form here (http://jules-lsm.github.io/access_req/JULES_access.html).

The suite is configured to run on both the Met Office CRAY XC40 or the JASMIN (<http://www.jasmin.ac.uk/>) platform provided by the Science and Technology Facilities Council UK. For non-Met Office collaborators JASMIN is the most suitable platform for running JULES simulations. JASMIN access is available for all UK based researchers who consider themselves part of the NERC (<https://nerc.ukri.org/>) community. JASMIN is also available for non-UK based researchers who are interested in JULES. Once you have access to JASMIN you will need to request access to the JULES group workspace (/group_workspaces/jasmin2/jules), which can be requested here https://accounts.jasmin.ac.uk/services/group_workspaces/jules/. Met Office CRAY XC40 users will need access to the xcel00 and/or xcef00 machines.

Installing the suite requires access to the Met Office suite and code management tools available on both JASMIN and the Met Office Linux estate. To access the tools please follow the guidelines in Appendix A.5. Once you have access to the necessary compute platforms, repository and tools you are ready to start your run.

The suite is designed for ease of use, to enable the maximum number of users to access it. The suite is configured to extract the code from the repository, build on the appropriate platform sourcing appropriate libraries and then run using the appropriate forcing and ancillaries. Most users should be able to set a standard run going in just a few steps.

A.2 Setting up the model configuration

The standard JULES-GL7.0 (JULES-GL7.2) suite, u-bb316, (u-bb543) has been configured to minimise the steps necessary to be able to run the standard configuration, however a few important steps and checks remain. It is assumed that a JASMIN user has logged into the jasmin-cylc node and a Met Office user is accessing the CRAY via a Linux desktop.

1. Create a new suite:

rosie copy u-bb316

This will create a new suite of your own in which changes can be made and tracked using the Met Office Science Repository Service. Remember to commit any changes back to the repository with '*fcm commit*.' *Rosie copy u-*

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bb316 results in a new suite with a similar id in alphanumeric order e.g. *u-ab123*. You should replace '*u-ab123*' with your suite id in the following commands.

2. The *rosie copy* command will create a local copy of the new suite in the *~/roses* directory. You can change directory to this suite.

3. Once the suite is installed you can use the Rose GUI editor to check the suite setup. There are a number of platform specific aspects to be checked. To open the GUI:

rose edit -C ~/roses/u-ab123/

a. Build options > JULES_FCM – This variable points to the location of the code to be compiled. In the standard case this should point to the trunk, however this could equally point to a branch to test a new development. An important point to note is that the CRAY uses an internal 'mirror' copy of the repository held in the cloud. This avoids downtime when the repository is unavailable. This is indicated by an 'm' in the repository shortcuts. This should be *fcm:jules.xm* and *fcm:jules.x* on the CRAY and JASMIN respectively. This is handled in the background by the Ceylc control system, however failure to set this correctly will result in a build failure.

b. Platform specific > Build and run mode – This radar button is used to setup the platform specific build and installation. This should be '*Met Office-cray-xc40*' and '*Jasmin-Lotus*' on the CRAY and JASMIN platforms respectively.

c. Runtime Configuration > MPI_NUM_TASKS – Up to 16 MPI tasks are available on JASMIN. More are available on the CRAY for faster run times. 16 MPI tasks is a recommended setup. However, 18 MPI (with 2 OMP) makes a fuller user of a single broadwell node on the CRAY.

d. Runtime Configuration > OMP_NUM_TASKS – More recent releases of JULES support more OpenMP threads. A suitable number of tasks is 2.

The suite is now installed and ready to run. On the CRAY the submission can be made from the local machine. On JASMIN use the Ceylc workflow machine *jasmin-cylc*. The suite can be submitted to the scheduler.

rose suite-run -C ~/roses/u-ab123/

4. Assuming the suite submits correctly, the next step is to monitor progress. Met Office and JASMIN users will automatically see the *suite control GUI*. However, the suite can be monitored by one of the two following options:

cylc scan -c Will show the state of running suites

tail -f ~/cylc-run/u-ab123/log/suite/log Will print to screen the current status of u-ab123

5. The output from the suite is automatically written to a directory:

a. *\$DATADIR/jules_output/u-ab123* on the CRAY

b. */work/scratch/\$USER/u-ab123* on JASMIN.

Note the scratch workspace on JASMIN is not for permanent storage of model output.

A.3 Making changes to model configuration

The purpose of making a standard science configuration and experimental setup available is not so users can reproduce the same results, but to encourage further development and testing, whether that involves new and novel diagnostics and evaluation

or new processes and ancillary information. This should be done relative to the 'benchmark' standard configuration and experimental setup. To modify the configurations users should copy the standard suite as above and switch the code base to point to the user's branch and revision number. Any new parameters and switches can then be added to the app configuration file – this can be done through the GUI or by editing the configuration file directly (`~/roses/u-ab123/app/rose-suite.conf`). Note the model code needs to be consistent with the setup in the app. Any modifications to the suite should be committed and documented on a JULES ticket similar to the one documenting the JULES-GL7 release (<https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/jules/ticket/837>). Model developers should use the suite and information presented here in combination with the JULES technical documentation found in Best et al., (2011) and Clark et al., (2011).

A.4 Inter-version compatibility

The JULES-GL7 model configurations are independent of the code release as it is a requirement of any modification to the JULES code base that the major configurations are scientifically reproducible between code versions. This is not exactly the same as reproducible to the bit level as some changes are permitted, for instance changing the order of a do loop can have benefits for runtime, but lead to changes at the bit level. From a user perspective the differences between model releases should be pragmatically indistinguishable. It is intended that the JULES-GL7 configurations will be made available at each model release and the latest release is preferable if undertaking configuration development. Users of the configuration may find benefits in the latest version through technical improvements to suite control tools including user interfaces and code optimisation reducing run time. It is therefore preferable to use the latest available configuration. At some point when a configuration is deemed superseded the guarantee of backwards compatibility will be dropped and code modules may be removed from the code base and no longer supported.

A.5: Setting up the JASMIN work environment.

The following assumes you have access to JASMIN as outlined in Section 5. This section outlines the necessary steps to setup the necessary work environment.

On `jasmin-cylc`, edit your `~/.bash_profile` file:

```
# Get the aliases and functions
if [ -f ~/.bashrc ]; then
    . ~/.bashrc
fi

# User specific environment and startup programs
export PATH=$PATH:$HOME/bin
HOST=$(hostname)

if [[ $HOST = "jasmin-sci2.ceda.ac.uk" || $HOST = "jasmin-cylc.ceda.ac.uk" || $HOST = "jasmin-sci1.ceda.ac.uk" ]]; then
    # Rose/cylc on jasmin-sci & Lotus nodes
    export PATH=$PATH:/apps/contrib/metomi/bin:$PATH
fi
```

On `jasmin-cylc` edit your `~/.bashrc` file at the top:

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```

# Provide access to FCM, Rose and Cylc
PATH=$PATH:/apps/contrib/metomi/bin

# Ensure .bashrc is sourced in login shells
# (only add this if it is not already done in your .bash_profile)
[[ -f ~/.bashrc ]] && . ~/.bashrc

```

At the bottom:

```

[[ $- != *i* ]] && return # Stop here if not running interactively
[[ $(hostname) = "jasmin-cylc.ceda.ac.uk" ]] && . mosrs-setup-gpg-agent
# Enable bash completion for Rose commands
[[ -f /apps/contrib/metomi/rose/etc/rose-bash-completion ]] && . /apps/contrib/metomi/rose/
etc/rose-bash-completion

```

15 Now, whenever login to **jasmin-cylc** you should be prompted for your Met Office Science Repository Service password.

A further setup for JASMIN and MOSRS requires an update to your `~/.subversion/servers` file. Please add the following and do not forget to give the corresponding username (change **myusername** word for your **MOSRS-username**).

```

[groups]
metofficesharedrepos = code*.metoffice.gov.uk

[metofficesharedrepos]
# Specify your Science Repository Service user name here
username = myusername
store-plaintext-passwords = no

```

In the `~/.subversion/config` file comment any lines starting with:

```
#password-stores =
```

30 **Create the following configuration file `~/.metomi/fcm/keyword.cfg` and add the following lines:**

```

location{primary, type:svn}[jules.x]=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/svn/jules/main
browser.loc-tmpl[jules.x]=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/{1}/intertrac/source/{2}{3}
browser.comp-pat[jules.x]=(?msx-i:\A // [^/]+ /svn/ ([^/]+) /*(.*) \z)

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35 **`location{primary, type:svn}[jules.doc.x]=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/svn/jules/doc`**
`browser.loc-`
`tmpl[jules.doc.x]=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/{1}/intertrac/source/{2}{3}`
`browser.comp-pat[jules.doc.x]=(?msx-i:\A // [^/]+ /svn/ ([^/]+) /*(.*) \z)`

40 Add the following lines on the `~/.metomi/rose.conf` file if missing (change **myusername** word for your **MOSRS-username**):

```

[rosie-id]
prefix-default=u
prefix-location.u=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/svn/roses-u
prefix-username.u=myusername
#username is all in lower case
prefix-ws.u=https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/rosie/u

```

50 `[rose-stem]`
`automatic-options=SITE=jasmin`

This can be checked by running:

```
rose config
```

Appendix B: Plant Functional Type, Leaf Area Index and Canopy Height Cross-Walking Tables

Table 5B1. PFT fraction lookup table for vegetated PFTs only. BLT = Broadleaf Tree; NLT = Needleleaf Tree. These lookup tables are used in conjunction with equations 1 and 2.

| | BLT | NLT | C3 Grass | C4 Grass | Shrub | Urban | Water | Bare Soil | Ice |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----|
| Evergreen Needleleaf forest | 0 | 70 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Evergreen Broadleaf forest | 85 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Deciduous Needleleaf forest | 0 | 65 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Deciduous Broadleaf forest | 60 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Mixed forest | 35 | 35 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Closed shrub | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Open shrub | 0 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Woody savannah | 50 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Savannah | 20 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Grassland | 0 | 0 | 70 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Permanent wetland | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Cropland | 0 | 0 | 75 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Urban | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crop/natural mosaic | 5 | 5 | 55 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Snow and ice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Barren | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Water bodies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |

Table 5B26. Leaf Area Index lookup table for combinations of IGBP land cover class and plant functional type. These lookup tables are used in conjunction with equations 1 and 2.

| | Broadleaf Tree | Needleleaf Tree | C3 Grass | C4 Grass | Shrub |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Evergreen Needleleaf forest | | 6 | 2 | | |
| Evergreen Broadleaf forest | 9 | | 2 | 4 | |
| Deciduous Needleleaf forest | | 4 | 2 | | |
| Deciduous Broadleaf forest | 5 | | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Mixed forest | 5 | 6 | 2 | | |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Closed shrub | | | 2 | | 3 |
| Open shrub | 5 | | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Woody savannah | 9 | | 4 | | 2 |
| Savannah | 9 | | | 4 | |
| Grassland | | | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Permanent wetland | 9 | | 3 | | 3 |
| Cropland | 5 | | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Urban | | | | | |
| Crop/natural mosaic | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Snow and ice | | | | | |
| Barren | | | | | |
| Water bodies | | | | | |

Table 27B3. PFT-dependent canopy height scaling factor

| | Broadleaf Tree | Needleleaf Tree | C3 Grass | C4 Grass | Shrub |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Canopy height factor | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 |

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