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Dear Editor of Earth System Dynamics,

This manuscript is revised version following the comments of the reviewers. We appreciate the three anonymous reviewer's comments. We have tried to describe how this study differs from the previous study Martin and Levine (2012). For the additional details requested by the reviewers, we have followed the suggestions and have re-written the manuscript. A point-by-point response to the comments is attached.

Yours Sincerely,

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## Response Letter for the Reviewer #1

We appreciate the comment for this manuscript. The comments of the reviewer and the corresponding corrections are listed.

This paper analyzed the different roles of dynamical vegetation and dust radiative effects on the East Asia Summer Monsoon (EASM) with the HadGEM2 model simulations for present and future climate. This is an interesting view to compare the contributions of these two processes as the ML12, although they are two independent/distinct processes that controlled by different equations and schemes in the model system. I listed some specific suggestions for the authors:

(1) The authors stressed two distinct processes impacting the EASM within the models system related to the land cover, i.e., the dynamical vegetation process and dust direct radiative effects. The authors mentioned that the DGVM simulated regional bare soil expansion causing dust loading and direct radiative effects, this might be one of the motivations of the work or connections of the two processes, it was not clearly expressed in the title and abstract, although their impacts on climate had been listed in the introduction. It would be better if the two processes are explicitly pressed, because they are two distinct processes in the model systems, which impact the climate through different ways.

The intention of the study was to examine the role of changes in land cover both through their effects on the surface conditions and through their impact on atmospheric dust loading. Although these are distinct processes, in terms of the dust we are focused on the changes in dust loading that are directly related to the changes in land cover, rather than on the general effects of dust loading of the atmosphere. We will try to clarify the motivation in the Abstract and the Introduction.

Following reviewer's comments, we have added the abstract in line 19-21 and line 78-79 in the Introduction. Line 205-207 in the Modeling results.

(2) The authors compare the relative contributions of the DGVM and dust radiative effect, which is consistent with the results of ML12 at the South Asian area. Besides the HadGEM2 family, are there any other model/observation studies to support the results?

ML12 mentions some studies in which the role of aerosols in the South Asian monsoon region has been investigated, and there are several studies examining the role of vegetation that are also mentioned in ML12. However, we are not aware of the relative

contribution of these two aspects having been compared in other models or in observations. We will add to the summary of the current paper the suggestion that similar studies should be carried out in other models.

Following the reviewer's comments, line 395-409 in the Summary and Discussion has been changed and added.

(3) In the section 3.1.3, Fig.10, it seems that the radiative effects due to land cover changes (LCC) appear in the downstream areas of the LCC areas, is it common feature of the radiative effect, or model dependent?

This section and Figure discuss the radiative impacts of the dust changes resulting from the LCC, so it is reasonable that these should be seen downstream of the LCC themselves as the dust will be carried with the mean flow.

(4) In the DGVM of HadGEM2 family, if the crop is included? If not, I suggest the authors add some discussions about this, because although the crop might have some similar features as grasses/shrubs, but the evolutions of natural vegetation types are not enough to present those of crop, especially for the Asian, North American areas. Therefore in some model groups, the crop models are explicitly expressed (like in CLM4).

No, crops are not represented explicitly in the TRIFFID DGVM used in HadGEM2-ES. Crop and pasture are assumed to be a combination of C3 and C4 grass. Details of how the land use changes for CMIP5 were applied are in Jones et al. (2011; Geosci. Model Dev., 4, 543-570, doi:10.5194/gmd-4-543-2011, 2011). Crop modelling for the MetUM is currently under development. We has been added mention of this issue in line 148-151 on page 6.

(5) I agree that the DGVM and aerosol radiative effects are two important factors for the EASM climate, but from the view of the model system, they are both complex and the parameterization schemes in the model systems needs further developments, so the uncertainties of the models should be stressed in the discussions.

We have tried to stress in the Summary that these results are partly related to model systematic biases and also may be model-dependent and specific to the modelling system used. We have tried to highlight that, since these factors are important for climate and

climate change in regions such as the EASM, it is important that model parameterizations simulate them correctly. We have made changes in the last paragraph to make this more explicit in line 395-409 on page 15.

Some technical questions:

(1) P1320, the last line, reference "Bayer et al.", should be "Batlle Bayer et al."?

Thank you for the comment, we have corrected.

(2) P1323, Line 4-5 of the 2nd paragraph, the references are duplicated.

Corrected.

(3) P1323-1324, the author didn't introduce detailed information about the dust loading.

We have added information about the dust scheme in the HadGEM2 family.

Changes are in line 152-155 on page 6.

And the reference has been added

Woodward, S.: Mineral dust in HadGEM2. Hadley Centre Technical Note 87, Met Office Hadley Centre., Exeter, EX1 3PB, UK, available from <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/library/publications/science/climate-science-technical-notes> (last access: 18 December 2014), 2011.

(4) P1354, Fig.14(b), the subtitle should be "Ts", not "T15"?

Temperature at 1.5 m is correct.

## Response Letter for the Reviewer #2

We appreciate the comment for this manuscript. The comments of the reviewer and the corresponding corrections are listed.

The authors test the sensitivity of the climate dynamics in East Asia to different land cover datasets, including one dataset derived from DGVM, and to the modified dust loadings resulting from the different land cover. They base the experiment and the analysis on a previous study that had a Southeast Asia focus. Results show substantial regional differences in energy fluxes, surface temperature and precipitation when the different land cover datasets are used, in large part due to a major difference in bare soil fraction over northern China. This study is a great example of how a basic issue in ESM model predictions can be compounded, or even compensated for, by the response in other model processes. Future precipitation in some areas also appears to be sensitive to the land cover although regionally averaged surface temperatures were insensitive to the future changes examined. Changes in dust loading have even larger impacts on the lower-level wind patterns than the land cover changes (present day). These are interesting questions to address and I have several major comments and suggestions for how the paper could be improved.

Major comments:

1. I think in this case it is important to be very specific about how this study is different from ML12 since the same datasets are being used and it was unclear whether any additional modeling was done for this study. It is noted of course (pg 1322, L19) that this is an extension of ML12 to East Asia, but it would be helpful to include additional references in ML12 in Section 2 to remind the reader where the model setup and results are coming from. For example, Pg 1323, L16 you could change "The experiment configuration..." to "The experiment configuration from ML12...". Also, somewhere in this section it could be mentioned that while ML12 apply certain specific methods to southeast Asia, we apply them in the same way (or in a different way if that is the case) to East Asia.

Agreed. The current study uses the same experiments as ML12 and there is no additional new modeling. Much of the analysis methodology is also in common, although some additional fields are analyzed, such as surface fluxes and roughness length, for the particular investigation in the East Asian region. The close connection between our study and ML12 has been mentioned more explicitly in section 2.

To clarify the methodology of this study, we have changed line 98-101 on page 4 and line 112 on page 5.

2. The authors mention a couple times, citing ML12, that the increase in bare soil over northern China is unrealistic or excessive, a result of the precipitation bias in the particular model used to generate the land cover. In fact, if my understanding of the use of "fractions" in Fig. 4c,f is correct, then a huge area in northern China that was >50% grass becomes >60% bare ground. This is indeed a major change and it is likely that the dust response would be large. However, given the unlikeliness of the DGVM land cover, it is also unlikely that this study could hope to show realistic responses in dust emissions, loading, and impacts. It is, therefore, more useful as a sensitivity study showing what would happen if these major land cover changes were ever to take place, or how the differences in model land cover could lead to different model climates. The authors do a nice job of stressing that this is the purpose of the study, even in the abstract, but to place this study into context better some discussion could be added about whether the dust response would still be important for more subtle land cover changes, or land cover changes in general that do not include huge increases in bare soil cover. I think this is a way of saying "do the authors have a sense for how specific these results are to these two land cover datasets and this one particular region of precipitation bias in the GCM?"

We agree that our analysis, and that of ML12, serves more as a sensitivity study of the impact of model biases on the model representation of present-day climate and on projections of future climate change, than as a study of the impacts of possible realistic land cover changes and, as the reviewer mentions, we have been careful to point this out in this paper. Experiments with more subtle or realistic possible land cover changes have not been carried out for this region with this model, and those using other models (such as Lee et al. (2011) cited in the paper) have not examined the feedbacks on dust. Therefore, while we do think that many of these results may be specific to the combination of processes and biases in this GCM, we are unable to speculate on the relative importance of the dust feedback effects under more subtle or realistic possible land cover change scenarios. In response to the reviewer's concern, we have emphasized the need for further studies to address this question. We have made changes in the last paragraph to make this more explicit in line 395-409 on page 15.

3. Since the impacts of dust are a main part of this study and also seem to play a major role in the climate response to the land cover changes, it would be helpful to include more details in Section 2 about how the model treats these processes. Specific questions: How are dust

emissions modeled and how dependent is this on the bare soil fraction? It appears that dust are radiatively active in the LW and SW but this is not explicitly stated in the methods section. Is dust microphysically active? Does the model represent the semi-direct effect on clouds from atmospheric heating from increased dust? If the answer to either of the last two questions is yes then more discussion of how these dust effects might impact the climate response would probably be needed. Further simulations would be required to really isolate these effects, dust vs. no-dust simulations, probably beyond the scope of this study. In any case it should be explicitly stated in the methods section what effects are included in the phrase "dust radiative effects" and something should be said about how the results might change if excluded radiative or microphysical effects were considered.

Dust is only emitted from the bare soil fraction of a grid-box, and therefore is sensitive to changes to this fraction when the DGVM is used. We have tried to clarify this in section 2.

Dust affects both shortwave and longwave radiative fluxes. The semi-direct effect is included implicitly with absorption by the dust feeding back onto the atmospheric heating profiles and subsequently cloud distributions, but the dust is not microphysically active, so the experiments where the radiative effects are switched off effectively reduce the dust to a passive tracer. We have described this in section 2 in line 157-161 on page 6.

Minor comments:

Pg 1322, L13-14: I had trouble understanding this sentence and I am not sure my suggestion will carry the original intended meaning, but I would suggest something along these lines: "ML12 investigated the impacts on climate of land cover changes and associated dust effects that resulted from model systematic biases."

We agree and have taken the reviewer's suggestion. We have changed it line 78-79 on page 3.

Pg 1323, L2: I suggest changing "performed" to "produced"

We agree and have corrected it in line 100 to page 4.

Pg 1324, L1-10: Please provide references for the greenhouse gas forcing and future land use datasets.

We have already provided the references for future land use dataset in line 141 of page 6, and the references for the CMIP5 forcing datasets is Taylor et al (2012) as on page 5 line 126 - the latter has been added to the first paragraph of page 5 to clarify that this also includes the RCP8.5 scenario.

Pg 1324, L11-13: In this sentence I would suggest making it clear that the only difference between the simulation sets is the land cover.

Agreed and added. Line 135-137 of page 5.

Pg 1325, L10: Thank you for providing a table, this makes it much easier to navigate the shorthand.

Pg 1325, L19: I recommend changing "typical" to "climatological"

Agreed and corrected in line 179 on page 7.

Pg 1327, L1-3: See major comment #3: it is not clear exactly how the dust is impacting the rainfall, whether through semi-direct effects, or through a sfc temperature response?

As in our response to comment #3, the dust can only affect the rainfall through the direct radiative response.

The effects of the increased dust loading on the clear-sky radiative fluxes was shown in ML12 (their Fig. 7) and the effects on daytime (cooling) and nighttime (warming) temperatures was mentioned. Further reference to the discussion in ML12 has been made in the current paper on page 8 in line 213-218.



Pg 1327, L7-10: This sentence was difficult to understand, I recommend something like "This suggests that precipitation over East Asia is more sensitive to the radiative effects of dust associated with land cover changes than to the land cover change alone."

Agreed and the reviewer's suggestion taken up.

Pg 1328, L13: Change "soil" to "bare soil"

Agreed and corrected in line 250 on page 10.

Pg 1328, L22-23: I suggest changing "are represented by" to "lead to"

Agreed and corrected in line 265 on page 10.

Pg 1330, L12: Referring to some of the CMIP5 models as "good" might be too subjective a description. Rather, refer to the models used in the cited paper as a "subset of CMIP5 models". Also in this sentence, there are several references for CMIP5 predictions of precipitation change under RCP8.5 (IPCC AR5 for example) that would make a better comparison here than RCP6.0. I suggest replacing this citation with a reference to precipitation changes in RCP8.5.

The description "good CMIP5 models" comes from the paper of Seo et al. (2013) and is based on their measure of skill for precipitation simulation. We agree that, without qualification, the use of the word "good" is unhelpful.

Figure 1 caption: Assuming both panels show JJA data, it would be more clear to note that they are JJA in the description of panel a and panel b instead of only at the end.

Agreed and corrected

Figure 2 caption: Define "observations" here (GPCP). Also, if it is not difficult to do, it would be helpful to have the region acronyms (NC, KR, SC) written in the appropriate locations in Fig. 2c,d.

Agreed and added the appropriate locations in Figure 2

Figure 5 caption: Same, note which observations are being used (GPCP again I believe).

Agreed and corrected.

Figure 6, 14 caption: Despite the definition of summer in the main text, for consistency I prefer using "JJA" in the place of "summer" here.

Agreed and corrected

### **Response Letter for the Reviewer #3**

We appreciate the comment for this manuscript. The comments of the reviewer and the corresponding corrections are listed.

#### General comments

The authors use a range of HadGEM2 simulations to investigate the impact of land cover changes and the related changes in dust on the East Asian climate. The study uses a similar design as ML12 comparing simulations with different processes turned on or off in the model. I would like to see a clearer description of how this study is different to ML12. It is for instance not clear to me if the same simulations are used.

There are 17 figures in the manuscript, which seems to me a very large number to get a main point across. I got lost when trying to understand what the key points of the paper are. What are the main conclusions? The last paragraph seems to be very similar to the conclusions in ML12 and therefore I am not convinced if this study is adding any new insights. I suggest to decrease the number of figures and focus more on the main objectives.

Yes, the same simulations are used as in ML12, and much of the methodology is similar. However, the focus in the present study on the East Asian region, where possible future changes in monsoon rainfall are of crucial importance to a large population, is the reason for this second study. In addition, although the conclusions about the relative importance of the changes in surface conditions and the related changes in dust loading are similar for the two regions, the local and remote mechanisms for these are different. For South Asia, the role of the remote changes in land cover on e.g. spring snow cover, and the consequent change in the large-scale temperature gradient, was highlighted in ML12 for both present-day and future-present influences, whereas our results suggest more local mechanisms for the changes over East Asia. We have tried to include more information about this in the current paper to highlight the differences between the two studies and the main conclusions from the present one.

And we agree with the reviewer comments so we have reduced the 17 figures to 15 figures. The figure 9 has been removed and the figure 5 has put together into the figure 2.

And we have added to the discussion in section 3.1.2 in line 253-260 of on page 10, changing the last paragraph to add more information about the “no-dust” simulations in relation to ML12:

"As regards precipitation, Fig. 6 shows only very small changes in precipitation over land in AEnod-Anod (Fig. 6b), and Fig. 10a also shows only small changes in the circulation between these experiments. Thus, the model's direct sensitivity of

precipitation to changes in land surface conditions seems to be low compared with the sensitivity to the dust changes that result from them. Although this conclusion is similar to that for India in ML12, the remote influence of changes in springtime Eurasian snow cover associated with the change in vegetation was highlighted for South Asia in that study, whereas for the East Asian region we have shown a more local influence of changes in surface conditions.”

And on page 12-13, line 333-337

“...from 10 to 20N (Fig. 13a) and reduced rainfall (Fig. 12d). The local influence on rainfall of the changes in surface temperature, fluxes and low-level circulation related to the changes in land cover over East Asia are in contrast to the larger-scale responses described in ML12 for South Asia, where the role of future changes in tree cover over northeast Eurasia in the dynamical response associated with the change in meridional temperature gradient was highlighted.”

And in the Conclusions, page 14, line 388-391:

“...response amplitude is different. In addition, local rather than remote mechanisms appear to influence the precipitation and circulation response in this region, whereas for India the role of land cover changes in northern Eurasia on the large-scale meridional temperature gradient was highlighted in ML12.” ]

The first objective to investigate the physical influence of land cover and aerosols on the temperature and rainfall is addressed well, but the second objective about uncertainties is not. How is the uncertainty defined and investigated? I also expected a more elaborate discussion where the results are compared to other model and observational studies. For instance, how do the results relate to observational data of dust?

The results do not relate directly to observations of dust because we are investigating the possible effects of changes in dust loading that result from changes in bare soil fraction, not the actual contribution of dust loading to the climate of the region. We acknowledge that the changes in bare soil fraction, and the resulting changes in dust loading, in the model experiments are probably larger than are likely to occur in reality and that the results may be model-dependent, but they do suggest that such vegetation feedbacks may be important in the region and worthy of study in other models.

We now more clearly state in the Introduction that a major motivation for the study, in common with that of ML12, was to investigate the possible conflicting contributions to uncertainty in climate projections for the region from the inclusion of dynamic vegetation in a climate model (which ought to be beneficial) and its interaction with existing precipitation biases (which is detrimental). It is not possible with one modelling study to estimate the contribution of these model interactions to uncertainty in climate

projections for the region; this can only be achieved through a systematic model intercomparison. Our aim is to encourage other modeling centres to undertake similar investigations as they incorporate additional Earth system processes into their models.

In response to these comments, we have attempted to clarify the objectives and motivation of the study in the Abstract, Introduction and Conclusions. It has been changed in lines 85-90 on page 4.

The comparison of the different models is interesting, but I suggest to improve the manuscript by being much clearer about the objectives and then addressing these, presenting only the key figures needed to support the main conclusions.

#### Specific comments

Title: the title suggest a main focus on land cover, but the paper primarily deals with dust. Could you be more specific in the title about this?

The main focus of the study is on the changes in land cover, which affects both the surface fluxes and the dust emissions. In the current study, the role of the changes in dust emission that result from the changes in land cover is significant, although it is less dominant than in the South Asian region. In response to this reviewer's concerns, we have clarified the focus and aims of the study in the Abstract and Introduction.

The intention of the study was to examine the role of changes in land cover both through their effects on the surface conditions and through their impact on atmospheric dust loading. Although these are distinct processes, in terms of the dust we are focused on the changes in dust loading that are directly related to the changes in land cover, rather than on the general effects of dust loading of the atmosphere. We will try to clarify the motivation in the Abstract and the Introduction.

Following reviewer's comments, we have changed the abstract in line 19-24 and line 78-79 in the Introduction. Line 205-207 in the Modeling results.

Please check the English grammar of the manuscript, I noticed quite some errors. Also make sure there is no text copied directly from ML12, as it seems to be very similar at some places.

The use of the same experiments and much of the same methodology as ML12 makes similarity of some of the text inevitable. However, we have tried not to copy anything directly. This has been checked and adjusted where necessary.

Is figure 5 the same as figures 6c with the only difference the scale?

No, Figure 5 shows the bias of AE against observations while Figure 6c shows the difference between AE and AEnod. This has been clarified in the Figure caption.

1 **The impact of land cover generated by a dynamic**  
2 **vegetation model on climate over East Asia in present and**  
3 **possible future climate**

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14 **Abstract**

15 This study investigates the impacts of land cover change, as simulated by a dynamic vegetation  
16 model, on the summertime climatology over Asia. The climate model used in this study has  
17 systematic biases of underestimated rainfall around Korea and overestimation over the South  
18 China Sea. When coupled to a dynamic vegetation model, the resulting change in land cover is  
19 accompanied by an additional direct radiative effect over dust-producing regions. Both the  
20 change in land surface conditions directly and the effect of increased bare soil fraction on dust  
21 loading, affect the climate in the region, and are examined separately in this study. The direct  
22 radiative effect of the additional dust contributes to increasing the rainfall biases, while the land  
23 surface physical processes are related to local temperature biases such as warm biases over

24 North China. In time-slice runs for future climate, as the dust loading changes, anomalous  
25 anticyclonic flows are simulated over South China Sea, resulting in reduced rainfall over the  
26 South China Sea and more rainfall toward around Korea and South China. In contrast with the  
27 rainfall changes, the influence of land cover change and the associated dust radiative effects  
28 are very small for future projection of temperature, which is dominated by atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>  
29 increase. The results in this study suggest that the land cover simulated by a dynamic vegetation  
30 model can affect, and be affected by, model systematic biases on regional scales over dust  
31 emission source regions such as Asia. In particular, analysis of the radiative effects of dust  
32 changes associated with land cover change is important in order to understand future changes  
33 of regional precipitation in global warming.

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## 35 **1 Introduction**

36 Bordered by the Tibetan Plateau to the west, the Eurasian land mass to the northwest, and the  
37 vast Pacific Ocean to the south and east, East Asia has experienced one of the most pronounced  
38 monsoon climates of the globe for centuries (Lau and Li, 1984). Land surface properties are  
39 important because of their known impact on the East Asian monsoon circulation (Kang and  
40 Hong, 2008; Lee et al., 2011) and on the Indian monsoon (Douglas et al., 2006; Lee et al., 2009;  
41 [Batlle Bayer et al., 2012; Martin and Levine, 2012](#)). Lee et al. (2011) proposed that a  
42 replacement of vegetation with bare soil would cause an associated decrease in latent heat  
43 during the summer, which could weaken East Asian monsoon circulation. This decrease in  
44 latent heat flux over land could weaken the East Asian monsoon via a positive feedback  
45 between the latent heat flux contrast and rainfall. Yamashima et al. (2011) showed a similar  
46 study over the Indian subcontinent and Southeastern China. Land surface property changes  
47 from forest to cultivated land have resulted in a decrease in the monsoon rainfall and provoked  
48 an associated weakening of the Asian summer monsoon circulation. Moreover, there are a few  
49 studies investigating the influence of land cover change that have demonstrated significant  
50 impact on East Asian Monsoon (Kang et al., 2005), but they usually used satellite-based (Suh  
51 and Lee, 2004; Kang and Hong, 2008) and idealized land cover change (Lee et al., 2011).



52 Although Earth System models with dynamic vegetation schemes allow representation of the  
53 carbon cycle feedbacks on climate, the land cover distribution could also be influenced by, and  
54 indeed influence, model systematic biases (Martin and Levine, 2012, hereafter ML12). Land  
55 surface property changes have effects on the atmosphere through physical processes (such as  
56 changes in surface roughness, albedo and evapotranspiration), and can induce additional  
57 indirect impacts when coupled with aerosol processes as well. For example, changes in surface  
58 emissions of mineral dust that are caused by changes in bare soil fraction will have a radiative  
59 effect in the atmosphere. Additional dust loading of the atmosphere resulting from land cover  
60 change in an Earth System model could, therefore, add to the model uncertainty via feedbacks  
61 with model systematic biases such as lack of rainfall over dust-producing regions. Dust affects  
62 both shortwave and longwave radiative fluxes, and the effects of mineral dust on the radiation  
63 budget are important due to the widespread distribution and large optical depth of mineral dust  
64 (Sokolik and Toon, 1996). A study by Yoshioka et al. (2007) suggests that the direct radiative  
65 forcing of dust can explain up to 30% of the observed precipitation reduction in the Sahel in  
66 three decadal scale simulation. Dust is removed from the atmosphere by both dry and wet  
67 deposition processes, providing a source of iron to phytoplankton and thus potentially affecting  
68 the carbon cycle (Collins et al., 2011). Since Northeast Asia is one of the major dust emission  
69 source regions, land surface property changes over this source region need to be studied.  
70 Aerosol, as one of the fundamental atmospheric constituents, has an important impact on the  
71 climate system. Ramanathan et al. (2005) showed that global dimming causes a long-term  
72 (multi-decadal) weakening of the South Asian monsoon by reducing the meridional surface  
73 temperature gradient between the Asian land mass and the Indian Ocean. Aerosol affects  
74 precipitation events through cloud physics processes in China (Qian et al., 2009), while dust  
75 can also contribute to Asian monsoon rainfall anomalies by heating the upper troposphere (Lau  
76 et al., 2006, Lau and Kim, 2006). Therefore, aerosol impacts due to land cover changes may  
77 be important in regional climate over East Asia.

78 ML12 investigated [the impacts on climate of land surface cover changes](#), and [associated dust](#)  
79 [impacts in terms of the feedback between effects, that resulted from](#) model systematic biases.  
80 Their results reflect that over dust producing regions, land cover change simulated by a  
81 Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (DGVM) can affect both the present-day simulation and

82 the future response as well. According to ~~Hurrel~~Hurrell et al. (2009) and McCarthy et al. (2012),  
83 since model systematic biases affect climate model sensitivity, we need to study processes  
84 related to systematic biases in order to understand future climate projections. Motivated by  
85 ML12, this study extends ML12 by applying their results for East Asia. The aims of this study  
86 are: first, to investigate the physical influence of changes in land cover conditions and  
87 associated changes in aerosol loading on the rainfall and surface temperature over East Asia;  
88 and second, to provide insight into the ~~contribution of possible conflicting contributions to~~  
89 uncertainty in ~~modeling of land cover changes to the uncertainty in future~~ climate projections  
90 ~~of rainfall land surface temperature~~ for the region: that come from the inclusion of dynamic  
91 vegetation in a climate model (which ought to be beneficial) and its interaction with existing  
92 precipitation biases (which is detrimental).

93 The present paper is organized as follows. Section 2 briefly describes the global circulation  
94 model used in this study, the experimental design, and the data. The results of the study are  
95 given in section 3. The impact of land cover distribution and radiative effect of dust under  
96 present and possible future climate are all provided in this section. A summary and discussion  
97 are given in section 4.

## 99 **2 Model Experimental Design and Data**

100 In this study, we used the ~~ML12 datasets which were performed~~ same datasets as used in ML12,  
101 and we follow a similar methodology for the analysis, with additional investigation of  
102 particular aspects concerning the East Asian region. The experiments were produced using the  
103 Hadley Centre Global Environmental Model version 2 (HadGEM2) model family that had been  
104 developed by the UK Met Office (The HadGEM2 Development Team, 2011). The horizontal  
105 grid interval was  $1.25^{\circ} \times 1.875^{\circ}$  in the latitude-longitude directions, and 38 vertical layers were  
106 used with the top of atmosphere over 39 km in height. The land surface scheme in the  
107 HadGEM2 family is a tiled version of the Met Office Surface Exchange Scheme (MOSES)  
108 version 2, which represents heterogeneous surface properties (Cox et al., 1999; Essery and  
109 Clark, 2003). A grid box represents a mixture of five vegetation or plant-functional types

110 (PFTs), which include broadleaf trees, needleleaf trees, temperate C<sub>3</sub> grass, tropical C<sub>4</sub> grass,  
111 and shrubs, and four non-vegetated surface types, which include urban, inland water, bare soil,  
112 and ice. Surface fluxes and temperatures are calculated separately for each surface type and are  
113 aggregated according to each tile's fractional coverage before being passed to the atmospheric  
114 model (Lawrence and Slingo, 2004).

115 The experiment configuration [used by ML12](#) is as follows. For the present-day (1980-2005)  
116 runs, the HadGEM2 atmosphere-only model was forced with observed sea surface  
117 temperatures (SSTs) and sea ice. The experimental design and forcing datasets are as specified  
118 by the Fifth Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5; Taylor et al., 2012) and are  
119 detailed in Taylor et al. (2012). The land cover and vegetation types were prescribed by the  
120 International Geophysical Biophysical Programme (IGBP; Loveland et al., 2000) with a  
121 prescribed seasonally-varying leaf area index (LAI) based on Moderate Resolution Imaging  
122 Spectroradiometer (MODIS) Terra Collection 5 monthly LAI datasets. Historical land use  
123 change information based on CMIP5, provided to CMIP5 by the Land Use Harmonization team  
124 (Hurtt et al., 2011), were applied by Baek et al. (2013) to the IGBP land cover data in order to  
125 prescribe time-varying land cover fields for HadGEM2-A. This is referred to as the “A”  
126 experiment.

127 For the future timeslice experiments, the atmosphere component is forced with CO<sub>2</sub> and trace  
128 gases for the year 2100 based on the Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5 scenario  
129 of the CMIP5- ([Taylor et al., 2012](#)). The SSTs were obtained by applying the difference  
130 between 30-year mean SSTs centred around 2100 (from the HadGEM2 Earth System  
131 (HadGEM2-ES) RCP8.5 scenario coupled model run) and 30-years mean SSTs centred around  
132 1990 (from the HadGEM2-ES historical run), to the present-day monthly-varying observed  
133 SSTs from 1980–2005. The projected future land use changes for the period 2080-2110 based  
134 on CMIP5 RCP8.5 scenarios were applied in order to prescribe time-varying land cover fields  
135 ([Hurtt et al., 2011](#)) for HadGEM2-A timeslice experiment. This is referred to as the “Ats”  
136 experiment.

137 In addition to the “A” and “Ats” experiments, alternative representations of global vegetation  
138 cover from a DGVM were used as the land cover component for further HadGEM2-A

139 experiments under present-day and future climates. In these experiments, the only change made  
140 is that the monthly mean land cover information from the HadGEM2-ES historical and RCP8.5  
141 runs ~~are~~ used in HadGEM2-A in place of the standard land cover distribution as described  
142 above. The HadGEM2-ES configuration uses the Top-down Representation of Interactive  
143 Foliage and Flora Including Dynamics (TRIFFID) dynamic vegetation model (Cox, 2001) to  
144 simulate the land cover changes from the pre-industrial control period through the present-day  
145 and into the future following the CMIP5 RCP scenarios, and land use changes from Hurtt et al.  
146 (2011) are applied as disturbances (see Jones et al., 2011 for more details). Therefore, in these  
147 additional experiments, the variations in land cover with time during these periods in  
148 HadGEM2-ES are experienced by HadGEM2-A, but there is no interactive terrestrial carbon  
149 cycle and no feedbacks on the land cover. Variations in land cover from years 1980–2005 of  
150 HadGEM2-ES are used in the present-day experiment of this type, referred to as “AE”, while  
151 the variations in land cover from years 2080-2110 of HadGEM2-ES are applied to the future  
152 timeslice experiment denoted “AEts”. Note that crops are not represented explicitly in  
153 HadGEM2-ES; crop and pasture are assumed to be a combination of C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> grass. Details  
154 of how land use changes relating to cropland are applied in HadGEM2-ES are given in Jones  
155 et al. (2011). This simplification could affect the sensitivity to land cover changes in East Asia  
156 in our experiments.

157 A mineral dust scheme (Woodward, 2011) is included in the HadGEM2 model family  
158 (HadGEM2 Development Team, 2011) which permits the simulation of changes in mineral  
159 dust concentration in response to changes in surface conditions as well as its interaction with  
160 model climate via radiative effects. According to ML12, the AE experiment shows a large  
161 increase in dust, which is generated as a result of the ~~additional fraction of bare soil occurring~~  
162 ~~in HadGEM2-ES as a result of the~~ feedback between the interactive vegetation and the  
163 ~~model's~~model's systematic rainfall biases in dust-producing regions. Dust is only emitted from  
164 the bare soil fraction of a grid-box, and therefore is sensitive to changes to this fraction when  
165 the DGVM is used. To evaluate the radiative effects of the dust, an additional pair of  
166 experiments was carried out where the direct radiative effects of the dust were switched off.  
167 This reduces the dust to a passive tracer in the model with no feedback on the climate. These  
168 experiments have the suffix “nod” meaning “no dust radiative effects”. Therefore, “Anod”

169 means a HadGEM2-A simulation with the standard land cover distribution in the present-day,  
170 “AEnod” means a HadGEM2-A present-day simulation with HadGEM2-ES land cover without  
171 the direct radiative effects of the dust, and “AEnodts” means a HadGEM2-A future timeslice  
172 simulation with HadGEM2-ES land cover without the direct radiative effects of dust. The total  
173 experiments are listed in Table 1.

174 To compare model results in the present-day runs with observations we used the Global  
175 Precipitation Climatology Project (GPCP) precipitation (Alder et al., 2003; Huffman et al.,  
176 2009), the CPC Merged Analysis of Precipitation (CMAP, Xie and Arkin, 1997) and the  
177 Climatic Research Unit (CRU) mean surface air temperature (Harris et al., 2013). In this study,  
178 summer represents the period from June to August.

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## 180 **3 Modeling Results**

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### 182 **3.1 Present Day**

#### 183 **3.1.1 Impact of ES land Cover on Average Temperature and Precipitations**

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185 First we examine summer precipitation over East Asia. Figure [0a1a](#) shows the  
186 ~~typical~~climatological summertime precipitation distribution of the East Asian summer  
187 monsoon. The summer monsoon rainy season evolves with the rainband development covering  
188 South China, Korea, Japan and the adjacent seas. Formation of frontal systems is associated  
189 with the North Pacific Subtropical High and southwesterlies over the South China Sea. The  
190 rainband region, in contrast with the equatorial region, has a small observational uncertainty  
191 (Fig. [0b1b](#)). In Fig. [42](#), we analyze the North China (NC) region (35-50° N, 105-120° E), Korea  
192 (KR) 25-40° N, 120-135° E, and South China (SC) region (20-35° N, 105-120° E), which  
193 together represent a large contrast in land cover distribution over East Asia. Simulated  
194 precipitation compared with observation (GPCP precipitation) shows a systematic bias in Fig.

195 [42](#). Precipitation is underestimated over the KR area and overestimated over SC. These spatial  
196 features remain in AE, although the underestimated rainfall over KR become larger in AE than  
197 A.

198 Figure [23](#) represents summer surface air temperature bias in the model results compared with  
199 the CRU observation data. There is a warm bias greater than 1K in NC and KR, but only a  
200 small bias in SC (Fig. [2a3a](#)). The warm bias over KR is slightly smaller in AE compared to A  
201 (Fig. [2e3c, d](#)). In order to shed light on the bias changes on the regional scale, the land cover  
202 difference between AE and A is examined (Fig. [34](#)). Among the five vegetation and bare soil  
203 surface types over East Asia, the largest changes are in broadleaf, C<sub>3</sub> grass and bare soil types.  
204 Over North China, the increase in bare soil fraction is large. This unrealistic high bare soil  
205 fraction has an impact on high dust emission over this region because dust is only emitted from  
206 the bare soil fraction of a grid box in this model. In contrast, the South China region is covered  
207 by larger broadleaf fraction (Fig. [34](#)) in the AE compared with A, replacing bare soil, shrub  
208 and needle-leaf tree. To the north of 50°N, the increase in shrub fraction is distinct (also seen  
209 in Fig. 4 of ML12).

210 ML12 showed that bare soil area expansion from the changes in the vegetation distribution  
211 between AE and A generates additional dust, resulting in a substantial direct radiative impact  
212 on the Indian monsoon rainfall. They suggest separate analysis for the dust radiative feedback  
213 resulting from the response to land cover change from the analysis of the effects of the change  
214 in surface conditions. Accordingly, we examine experiments Anod and AEnod (see Table 1).

215 In Fig. [42](#), a marked precipitation underestimation over KR is shown compared with  
216 observations, particularly when the ES land cover is used. The dry bias amplitudes in summer  
217 become larger in AE compared with A (Fig. [42](#)). To estimate the radiative effect of dust on  
218 rainfall when the HadGEM2-ES land cover distribution was used, AE was compared with  
219 AEnod. The dry bias amplitude of AE decreases in AEnod (Fig. [42c and f](#)) but is still slightly  
220 larger than in A. Thus the radiative effect of dust reinforces the dry bias in the KR region  
221 (compare Fig. [4\(b2b\)](#) and [42e](#) with Fig. [42c and 2f](#)). This is consistent with the results of ML12  
222 for the South Asian region. ML12 showed significant effects of the change in dust loading on  
223 the clear-sky radiative fluxes across South and East Asia (their Fig. 7) and commented on the

224 impacts on surface temperatures which tend to reduce precipitation through cooling of the  
225 daytime maxima.

226 To examine the dust radiative effect and land cover change effect in detail, the dry bias in  
227 summer over KR in Fig. 1 and 42 is considered using Fig. 5. The pattern of changes between  
228 "AE-A" in Fig. 5a is similar to the "AE – AEnod" changes (Fig. 5c) rather than those of "AEnod  
229 – Anod" (Fig. 5b). This suggests that precipitation over East Asia is more sensitive to the  
230 radiative effects of changes in dust that are associated with land cover changes than to the land  
231 cover changes are likely to be more important for simulating precipitation over East Asia than  
232 the changes in surface processes associated with the same land cover changes change alone.

233 In Fig. 6 we make a similar comparison for surface air temperature changes. We find that the  
234 dust radiative effect on surface air temperature is associated with a small widespread cooling  
235 (Fig. 6c), whereas the surface process effects of the land cover change are associated with a  
236 more substantial warming/cooling pattern across the region, as shown in the AEnod-Anod (Fig.  
237 6b) and AE-A (Fig. 6a) differences. Over northeastern Eurasia, the increase of shrub fraction  
238 replacing broadleaf and needleleaf trees shows a distinct cooling of surface air temperature  
239 induced from an increase of surface albedo.

### 241 3.1.2 Impact of Changes in Land Cover with No Dust Radiative Feedback

242 To understand more clearly the impacts of the changes in the vegetation distribution in Fig. 6a  
243 and 6b, we examined the climate response without the direct radiative effect of dust. The  
244 aforementioned increase in warm bias over NC "AEnod–Anod" (Fig. 6b) is considered. Over  
245 NC, as the bare soil fraction is larger in AE than A (Fig. 3f4f; Fig. 7ab), the roughness length  
246 reduces while soil evaporation and canopy evaporation decrease. Reduced roughness length  
247 induces a decrease of sensible and latent heat fluxes from the surface to the atmosphere (Fig.  
248 7c, d, f). The decrease in latent heat flux is associated with reduced cloud amount (Fig. 7e), as  
249 well as being favorable for surface warming. As a result, surface air temperature rises over NC  
250 (Fig. 7h). The reduced latent heat flux is particularly evident in the canopy evaporation in the

251 NC region (~~Fig. 8d~~), although there is also reduced soil evaporation during the summer (~~Fig.~~  
252 ~~8~~ not shown).

253 Similarly, surface cooling over SC and KR is considered in summer. Broadleaf tree fraction  
254 expansion (Fig. 7b) increases the roughness length (Fig. 7f) and latent heat flux (Fig. 7c),  
255 driving surface cooling. While the NC region, where bare soil fraction is increased, showed a  
256 decrease of evaporation from A to AE, in the KR and SC regions where broadleaf tree fraction  
257 is increased there is increased soil and canopy evaporation from A to AE (~~Fig. 8~~). These results  
258 are consistent with the suggestion by Lee et al (2011) that a vegetation replacement with bare  
259 soil would cause an associated decrease in latent heat during the summer. In summary, for the  
260 present climate, the land cover effect (bare soil fraction changes in Fig. 7a) is related to surface  
261 air temperature changes in summer (Fig. 7h). As bare soil fraction expands (shrinks) the  
262 temperature rises (drops).

263 As regards precipitation, Fig. ~~56~~ shows only very small changes in precipitation over land in  
264 AEnod-Anod (Fig. ~~5b-6b~~), and Fig. 10a also shows only small changes in the circulation  
265 between these experiments. Thus, the model's direct sensitivity of precipitation to changes in  
266 land surface conditions seems to be low compared with the sensitivity to the dust changes that  
267 result from them. Although this conclusion is similar to that for India in ML12, the remote  
268 influence of changes in springtime Eurasian snow cover associated with the change in  
269 vegetation was highlighted for South Asia in that study, whereas for the East Asian region we  
270 have shown a more local influence of changes in surface conditions.

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### 272 3.1.3 Impact of Dust Radiative Feedback

273 We now consider the direct radiative effect of dust resulting from the changes in the vegetation  
274 distribution (AEnod-Anod and AE-AEnod of Fig. ~~98~~). Concerning the regional climate  
275 response, the dust direct radiative effects (Fig. ~~9b~~ are represented by 8b) lead to anomalous  
276 northeasterly coastal flow counteracting the summertime climatological monsoonal circulation  
277 associated with the western North Pacific high, known to be important in the East Asian  
278 summer monsoon rainfall (Lee et al. (2006) and Fig. ~~9e8c~~). The sea level pressure and wind



279 anomalies in “AE - AEnod” are stronger than those of “AEnod - Anod” (Fig. 9a,8a and b),  
280 illustrating that the radiative effects of the dust have a larger impact than the surface vegetation  
281 changes themselves.

282 The direct radiative effect of dust induces anomalous cyclonic flow over the western North  
283 Pacific (KR region in Fig. 9b8b) that would tend to decrease rainfall over East Asian continent.  
284 This is because dust reflects a considerable amount of shortwave radiation, as shown by the  
285 increase of upward shortwave radiation at the top of atmosphere (TOA; Fig. 9f8f), with a  
286 resulting cooling the land surface (Fig. 9d8d). The land surface cooling appears on the  
287 continental scale. This is somewhat different from the results in Miller and Tegen (1998) in  
288 which they mentioned that the reflected solar flux is offset by the absorption of upwelling  
289 longwave radiation, so that the net radiation entering the TOA is only weakly perturbed by dust  
290 in comparison to the surface reduction. Although the upward longwave flux is reduced through  
291 the dust radiative effects (Fig. 9e8e), the reduction is smaller than the increase in reflected  
292 shortwave at the TOA. Differential heating between land and ocean is one of the fundamental  
293 driving mechanisms of the monsoon (Webster et al., 1998). The land-sea thermal contrast  
294 becomes weaker due to the direct radiative effect of dust and the pressure contrast weakens.  
295 Strong anomalous northeasterly flow along the coast (Fig. 9b8b), weakening the summer  
296 monsoon inflow, induces the dry bias over SC and KR (Fig. 5c). These results seem in line  
297 with the argument that dust-induced surface cooling is the dominant mechanism leading to a  
298 reduction of precipitation (Konaré et al., 2008; Yoshioka et al., 2007; Paeth and Feichter, 2005).

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### 300 **3.2 Future experiments**

301 The effect of including a DGVM, particularly with the feedback on the dust loading, is expected  
302 to affect the simulation of future climate change. Changes in AETs relative to AE show  
303 increases in rainfall over SC, KR and the western North Pacific (Fig. 10b9b). Compared with  
304 differences between A<sub>ts</sub> and A in Fig. 10a9a, Fig. 10b9b shows a further reduction in rainfall  
305 over the South China Sea (SCS) to the south of 20°N accompanied by anticyclonic flow at  
306 850hPa. The discrepancy in future changes in precipitation tends to be larger than that of  
307 temperature: Fig. 10e9c and 10d9d present similar warming patterns.

308 In order to examine the role of different vegetation distributions in global warming, with and  
309 without the dust feedbacks, we analyze future timeslice experiments in a similar manner to  
310 ML12. To estimate individually the impact of land cover, feedback on the dust loading, and  
311 climate change of global warming, we use the experiments described in Table 2. Note that  
312 “Dust” and “LCC” are ‘double differences’ illustrating the impacts of the inclusion of the land  
313 cover changes, and the radiative effects of the dust changes that the land cover change induces,  
314 on the future-present differences.

315 According to Baek et al (2013), the warming and rainfall increment from RCP8.5 are expected  
316 to be of the order of  $6 \pm 1\text{K}$  and 17% over East Asia. The temperature rises in the timeslice  
317 experiments are of similar magnitude (Fig. ~~10c, 10d, 11b~~). ~~Precipitation is anticipated to~~  
318 ~~increase by 10%–15% toward the end of the 21st century over the major monsoonal front region~~  
319 ~~over East Asia in good CMIP5 models simulations under the RCP6.0 scenario (Seo et al.,~~  
320 ~~2013), 9c, 9d, 10b~~). Consistent with this, Fig. ~~109~~ and Fig. ~~110~~ project a warmer and wetter  
321 climate in future summer over NC, KR and SC. Fig. ~~10b9b~~ and Fig. ~~11a10a~~ show that a larger  
322 increase in rainfall between future and present timeslice run is simulated in these regions when  
323 land cover change and feedback on the dust are included. However, while precipitation changes  
324 over the SCS region tend to be slightly positive on average in climate change-only, including  
325 land cover changes and feedback with dust induces a reduction in rainfall in this region.

326 The land surface cover differences in this region between future and present-day climate  
327 projected by this model are in C<sub>3</sub> grass expansion replacing bare soil (Fig. ~~12e, 12f11c, 11f~~).  
328 These changes contribute increases in the evaporation and latent heat flux and decreases in  
329 surface air temperature (Fig. ~~13a, 13b12a, 12b~~) to the overall future-present changes.  
330 Comparison between (AEnodts -AEnod) and (Ats-A) in Fig. ~~109~~ showed that the changes in  
331 land cover contribute to increased rainfall over the land and reduced rainfall over the SCS.  
332 Increasing latent heat flux accompanies lower boundary layer height and is associated with  
333 boundary layer moistening (Fig. ~~13e12c~~). According to Lee et al. (2009, 2011), a more  
334 vegetated surface tends to be associated with surface moistening, favoring an increase in latent  
335 heat and atmospheric moisture (Fig. ~~1312~~). The changes in vegetation and associated changes  
336 in surface air temperature, latent heat fluxes (Fig. ~~13a, 12a and b~~) and low level circulation (Fig.  
337 ~~13d12d~~) are in a similar pattern, but opposite sign, to those shown in Fig. ~~6b, 7c, 7h~~ and ~~9a8a~~.

338 This suggests that the future differences between experiments with different land cover  
339 (AEnodts - A\_ts) are small compared with the present-day differences (AEnod-A) such that  
340 the double-difference (AEnodts - AEnod) - (A\_ts - A) is dominated by the present-day  
341 differences. This is consistent with the findings of ML12.

342 In Fig. [13d](#), increased rainfall over the SC region from 25°N to 35°N is associated with  
343 additional anomalous convergence and upward motion over the SC region (see Fig. [14a](#))  
344 induced by the land cover change effect as the monsoon differential circulation results in  
345 enhanced moisture transport and cloud formation over SC and KR. In contrast, over the SCS,  
346 anomalous anticyclonic flow is related to downward motion from 10°N to 20°N (Fig. [14a](#)) and  
347 ~~reduced rainfall (Fig. [13d](#)).~~ [13a](#) and reduced rainfall (Fig. [12d](#)). The local influence on rainfall  
348 of the changes in surface temperature, fluxes and low-level circulation related to the changes  
349 in land cover over East Asia are in contrast to the larger-scale responses described in ML12 for  
350 South Asia, where the role of future changes in tree cover over northeast Eurasia in the  
351 dynamical response associated with the change in meridional temperature gradient was  
352 highlighted.

353 As shown in Fig. [14a](#), the dust radiative forcing is the main contributor to the reduction of  
354 simulated precipitation over SCS to the south of 20°N in the AEs future experiment. Figure  
355 [15](#) shows the double-difference (AEts minus AE) minus (AEnodts minus AEnod). The  
356 atmospheric response ~~shown in~~ Fig. [15](#) seems to be largely opposite to that in Fig. [9b](#),  
357 [9e](#), [8e](#) and [9f](#), suggesting that it is dominated by the present-day impacts of dust seen  
358 between AE and AEnod. In global warming (i.e. future-present), the bare soil fraction decreases  
359 (Fig. [12f](#)) so the dust emission of HadGEM2-ES decreases in the future relative to the  
360 present climate (Fig. [16](#)). As mentioned in Section 3.1.3, the direct radiative effect of dust  
361 seems to induce stronger flow than that of ES land cover-only effect. The convective region  
362 over SC in the future experiment Ats (Fig. [10a](#), [14e](#), [13c](#)) is strengthened in AEs (Fig. [10b](#)),  
363 and that over the SCS weakened, through the radiative effects of the reduced dust loading (Fig.  
364 [14b](#)), with related increases and decreases in precipitation (Fig. [15d](#) and [14a](#)).

365 Overall, for future precipitation projection over East Asia using this model, simulating  
366 interactive land cover change by a DGVM, and particularly the subsequent changes in dust  
367 radiative effect, are at least as important as the warming conditions. In contrast, for future  
368 changes in temperature, the global warming effect is dominant among climate change, land  
369 cover change and dust radiative effects over East Asia (Fig. ~~10e~~, ~~10d~~9c, 9d and ~~11b~~10b).

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#### 371 **4 Summary and Discussion**

372 In this study, the impact of varying land cover distribution, as simulated by a DGVM, on  
373 simulated regional climate over East Asia is examined. The interaction between land cover  
374 change by the DGVM and model systematic biases are shown in the present-day climate. The  
375 climatology of HadGEM2-A has an underestimation of rainfall over KR in summer and an  
376 overestimation over SC. When the land cover from HadGEM2-ES, which uses an interactive  
377 vegetation model, is used as an input to HadGEM2-A (experiment AE), the precipitation bias  
378 is enhanced over KR and SCS. The difference between AE and A is related to regional bare  
379 soil expansion by the DGVM through interaction with the rainfall bias, and also through  
380 feedback with the subsequent dust loading, causing a direct radiative effect. The direct radiative  
381 effect of dust has an important influence on both the precipitation bias and the stronger  
382 circulation response in SLP and wind than the land cover-only effect does. In this study, more  
383 dust loading due to excessive bare soil fraction induces an amplified dry bias over Asia. The  
384 land cover difference between AE and A affects the surface air temperature bias. In summer, a  
385 warm bias in NC (Fig. 7h) is due to bare soil area expansion replacing vegetation (Fig. 7). Soil  
386 fraction expands (shrinks) and temperature rises (drops) over NC (SC) (Fig. 7) through changes  
387 in surface roughness, evaporation and latent heat fluxes.

388 The dust loading is expected to reduce in the future time-slice run, since C<sub>3</sub> grass replaces bare  
389 soil area over NC. The consequent direct radiative effect of dust changes induces the opposite  
390 direction of anomalous wind flow over the SCS compared with that induced by the CO<sub>2</sub>  
391 increase alone. Thus, in the future projection, suppressed rainfall appears over the SCS. Just as  
392 the direct radiative effect is significant in the future precipitation simulation, the land cover  
393 effect is also important. The C<sub>3</sub> grass expansion replacing bare soil, inducing an increase in

394 latent heat flux, lowers the surface temperature. The changes in land cover between future and  
395 present day tend to oppose the surface warming over NC and KR in summer that are driven by  
396 increasing CO<sub>2</sub> in the time-slice experiments. When the land cover change impacts and  
397 associated dust radiative effect are combined, the resulting rainfall under future climate differs  
398 regionally. In contrast with the precipitation response, the temperature response in the time-  
399 slice run is dominated by the warming induced from the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> increase. In terms of  
400 the projected temperature rise, the ES land cover and dust radiative effects are very small.  
401 Overall, the inclusion of land cover changes as simulated by an interactive vegetation model  
402 has impacts on both present and future climate in East Asia. These results are similar to those  
403 for India shown in ML12, although the response amplitude is different. In addition, local rather  
404 than remote mechanisms appear to influence the precipitation and circulation response in this  
405 region, whereas for India the role of land cover changes in northern Eurasia on the large-scale  
406 meridional temperature gradient was highlighted in ML12.

407 Inclusion of dynamic vegetation components in a climate model allows impacts of climate  
408 change on both atmospheric composition and ecosystems. When the various feedbacks among  
409 the model components are included, complexity increases and the feedbacks affect more  
410 numerous systematic biases in models and future climate projections (ML12). As discussed in  
411 ML12-mentioned that, as additional Earth System processes are included in a model,  
412 the complex interactions and feedbacks between these additional parameterized processes and  
413 the model's existing systematic biases need to be studied in order to understand how additional  
414 feedbacks from the interactive components, in Earth system models affect e.g. rainfall, can be  
415 an additional source of uncertainty in climate projection. Although ~~Therefore~~ it is imperative  
416 that model developers continue to strive to improve physical parameterizations in modelling  
417 systems. We would emphasize that the details of our results may be dependent on the particular  
418 modelling system used for this study, ~~nevertheless they.~~ Experiments with more subtle or  
419 realistic possible land cover changes have not been carried out for this region with this model,  
420 and studies of the influence of vegetation changes using other models (e.g. Lee et al., 2011)  
421 have not examined the feedbacks on dust. Therefore, we are unable to speculate on the relative  
422 importance of the dust feedback effects under more subtle or realistic possible land cover  
423 change scenarios. Nevertheless our results suggest that vegetation feedbacks may be important

424 over East Asia, particularly in the dust emission source regions, for present-day and future  
425 climate simulation. Thus, we encourage other modelling centres to investigate these responses  
426 in other models where the biases may be different.

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572 Table 1. List of experiments.

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Acronym	Description of the experiments	Time
A	HadGEM2-A	
AE	HadGEM2-A with ES vegetation	Present
Anod	HadGEM2-A with no dust radiative effects	1980-2005
AEnod	HadGEM2-A with ES vegetation with no dust radiative effects	
Ats	HadGEM2-A time slice run	
AEts	HadGEM2-A with ES vegetation time slice run	Future
AEnodts	HadGEM2-A with ES vegetation time slice run with no dust radiative effects	2080-2110

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575 Table 2. Impacts of climate change of global warming, land cover change and dust loading  
 576 obtained by the difference between the experiments in this study.

Impact	Descriptions
Climate change (Global warming)	$A_{ts} - A$
Climate change + LCC + Dust	$AE_{ts} - AE$
Climate change + LCC	$AE_{nodts} - AE_{nod}$
Dust	$(AE_{ts} - AE) - (AE_{nodts} - AE_{nod})$
LCC (ES land cover)	$(AE_{nodts} - AE_{nod}) - (A_{ts} - A)$

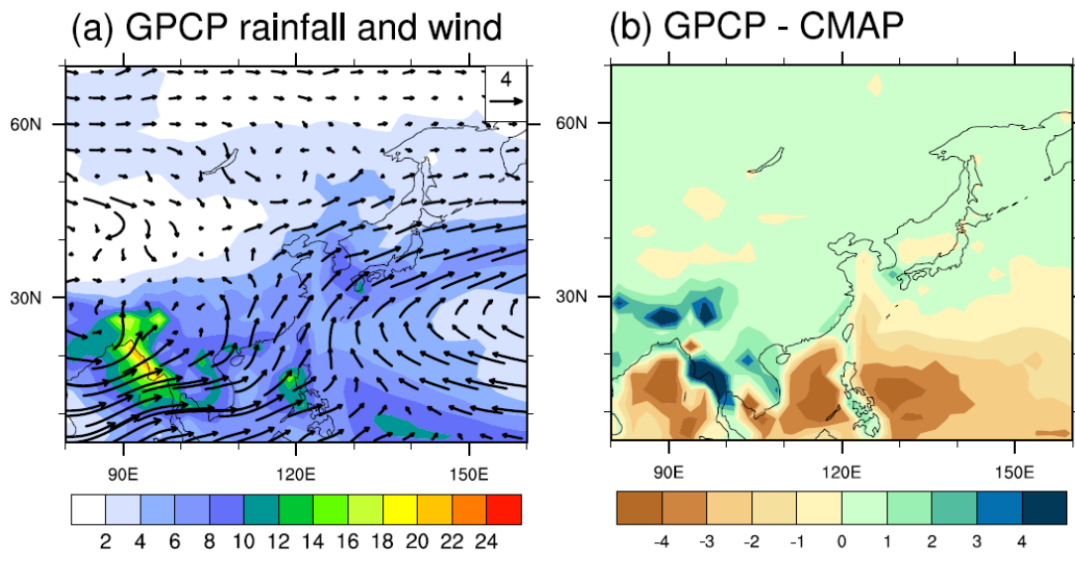
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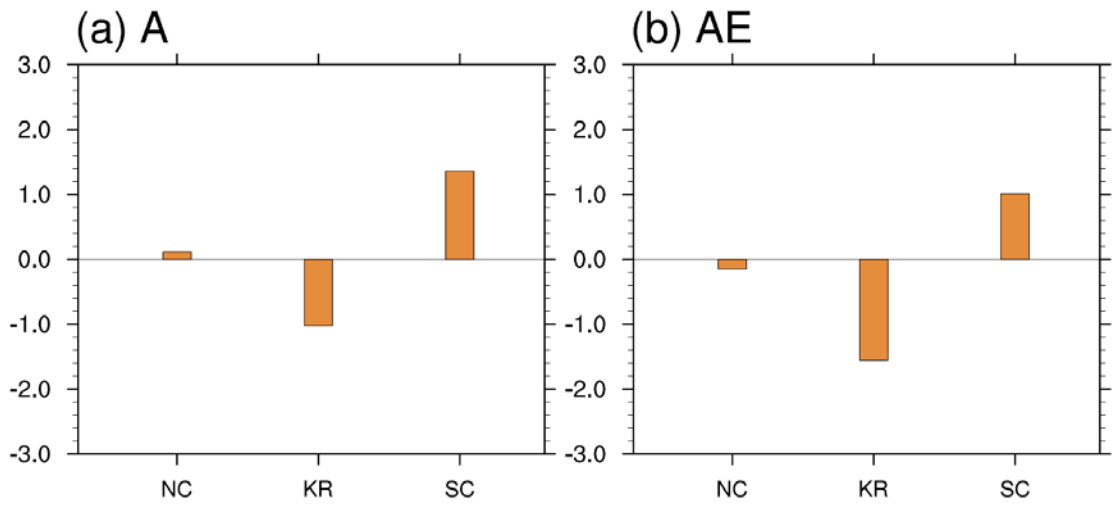
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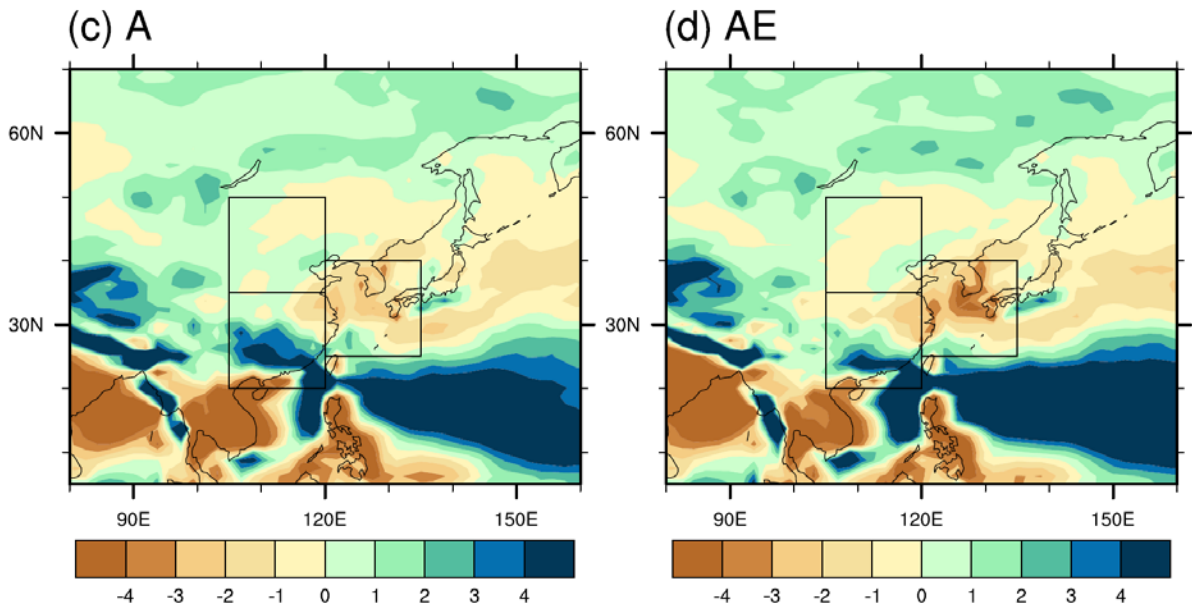
584 Figure 01. The 1982-2005 JJA (a) climatology of the Global Precipitation Climatology  
 585 Project (GPCP) precipitation (mm day<sup>-1</sup>, shading) and 850hPa winds (m s<sup>-1</sup>) and (b)  
 586 precipitation difference between GPCP and the CPC Merged Analysis of Precipitation  
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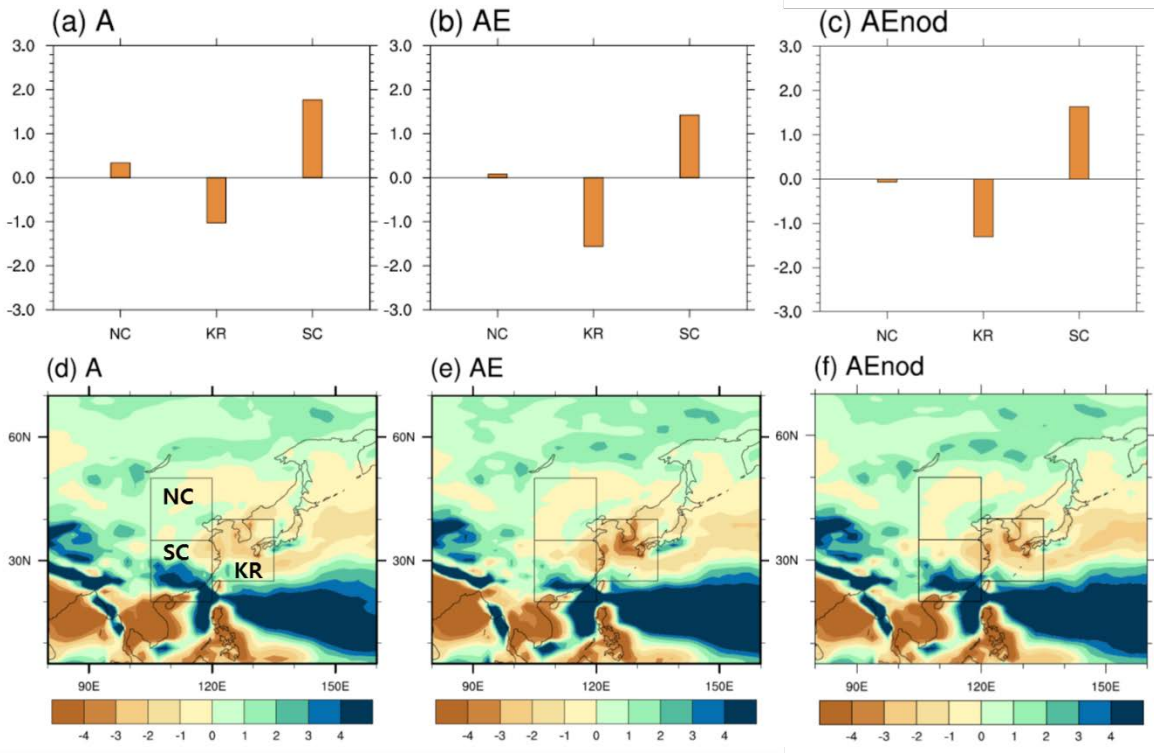


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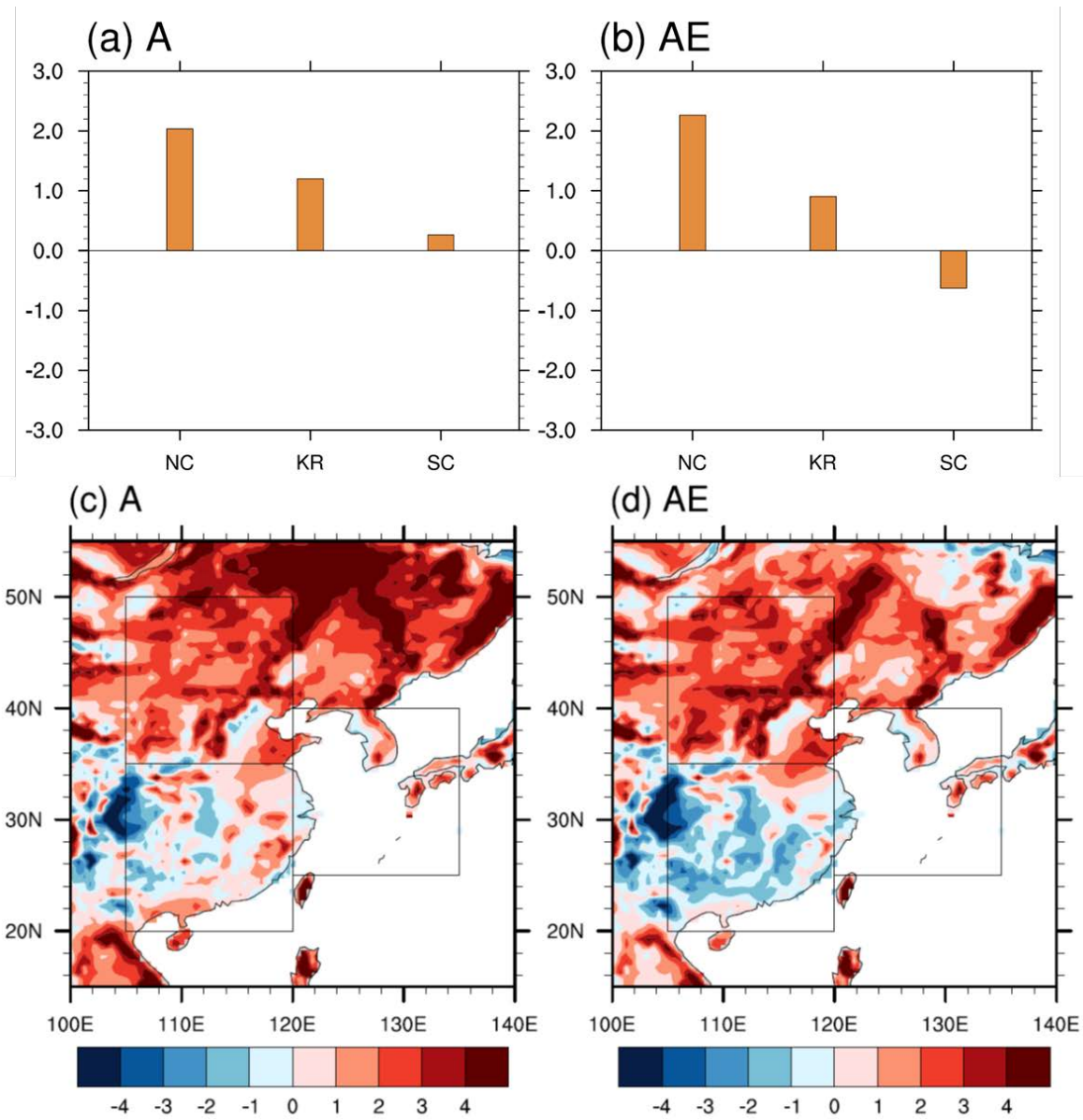
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Figure 12. Area averaged JJA precipitation bias ( $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) compared to the Global Precipitation Climatology Project (GPCP) observation in JJA: (a, b and c) show regional mean biases over the regions shown in (d, e and f). NC region:  $35\text{--}50^\circ\text{ N}$ ,  $105\text{--}120^\circ\text{ E}$ ; KR:  $25\text{--}40^\circ\text{ N}$ ,  $120\text{--}135^\circ\text{ E}$ ; SC region:  $20\text{--}35^\circ\text{ N}$ ,  $105\text{--}120^\circ\text{ E}$ .



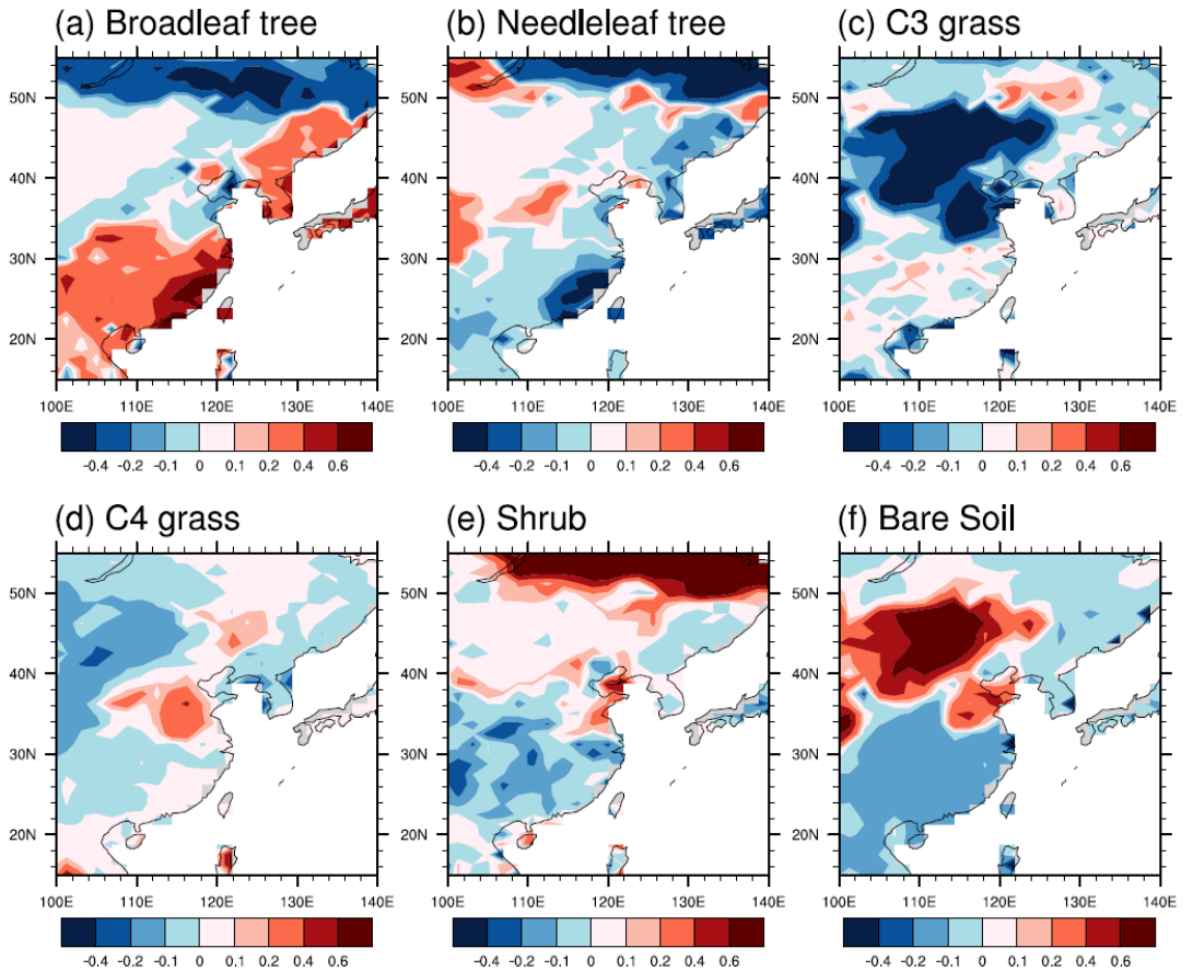
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602 Figure 23. As Fig. 1 but for JJA surface air temperature biases (K) compared to the Climatic  
 603 Research Unit (CRU) climatology.

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608 Figure 34. Differences in present-day (1980-2005) fractions of land cover type between  
 609 HadGEM2-ES and HadGEM2-AO (and HadGEM2-A) over East Asia.

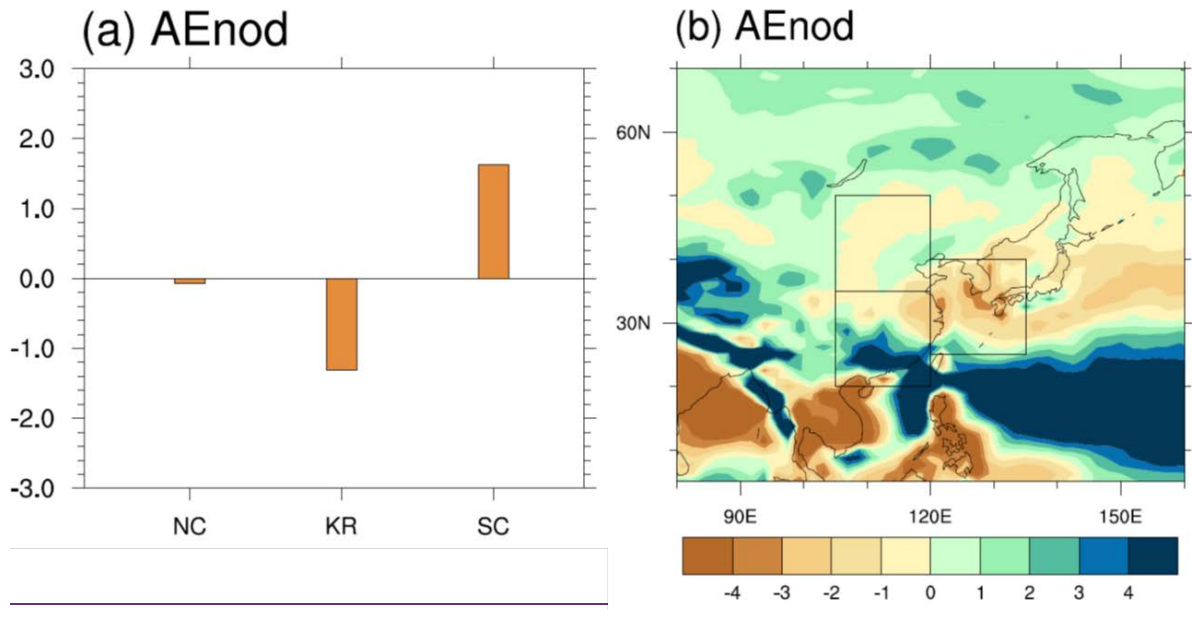
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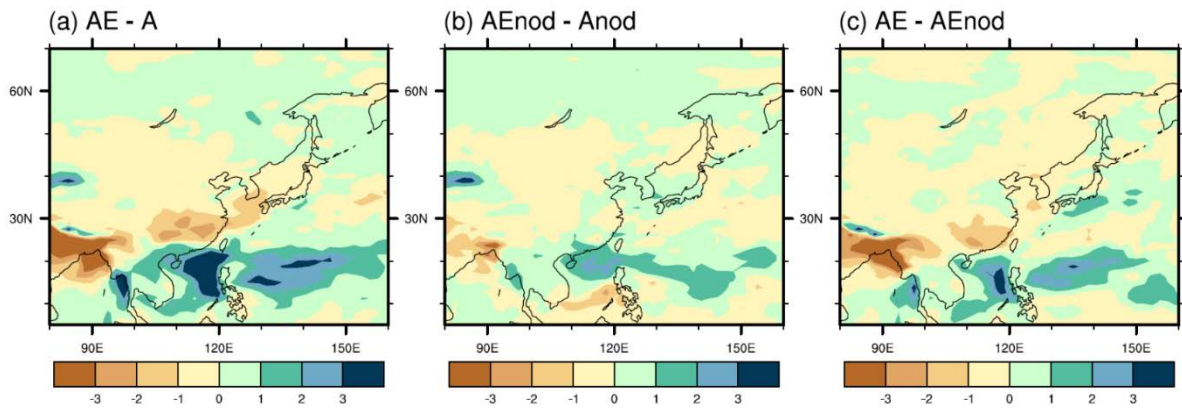
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Figure 4. Summer (a) area averaged precipitation bias (mm day<sup>-1</sup>) compared to observation and (b) horizontal distribution of precipitation bias, in HadGEM2-AE simulation without the direct radiative effect of dust.



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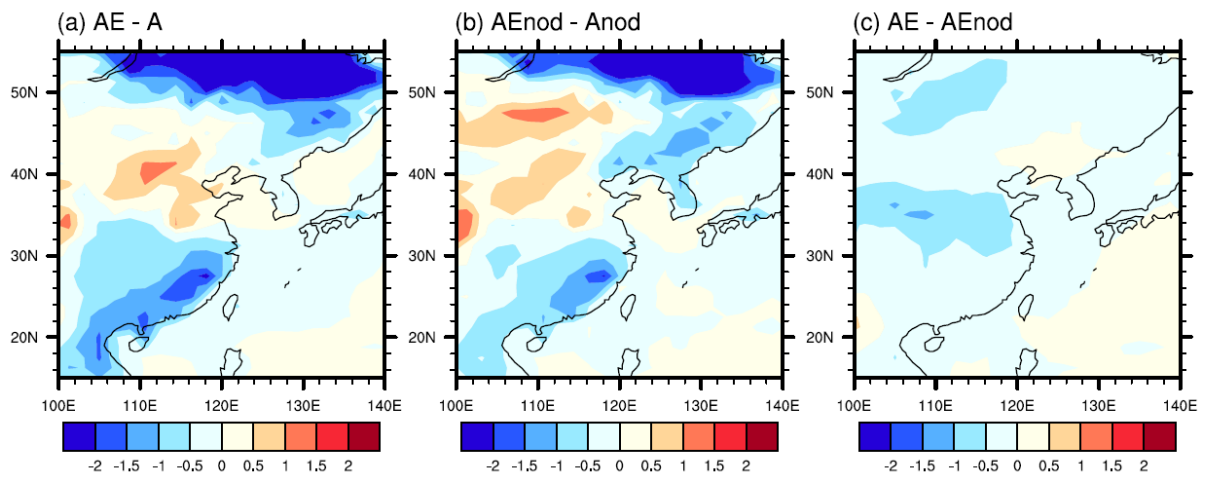
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Figure 5. Precipitation differences ( $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) in summerJJA for (a) AE minus A (b) AEnod  
 625 minus Anod, and (c) AE minus AEnod.

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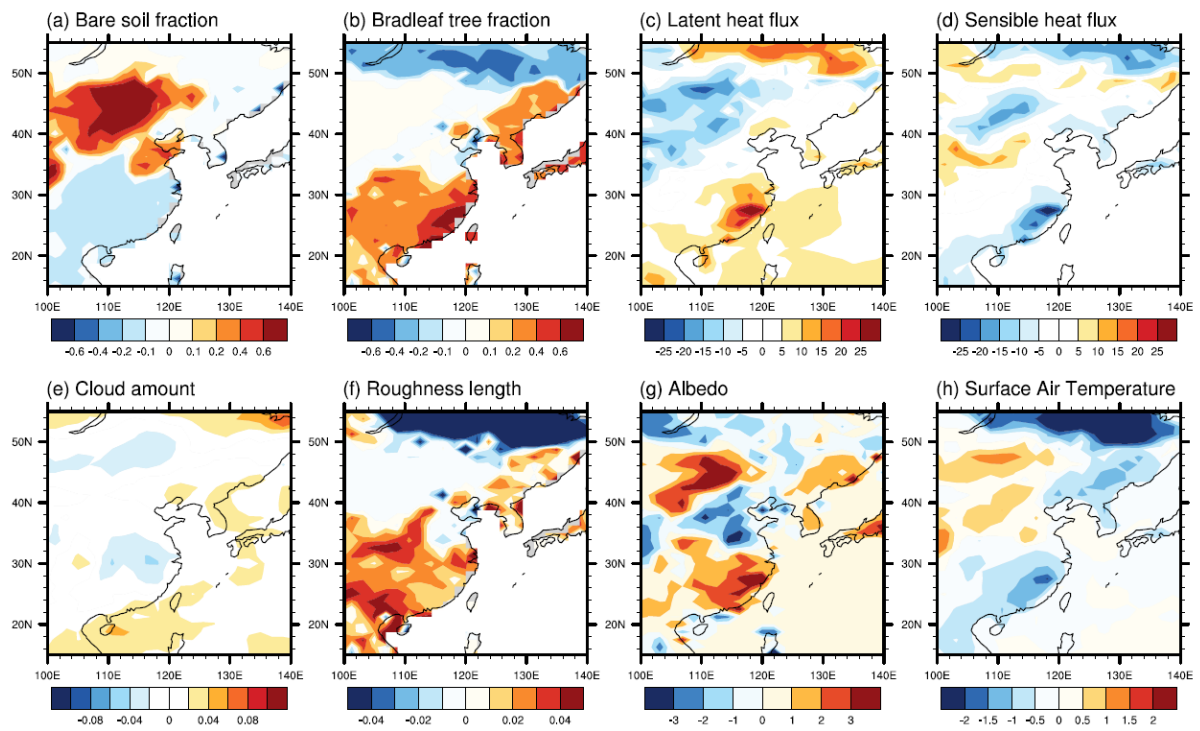
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631 Figure 6. Surface air temperature differences (K) in JJA for (a) AE minus A, (b) AEnod  
 632 minus Anod, (c) AE minus AEnod.

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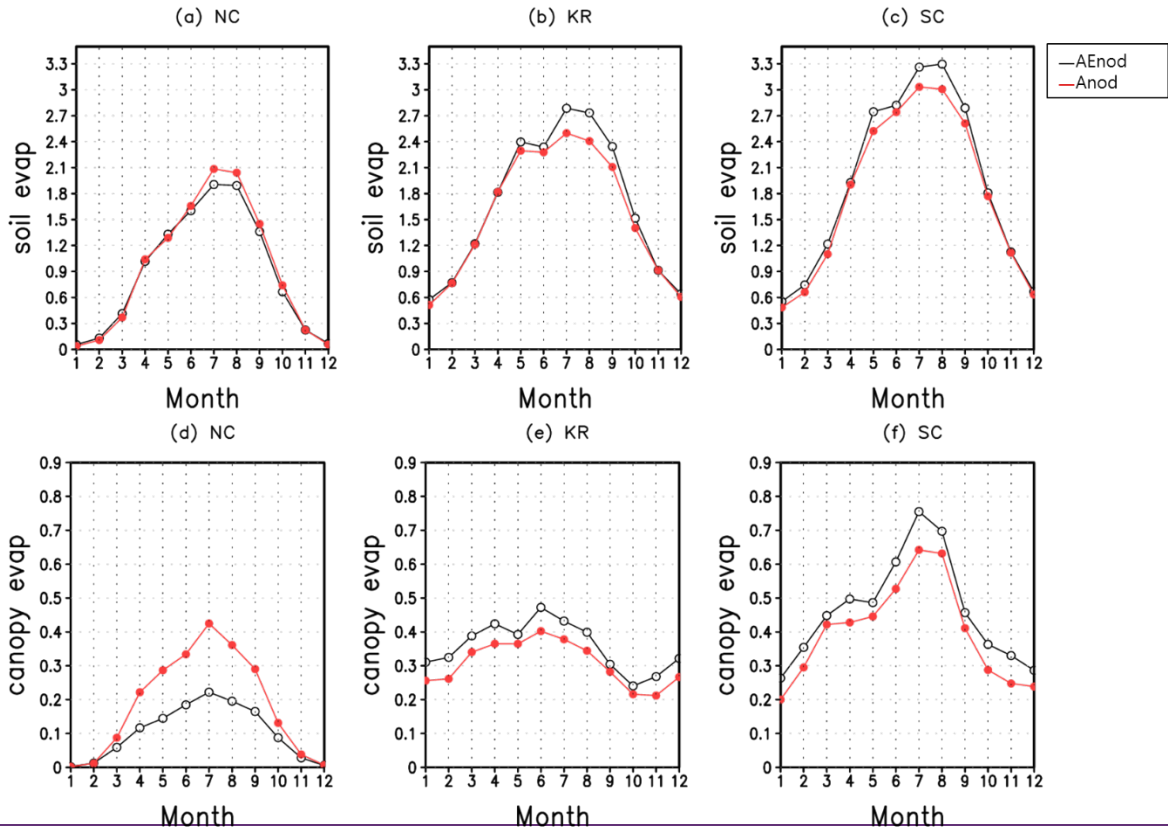
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636 Figure 7. AEnod minus Anod in JJA showing the applied fractional land cover changes and  
 637 their impact in (a) bare soil fraction, (b) broadleaf tree fraction, (c) latent heat flux ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ), (d)  
 638 sensible heat flux ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ), (e) cloud amount (fraction), (f) roughness length (m), (g) albedo  
 639 (%) and (h) surface air temperature (K).

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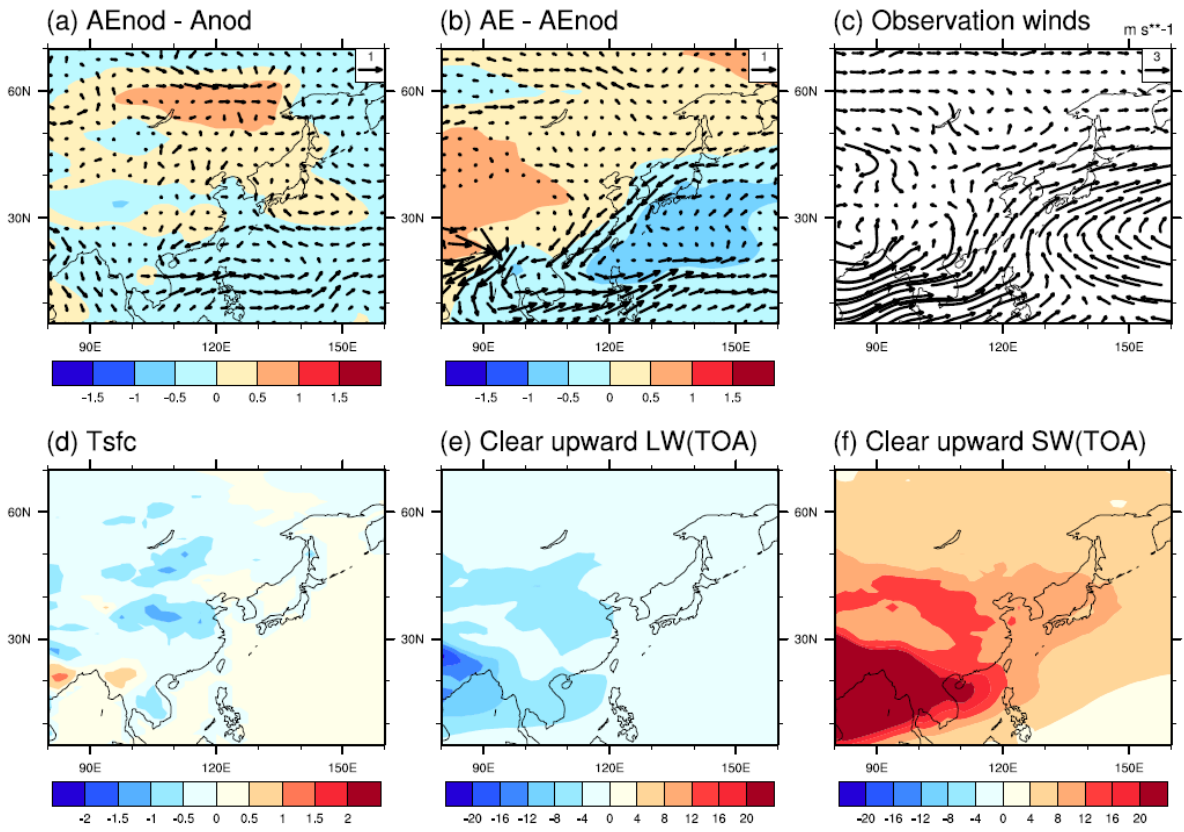
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Figure 8. Monthly variation of soil and canopy evaporation (mm day<sup>-1</sup>) in AE nod and Anod for the present-day simulation (1982-2005) over North China (NC), Korea (KR), South China (SC) region.

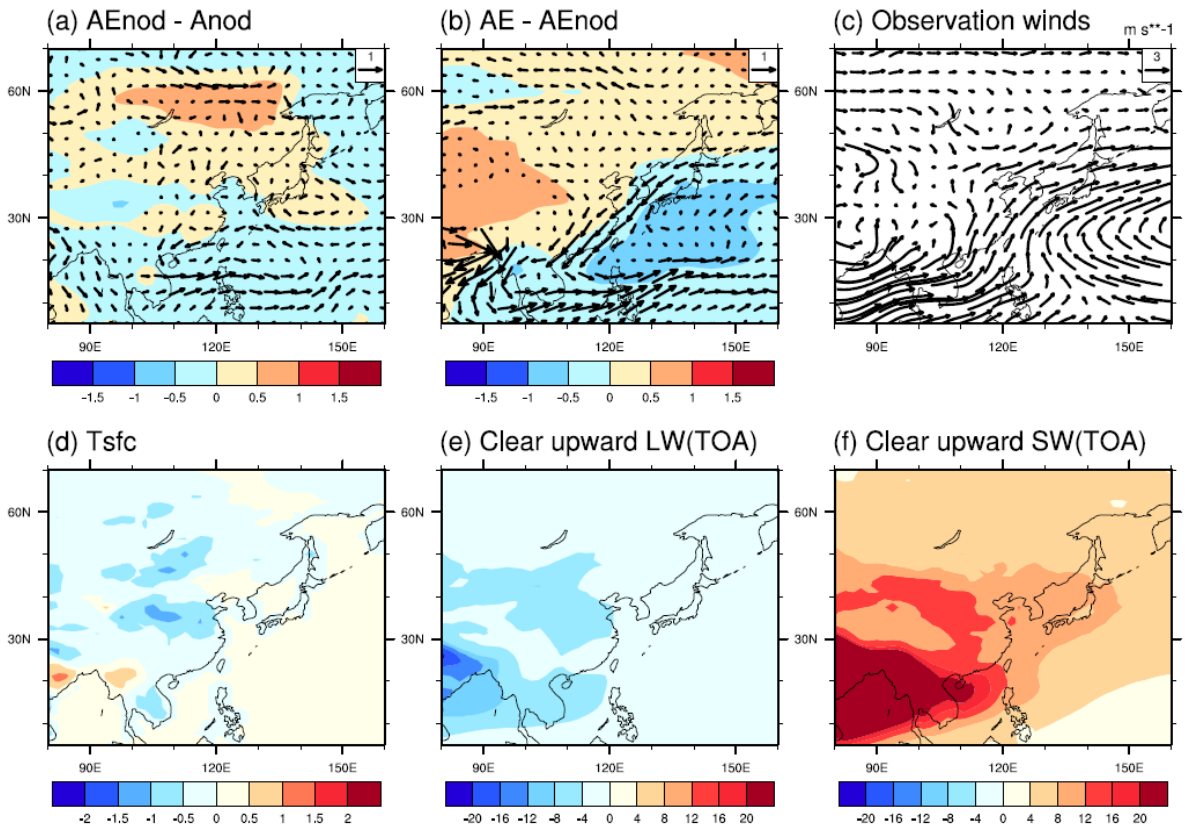




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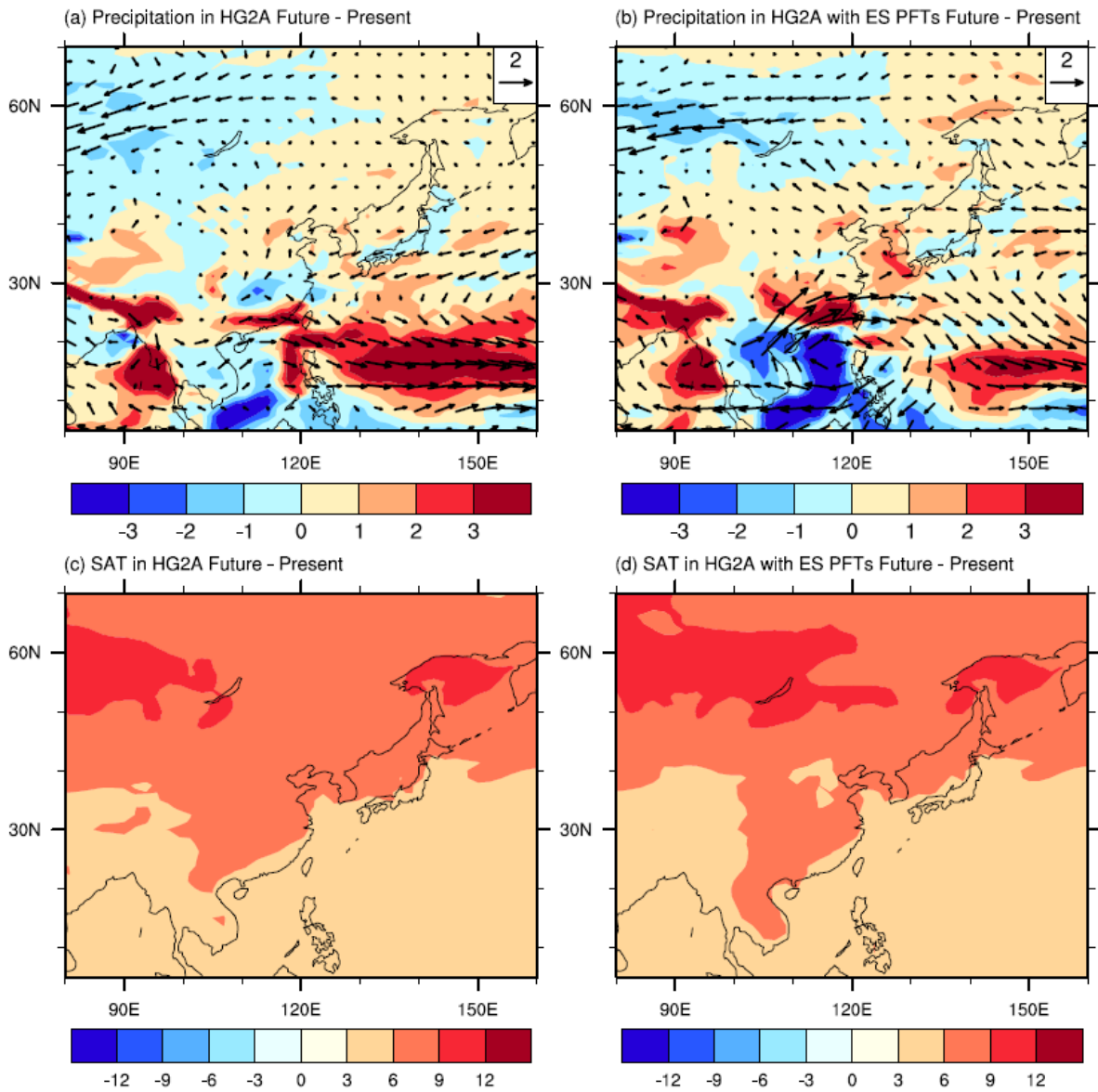
**Figure 8.** Changes in mean sea level pressure (hPa) and 850 hPa winds ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) in JJA for (a) AEnod minus Anod, and (b) AE minus AEnod. (c) Climatology of 850 hPa winds for the period 1982-2005 using ERA Interim; (d to f) show differences between AE and AEnod in JJA: (d) surface temperature (K), (e) clear sky upward longwave radiation ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ) and (f) clear sky upward shortwave radiation ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ) at top of atmosphere, showing the impacts of the radiative effects from additional dust loading induced by the ES land cover.

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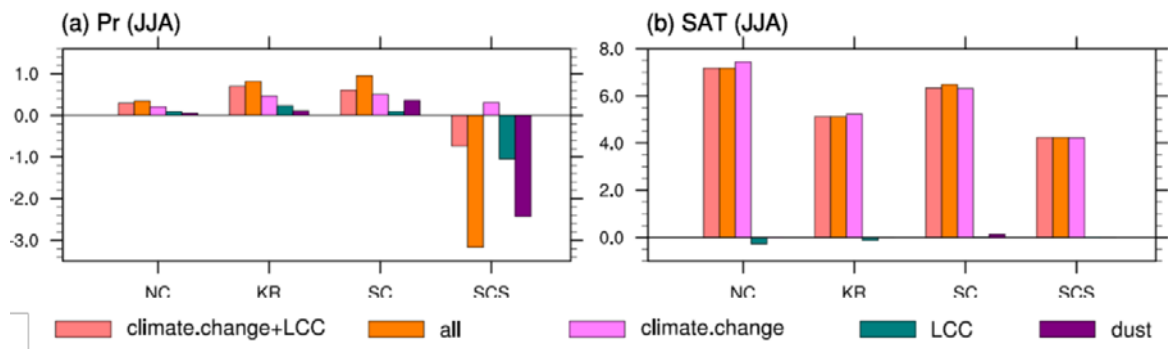
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665 Figure 109. Changes in JJA mean precipitation (shading,  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) between future timeslice  
 666 and present-day HadGEM2-A experiments, without (a, c) and with (b, d) land cover from  
 667 HadGEM2-ES. (a), (c) is (Ats-A) and (b), (d) is (AEts-AE).

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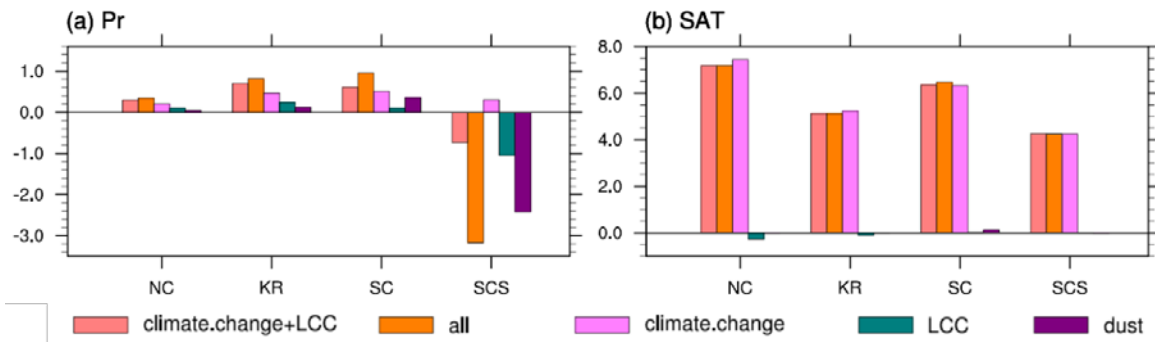
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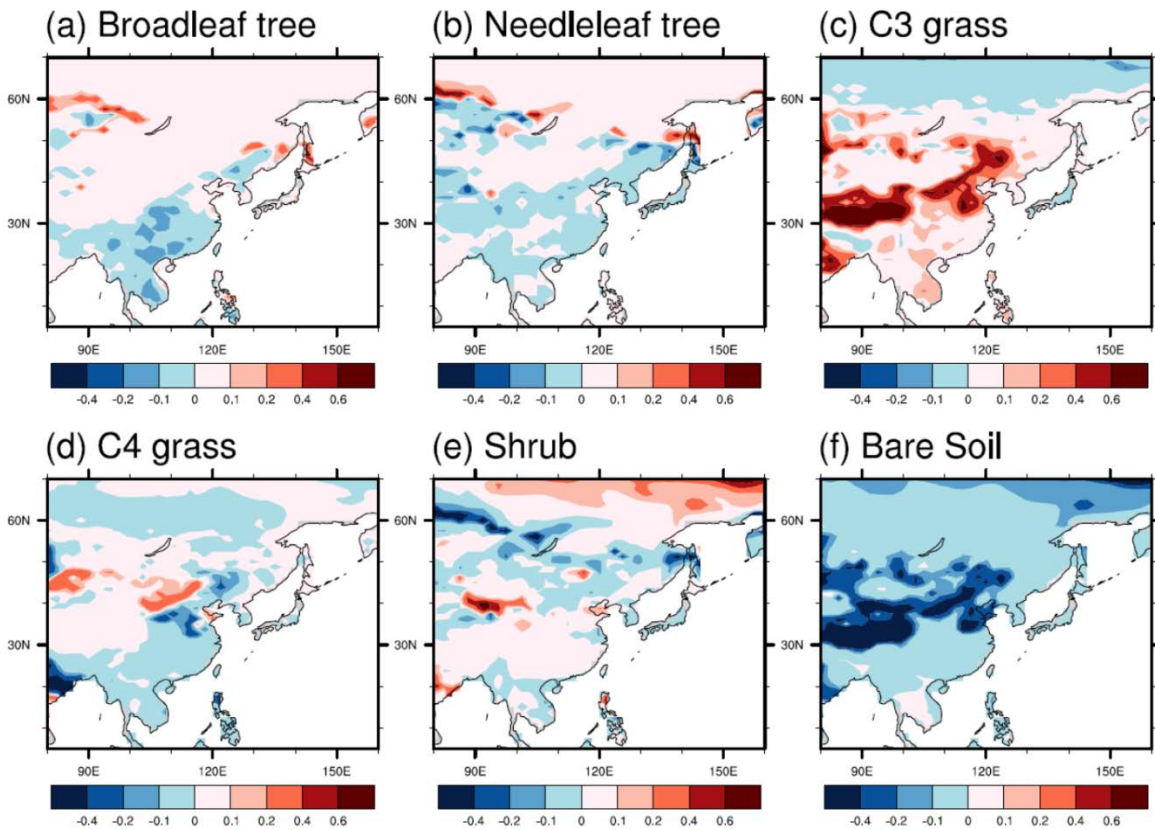


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674 Figure 4+10. Future changes of precipitation ( $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) (a) and surface air temperature (K) (b)  
 675 over the box regions of North China (NC), Korea (KR), South China (SC) and South China  
 676 Sea (SCS) in summer. Note that “all” means sum of climate change, land cover change and  
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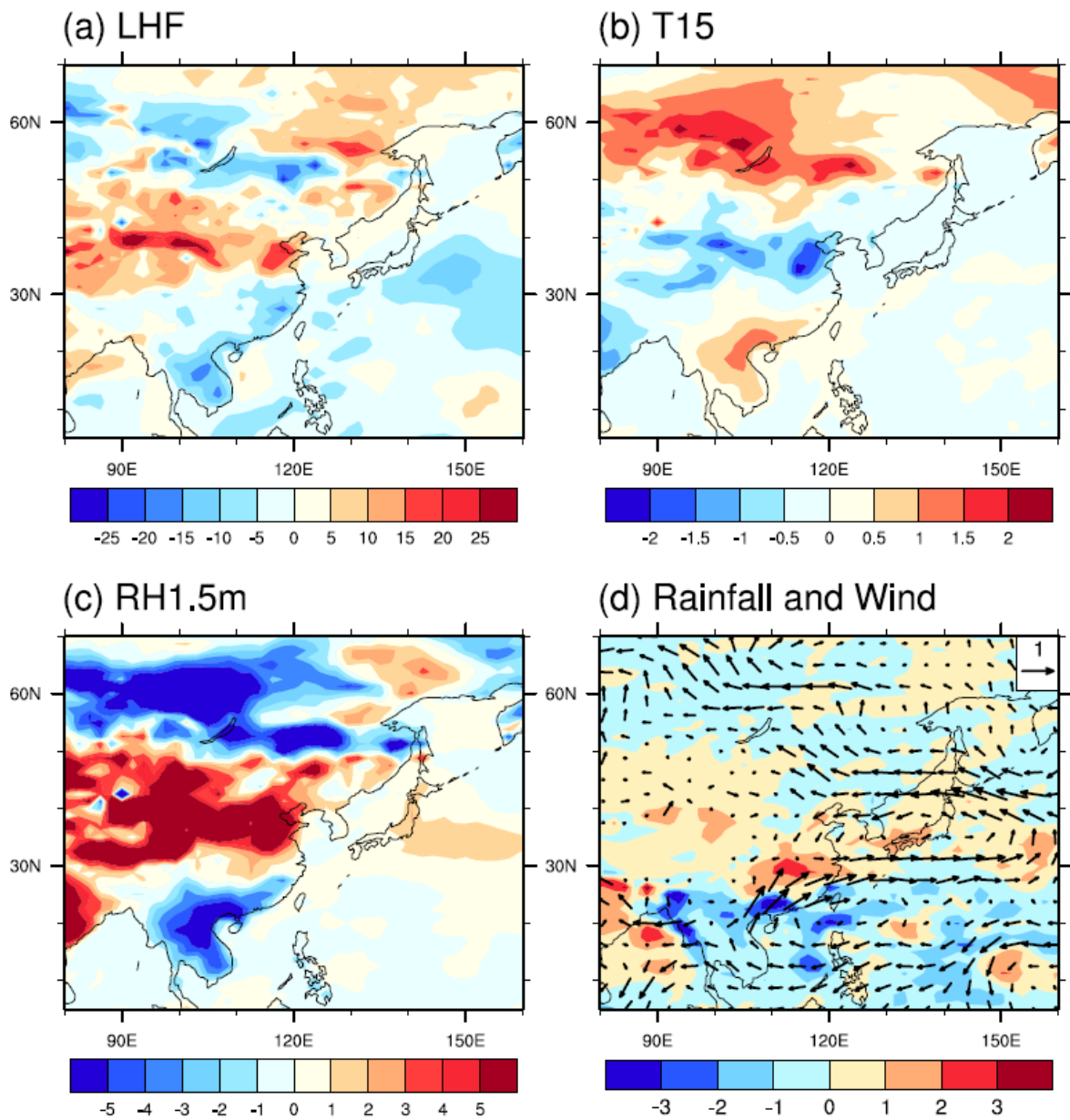


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683 Figure 4211. Changes of fractions in land cover between c.2100 and present-day as simulated  
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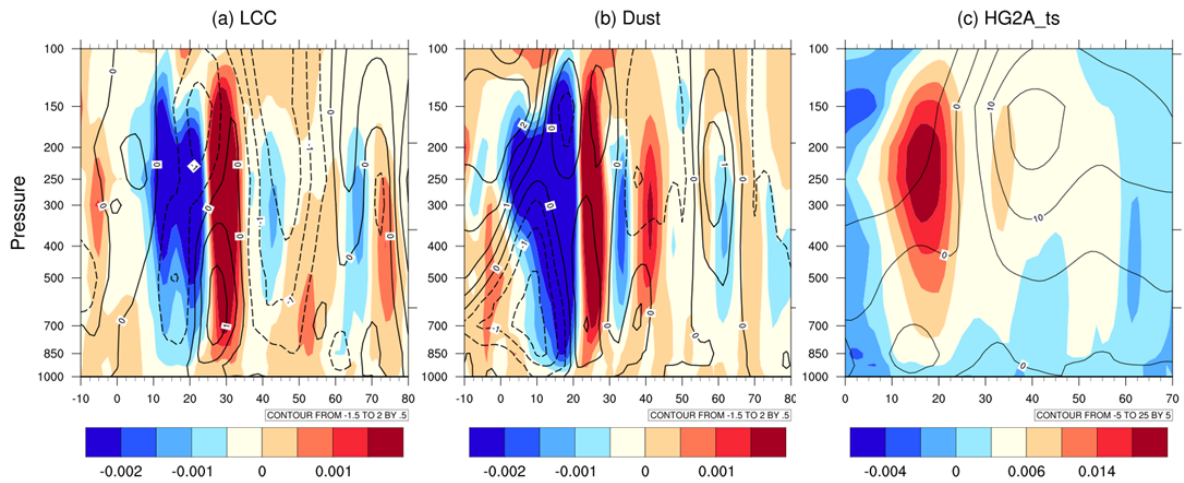


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690 Figure 1312. Contribution by the land cover changes alone to the future-present differences in  
 691 summerJJA (represented by  $(AEnodts - AEnod) - (Ats - A)$ ) in (a) latent heat flux ( $W m^{-2}$ ),  
 692 (b) surface air temperature (K), (c) 1.5 m relative humidity (%) and (d) rainfall (shading,  $mm$   
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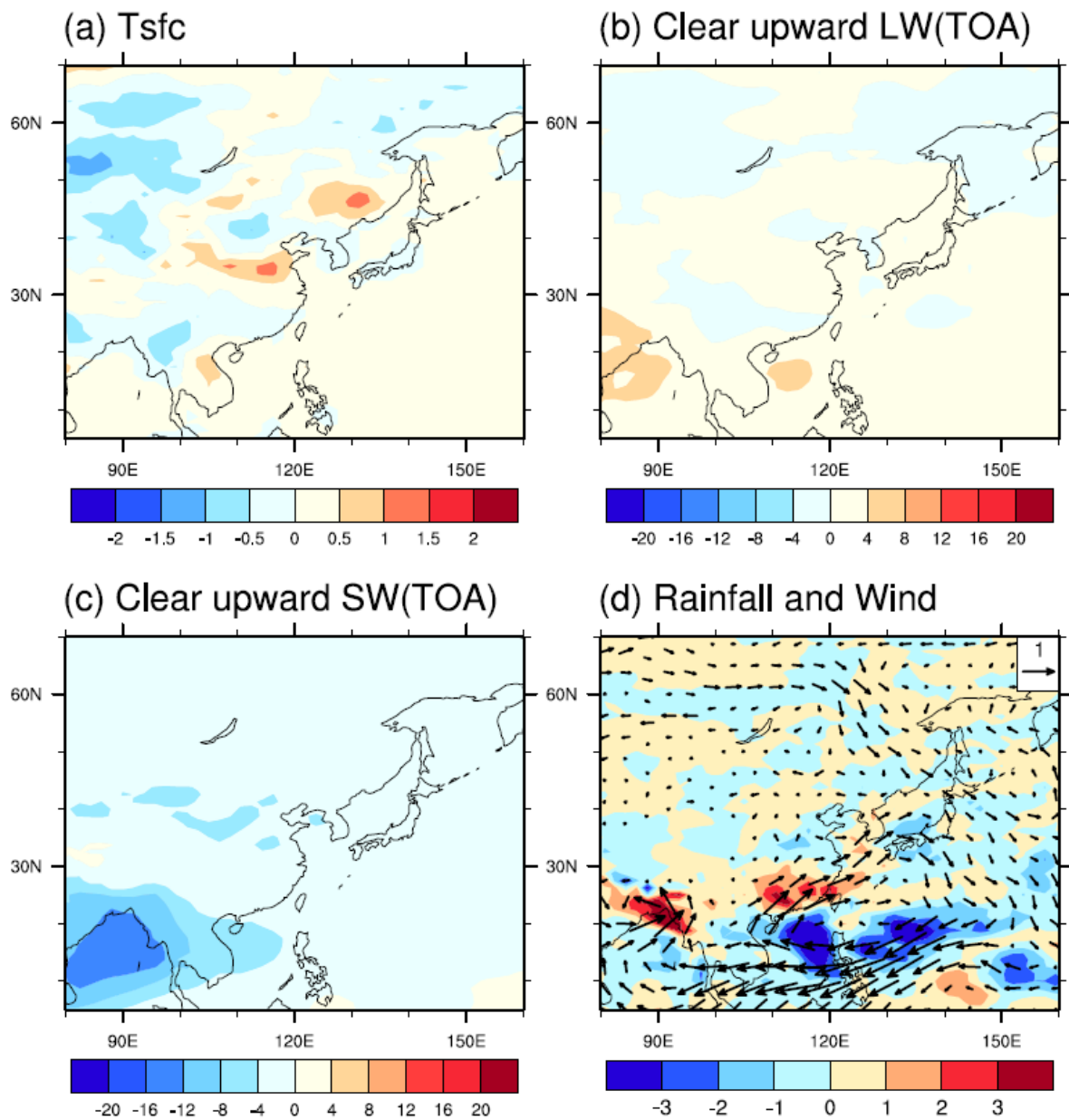
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697 Figure 1413. (a and b) Contribution to future-present changes in vertical motion (upward:  
 698 red, downward: blue) and U wind anomalies (solid line: westerlies) from 110-120° E driven  
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 700 in the HadGEM2-A timeslice run, Ats.

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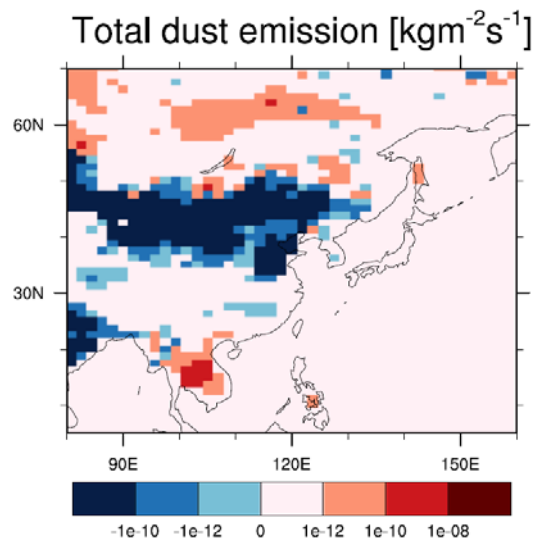


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704 Figure 1514. As Fig. 13 but showing the contribution from the direct radiative effect of dust  
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 706 (a) surface temperature (K), (b) clear sky upward longwave radiation at top of atmosphere ( $W m^{-2}$ ), (c) clear sky upward shortwave radiation at top of atmosphere ( $W m^{-2}$ ) and (d) rainfall  
 707 (shading,  $mm day^{-1}$ ), 850 hPa wind (vectors,  $m s^{-1}$ ).  
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712 Figure 4615. Future changes in total dust emission ( $\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) in JJA from AETs – AE.

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