

Supplementary Information

Table S1. Biome assignment rules in BIOME4 (ajusted from Dallmeyer et al., 2017)

NO.	BIOME	Domain PFT	Subpft	Additional Environment Limits	Mega-biomes
1	Tropical evergreen forest	Tropical evergreen trees	-	-	Tropical forest
		Tropical deciduous trees	-	number of green days>300	
2	Tropical semi-deciduous forest	Tropical deciduous trees	-	250<number of green days<300	
3	Tropical deciduous forest/woodland	Tropical deciduous trees	-	number of green days<250	
4	Temperate deciduous forest	Temperate deciduous trees	No temperate broadleaved or boreal evergreen tree present	-	Temperate Forest
		Temperate deciduous trees	Boreal evergreen trees present	Twm>21	
		Boreal evergreen trees	Temperate deciduous trees present	GDD5>900 and Tcm>-19, Twm>21	
		Boreal deciduous trees	Temperate deciduous trees	-	
5	Temperate conifer forest	Cool conifer	No temperate broadleaved trees present, no boreal deciduous trees subdominant	-	
		Cool conifer	Temperate deciduous trees with nearly similar NPP	-	
7	Cool mixed forest	Temperate deciduous trees	Boreal evergreen trees present	Twm<21 and Tcm>-15	
		Boreal evergreen trees	Temperate deciduous trees present	GDD5>900 and Tcm>-19, Twm<21	
8	Cool conifer forest	Boreal evergreen trees	No temperate deciduous trees present	GDD5>900 and Tcm>-19	
16	Temperate broadleaved savanna	Shrubs	Temperate deciduous trees present	-	
6	Warm mixed forest	Temperate broadleaved trees	-	-	Warm mixed forest
		Temperate deciduous trees	No boreal trees, but temperate broadleaved trees present	-	
		Temperate deciduous trees	No boreal trees, but cool conifer present	Tcm>3 and GDD5>3000	
		Cool conifer	Temperate broadleaved trees present	-	
9	Cold mixed forest	Temperate deciduous trees	Boreal evergreen trees present	Twm<21 and Tcm<-15	Boreal forest
		Cool conifer	Boreal deciduous trees	-	
		Boreal evergreen trees	Temperate deciduous trees present	GDD5<900 and Tcm<-19	
		Boreal deciduous trees	Cool conifer	-	
		Boreal deciduous trees	-	GDD5>900 and Tcm>-19	
10	Evergreen taiga/montane forest	Boreal evergreen trees	No temp deciduous trees present	GDD5<900 and Tcm<-19 and NPP>350	
		Boreal deciduous trees	Boreal evergreen trees	-	
11	Deciduous taiga/montane forest	Boreal deciduous trees	No temperate deciduous or cool conifer	GDD5<900 and Tcm<-19	
18	Boreal parkland	Boreal evergreen tress	-	GDD5<900 and Tcm<-19 and NPP<350	Grassland and
		Shrubs	Boreal trees present	Twm<21	
		Boreal deciduous trees	-	-	
13	Tropical xerophytic shrubland	Woody desert	-	grass LAI>1 and Tmin>0	
		Shrubs	Tropical trees present	woody LAI<4	
14	Temperate sclerophyll woodland	Shrubs	Temperate broadleaved trees present	-	

19	Tropical grassland	C4 tropical grass	-	-	<i>dry shrubland</i>
20	Temperate grassland	C3/C4 temperate grass	-	GDD0>800	
12	Tropical savannah	Shrubs	Tropical trees present	woody LAI>4	<i>Savanna and dry woodland</i>
15	Temperate xerophytic shrubland	Woody desert	-	grass LAI>1 and Tmin<0	
17	Open conifer woodland	Shrubs	Cool conifer present	-	
21	Desert	Woody desert	-	grass LAI<1	<i>Desert</i>
		Temperate or Tropical trees or conifer	-	NPP<100	
		C3/C4 temperate grass	No boreal trees present	-	
22	Steppe–tundra	C3/C4 temperate grass	-	GDD0<800	<i>Tundra</i>
		Cold herbaceous	-	-	
23	Shrub tundra	Tundra shrub	-	GDD0>500	
24	Dwarf shrub tundra	Tundra shrub	-	200<GDD0<500	
25	Prostrate shrub tundra	Tundra shrub	-	GDD0<200	
26	Cushion forb lichen moss tundra	Lichen/forb	-	-	

Table S2. Transfer matrix from BIOME4 typology to the pollen biome scores

BIOME4 type	Pollen biome type																
	CL DE	CL MX	CO CO	CO MX	DE SE	ST EP	TA IG	TE DE	TU ND	XE RO	HO DE	SA VA	TD FO	TR FO	TS FO	WA MX	TX WS
TrEgFo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	10	0	0
TrSeDeFo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	15	0	5
TrDeFo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	5	10	0	0
TdDeFo	0	5	5	10	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TeCoFo	0	0	15	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WaMxFo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
CoMxFo	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CoCoFo	0	0	15	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ClMxFo	10	15	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EgTaig	5	10	5	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DeTaig	10	5	0	0	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TrSav	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	15	5	0	0	0	10
TrXsSl	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	15
TeXsSl	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
TeScWo	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	0	10	0
TeBlSav	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	15	0	0	0	5	0
OpCoWo	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BoprKl	0	0	5	0	0	10	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TrGrl	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
TeGrlc	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TeGrlw	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
HotDesert	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert	0	0	0	0	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ShTund	5	0	0	0	0	14	5	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DShTund	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PsShTund	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FoLimoss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

We divided temperate grassland into cool temperate grassland (TeGrlc) and warm temperate grassland (TeGrlw), and desert into cold desert (Desert) and hot desert (Hot Desert), based on the minimum temperature (22°C) of the mean temperature of the warmest month (Prentice et al. 1992).

Pollen biome types: CLDE cold deciduous forest; CLMX cold mixed forest; COCO cool coniferous forest; COMX cool mixed forest; DESE desert; HODE hot desert; SAVA savanna; STEP steppe; TAIG taiga; TDFO tropical dry forest; TEDE temperate deciduous forest; TRFO tropical rain forest; TSFO tropical seasonal forest; TUND tundra; TXWS tropical xerophytic woods/scrub; WAMX broadleaved evergreen/warm mixed forest; XERO xerophytic woods/scrub.

BIOME4 types: Barren barren land; BoPrkl boreal parkland; CIMxFo cold mixed forest; CoCoFo cool evergreen needleleaf forest; CoMxFo cool mixed forest; Desert desert; DeTaig cold deciduous forest; DshTund erect dwarf-shrub tundra; EgTaig cold evergreen needleleaf forest; FoLiMoss cushion-forb lichen, and moss tundra; HotDesert hot desert; LIce land ice; OpCoWo temperate evergreen needleleaf open woodland; PsShTund prostrate dwarf-shrub tundra. ShTund low and high shrub tundra; TeBlSav temperate deciduous broadleaved savanna; TeCoFo temperate evergreen needleleaf forest; TeDeFo temperate deciduous broadleaf forest; TeGrIc cool temperate grassland, TeGrIw warm temperate grassland; TeScWo temperate sclerophyll woodland and shrubland; TeXsSl temperate xerophytic shrubland; TrDeFo tropical deciduous broadleaf forest and woodland; TrEgFo tropical evergreen broadleaf forest; TrGrI tropical grassland; TrSav tropical savanna; TrSeDeFo tropical semi-evergreen broadleaf forest; TrXsSl tropical xerophytic shrubland; WaMxFo warm-temperate evergreen broadleaf and mixed forest.

Table S3. The ranges of input parameters for simulation at modern, mid-Holocene periods

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Mid-Holocene</i>
ΔT_{jan}	[-10,10]°C	[-10,10]°C
ΔT_{jul}	[-10,10]°C	[-10,10]°C
ΔP_{jan}	[-90,100]%	[-90,100]%
ΔP_{jul}	[-90,100]%	[-90,100]%
CO_2	340ppmv	270ppmv
<i>Iterative number</i>	2000	3000

Table S4. Climate change during mid-Holocene derived from IVM at each pollen site

<i>Site</i>	<i>Biome</i>	<i>Ann T1</i>	<i>AnnT</i>	<i>Ann T2</i>	<i>AnnP 1</i>	<i>AnnP</i>	<i>AnnP 2</i>	<i>MT CO1</i>	<i>MTCO</i>	<i>MT CO2</i>	<i>MT WAI</i>	<i>MTWA</i>	<i>MT WA2</i>	<i>Pjan1</i>	<i>Pjan</i>	<i>Pjan2</i>	<i>Pjul1</i>	<i>Pjul</i>	<i>Pjul2</i>
Sujiawan	COMX	-6	-3.6	-1.1	-131	152	332	-8.6	-4	1.9	-5.6	-3.4	-0.3	-81	18.5	99.8	-47	36.3	94
Xiaogou	COMX	-5.5	-2.8	-1.2	3.1	169	358	-7.8	-1.4	2.7	-5.5	-3.7	-1.2	-79	20.4	91.8	1.5	44.7	96.3
Dadiwan	STEP	-3.3	-0.5	1.9	-105	210	450	-0.4	4.6	6.6	-8.1	-4	0.5	-86	5.3	85	-20	40.2	94.7
Sanjiaocheng	DESE	-7.6	-3	-1	135	-99	848	-9.8	0.1	-3	-9.6	-5.1	1.5	-80	13.5	98	0	-99	90.1
Chadianpo	TEDE	-8.5	-3.1	-5.1	-150	347	438	-9.9	-0.8	-0	-9.6	-4.7	-6.2	-76	5.3	99.6	-39	71.6	78.2
Qindeli	COMX	-3.3	2.9	1	-399	287	1361	-5.5	7.5	1.7	-2.8	0.3	2.8	-77	18.8	80.6	-30	47.4	97.1
Fuyuanhangye	TEDE	-9.1	6	-2.1	-181	312	296	-9.7	6.9	1.1	-9.8	5.5	-2.7	-86	1.4	97.4	-62	54.2	98.8
Jingbo Lake	TEDE	-6.8	4.2	1.2	-26.3	362	397	-9.9	6	7.3	-6.1	3.1	-1.5	-178	25.8	198	-32	73.1	191
Hani Lake	TEDE	-7.6	4.7	1.4	-139	295	-26	-7.9	5.8	8.2	-9.8	4	0.3	-164	26.6	199	-179	39.9	-17
Jinchuan	TEDE	-7.2	4.4	-0.3	237.5	361	441	-9.9	5.3	6.2	-9.5	3.8	0	-56	16	96.2	44.1	53.1	98.2
Maar Lake	TEDE	2.2	4.7	4.4	0	388	622	5.6	6.6	9.6	-1.3	3.5	2	-59	17.2	90	0	53.6	99.9
Maar Lake	TEDE	3.1	4.6	8.8	156.5	387	486	4.1	6.6	8.2	1.4	3.5	9.1	-75	13.3	99.6	32.1	53.3	98.6
Xie Lake SO4	WAMX	1.9	-1	7.7	253.3	363	491	2	-1.6	9.6	-0.2	-0.7	8.7	-53	10.9	93.9	51.4	64.3	99.6
Nanhuiheming Core	WAMX	1.3	1.8	7.1	-98.9	472	651	2.2	1.3	8.5	0	2.2	6.5	-89	-0.6	89.6	-18	43.5	95.2
Toushe	WAMX	1.1	-2.1	7.2	17.9	963	560	2.5	-3.9	8.4	-0.4	-1.1	7.5	-86	-6.5	97	13.9	13.7	86.3
Dongyuan Lake	WAMX	2.4	3.1	7.3	66.9	-159	692	4.8	4.1	9	0	2.5	6.9	-85	8.7	89.6	4.9	-8.4	89.9
Yonglong CY	WAMX	2.3	1	7.3	68.7	353	690	4.7	2.3	9	-0.1	0.2	6.9	-72	9.2	92.5	5.2	38.4	91.6
Hangzhou HZ3	TEDE	-4.4	-4.4	2.5	209.4	487	549	-8.3	-7.7	6.6	-5.5	-2.6	3.1	-81	6.6	99.2	39.9	43.7	92.2

Xinhua XH1	WAMX	-2.8	1.7	6.1	-14.2	408	1054	-3.4	4.4	7.5	-3.2	0	7.9	-75	20.2	97.7	-18	59.3	98.6
ZK01	WAMX	-5.4	2.5	2.2	-437	428	2847	-6.9	2.2	0	-6.8	2.6	6.4	-78	17.8	96	-43	46.5	89.7
Chifeng	TEDE	-0.4	1	5.6	-1704	-67	2642	-0.1	7.5	6	-1.3	-2.8	5.3	-48	25	77.9	-63	-20	67.6
SZK1	WAMX	-3.1	-2.3	4.3	-50.2	396	770	-1.6	-2.8	7.1	-4.6	-2	5.1	-84	11.4	97.6	-14	32.9	91
Gucheng	WAMX	-9.3	1.8	0.3	36.5	530	1126	-9.7	2.4	-4	-9.7	1.5	3.4	-82	12.8	95.7	-14	50.4	97.4
Lulong	TEDE	-1.6	-1.3	4.2	174.1	361	613	0	1.1	8.3	-3.9	-2.7	6	-83	-4	95.5	0	68.7	89.1
Hulun Lake	STEP	-1	6.6	6	-199	128	990	-1.4	5.8	4.9	-3.9	7.1	7.9	-90	13	97.2	-43	51.5	97.7
CH-1	WAMX	1	1.9	1	-67	430	-67	7.5	2.5	7.5	-2.8	1.6	-2.8	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	-20	46.8	-20
Sanyi profile	STEP	-5.8	5.5	1	-211	184	1260	-9.5	1.9	2.5	-5.4	7.6	1.6	-87	8.2	97.8	-34	64	93.3
Xiaoniuchang	COMX	-2.9	1.8	6.5	0	203	927	-1.7	6.3	5.4	-4.4	-0.9	7.7	-83	22	90.6	7.2	56.3	98.3
Haoluku	COMX	-4.6	1.8	1.1	75.7	138	457	-4.5	6.6	7.3	-4.5	-1	0.7	-88	0.8	80.4	10.3	39.6	91.5
Liuzhouwan	COMX	2.9	2.5	9	0	195	214	2	5.7	9.4	3.4	0.7	9.9	-79	26.1	95.9	0	53.9	89.3
Poyang Lake 103B	WAMX	-2.9	1.9	6.2	-57.6	303	928	-1.8	0.8	8.7	-4.5	2.5	7.6	-88	6.4	99.5	-21	20.9	97.5
Baiyangdian	TEDE	1.5	-2	7.5	39.7	262	273	-3.2	0.4	8.4	4.6	-3.4	9.1	-90	-0.1	84.7	10	41.9	98
Bayanchagan	TEDE	1.3	2.9	2.6	92.6	176	320	4.3	4.5	9.1	-1.9	1.9	-0.1	-79	16.7	90.1	16.1	45.4	99.6
Huangjiapu	STEP	0	2.8	2.5	-58.4	101	210	2.5	-0.7	8.7	-1.8	4.8	0	-43	31.4	79.4	-25	21.2	65.3
Dingnan	TSFO	0	4.6	3.2	94.7	500	289	3.4	5.4	7.4	-1.9	4.2	1.7	-40	33.5	99.6	28.3	34	84.6
Guang1	STEP	-0.5	2.5	4.6	-597	126	1300	-5.8	1.9	4.7	-1.9	2.8	5.9	-73	14.2	99.3	-71	27.3	100
Angulino	COMX	-4.5	0.3	0.7	3.8	180	528	-5.7	4	8.5	-4.9	-1.9	-0.7	-84	5.9	90.8	3.1	54.6	91.8
Yangyuanxipu	STEP	2.9	1.6	2.9	175.5	132	176	4.5	-1.8	4.5	1.9	3.6	1.9	21.1	21.1	21.1	45.4	34.1	45.4
Shenzhen Sx07	WAMX	-1	-2.6	6.1	-4	550	262	-5.7	-5.3	5.4	-0.4	-1	9.5	-76	5.7	96.4	-5.5	29.5	50.1
GZ-2	TSFO	2	3	8.2	-32.4	437	1075	0.5	3.6	9.2	0	2.6	8.5	-60	18.1	69.2	-28	36.6	95.2
Daihai99	COMX	-2.7	-0.7	6.5	-97.2	212	384	-5.5	3.9	9.7	-3.9	-3.5	9.4	-86	5.3	98.2	-26	67	88.7

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Daihai	COMX	-1	-1.1	2.5	86.1	161	333	1	3.9	7.5	-3.5	-4.2	0.5	-79	-5.7	91.2	25.4	50.1	99
Sihean profile	STEP	-2	1.1	5.6	-45.2	81.9	243	-7.3	1.9	6.1	0	0.6	6.6	-81	1.5	89.7	-13	19.9	65.9
Diaoiaoh aizi	COMX	-6	2.5	2.3	-495	225	1686	-9.8	4.7	0	-7.2	1.2	5.7	-58	28.6	99.4	-47	67.1	96.4
Ganhaizi	TEDE	0	4.6	6.2	-194	399	902	-0.9	3.8	8.8	-1.7	5.1	8.2	-76	-30.9	17	-12	79.3	75.8
Jiangling profile	WAMX	-2.6	1.1	1.5	93.6	413	289	-0.7	3.8	7.8	-5	-0.7	-1.2	-87	7.4	92.1	27.7	43.9	91.4
Helingeer	DESE	-2.7	-2.2	0.8	-135	-220	313	0	-0.4	8.4	-5	-3.2	-3.4	-84	12	96.3	-46	-76	91.6
Shennong jia2	WAMX	-2.5	1.3	4.9	-88.6	558	257	-3.7	-2	6.6	-4	3.1	5.8	-83	-4.5	92.1	-27	31.3	63.9
Huguang yan Maar Lake B	TSFO	1.1	0.2	4.4	103.9	969	326	0	0.5	8.7	-0.1	0.1	2.7	-80	6.7	94.8	21.8	56.8	97
Yaoxian	STEP	2.8	-0.1	7.1	318.1	-338	484	-2.1	1.1	9.6	2.6	-1	9.2	-83	13.2	84.6	59.2	-51	95.9
Jixian	STEP	-3.2	2.8	5.2	35.9	-38	795	-0.7	0.3	8.3	-7.4	4.2	5.2	-82	11.9	95.4	-14	-7	98.3
Shennong jia Dajiu Lake	TEDE	-7.8	1.2	1.7	-274	365	-177	-8.3	0.2	8	-7.6	1.7	1	-88	-6.7	95.6	-90	18.8	-56
Qigainur	DESE	-1.7	-1.5	4.8	-725	-217	1782	-9.8	2.4	6.5	-2	-4	9.7	-89	10.1	97.8	-52	-76	99.6
Beizhuan gcun	STEP	-4	1	3.3	108.2	-44	1636	-4.2	-1	5.7	-4.3	2.1	4.6	-9.6	48.5	93.5	0	-6.7	98.1
Lantian	STEP	-3.7	3.2	2.6	-442	-95	-146	-8.8	3.6	7.7	-4.5	3	2	-85	14.3	88.2	-70	-17	-15
Bahanniao	COMX	-2.4	-1.2	5.9	-209	-10	59.3	-7.8	3.1	6.2	0	-4	9	-77	3.4	98.1	-51	-4	21.1
Midiwan	STEP	-2.6	3	5	-776	109	1847	-6.1	-0.5	5.7	-5.3	5	7.3	-88	10.9	96.5	-49	28.8	99.5
Jinbian	STEP	-6.7	1	1.7	-263	-141	-144	-3.1	1.3	7.1	-9.6	0.8	0.6	-86	-8.7	78.6	-89	-28	-56
Xindian	STEP	-4.3	1.9	4.9	-164	58.8	96	-7	-1.4	6.8	-3.2	3.8	8.4	-90	-5.3	97.1	-43	11.7	24.6
Nanguan zhuang	STEP	-1.3	3.4	6.1	-319	32.4	91.9	-1.2	4	9.7	-2.7	3	7.8	-82	7.5	99.7	-66	6.1	31.7
Xifeng	TEDE	-4.1	2.1	1.2	-158	380	258	-3.3	4.7	8	-6.2	0.4	-2	-87	1.9	87.1	-69	65.1	94.3
Jiyuan	DESE	-0.9	1.4	5.8	-3.3	-445	181	-8.9	2.4	7.2	1.3	0.8	7.6	-84	-21.3	66.7	-4.9	-81	47.5
Jiacunyu an	STEP	-2.3	4.6	3.1	-256	-252	35.6	-7.5	3.8	7.2	-2	5	2.9	-84	-2	86.9	-66	-31	6.7
Dadiwan	STEP	-3.5	0.6	6.8	-119	354	226	-9.6	1.3	5.1	-2.7	0.1	9.5	-87	-0.2	95.2	-34	67.7	48.8

Maying	COMX	-1.5	-2.9	6.9	-179	118	174	-2.3	-2.9	8.8	-2.3	-2.9	7.5	-83	1.7	99.3	-42	25.4	42.6
Huiningxi aogou	COMX	-2.2	-3.4	7	71.9	84.3	594	3.3	-2.2	6.4	-6	-4.2	8.3	-69	11	92.3	14.7	22.8	99.3
Sujiawan	COMX	-2.3	-3.6	4.1	-500	178	-334	-6.6	-3.4	8.7	-1.6	-3.8	2.7	-86	-43.6	62.1	-90	44.5	-64
QTH02	STEP	0.7	-1.7	7.8	-408	186	-86	-1.6	-1.9	9.6	0	-1.6	9.6	-88	-20	66.7	-77	145	-13
Laotanfang	STEP	-2.2	4.1	3.3	139	125	526	-6.9	-1.1	8.2	-4.2	7	4	-88	9.2	93.7	21.7	123	94.4
Hongshui River2	STEP	-5.9	0.6	-0.1	-300	223	418	-8.4	2	2.6	-4.9	-0.2	0	-88	11.6	96.6	-78	138	100
Ruoergai	STEP	-5	4.7	-1.4	-223	106	332	-5.9	1.9	3.9	-5.7	6.3	-2.2	-87	7.4	95.9	-72	26.1	98.3
Hongyuan	TAIG	-6.1	-3	-0.7	16.6	-31	386	-8.5	-2.6	2.3	-6.3	-3.3	-1.1	-87	9.5	99.1	0.8	-8.9	96.2
Dahaizi	TEDE	-4	3.4	1.1	72.1	261	257	-5.7	6.1	2.4	-4.3	1.9	0.6	-150	6.9	200	65.7	73.5	194
Shayema Lake	TEDE	0.2	-0.5	6.6	62.6	331	178	-9	1.5	6.5	5.1	-1.7	9.9	-174	-1.8	151	62.8	69	189
Luanhaizi	COMX	-1.5	2.8	2.3	105.6	276	281	-4.9	4	7.5	-3.4	2	1.2	-141	59.1	195	64.4	132	190
Lugu Lake	WAMX	0.5	1	7.6	-65.8	380	269	-5.4	1	8.6	2.8	0.9	8.8	-88	9.3	95	-33	67.9	68.5
Qinghai Lake	STEP	-6.2	5.6	-0.1	-262	207	267	-9.6	3.6	3.8	-6	6.7	-1.6	-88	5.9	94.3	-67	103	66.8
Dalianhai	STEP	1.2	3.3	3.9	115.9	98	318	1.8	3.2	7.7	0.6	3.3	2.6	-74	37.8	97.6	20.9	44	94.5
Erhai ES Core	WAMX	-2.5	4	0.9	112.9	540	438	-1.9	3.9	4.2	-4.1	4	0	-23	18.4	94.6	16.9	39.7	97.8
Xianmac hi profile	TEDE	0.1	4.8	4.5	-6.1	350	424	-3.3	5.6	8.4	0.4	4.4	4	-146	53.7	199	-12	70.4	194
TCK1	COMX	-1.6	1.9	3.8	158.1	226	557	-7.2	-4.6	7.1	-2.7	5.6	6.8	-89	-2.1	84.1	25.4	49	98.2
Yidun Lake	COMX	3.4	3.6	7.4	137.2	214	319	-1.7	0.5	9	3.4	5.4	8.6	-178	-41.5	136	65.1	53	169
Kuhai lake	STEP	0.4	5.2	6	-6.7	124	179	-3.6	2.1	8.6	-0.3	7.1	6.9	-88	-4.2	83.4	-7.5	40.7	82.2
Koucha lake	TUND	0.6	-3.2	6.2	-123	77.2	1221	0	-2.4	8.8	0	-3.6	9	-61	24.4	98.6	-14	19.6	99.6
Hurleg	STEP	2.4	1.6	6.1	153.4	173	515	0.5	3.9	8.2	1.8	0.2	7.8	-76	28.4	99.3	16.2	131	100
Basu	COMX	0	3.6	4.1	0	20.6	420	-7.1	0.1	0.6	3.7	5.6	8	-88	8.6	89.7	-1.6	5.8	84.5
Tuolekule	STEP	0.7	2.6	5.1	16.1	169	313	-5.5	4.1	5.2	2.8	1.7	8.3	-81	12.4	91	8.1	138	92

Balikun	STEP	2.1	1.3	7.5	5.4	167	264	-3.4	2.7	9.5	2.9	0.4	9.4	-77	4.5	93.3	-1.4	132	85
Cuona	TUND	-5.5	-4.4	-0.3	-205	236	353	-8.6	-3.5	3.3	-4.9	-4.9	-2.7	-83	3.1	96.5	-61	56.9	90.3
Dongdao haizi2	DESE	0	-3.5	3	17.3	-67	243	0	0	7.4	-0.5	-5.7	1.4	-150	7.4	199	0.7	-82	178
Bositeng Lake	STEP	1.2	0.5	5.8	-264	176	285	-4.3	5.2	5.5	3.3	-2.3	8.2	-86	-3.7	99.4	-67	82.1	70.3
Cuoqin	TUND	1.1	-3.9	4.3	88	1589	238	0.1	-1.3	7.8	-1.2	-5.5	3.8	-139	34.3	177	44.5	106	199
Yili	STEP	-1	-0.9	3.7	107	152	220	-3.2	3.5	7.2	-2.7	-3.5	3.7	-132	37.4	198	75.5	95.6	180
Bangong Lake	STEP	-4.7	3.1	-4.1	78	472	281	-4.5	-3	-3	-5	6.6	-4.7	0	31.8	65.7	9.1	158	70.5
Shengli	TEDE	-7.2	6.3	0.2	-115	314	29.1	-7.9	7.3	7.2	-9.8	5.8	-1.7	-179	-5.5	200	-179	53	40.4
Qingdeli	WAMX	-0.9	6.9	2	38	313	340	1.5	8.1	8.3	-4	6.2	-0.3	-147	16	187	13.6	53.1	160
Changbai shan	TEDE	-5.5	3.3	-1.6	1490	344	1690	-5.5	5	4.3	-6.3	2.3	-4.3	50.5	126	194	23.7	48.8	188
Liuhe	COMX	-4	4.5	1.6	46.6	333	260	-1.6	6.2	7.5	-6.7	3.5	0	-163	-1.1	198	4.9	44.4	166
Shuangya ng	TEDE	1.5	3.7	3.9	422.7	387	508	-4.6	5.1	0	4.3	2.8	7.6	597	717	782	32.7	63.2	303
Xiaonan	WAMX	4.2	3.6	8.4	-13.1	364	501	3.4	5.1	9.6	3.4	2.6	9	-59	13.6	76.5	-6	59.8	88.5
Tailai	STEP	4.1	2.8	8.1	27.6	162	466	4.6	-0.7	9.4	2.8	4.8	9	-87	13.9	96	-1.1	40.9	89.5
Sheli	STEP	0.2	2.6	5.4	0	133	656	0.2	-0.8	9.7	-0.2	4.6	6.3	-85	-1.4	89.3	-3.9	34.7	95.4
Tongtu	STEP	1.5	1.3	6.5	0.4	149	632	4.6	-1.2	9.8	0	2.8	6.9	-66	24.4	93.3	0	37.8	92.3
Yueyawa n	TEDE	0	-1.6	5.8	187.8	352	581	0.7	-0.2	9.6	-1.7	-2.4	7.3	-72	24.4	99.2	20.4	63.4	92
Beiwangx u	TEDE	0	-1.9	7.2	91.9	354	594	0.2	-1.3	8.8	-1.4	-2.3	6.8	-84	12.6	99.7	17.1	64.9	99.1
East Tai Lake1	WAMX	-1.2	2.9	6.9	-67.5	475	402	-7.7	0.6	9	0.8	4.1	8.2	-88	8.4	99.2	-24	47.5	98.3
Suzhou	WAMX	-1.6	-0.8	5.9	-109	178	371	-9.8	0.2	7.7	0.2	-1.4	9.1	-89	4.7	98.1	-30	15.8	91.3
Sun- Moon Lake	WAMX	-2.9	-0.9	4.8	-28	1008	318	-9.8	-2.7	6.7	0	0.1	4.8	-76	19.5	95.9	-15	28.8	78.4
West Tai Lake	WAMX	-4.3	2.7	1	190.5	603	596	-6.7	1.2	7	-5.5	3.6	1.1	-75	25.8	99.3	22.4	57.9	99.6
Changzh ou	WAMX	-6.1	1.6	1.5	165.3	315	578	-9	2	8.1	-5.6	1.4	1.5	-75	15	98	24	30.7	99.4
Dazeyin	TEDE	0	-0.6	5.7	10.9	370	992	-1.7	1.4	3.5	0.5	-1.8	7.7	-81	15.2	89.4	-5.3	73.2	95.2

Hailaer	STEP	-3.3	5.8	5.1	-151	156	742	-2.9	3.7	3.3	-4.4	7	6.7	-76	12.2	95.2	-23	48.6	99.9
Cangumiao	TEDE	-4.3	-0.3	3.7	-73.3	384	2336	-5.5	2.6	0.5	-5	-2	6.2	-75	19.3	93.9	-33	70.4	94.3
Qianhuzhuang	COMX	0.1	-3.5	4.9	203.9	296	1079	-2.7	2.3	4.7	0	-7	7.1	-77	25.8	99.4	-4.6	55.7	95.5
Reshuitang	STEP	-3.4	2.3	5.9	-155	78.5	909	-2.1	4.4	6.2	-6.1	1.1	8.7	-87	13.9	88.9	-31	29.3	97
Yangerzhuang	TEDE	-3.7	-1.8	1.9	84.4	381	524	-5.1	0.8	8	-4.4	-3.4	1	-70	13.7	96.5	10.2	67.7	99.6
Mengcun	COMX	3.4	-2.9	7.9	2.3	283	296	-2	-0.3	8.4	5.3	-4.5	7.9	-87	29.5	73.3	0	53.1	97.7
Hanjiang-CH2	WAMX	-3.2	-3.6	2.9	105.2	294	558	-4	-4.9	7.6	-4.3	-2.8	2.5	-88	19.3	97.1	18.2	18.7	99.7
Hanjiang-SH6	TRFO	-6	3.7	-1.3	147.4	934	464	-4.4	3.6	7.4	-9.3	3.8	-4.9	-90	4	96	24.1	57.4	86.8
Hanjiang-SH5	WAMX	0.6	-4	4.3	-18.6	346	179	-3.3	-4.6	9.1	-0.9	-3.6	3	-84	-5.2	69.5	-14	20.9	69
Hulun Lake	STEP	-5.6	4.9	1	131.2	266	528	-7.4	1.6	7.2	-5.9	6.9	-0.1	-89	25.3	95.3	17.2	115	99.1
Heitutang	STEP	-5.4	3.2	-1.3	103.9	112	492	-6.8	0.7	5.7	-8.1	4.6	-0.8	-88	-5.5	97.7	22.3	31.9	92.8
Zhujiang delta PK16	WAMX	-6.4	-4	0.2	-905	410	1589	-9.8	-5.4	-0	-7.5	-3.2	1.9	-75	11.4	97.1	-82	23.1	99.9
Angulitun	TAIG	0	-5	6.1	416.6	116	1285	-1	-2	8.6	-0.2	-6.9	7.8	-16	38	84.7	20.7	36.1	97.4
Bataigou	STEP	-6.2	4.1	-2.2	-450	138	1281	-7.9	0	-2	-7.3	6.5	0	-84	17	89.8	-56	42.4	95
Dahewan	STEP	2.6	3.3	7.3	88	139	421	-3.6	-0.9	8.7	4.5	5.7	9	-165	5.3	164	33.4	42.2	186
Yutubao	STEP	-0.8	3	6.6	-50.5	173	318	-9.8	0.3	9.1	0.6	4.6	9.5	-88	-3.2	84.1	-17	54.5	96.5
Zhujiang delta K5	WAMX	-6.2	-2.8	-0.5	-687	409	1410	-9.8	-5.4	-1	-7.6	-1.2	0.7	-62	17.9	95.2	-55	27.9	95.5
Da-7	DESE	-7.1	-0.8	-3.2	-80.4	-246	295	-7.7	-0.8	2.4	-8.6	-0.8	-4	-85	3	96.2	-26	-78	95.8
Hahai-1	STEP	0.6	3.3	6.9	44.7	183	223	-8.1	1.4	8.7	3.3	4.4	9.4	-77	-6.7	88.4	8	57	75.3
Wajianggou	STEP	0.7	1.7	6.2	0	84.5	314	-7.1	1.9	6.9	2.6	1.6	8.9	-80	-0.9	92.1	-1.9	25.9	93
Shuidong Core A1	TRFO	-0.8	1.6	6.1	47.2	784	256	-7.1	0.9	7.3	1.8	2	7.6	-88	17.7	85.8	10.3	41.5	93.2
Dajahu	TEDE	-6.4	1.2	1	-441	536	1540	-7	0.1	-3	-8.4	1.8	4.6	-82	-0.7	89.8	-31	29.1	98.6

Tianshuigou	STEP	-6.2	2.3	2.5	-280	81.6	-193	-9.9	1.2	8.2	-4.1	2.9	1	-85	-6.3	91.5	-90	17.2	-64
Mengjiawan	DESE	0.5	-1.3	7	77.2	-266	295	-4.9	1.1	9	0.9	-2.8	8.3	-85	-7	97.6	19	-79	97.1
Fuping BK13	TEDE	-1.7	-3	4.5	-92	335	277	-7.1	-3	7.6	-0.2	-3	3	-88	1.5	96.5	-27	65	95.9
Yaocun	STEP	-2.9	1.8	4.5	0	36.5	1473	-3.5	0.9	5.1	-3.7	2.4	7.6	-34	46	90	-11	3.9	97
Jinbian	STEP	-2.4	-0.4	4.8	-721	-51	1682	-8	1.3	5.7	-5	-1.5	8.7	-89	12.6	95.7	-54	-12	93.3
Dishaogou	DESE	-2.5	-2.1	5.3	-135	-305	272	-5.2	1.1	7.9	-3	-4.3	7	-86	-0.9	92.4	-38	-80	61.2
Shuidonggou	DESE	-4.2	-2.7	1.7	-285	-221	-221	-4.6	0	8.2	-6.9	-4.5	0	-45	-15.8	63.5	-85	-77	-73
Jiuzhoutai	TAIG	-6.2	-5.1	0.8	189.2	105	476	-8.8	-1	4.7	-6.7	-7.8	1	-76	12.3	98.6	30.7	26.5	97.3
Luojishan	WAMX	-2.7	3.7	6.5	-71	268	163	-4	6	5	-2.9	2.4	9.5	-52	18.8	86.7	-27	77.9	40.7
RM-F	COMX	-3.5	1.3	4	-172	192	130	-7	-1.4	9.1	-5.2	2.8	1.6	-74	0.3	99.6	-58	50.3	24.5
Hongyuan	TUND	-5.4	-5.8	1.3	-340	7.7	-268	-6.8	-3.8	6.2	-7.7	-7	0.2	-89	-38.8	30.8	-90	2.1	-59
Wasong	COCO	-7.1	-1	1.5	-256	156	-172	-7.7	-4.7	6.9	-9.6	1.1	0.4	-82	-14.4	64.6	-90	35.8	-59
Guhu Core 28	COMX	-7.9	-1	-1.6	-146	253	367	-6.8	-5.8	4.5	-9.9	1.8	-5.8	-87	12.2	100	-52	46.5	95
Napahai Core 34	COMX	3.2	0.8	4.1	227.9	311	281	3.2	-4	8.3	1.1	3.6	2.8	-37	24.3	63.6	73.8	59.3	81
Lop Nur	DESE	-1.5	-3	3.8	-78.2	-162	405	-7.5	1.6	3.6	0.4	-5.9	5.8	-76	-4.4	96	-19	-117	99.7
Chaiwobao1	DESE	-7.8	-3.7	-2.6	-168	-210	268	-9.3	-2.1	3.7	-7.9	-4.8	-5.9	-66	-0.9	99.2	-49	-140	60.4
Chaiwobao2	DESE	-2.7	-3.2	1.5	-92.6	-208	438	-9.8	-1	4.7	-0.7	-4.5	4.4	-71	27.8	99.1	-30	-143	99.1
Manasi	DESE	-3.4	-1.4	1.1	-89.4	-108	542	-9.1	3	-3	-0.2	-4	4.9	-87	4.9	90	-18	-77	99.2
Wuqia	DESE	-1.5	-3.8	3	0	-109	479	-7.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	-6.4	6.2	-73	36.2	94	0	-146	97.6
Madagou	STEP	-5.9	-3.5	0	-194	239	-106	-3.8	-1.2	6	-9.7	-4.9	-2.2	-175	-9.5	188	-178	225	-44
Tongyu	STEP	-9.1	3.7	0.8	-214	103	-195	-9.6	2.4	7.2	-9.8	4.5	0.9	-170	-72.7	46.4	-176	29.6	-102
Nanjing	TEDE	-6.9	-4.3	2.1	-210	430	-200	-7.4	-5.7	7.2	-8.1	-3.5	0.5	-180	-91.3	31.8	-169	50	-105
Banpo	COMX	-3.7	-7.1	0.7	-178	190	-0.4	-1.8	-5.1	7.3	-6.2	-8.2	-1.2	-169	-36.3	193	-172	33.6	24.5
QL-1	COMX	-7.3	-1	-0.4	-110	559	-99	-6	-3	6.7	-9.9	0.1	-1.9	-178	-31.2	107	-178	36.7	-101

Dalainu	TAIG	-5.2	-5.4	-1.3	156.7	65.7	300	-5.2	-4	2.9	-7.1	-6.2	-1.7	-588	228	687	-160	22	771
Qinghai	TAIG	1	-3	5.9	-33.2	192	188	-7.7	-1.6	8.7	2.1	-4	6.9	-78	6.5	80.8	-4.9	90	58.5

In this table, we give the biome type at 6 ka for each pollen site used in our study. From third column, all the climate values (AnnT, AnnP, MTCO, MTWA, Pjan and Pjul) represent the climate changes during mid-Holocene (MH), compared to preindustrial (PI). The units for temperature and precipitation anomaly (MH-PI) are K and mm, respectively. Besides the median values (AnnT, AnnP, MTCO, MTWA, Pjan and Pjul), we also show the values bias on data reconstruction by giving the median value (for instance, column named MTCO) and values indicating the 2.5% (MTCO1)-97.5% (MTCO2) uncertainty bands.

Table S5. Vegetation setting for the mid-Holocene among models in PMIP3

<i>Model</i>	<i>L A I</i>	<i>Stomatal Resistance Function Of</i>	<i>Vegetation Time Variation</i>
<i>CCSM4</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>MIROC-ESM</i>	Prescribed	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>BCC-CSM1.1</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>CNRM-CM5</i>	Prescribed	Light Temperature Water availability	Fixed (not varying)
<i>CSIRO-MK3.6.0</i>	Prescribed	Light Temperature Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>GISS-E2-R</i>	Prescribed	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Fixed (not varying)
<i>IPSL-CM5A-LR</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>MPI-ESM-P</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Water availability	Fixed (not varying)
<i>MRI-CGCM3</i>	Prescribed	CO2 Light Water availability	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>HadGEM2-ES</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Dynamical (varying from simulation)
<i>HadGEM2-CC</i>	Prognostic	CO2 Light Temperature Water availability	Dynamical (varying from simulation)
<i>FGOALS-g2</i>	Prescribed	no data	Prescribed (varying from files)
<i>FGOALS-s2</i>	Prescribed	no data	Prescribed (varying from files)

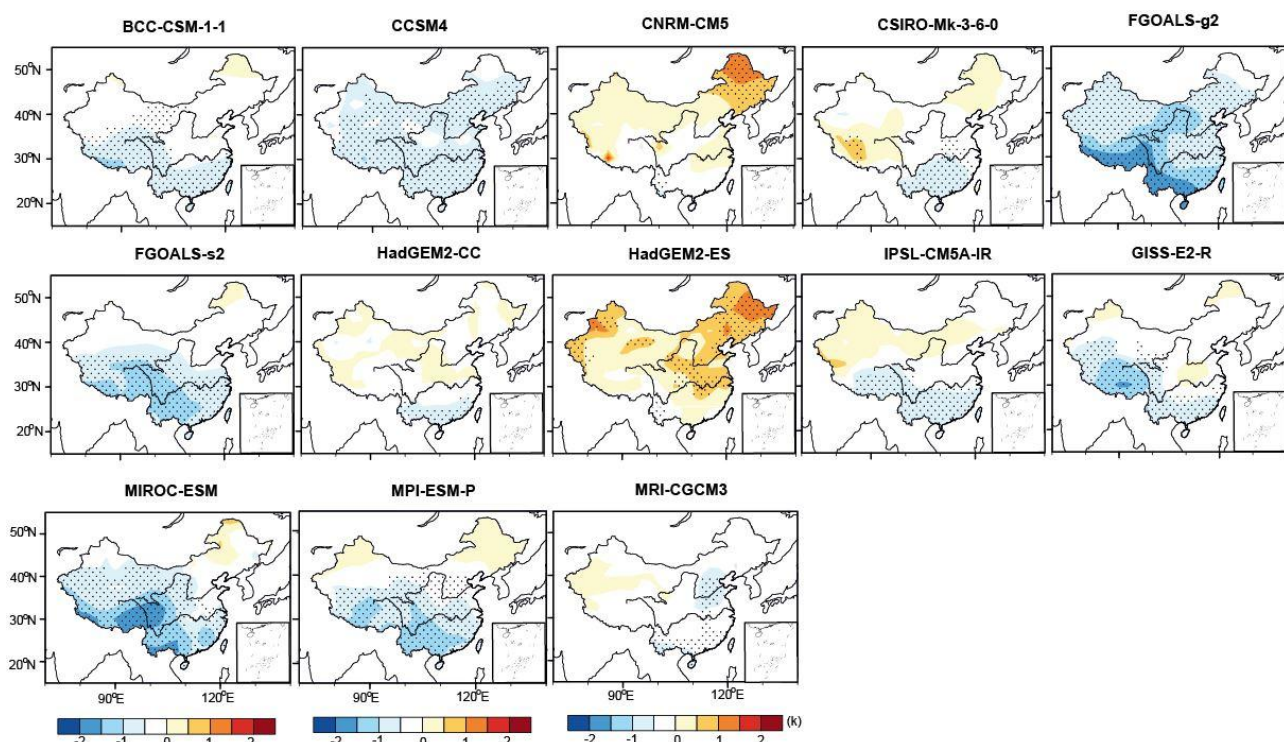


Fig. S1. Annual temperature anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval)

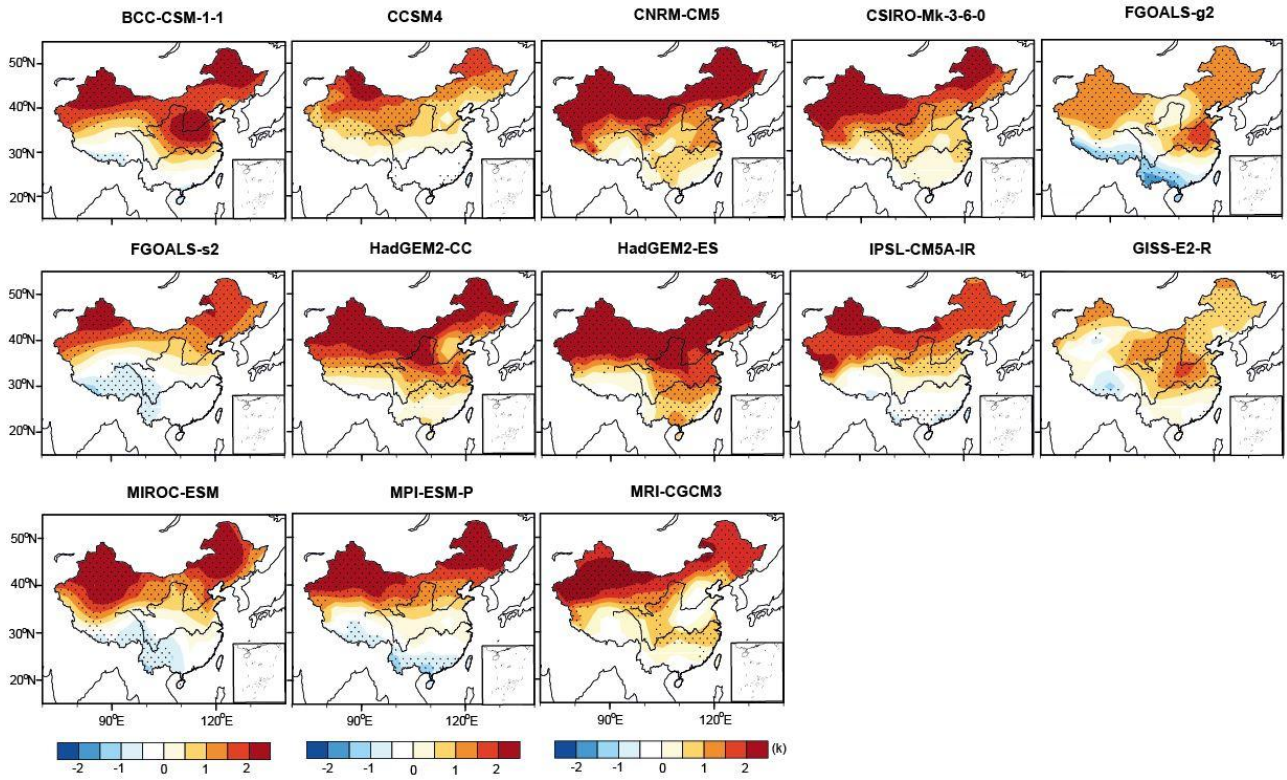


Fig. S2. MTWA temperature anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval)

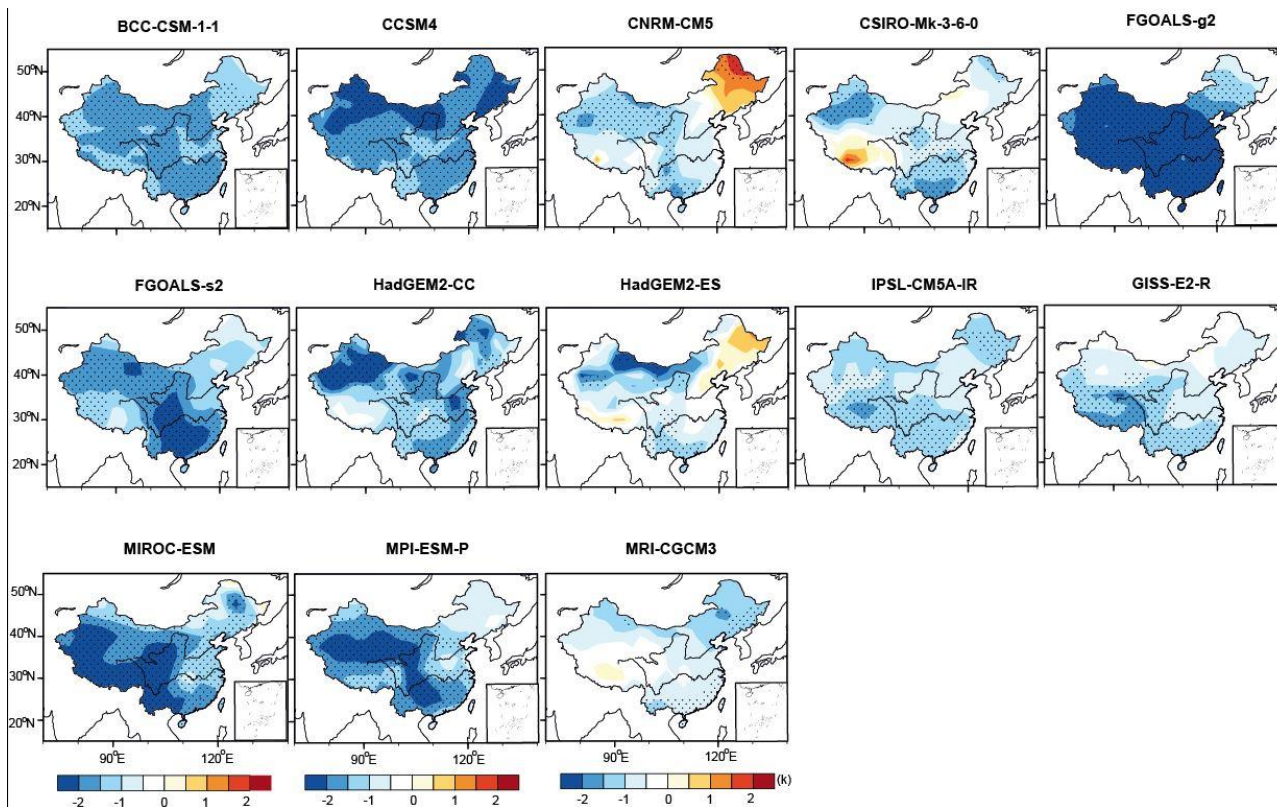


Fig. S3. MTCO temperature anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval)

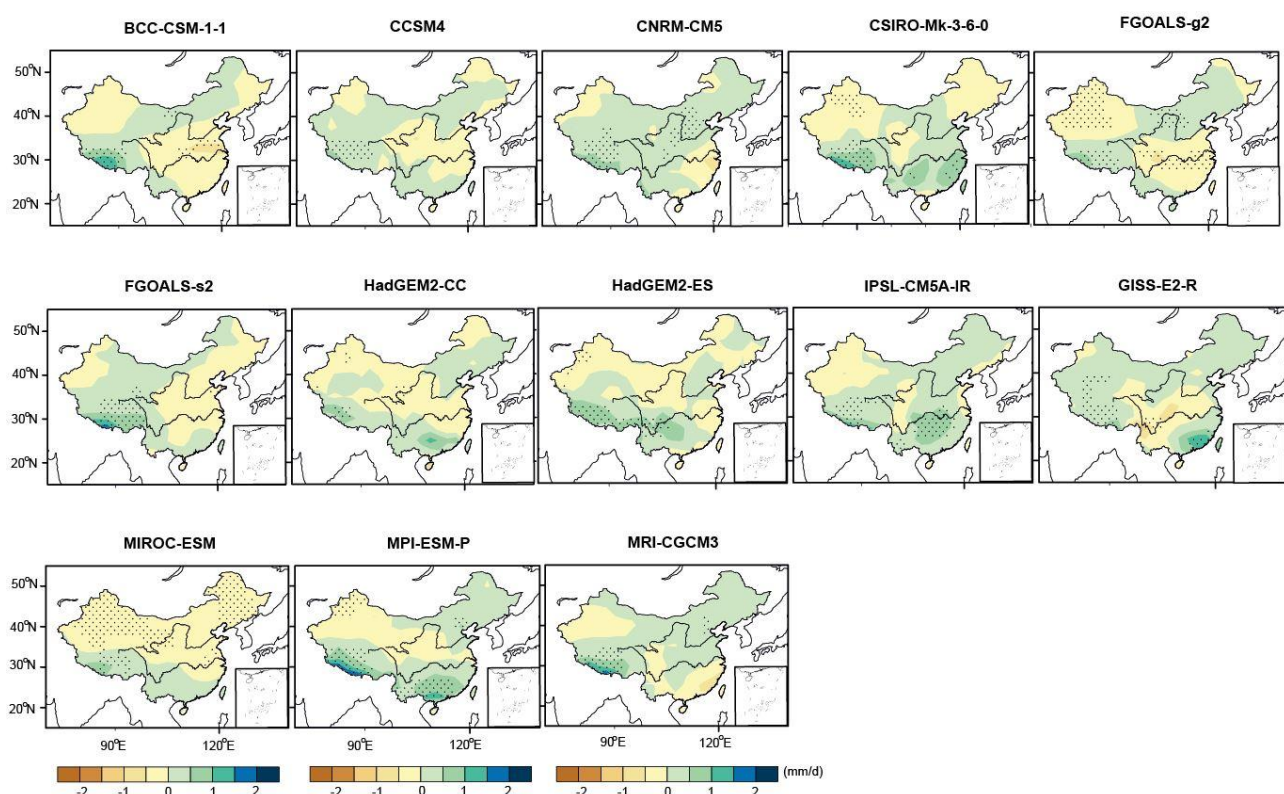


Fig. S4. Annual precipitation anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval).

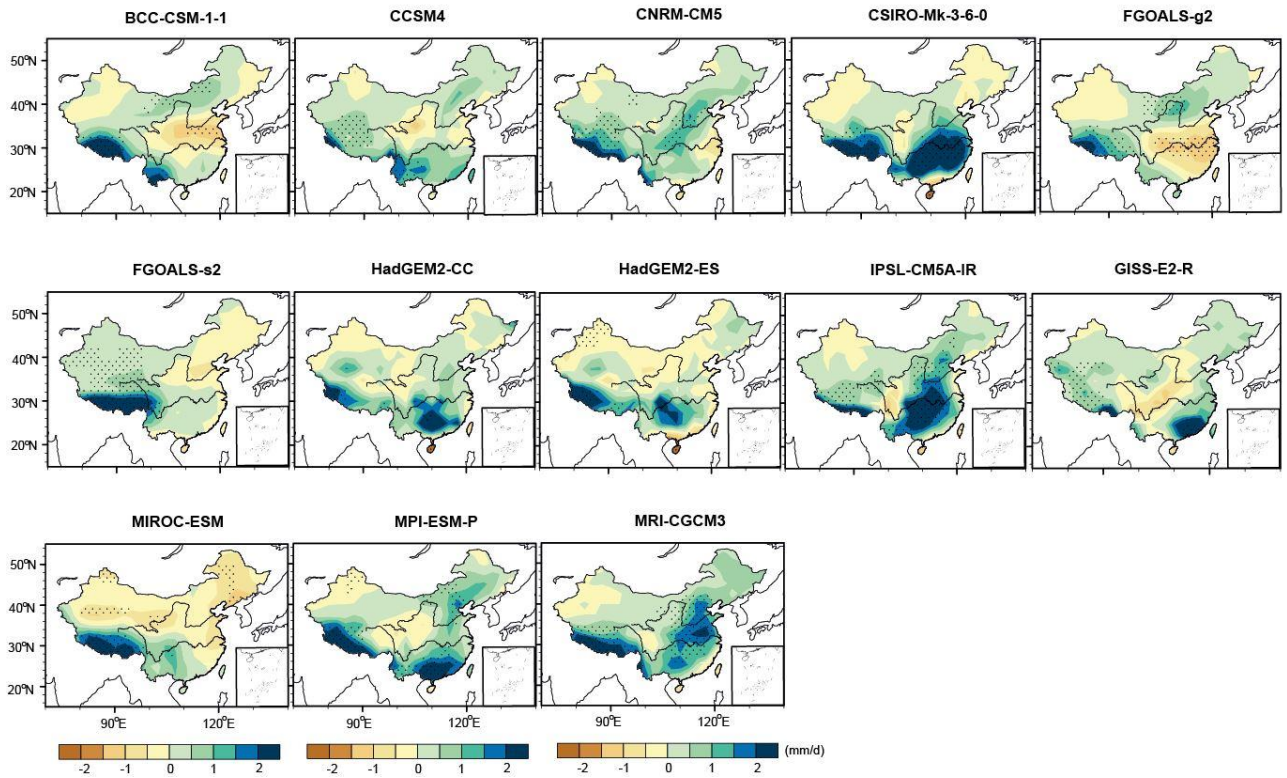


Fig. S5. Summer (JJA) precipitation anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval).

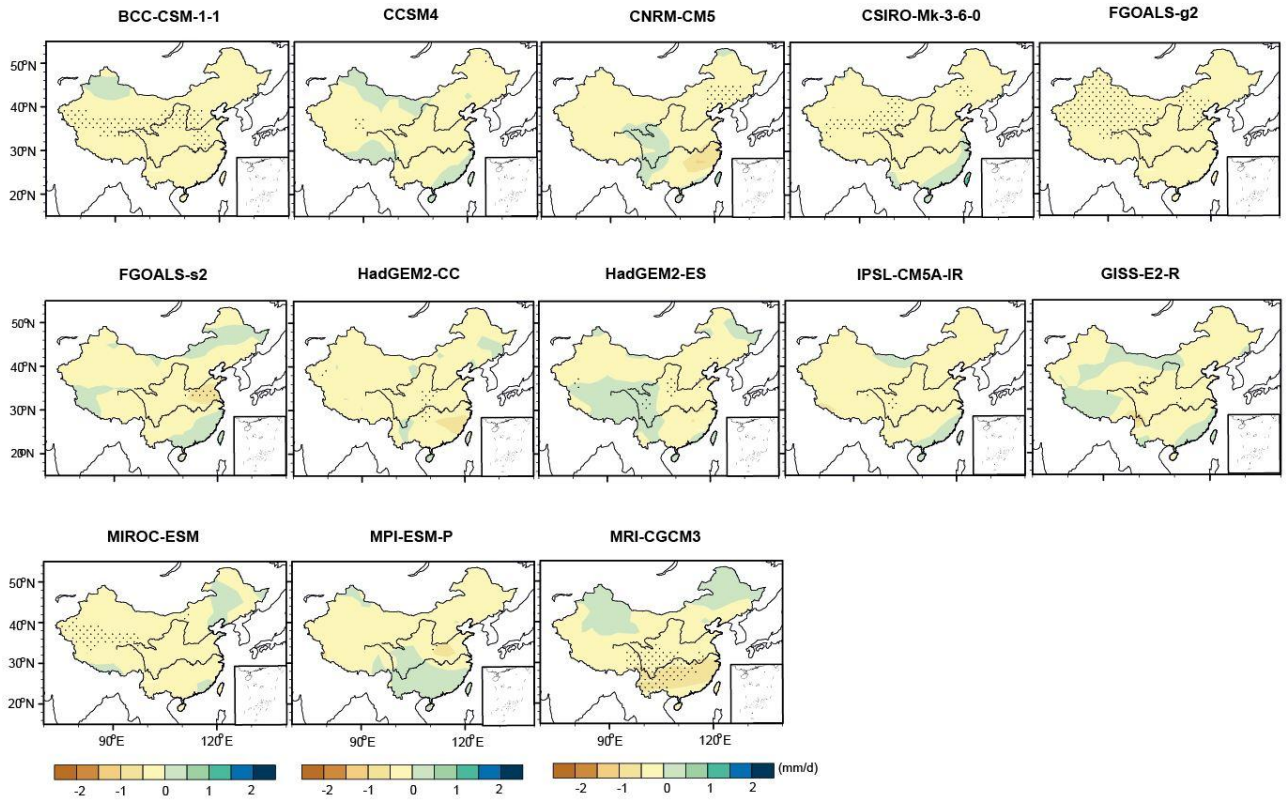


Fig. S6. Winter (DJF) precipitation anomaly (MH-PI) calculated as the last 30-year means of each model, the area with points pass the t-test (for 95% confidence interval).

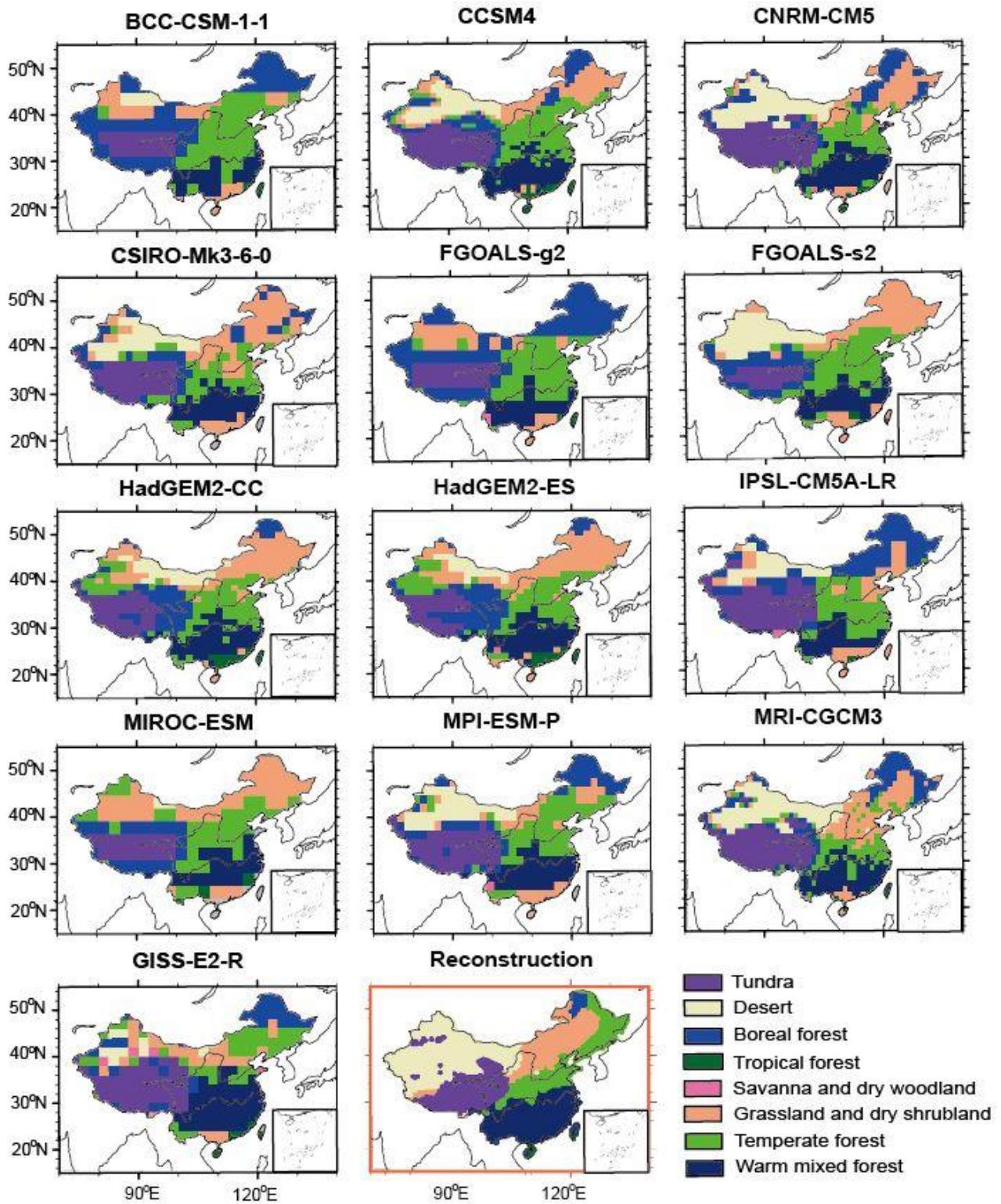


Fig. S7. Comparison of interpolated megabiomes distribution (plot in red rectangle) with the simulated spatial pattern from BIOME4 of each model for pre-Industrial.

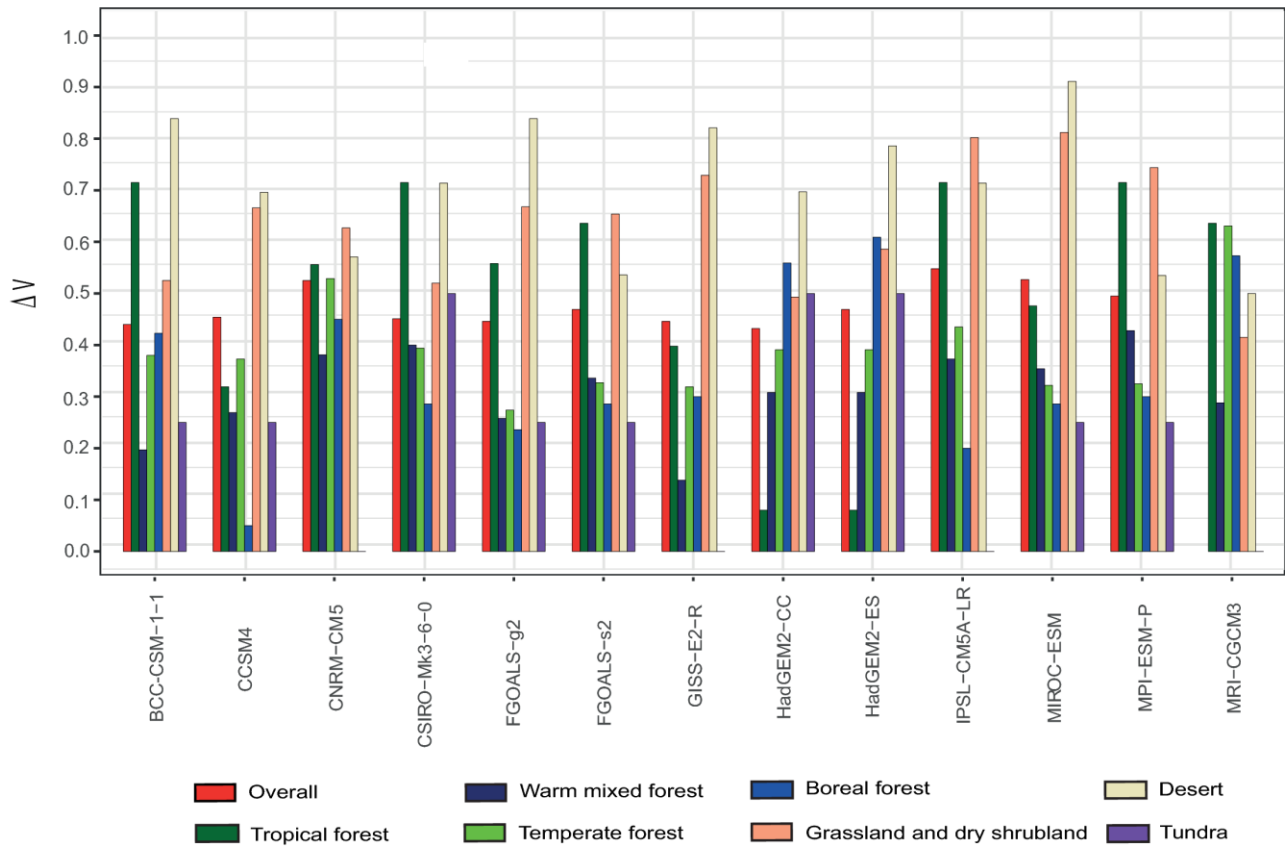


Fig. S8. The ΔV values of overall and each megabiomes for all 13 models during mid-Holocene, compared to the reconstruction.

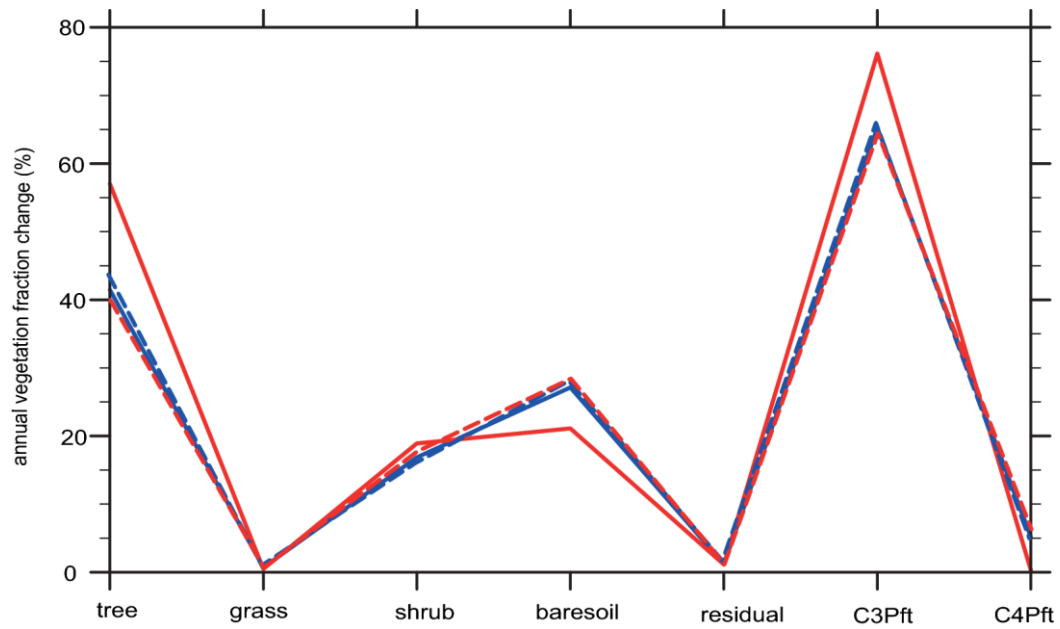


Fig. S9. Annual vegetation fraction change (PI: blue line; MH: red line) calculated as the last 30-year means of HadGEM2-ES (PI: blue solid line; MH: red solid line) and HaGEM2-CC (PI: blue dash line; MH: red dash line).