

1 **TABLE S1. Temperature response functions used in 69 Earth System Models.**

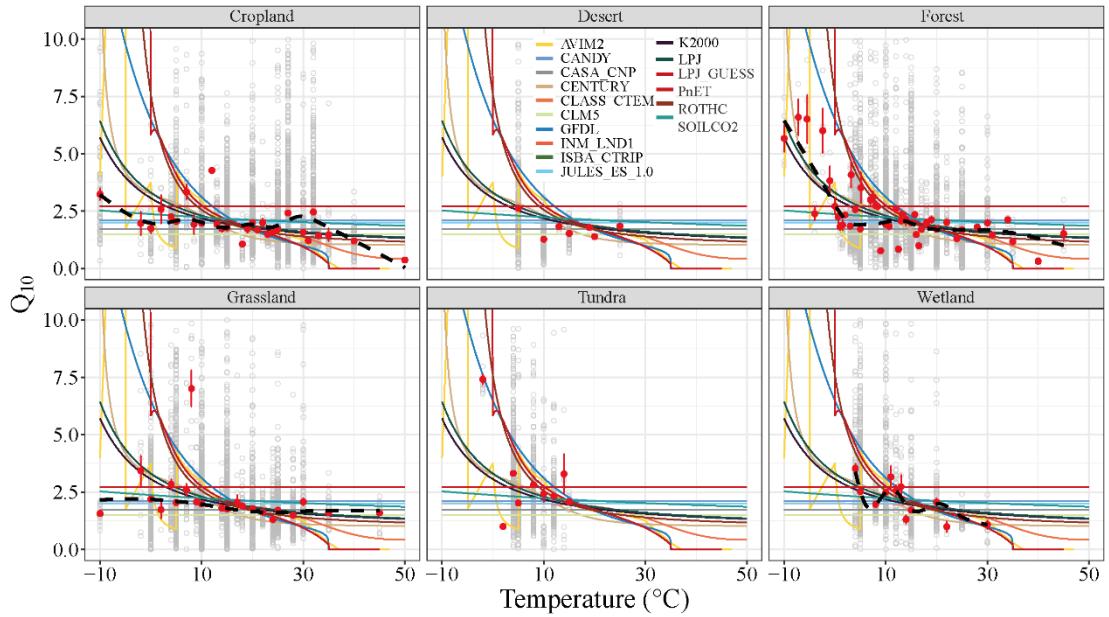
Types	Temperature response functions	Land carbon	Land surface models	Modelling centre	Models	References
1	$f(T) = 1.5^{\frac{T-25}{10}}$	CLM5	CLM5	CESM	CESM2	Emmons et al. (2020)
					NorESM2-LM	Seland et al. (2019)
					NorESM2-MM	Bentsen et al. (2019)
				NCAR	CESM2	Danabasoglu (2019a)
					CESM2-FV2	Danabasoglu (2020a)
					CESM2-WACCM	Danabasoglu (2019b)
		CLM4.5	CLM4.5	CMCC	CESM2-WACCM-FV2	Danabasoglu (2020b)
					CMCC-CM2-SR5	Oleson et al. (2013)
				CMCC	CMCC-ESM2	Lovato, Peano, and Butenschön (2021)
					FIO-QNLM	FIO-ESM-2-0
$f(T) = 2^{\frac{T-30}{10}}$	$f(T) = 2^{\frac{T-30}{10}}$	CLM4	CLM4	SNU	SAM0-UNICON	Park and Shin (2019)
					TaiESM1	Tseng, Lee, and Liang (2020)
				AS-RCEC	NorCPM1	Bethke et al. (2019)
					E3SM-1.1	E3SM-1-1-ECA
		JULES	CABLE2.5+JULES	CSIRO	ACCESS-CM2	Burrows et al. (2020)
					IPSL	Dix et al. (2019)
		ORCHIDEE	ORCHIDEE	IPSL	IPSL-CM5A2-INCA	Boucher, Denvil, et al. (2020)

	ISBA-CTRI	ISBA-CTRI	CNRM	CNRM-ESM2-1	Séférian et al. (2019)
	ORCHIDEE branch 2.0	ORCHIDEE branch 2.0	IPSL	IPSL-CM6A-LR	Boucher, Servonnat, et al. (2020)
$f(T) = 2^{\frac{T-25}{10}}$	JULES-ES-1.0	JULES-ES-1.0	UK	UKESM1-0-LL	Good et al. (2019)
	CoLM1.0	CoLM1.0	CAMS	CAMS-CSM1-0	Rong (2019)
			CAS	CAS-ESM2-0	Chai (2020)
$f(T) = 2^{\frac{T-10}{10}}$	INM-LND1	INM-LND1	INM	INM-CM5-0	EM Volodin et al. (2017)
				INM-CM4-8	Evgeny Volodin et al. (2019)
$f(T) = 1.71^{\frac{T-35}{10}}$	CASA-CNP	CABLE2.4+CASA- CNP	CSIRO	ACCESS-ESM1.5	Ziehn et al. (2019)
2	$f(T) = \begin{cases} 2.1^{\frac{T-35}{10}}, & T \leq 35 \\ 1.0, & T > 35 \end{cases}$	CANDY	CANDY	ULHG	CANDY
	JULES- HadGEM3- GL7.1	JULES-HadGEM3- GL7.1	MOHC	UK-ESM1.0-LL	Sellar et al. (2019)
$f(T) = \frac{47.9}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{106}{T + 18.3}\right)}$	RothC	JULES-HadGEM3- GL7.1	MOHC	UK-ESM1-0-LL	Armstrong, Lee, Hedges, Honjo, and Wakeham (2001)
		ROTHC	Rothamsted	RothC	Coleman and Jenkinson (1996)

	$f(T) = 0.0326 + 0.00351 \cdot T^{1.652} - \left(\frac{T}{41.748}\right)^{7.19}$	LPJ-GUESS	LPJ-GUESS	EC-Earth	EC-Earth3-CC	Smith et al. (2014)
3	$f(T) = \begin{cases} 0.01, & -5 \geq T \\ 0.04, & -5 < T \leq 0 \\ 0.04 + 0.06 \cdot T, & 0 < T \leq 5 \\ 0.07 + 0.016 \cdot (T - 5), & 5 < T \leq 10 \\ 0.15 + 0.03 \cdot (T - 10), & 10 < T \leq 35 \\ 0.95, & 35 < T \leq 40 \\ 0.95 - 0.135 \cdot (T - 40), & 40 < T \leq 47 \\ 0, & 47 < T \end{cases}$	AVIM2	BCC-AVIM2	BCC	BCC-CSM2-MR	Ji and Yu (1999)
	$f(T) = 0.56 + 0.465 \cdot \arctan(0.097 \cdot (T - 15.7))$	CENTURY	CENTURY	CSU	CENRUTY	Parton, Schimel, Cole, and Ojima (1987)
	$f(T) = Q_{10}^{\frac{T-15}{10}}$ $Q_{10} = 1.44 + 0.56 \cdot \tanh(0.075 \cdot (46 - T))$	CLASS-CTEM	CLASS-CTEM	CCCma	CanESM5	Swart et al. (2019)
	$f(T) = T_1^{0.2} \cdot T_2$	GFDL	GFDL-ESMM2M	GFDL	GFDL-ESMM2M	Shevlakova et al. (2009)
	$f(T) = 0.68 \cdot \exp(0.1 \cdot (T - 7.1))$	PnET	PnET-CN	UNH	PnET-CN	Aber, Ollinger, and Driscoll (1997)
4	$f(T) = \exp\left(3.36 \cdot \left(\frac{T - 40}{T + 46.05}\right)\right)$	K2000	K2000	CSIRO	K2000	Kirschbaum (2000)
	$f(T) = \exp\left(\frac{E \cdot (T - T_{20})}{R \cdot (273.15 + T) \cdot (273.15 + T_{20})}\right)$ $R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ , $E = 55.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , $T_{20} = 20^\circ\text{C}$	SOILCO2	SOILCO2	USDA	SOILCO2	Šimůnek and Suarez (1993)
	$f(T) = \exp\left(308.56 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{56.02} - \frac{1}{T + 46.02}\right)\right)$	MATSIRO VISIT-s	MATSIRO VISIT-s	JAMSTEC	MIROC-ES2L	Yamamoto et al. (2019)

	VISIT-e 1	MATSIRO visit-e 1	MIROC	MIROC6	Tatebe et al. (2019)
	LPJ	MRI-LCCM2	MRI	MRI-ESM-2.0	Yukimoto et al. (2019)
	MATSIRO visit-e 1	MATSIRO visit-e 1	MIROC	MIROC-ES2L	Hajima et al. (2020)
	MRI-LCCM2	MRI-LCCM2	MRI	MRI-LCCM2	Obata and Adachi (2019)
	CIESM-LM	THU	CIESM	Huang (2019)	
	ISBA-CTRP	CNRM	CNRM-CM6-1	Voldoire (2018)	
			CNRM-CM6-1-HR	Voldoire (2019)	
	ELM	E3SM	E3SM-1-0	Bader, Leung, Taylor, and McCoy (2019)	
	HTESEL	EC-Earth	EC-Earth3-AerChem	Consortium (2020)	
	HTESEL + LPJ- GUESS	EC-Earth	EC-Earth3-Veg	Consortium (2019)	
NONE	NONE	NONE	FGOALS-f3-L	Yu (2019)	
	CLM4.0 / CAS-LSM	CAS	FGOALS-g3	Li et al. (2020)	
	LM4.0	NOAA-GFDL	GFDL-CM4	Silvers et al. (2018)	
			GISS-E2-1-G	Studies (2018)	
	GISS LSM	NASA-GISS	GISS-E2-1-H	Studies (2019b)	
			GISS-E2-2-G	Studies (2019a)	
	JULES-HadGEM3- GL7.1	MOHC	HadGEM3-GC31-LL	Gregory (2021)	
			HadGEM3-GC31-MM	Jackson (2020)	
	NOAH LSM 2.7.1	CCCR-IITM	IITM-ESM	Panickal et al. (2019)	

	ORCHIDEE	IPSL	IPSL-CM6A-LR	Boucher et al. (2018)
	JULES-HadGEM3-GL7.1	NIMS-KMA	KACE-1-0-G	Byun et al. (2019)
	Manabe bucket scheme	University of Arizona	MCM-UA-1-0	Stouffer (2019)
	JSBACH3.1	NUIST	NESM3	Cao and Wang (2019)
JSBACH3.2		MPI-M	MPI-ESM-1-2-HR	Mauritsen et al. (2019)
			MPI-ESM-1-2-LR	Mauritsen et al. (2019)
	AWI	AWI-CM-1-1-MR		Semmler et al. (2018)
	HAMMOZ-Consortium	MPI-ESM-1-2-HAM		Neubauer et al. (2019)
	MPI	MPI-ESM1.2-LR		Wieners et al. (2019)
	MATSIRO6.0	MIROC	MIROC6	Tatebe et al. (2019)
	HAL 1.0	MRI	MRI-ESM-2-0	Yukimoto et al. (2019)

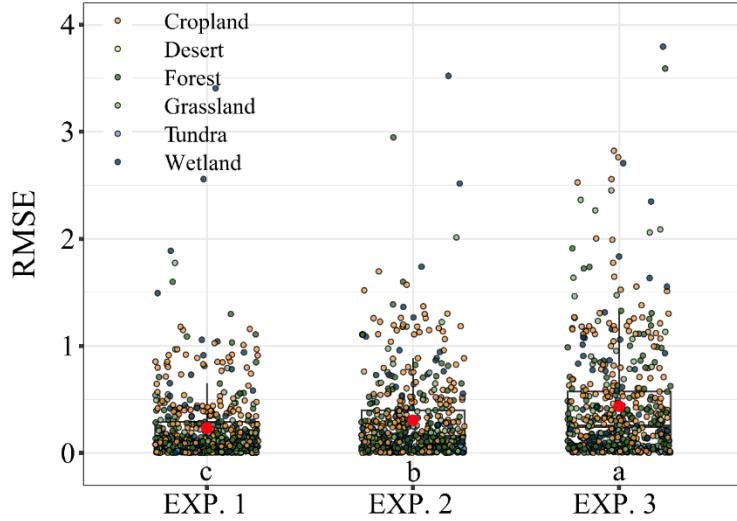


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4 **FIGURE S1. Performance assessment of soil carbon temperature response functions in**  
 5 **Earth System Models across different ecosystem types.** Solid lines in different colors  
 6 represent the temperature sensitivity ( $Q_{10}$ ) values predicted by the temperature response  
 7 functions. Gray open points represent observed  $Q_{10}$  values at different temperatures, while the  
 8 black dashed line shows the best-fit relationship between observed  $Q_{10}$  and temperature based  
 9 on locally weighted polynomial regression. Red points indicate the observed mean values under  
 10 the corresponding temperatures, and error bars represent one standard error of the observations.  
 11 Note that the number of independent temperature observations in deserts and tundra is  
 12 insufficient for curve fitting.

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**FIGURE S2. Root mean square error (RMSE) between the observed carbon  
mineralization rates and those predicted by the three simulation experiments.** EXP.  
16 1 represents the best-fit model and serves as the baseline for comparison, EXP. 2 aims  
17 to assess the relative importance of the intrinsic temperature response, and EXP. 3 aims  
18 to assess the relative importance of external environmental constraints. Different letters  
19 indicate significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ).  
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