

# Supporting Information

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## SI Methods

**Modeling Ancient "Greenhouse" Climates.** HadCM3L is a coupled ocean-atmosphere model needing no flux correction terms that is well-documented and tested elsewhere (1, 2). This particular version uses the standard resolution atmosphere ( $3.75^\circ \times 2.5^\circ \times 19$  levels) coupled to an equivalent resolution ocean ( $3.75^\circ \times 2.5^\circ \times 20$  levels), with MOSES 2.2 land surface scheme (3), and a radiation scheme explicitly representing the relevant trace GHGs (4).

We modified HadCM3L with early Eocene and late-Cretaceous palaeogeographies provided by Paul Markwick (5). The solar constant was modified to be appropriate for the relevant period; specifically 0.4% reduction for early Eocene and 0.76% reduction for late Cretaceous. In the standard HadCM3 model, ozone concentrations vary with latitude and height and month, but are otherwise constant. The climate model was modified so that ozone was predicted to vary according to the tropopause height, with a low value in the troposphere (from STOCHEM), intermediate value at the tropopause, and high value in stratosphere.

For each time period and suite of greenhouse gases (GHGs), the baseline simulations were spun-up for at least 1,500 model years to ensure the equilibrium in the ocean-atmosphere system. Subsequent sensitivity experiments were run for 150–200 years, a sufficient duration to reach near equilibrium in the surface conditions.

**Modeling Terrestrial Vegetation Biogeography, Structure, and Function.** The Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (SDGVM) simulates global patterns of net primary production (NPP), leaf area index (LAI), and the distribution of plant functional types (PFTs) from monthly inputs of temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, and global datasets of soil texture (6, 7). Core modules of net photosynthesis, stomatal conductance, canopy transpiration, uptake of mineralized nitrogen, and responses of these attributes to changes in soil water supply are detailed, and rigorously evaluated against field observations (6–8). A key feature of SDGVM is the coupling of above- and below-ground C and N cycles. Litter production influences soil C and N pools via the Century soil nutrient cycling model (9), which feedback to influence above-ground primary productivity. SDGVM includes a fire submodule. It uses the availability of litter, and the calculated water content of the litter layer, to estimate the fire return interval. A random number generator determines whether an area is burned or not, if the litter water content reaches critical dryness (10). When a fire occurs, 80% of the above-ground carbon and nitrogen is lost during combustion. Monthly estimates of carbon released by burning provide a means of scaling the associated release of reactive trace gases ( $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}$ ) (11).

Local and global-scale SDGVM predictions of NPP, LAI, and PFT distributions have been extensively and successfully evaluated against a wide range of measurements, field observations and satellite products (7). Global NPP for the contemporary climate and  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $62 \text{ GtCyr}^{-1}$ ) agrees with the satellite-based estimated range ( $55\text{--}60 \text{ GtCyr}^{-1}$ ) (12). Sensitivity of SDGVM NPP predictions to  $\text{CO}_2$  and climate are similar to those of other Dynamic Global Vegetation Models (13, 14). The  $\text{CO}_2$  fertilization response of NPP compares favorably to that reported in Free Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment experiments for temperate forested sites in North America and Italy (15).

Global simulations of the geographical distribution of PFTs depend on NPP, LAI, relative growth rates, and minimum temperature thresholds. In the Eocene, these are similar to that produced independently by others (16) (Fig. S2), and to that reconstructed from paleobotanical information (17). Late-Cretaceous simulated global distribution of PFTs (Fig. S2) is broadly comparable with a global vegetation reconstruction from fossil plants and other geologic evidence (7, 18). Wetland areas and trace gas fluxes are given in Table S1.

**Reactive Trace Gas Fluxes.** Monthly wetland  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions are computed with a process-based model (19) coupled to the carbon cycle and land surface hydrology calculated by SDGVM with monthly climate fields from HadCM3L. The coupled  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions model describes the dependence of anaerobic microbial  $\text{CH}_4$  production and aerobic oxidation on temperature, vegetation activity (gross primary productivity), soil respiration and soil water table depth (19). Wetland  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions were modified to include the effects of orography by scaling with a linear function of subgrid orographic variance (20). Emissions of  $\text{CH}_4$  from termites and oceans are assumed to be the same as in the preindustrial, but with altered distributions according to the land and sea areas (Table S1). These procedures likely mean the contribution of biogenic  $\text{CH}_4$  fluxes from these sources are conservative.

Monthly soil biogenic  $\text{NO}_x$  fluxes are calculated with an empirical model describing their dependence on temperature, precipitation and canopy deposition (21). Lightning  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions were calculated with the interactive  $\text{NO}_x$  lightning scheme in STOCHEM (22, 23) using total number of lightning flashes from cloud top height and different formulae for continental and maritime clouds. Monthly soil biogenic  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  fluxes are calculated with an empirical model as a function of monthly values of soil moisture and temperature, soil N status and NPP (24).

Monthly emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from terrestrial vegetation are predicted using a global scheme describing their dependence on temperature, photosynthetically active radiation, vegetation type, and canopy biomass (25). We account for SDGVM-derived land surface vegetation biogeography and monthly LAIs (20). Biogenic emissions of  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , isoprene, soil  $\text{NO}_x$ , lightning  $\text{NO}_x$ , and fluxes of reactive trace gases emitted from biomass burning are verified by observations or within previous estimates from modeling studies (20).

**Atmospheric Chemistry Calculations.** Trace gas emissions, calculated globally on a monthly basis, provide inputs to the updated version of the Lagrangian chemistry model STOCHEM (22) on an emissions grid of  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ , and 9 equally spaced levels. STOCHEM includes 71 species that captures a reasonable representation of tropospheric chemistry (22, 26, 27) but does not include the full range of stratospheric ozone reactions. STOCHEM includes a method that uses a simple relaxation scheme for stratospheric ozone. The effects of warmer tropospheric temperatures (caused by  $2 \times \text{CO}_2$  and  $4 \times \text{CO}_2$  concentrations) on stratospheric ozone are not included in our simulations. These effects are complex, reflecting the balance between transport and chemical processes; for example, Rind et al. (28), in a  $2 \times \text{CO}_2$  simulation, found that ozone increased in the upper stratosphere and decreased in the lower stratosphere leading to no large net change in column ozone. Changes in the distribution/magnitude of stratospheric ozone will also change tropospheric photolysis rates. However, recent studies with a version of STOCHEM coupled to a full stratospheric chemistry scheme (29) indicate that the effects

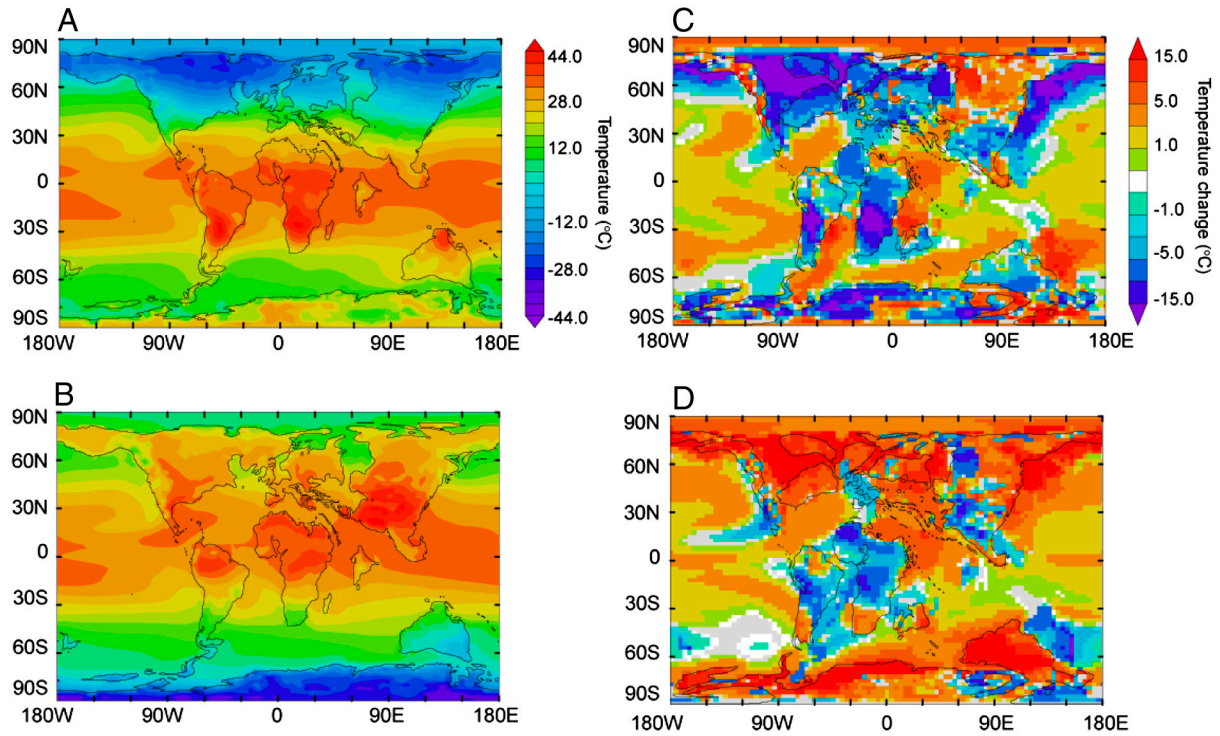
on tropospheric ozone are typically dominated by changes in STE rather than changes in photolysis rates.

In intermodel comparisons, STOCHEM compares favorably with other chemistry schemes in terms of its predicted changes in tropospheric ozone concentrations (30, 31), indicating its utility for the present study. We coupled STOCHEM to HadCM3L at 3 hourly intervals and integrated all simulations until an equilibrium atmosphere was achieved, typically within

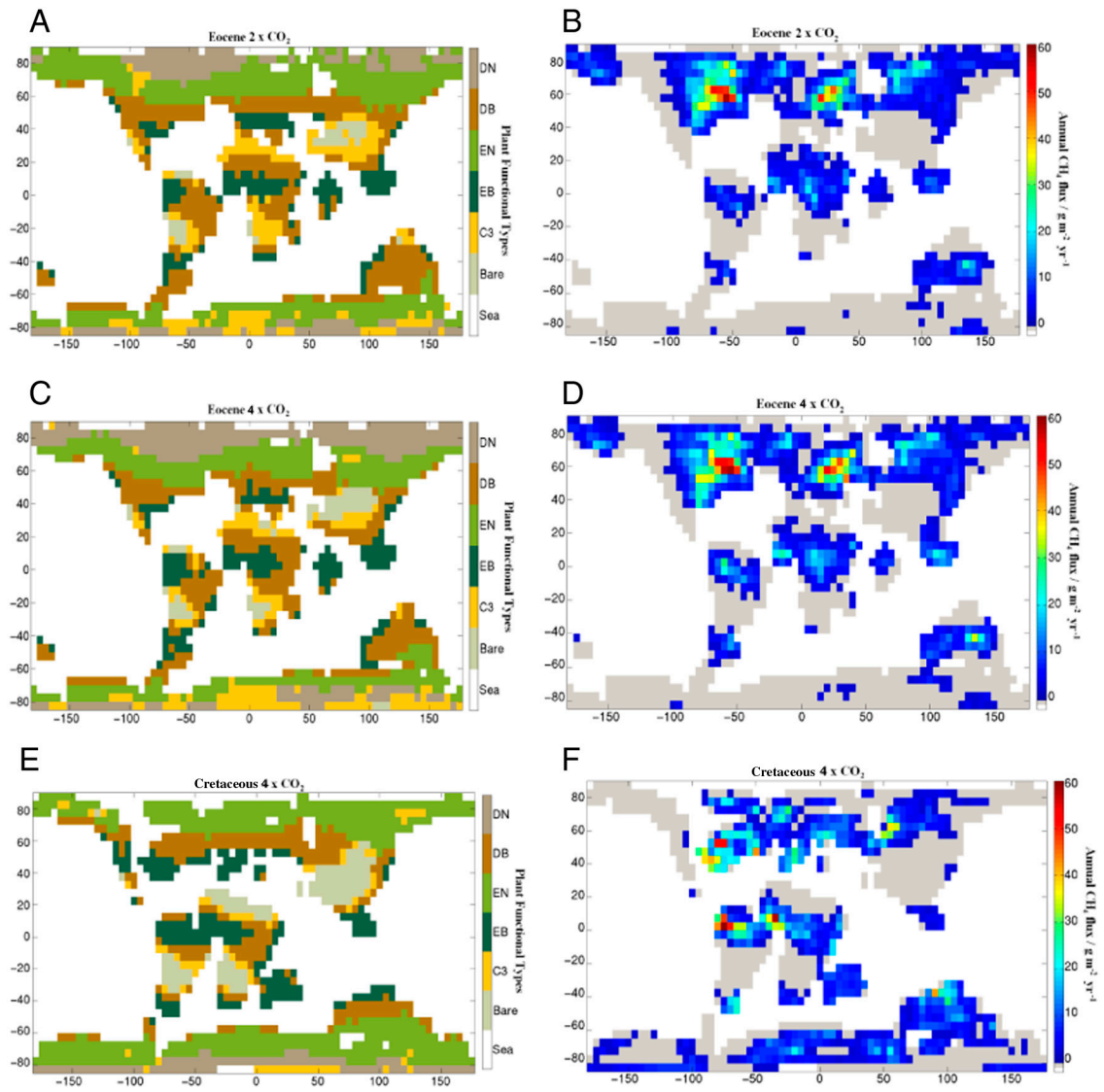
30–40 years. Full tropospheric methane, hydroxyl radical and ozone budgets, burdens, and lifetimes for the simulations are reported in Tables S2–S4.

**Sources of Paleoclimate Data in Fig. 4.** Eocene proxy terrestrial data from refs. 32–34, and sea-surface temperature data from refs. 35–38. Late-Cretaceous proxy terrestrial data from refs. 39–41, sea-surface temperature data from refs. 42–48.

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**Fig. S1.** Simulated Eocene  $4 \times \text{CO}_2$  baseline surface temperatures during the northern hemisphere (A), winter [December January February (DJF)] and B, summer [June July August (JJA)] (Left). (C) and (D) Differences in simulated mean annual temperature with the  $4 \times \text{CO}_2$  Cretaceous (Eocene minus Cretaceous). The Eocene climate is generally cooler during the wintertime and warmer in the summer throughout the mid- to high-latitudes in both hemispheres. Only temperature differences exceeding the 95% confidence limits are displayed in (C) and (D).



**Fig. S2.** Simulated global distribution of plant functional types (PFTs) (A, C and E) and wetland annual CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes (B, D and F) for the 2 × CO<sub>2</sub> Eocene climates and the 4 × CO<sub>2</sub> Eocene climate and the 4 × CO<sub>2</sub> Cretaceous climate. PFTs in (A, C and E): DN, deciduous needle-leaved forest; DB, deciduous broad-leaved forest; EN, evergreen needle-leaved forests; EB, evergreen broad-leaved forest; C<sub>3</sub>, shrubs with the C<sub>3</sub> photosynthetic pathway; bare, bare-ground. Annual wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in (B, D and F) mapped after correction for subgrid scale orographic variance. See Table S1 for areas and methane fluxes.

**Table S1. Simulated sources of biogenic trace gas emissions during the early Eocene and late Cretaceous. Fluxes for the PI given in (20)**

Early Eocene (55 Ma)	2 × CO <sub>2</sub> climate				4 × CO <sub>2</sub> climate			
	NH (90-30 °N)	Tropics (30 °N-30 °S)	SH (30-90 °S)	Total	NH (90-30 °N)	Tropics (30 °N-30 °S)	SH (30-90 °S)	Total
Annual wetland area (10 <sup>6</sup> km <sup>2</sup> )	17.4	12.9	4.2	34.2	17.4	12.8	3.8	34.0
Wetland CH <sub>4</sub>	414.7	301.0	80.0	795.7	649.4	349.1	144.1	1142.6
CH <sub>4</sub> from biomass burning	5.3	12.6	2.0	19.9	8.6	15.8	3.0	27.4
CH <sub>4</sub> from oceans (+ termites)	3.4 (9.5)	4.0 (14.5)	5.6 (3.0)	13.0 (27.0)	3.4 (11.3)	4.0 (13.0)	5.6 (2.7)	13.0 (27.0)
Total CH <sub>4</sub> (Tg CH <sub>4</sub> yr <sup>-1</sup> )				<b>855.6</b>				<b>1210.0</b>
Isoprene (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	98.1	1107.6	30.8	1236.5	187.5	1426.0	47.3	1660.8
Monoterpene (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	66.4	86.8	16.2	169.4	117.7	111.5	22.3	251.5
Other reactive VOCs (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	194.6	220.0	71.9	486.5	252.8	222.8	87.0	562.6
Soil NO <sub>x</sub> (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	0.61	2.7	0.4	3.7	0.49	3.0	0.36	3.9
NO <sub>x</sub> from burning (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	2.7	6.5	1.0	10.2	3.3	6.2	1.0	10.5
NO <sub>x</sub> from lightning	2.1	6.5	0.2	8.8	2.5	7.7	0.2	10.4
Soil N <sub>2</sub> O (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	3.7	8.4	1.5	13.6	3.1	7.5	1.9	11.5
N <sub>2</sub> O from burning (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	0.4	0.85	0.15	1.39	0.7	1.1	0.2	2.0
CO from burning (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	92.5	233.7	35.3	361.5	152.3	288	51.8	492.1
Late Cretaceous (90 Ma)	4 × CO <sub>2</sub> climate							
	NH (90-30 °N)	Tropics (30 °N-30 °S)	SH (30-90 °S)	Total				
Annual wetland area (10 <sup>6</sup> km <sup>2</sup> )	10.5	8.4	7.3	26.2				
Wetland CH <sub>4</sub>	372.7	247.2	237.1	857.0				
CH <sub>4</sub> from biomass burning	3.7	5.3	2.8	11.8				
CH <sub>4</sub> from oceans (+ termites)	4.3 (7.8)	4.0 (13.5)	4.7 (5.7)	13.0 (27.0)				
Total CH <sub>4</sub> (Tg CH <sub>4</sub> yr <sup>-1</sup> )				<b>908.8</b>				
Isoprene (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	178.7	936.5	85.6	1200.8				
Monoterpene (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	52.0	90.4	38.6	181.0				
Other reactive VOCs (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	174.0	126.2	128.6	428.8				
Soil NO <sub>x</sub> (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	0.63	2.21	0.7	3.5				
NO <sub>x</sub> from burning (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	1.9	2.7	1.4	6.0				
NO <sub>x</sub> from lightning	1.6	4.9	0.2	6.7				
Soil N <sub>2</sub> O (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	5.4	7.5	2.4	15.3				
N <sub>2</sub> O from burning (Tg Nyr <sup>-1</sup> )	0.27	0.35	0.2	0.82				
CO from burning (Tg Cyr <sup>-1</sup> )	67.0	97.3	50.5	214.8				

**Table S2. Global tropospheric methane budgets and methane lifetimes**

Simulation	Methane budget terms					Lifetime (years)
	Burden (Tg)	CH <sub>4</sub> + OH loss (Tgyr <sup>-1</sup> )	Stratospheric loss (Tgyr <sup>-1</sup> )	Dry deposition (Tgyr <sup>-1</sup> )	Total losses	
Preindustrial (PI, 0 Ma)						
1 × CO <sub>2</sub> (280 ppm)	1,800	221	7	25	253	7.1
Early Eocene (55 Ma)						
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (560 ppm)	6,624	693	13	132	838	7.9
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	6,051	713	12	122	847	7.2
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	8,552	906	14	171	1,091	7.8
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	7,875	933	13	158	1,104	7.1
Late Cretaceous (90 Ma)						
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	8,190	774	13	92	879	9.3

Lifetime calculated as the methane burden divided by the sum of all methane loss fluxes.

**Table S3. Global hydroxyl radical (OH) budgets**

OH Sources (Tmol/yr)	Simulation					
	2 × CO <sub>2</sub> Eocene	2 × CO <sub>2</sub> Eocene (PI isop.)	4 × CO <sub>2</sub> Eocene	4 × CO <sub>2</sub> Eocene (PI isop.)	4 × CO <sub>2</sub> Cretaceous	Preindustrial
H <sub>2</sub> O + O <sub>1</sub> D → 2OH	112.78	104.98	143.74	126.39	119.07	59.26
HO <sub>2</sub> + NO → NO <sub>2</sub> + OH	71.29	58.25	90.71	68.73	74.85	37.21
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> + hv → 2OH	34.64	25.63	49.49	28.24	39.83	14.35
HO <sub>2</sub> + O <sub>3</sub> → OH + 2O <sub>2</sub>	25.55	19.02	33.43	22.97	28.79	12.04
CH <sub>3</sub> OOH + hv → HCHO + HO <sub>2</sub> + OH	7.19	6.31	10.28	8.82	8.72	2.12
ISOPOOH + hv → MVK + HCHO + HO <sub>2</sub>	1.60	0.56	2.05	0.53	1.53	0.84
MVKOOH + hv → MGLYOX + HCHO + HO <sub>2</sub>	1.22	0.33	1.54	0.3	1.15	0.67
O <sub>3</sub> + C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → MVK + .22HCHO + .78CO	1.47	0.31	2.05	0.29	1.50	0.58
O <sub>3</sub> + MVK → MGLYOX + .24HCHO + .76CO	1.42	0.35	2.03	0.35	1.51	0.55
Other terms	0.20	0.16	0.29	0.20	0.26	0.11
<b>Total OH production:</b>	<b>257.36</b>	<b>215.90</b>	<b>335.61</b>	<b>256.82</b>	<b>277.21</b>	<b>127.73</b>
OH Sinks (Tmol/yr)						
CO + OH → CO <sub>2</sub> + HO <sub>2</sub>	105.73	77.18	140.02	92.96	117.26	50.72
CH <sub>4</sub> + OH → CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	43.34	44.54	56.65	58.37	48.39	13.84
HCHO + OH → HO <sub>2</sub> + CO	20.51	21.10	26.96	26.07	21.28	9.56
HO <sub>2</sub> + OH → H <sub>2</sub> O + O <sub>2</sub>	11.57	11.51	13.53	12.75	11.07	9.51
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> + OH → RO <sub>2</sub> IP1	14.68	7.00	19.38	7.03	14.00	8.21
OH + O <sub>3</sub> → HO <sub>2</sub> + O <sub>2</sub>	8.54	8.69	9.48	9.31	8.13	7.58
OH + MVK → RO <sub>2</sub> IP2	13.19	6.24	17.52	6.34	12.55	7.15
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> + OH → HO <sub>2</sub>	11.04	12.22	15.19	10.61	11.81	5.74
CH <sub>3</sub> OOH + OH → CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	14.24	14.25	19.02	18.52	15.46	5.45
H <sub>2</sub> + OH → HO <sub>2</sub>	5.58	4.37	6.97	4.92	7.98	4.1
MGLYOX + OH → CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sub>2</sub> + CO	2.37	1.78	3.35	2.00	2.42	1.29
NO <sub>2</sub> + OH → HNO <sub>3</sub>	1.49	1.61	1.78	1.88	1.59	0.93
CH <sub>3</sub> OH + OH → HCHO + HO <sub>2</sub>	1.72	1.98	2.17	2.61	1.88	0.55
Other terms	3.36	3.35	3.59	3.45	3.39	3.10
<b>Total OH loss:</b>	<b>257.36</b>	<b>215.82</b>	<b>335.61</b>	<b>256.82</b>	<b>277.21</b>	<b>127.73</b>
OH Burden (Mmol)	11.93	13.63	12.16	13.75	10.49	14.31
OH lifetime (s)	1.44	1.96	1.13	1.67	1.18	3.48

**Table S4. Tropospheric ozone budget terms (P, chemical production; L, chemical loss; D, dry deposition; and S, stratospheric input—inferred as the residual of the other terms; all in Tg(O<sub>3</sub>) yr<sup>-1</sup>), burden (B, Tg(O<sub>3</sub>)), and lifetime (τ, days), for the various simulations**

Simulation	P	L	D	S	B	τ
Preindustrial (PI, 0 Ma)						
1 × CO <sub>2</sub> (280 ppm)	2,574	2,606	436	468	224	26.8
Early Eocene (55 Ma)						
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (560 ppm)	5,036	4,920	707	591	255	16.6
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	4,173	4,065	647	538	228	17.6
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	6,437	6,307	772	642	270	13.9
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	4,955	4,817	694	557	238	15.7
Late Cretaceous (90 Ma)						
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	5,259	5,230	764	735	263	16.0
Present day (year 2000) for reference						
1.3 × CO <sub>2</sub> (370 ppm)	4,974 ± 223	4,577 ± 291	953 ± 154	556 ± 154	336 ± 27	22.2 ± 2.2

Present-day estimates from a recent multimodel intercomparison (31) are also given for comparison.

Table S5.

Simulation	Radiative forcings								
	F <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>	F <sub>CH<sub>4</sub></sub>	F <sub>eCH<sub>4</sub></sub>	F <sub>N<sub>2</sub>O</sub>	ΣF (CH <sub>4</sub> + N <sub>2</sub> O)	F <sub>CO<sub>2</sub>/ΣF</sub>	Sc (%)	F <sub>Sc</sub>	FGHG <sub>s,adj</sub>
Modern (0 Ma)									
A.D. 1880–2000	1.5	0.60	0.85	0.16	1.01	0.67	1.0	0.0	2.8
Early Eocene (55 Ma)									
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (560 ppm)	3.5	0.95	1.33	0.34	1.68	0.48	0.995	−1.01	4.2
2 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	3.5	0.88	1.23	0.34	1.58	0.45	0.995	−1.01	4.1
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	6.3	1.28	1.80	0.51	2.32	0.37	0.995	−1.01	7.6
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (PI isoprene flux)	6.3	1.19	1.67	0.51	2.18	0.35	0.995	−1.01	7.5
Late-Cretaceous (90 Ma)									
4 × CO <sub>2</sub> (1,120 ppm)	6.3	1.22	1.73	0.45	2.18	0.35	0.992	−1.82	6.7

Forcings for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O calculated from the analytic expressions describing radiative transfer calculations (1), with preindustrial CO<sub>2</sub>, methane and nitrous oxide concentrations of 280 ppm, 651 ppb and 260 ppb respectively. F<sub>e</sub> is the effective forcing by methane accounting for indirect forcing arising from increases in stratospheric water vapor and ozone (40%) (2). Solar radiation has gradually increased with the evolution of the Sun. This column provides estimated change in solar output (Sc) in the past as a percentage of the present-day value (3). Calculated change in radiative forcing from solar output (3). Column FGHG<sub>s,adj</sub> gives total radiative forcing by all greenhouse gases after correction for change in F<sub>Sc</sub>.

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