

# Supporting Information for “Reduced Complexity Model Intercomparison Project Phase 2: Synthesising Earth system knowledge for probabilistic climate projections”

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### **Text S1.**

#### *CICERO-SCM*

The CICERO Simple climate model (CICERO-SCM) consists of a carbon cycle model (Joos et al., 1996), simplified expressions relating emissions of components to forcing, either directly or via concentrations (Etminan et al., 2016; Skeie et al., 2017) and an energy balance/upwelling diffusion model (Schlesinger et al., 1992). A detailed description of the CICERO-SCM is presented in Skeie et al. (2017) with recent updates in Nicholls et al. (2020). The energy balance/upwelling diffusion model calculates warming separately for the two hemispheres and includes 40 vertical layers in the ocean. The parameters that govern the mixing of heat in the ocean as well as the climate sensitivity and radiative forcing is estimated in a Bayesian approach using observational based time series of global mean surface temperature change and ocean heat content and prior estimates of radiative forcing times series (Skeie et al., 2018). The posteriori distribution of the parameters in the energy balance/upwelling diffusion model including the climate sensitivity and aerosol forcing are used in the probabilistic run. Uncertainties in other climate drivers are ignored. The climate sensitivity estimated in Skeie et al. (2018) is the inferred effective climate sensitivity ( $ECS_{inf}$ ), known to be lower than the equilibrium climate sensitivity (ECS). This is due to the use of global-mean surface temperature instead of global-mean surface air temperature as well as feedback on long time scales that have not come into play when inferring the climate sensitivity from the historical record. The assessed range for the equilibrium climate sensitivity is therefore shifted by  $0.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Skeie et al., 2018)

to lower values when selecting the parameter set to be used in the probabilistic simulations. Another selection criterion is the assessed range of surface air temperature change in 1985-2014 relative to the baseline 1850-1900. The 30 040 original parameter set from Skeie et al. (2018) is subsetting using the RCMIP defined ECS distribution as the primary constraint. By binning the data, a subset following this same distribution is built. Simultaneously, the surface air temperature constraint is used as a hard cutoff to choose between parameter sets in this distribution, producing a final subset of between 550 and 600 ensemble members.

### *EMGC*

The University of Maryland Empirical Model of Global Climate (EMGC) is a multiple linear regression energy balance representation of various factors (both natural and anthropogenic) that control global-mean surface temperature (GMST) (Canty et al., 2013; Hope et al., 2017). Values of climate feedback and ocean heat uptake efficiency are found in a regression framework constrained by observed time series of GMST, the radiative forcing due to tropospheric aerosols (AER RF), and ocean heat content. Several natural and anthropogenic components that affect GMST are also considered. Recently, we have added an interactive ocean module that represents the warming of the ocean profile in response to rising GMST (Hope et al., 2020; McBride et al., 2020). As a result, transport of heat from the atmosphere to the world's oceans evolves over time in a more realistic fashion compared to earlier versions of our model.

The EMGC forecasts of GMST all use values of radiative forcing due to future greenhouse gas abundances and aerosols prescribed by RCMIP. Values of climate feedback and ocean heat uptake for each simulation are found based upon regression analysis of the data

record for GMST from HadCRUT4 (Morice et al., 2012) that spans 1850 until the end of 1999 (an alternate parameter set is also submitted based on using the HadCRUT.5.0.1.0 dataset instead) and an ocean heat content record that is the average of data from five groups that spans 1955 to 1999 (Hope et al., 2020; McBride et al., 2020). The time series of radiative forcing due to tropospheric aerosols is scaled such that the values in 2011 (AER RF<sub>2011</sub>) statistically sample the uncertainty in the value of AER RF<sub>2011</sub> given by Chapter 8 of AR5 (Myhre et al., 2013). Projections of GMST are based upon analyses of the subset of the 160,000 possible combinations of climate feedback and AER RF<sub>2011</sub> that provide a good fit (reduced-chi-squared metric less than or equal to 2) to the observed variation in GMST and OHC, as described in Hope et al. (2020) and McBride et al. (2020). The largest factor driving spread in our future projections of GMST from the ensemble of model runs that satisfy the reduced-chi-squared metric is imprecise knowledge of the radiative forcing of climate by tropospheric aerosols over the historical time period. Ensemble members with largest future warming are characterized by values of AER RF<sub>2011</sub> towards the low end of the distribution (i.e.,  $-1.5 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  to  $-1.9 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ) and the ensemble members with smallest future warming are characterized by values of AER RF<sub>2011</sub> towards the high end of the distribution (i.e.,  $-0.1 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  to  $-0.4 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ).

### *FaIRv1.6.1*

The Finite-amplitude Impulse Response (FaIR) model is an emissions-driven simple climate model written in Python. Since the v1.3 model description paper (Smith et al., 2018), a number of features have been added. FaIR v1.6 separately reports greenhouse gas forcings from 28 different fluorinated species (which were all aggregated in FaIR v1.3), and breaks aerosol forcing down into five direct species and indirect aerosol forcing.

Functionality has been added for running experiments in concentration-driven mode and for deriving CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from prescribed concentrations, enabling a greater set of the RCMIP experiments to be run. Additionally, it is now possible to run FaIR using the parameters of the two-layer model defined by Geoffroy, Saint-Martin, Bellon, et al. (2013), given that this model is simply a mathematical transformation of FaIR's impulse response setup (as shown by Geoffroy, Saint-Martin, Olivié, et al. (2013)). Finally, the carbon cycle has been optimised following FaIR 2.0.0, speeding up runtime (Leach et al., 2020).

An initial ensemble of 3000 members were drawn for RCMIP. Forcing uncertainties for CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, other GHGs, tropospheric ozone, stratospheric ozone, contrails, black carbon on snow, land use change, solar and volcanic are taken from AR5 uncertainty ranges (Myhre et al., 2013). Two-layer model parameters for ocean heat exchange coefficient, climate feedback parameter, efficacy of deep ocean heat uptake and heat capacity of the mixed layer and deep ocean are sampled with distributions informed by 44 CMIP6 models built from joint kernel density distributions that take correlations of terms into account (Smith et al., submitted). The ERF from 4xCO<sub>2</sub> is also taken from the ensemble based on abrupt-4xCO<sub>2</sub> experiments from CMIP6 models and used to inform the uncertainty range for CO<sub>2</sub> forcing. For ESM runs, the carbon cycle parameters (pre-industrial airborne fraction, and sensitivity to temperature and atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> burden) are sampled from normal distributions as in Smith et al. (2018). Direct aerosol forcing from SO<sub>2</sub>, BC and OC is sampled from CMIP6 models participating in RFMIP and AerChemMIP (Smith et al., submitted). Nitrate and secondary organic aerosol are not included. Indirect aerosol forcing is sampled by scaling the 1850-2010 aerosol forcing to a Gaussian distribution centred on -0.85 W / m<sup>2</sup> with standard deviation of 0.91 W / m<sup>2</sup>. The 3000-member

prior ensemble is reduced to a final ensemble of 501 members, where this ensemble was selected from the members with the smallest RMSE for their GMST from historical (1850-2014) integrations compared to the Cowtan and Way (2014) dataset (v2.0.0) for 1850-2014. FaIR does not report GMST, but the simple assumption that GSAT anomalies are 4% greater than GMST is used based on CMIP6 models and reanalysis datasets.

#### *FaIRv2.0.0-alpha*

FaIRv2.0.0-alpha (Leach et al., 2020) is an update to the FaIR model (version 1.6 is described above). This update reduces the model's structural complexity as comprehensively as possible. The result is a set of six equations - the five equations that made up the impulse-response model used for GHG metric calculations in the IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report (Myhre et al., 2013), plus one additional equation that introduces a state-dependence to the carbon and methane cycles (Millar et al., 2017).

A 1 million-member ensemble is generated by perturbing parameters relating to the modelled carbon-cycle, ERF and thermal response. Prior carbon-cycle and thermal response distributions are inferred from parameter samples obtained by tuning the model to idealised experiments in the CMIP6 ensemble. The carbon-cycle was tuned to 11 models from C4MIP (Arora et al., 2020); the thermal response cycle was tuned to 28 models using a maximum likelihood method (Cummins et al., 2020). Prior ERF parameter uncertainties were taken from AR5 uncertainty ranges (Myhre et al., 2013) for all forcing classes except for aerosol-radiation and -cloud interaction. These were sampled from distributions informed by tuning the aerosol ERF parameterisations to 10 CMIP6 models (Smith et al., submitted) and then quantile mapped to match the process-based assessment in Bellouin et al. (2020).

This large prior ensemble is constrained by setting the selection probability of an individual member equal to the likelihood of its corresponding present-day level and rate of anthropogenic warming calculated using the Global Warming Index methodology (Haustein et al., 2017) (with the HadCRUT.4.6.0.0 timeseries for the main results but also the HadCRUT.5.0.1.0 timeseries for illustration). A 5 000-member subset of this constrained ensemble (total size 250 651) is used in RCMIP phase 2.

### *Hector v2.5.0*

Hector is an open-source globally resolved, process-based carbon-climate model that calculates the annual energy fluxes between the ocean, atmosphere, and terrestrial biosphere (Hartin et al., 2015). As of Hector v2.0 (Vega-Westhoff et al., 2019), the model uses an implementation of the 1-D ocean heat diffusion model, DOECLIM (Kriegler, 2005; Urban et al., 2014). Recent model updates to v2.5.0 include: reorganizing the code as an R package, constraining pre-industrial atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> to a prescribed value during model spin-up, and updating the OH lifetime.

For each scenario, Hector was run 10 000 times with parameters (equilibrium climate sensitivity, ocean heat diffusivity, and aerosol forcing) randomly sampled from the joint posterior distribution from the Vega-Westhoff et al. (2019) MCMC calibration against historical global surface temperature observations and ocean heat content. Using the parametrization from the posterior distribution we produced probabilistic Hector output for global mean air temperature, air-ocean blended temperature, and aerosol radiative forcing.

### *MAGICC7*

MAGICC's climate core is based on a 50-layer, hemispherically resolved upwelling-diffusion-entrainment ocean model coupled to a four-box (hemispheric land/ocean) spatial resolution for effective radiative forcing. MAGICC runs on monthly timesteps, which improves its representation of the response to volcanic eruptions compared to an annual timestep. The version of MAGICC used here (v7.4.1) is an update of MAGICC6 (Meinshausen et al., 2011) and the setup used to generate the GHG concentration projections (Meinshausen et al., 2020) for the historical and SSP-based CMIP6 experiments (Eyring et al., 2016; O'Neill et al., 2016). The key updates are the inclusion of a state-dependent climate feedback factor (previously it was only forcing-dependent) which has been calibrated to CMIP6 models (Nicholls et al., 2020), accounting for the effect of large historical anthropogenic biomass burning aerosol precursor emissions on aerosol effective radiative forcing, a nitrate aerosol forcing scheme which accounts for the sulfate competition for ammonia based on Hauglustaine, Balkanski, and Schulz (2014) and the inclusion of a non-ocean heat uptake parameterisation which represents land surface and cryosphere heat uptake in each hemisphere. In addition, it includes an updated effective radiative forcing parameterisations for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O that capture results by Etminan et al. (2016), while allowing for a wider range of input concentrations (see Meinshausen et al. (2020)] for details).

We derive a posterior parameter distribution using the methodology of Meinshausen et al. (2009), updated to use observations of global-mean temperature up to 2019 based on HadCRUT4.6.0.0 (Morice et al., 2012) (an alternate set which uses HadCRUT.5.0.0.0 is also included for sensitivity analysis) and ocean heat content up to 2018 based on von Schuckmann et al. (2020) as well as the proxy effective radiative forcing assessment used

in this study. We run a Monte Carlo Markov Chain with 20 million steps, from which we draw every 200<sup>th</sup> member, resulting in a 100 000 member posterior distribution. The probabilistic distribution used here is the result of sub-sampling the posterior distribution to draw a set of 600 parameter sets which best match the proxy assessed ranges and also maintain the covariance of MAGICC's parameters as derived from the posterior distribution.

### *MCE*

MCE consists of a thermal response module and a carbon cycle module. These are represented by impulse response functions (Hooss et al., 2001; Joos et al., 1996), responding to anthropogenic carbon input which then alters the ERF of the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and natural processes in the ocean and terrestrial carbon cycle. The carbon cycle incorporates temperature feedbacks via dissociation constants in the chemical equilibrium of the carbonic acid system in seawater and the respiration of organic materials in the terrestrial biosphere. After being used in RCMIP Phase 1, the CO<sub>2</sub> forcing scheme was slightly changed, and schemes for non-CO<sub>2</sub> well-mixed GHGs were newly incorporated instead of using prescribed scenario data. The CO<sub>2</sub> scheme has two control parameters: one for scaling in terms of the logarithm of CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, and the other for amplifying deviations from the logarithmic increase (Tsutsui, 2017). The latter is activated when the concentration exceeds a two-times level with a quadratic term, but was modified here to be linear when the concentration further exceeds a four-times level. The non-CO<sub>2</sub> schemes use those by Etminan et al. (2016) for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, and a simple linear formula for halocarbon gases with their lifetimes and radiative efficiencies assessed in AR5.

The probabilistic runs were conducted with 600-member parameter sets, varied for (1) CO<sub>2</sub> forcing and thermal response, (2) non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcing scaling, and (3) ocean and land CO<sub>2</sub> uptake. The first sets were generated from a multivariate normal distribution built on principal components of individual parameters adjusted to CMIP5 and CMIP6 models (Tsutsui, 2017, 2020). Cross-correlation between the parameters of this group reflects the variation of the CMIP models, such that the ratio of TCR-to-ECS tends to decrease with increase in ECS, and that CO<sub>2</sub> forcing is weakly correlated with response properties. The second sets were implemented as scaling factors of non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcing, and individually generated from a probability distribution modeled for each of the prescribed likely ranges, the third sets were implemented as perturbations on the amplitudes of the impulse response function for the ocean CO<sub>2</sub> uptake, and on two land-CO<sub>2</sub> parameters for the fertilization effect and the temperature dependency of respiration. These perturbations were individually generated from a uniform distribution so that resulting carbon budgets encompass the range of those from CMIP5 and CMIP6 Earth system models presented in Arora et al. (2020). A Bayesian updating was applied to constrain the parameter sets with a Metropolis-Hastings sampling algorithm sequentially as to land CO<sub>2</sub> uptake, the ERF of CO<sub>2</sub>, TCR, and the two metrics for the surface blended temperature and the ocean heat content. The land CO<sub>2</sub> constraint was targeted for the excess carbon at doubling along a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration pathway under an idealized 1%-per-year increase scenario from the CMIP Earth system models while the other constraints follow the assessed ranges. It is supposed that the second posterior conforms to the CMIP ensemble and the assessed forcing ranges, and that the last (fourth) posterior, from which the 600 members were sampled, is a compromised distribution reflecting all the metrics together with the CMIP

ensemble. For constraining the temperature and heat content metrics, a bivariate normal distribution was built with factors of 1.04 and 1.08 for conversion from the blended temperature to the air temperature, and from the ocean heat content to the total heat content, respectively.

### *OSCARv3.1*

OSCAR v3.1 is an open-source reduced-form Earth system model, whose modules mimic models of higher complexity in a probabilistic setup (Gasser, Ciais, et al., 2017). The response of the global surface temperature to radiative forcing is the two-layer model (Geoffroy, Saint-Martin, Bellon, et al., 2013). OSCAR calculates the effective radiative forcing caused by greenhouse gases ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , 37 halogenated compounds), short-lived climate forcers (tropospheric and stratospheric ozone, stratospheric water vapor, nitrates, sulfates, black carbon, primary and secondary organic aerosols) and changes in surface albedo. The ocean carbon cycle is based on the mixed-layer response function of Joos et al. (1996), albeit with an added stratification of the upper ocean derived from CMIP5 (Arora et al., 2013) and with an updated carbonate chemistry. The land carbon cycle is divided into five biomes and five regions, and each of the 25 biome/region combinations follows a three-box model (soil, litter and vegetation). Land cover change, wood harvest and shifting cultivation are also accounted for, thanks to a dedicated book-keeping module that allows OSCAR to estimate its own  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions from land-use change (Gasser, Peters, et al., 2017; Gasser et al., 2020). Permafrost thaw and the consequent emission of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_4$  is also modeled (Gasser et al., 2018). In addition, biomass burning emissions are calculated endogenously following the book-keeping module and the

wildfire feedback. These emissions were therefore subtracted from the input RCMIP data used to drive OSCAR to avoid double counting.

In RCMIP phase 2, the same 10 000 elements of the Monte-Carlo ensemble used in RCMIP phase 1 are used. Each simulation is run using all these configurations. The parameters of OSCARv3.1 are not tuned to reflect the assessed ranges required, but instead, each configuration is weighted. The weights are determined by comparing the performances over the emissions-driven historical experiment to the assessed ranges for the cumulative net land to atmosphere and ocean to atmosphere fluxes to constrain long-term dynamics, and the rate of increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> for short-term dynamics. More details about this weighting approach can be found in Gasser et al. (2020). We choose not to use the historical surface air-ocean blended temperature as an additional constraint, as it causes the final range of the equilibrium climate sensitivity of OSCARv3.1 to be drastically reduced. All final outputs are provided as the resulting quantiles.

#### *SCM4OPT v2.1*

The Simple Climate Model for Optimization version 2.1 (SCM4OPT v2.1) (Su et al., 2020) is a simple climate model which can simulate the radiative forcing and global temperature change resulting from a full suite of greenhouse gases, pollutants and aerosols, as well as land-use albedo. The SCM4OPT v2.1 is designed to be lightweight and capable of being used in an integrated assessment model (IAM) with a large-scale optimization process. Compared to the older version (Su et al., 2017, 2018), we updated the ocean carbon cycle following Hector v1.0 (Hartin et al., 2015) and used the Diffusion Ocean Energy balance CLIMate (DOECLIM) model (Kriegler, 2005; Tanaka et al., 2007) to calculate global-mean temperature change. We fitted the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and temper-

ature change of the SCM4OPT v2.1 to the associated outputs of four RCP experiments (RCP2.6, RCP4.5, RCP6.0 and RCP8.5) of 26 coupled atmosphere ocean general circulation models (AOGCMs) in CMIP5. In addition, the method used to estimate aerosol forcing was also renewed based on OSCAR v2.2 (Gasser, Ciais, et al., 2017). However, we removed a few parameter sets which could generate unrealistic outliers, and re-tuned the forcing efficiencies and other related parameters against the aerosol forcings presented in IPCC AR5 (IPCC, 2013). An ensemble of 2000 members was adopted for RCMIP to represent the uncertainties caused by the carbon cycle, aerosol forcings and temperature change by using randomized parameter sets as described above.

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**Table S1.** Comparison of each model’s probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as ‘vll’ (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘ll’ (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘c’ (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘lu’ (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and ‘vlu’ (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					CICERO-SCM					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.49		0.60		0.72
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	2.52	2.69	3.03	3.43	3.67
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.31	1.44	1.66	1.91	2.03
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51					
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		1.69	1.80	1.91				1.94	1.94	1.94	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		-1.37	-1.01	-0.63				-0.99	-0.64	-0.23	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ		303	320	337				303	320	337	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.47	0.60	0.73				0.53	0.53	0.53	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.14	0.17	0.20				0.16	0.16	0.16	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.03	0.03	0.03				0.16	0.16	0.16	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model’s probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as ‘vll’ (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘ll’ (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘c’ (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘lu’ (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and ‘vlu’ (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed range	Assessed ranges					EMGC				
			vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K	0.46	0.54	0.61	0.32	0.48	0.83					
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K	2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	1.30	1.50	1.93	2.79	4.14	
Transient Climate Response	K	0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29						
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC	1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51						
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>	1.69	1.80	1.91			1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>	-1.37	-1.01	-0.63			-1.16	-0.84	-0.53			
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ	303	320	337			277	327	426			
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>	0.47	0.60	0.73			0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>	0.14	0.17	0.20			0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03			0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model’s probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as ‘vll’ (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘ll’ (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘c’ (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘lu’ (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and ‘vlu’ (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					FaIR1.6					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.53		0.66		0.84
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	1.93	2.33	3.01	4.33	6.21
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.40	1.55	1.80	2.12	2.48
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51	1.21	1.36	1.59	1.91	2.22
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			1.69	1.80	1.91			1.65	1.89	2.17	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			-1.37	-1.01	-0.63			-1.34	-1.01	-0.65	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ			303	320	337			303	359	417	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.47	0.60	0.73			0.49	0.55	0.62	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.14	0.17	0.20			0.15	0.17	0.18	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.03	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model's probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as 'vll' (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'll' (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'c' (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'lu' (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and 'vlu' (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					FaIRv2.0.0-alpha					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.51	0.66		0.85	
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	1.80	2.20	3.05	4.50	6.17
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.23	1.41	1.71	2.08	2.38
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51	1.02	1.17	1.41	1.74	2.01
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		1.69	1.80	1.80	1.91			1.73	1.95	2.18	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		-1.37	-1.01	-0.63				-1.53	-1.14	-0.80	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ		303	320	337							
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.47	0.60	0.73				0.50	0.59	0.69	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.14	0.17	0.20				0.15	0.17	0.19	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.04	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model’s probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as ‘vll’ (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘ll’ (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘c’ (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), ‘lu’ (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and ‘vlu’ (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					Hector					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.50		0.62		0.77
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	1.83	2.17	2.86	3.91	5.44
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.42	1.58	1.81	2.07	2.30
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51					
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		1.69	1.80	1.91							
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		-1.37	-1.01	-0.63				-0.68	-0.57	-0.45	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ		303	320	337							
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.47	0.60	0.73							
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.14	0.17	0.20							
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03						

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model's probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as 'vll' (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'll' (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'c' (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'lu' (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and 'vlu' (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					MAGICCv7.5.1					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.47		0.54		0.63
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	2.00	2.20	2.66	3.27	3.90
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.30	1.46	1.76	2.07	2.30
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51	1.13	1.38	1.75	2.17	2.47
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		1.69	1.80	1.80	1.91			1.66	1.78	1.89	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		-1.37	-1.01	-1.01	-0.63			-1.39	-1.08	-0.75	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ		303	320	320	337			305	323	340	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.47	0.60	0.60	0.73			0.47	0.58	0.71	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.14	0.17	0.17	0.20			0.14	0.17	0.20	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.03	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model's probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as 'vll' (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'll' (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'c' (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'lu' (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and 'vlu' (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

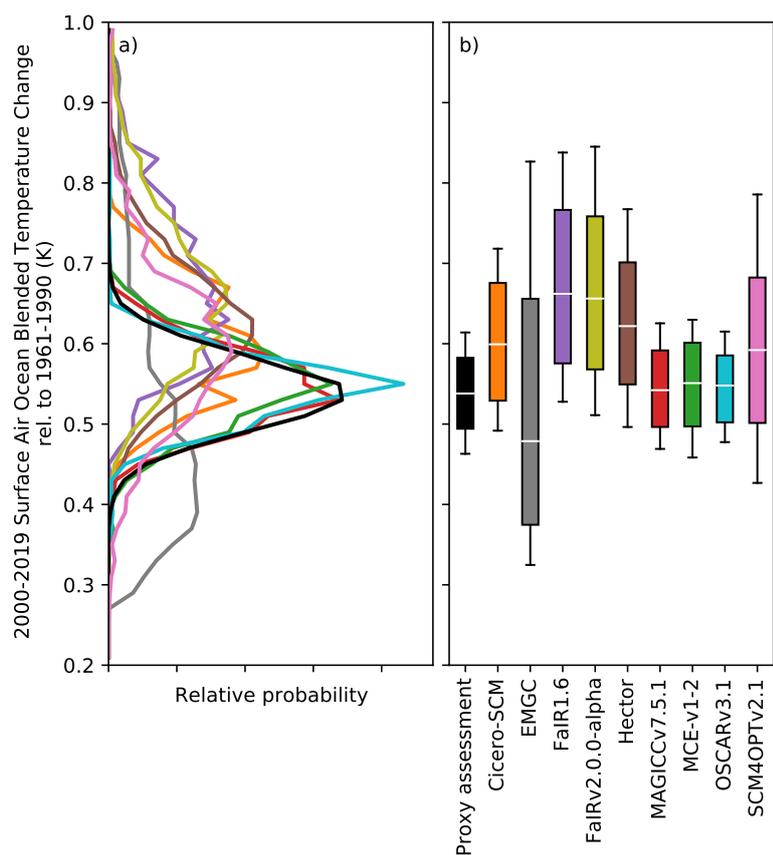
Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					MCE-v1-2					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.46		0.55		0.63
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	1.74	2.02	2.42	3.01	3.50
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.20	1.31	1.54	1.77	1.95
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51	1.03	1.15	1.36	1.64	1.84
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			1.69	1.80	1.91			1.67	1.79	1.93	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			-1.37	-1.01	-0.63			-1.23	-0.95	-0.69	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ			303	320	337			299	319	340	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.47	0.60	0.73			0.47	0.58	0.70	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.14	0.17	0.20			0.14	0.17	0.20	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.03	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model's probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as 'vll' (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'll' (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'c' (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'lu' (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and 'vlu' (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					OSCARv3.1					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.48		0.55		0.62
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	2.36	2.37	2.63	3.34	3.75
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.41	1.52	1.62	1.81	1.96
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51	1.15	1.25	1.41	1.62	1.82
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			1.69	1.80	1.91			1.91	1.91	1.91	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			-1.37	-1.01	-0.63			-1.65	-1.11	-0.64	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ			303	320	337			241	335	432	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.47	0.60	0.73			0.50	0.50	0.50	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.14	0.17	0.20			0.18	0.18	0.18	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>			0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.03	

**Table S1 (cont.).** Comparison of each model's probabilistic distribution with the proxy assessment. The assessed ranges are labelled as 'vll' (very-likely lower i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'll' (likely lower, 17<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'c' (central, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 'lu' (likely upper, 83<sup>th</sup> percentile) and 'vlu' (very-likely upper, 95<sup>th</sup> percentile).

Metric	Source	Assessed ranges					SCM4OPTv2.1					
		Assessed range	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu	vll	ll	c	lu	vlu
	Unit											
2000-2019 GMST rel. to 1961-1990	K		0.46		0.54		0.61	0.43		0.59		0.79
Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity	K		2.30	2.60	3.10	3.90	4.70	2.60	2.71	3.47	4.11	4.58
Transient Climate Response	K		0.98	1.26	1.64	2.02	2.29	1.57	1.69	1.78	2.03	2.16
Transient Climate Response to Emissions	K / TtC		1.03	1.40	1.77	2.14	2.51					
2014 CO <sub>2</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		1.69	1.80	1.80	1.91			1.80	1.80	1.80	
2014 Aerosol Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		-1.37	-1.01	-0.63				-1.56	-1.11	-0.78	
2018 Ocean Heat Content rel. to 1971	ZJ		303	320	337				241	321	392	
2011 CH <sub>4</sub> Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.47	0.60	0.73				0.48	0.48	0.48	
2011 N <sub>2</sub> O Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.14	0.17	0.20				0.17	0.17	0.17	
2011 F-Gases Effective Radiative Forcing	W / m <sup>2</sup>		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03			0.03	0.03	0.03	



**Figure S1.** As in Figure 1, except for 2000-2019 mean global-mean surface temperature (GMST) change relative to 1961-1990.

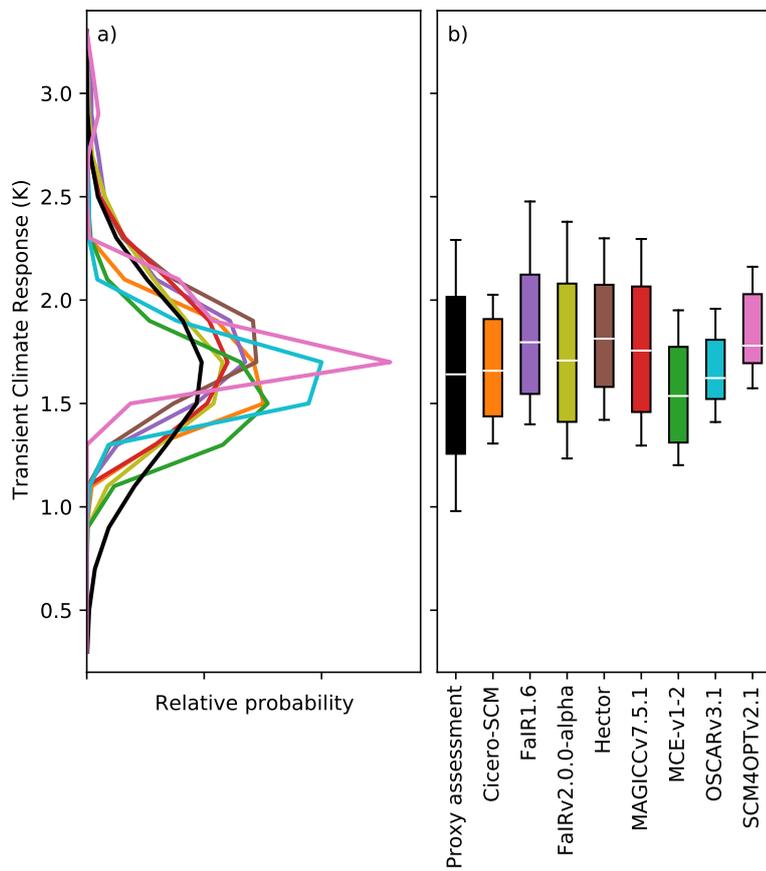
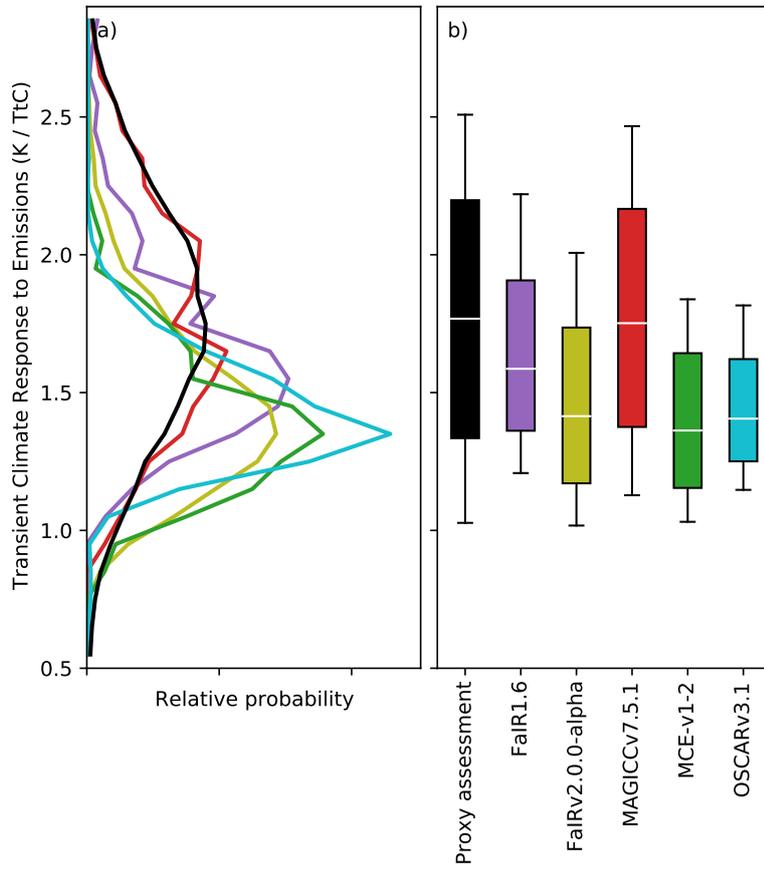
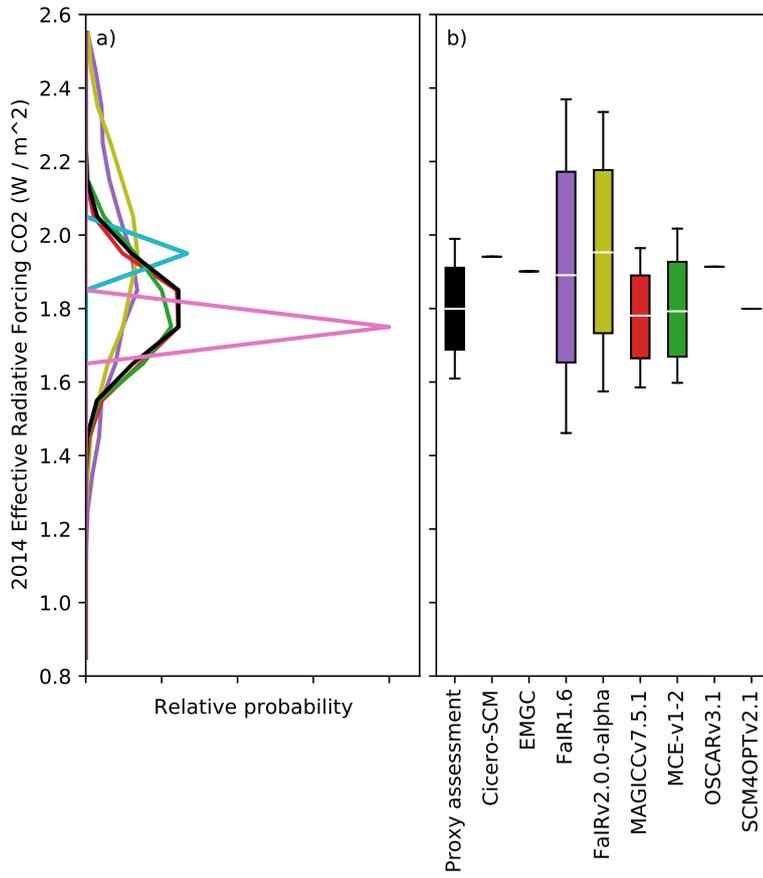


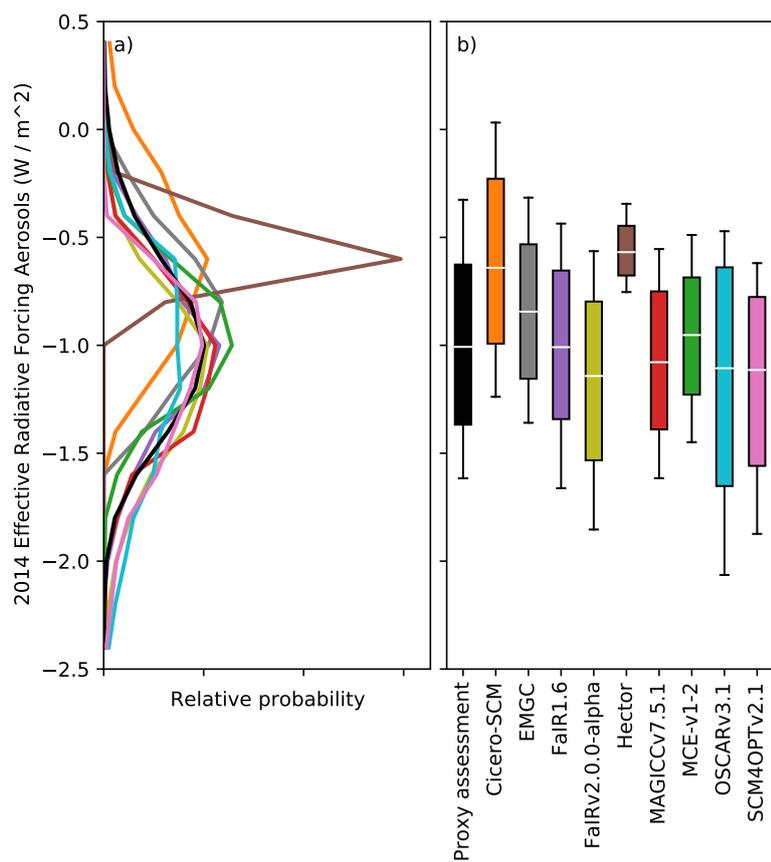
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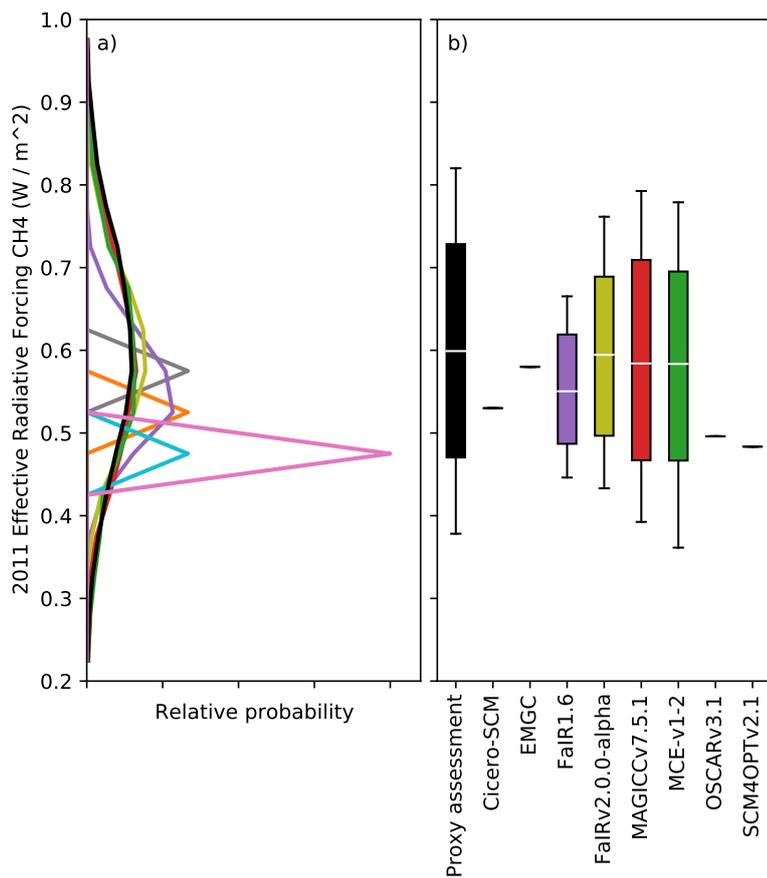
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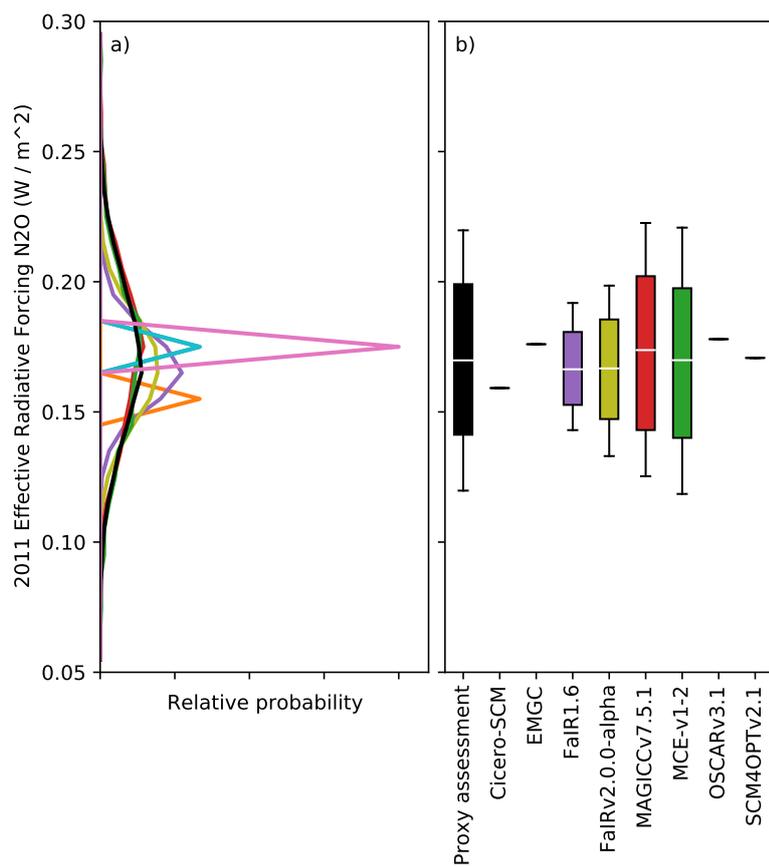
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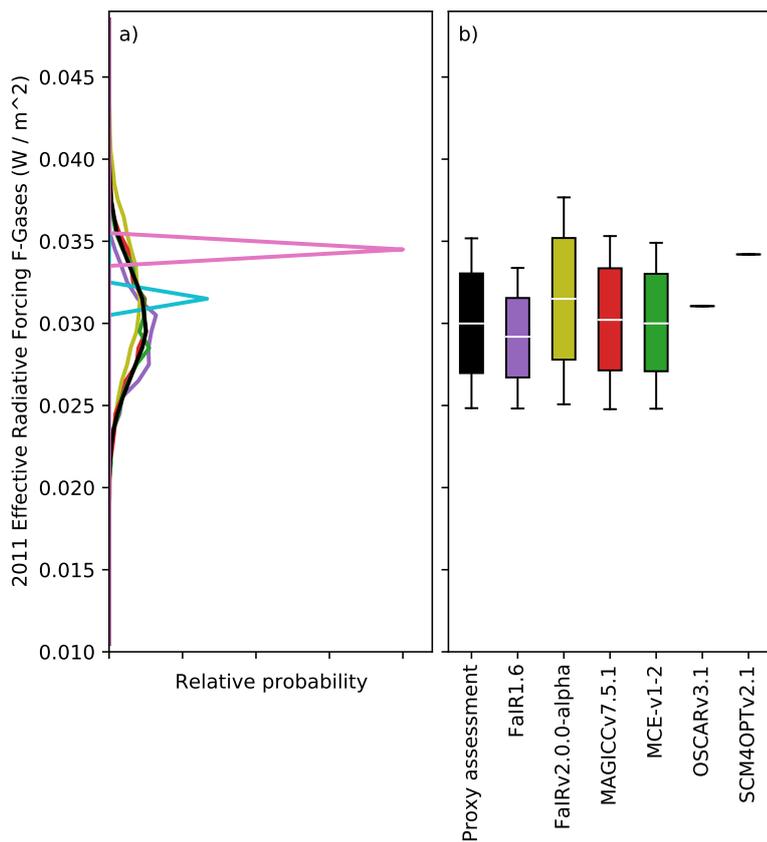
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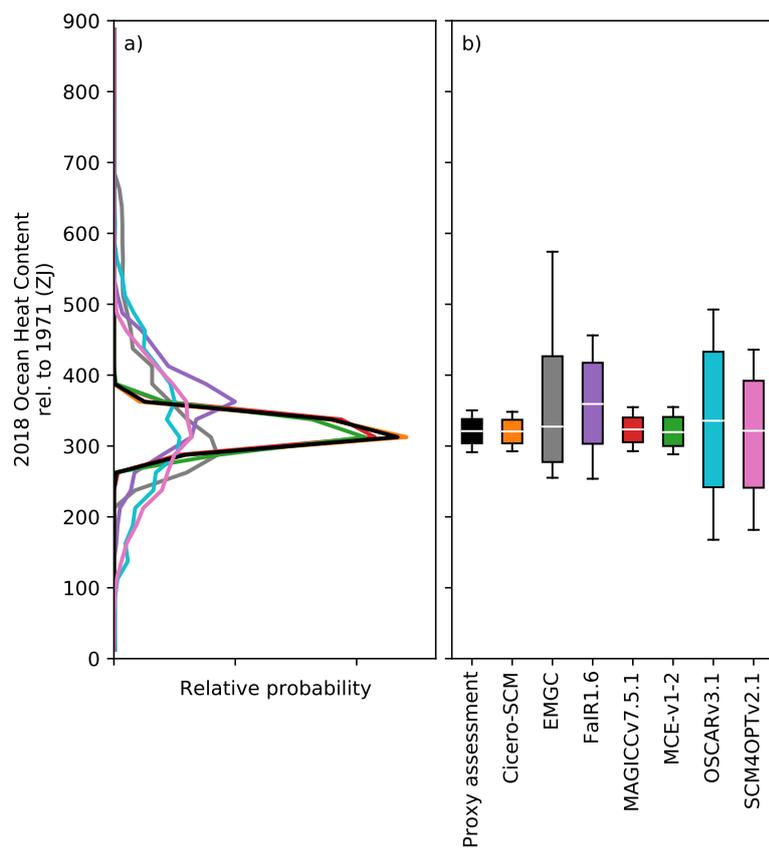
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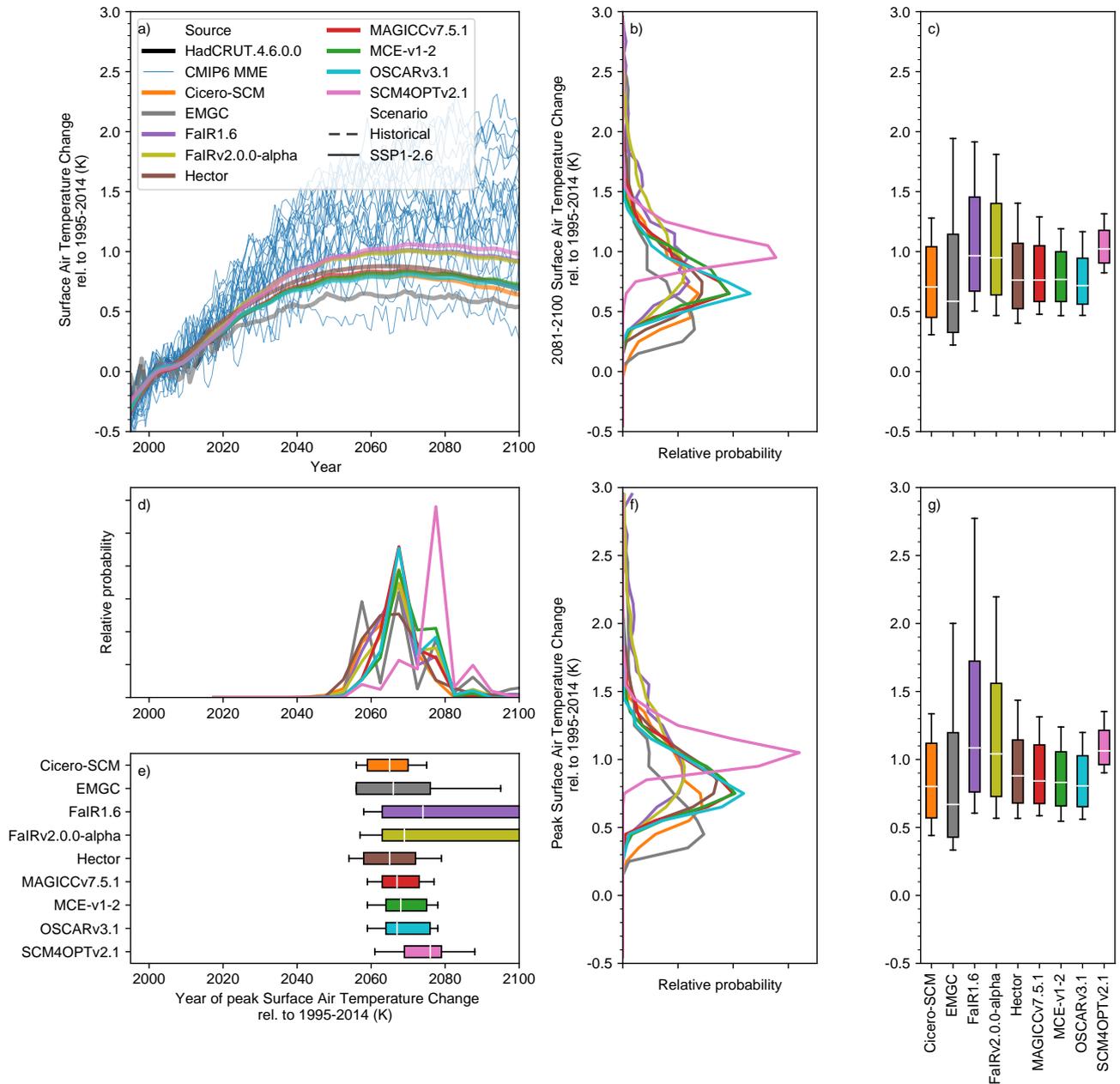
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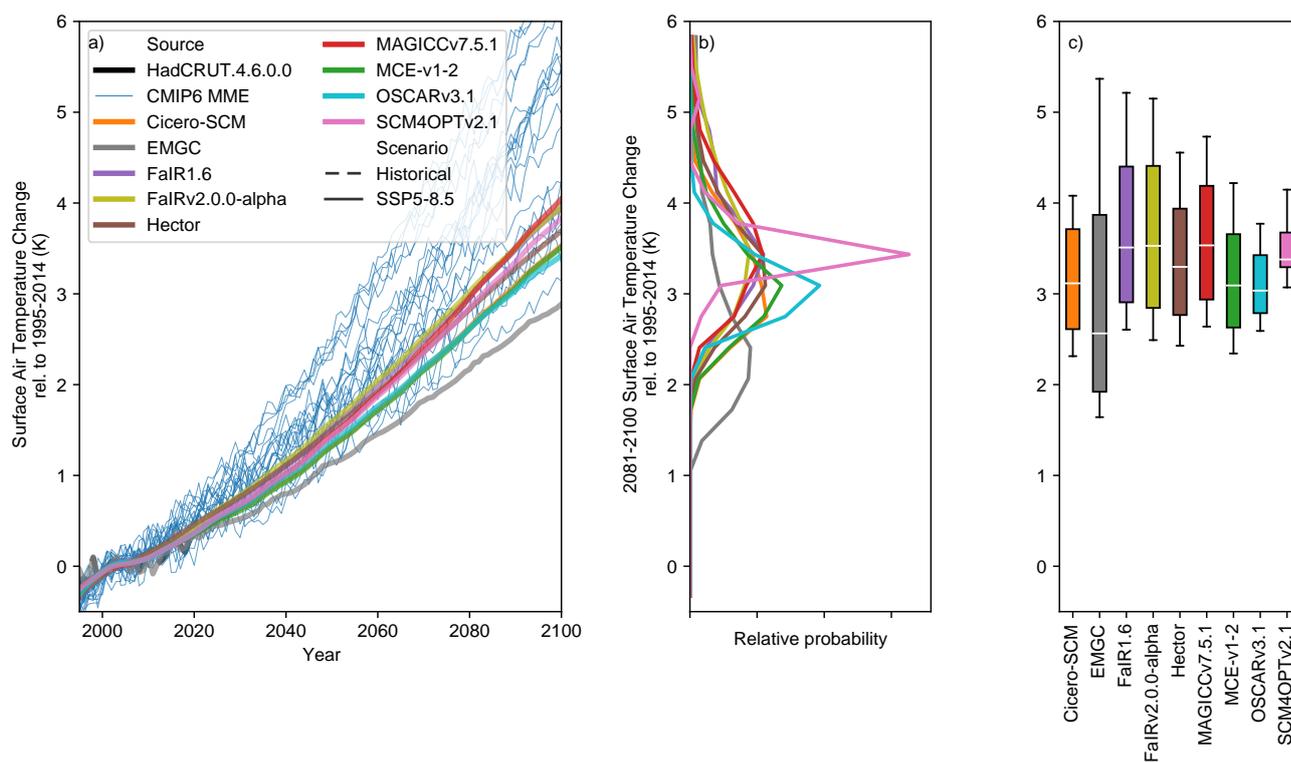
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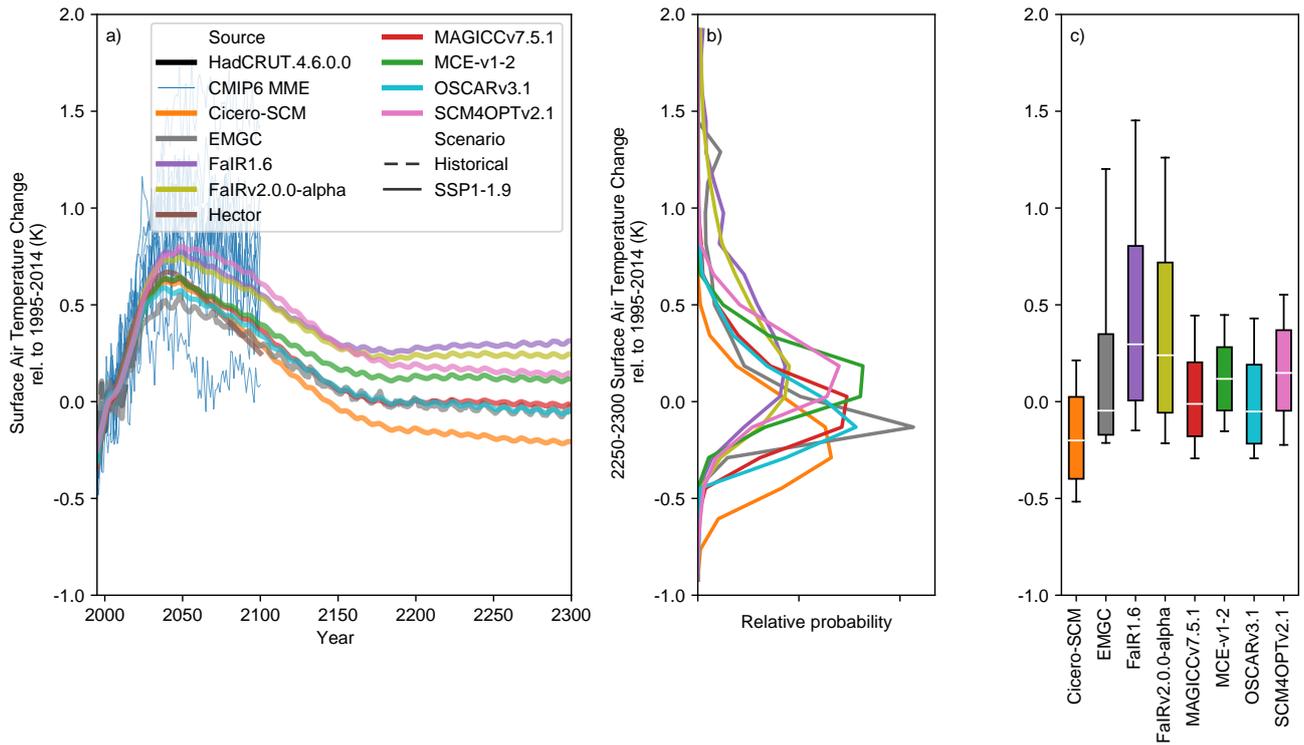
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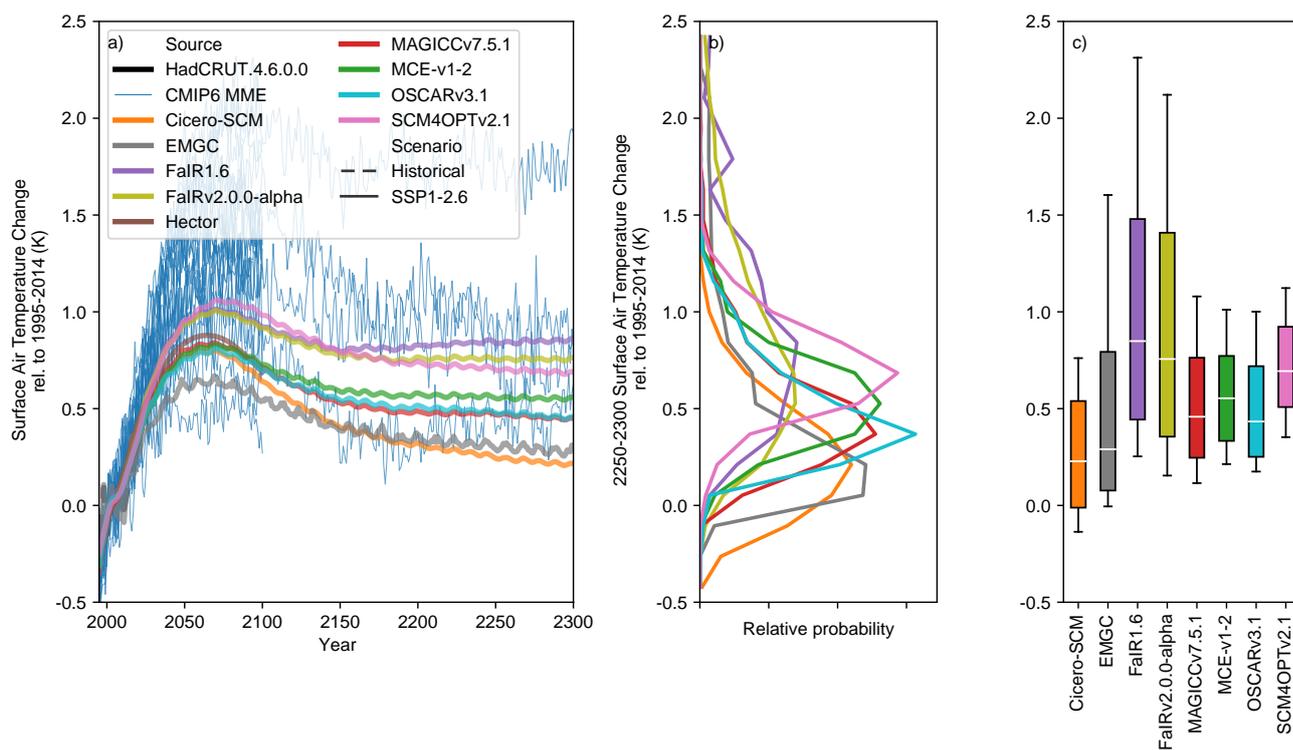
**Figure S10.** As in Figure 1 except for the low-emissions SSP1-2.6 scenario.



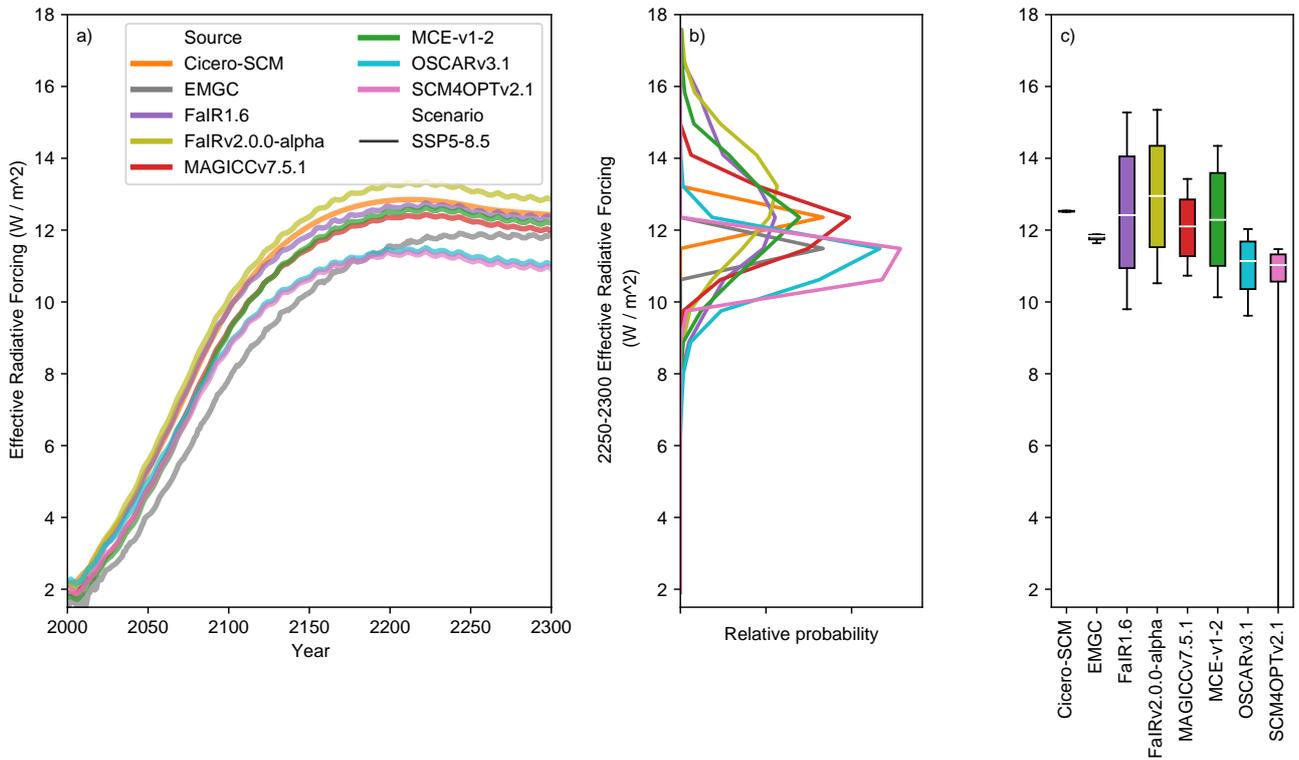
**Figure S11.** As in panels a), b) and c) of Figure 1 except for the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



**Figure S12.** As in Figure 2 except for the low-emissions SSP1-1.9 scenario.



**Figure S13.** As in Figure 2 except for the low-emissions SSP1-2.6 scenario.



**Figure S14.** Long-term effective radiative forcing under the high emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario. a) Effective radiative forcing projections from 1995 to 2300 for each RCM; b) distribution of 2250-2300 mean effective radiative forcing from each RCM; c) very likely (whiskers), likely (box) and central (white line) 2250-2300 mean effective radiative forcing estimate from each RCM.

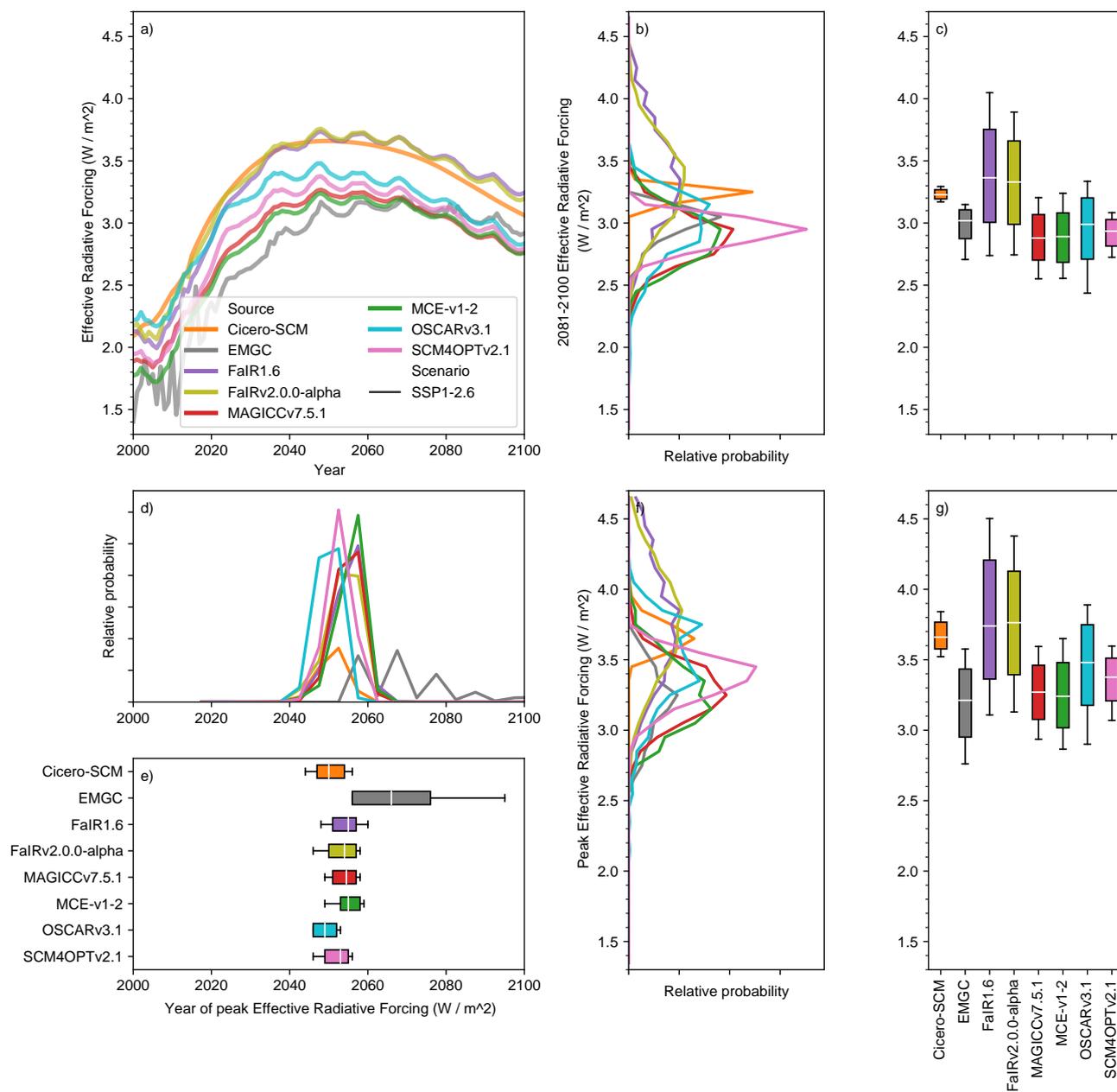
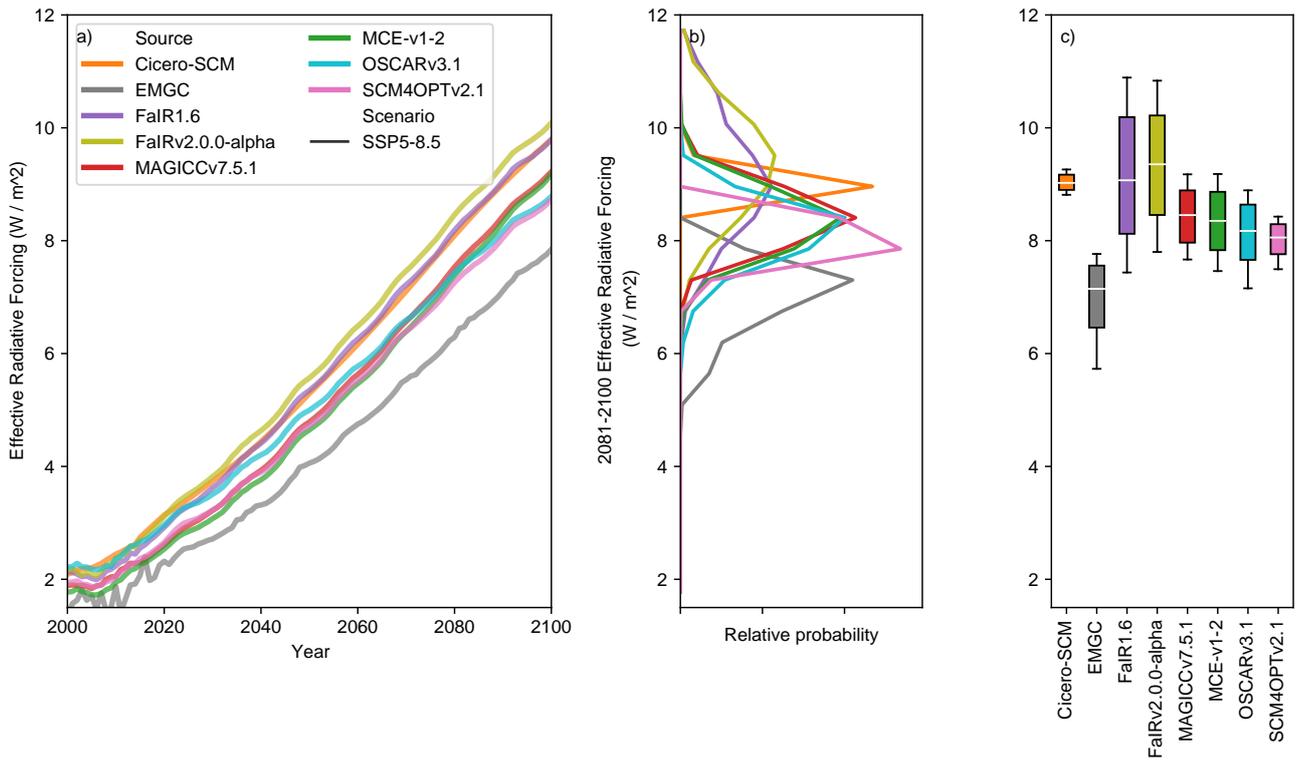
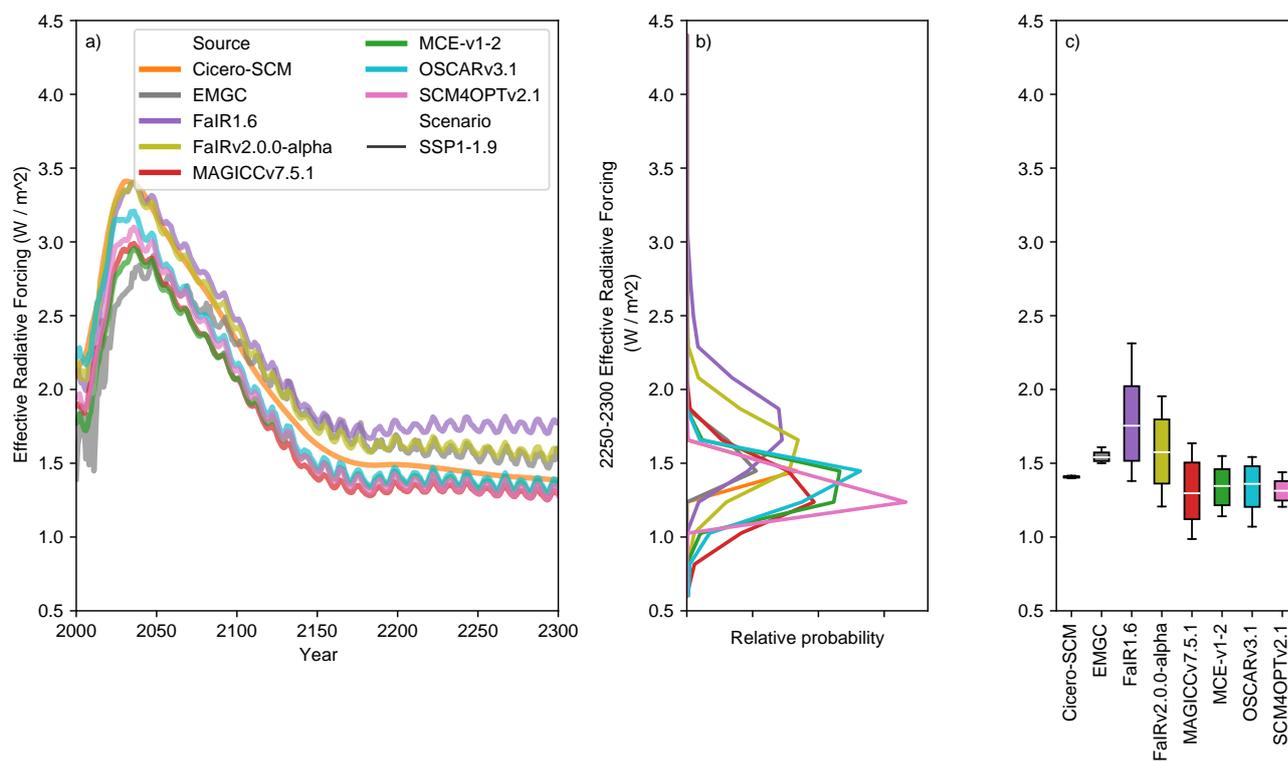


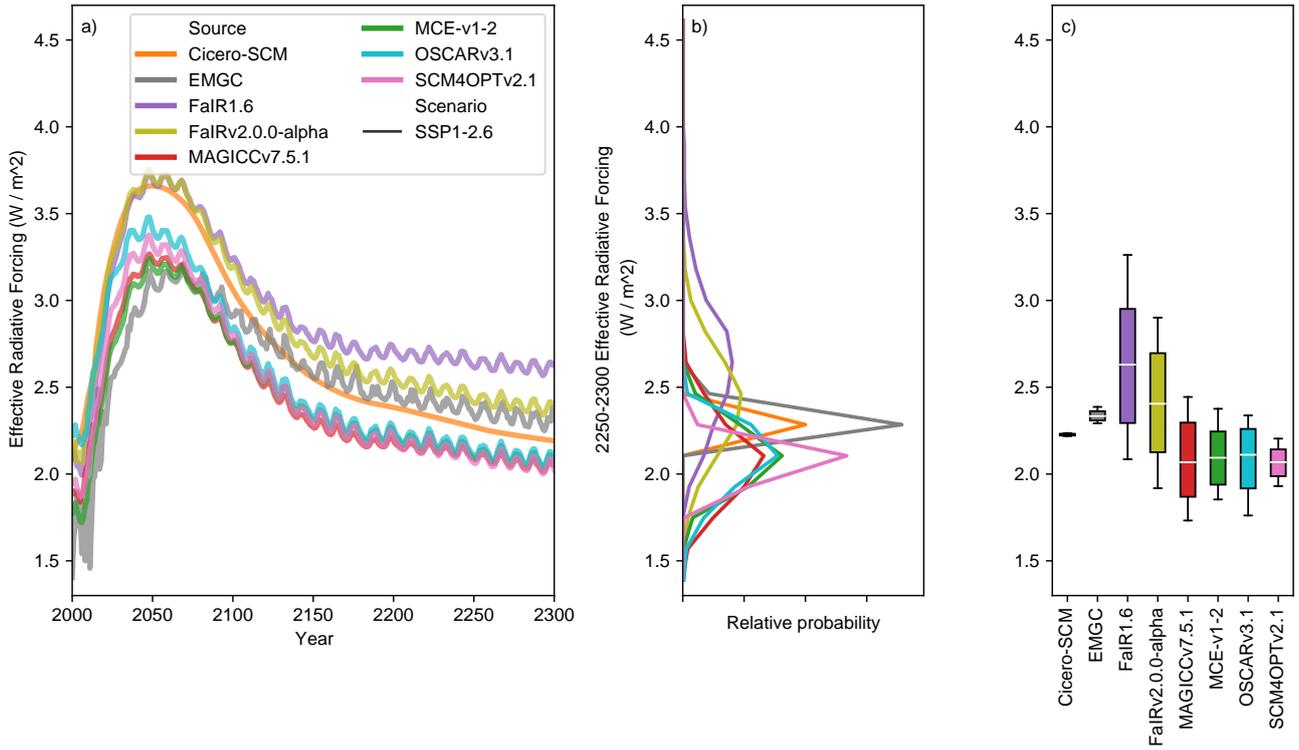
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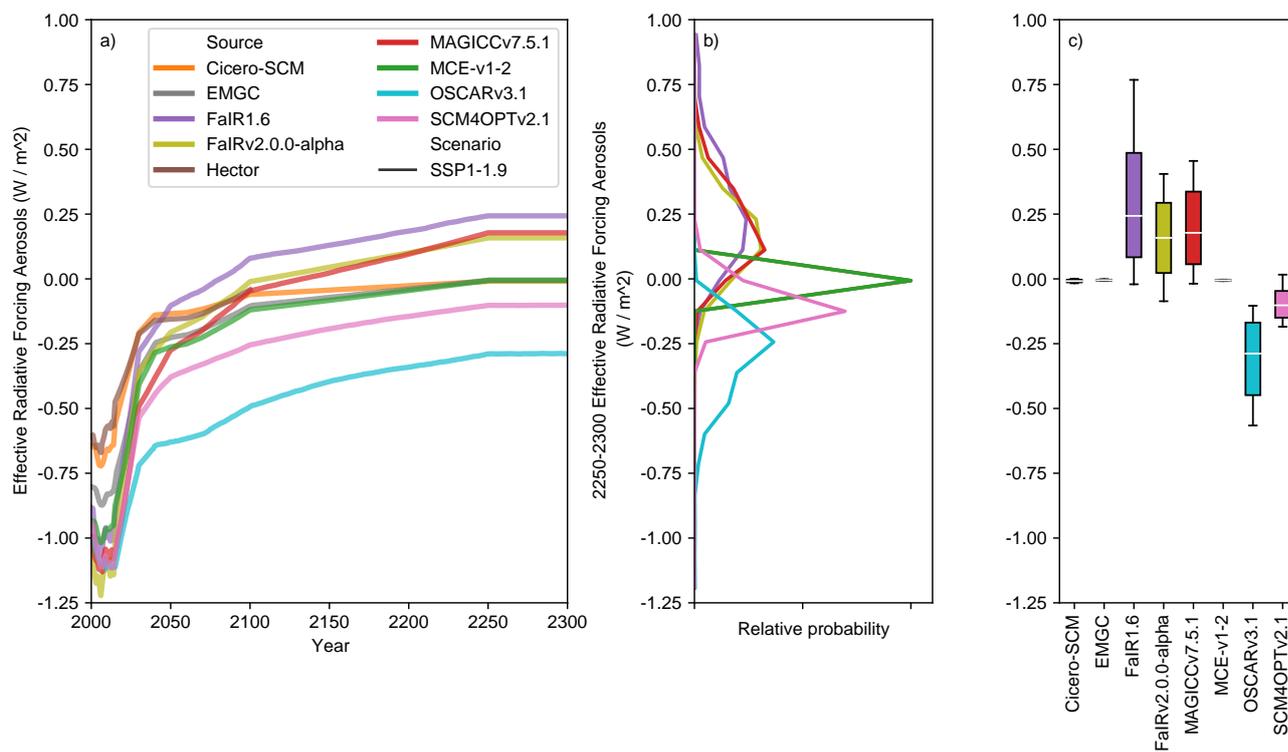
**Figure S16.** As in panels a), b) and c) of Figure 3 except for the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



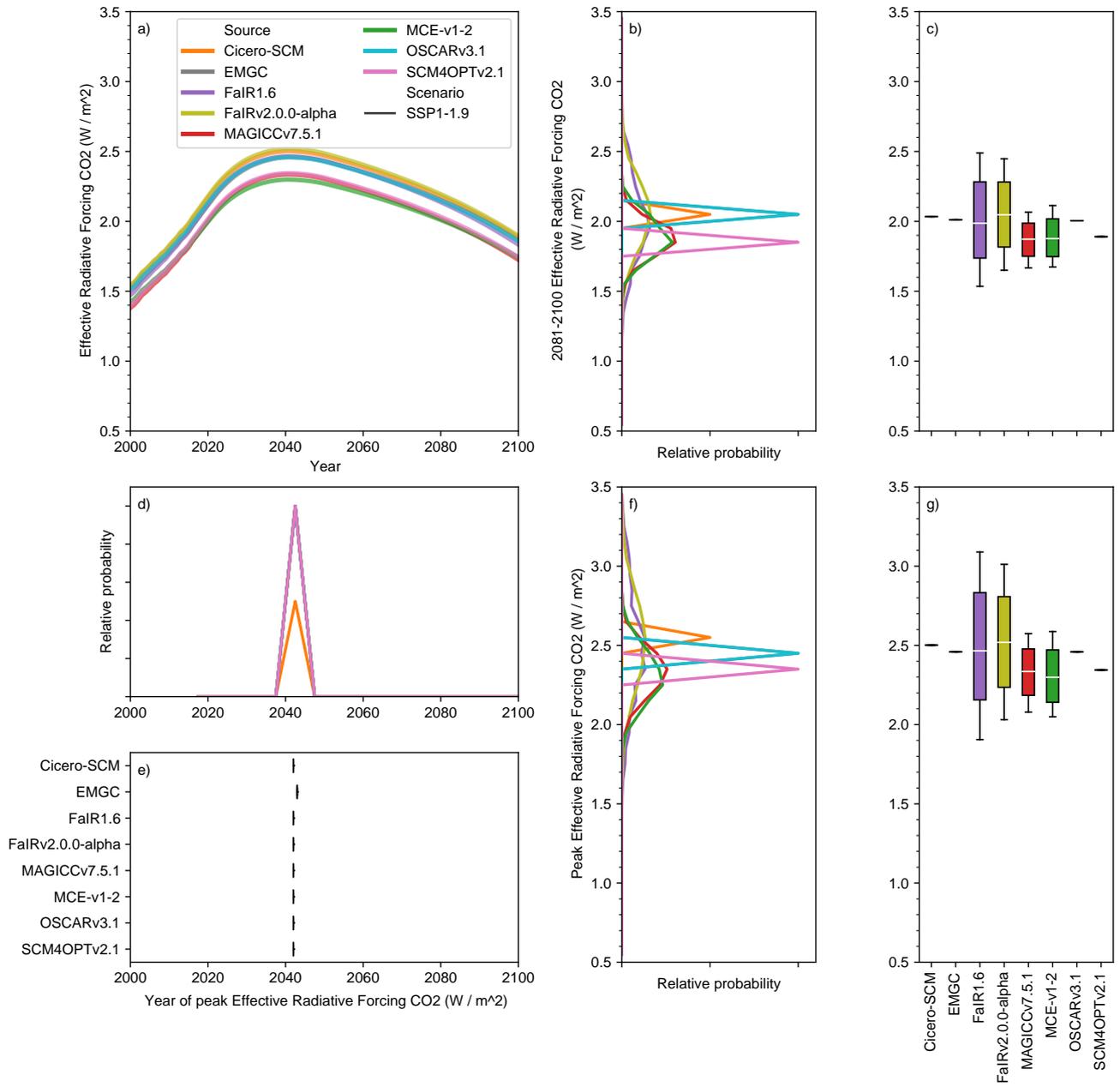
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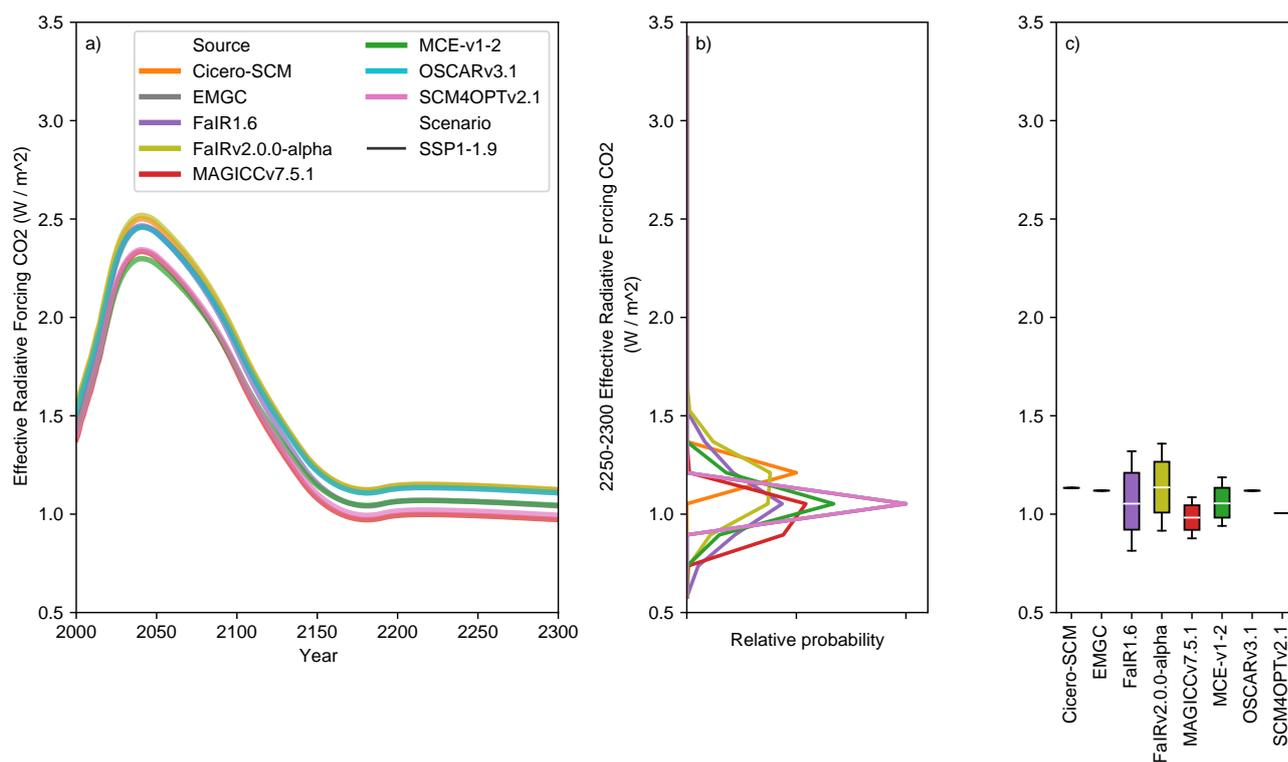
**Figure S18.** As in Figure S14 except for the low-emissions SSP1-2.6 scenario.



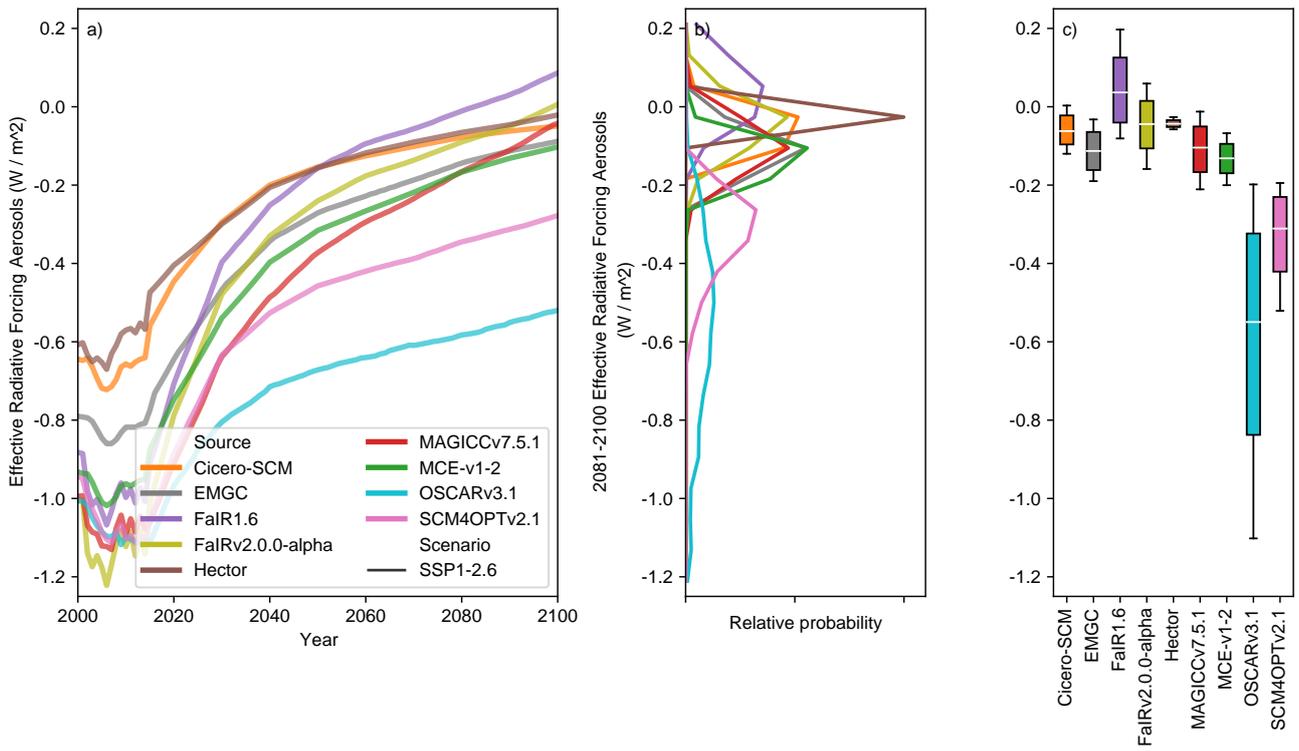
**Figure S19.** As in Figure S14 except for effective radiative forcing due to aerosols in the low-emissions SSP1-1.9 scenario.



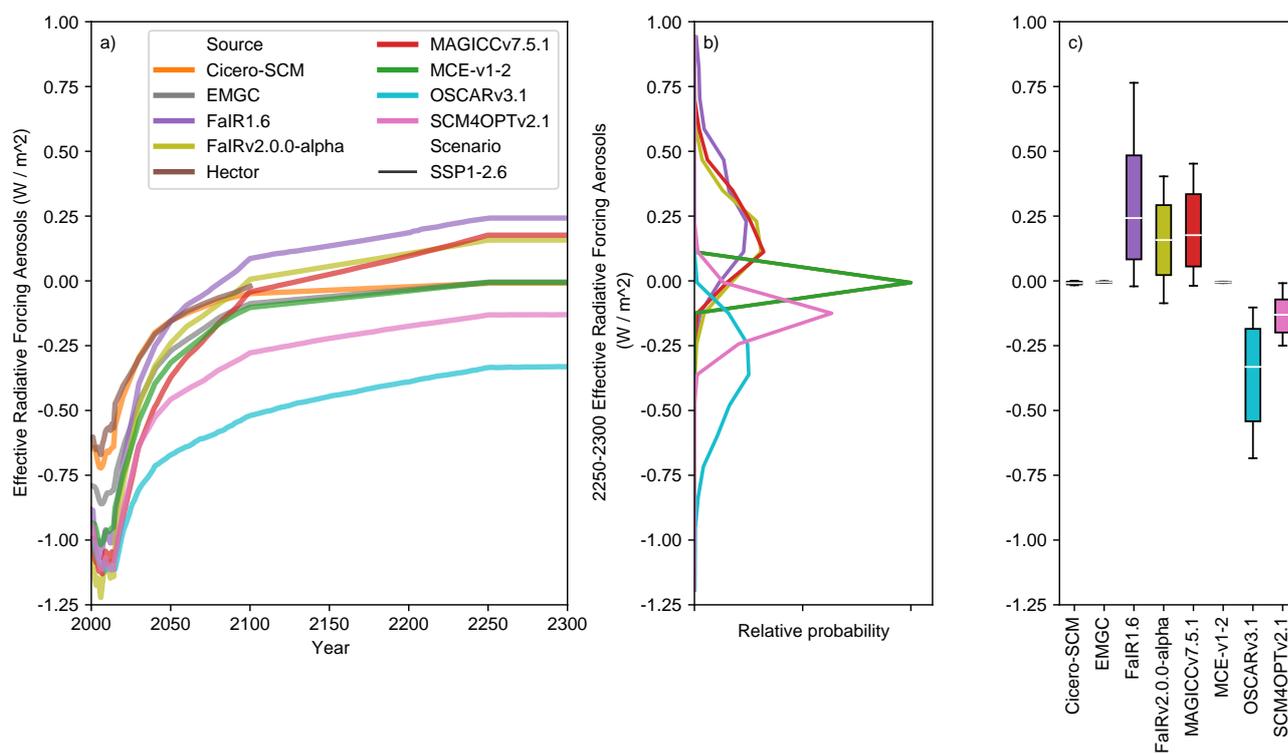
**Figure S20.** As Figure 3, except for effective radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub>.



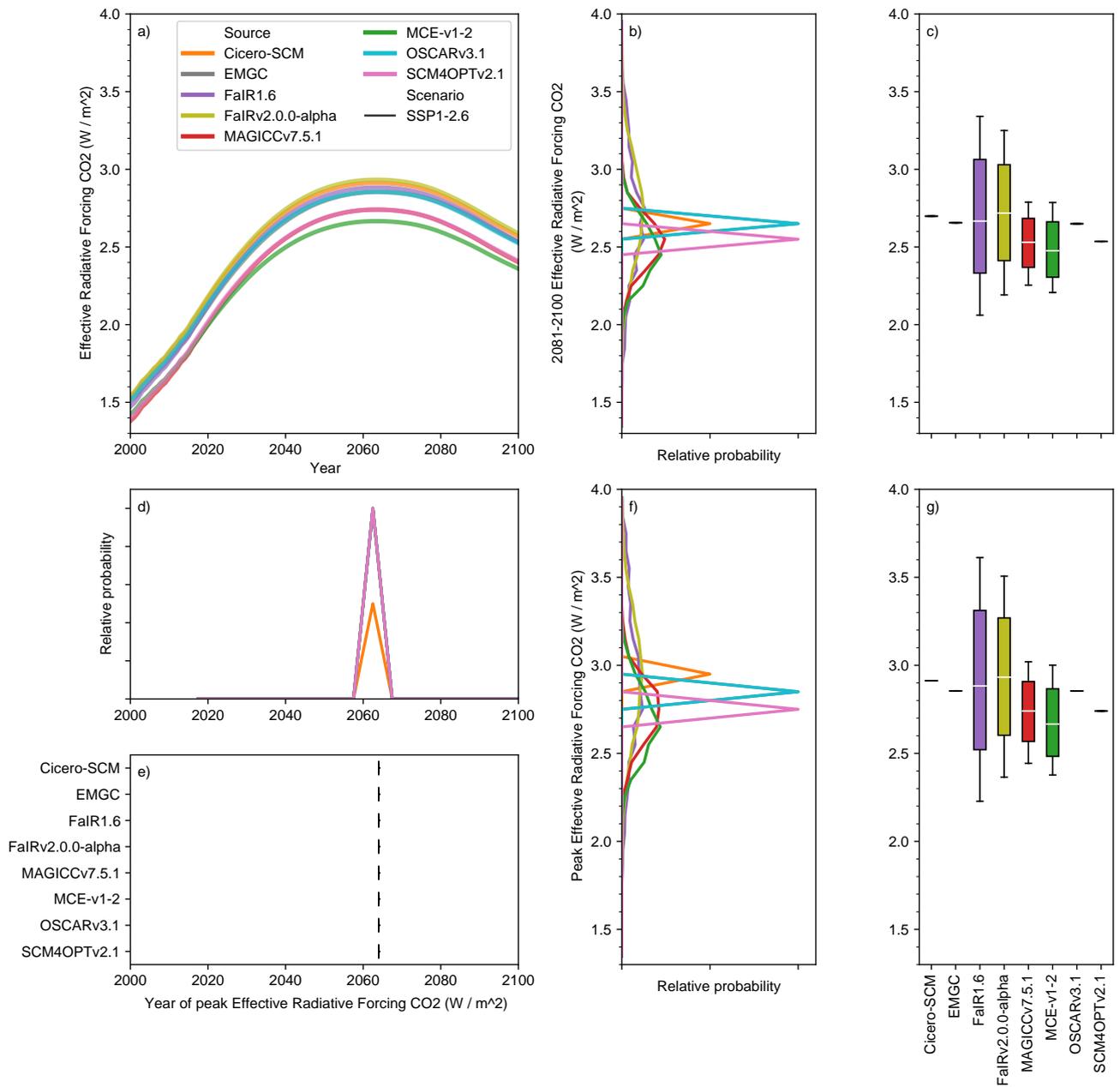
**Figure S21.** As in Figure S14 except for effective radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub> in the low-emissions SSP1-1.9 scenario.



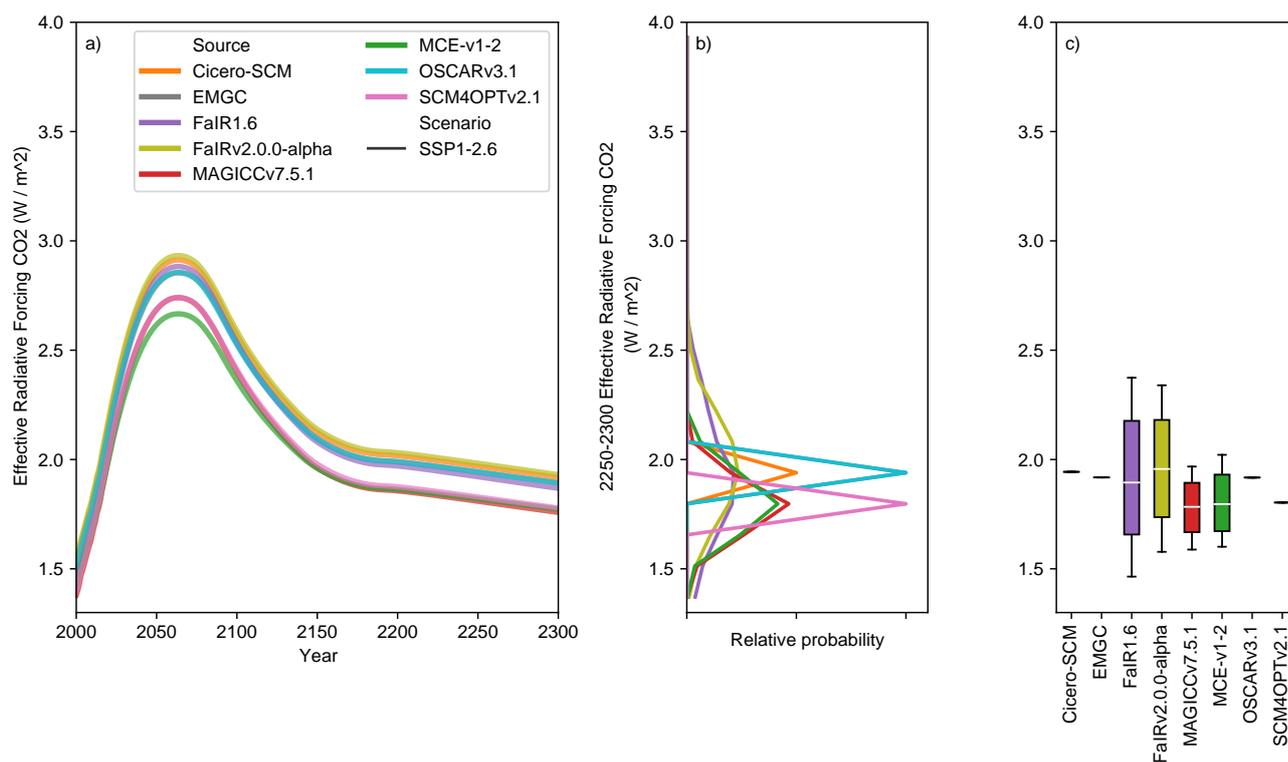
**Figure S22.** As in panels a), b) and c) of Figure 3, except for effective radiative forcing due to aerosols under the low-emissions SSP1-2.6 scenario.



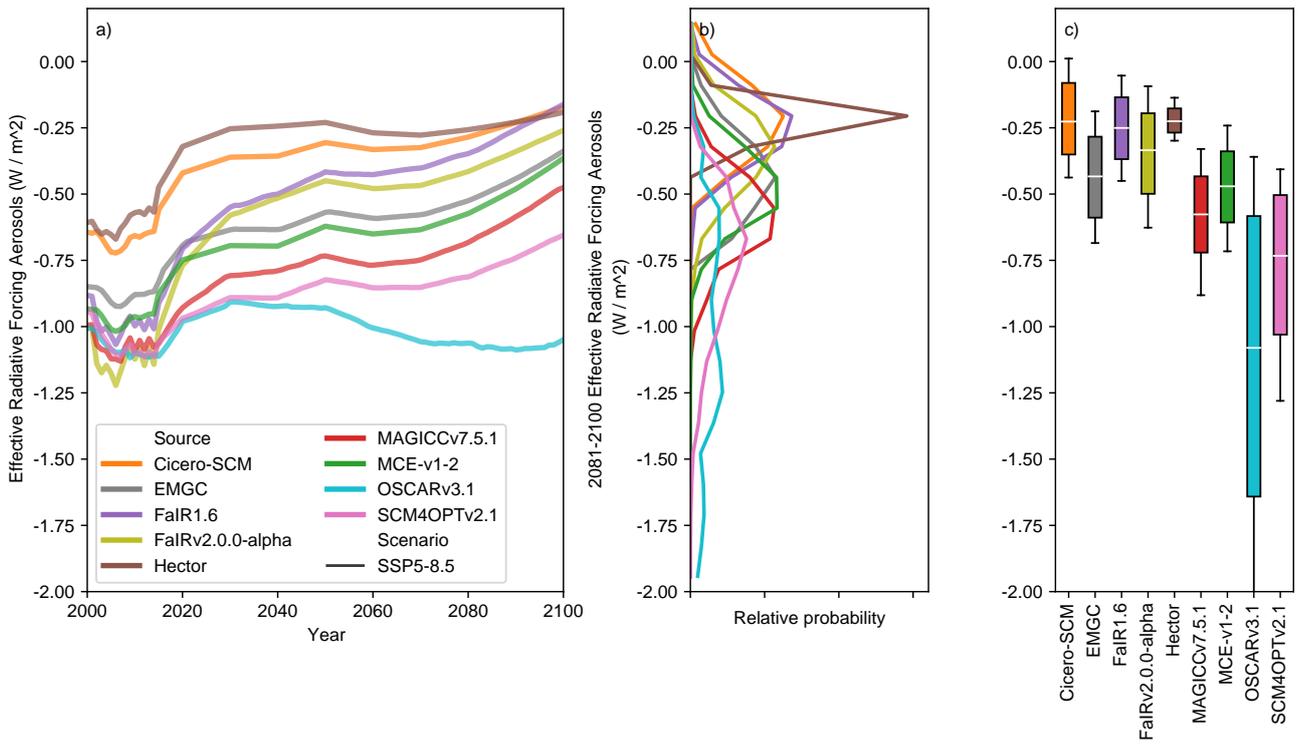
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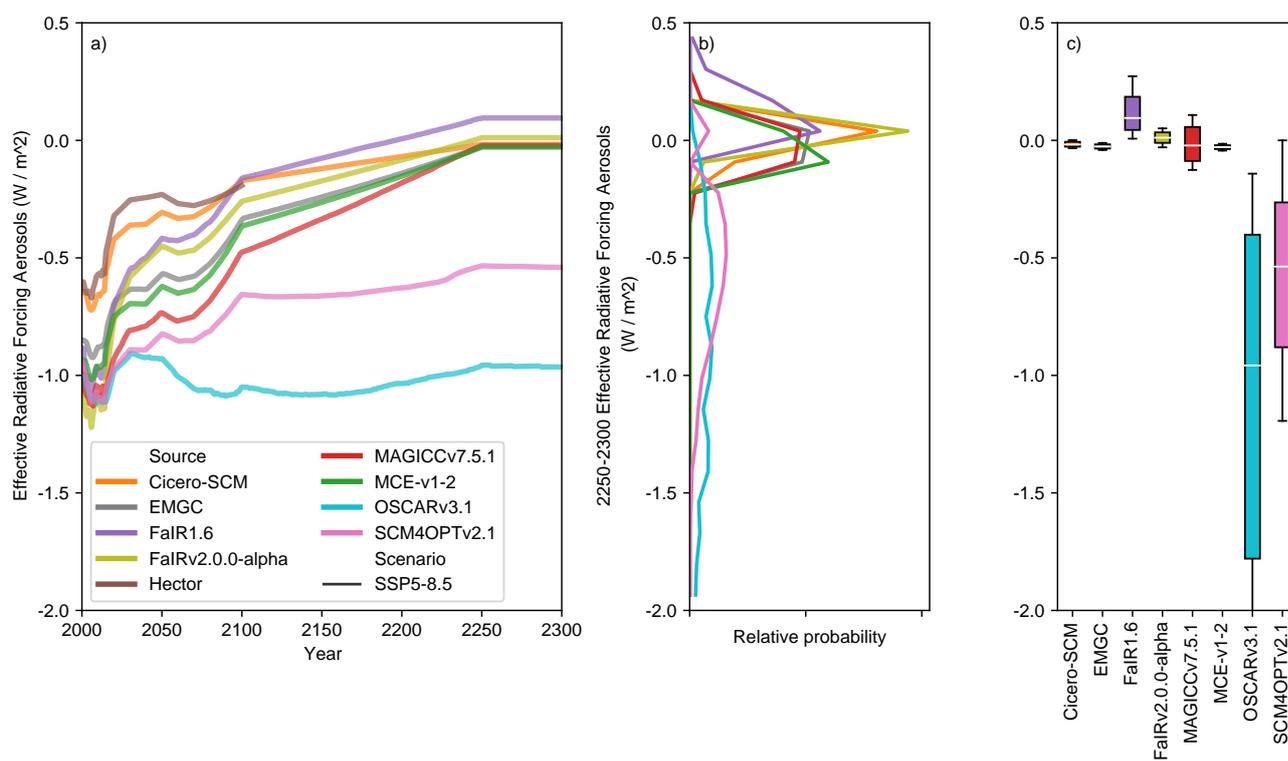
**Figure S24.** As Figure 3, except for effective radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub> under the low-emissions SSP1-2.6 scenario.



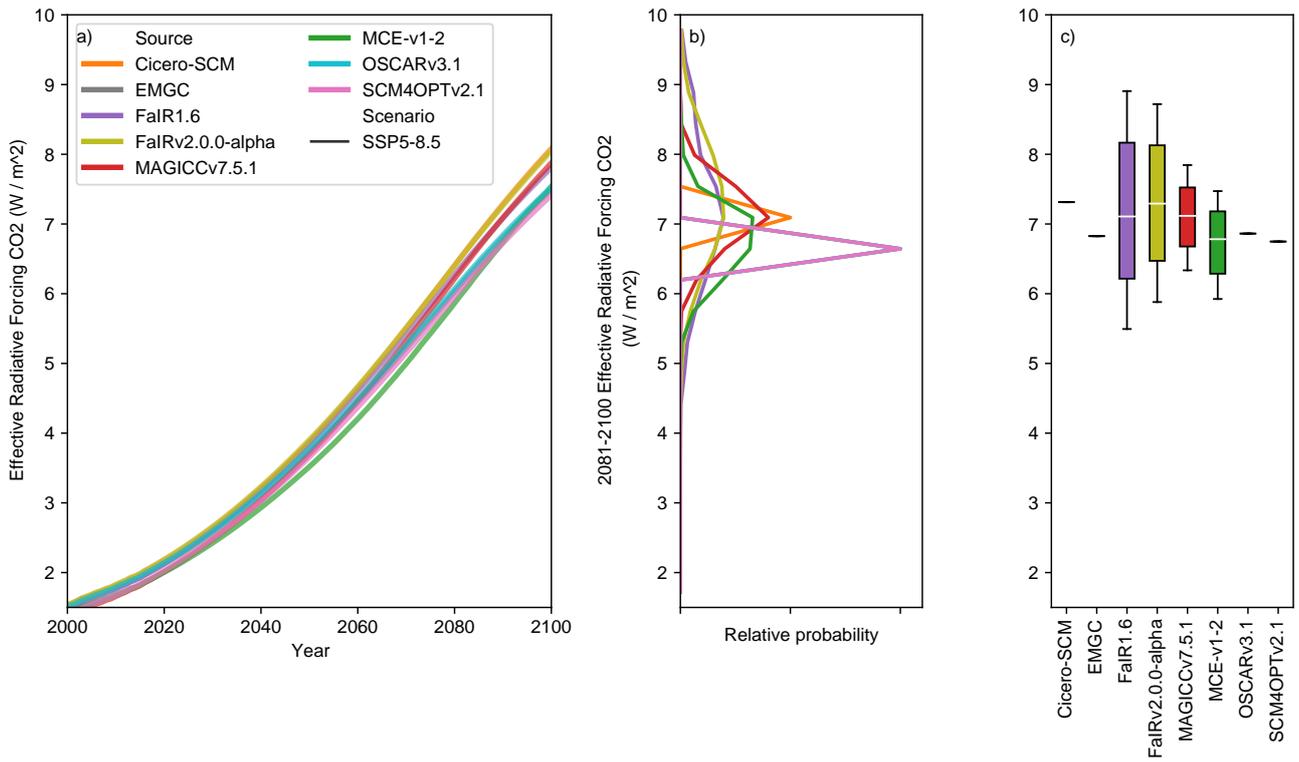
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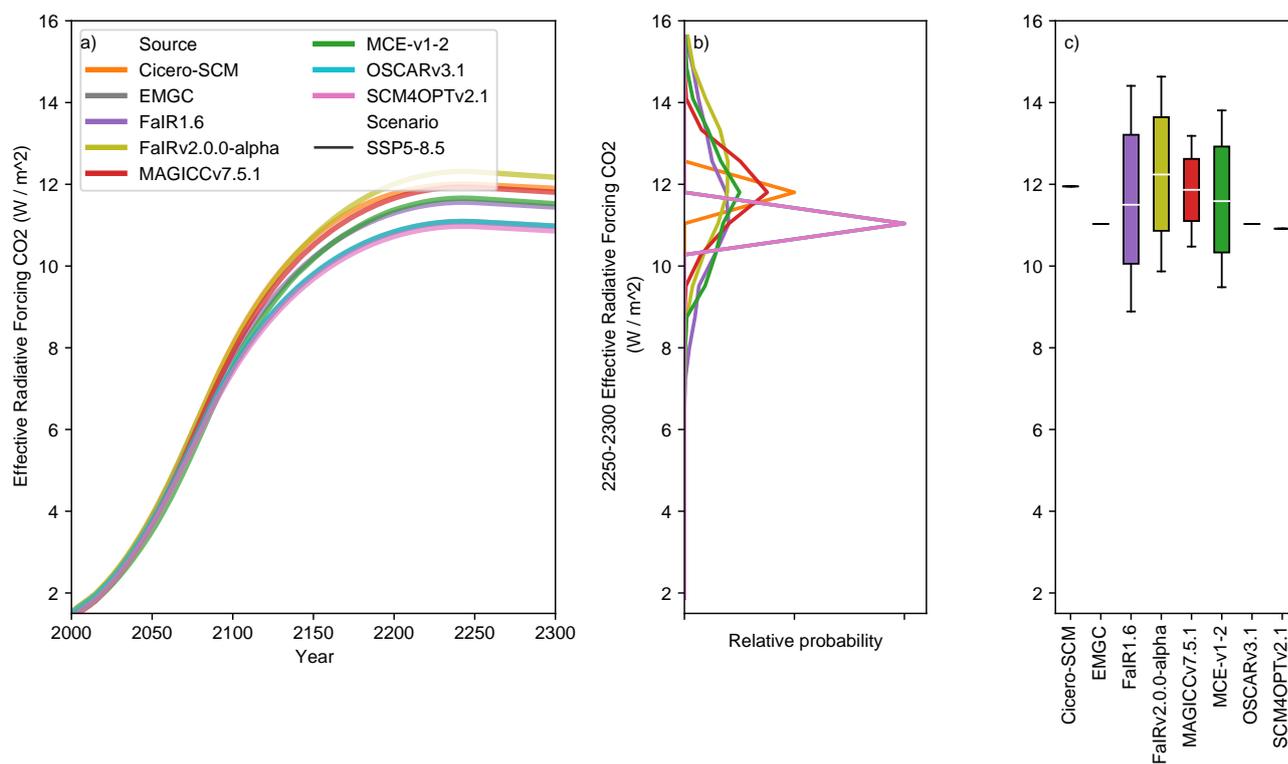
**Figure S26.** As in panels a), b) and c) of Figure 3, except for effective radiative forcing due to aerosols under the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



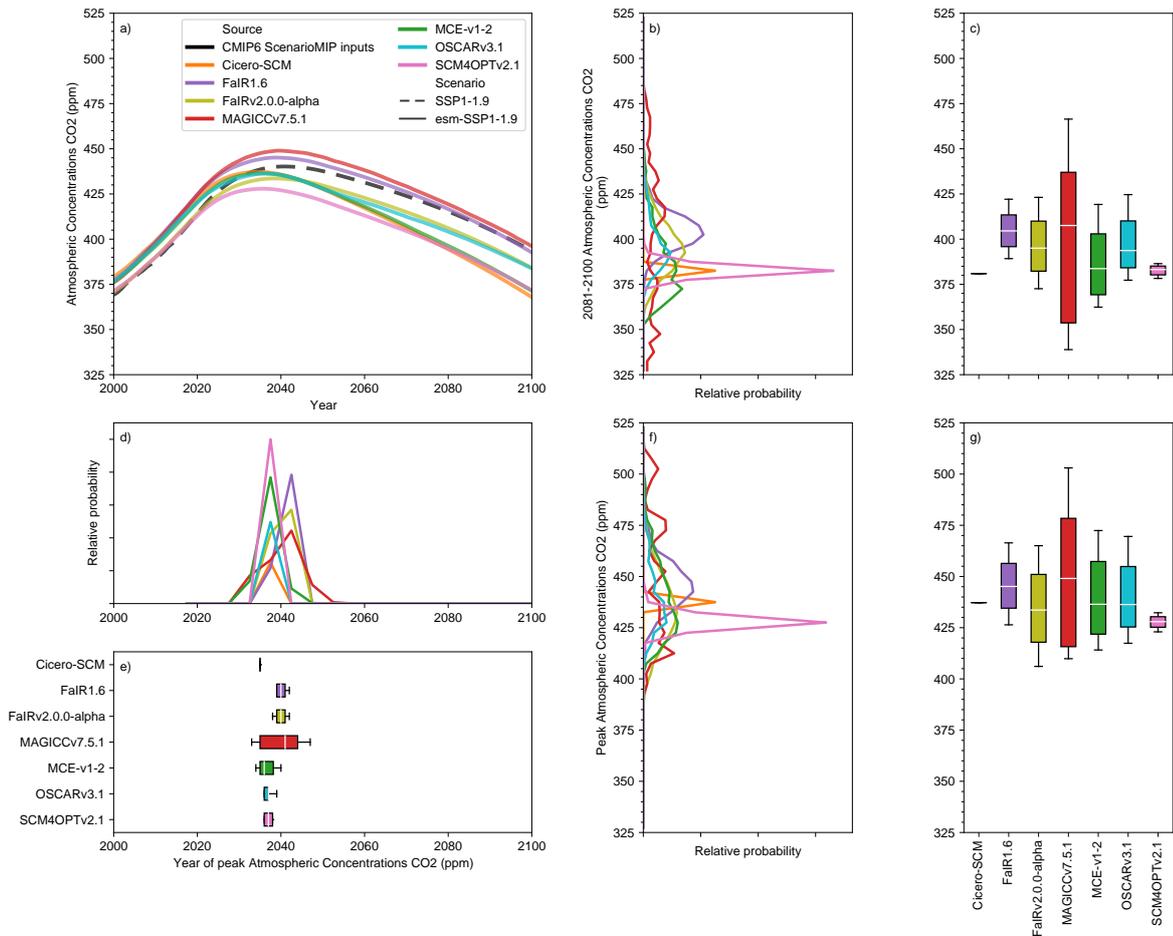
**Figure S27.** As in Figure S14 except for effective radiative forcing due to aerosols in the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



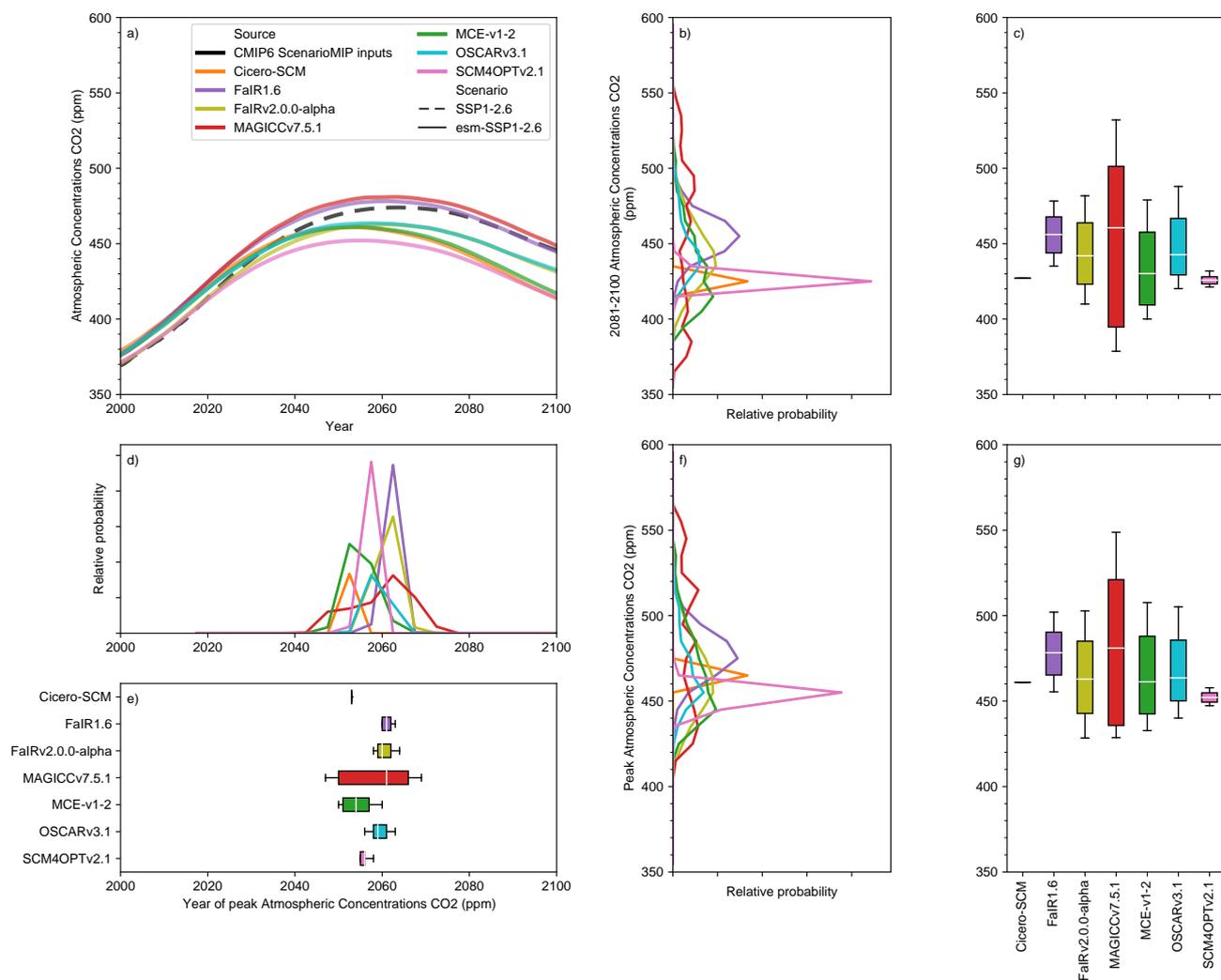
**Figure S28.** As in panels a), b) and c) of Figure 3, except for effective radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub> under the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



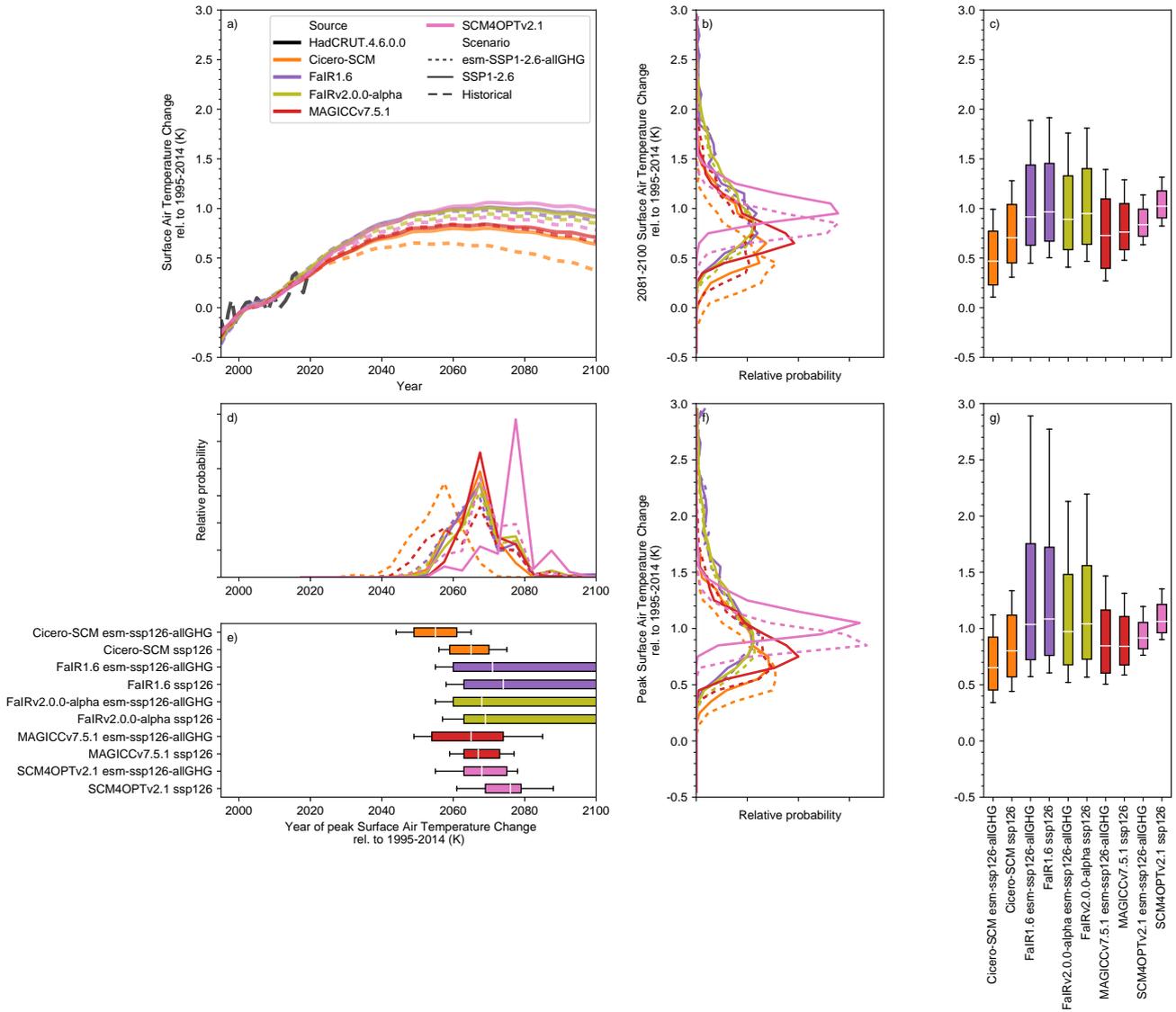
**Figure S29.** As in Figure S14 except for effective radiative forcing due to CO<sub>2</sub> in the high-emissions SSP5-8.5 scenario.



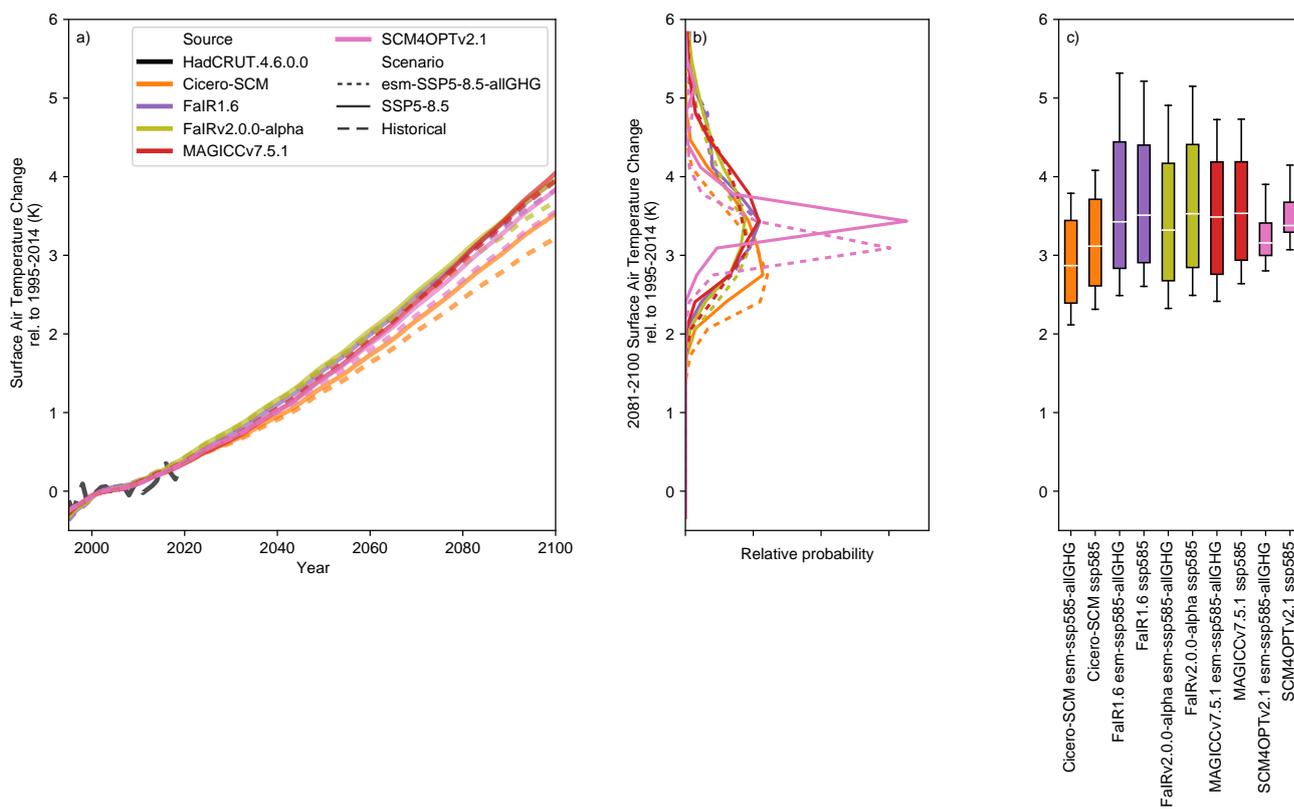
**Figure S30.** Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration projections in the esm-SSP1-1.9 experiment. a) Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration projections from 1995 to 2100. We show the median RCM projections (coloured lines) and prescribed CMIP6 ScenarioMIP input concentrations from the SSP1-1.9 concentration-driven experiment (dashed black line); b) distribution of 2081-2100 mean atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration projections from each RCM; c) very likely (whiskers), likely (box) and central (white line) 2081-2100 mean atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration projections estimate from each RCM. d) as in b) except for the year in which atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations peak; e) as in c) except for the year in which atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations peak; f) as in b) except for the peak atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations; g) as in c) except for the peak atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. Note that FaIR1.6 data is taken from the esm-SSP1-1.9-allGHG simulations because esm-SSP1-1.9 simulations are not available.



**Figure S31.** As in Figure S30 except for the esm-SSP1-2.6 experiment. Note that FaIR data is taken from the esm-SSP1-2.6-allGHG simulations because esm-SSP1-2.6 simulations are not available.

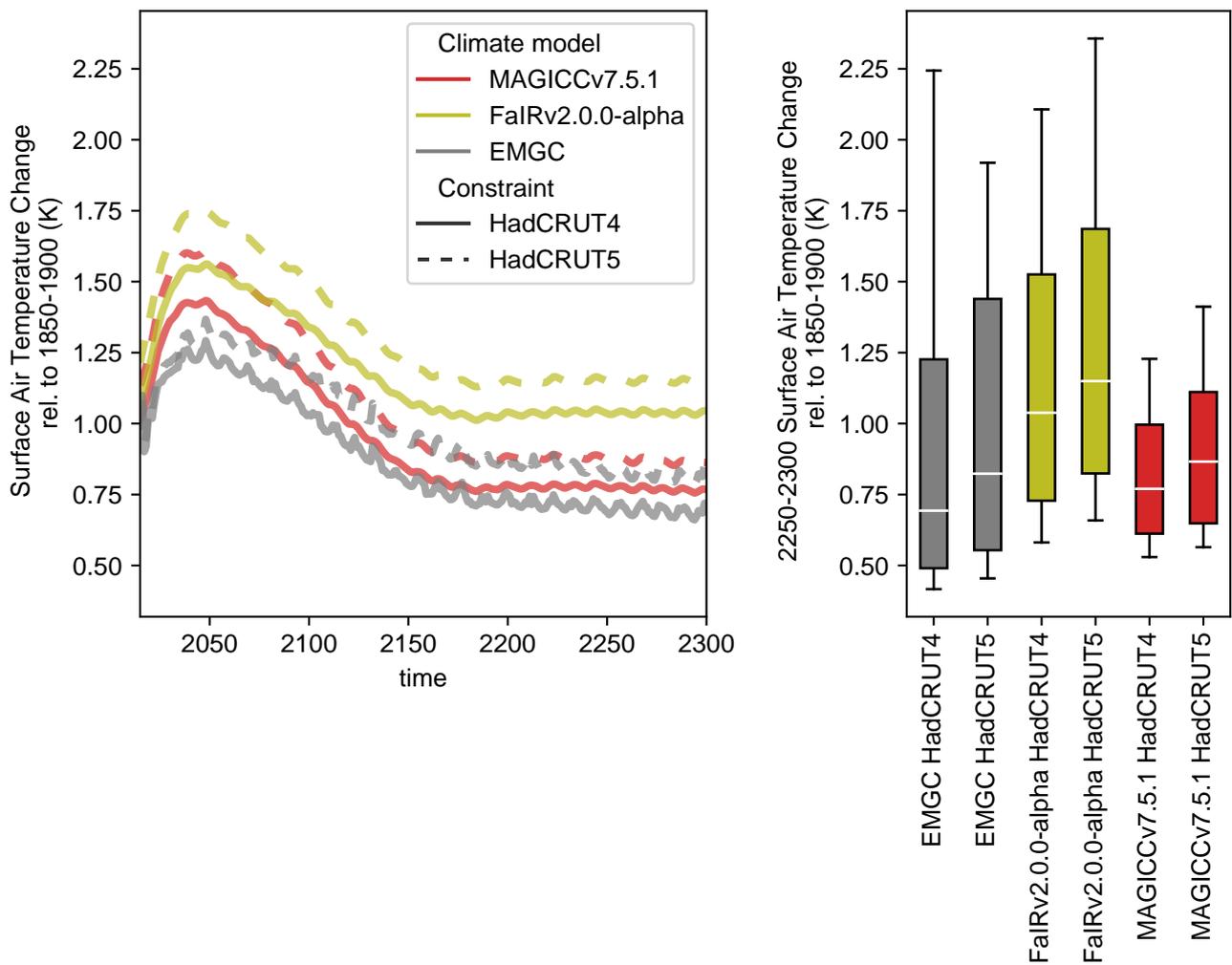


**Figure S32.** As in Figure 6 except for the SSP1-2.6, esm-SSP1-2.6-allGHG scenario pair.



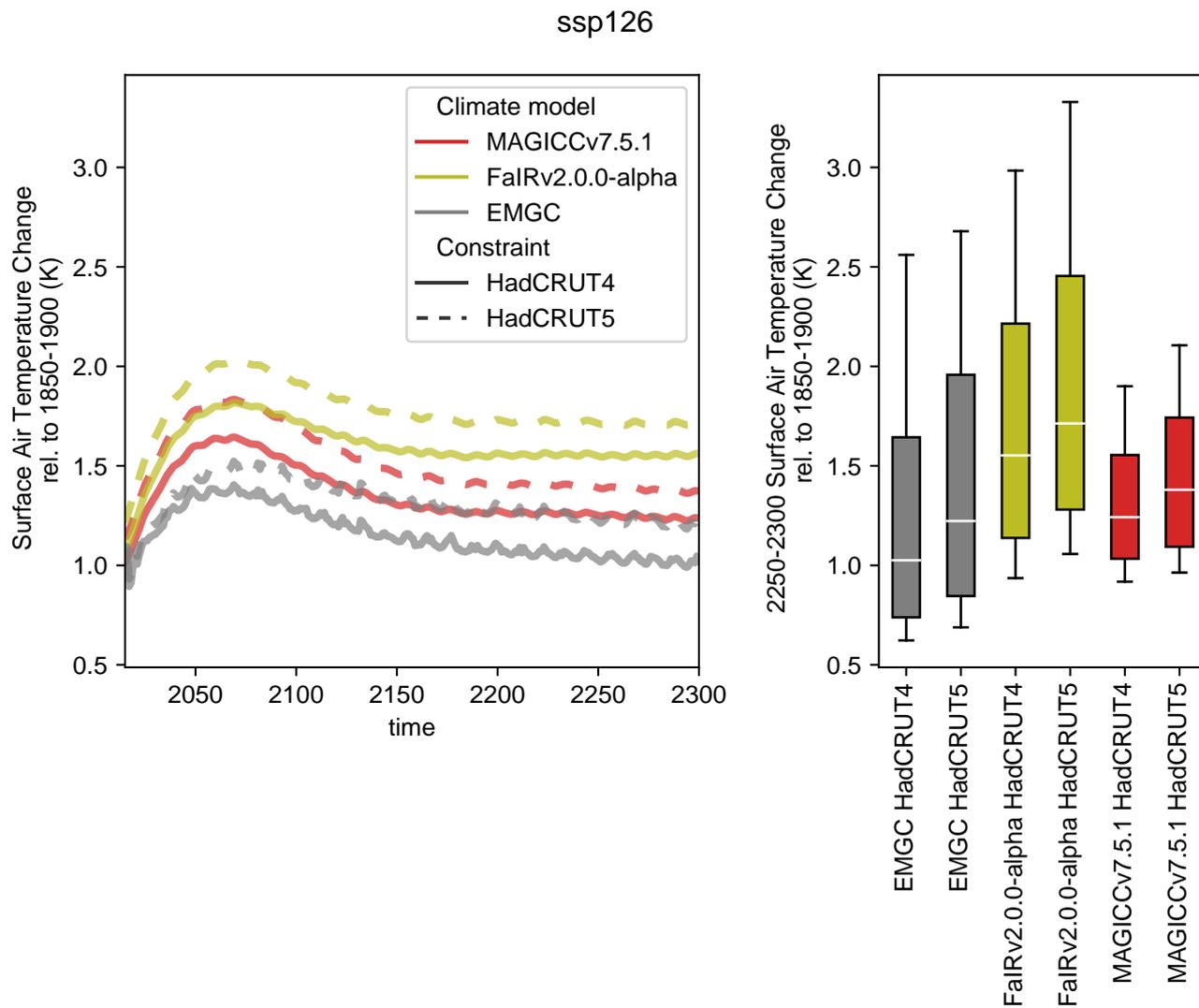
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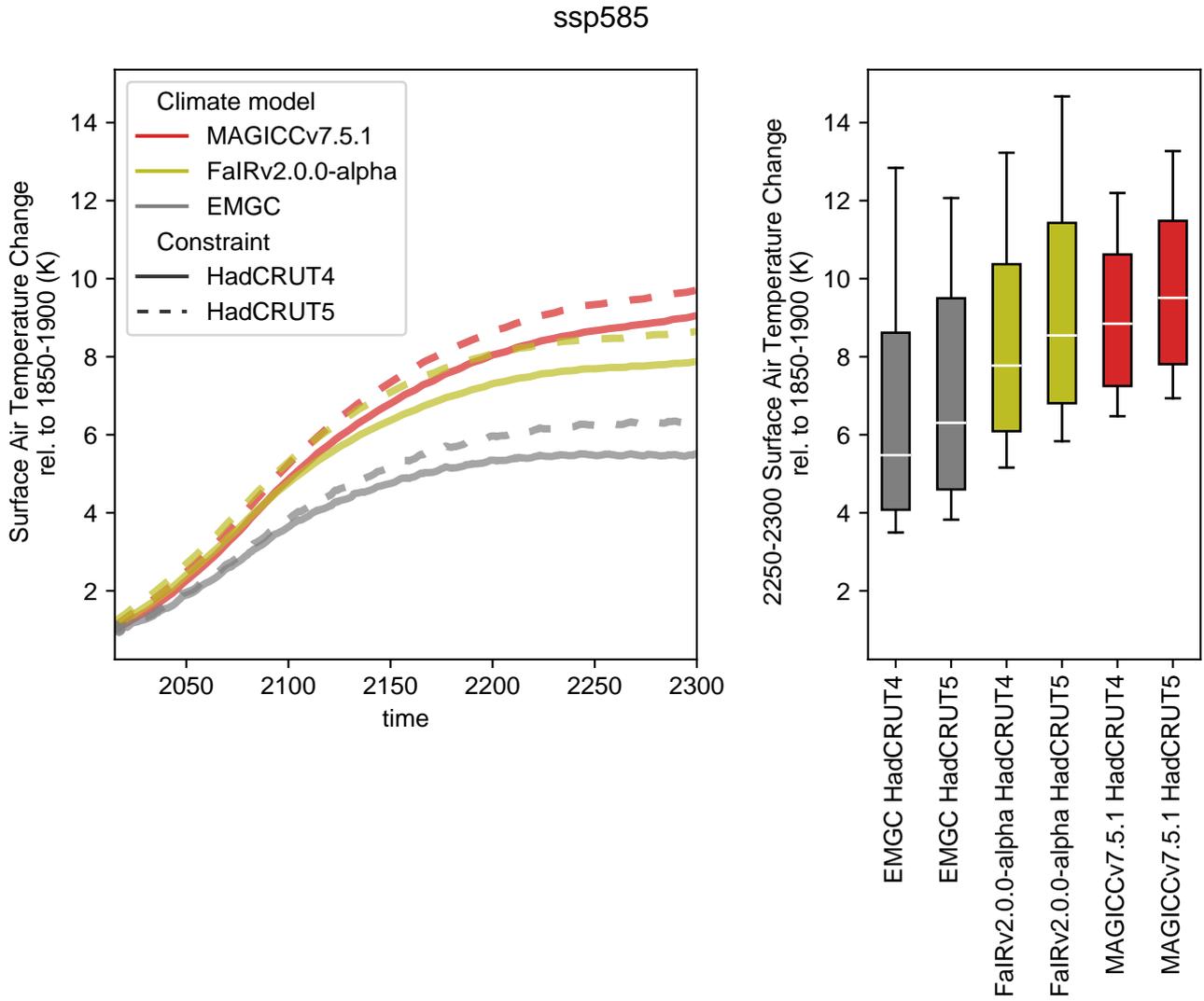


**Figure S34.** Surface air temperature (also referred to as global-mean surface air temperature, GSAT) change in the concentration-driven SSP1-1.9 experiment. For each model, two different probabilistic distributions are shown. One is constrained to HadCRUT.4.6.0.0 (Morice et al., 2012, as used in the main study), the second is constrained to HadCRUT.5.0.1.0 (Morice et al., 2021), which makes higher estimates of historical-warming. a) GSAT projections from 1995 to 2300. We show the median RCM projections for the probabilistic distributions which used HadCRUT.4.6.0.0 (solid lines) and HadCRUT.5.0.1.0 (dashed lines) as constraints; b) very likely (whiskers), likely (box) and central (white line) 2250-2300 mean GSAT for each RCM for each probabilistic distribution. All results are shown relative to the 1850-1900 reference period.

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**Figure S35.** As in Figure S35, except for the concentration-driven SSP1-2.6 experiment.



**Figure S36.** As in Figure S36, except for the concentration-driven SSP5-8.5 experiment.