

# The DeepMIP-Eocene model database and interactive web application versions 1.0

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## ABSTRACT

Paleoclimate model simulations provide reference data to help interpret the geological record and offer a unique opportunity to evaluate the performance of current models under diverse boundary conditions. Here, we present a database of 35 climate model simulations of the warm early Eocene Climatic Optimum (EECO; ~ 50 million years ago) and corresponding preindustrial reference experiments. To streamline the use of the data, we apply standardised naming conventions and quality checks across eight modelling groups that have carried out coordinated simulations as part of the Deep-Time Model Intercomparison Project (DeepMIP). Gridded model fields can be downloaded from an online repository or accessed through a new web application that provides interactive data exploration. Local model data can be extracted in CSV format or visualised online for streamlined model-data comparisons. Additionally, processing and visualisation code templates may serve as a starting point for advanced analysis. The database and online platform aim to simplify accessing and handling complex data, prevent common processing issues, and facilitate the sharing of climate model data across disciplines.

## Background & Summary

Past climate changes provide an opportunity to better understand how key components of the climate system might change under anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and thus help constrain future climate change<sup>1</sup>. Comparisons with paleoclimate data allow us to evaluate climate models under atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> scenarios similar to those possible in the near future. Furthermore,

34 these paleoclimate model simulations provide global, physically consistent reference data to support the interpretation of  
35 paleoclimatic data across a wide range of disciplines, e.g. in geology, biology, and geochemistry.

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37 One of the most well-studied past time intervals with respect to model-data comparison is the early Eocene Climatic  
38 Optimum (EECO; ~53.3 to 49.1 million years ago<sup>2</sup>) as it provides an analogue for future very high emission scenarios<sup>3</sup>. It was  
39 characterised by atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of ~1,500 ppm<sup>4</sup> and global mean surface temperatures (GMSTs) 10 to 16 °C  
40 warmer than pre-industrial<sup>5</sup>. Several modelling studies have focused on improving our understanding of the mechanisms and  
41 implications of EECO warmth<sup>6–10</sup> and ultimately motivated the formulation of the Eocene Modelling Intercomparison Project  
42 (EoMIP)<sup>11</sup>. While limited due to its opportunistic design, EoMIP nonetheless highlighted the possibility of using multi-model  
43 ensembles to systematically assess model-model and model-data differences in our understanding of Eocene climate.

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45 Building on this potential, DeepMIP – the Deep-Time Model Intercomparison Project – was designed to provide a consistent  
46 framework to carry out coordinated EECO model experiments<sup>12</sup>. Eight modelling groups performed a total of 35 model simula-  
47 tions using the same paleogeographic and vegetation boundary conditions at a range of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Table  
48 1). These new simulations showed more consistent global mean surface temperatures across the ensemble and larger climate  
49 sensitivities compared to the EoMIP results<sup>13</sup>. The coordinated experiment set-up allowed a separation of the relative influence  
50 of changes in CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and non-CO<sub>2</sub> boundary conditions (i.e. removal of land ice and prescribed vegetation) on the  
51 simulated surface temperatures. Non-CO<sub>2</sub> boundary conditions alone lead to 3-5 °C overall warming and contribute substantially  
52 to the reduced meridional temperature gradient, while higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels drive global mean warming due to decreases in  
53 atmospheric emissivity. Importantly, three models (CESM1.2-CAM5, GFDL-CM2.1 and NorESM1-F) were able to produce  
54 a global surface temperature distribution similar to paleoclimate data at CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations consistent with the geological record.

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56 The DeepMIP-Eocene ensemble has already been used in multiple studies, analysing specific aspects of the Eocene  
57 climate in more detail, e.g. the meridional temperature gradient<sup>14</sup>, the surface to deep ocean temperature relationship<sup>15</sup>,  
58 ocean circulation<sup>16</sup>, sea ice<sup>17</sup>, hydroclimate<sup>18–20</sup>, and the impact of mountains<sup>21,22</sup>. We anticipate continued interest in the  
59 DeepMIP-Eocene model data, both for model intercomparisons and for model-data syntheses, and aim to document the design  
60 of the database and streamline access to improve future re-use of the data. Although the use of large model ensembles is  
61 helpful in quantifying the influence of uncertainties in boundary conditions and limitations in model performance on the

62 simulated Eocene climate, it also presents a technical hurdle in accessing and fully utilising the available data. The use of  
63 model-specific data standards, post-processing workflows and variable naming schemes can make the analysis and comparison  
64 of multi-model ensembles a tedious process or even lead to processing errors. The need for significant data processing expertise  
65 can therefore limit the benefits and wider use of these important data, particularly in non-modelling paleoclimatology disciplines.

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67 Here, we build on the DeepMIP framework to address these issues and present standardised, quality-checked EECO model  
68 output to facilitate multi-model processing and analysis, both for model intercomparisons and model-data comparisons. We  
69 have reprocessed the output of a total of 26 EECO simulations at CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations between  $\times 1$  and  $\times 9$  pre-industrial  
70 levels, together with their nine pre-industrial reference experiments, to generate a database of common climate variables with  
71 consistent temporal averaging, variable names and units across the ensemble. We follow the CMIP convention for variable  
72 names and units as closely as possible to take advantage of existing processing workflows, and use the ensemble spread to  
73 quantify the internal consistency of the output fields.

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75 We provide two complementary ways of accessing the database, tailored to the most likely future use cases. First, the  
76 entire database is stored as global, gridded netCDF (network Common Data Form) files in the Centre for Environmental Data  
77 Analysis (CEDA) Archive and can be downloaded as individual files or in batch mode. Combined with the consistent DeepMIP  
78 naming convention, this provides a more traditional, scriptable starting point for further analysis. Second, we present an  
79 interactive web application to facilitate model-data comparisons of EECO surface temperatures and precipitation. This is a very  
80 common use case for paleoclimate model data, but also involves multiple processing steps and potential pitfalls, especially  
81 when working with a large model ensemble. The web application automatically calculates paleolocations for a single site or  
82 a list of present-day locations, extracts the corresponding model data from the various model grids and plots a summary of  
83 the results. The resulting data can be exported for further offline analysis, while the underlying Python code can be used as a  
84 starting point for custom analysis.

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86 The database and tools provided are designed to enable data access for non-programmers and to streamline analysis for  
87 more advanced users to routinely evaluate existing and emerging paleoclimate data against the full DeepMIP-Eocene model  
88 ensemble. This will help to bridge the gap between modelling and data communities to ultimately advance our understanding of  
89 early Eocene climate and could potentially serve as a reference framework for similar projects of other geological time periods

90 in the future.

## 91 **Methods**

### 92 **DeepMIP-Eocene experiments**

93 All EECO simulations that follow the DeepMIP-Eocene experimental design protocol<sup>12</sup> and are completed by September  
94 2023 form the input data for version 1.0 of the database (Table 1). These simulations are identical to those described in  
95 the DeepMIP overview paper<sup>13</sup>, with the exception of the new MIROC  $\times 1$  and  $\times 2$  experiments. The DeepMIP framework  
96 provides standardised model boundary conditions and experimental designs to allow a coordinated model intercomparison  
97 of the simulation results. All groups have used one of the two reference paleogeographic reconstructions<sup>23,24</sup> interpolated  
98 to their respective model grids. Prescribed vegetation and river runoff follow a published reconstruction<sup>23</sup>, while globally  
99 homogeneous soil parameters based on the global mean of the respective pre-industrial simulation were used. All groups  
100 provided a pre-industrial reference simulation and performed a series of EECO experiments, differing only in the concentration  
101 of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, summarised in Table 2. Other greenhouse gas concentrations and the solar constant were held constant at  
102 their pre-industrial levels.

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104 A complete overview of the modelling framework is given in the DeepMIP experimental design paper<sup>12</sup>, and detailed  
105 descriptions of its implementation in the individual models can be found in the analysis of the large-scale climatic features<sup>13</sup>.  
106 We also provide a full description of each model setup based on their published method sections<sup>13</sup> as a README file in the  
107 database itself. This is intended to make the downloaded files self-describing and to allow dynamic addition of new experiments  
108 and models in the future. In the following, for each model included in version 1.0 of the database, we provide a brief summary  
109 of the initialisation and spin-up strategies, as this step required individual decisions by each modelling group. If applicable, we  
110 also point out any other deviations from the DeepMIP protocol above.

### 111 **CESM**

112 Ocean temperatures and salinities in all Eocene simulations are initialised from the same Palaeocene–Eocene Thermal Maximum  
113 (PETM;  $\sim 55$  million years ago) experiment using a previous version of CESM<sup>25,26</sup>. The  $\times 1$  simulation was integrated for a  
114 further 2600 years, while all other experiments were run for 2000 years.

115 **COSMOS**

116 The  $\times 3$  integration was initialised with a homogeneous temperature and salinity of 10 °C and 34.7 psu, respectively, and  
117 integrated for an initial 1000 years, after which the  $\times 1$  and  $\times 4$  simulations were branched. After an initial 8000 years with  
118 transient orbital parameters, a constant, pre-industrial orbital configuration was used for the final 1500 years of all simulations.  
119 Instead of using the proposed river routing scheme<sup>23</sup>, the simulations use a hydrological discharge model that follows the model  
120 orography<sup>27</sup>.

121 **GFDL**

122 The  $\times 1$ ,  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 3$ , and  $\times 4$  simulations were started from an idealized ocean temperature profile and a globally homogeneous  
123 salinity of 34.7 psu. After 1500 and 2000 years of integration, an acceleration technique was applied. Specifically, the linear  
124 temperature trends of the last 100 years for each model level below 500 m calculated and the temperature then extrapolated by  
125 a 1000 years following this trend. After the second application of this technique at year 2000, the model was run out normally  
126 for a further 4000 years for a total of 6000 years. The  $\times 6$  simulation was initialised with a globally uniform temperature of  
127 19.32 °C and continuously integrated for 6000 years.

128 **HadCM3**

129 Initial ocean temperatures for HadCM3BL were derived from an idealised temperature profile with lowered, CO<sub>2</sub> dependent  
130 deep ocean temperatures based on previous Eocene simulations. HadCM3B experiments were branched from the respective  
131 HadCM3BL simulations after 4400 to 4900 years and integrated for a further 2950 years. Multiple ocean gateways in the  
132 original paleogeography were widened to allow unrestricted ocean circulation and to guarantee the same gateway widths on  
133 both the low and high-resolution ocean grids of HadCM3BL and HadCM3B, respectively. In addition, maximum water depths  
134 in parts of the Arctic Ocean were reduced to improve numerical stability.

135 **INMCM**

136 The ocean temperature and salinity in the  $\times 6$  simulation follow the idealised equations of the DeepMIP protocol<sup>12</sup>, but with  
137 equatorial surface temperatures lowered by 5 °C. The simulation was integrated for a total of 1150 years.

138 **IPSL**

139 A modified version of the idealised DeepMIP temperature and salinity equations<sup>12</sup>, but with overall reduced temperatures,  
140 was used to initialise the  $\times 3$  simulation. The  $\times 1.5$  simulation is branched from the  $\times 3$  experiment after 1500 years. Both  
141 simulations are run for a total of 4000 years. The ocean bathymetry around individual ocean straits has been manually adjusted

142 to guarantee the minimum gateway width necessary to allow throughflow.

### 143 **MIROC**

144 All three simulations have been initialised with a modified version of the idealised DeepMIP temperature and salinity equations<sup>12</sup>,  
145 with ocean temperatures globally reduced by 15 °C, and integrated for 5000 model years. The ×1 and ×2 experiments are new  
146 and have not been included in the DeepMIP overview paper<sup>13</sup>.

### 147 **NorESM**

148 Initial ocean temperatures for the ×2 simulation were used from a previous NorESM-L simulation<sup>28</sup>, while salinities were set to  
149 25.5 psu in the Arctic and 34.5 elsewhere. The ×4 simulation was branched off after 100 model years, and both simulations have  
150 been run for a further 2000 years. The NorESM simulations were performed with a different paleogeographic reconstruction  
151 than the rest of the DeepMIP ensemble (Table 1).

## 152 **Data processing**

153 We use the raw output of the last 100 years of each of the 35 model simulations as input for our post-processing. For each  
154 variable, we generate up to three netCDF output files to facilitate common analysis workflows. We always produce a `mean` file  
155 representing either the monthly mean climatology or the annual mean averaged over the last 100 model years, depending on the  
156 temporal resolution of the model output. In case of monthly mean output data, the `std` file contains the standard deviation over  
157 the same averaging period for each month of the year and can be used for significance testing. Where feasible, we also store the  
158 full monthly mean output of the last 100 model years as a `time_series` file to investigate temporal trends or interannual  
159 variability.

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161 Alongside this standard output, we provide a generic script to interpolate model fields from their native grids to a common  
162 resolution for model intercomparisons. The processing workflow requires a local installation of the Climate Data Operator  
163 (CDO) software<sup>29</sup> for bilinear or nearest-neighbour interpolation for atmosphere and ocean variables, respectively. Example  
164 output for commonly used variables (i.e., near-surface air temperature, sea surface temperature and total precipitation) on  
165 a common 1°×1°grid is included in the database and can be directly used for analysis or to verify results of any local  
166 postprocessing. The processing script is distributed as part the database (see Data Records section).

## 167 **Naming convention**

168 We employ a consistent naming convention for variables, directories, and file names across all models to simplify the  
169 comparison of different models and to allow a scripted analysis of the entire database. The list of output variables is an  
170 extended version of those proposed in the DeepMIP experimental design<sup>12</sup> and is shown in Tables 3-4. Variable names, units  
171 and signs of fluxes follow the naming convention of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 6 (CMIP6) data request  
172 ([https://wcrp-cmip.github.io/WGCM\\_Infrastructure\\_Panel/CMIP6/data\\_request.html](https://wcrp-cmip.github.io/WGCM_Infrastructure_Panel/CMIP6/data_request.html), last access: 18 October 2023). Consistent  
173 standard names, long names and global attributes are directly added to the netCDF files following the Climate and Forecast  
174 metadata conventions (CF<sup>30</sup>) in version 1.8 (<http://cfconventions.org>, last access: 18 October 2023). All netCDF file have been  
175 automatically tested for CF-compliance with the `cf-checker` utility (<https://github.com/cedadev/cf-checker>, last access: 18  
176 October 2023) developed by the UK Met Office and the NCAS Computational Modelling Services (NCAS-CMS). Following  
177 the CMIP and CF community standards will both increase user familiarity with the new database and will allow the integration  
178 into existing analysis workflows and software. Each output variable is stored in a separate file according to the following  
179 structure:

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180 directory = deepmip-eocene-p1/<Family>/<Model>/<Experiment>/<Version>/<Averaging>/
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182 filename = <Variable>_<Model>_<Experiment>_<Version>.<Statistic>.nc
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183 where:

- 184 • <Family>, <Model> and <Experiment> are listed in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively
- 185 • <Variable> represents the first column in Tables 3-4
- 186 • <Statistic> is either mean (1 or 12 timesteps), std (12 timesteps), time\_series (1200 timesteps) or omitted for  
187 the time-independent boundary conditions
- 188 • the smaller mean and std files are stored in the <Averaging>=climatology directory and are separated from  
189 the larger time\_series files in the <Averaging>=time\_series directory to enable more granular download  
190 options

191 Storing all relevant information in the file name itself also allows new phases of coordinated DeepMIP simulations to be  
192 integrated into a single database in the future. All output files will be uploaded to the CEDA Archive for long-term storage

193 after any potential changes arising from the peer-review process have been implemented. During peer-review, all files can be  
194 anonymously accessed via [Google Drive](#).

## 195 **Web application**

196 In addition to depositing the database to the central CEDA repository, we also provide access to a subset of data through a new  
197 web application available at <https://data.deepmip.org>. The website is designed to extract surface temperature and precipitation  
198 for any user-defined location from all available model simulations and either visualise the results or download them for offline  
199 use. All processing code is written in Python and bundled into a web application via the Streamlit library (<https://streamlit.io>;  
200 last access: 29 September 2023). The code makes full use of the naming conventions described above and is therefore general  
201 enough to serve as a template for further in-depth analysis. Detailed instructions on how the application and underlying code  
202 can be used to extract subsets from the database are given in the Usage Notes section.

## 203 **Data Records**

204 The database will be deposited in the CEDA Archive, the UK national data centre for atmospheric and earth observation  
205 research, and is currently available via [Google Drive](#). This dataset contains the following types of files:

- 206 • **model data:** The directory `deepmip-eocene-p1` contains all processed model output in CF compliant netCDF  
207 format<sup>31</sup>, a self-describing community standard for storing gridded simulation data, with a total file size of 175.8 GB.  
208 Directory and file structure follow the DeepMIP naming convention described above.
- 209 • **model READMEs:** Each `<Family>` top-level directory contains a single `<Family>\_README.md` file that contains  
210 detailed information about the model, the simulation setup, and output variables available in the respective subdirectories.  
211 This ensures the downloaded database is sufficiently self-described and allows the addition of new models and simulation  
212 results in the future. The Markdown files are also converted to the PDF format for convenience.
- 213 • **validation\_tables directory:** PDF files with tables of available output variables for each model, grouped by atmosphere  
214 and ocean variables and the respective DeepMIP experiments. The tables also include global minimum/mean/maximum  
215 values of all fields for a first-order quality check (see Technical Validation section for details).
- 216 • **scripts directory:** Collection of code to interpolate model data to a common grid (`regrid_database_v1.0.sh`),  
217 create validation tables of available data (`plot_z-scores_v1.0.py`) and Python dictionaries containing available  
218 DeepMIP models, experiments and variables to support scripted analysis of the database (`deepmip_dicts_v1.0.py`).



## 219 Technical Validation

An earlier version of the database has already been used in a number of publications<sup>13-15,17-22</sup> to assess the scientific validity of the model simulations, both in terms of model-model and model-data comparisons. In this section, we verify the internal consistency of the database, ensuring that the naming convention has been applied correctly and that the resulting variable names, units and fluxes are consistent across all models. To do this, we automatically parse all `mean` and `time_series` files in the database for any given experiment, interpolate them to a common grid, calculate the global mean, minimum and maximum values and compare these values across all models. We use annual mean fields for the validation of `mean` files and the last 12 available months of the `time_series` files. For variables with multiple vertical levels (see Tables 3-4), we select the vertical index nearest to the 500 hPa pressure level or 1000 m depth for atmospheric and ocean data, respectively. Example tables for atmospheric and ocean `mean` variables from the  $\times 3$  simulations are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, tables for all other experiments as well as for `time_series` files are uploaded to the online database and web application. This testing procedure simulates a standard analysis workflow and is able to detect any deviations from the expected DeepMIP naming convention, while the resulting tables provide a visual overview of available model fields for each experiment. We further calculate the median and standard deviation for each variable and metric across all available models (i.e. for each row in the table) to flag potential outliers that may arise due to inconsistent units or different directions of energy or mass fluxes. For this, we calculate a z-score for each model, variable and statistic which quantifies the number of standard deviations an individual model statistic is above or below the ensemble median. We use the ensemble median instead of the mean as the reference point to reduce the influence of potential outliers in our small sample sizes and calculate the adjusted z-scores as:

$$z = \frac{x - M}{\sigma} \quad (1)$$

220 where  $z$  is the computed z-score,  $x$  is the individual model value,  $M$  is the median across all available models for the respective  
221 variable and statistic (i.e., across each table row), and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation across the ensemble. A z-score  $> 3$  is  
222 commonly used as a cut-off to identify outliers in a distribution. Due to the small sample sizes ( $N \leq 9$ ) the z-score threshold  
223 was not used to exclude any data from the database, but rather to find and resolve inconsistencies in the data processing between  
224 the models. In the final database, all model fields are within  $\pm 3$  standard deviations around the respective ensemble median,  
225 although we note that the small sample sizes allow only an indicative analysis. The Python processing code is included in the  
226 online database (see Data Records section) and can be used to develop a custom analysis workflow or to validate any regridding

227 and global averaging performed by the user.

## 228 Usage Notes

229 We present two primary routes to access the database, either via downloading the netCDF files for local processing or via an  
230 interactive website for online model-data comparisons.

### 231 netCDF repository

232 First, processed netCDF files for all simulations will be available from the CEDA Archive. The full directory structure can be  
233 accessed via the browser and files can be downloaded via HTTP, Wget, FTP or OPeNDAP. This allows easy access to the data  
234 via the browser, as well as scriptable interfaces for bulk downloading. The OPeNDAP (Open-source Project for a Network Data  
235 Access Protocol) protocol allows the remote subsetting and exploration of datasets directly in Python, R, IDL, and Matlab.  
236 THE CEDA Archive website (<https://help.ceda.ac.uk/article/99-download-data-from-ceda-archives>; last access: 29 September  
237 2023) gives an up to date overview of all available access options.

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### 239 Interactive web application

240 Second, simulated surface temperatures and precipitation from any location can be extracted, visualised and downloaded at  
241 <https://data.deepmip.org>. This allows model-data comparisons via a simple user interface without the need to download the  
242 netCDF files locally. The sidebar of the web application can be used to choose between three different analysis pages:

243 1. **Extract local model data:** Finds the model data closest to a user-specified site (see example in Fig. 3). The minimum  
244 inputs are the modern location of the site and the variable of interest (either near-surface air temperature, sea surface  
245 temperature, or total precipitation). The application will automatically reconstruct the site's EECO paleo-position on both  
246 the mantle<sup>23</sup> and paleomagnetic<sup>24</sup> reference frames and extract the respective monthly and annual mean simulation data  
247 from the closest grid point for all models in the database. Model data is interpolated to a common  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  grid (see Data  
248 processing section for details) prior to the data selection to eliminate the influence of different model resolutions on the  
249 results. In the end, the ensemble means for each experiment are calculated and the results are listed in an interactive table.  
250 Data can be downloaded in CSV, Excel or JSON format for direct import into spreadsheets for further offline analysis.  
251 The extraction can be performed for a single site or a list of locations and all sites from the DeepMIP proxy database<sup>2</sup>  
252 are pre-loaded and available for comparison with the simulation results. Furthermore, the underlying Python functions

253 `get_paleo_locations()` and `get_model_point_data()` are available in the `deepmip_modules.py` file  
254 of the application repository for reuse in any custom analysis. The `get_paleo_locations()` function uses the  
255 paleolocation lookup fields provided in the experimental design paper<sup>12</sup> to find the respective early Eocene locations  
256 for a list of modern latitude/longitude pairs, using both the mantle<sup>23</sup> and paleomagnetic<sup>24</sup> reference frames. Results are  
257 saved in a Pandas DataFrame which can be directly passed to `get_model_point_data()` to extract the nearest  
258 model data for all reconstructed locations.

- 259 2. **Plot local model data:** Visualises the extracted results and optionally compares them to proxy reconstructions (see  
260 example in Fig. 4). Available visualisations include line plots of the annual cycle at the user-specified location, grouped  
261 by the various DeepMIP CO<sub>2</sub> levels (Fig. 4a), and a scatter plot of all simulated annual mean values against the respective  
262 GMSTs or CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of the model simulations. (Fig. 4b). The latter plot type can be useful to compare the  
263 sensitivity of the model results at the local site against global climate signals. The simulated monthly and annual mean  
264 model results can be visually compared against a local proxy reconstruction, either by manually specifying the mean and  
265 standard deviation of the proxy data or by loading the respective values for locations from the DeepMIP proxy database<sup>2</sup>.  
266 The user can zoom and pan within the interactive figures and download them in PNG and SVG format.
- 267 3. **Map sites and boundary conditions:** Plots paleogeographic maps of the chosen site. The user can choose between a  
268 global map indicating the location of the study site or regional maps of the bathymetry, orography and land-sea mask on  
269 the various native model grids (Fig. 5). The latter can help with the interpretation of the model-data comparison result,  
270 e.g. by visualising local grid resolutions and associated intermodel differences in the representation of mountain ranges  
271 or ocean gateways.

## 272 **How to cite the database**

273 This Data Descriptor paper should be cited whenever any netCDF files from the database or results from the web application  
274 are reused in a publication. In addition, the user might want to cite the previously published overview of simulated large-scale  
275 climate features<sup>13</sup> or the DeepMIP-Eocene experimental design<sup>12</sup>, as appropriate.

## 276 **Code availability**

277 Processing code to interpolate model fields and to create the validation overview tables is included in the online database,  
278 currently available via [Google Drive](#). The code for the web application is available at <https://github.com/sebsteinig/deepmip->

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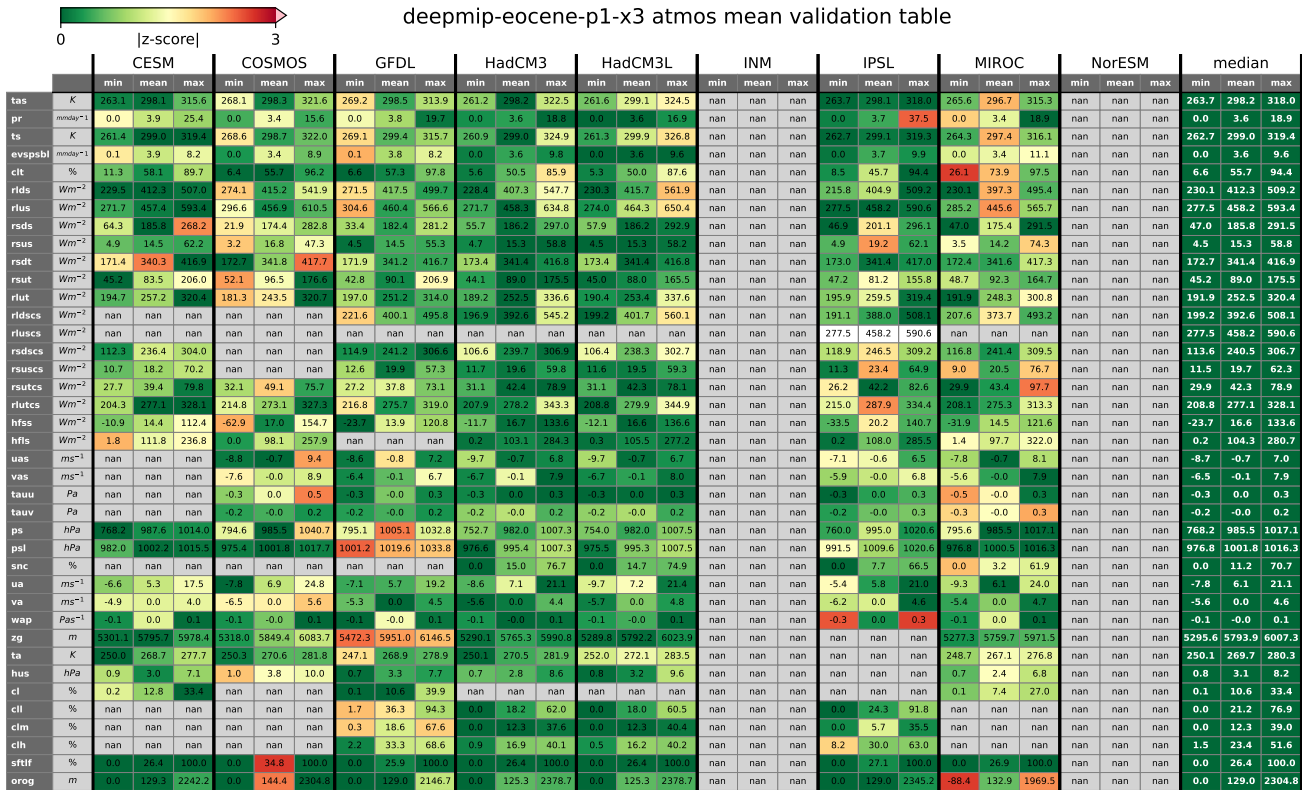
**Table 1.** Summary of the available DeepMIP-Eocene model simulations in version 1.0 of the database. Experiment short names are defined in Table 2.

Model	Family	PI	×1	×1.5	×2	×3	×4	×6	×9	Geography	Reference
CESM1.2-CAM5	CESM	×	×			×		×	×	23	13,26
COSMOS-landveg-r2413	COSMOS	×	×			×	×			23	13
GFDL-CM2.1	GFDL	×	×		×	×	×	×		23	13
HadCM3B-M2.1aN	HadCM3	×	×		×	×				23	13
HadCM3BL-M2.1aN	HadCM3	×	×		×	×				23	13
INM-CM4-8	INMCM	×						×		23	13
IPSLCM5A2	IPSL	×		×		×				23	13,32
MIROC4m	MIROC	×	×		×	×				23	13
NorESM1-F	NorESM	×			×		×			24	13

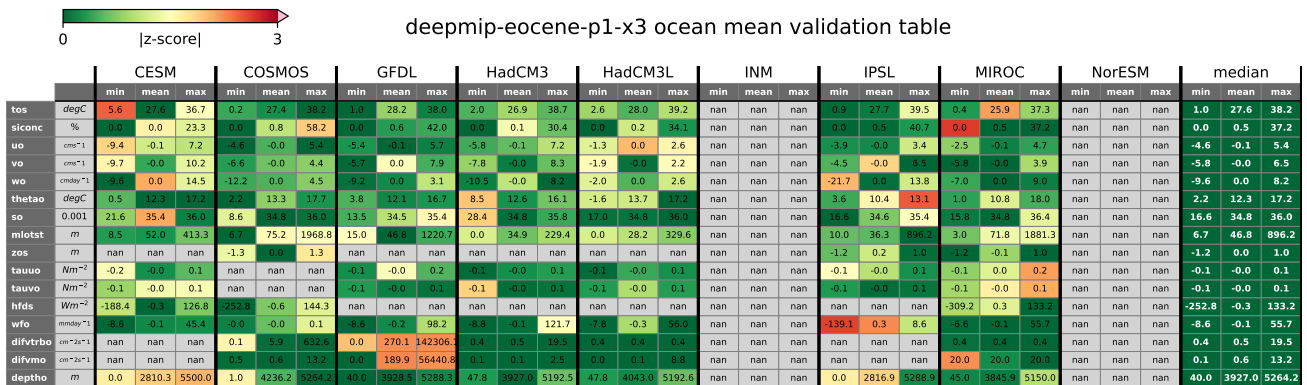
**Table 2.** Overview of the DeepMIP-Eocene experiments included in version 1.0 of the database.

Experiment Name	Short Name	CO <sub>2</sub> [ppmv]	Geography
deepmip-eocene-p1-PI	PI	280	modern
deepmip-eocene-p1-x1	x1	280	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x1.5	x1.5	420	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x2	x2	560	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x3	x3	840	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x4	x4	1120	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x6	x6	1680	23 or 24
deepmip-eocene-p1-x9	x9	2520	23 or 24





**Figure 1.** Technical validation of atmospheric global model fields of the  $\times 3$  experiment across the ensemble. Variables with multiple vertical levels are shown for the respective model pressure level closest to 500 hPa. Tables for other experiments and "time\_series" files can be found in the online database and the web application at [https://data.deepmip.org/Validation\\_tables](https://data.deepmip.org/Validation_tables).



**Table 3.** Atmosphere output variables included in version 1.0 of the database. Naming conventions follow the CMIP6 data request.

Name	Long Name	Units	Dimensions
tas	Near-Surface Air Temperature	$K$	time×lat×lon
ts	Surface Temperature	$K$	time×lat×lon
pr	Precipitation	$kg\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	time×lat×lon
evspsbl	Evaporation Including Sublimation and Transpiration	$kg\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	time×lat×lon
hfls	Surface Upward Latent Heat Flux	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
hfss	Surface Upward Sensible Heat Flux	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
ps	Surface Air Pressure	$Pa$	time×lat×lon
psl	Sea Level Pressure	$Pa$	time×lat×lon
snc	Snow Area Fraction	%	time×lat×lon
rsds	Surface Downwelling Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rlds	Surface Downwelling Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsus	Surface Upwelling Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rlus	Surface Upwelling Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsdt	TOA Incident Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsut	TOA Outgoing Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rlut	TOA Outgoing Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsdscs	Surface Downwelling Clear-Sky Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rldscs	Surface Downwelling Clear-Sky Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsuscscs	Surface Upwelling Clear-Sky Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rluscscs	Surface Upwelling Clear-Sky Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rsutcs	TOA Outgoing Clear-Sky Shortwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
rlutcs	TOA Outgoing Clear-Sky Longwave Radiation	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
tauu	Surface Downward Eastward Wind Stress	$Pa$	time×lat×lon
tauv	Surface Downward Northward Wind Stress	$Pa$	time×lat×lon
uas	Eastward Near-Surface Wind	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
vas	Northward Near-Surface Wind	$W\ m^{-2}$	time×lat×lon
clh	High Level Cloud Fraction	%	time×lat×lon
clm	Mid Level Cloud Fraction	%	time×lat×lon
cll	Low Level Cloud Fraction	%	time×lat×lon
clt	Total Cloud Cover Percentage	%	time×lat×lon
cl	Percentage Cloud Cover	%	level×time×lat×lon
hus	Specific Humidity	1	level×time×lat×lon
ta	Air Temperature	$K$	level×time×lat×lon
ua	Eastward Wind	$m\ s^{-1}$	level×time×lat×lon
va	Northward Wind	$m\ s^{-1}$	level×time×lat×lon
wap	Omega (=dp/dt)	$Pa\ s^{-1}$	level×time×lat×lon
zg	Geopotential Height	$m$	level×time×lat×lon
orog	Surface Altitude	$m$	lat×lon
sftlf	Percentage of the Grid Cell Occupied by Land	%	lat×lon

**Table 4.** Ocean output variables included in version 1.0 of the database. Naming conventions follow the CMIP6 data request.

Name	Long Name	Units	Dimensions
tos	Sea Surface Temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
siconc	Sea-Ice Area Percentage (Ocean Grid)	%	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
mloitst	Ocean Mixed Layer Thickness Defined by Sigma T	$m$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
zos	Sea Surface Height Above Geoid	$m$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
hfds	Downward Heat Flux at Sea Water Surface	$\text{W m}^{-2}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
wfo	Water Flux Into Sea Water	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
tauuo	Sea Water Surface Downward X Stress	$\text{N m}^{-2}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
tauvo	Sea Water Surface Downward Y Stress	$\text{N m}^{-2}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
msftbarot	Ocean Barotropic Mass Streamfunction	$\text{kg s}^{-1}$	time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
msftmz	Ocean Meridional Overturning Mass Streamfunction	$\text{kg s}^{-1}$	time $\times$ depth $\times$ lat
so	Sea Water Salinity	0.001	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
thetao	Sea Water Potential Temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
uo	Sea Water X Velocity	$\text{m s}^{-1}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
vo	Sea Water Y Velocity	$\text{m s}^{-1}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
wo	Sea Water Vertical Velocity	$\text{m s}^{-1}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
difvmo	Ocean Vertical Momentum Diffusivity	$\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
difvtrbo	Ocean Vertical Tracer Diffusivity Due to Background	$\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	depth $\times$ time $\times$ lat $\times$ lon
deptho	Sea Floor Depth Below Geoid	$m$	lat $\times$ lon

### User input

Number of sites to extract data for:

Single site  Multiple sites

Select the present-day location of your site and the variable you are interested in.

modern latitude of site
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variable
OPTIONAL: name of site

52.4
- + 11.8
sea surface temperature
Store Bælt, Denmark

GET MODEL DATA

**Warning:** Land points for sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are filled by a nearest-neighbour lookup to facilitate the intermodel comparison in coastal regions. Please make sure that you selected a marine/coastal location by checking the model land-sea masks on the Paleogeography page.

### Extracted model data

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28	COSMOS	COSMOS-landveg_r2413	DeepMIP_4x	1,120	26.9	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	18.3	13	25.9	22.7	22.3	14
29	GFDL	GFDL_CM2.1	DeepMIP_4x	1,120	27.5	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	18.3	11.2	29.9	12.8	12.7	25
30	NorESM	NorESM1_F	DeepMIP_4x	1,120	24.1	Store Bælt, Denmark	41.9	12.6	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	25.5	None	None	None	None	Nor
31	CESM	CESM1_2_CAM5	DeepMIP_6x	1,680	29.8	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	24.2	16.7	33.7	18.8	18.8	30
32	GFDL	GFDL_CM2.1	DeepMIP_6x	1,680	30.2	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	21.9	13.8	34.4	15.8	15.6	29
33	INM	INM-CM4-8	DeepMIP_6x	1,680	23.4	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	18.3	11.6	27.4	13.1	13.5	24
34	CESM	CESM1_2_CAM5	DeepMIP_9x	2,520	35.5	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	30.5	23.3	39.3	25.1	25.5	36
35	mean	ensemble_mean	piControl	280	13.7	Store Bælt, Denmark	52.4	11.8	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	8.7	2.5	16.2	4.4	4.7	14
36	mean	ensemble_mean	DeepMIP_1x	280	17.6	Store Bælt, Denmark	48.3	7.4	tos	sea surface temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	9.3	2.4	18.7	5.7	5.4	14

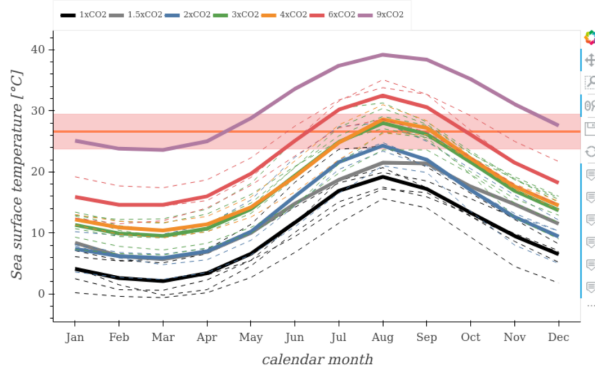
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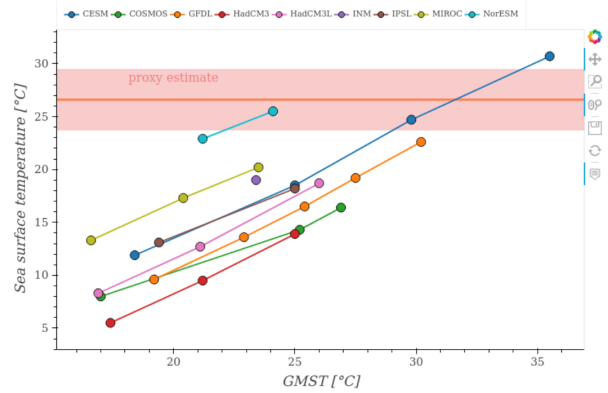
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**Figure 3.** Example user input and extracted model data for a single site in the web application.

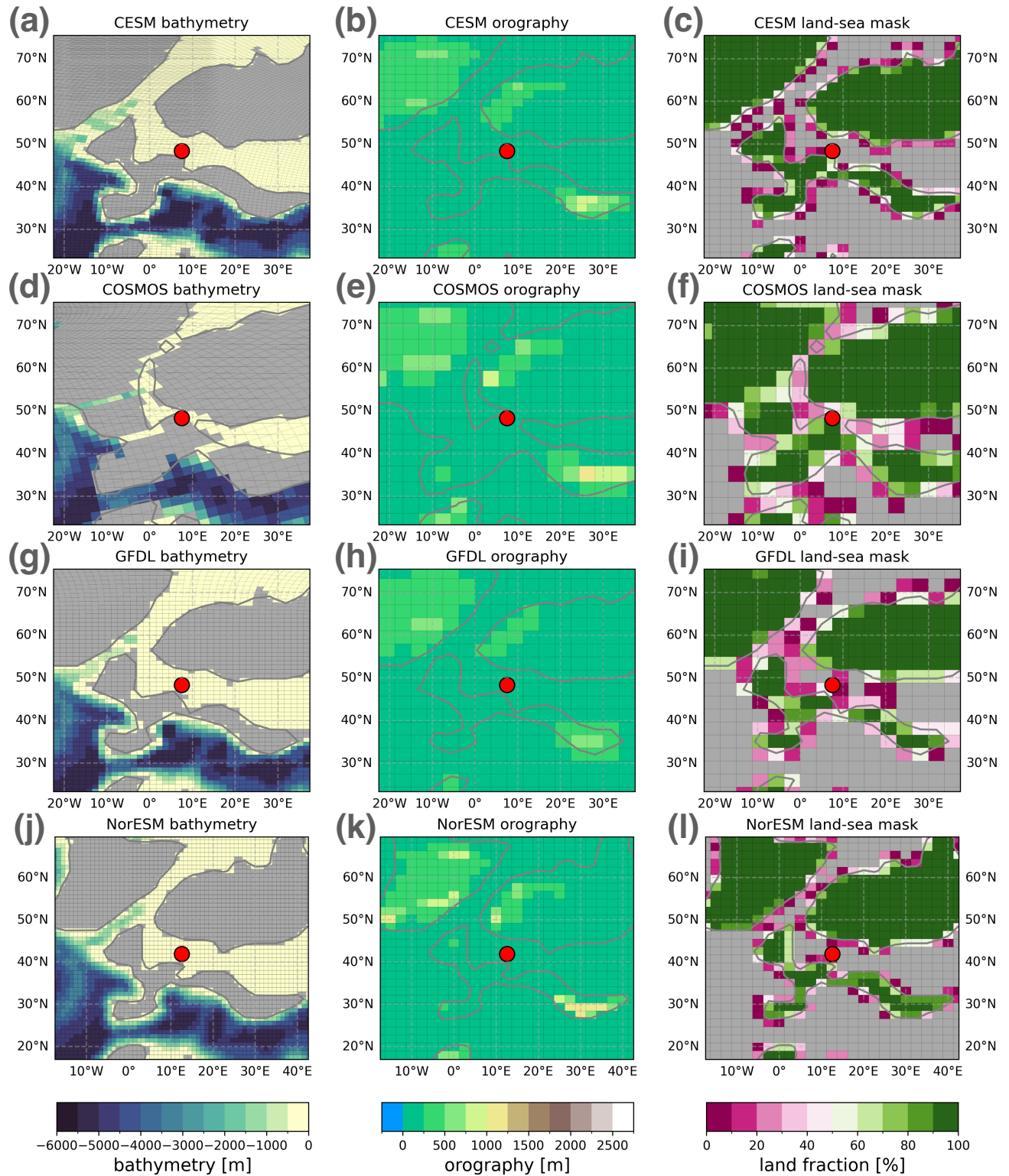
**(a) DeepMIP Sea surface temperature (annual cycle)**  
 site: Store Bælt (Denmark) (plat = 48.4 / plon = 7.4)  
 solid lines: ensemble mean / dashed lines: individual models



**(b) DeepMIP Sea surface temperature (annual mean)**  
 site: Store Bælt (Denmark) (plat = 48.4 / plon = 7.4)



**Figure 4.** Example graphical output of the web application for the model-data comparison of the Store Bælt (Denmark) site defined in Fig. 3. (a) Simulated annual cycle of sea surface temperatures at the respective grid point closest to the reconstructed paleoposition of the site. Solid lines show the ensemble mean for each CO<sub>2</sub> concentration with individual models represented by the dashed lines. (b) Scatter plot of the simulated annual mean sea surface temperature at the proxy site compared to the global mean surface temperature of the respective simulation. Lines connect results of the same model. Reconstructed proxy temperature is based on the TEX<sub>86</sub> paleothermometer<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure 5.** Maps of local boundary condition differences between some of the models around the the Store Bält (Denmark) site defined in Fig. 3 produced by the web application. The reconstructed paleoposition of the site (red dot) represents a land point in COSMOS (panel d-f) and ocean points in the other models. Note the different paleogeographic reconstruction used in NorESM (panel j-l).