

Supplementary materials for: Canada's wildfire future: climate change below a 2°C global target avoids large increases in burned area by the end of the century

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Supplementary figures:

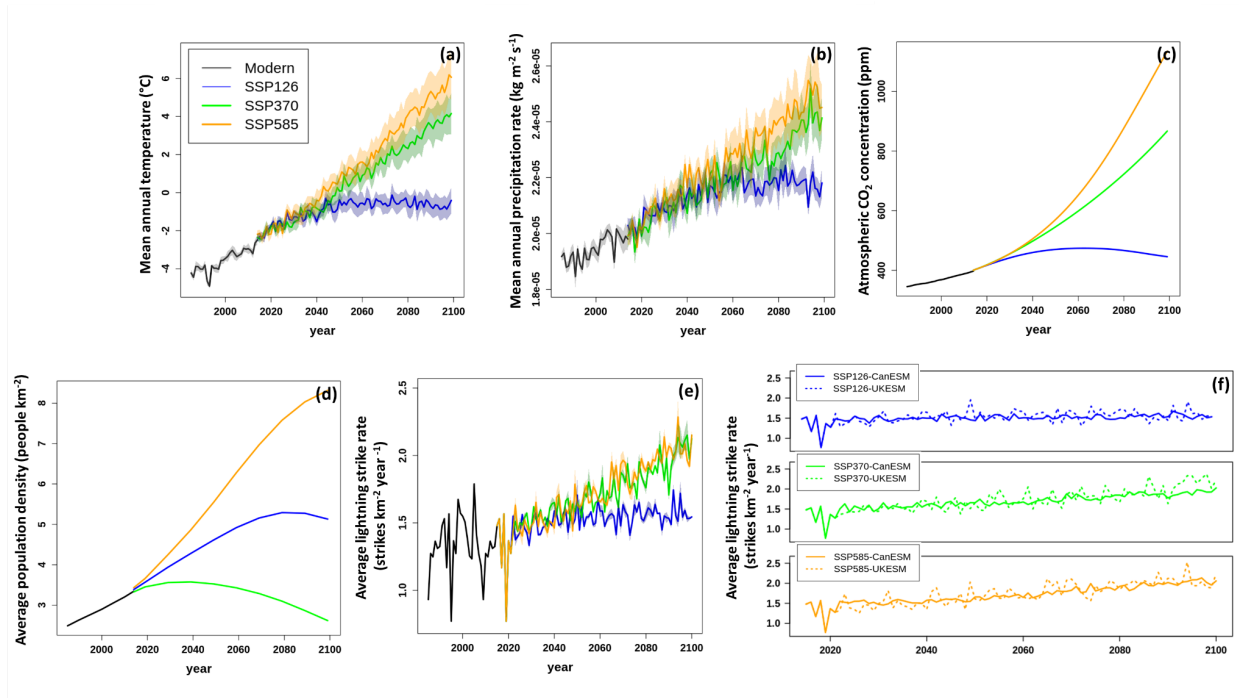


Figure S1: Canada-wide mean summary plots for drivers utilized by the model including **a)** mean annual temperature **b)** mean annual precipitation rate, **c)** atmospheric CO₂ concentration, **d)** average population density, **e)** average lightning strike rate, and **f)** average lightning strike rate broken down by future driver source and SSP. The shaded regions denote one standard error around the mean for the ensemble of six earth system model projections in “a” and “b” and two lightning model projections in “e”.

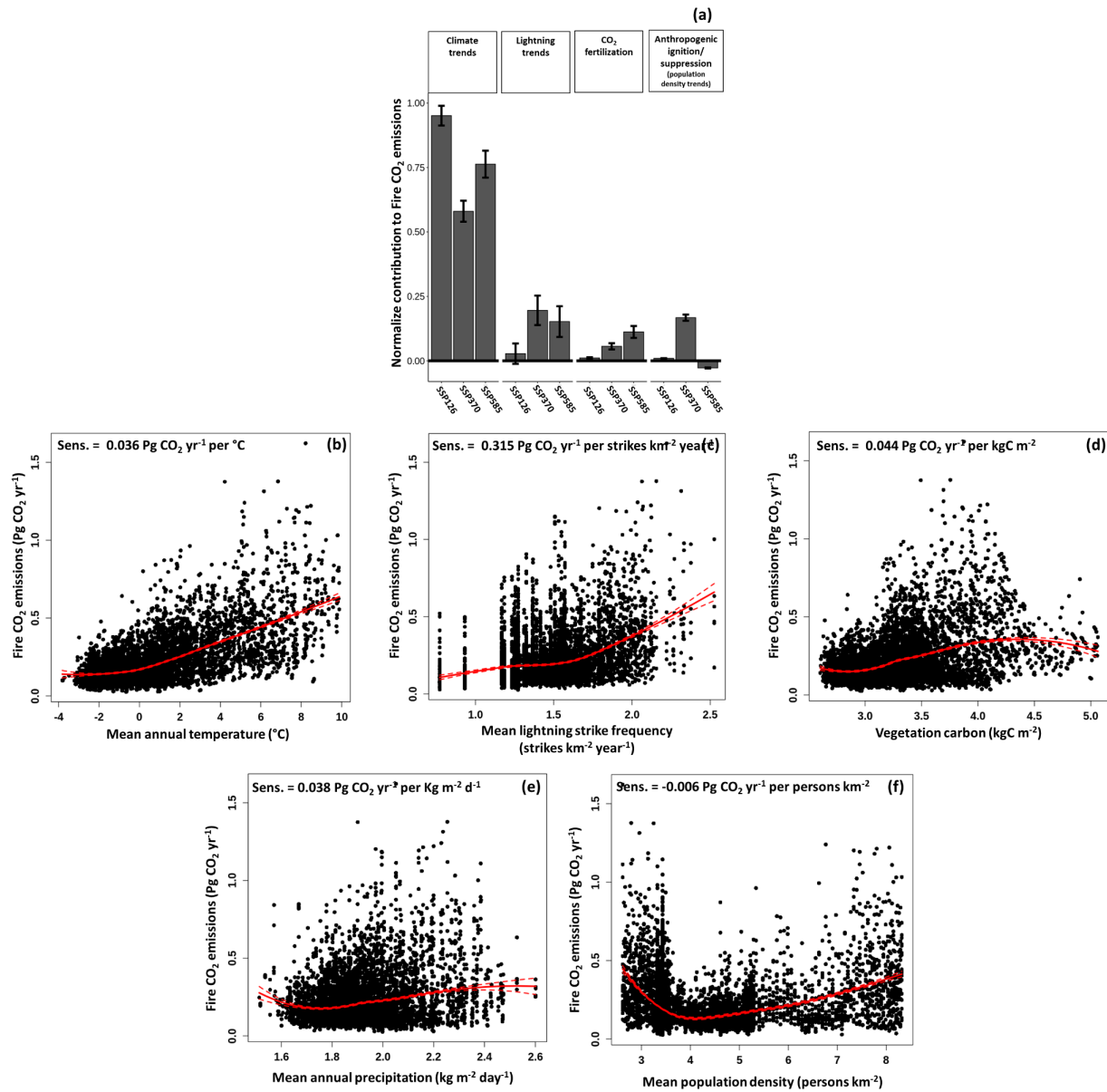


Figure S2: **a)** The contribution of climate trends, lightning trends, CO₂ fertilization, and anthropogenic ignition/suppression (population density) to fire CO₂ emissions normalized from 0 (0% of the trend) to 1 (100% of the trend). As well as the dependence between Fire CO₂ emissions and **a)** **b)** Canada-wide mean annual temperature, **c)** Canada-wide mean annual lightning strike frequency, **d)** Canada-wide mean annual vegetation carbon, **e)** Canada-wide mean annual precipitation, and **f)** Canada-wide mean annual population density. The dependence plots visualize all 90 future and factorial simulations and include a LOESS smoothed regression line in red with 95% confidence intervals.

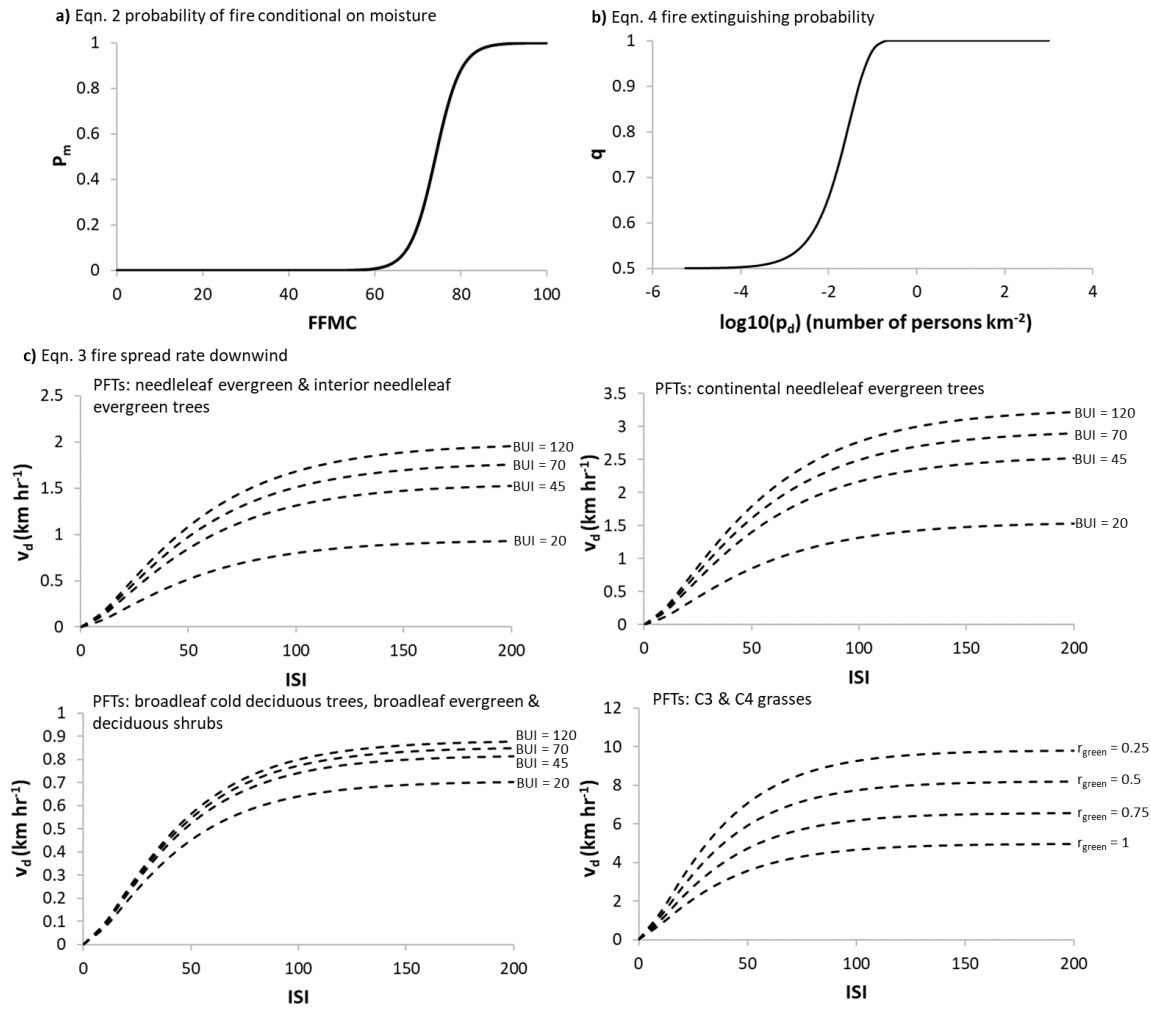


Figure S3: Contour plots of **a)** the probability of fire conditional on moisture (P_m ; Eqn. 2) as a function of the fine fuel moisture code (FFMC), **b)** the fire extinguishing probability (q ; Eqn. 4) as a function of population density (p_d), and **c)** the fire spread rates in the downwind direction (V_d ; Eqn. 3) for all burnable boreal plant functional types (PFTs) a function of the initial spread index (ISI) and the build up index (BUI), or in the case of the ratio between brown and green grass leaf biomass (r_{green}).

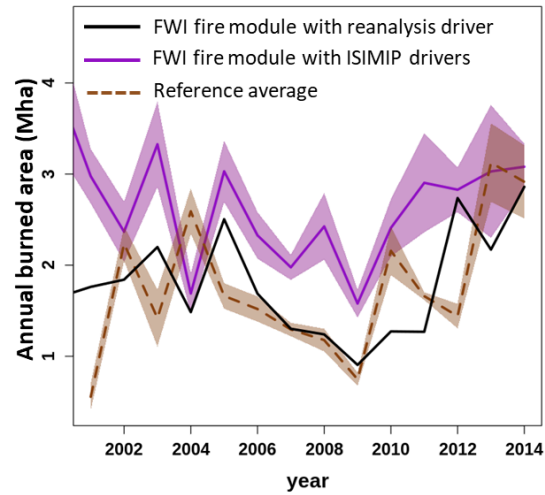


Figure S4: Comparison between the FWI fire module driven by six Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project (ISIMIP) bias-corrected Earth system model outputs, reanalysis climate (GSWP3–W5E5–ERA5), and the mean of the three burned area reference data sets. For the FWI fire module with ISIMIP drivers burned area = 2.57 ± 0.5 Mha (2001 - 2015) and Pearson $r = 0.16$.

Supplementary tables:

Table S1: Simulations carried out and evaluated herein. The acronyms used herein are detailed within the methods.

#	Type	Years	ISIMIP climate forcing ¹	Atmospheric CO ₂ ²	Population density ³	lightning strike frequency ⁴
1	Historical	1850 - 2017	Reanalysis (GSWP3-W5E5-ERA5)	global carbon project	TRENDY-Hyde	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (climatological lightning before 1998)
2	Historical	1850 - 2014	GFDL-ESM4	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
3	Historical	1850 - 2014	IPSL-CM6A-LR	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
4	Historical	1850 - 2014	MP1-ESM1-2-HR	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
5	Historical	1850 - 2014	MR1-ESM2-0	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
6	Historical	1850 - 2014	UKESM1-0-LL	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
7	Historical	1850 - 2014	CanESM5	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	CLDN fuse w/ LISODT (1998 - 2021/looped before 1998)
8	Future	2015 - 2100	GFDL-ESM4 (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
9	Future	2015 - 2100	IPSL-CM6A-LR (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
10	Future	2015 - 2100	MP1-ESM1-2-HR (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
11	Future	2015 - 2100	MR1-ESM2-0 (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
12	Future	2015 - 2100	UKESM1-0-LL (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
13	Future	2015 - 2100	CanESM5 (SSP126)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
14	Future	2015 - 2100	GFDL-ESM4 (SSP370)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
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19	Future	2015 - 2100	CanESM5 (SSP370)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
20	Future	2015 - 2100	GFDL-ESM4 (SSP585)	ISIMP3b	ISIMP2b	projected w/ UKESM1-0-LL
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¹For details of the GSWP3–W5E5–ERA5 forcing see Meyer et al.¹ and Curasi et al.^{2,3}, and for details of the ISIMIP climate forcings see Lange and Buchner⁴.

²For details of the global carbon project atmospheric CO₂ concentrations see Friedlingstein et al.⁵, and for details of the ISIMIP3b atmospheric CO₂ concentrations see Buchner and Reyer⁶.

³For details of the TRENDY-Hyde population density data see Chini et al.⁷ and Friedlingstein et al.⁵, and for details of the ISIMIP2b population density see Klein Goldewijk et al.⁸ and Jones and O'Neill⁹.

⁴For details of the CLDN, LISODT, UKESM, and CanESM5 lightning datasets see Burrows and Kochtubajda¹⁰, Cecil et al.¹¹, Kaplan et al.¹², and Whaley et al.¹³ respectively.

Table S2: Canada wide Pearson correlations for mean annual values of atmospheric drivers that influence the fire weather index (FWI), during the historical period (1985 - 2014), based upon reanalysis (GSWP3–W5E5–ERA5).

Variable	Specific humidity	Wind speed	Temperature
Specific humidity	–		
Wind speed	-0.45	–	
Temperature	0.91	-0.47	–
Precipitation	0.31	0.25	0.24

Table S3: Fire emission fractions (ν) for various classifications of PFTs used to calculate carbon emissions to the atmosphere due to fire for each live vegetation component (i.e. both structural and non-structural leaves, stems, and roots), the litter pool, and the soil pool. As well as the PFT-specific mortality fractions (Θ) used to calculate the quantity of carbon from each live vegetation component transferred to the litter pool. Trees PFTs include Needleleaf evergreen, Needleleaf deciduous, Continental needleleaf evergreen, Interior needleleaf evergreen, Broadleaf evergreen, Broadleaf cold deciduous, and Broadleaf drought/dry deciduous trees. Herbaceous PFTs include C3 grass, C4 grass, and Sedge PFTs. Shrub PFTs include Broadleaf evergreen and Broadleaf deciduous shrubs (See Curasi et al.² for further details). Crop PFTs are not impacted by fire and therefore not assigned fractions.

PFT type	green leaves		brown leaves		stems		roots		litter		soil	
	combusted (ν_L)	litter (Θ_L)	combusted (ν_B)	litter (Θ_B)	combusted (ν_S)	litter (Θ_S)	combusted (ν_R)	litter (Θ_R)	combusted (ν_D)	combusted (ν_S)		
Tree	0.42	0.20	-	-	0.12	0.60	0.00	0.10	0.30		0.030	
Herbaceous	0.48	0.10	0.54	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.42		0.042	
Shrub	0.42	0.20	-	-	0.12	0.60	0.00	0.10	0.36		0.036	

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