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Land cover regulates the spatial variability of temperature response to the direct radiative effect of aerosols

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Supplementary Table S1. Summary of mean and standard deviation of the estimated variables for the world's land surfaces and each climate zone for 2008-2017. Here, *f* is the energy redistribution factor (unitless), λ_0 is the intrinsic climate sensitivity (in K W⁻¹ m²), λ^* is the effective local climate sensitivity (in K W⁻¹ m²), RE is the aerosol radiative effect (in W m⁻²), ΔK_{\downarrow} is the aerosol RE in the shortwave band (in W m⁻²), ΔL_{\downarrow} is the aerosol RE in the longwave band (in W m⁻²), ΔT is the temperature perturbation (in K), and Δ DTR is the diurnal temperature range perturbation (in K).

Variable	Global	Equatorial	Arid	Temperate	Snow	Polar
Daytime (surface)						
\overline{f}	6.98 ± 2.53	13.25 ± 7.71	3.47 ± 1.14	7.75 ± 2.99	6.73 ± 1.74	5.12 ± 1.00
λ_0	0.19 ± 0.02	0.16 ± 0.00	0.17 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01
λ*	0.029 ± 0.007	0.015 ± 0.007	0.041 ± 0.009	0.022 ± 0.006	0.029 ± 0.006	0.037 ± 0.006
ΔK_{\downarrow}	-16.40 ± 8.50	-18.31 ± 10.85	-24.94 ± 14.48	-17.40 ± 11.99	-9.62 ± 4.41	-6.44 ± 1.87
ΔL_{\downarrow}	1.01 ± 1.07	0.77 ± 0.82	2.25 ± 2.30	0.73 ± 0.75	0.26 ± 0.27	0.13 ± 0.14
ΔT (to ΔK_{\downarrow})	-0.39 ± 0.24	-0.27 ± 0.24	-0.75 ± 0.47	-0.33 ± 0.28	-0.20 ± 0.12	-0.17 ± 0.08
ΔT (to ΔL_{\downarrow})	0.039 ± 0.048	0.015 ± 0.021	0.110 ± 0.119	0.018 ± 0.023	0.007 ± 0.009	0.005 ± 0.007
Nighttime (surface)						
\overline{f}	0.90 ± 0.32	0.73 ± 0.73	0.54 ± 0.27	0.62 ± 0.50	1.33 ± 0.62	1.02 ± 0.68
λ_0	0.21 ± 0.03	0.17 ± 0.00	0.20 ± 0.02	0.20 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.02	0.27 ± 0.02
λ*	0.122 ± 0.025	0.115 ± 0.040	0.130 ± 0.023	0.132 ± 0.141	0.113 ± 0.034	0.146 ± 0.043
ΔL_{\downarrow}	0.99 ± 1.04	0.80 ± 0.84	2.26 ± 2.16	0.75 ± 0.75	0.25 ± 0.28	0.13 ± 0.15
$\Delta T~({ m to}~\Delta L_{\downarrow})$	0.126 ± 0.131	0.105 ± 0.138	0.287 ± 0.269	0.107 ± 0.133	0.030 ± 0.042	0.018 ± 0.025
			Annual (surface	2)		
f	4.21 ± 1.41	7.53 ± 4.42	2.13 ± 0.66	4.50 ± 1.74	4.29 ± 1.12	3.26 ± 0.76
λ*	0.072 ± 0.013	0.061 ± 0.021	0.081 ± 0.012	0.072 ± 0.065	0.067 ± 0.018	0.087 ± 0.021
ΔT	-0.13 ± 0.06	-0.09 ± 0.08	-0.22 ± 0.10	-0.12 ± 0.10	-0.09 ± 0.05	-0.08 ± 0.03
ΔDTR	-0.47 ± 0.32	-0.36 ± 0.34	-0.93 ± 0.62	-0.42 ± 0.38	-0.22 ± 0.14	-0.18 ± 0.09
RE	-7.94 ± 3.64	-9.17 ± 5.34	-11.25 ± 5.80	-8.74 ± 5.89	-5.01 ± 2.18	-3.39 ± 0.94
		Dayt	ime (top of atmos	sphere)		
ΔK_{\downarrow}	-2.99 ± 1.40	-4.85 ± 2.65	-2.73 ± 3.68	-5.12 ± 3.32	-1.88 ± 1.51	-0.34 ± 0.84
ΔL_{\uparrow}	-0.29 ± 0.27	-0.23 ± 0.22	-0.67 ± 0.56	-0.19 ± 0.21	-0.09 ± 0.09	-0.05 ± 0.05
		Night	time (top of atmo	osphere)		
ΔL_{\uparrow}	-0.10 ± 0.07	-0.12 ± 0.09	-0.18 ± 0.14	-0.08 ± 0.07	-0.04 ± 0.04	-0.02 ± 0.02
Annual (top of atmosphere)						
Land RE	-1.43 ± 0.71	-2.46 ± 1.32	-1.04 ± 2.06	-2.65 ± 1.71	-0.96 ± 0.77	-0.15 ± 0.44
All RE	(-0.89 ± 0.27)					