A new version of the CABLE land surface model (Subversion revision r4546), incorporating land use and land cover change, woody vegetation demography and a novel optimisation-based approach to plant coordination of electron transport and carboxylation capacity-limited photosynthesis.

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Abstract.

The Community Atmosphere-Biosphere Land Exchange model (CABLE) is a land surface model (LSM) that can be applied stand-alone, as well as providing for land surface-atmosphere exchange within the Australian Community

5   Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS). We describe critical new developments that extend the applicability of CABLE for regional and global carbon-climate simulations, accounting for vegetation response to biophysical and anthropogenic forcings. A land-use and land-cover change module, driven by gross land-use transitions and wood harvest area was implemented, tailored to the needs of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project-6 (CMIP6). Novel aspects include the treatment of secondary woody vegetation, which benefits from a tight coupling between the land-use

10 module and the Population Orders Physiology (POP) module for woody demography and disturbance-mediated landscape heterogeneity. Land-use transitions and harvest associated with secondary forest tiles modify the annually-resolved patch age distribution within secondary-vegetated tiles, in turn affecting biomass accumulation and turnover rates and hence the magnitude of the secondary forest sink. Additionally, we implemented a novel approach to constrain modelled GPP consistent with the Co-ordination Hypothesis, predicted by evolutionary theory, which suggests that

15 electron transport and Rubisco-limited rates adjust seasonally and across biomes to be co-limiting. We show that the default prior assumption – common to CABLE and other LSMs – of a fixed ratio of electron transport to carboxylation capacity at standard temperature ($J_{max,0}/V_{cmax,0}$) is at odds with this hypothesis, and implement an alternative algorithm for dynamic optimisation of this ratio, such that co-ordination is achieved as an outcome of fitness maximisation. Results have significant implications the magnitude of the simulated CO_2 fertilisation effect on photosynthesis in comparison to

20 alternative estimates and observational proxies.

These new developments convert CABLE to a state-of-the-art terrestrial biosphere model for use within an Earth System Model, and in stand-alone applications to attribute trends and variability in the terrestrial carbon cycle to regions, processes and drivers. Model evaluation shows that the new model version satisfies several key observational constraints, including (i) trend and interannual variations in the global land carbon sink, including sensitivities of

25 interannual variations to global precipitation and temperature anomalies; (ii) centennial trends in global GPP; (iii) co-ordination of Rubisco-limited and electron transport-limited photosynthesis; (iv) spatial distributions of global ET, GPP, biomass and soil carbon; and (v) age-dependent rates of biomass accumulation in boreal, temperate and tropical secondary forests.

CABLE simulations agree with recent independent assessments of the global land-atmosphere flux partition that use a

30 combination of atmospheric inversions and bottom-up constraints. In particular there is agreement that the strong CO_2-driven sink in the tropics is largely cancelled by net deforestation and forest degradation emissions, leaving the Northern Hemisphere (NH) extra-tropics as the dominant contributor to the net land sink.

1 Introduction

The Community Atmosphere-Biosphere Land Exchange model (CABLE) is a land surface model (LSM) that can be applied in stand-alone applications and also provides for land surface-atmosphere exchange within the Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS). (Kowalczyk et al., 2013; Law et al., 2017; Ziehn et al.,

5   2017), as used in the IPCC 5th Assessment report (Ciais et al., 2013), and is one of an ensemble of ecosystem and land-surface models contributing to the Global Carbon Project's annual update of the global carbon budget (Le Quéré et al., 2016). The current paper describes updates to CABLE targeting two key areas that have been identified as limitations in the applicability and utility of the existing generation of LSMs: (i) land-use and land-cover change (LULCC, hereafter abbreviated to 'LUC') and (ii) co-ordination of photosynthesis.

10 Additional model updates include: (i) drought and summer-green phenology (Sitch et al., 2003; Sykes et al., 1996); (ii) low-temperature reductions in photosynthetic rates in boreal forests (Bergh et al., 1998); (iii) photo-inhibition of leaf day-respiration (Clark et al., 2011); and (iv) acclimation of autotrophic respiration (Atkin et al., 2016). These are described in Appendix 1.

Land-Use and Land-Cover Change

15 The CABLE version that precedes developments described here (hereafter "Prior CABLE") assumes fixed present-day or pre-industrial vegetation cover in the absence of land management. Capturing the impact of human LUC on the terrestrial carbon and water cycles, and on land-atmosphere coupling, is a key application of LSMs and associated Earth system models (ESMs), and a pre-requisite for evaluation of the models against observation-based datasets.

For the CMIP6 climate model inter-comparison process, the globally gridded Harmonised Land Use Dataset (LUH2)

20 (Hurtt et al., 2016; Hurtt et al., 2011) specifies a matrix of transitions between land use classes (e.g. primary forest, secondary forest, pasture, cropland) through time (Lawrence et al., 2016). In traditional LSMs, these transitions must be translated into annual land-cover maps that specify the fraction of the land surface occupied by each plant functional type (PFT) (Lawrence et al., 2012). This approach reduces the transition matrix to a set of net transitions, thereby discarding information about the gross transitions leading to land-cover change. Simulations driven by gross land use transitions

25 produce emissions that are 15-40% higher than the net transitions alone (Hansis et al., 2015; Stocker et al., 2014; Wilkenskjeld et al., 2014).

Traditional LSMs are also unable to simulate realistic dynamics resulting from the accumulation of carbon in forests following harvest and agricultural abandonment – the so-called secondary forest sink – that is an important contributor to the extant global terrestrial carbon sink (Shevliakova et al., 2009), second only to CO_2 fertilisation. This is because they

30 lack representation of woody demography that is required to simulate age-effects on growth and mortality that lead to very high biomass accumulation rates in young forests compared to old-growth stands (e.g. Poorter et al., 2016; Purves and Pacala, 2008; Wolf et al., 2011).

In contrast, to traditional LSMs, second-generation Dynamic Vegetation Models (DVMs) can implement gross transitions directly and provide realistic representation of the secondary forest sink by explicitly simulating biomass

35 removal and subsequent recovery following a land use event (e.g. Shevliakova et al., 2009). However, keeping track of a representative distribution of landscape elements (patches) of different time since disturbance can be computationally difficult as repeated land use events can lead to a very high number of such elements in a grid-cell.

In this work, we develop a novel LUC scheme for CABLE that is driven by LUH2 gross transitions, and represents age effects on biomass dynamics in all tiles with woody vegetation, including those occupied by secondary forest. This is

40 achieved via coupling with the POP module for woody demography and disturbance-mediated heterogeneity (Haverd et al., 2013b). The key simplification in the POP approach, compared with second-generation DVMs, is to compute

physiological processes such as photosynthesis at the scale of a land-cover tile ("grid-scale"), but to partition the grid-scale biomass increment amongst sub grid-scale patches, each subject to its own dynamics, and distinguished by time since last disturbance. This makes tracking biomass in a large number of patch ages (as arise through both natural disturbance and human land-cover change) trivial, and circumvents the computational difficulties of tracking land-cover
5   classes in DVMs.

Coordination of Photosynthesis

Almost all global LSMs use the photosynthesis model of Farquhar et al. (1980), or a related scheme derived from this model. Different implementations result in divergent estimates of the response of photosynthesis to environmental drivers in large scale models (e.g. Friend et al., 2014). One reason for this may be that global LSMs have so far neglected
10 the constraint imposed by the evolutionary-ecological assumption that plants optimise productivity in their environment through relative investment in electron transport and Rubisco-limited steps in the photosynthesis chain, that adjust seasonally and across biomes to be co-limiting. This so-called Co-ordination Hypothesis was originally proposed by Chen et al. (1993) and has been verified experimentally by Maire et al. (2012). Its advantages as an approach to modelling photosynthetic dynamics using limited data constraints was pointed out by Wang et al. (2017). In this work,
15 we will show that the assumption of a temporally invariant ratio of Rubisco and electron-transport capacities (at standard temperature), adopted in Prior CABLE and typically in other LSMs, is inconsistent with the Co-ordination Hypothesis. We solve this problem by developing an algorithm for dynamic optimisation of this ratio, such that co-ordination is achieved as an outcome of fitness maximisation.

Paper Structure

20 The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2 we review the basic structure of CABLE. In Section 3 we describe the model developments that are the focus of this work: firstly, updates to the POP module for woody demography and disturbance; secondly, the new land-use and land-cover change module; thirdly, the dynamic optimisation of plant photosynthesis. In Section 4, we describe the modelling protocol that is used to deliver simulations for evaluating the new model version, and assessing terrestrial carbon-cycle implications of changing climate, CO_2, land-use and land-
25 cover over the historical period (1860-2016). In Section 5, we present results of these simulations. Section 5.1 evaluates predictions of present-day spatial distributions of evapotranspiration, gross primary production, biomass and soil carbon. Section 5.2 evaluates predictions of biomass accumulation rates in re-growing forests. Section 5.3 illustrates the capability and behaviour of the land use implementation, showing examples of land-atmosphere carbon exchange at four locations with contrasting LUC histories. Section 5.4 shows the implications of CO_2, climate and LUC on historical
30 global and regional land-atmosphere exchange. Sections 5.5-5.6 address the implications of simulated photosynthesis co-ordination for the sensitivity of photosynthesis to CO_2 and for the CO_2 fertilisation of global photosynthesis. Section 5.7 evaluates the new model's prediction of the annual time series of the net land carbon sink by comparison with the equivalent quantity derived from atmospheric mass balance (atmospheric growth rate + ocean sink – fossil fuel emissions). Priorities for future development are summarised in Section 6.

35 ## 2 Base Model Description

CABLE consists of a 'biophysical' core (Haverd et al., 2016a; Kowalczyk et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2011), the CASA-CNP 'biogeochemistry' module (Wang et al. 2010), and the POP module for woody demography and disturbance-mediated landscape heterogeneity (Haverd et al., 2013c; Haverd et al., 2014). The biophysical core (sub-diurnal time-step) consists of four components: (1) the radiation module describes radiation transfer and absorption by sunlit and

shaded leaves; (2) the canopy micrometeorology module describes the surface roughness length, zero-plane displacement height, and aerodynamic conductance from the reference height to the air within canopy or to the soil surface; (3) the canopy module includes the coupled energy balance, transpiration, stomatal conductance and photosynthesis and respiration of sunlit and shaded leaves; (4) the soil module describes heat and water fluxes within soil (6 vertical layers)

5   and snow (up to 3 vertical layers) and at their respective surfaces. The CASA-CNP biogeochemistry module (daily time-step) inherits daily net photosynthesis from the biophysical code, calculates autotrophic respiration, allocates the resulting net primary production (NPP) to leaves, stems and fine roots, and transfers carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous between plant, litter and soil pools, accounting for losses of each to the atmosphere and by leaching. POP (annual time-step) inherits annual stem NPP from CASA-CNP, and simulates woody ecosystem stand dynamics, demography and

10   disturbance-mediated heterogeneity, returning the emergent rate of biomass turnover to CASA-CNP.

The biophysical core of CABLE has been benchmarked off-line (e.g. Best et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2013; Zhou et al., 2012) and its performance evaluated as part of the Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator climate model (Kowalczyk et al., 2013). The CASA-CNP module was developed and tested as a stand-alone module (Wang et al., 2010), and basic performance demonstrated as part of ACCESS (Law et al., 2017; Ziehn et al., 2017). POP (coupled

15   to CABLE) has been evaluated against savanna (Haverd et al., 2013b; Haverd et al., 2016b) and boreal forest and temperate forest data (Haverd et al., 2014).

3 Model Developments

3.1 Updates to the Population Orders Physiology (POP) module for woody demography

In previous work, POP was coupled to the CABLE land surface scheme and demonstrated to successfully replicate the

20   effects of rainfall and fire disturbance gradients on vegetation structure along a rainfall gradient in Australian savannah – the Northern Australian Tropical Transect (Haverd et al., 2013c), and leaf-stem allometric relationships derived from global forest data, which may be argued to reflect the simultaneous development of trees in closed forest stands in terms of structural and functional (productivity) attributes (Haverd et al., 2014). The summary below is largely reproduced from these papers, which describe POP in detail. To enable the extension of CABLE to simulate dynamic land use and

25   implications for forest carbon uptake, we updated POP's representation of growth partitioning amongst age/size classes (cohorts) of trees established in the same year.

POP is designed to be modular, deterministic, computationally efficient, and based on defensible ecological principles. POP simulates allometric growth of cohorts of trees that compete for light and soil resources within a patch. Parameterisations of tree growth and allometry, recruitment and mortality are broadly based on the approach of the LPJ-

30   GUESS Dynamic Vegetation Model (Smith et al., 2001). The time step is one year.

Input variables are annual grid-scale stem biomass increment and mean return times for two classes of disturbance: (i) "catastrophic" disturbance, which kills all individuals (cohorts) and removes all biomass in a given patch; (ii) "partial" disturbances, such as fire, which result in the loss of a size-dependent fraction of individuals and biomass, preferentially affecting smaller (younger) cohorts. For the present study, we adopt a mean catastrophic disturbance return time of 100

35   years, and neglect partial disturbance, such as damage caused by wildfires. Stem biomass increment is provided by the host land surface model (LSM), here CABLE.

State variables are the density of tree stems partitioned among cohorts of trees and representative neighbourhoods (patches) of different age-since-last-disturbance across a simulated landscape or grid-cell.

In the current implementation of POP, the annual stem biomass increment is partitioned among cohorts and patches in proportion to current net primary production of the given cohort. For this purpose, gross primary production and autotrophic respiration are passed from CABLE to POP, and each is partitioned amongst patches and cohorts. Gross resource uptake is partitioned amongst cohorts and patches in proportion to light interception, evaluated from vertical
5   profiles of gap probabilities, computed using the CABLE maximum leaf area, distributed amongst patches and cohorts in proportion to sapwood area. Leaf, fine-root and sapwood respiration components are also partitioned amongst cohorts and patches, according to the size of each biomass component. Cohort-specific sapwood is prognosed by assuming sapwood conversion to heartwood at a rate 0.05 y^{-1}. Cohort-specific leaf and root carbon pools are estimated by partitioning the grid-cell values in proportion to leaf area index (LAI). Net resource uptake for each patch and cohort is
10   evaluated as its gross primary production minus autotrophic respiration.

Cohort stem density is initialised as recruitment density, and is episodically reset (according to disturbance intensity) when the patch experiences disturbance. Mortality, parameterized as the sum of cohort-specific resource-limitation and crowding components, reduces the stem density in the intervening period. Resource-limitation mortality, a function of growth efficiency (GE i.e. growth rate relative to biomass), is described by a logistic curve with an inflection point
15   representing a critical GE level at which plants experience a steep increase in mortality risk due to a shortage of resources to deploy in response to stress or biotic damage. The crowding mortality component allows for self-thinning in forest canopies.

Additional mortality occurs as a result of disturbances. Replicate patches representing stands of differing age since-last-disturbance are simulated for each grid-cell. It is assumed that each grid-cell is large enough to accommodate a landscape
20   in which the frequency of patches of different ages follows a negative exponential distribution with an expectation related to the current disturbance interval. This assumption is valid if grid-cells are large relative to the average area affected by a single disturbance event and disturbances are a Poisson process, occurring randomly with the same expectation at any point across the landscape, independent of previous disturbance events. To account for disturbances and the resulting landscape structure, state variables of patches of different ages are interpolated, and weighted by
25   probability intervals from the negative exponential distribution. The resultant weighted average of, for example, total stem biomass or annual stem biomass turnover, is taken to be representative for the grid-cell as a whole.

In earlier applications, CABLE-POP coupling consisted of just two exchanges: (i) stem NPP passed from the host LSM to POP; (ii) woody biomass turnover returned from POP to the host LSM. To convert between stem biomass (POP) and tree biomass (CABLE), we assume a ratio of 0.7, a representative average for forest and woodland ecosystems globally
30   (Poorter et al., 2012). The resulting tree biomass turnover is applied as an annual decrease in the CABLE tree biomass pool, and replaces the default fixed biomass turnover rate. In the current work, the coupling also includes the return of sapwood area and sapwood biomass to the CASA-CNP biogeochemical module of CABLE, where these variables respectively influence C-allocation to leaves and autotrophic respiration. Combined allocation to leaves and wood is partitioned following the Pipe Model (Shinozaki et al., 1964), such that a target ratio of leaf area to sapwood area (a
35   global value of 5000 is assumed) is maintained. Sapwood replaces stem-wood biomass in the calculation of stem respiration. These feedbacks of POP structural variables on leaf area and autotrophic respiration result in net primary production that is dependent on stand age/size structure.

3.2 Land-use and land-cover change module

This development enables the simulation of the effect of LUC on land-cover fractions and associated carbon flows into
40   and out of soil, litter, vegetation and product pools.

Three land-use tile types are considered: primary woody vegetation (p); secondary woody vegetation (s) and open grassy vegetation (g), the latter encompassing natural grassland, rangeland, pasture and cropland. Forcing data comprising four possible annual gross transition rates are used to drive the annual LUC-induced changes to land-use area fractions. These transition rates are: (i) primary clearing (p→g), (ii) secondary clearing (s→g), (iii) primary harvest (p→s), (iv)

5   abandonment (g→s). In addition, secondary forest harvest area is used to drive changes in the secondary forest age distribution. Further, cropland and pasture area fractions are diagnosed from transitions to and from pasture and cropland, and used to estimate carbon cycle consequences of crop harvest, tillage and grazing.

Mapping land-use tile types to CABLE plant functional types

Potential vegetation cover is prescribed using BIOME1 (Prentice et al., 1992), a semi-mechanistic climate-envelope

10   approach, to construct global spatial distribution of biomes according to CABLE's own climate drivers, which are accumulated from 30 years (1901-1930) of meteorological inputs (Figure 1).

Biomes are mapped to a single CABLE plant functional type (PFT), or in some cases to two CABLE PFTs (one woody and one herbaceous) with fixed relative areal proportions (Table 1). We make use of five woody vegetation types (evergreen needleleaf (ENL), evergreen broadleaf (EBL), deciduous needleleaf (DNL), deciduous broadleaf (DBL),

15   shrub), and six non-woody types (C_3 grass, C_4 grass, tundra, wetland, barren, ice). All woody vegetation tiles are represented by POP, and secondary woody vegetation tiles are assumed to be occupied by the woody PFT of the primary woody vegetation tile in the same grid-cell.
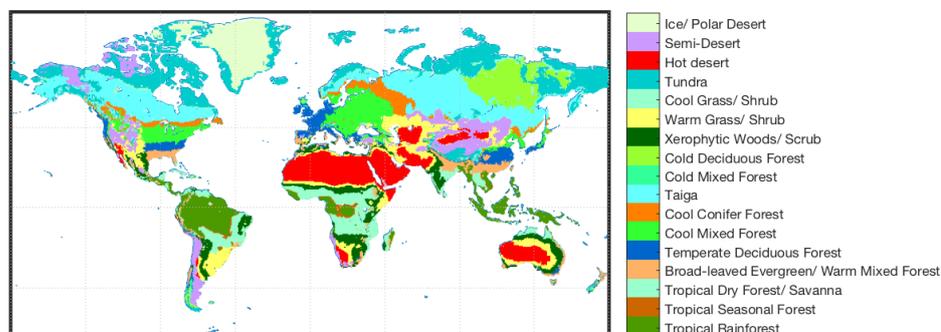
Figure 1: Spatial distribution of BIOME1 biomes (Table 1) that determines the type of primary vegetation cover

Table 1: CABLE primary vegetation: mapping of BIOME1 biomes to CABLE PFTs

BIOME1 biome	CABLE PFT	Fraction grass*
Tropical Rainforest	EBL	0
Tropical Seasonal forest	EBL	0
Tropical Dry Forest/Savanna	EBL	0.6
Broad-leaved Evergreen/Warm Mixed-Forest	EBL	0
Temperate Deciduous Forest	DBL	0.3
Cool Mixed Forest	DBL	0.3

Cool Conifer Forest	DNL	0.2
Taiga	ENL	0.2
Cold Mixed Forest	ENL	0.2
Cold Deciduous Forest	DNL	0.2
Xerophytic woods/scrub	shrub	0.6
Warm grass/shrub	shrub	0.8
Cool grass/shrub	shrub	0.8
Tundra	Tundra	0
Hot Desert	barren	0
Semi-Desert	shrub	0.8
Ice/ polar Desert	ice	0

* Grass is specified as C_3 where monthly minimum temperature is less than 15.5°C, and C_4 elsewhere.

Tracking land-use area fractions and secondary forest age-distribution

Each land-use tile has an associated areal fraction, representing its fractional area cover of the grid-cell. Land transition area rates augment and deplete land-use area fractions, subject to land availability. In secondary forest tiles, the areal

5 fraction of each integral age class (0-400 y) is also tracked: a transition to secondary forest (p→s or g→s) augments the 0 age-class by the same amount. A transition from secondary forest to open land (s→g) depletes the areas of youngest age classes first, starting from 10-y. If the clearing area exceeds the area covered by age classes older than 10-y, clearing is applied uniformly across all age classes. A secondary harvest event sequentially depletes the areas of each age class, starting from the oldest, until all harvest area is satisfied, subject to land availability.

10 The biomass in each secondary forest age class is updated annually by POP. As described in Section 3.1, POP tracks biomass in a distribution of patches that differ by time since last disturbance, based on patch-dependent growth and turnover. Results are interpolated to give biomass in each integral age class represented in each secondary forest tile.

Re-distribution of carbon stocks following land-use-change

Changes in pools sizes of biomass, soil and litter carbon in the biogeochemical module are updated to reflect the areal

15 changes from gross land-use transitions. In the case of secondary forest, pool changes are affected not only by changes in secondary forest area, but also by effects of clearing and harvest, which are age-selective. Woody biomass residue from harvest and clearing augments the coarse woody debris pool, whereas leaf and fine-root residue augment the fine structural litter pool. The remaining harvested and cleared biomass is extracted into three product pools with turnover rates of 1 y, 10 y and 100 y. Coefficients for allocation to these product pools, as well as the fractions of harvested and

20 cleared biomass that remain in the landscape as litter are prescribed following Hansis et al. (2015).

Carbon losses by secondary forest harvest and clearing need to be resolved from total biomass turnover in secondary forest tiles. POP diagnoses a change in biomass resulting from the aggregate shift in age distribution contributed by natural disturbance, forest expansion, harvest and clearing. The proportional contributions of each of these processes to total biomass change is recorded. The carbon flux implied by this total biomass change is subsequently disaggregated

25 according to the previously recorded proportional contributions of each process.

Carbon removal from the landscape by crop harvest and grazing are treated simply. Crops and pasture are not treated in separate land-use tiles, but are simulated as grass in the open "grassy" tile of each grid-cell. The areal fractions of cropland and pasture in each open tile are tracked via the gross transitions to and from these land-use types. These fractions, combined with assumed respective removals of 90% and 50% of above-ground NPP by crop-harvest and

30 grazing (Lindeskog et al., 2013), are used to prescribe leaf-litter transfer to an agricultural product pool with a turnover

time of 1 y. Following Lindeskog et al. (2013), soil carbon loss by tillage is simulated by increasing turnover of soil carbon by 50% in croplands. Where crops and pasture occupy more than 10% of a grass tile, it is assumed that there is no nutrient limitation to growth.

3.4 Optimisation-based approach to plant coordination of electron transport and carboxylation capacity-limited photosynthesis in C$_3$ plants

Photosynthesis, as represented by the Farquhar et al. (1980) model, may be limited by the Rubisco-catalysed maximum rate of carboxylation (V_{cmax}), or the maximum rate of electron transport (J_{max}). Estimates of these parameters based on leaf gas exchange measurements suggest their ratio at standard temperature (25°C) to be conservative around a global mean of $b_{JV} = J_{max,0}/V_{cmax,0} = 1.7 \pm 0.1(1\sigma)$ (e.g. Walker et al., 2014) which has led to it being widely adopted as a fixed parameter in global terrestrial biosphere models. However, as we will show in Sections 5.5 and 5.6, the assumption of a fixed value of b_{JV} leads to large deviations from the Co-ordination Hypothesis (Chen et al., 1993; Maire et al., 2012) that Rubisco and electron-transport capacity adjust seasonally and across biomes to be co-limiting. An alternative but closely-related assumption is that plants optimise b_{JV} to minimise the nitrogen cost per unit photosynthesis. Here we describe a generic approach to dynamically optimizing b_{JV} based on this assumption.

Review of model for net photosynthesis

Here we review the equations of the C$_3$ photosynthesis model (Farquhar et al., 1980) as embedded in CABLE. We note here that in CABLE, these equations are coupled to the canopy environment via leaf surface energy balance, and to the air above the canopy via turbulent transfer processes, which we will not review here (see Kowalczyk et al. (2006) for full description).

Net photosynthesis (A_n) is equated with supply of CO$_2$ to the inter-cellular air-spaces:

$$A_n = g_{sc}\left(c_s - c_i\right) \tag{1}$$

where g_{sc} is the stomatal conductance to CO$_2$, c_s is the concentration of CO$_2$ at the leaf surface and c_i is the intercellular CO$_2$ concentration.

Net photosynthesis is also equated with biochemical demand for CO$_2$, i.e. the lesser of Rubisco- and electron transport-limited rates of carboxylation, minus day respiration:

$$A_n = \min\left[A_c, A_e\right] - R_d \tag{2}$$

The two potentially-limiting rates are given by

$$A_c = V_{cmax} \frac{c_i - \Gamma_*}{c_i + K_c\left(1 + c_o/K_o\right)} \tag{3}$$

and

$$A_e = \frac{J}{4} \frac{c_i - \Gamma_*}{c_i + 2\Gamma_*} \tag{4}$$

where V_{cmax} is the maximum catalytic activity of Rubisco in the presence of saturating levels of RuP$_2$ and CO$_2$; Γ_* is the CO$_2$ compensation point in the absence of day respiration; K_c and K_o are Michaelis constants for CO$_2$ and O$_2$

respectively; c_o is concentration of O_2; J is the electron transport rate, and is related to absorbed photon irradiance Q by (Farquhar and Wong, 1984):

$$\theta J^2 - \left(\alpha Q + J_{max}\right) J + \alpha Q J_{max} = 0 \qquad (5)$$

where α is the quantum yield of electron transport and θ a curvature parameter.

5   Stomatal conductance is expressed as a linear function of A_n:

$$g_{sc} = g_0 + X A_n \qquad (6)$$

Following, (Lin et al., 2015) we set g_0 to zero, and adopt the following dependence of X on leaf-air vapour pressure deficit (D_{leaf})

$$X = \frac{1}{c_s}\left(1 + \frac{f_{w,soil}\, g_1}{\sqrt{D_{leaf}}}\right) \qquad (7)$$

10   where $f_{w,soil}$ is related to soil moisture deficit and is parameterised according to Haverd et al. (2016a) and the PFT-dependent g_1 parameter is sourced from Lin et al. (2015).

Equations (1), (2) and (6) are solved simultaneously for A_n, c_i and g_{sc}.

Dynamic optimization of b_{JV}: assumptions

The approach to optimisation of b_{JV} is based on four assumptions:

15   (i)   Leaf nitrogen resources may be dynamically re-distributed at a 5-day timescale at no cost, i.e. b_{JV} is optimised, such that net photosynthesis accumulated over the last 5 days (given total available leaf nitrogen) is maximised separately for each of sunlit and shaded leaves.

(ii)   Leaf nitrogen resources available for partitioning between Rubisco- and electron-transport capacity are proportional to effective nitrogen content (N_{eff}), defined as the sum of prior estimates of $V_{cmax,0}$ and $J_{cmax,0}$,

20   weighted by relative cost $c_{cost,JV}$:

$$N_{eff} = V_{c,max,0}^0 + c_{cost,JV}\frac{J_{max,0}^0}{4} \qquad (8)$$

where superscript 0 denotes prior estimate and

$$J_{max,0}^0 = b_{JV}^0 V_{cmax}^0 \qquad (9)$$

N_{eff} is preserved as b_{JV} is adjusted, such that the adjusted values of $V_{cmax,0}$ and $J_{max,0}$ are :

$$V_{cmax,0} = \frac{N_{eff}}{1 + \frac{c_{cost,JV}\, b_{JV}}{4}} \qquad (10)$$

and

$$J_{max,0} = b_{JV} V_{cmax,0} \qquad (11)$$

(iii)   The prior values of $V_{cmax,0}$ (related to leaf nitrogen and phosphorous content) and b_{JV} are prescribed according to the synthesis of globally distributed leaf gas exchange measurements by Walker et al. (2014).

(iv)   The emerging contributions of electron transport and Rubisco-limited rates contribute approximately equally to total net photosynthesis.(Chen et al., 1993) In practice, this requires a relative cost factor $c_{cost,JV}$ of 2.0 (slightly higher than a prior estimate of 1.6 which is the ratio of the linear-regression slopes relating J_{max} and V_{cmax} to leaf N (Chen et al., 1993)).

Dynamic optimization of b_{JV}: method

The method for implementing these assumptions in CABLE is:

(i)   A call to the optimisation algorithm at the end of each day, such that b_{JV}, and hence $V_{cmax,0}$ and $J_{max,0}$ for sun-lit and shaded leaves are updated daily, based on the leaf environment of the last five days.

(ii)   Maintenance of a 5-day history of subdiurnal leaf-level meteorology (absorbed PAR; leaf-air VPD difference; leaf temperature, c_s for sun-lit and shaded leaves, such that $A_{n,5d}$ can be reconstructed for sunlit and shaded leaves. Other subdiurnal variables that are required are R_d (Eq (2)) , f_{wsoil} (Eq (7)) and a scaling parameter that relates leaf-level J_{max}, V_{cmax} and R_d to their effective "big-leaf" sunlit and shaded values via integration of these parameters over canopy depth under the assumption that the leaf-level values are proportional to leaf nitrogen which decreases exponentially from canopy top (Wang and Leuning, 1998 (Eqs C6 and C7)).

(iii)   A search algorithm to find b_{JV} that mimimises $N_{eff}/A_{n,5d}$. Here we use the Golden Search Algorithm (Press et al., 1993).

4. Modelling Protocol

Global simulations were performed at $0.5^o \times 0.5^o$ spatial resolution, with time steps of 3h (biophysics); 1d (biogeochemistry) and 1y (woody demography, disturbance, LUC). The nitrogen cycle was enabled, but not the phosphorous cycle. Recently developed parameterisations for drought-response of stomatal conductance and effects of leaf litter on soil evaporation were enabled (Haverd et al., 2016a), but not representations of effects of ground water and sub-grid scale heterogeneity on the water cycle (Decker, 2015). The soil-moisture response of heterotrophic respiration developed by Trudinger et al. (2016) was enabled, and the default Q10 formulation for the temperature response was replaced by that of Lloyd and Taylor (1994). For C_3 PFTs, The relationship between $V_{c,max,0}$ and leaf nutrient status was prescribed using the meta-analysis of leaf gas-exchange data by Walker et al. (2014), and α and θ (Eq (5)) were prescribed to be consistent with this analysis.

Forcing Data

Simulations were driven by (i) daily CRU-NCEP (1901-2016) (Viovy, 2009), down-scaled to 3-hourly resolution using a weather generator (Haverd et al., 2013a); (ii) CO_2 (1-y) resolution (Dlugokencky and Tans, 2017); (iii) gridded nitrogen deposition (10-y resolution) (Lamarque et al., 2011); (iv) gridded gross land-use transitions and harvest (1500-2015) and initial land-use states (1500) from the LUH2 harmonised land-use data set (Hurtt et al., 2016; Hurtt et al., 2011), re-gridded to $0.5^o \times 0.5^o$ spatial resolution, and aggregated to four transitions associated with the three land-use classes resolved in this study (Section 3.1). In this aggregation, we include all transitions to and from both 'forest' and 'non-forest' components of LUH2 primary and secondary vegetation. Land-use transitions and harvest are only applied in grid-cells where CABLE's primary vegetation includes a woody PFT.

Simulation Scenarios

Simulations were performed to quantify the net land-atmosphere carbon flux, and attribute it to three components: (i) the land-atmosphere exchange that would occur in response to changing climate, CO_2 and nitrogen deposition under a scenario of 1860 land-cover (F_{cc}); (ii) the land-atmosphere exchange that would occur in response to land-use-change

5   and management under a scenario of 1860 CO_2 and Nitrogen deposition and baseline (recycled 1901-1920) climate ($F_{LUC,0}$); (iii) the additional LUC and management emissions arising from the effects of changing climate and CO_2 , combined with the reduction in sink capacity arising from land-use conversion ($F_{CC \times L}$).

Table 2: Simulation Scenarios

Scenario	climate	CO_2	Nitrogen Deposition	Land-use and land-cover change	Net C flux to atmosphere, including decay of products
(i)	Recycled (1901-1920)	1860	1860	1860	$F_{0,0}$
(ii)	1901-2016	1860-2016	1860-2016	1860	$F_{CC,0}$
(iii)	Recycled (1901-1920)	1860	1860	1500-2016	$F_{0,L}$
(iv)	Recycled (1901-1920)	1860	1860	1500-2016, no wood harvest residue	$F_{0,L,no\_residue}$
(v)	Recycled (1901-1920)	1860	1860	1500-2016, no grazing and crop harvest	F_{0,L,no_Ag}
(vi)	1901-2016	1860-2016	1860-2016	1500-2016	$F_{CC,L}$

This allows the net flux $F_{CC,L}$ (combined response to CO_2, climate and LUC) to be partitioned as:

$$F_{CC,L} = F_{LUC,0} + F_{CC} + F_{LUC \times CC} \tag{12}$$
where
$$F_{LUC,0} = F_{0,L} - F_{0,0}$$
$$F_{cc \times L} = F_{CC,L} - F_{CC,0} - F_{LUC,0} \tag{13}$$
$$F_{CC} = F_{CC,0}$$

Scenario (iv) is included so that the net ecosystem production (NPP minus heterotrophic respiration) on secondary forest

15   tiles can be partitioned between secondary forest regrowth, and legacy emissions from post-harvest and post-clearing residues, which are zero in Scenario (iv). Note here that $F_{0,L,no\_residue}$ and $F_{0,L}$ slightly different (~0.05 PgCy^{-1} globally, because of soil nitrogen feedbacks on growth and different carbon residence times in product pools vs soil and litter). However this difference doesn't affect the accuracy of reported net fluxes, since Scenario (iv) is only used for flux partitioning.

20   Scenario (v) is included to resolve the net LUC emissions associated with grazing and cropland management as the difference $F_{0,L}$- F_{0,L,no_Ag}.

The loss of additional sink capacity (1860 reference year) F_{LASC} can be resolved as one component of F_{LLxC}, using tile-based fluxes computed in Scenario (ii), and tile area weights computed in Scenaro (vi) as

$$F_{LASC} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{1860}^{i} F_{CC,0}^{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{actual}^{i} F_{CC,0}^{i} \tag{14}$$

where w_{1860} and w_{actual} are the 1860 and actual grid-cell tile weights respectively, and the sums are over all the tiles in each grid-cell.

The initialization phase of each scenario was designed to establish the dynamic equilibrium between model state (biomass and soil carbon pools) and the forcing data. All scenarios were initialized from zero biomass (to ensure biomass

5   variables in POP and CASA-CNP start from the same value) and arbitrary soil carbon and nutrient stocks, and brought to equilibrium with 1901-1920 climate by five repetitions of a pair of model runs. This pair comprised a full model run (1901-1920 climate, 1860 land-cover, CO_2, Nitrogen deposition), followed by a semi-analytic spin-cycle (Xia et al., 2012), adapted to include calls to the POP demography module, and driven by GPP, soil moisture and temperature fields from the full model run. Due to the need to account for the legacy effects of past land-use on soil carbon and secondary

10 forest state, an additional initialization of the vegetation and soil carbon pools as influenced by land-use change and land management was performed for 1500-1710, for the scenarios with dynamic land-use. To circumvent high computational costs of the sub-diurnal solution of carbon and water fluxes, we used the same pre-computed GPP, soil moisture and temperature fields generated for the semi-analytic spin cycle. A final initialization phase consisted of running the full model from 1711 to 1859 with dynamic land-use forcing. The full model was then run for the 1860-2016 analysis period

15 for all scenarios, with 1901-1920 meteorology recycled prior to 1901.

5 Results

5.1 Model evaluation: evapotranspiration, GPP, biomass and soil carbon

Model-data comparisons of spatial distributions of key fluxes and stocks are presented in Figure 2.

The mean of evapotranspiration (ET) was obtained from the LandFlux $0.5° \times 0.5°$ data product (Mueller et al., 2013),

20 that merges multiple remote sensing and flux station-based ET products into a single data set. CABLE agrees very well with the LandFlux latitudinal profile, except for an underestimate in the tropics of up to 0.4 mm d^{-1} (although note LandFlux 1σ uncertainty of ~1 mm d^{-1} in this region), an underestimate that has been noted in previous evaluations of CABLE global ET (De Kauwe et al., 2015; Decker, 2015) and is particularly noticeable in the Amazon.

Observation-based global gross primary production (GPP) was obtained from upscaled FLUXNET eddy-covariance

25 tower measurements (1982-2011) (Jung et al., 2010). CABLE's latitudinal distribution of GPP agrees very well with upscaled FLUXNET. CABLE global GPP sums to 134 PgCy^{-1} for the year 2000, 9% higher than the FLUXNET estimate (123 PgCy^{-1}). An over-prediction by CABLE is noted for southern hemisphere (SH) regions south of -30°, a bias that is possibly related to SH temperate EBL forests being represented by the same CABLE PFT as tropical EBL forests (Table 1), and a fixed global value of the leaf area to sapwood area ratio.

30 Observation-based above-ground forest biomass at $0.01°\times0.01°$ resolution for the first decade of the 2000s was obtained from the GEOCARBON product (Figure 2(vii)), which is an integration of northern-hemisphere forest biomass (Santoro et al., 2015) with a pan-tropical biomass map (Avitabile et al., 2016), itself a fusion of two existing large-scale biomass maps (Baccini et al., 2012; Saatchi et al., 2011) with local biomass data. The map covers only forest areas, where forests are defined as areas with dominance of tree cover in the GLC2000 map (Bartholomé and Belward, 2005). We also

35 compare CABLE above-ground biomass with the product of Saatchi et al. (2011) (Figure 2(ix)), that is a combination of data from in situ inventory plot data, satellite Lidar samples of forest structure, and optical and microwave imagery to extrapolate over the landscape, also at $0.01°\times0.01°$ resolution. The CABLE and GEOCARBON biomass estimates agree very well latitudinally, and globally, with CABLE's estimate for the year 2000 summing to 246 PgC above ground biomass (assumes above ground fraction of 0.7), 15 % higher than the GEOCARBON estimate of 209 PgC. Most of the

discrepancy is in China (observational uncertainties of 25-50%), where CABLE over-predicts biomass carbon compared to GEOCARBON, but under-predicts compared to Saatchi et al. (2011).

Soil carbon density in the top 1 m of soil for the year 2000 was obtained from the Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSDA) (version 1.2). (FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC, 2009). Latitudinal profiles of soil carbon from CABLE
5   (total soil carbon and litter) compare well with the HWSDA product (Figure 2(xii)), and the CABLE global total of 1426 PgC is 7% higher than the HWSDA estimate of 1329 PgC. However, spatial distributions show large differences, most notably over-prediction by CABLE across much of the taiga and cold deciduous forest biomes. Another region of discrepancy is temperate south-eastern Australia, where CABLE predicts higher soil carbon (35-40 kg C m^{-2}) than HWSDA; however CABLE estimates are consistent with regional observation-based estimates (Viscarra Rossel et al.,
10 2014).
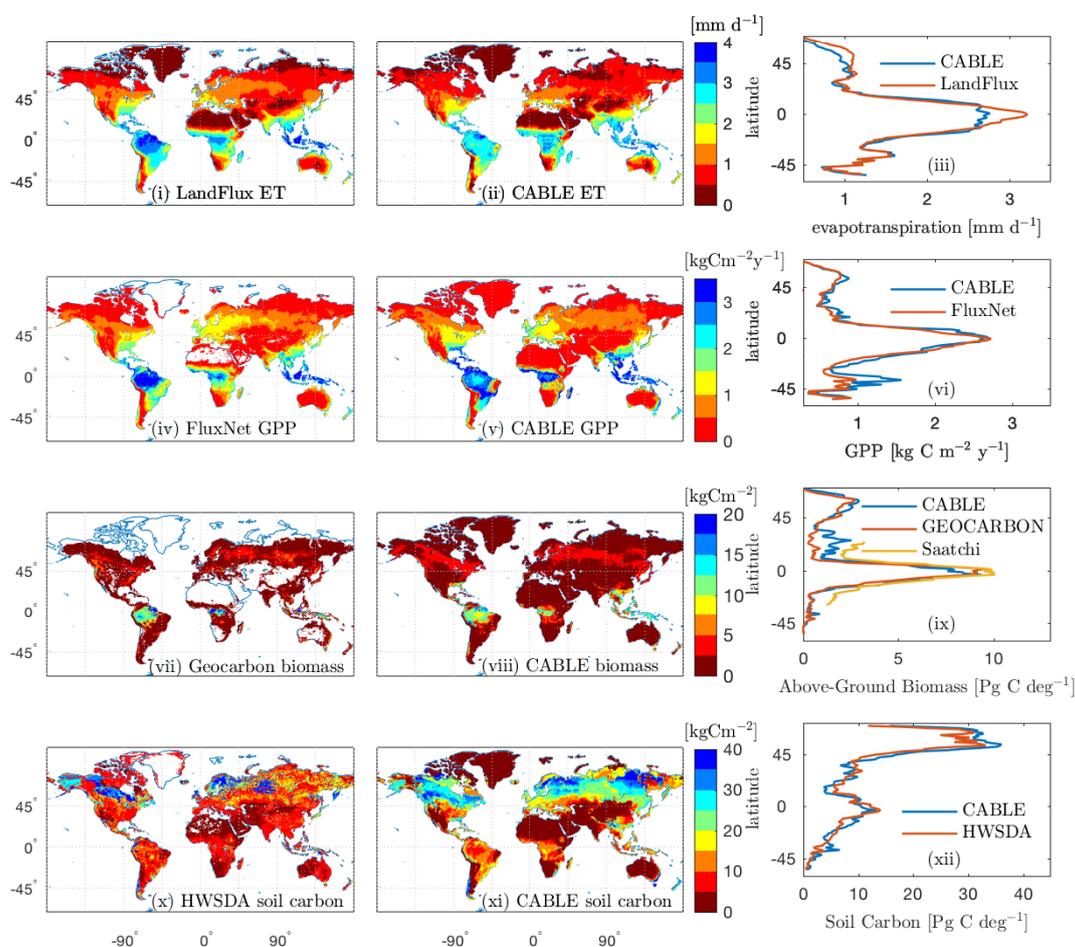
Figure 2: Observation-based (left), CABLE (middle) spatial distributions, and corresponding latitudinal distributions (right) of: (i)-(iii) evapotranspiration; (iv)-(vi) GPP; (vii)-(ix) above-ground biomass (x)-(xi) soil carbon (FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC, 2009). In the observation-based estimates, white indicates missing values. All
15 quantities are annual means for the year 2000, except for GEOCARBON biomass (first decade of the 2000s).

5.2 Model evaluation: age-dependence of biomass accumulation

Temperate and Boreal Forests

Forest inventory data for above-ground biomass and age were sourced from the Biomass Compartments Database (Teobaldelli, 2008). This database contains data from around 5790 plots and represents a harmonized collection of

5   Cannell (1982) and Usoltsev (2001) datasets, covering the temperate and boreal forest region globally. In earlier work we used the database to construct biomass-density plots for the purpose of calibrating the crowding mortality component of POP and to evaluate CABLE leaf-stem allometry plots relating foliage and stem biomass per tree (Haverd et al., 2014). Here we directly evaluate CABLE predictions of above-ground stem biomass for 1990 (approximate median year for the observational data) (Figure 3) for a wide range of stand ages (2-200 y). Despite significant scatter, predictions show low

10   bias (Figures 3(i) and (ii)) and biomass-age relationships that accord with the data (Figures 3(iii) and (iv)): [DBL, n= 1476; $r^2 = 0.35$; bias error = 0.4 kgCm^{-2}; root mean squared error = 2.6 kgCm^{-2}], [ENL, n=931; $r^2 = 0.46$; bias error = -0.9 kgCm^{-2}; root mean squared error = 3.7 kgCm^{-2}].
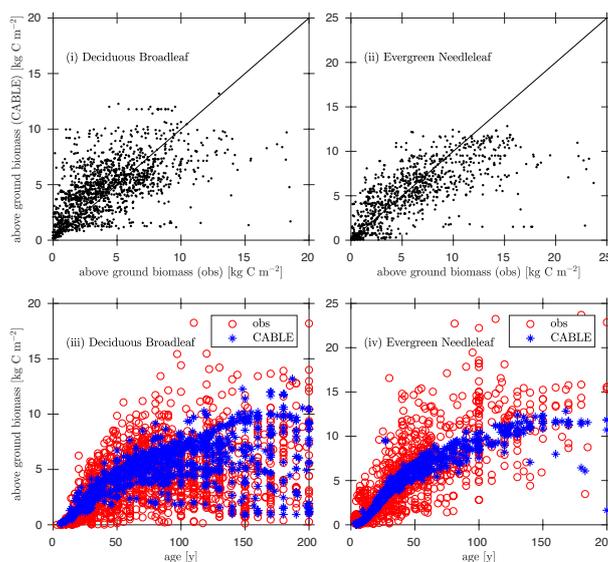
Figure 3: Evaluation of CABLE (1990) above-ground biomass predictions against Biomass Compartments Data

15   (Teobaldelli, 2008), separated into Deciduous Broadleaf and Evergreen Needleleaf classes: (i),(ii) above-ground biomass predictions versus observations (solid line represents 1:1 line); (iii)-(iv) predictions and observations of above-ground biomass versus age.

Tropical Forests

CABLE regrowth rates of secondary forests in the Tropical Rainforest, Tropical Seasonal Forest and Tropical Dry

20   Forest/Savanna biomes (Figure 1) in South America compare well with observation-based estimates by Poorter et al. (2016) from 1500 forest plots at 45 sites spanning the major environmental gradients across the Neotropics (Figure 4). In this region, CABLE predicts that secondary forest biomass recovers to 41±6 (1σ) % of its undisturbed value after 20 yeras of recovery, in good agreement with observations 54±16 (1σ) % (Poorter et al., 2016). Poorter et al. (2016) emphasise high average secondary forest biomass accumulation rates in the first 20 years of regrowth compared with

uptake rate of old growth forests. CABLE captures this distinction: mean above-ground biomass accumulation rates in the first 20 years of regrowth of 0.26±0.06 (1σ) kgC m^{-2} y^{-1}, compare well with the mean of the observations of 0.31±0.13 (1σ) kgC m^{-2} y^{-1} (Poorter et al., 2016), while simulated old growth forest rates 0.05±0.01(1σ) kgC m^{-2} y^{-1} (1990-2010, Tropical Rainforest and Tropical Seasonal Forest biomes in South America) compare well with estimates of

5   0.03-0.05 kgC m^{-2} y^{-1} from the Amazon RAINFOR plot network for this period (Brienen et al., 2015).
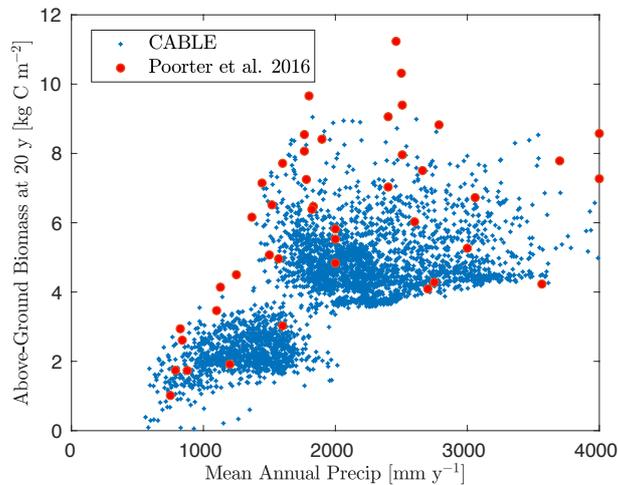
Figure 4: CABLE and observation-based estimates (Poorter et al., 2016) of Neotropical secondary forest biomass after 20 years of regrowth versus mean annual precipitation. CABLE estimates are extracted from secondary-forest tiles in Tropical Rainforest, Tropical Seasonal Forest and Tropical Dry Forest/Savanna biomes (Figure 1) in South America. The

10   lower distinct cloud of CABLE simulated values corresponds to the Tropical Dry Forest/Savanna biomes.

5.3 Land-use change and forest change: illustrative examples.

Four examples of contrasting regional land-use histories (0.5° x 0.5° grid cells) are presented to illustrate carbon pool changes and the rate of land-atmosphere carbon flux from 1860-present (Figure 5). Each column corresponds to one site, and the four rows show: (1) land-use transition rates: clearing (p→g + s→g), abandonment (g→s), primary forest harvest

15   (p→s) and secondary forest harvest; (2) land-use area fractions: partitioned into primary-woody, secondary-woody and open land. Open land is further partitioned into cropland, pasture, and the remainder comprising rangeland and "natural grass" meaning all other non-woody vegetation; (3) carbon stocks associated with soil and vegetation for each land-use type and in product pools; (4) land carbon flux to the atmosphere split into gross emissions (positive terms) and gross sinks (negative terms).

20   **Brazil (first column).** The land-use history for this grid-cell is dominated by clearing of primary forest with peak clearing events in 1940 and 1960 corresponding to respective conversion to rangeland and cropland. The 1860 carbon stocks are partitioned approximately equally between soil and vegetation. Cumulative carbon loss of 30 kgCm^{-2} is dominated by the vegetation carbon stock lost, with additional loss of soil carbon following conversion of forest to cropland, and is only marginally offset by net carbon gains due to differences in the effects of climate and CO_2 drivers on

25   the actual versus baseline land use. The land-atmosphere flux components indicate that the interaction flux (dominated by the loss of additional sink capacity) largely cancels F_{CC} when all forest has been cleared. As such, the net flux ($F_{CC,L}$) closely tracks $F_{LUC,0}$.

PNG (second column). Here land-use history is dominated by shifting cultivation (s→c): secondary forest clearing and abandonment tracking each other closely for the whole time-series. There is also additional non-s→c clearing and

harvest post 1950. This leads to land-area fractions that are largely constant, except for a small decrease in primary forest area post-1950 and associated expansion of crop-land and secondary forest area. Similar to the Brazil example, 1860 carbon stocks are partitioned approximately equally between soil and vegetation. The total carbon stock, and particularly carbon in primary forest vegetation, increases over the time-series because of cumulative carbon uptake in response to

5 the combined effects of CO_2 and climate. Land-use change emissions from shifting cultivation are close to zero since emissions from s-c clearing are approximately balanced by regrowth. As such the net flux $F_{CC,L}$ closely tracks F_{CC}, with small additional contributions from agricultural management and wood harvest.

France (third column). Here there is no primary forest. Land-use activity is dominated by secondary forest harvest pre-1920, and abandonment of pasture. The cessation of harvest leads to significant carbon accumulation in secondary forest

10 vegetation post-1920. Of the total carbon accumulation since 1860 (7 kg C m^{-2}), 4 kgCm^{-2} is attributable directly to LUC (first from forest regrowth post-harvest (pre-1940) and then from regrowth post-abandonment (post-1940)), and the remainder to CO_2-climate effects.

Poland (fourth column). This is a landscape dominated by agricultural activity. All secondary forest is cleared by 1900, however abandonment of cropland post-1945 leads to an expansion of secondary forest land. Carbon stocks in vegetation

15 are very low because of secondary forest harvest. Soil carbon in open land is depleted because of cropland management (tillage and removal of biomass). The cumulative carbon loss from 1860 is 4 kgCm^{-2}, and this is dominated by the direct effect of LUC. At the beginning of the time-series, emissions to the atmosphere are dominated by contributions from cropland management and forest clearing (including legacy effects). From 1980, the land is a sink because carbon uptake by forest regrowth post-harvest and CO_2-climate effects outweigh gross LUC emissions.
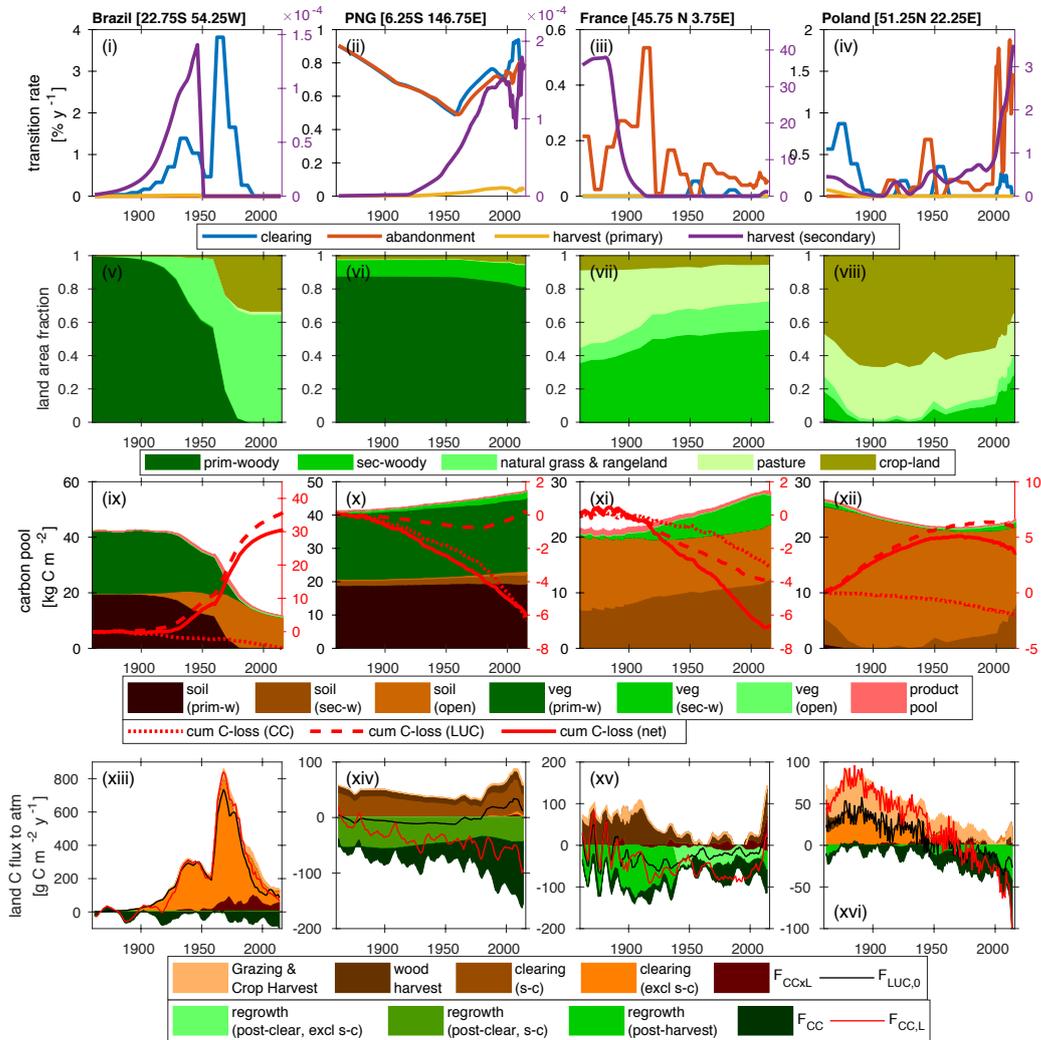
Figure 5: Contrasting land-use and land-management for sample $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ grid-cells in Brazil, Papua New Guinea (PNG), France and Poland. (i)-(iv) land area transition rates: clearing (p→g + s→g), abandonment (g→s), primary forest harvest (p→s) and secondary forest harvest; (v)-(viii) land-cover fractions; (ix)-(xii) vegetation stocks in soil (including litter), vegetation and product pools, and cumulative total carbon loss to the atmosphere from combined climate-CO_2 (CC) effects, land-use change and land management, and the net effect of all drivers together; (xiii)-(xvi) net land-atmosphere carbon flux ($F_{CC,L}$), and its components. Positive components are the contributions from land-use change and land-management. "Grazing & Crop Harvest" refers to the net carbon flux associated with these activities, as derived by subtraction of net fluxes simulated with and without grazing and crop management. Wood harvest and clearing include legacy emissions and decay of product pools. Clearing and regrowth fluxes associated with shifting cultivation (s-c) are resolved from fluxes not associated with s-c. Regrowth on secondary forest land is resolved from legacy effects of past land use by differencing simulated net ecosystem production on secondary forest tiles, as simulated under scenarios of harvest and clearing residues being extracted to product pools versus residues left as litter. Five year smoothing is applied for clarity.

5.4 Land-use-change and forest-change: global implications.

Figure 6 shows the combined impacts of changing climate and CO_2, and land-use change on the global terrestrial carbon cycle, and three broad latitudinal bands: tropics (-30° – 30°); extra-tropics of the northern hemisphere (NH) (>30°); and

5   extra-tropics of the southern hemisphere (SH) (<30°) in which land-use activities have affected the trajectory of the net land carbon sink very differently.

Tropics (first column). The net effect of clearing and abandonment has been a decline in forest area 6.7×10^6 km^2 since 1860, with clearing emissions peaking in 1954. Forest harvest (degradation) has also been a feature since 1950, and has accelerated steeply in recent decades. Cumulative sources and sinks are approximately equal, yielding negligible change

10   in carbon stocks since 1860. Shifting-cultivation (s→c) is a key feature of land-use: it is useful to resolve the s→c components of the clearing and abandonment fluxes since these approximately cancel each other. The interaction flux $F_{CC\times L}$, which is dominated by loss of additional sink capacity, contributes 30 PgC to the total cumulative loss of carbon by land-use change (176 Pg C since 1860).

Extra-tropics NH (second column). Forest area has declined by 3.3×10^6 km^2 since 1860. Although the loss of primary

15   forest areas (9.3×10^6 km^2) is similar to tropical primary forest loss (9.6×10^6 km^2), cumulative carbon loss from LUC is much less (92.4 Pg C) because primary vegetation carbon stocks are smaller, and those lost have been largely replaced by regrowth. Net emissions became negative (i.e., net carbon sink) in 1954, and the increasing sink trend is dominated by effects of CO_2 fertilisation and lengthening growing season, with net LUC emissions approximately constant and very close to zero in recent decades.

20   **Extra-tropics SH (third column).** This region has been subject to particularly aggressive deforestation, with 10^6 km^2 (or one third) of primary forest lost since 1860. Deforestation peaked and declined rapidly in 1953, and was succeeded by a period of increasing forest harvest. In contrast to the other regions, cumulative carbon loss since 1860 (7 PgC) is a significant fraction (8%) of the 1860 carbon stocks. The region has been a sink in recent decades due to the combined effects of CO_2-fertilisation and agricultural abandonment.

25   **The Globe (fourth column)**. Global primary forest area has decreased by 20.0×10^6 km^2, while secondary forest area has increased by 9.3×10^6 km^2 since 1860. Cumulative LUC emissions are 287 PgC since 1860 (243 PgC in the absence of interactions between CO_2-climate and LUC drivers), and have been counteracted by a cumulative CO_2-climate-driven sink of 305 PgC. Cumulative LUC emissions in the absence of interactions between CO_2-climate and LUC drivers are 243 PgC, and this is comparable with the BLUE book-keeping model (261 Pg C, 1850-2005) (Hansis et al., 2015) and is

30   within the range of recent estimates (171-295 PgC) by other models that account for gross land-use transitions, as compiled by Hansis et al. (2015).

LUC emissions have been declining steadily since 1960 (albeit with a slight upturn since 2005), while the CO_2-climate-driven sink is increasing rapidly and dominates the trend in the net flux. The simulated present day (2012-2016 mean) global land-atmosphere flux of -2.2 PgCy^{-1} is the balance between sources (4.1 PgCy^{-1}) and sinks (-6.3 PgCy^{-1}). Sources

35   comprise: $F_{CC\times L}$ (0.80), including loss of additional sink capacity F_{LASC} (0.51); clearing excluding s→c (1.12); clearing s→c (0.59); wood harvest (1.20); crop and pasture management (0.40). Sinks comprise: post-clearing regrowth excluding s→c (-0.38); post-clearing regrowth (s→c) (-0.55); post-harvest regrowth (-0.87); F_{CC} (-4.52).

While the F_{CC} term dominates the sink, no sink or source tem is negligible, and the $F_{CC\times L}$ term is large, pointing to the need to model the effects of land-use, climate and CO_2 on terrestrial carbon stocks explicitly and simultaneously, as we

40   have done here.

Table 3 shows that CABLE's partitioning of the net land-carbon sink between the tropics and NH extra-tropics accords well with a recent synthesis by Schimel et al. (2015), which utilised atmospheric inversion data (selected according to

assessment against aircraft vertical profile observations), biomass inventory data, and an ensemble of model estimates of global land carbon uptake in response to rising CO_2. Both estimates agree that the strong CO_2-driven sink in the tropics is largely cancelled by net deforestation emissions, leaving the NH extra-tropics as the region contributing most to the net land sink, a result also supported by top-down estimates from CarbonTracker Europe (van der Laan-Luijkx et al.,

5 2017). Note however a stronger tropical CO_2 fertilisation effect in CABLE than estimated by Schimel et al. (2015). CABLE's high simulated CO_2 fertilisation effect in tropical forests is consistent with growth rates in mature forests in Amazonia (Brienen et al., 2015) (See also Section 5.2).

Table 3: The net land carbon sink [Pg C y^{-1}] (1990-2007) and its partitioning, as estimated by CABLE, and a
10 **synthesis using a combination of top-down and bottom-up constraints (Schimel et al., 2015)**

	This work (CABLE)	Schimel et al. 2015
Tropical gross deforestation (including harvest)	2.6	2.9 ± 0.5
Tropical regrowth	1.3	1.6 ± 0.5
Net tropical deforestation (including harvest)	1.3	1.3 ± 0.7
Northern extra-tropical uptake	0.8	1.2 ± 0.1
Tropics + SH net uptake (excluding net tropical deforestation)	1.8	1.4 ± 0.4
Net global land uptake	1.3	1.3 ± 0.8
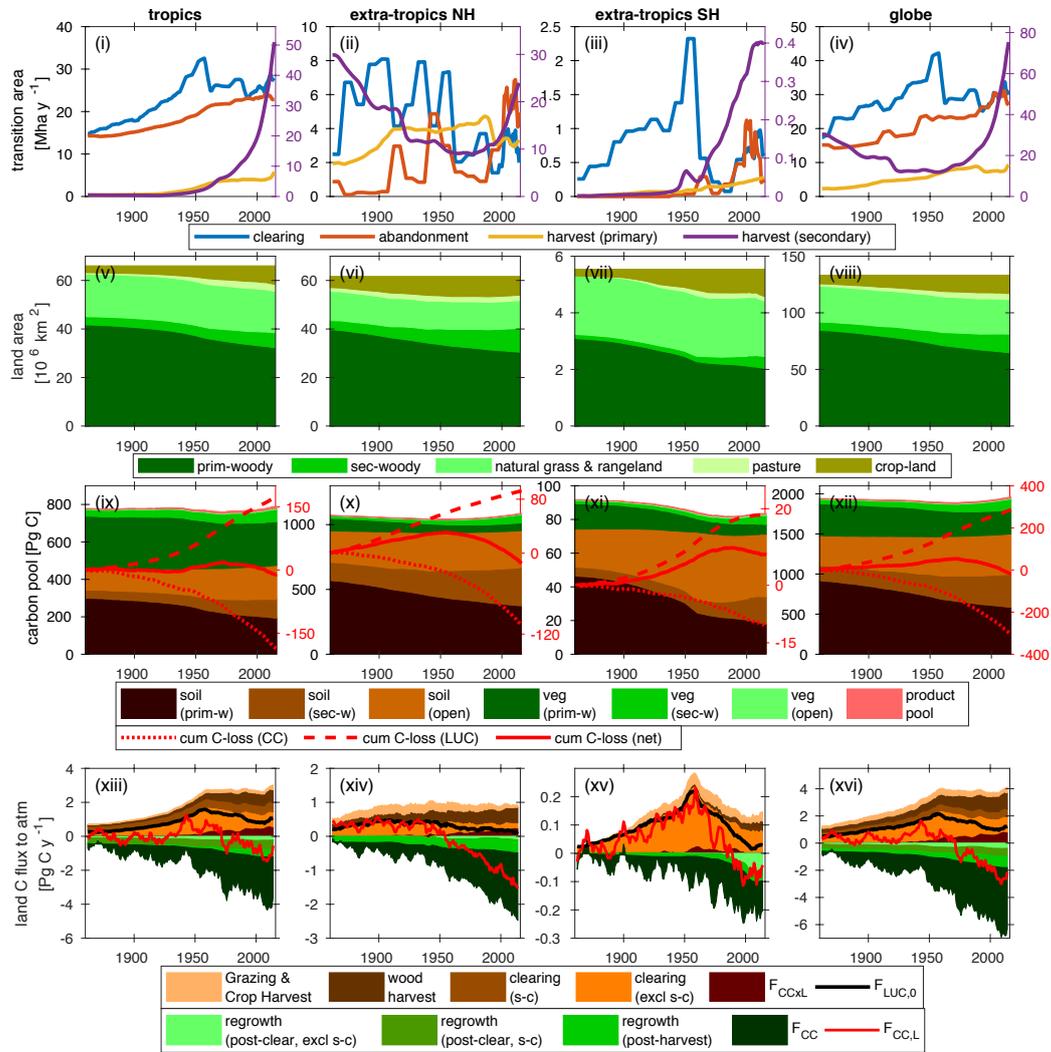
Figure 6: The global terrestrial carbon balance (1860-2016) and its partitioning, as influenced by LUC, land management, CO_2 and climate. Columns refer to (a) tropics (-30° – 30°); (b) extra-tropics of the northern hemisphere (NH) (>30°); (c) extra-tropics of the southern hemisphere (SH) (<30°); (d) Globe, excluding permanent ice. Rows refer to the same quantities as in Figure 5. Five year smoothing is applied for clarity.

5.5 Coordination of Leaf Photosynthesis: illustrative examples

The effect of dynamically optimising the ratio of J_{max} to V_{cmax} (b_{JV}), compared with a fixed value of $b_{JV} = 1.7$ (Walker et al., 2014), over the course of one year for shaded leaves in two contrasting biomes: tropical forest and tundra, is presented in Figure 7. While optimising b_{JV} only slightly increases net-photosynthesis, it significantly reduces variability in the fraction of Rubisco-limitation, compared with the assumption of fixed b_{JV}. Periods of near-exclusive electron transport-limitation (fractional Rubisco-limitation close to zero) are avoided when b_{JV} is optimized. Critical to the CO_2 fertilisation effect on photosynthesis, this affects the sensitivity of net photosynthesis with respect to c_s because the

electron transport-limited rate is less sensitive to c_s than the Rubisco-limited rate. The proportional change in A_n per proportional change in c_s is demonstrated using the dimensionless elasticity variable η (Figure 7(iii) and 7(vii)):

$$\eta = \frac{\partial A_n}{\partial c_s} \frac{c_s}{A_n} \qquad (15)$$

5   Low values of elasticity occur when electron-transport limitation dominates.

In the tropics, the dynamic values of b_{JV} reflect higher investment of nitrogen in V_{cmax} in the dry season (around days 200-300) when absorbed irradiance is higher, whereas in the Tundra, higher investment in J_{max} occurs at the height of the growing season because of the different temperature responses of J_{max} and V_{cmax}. Overall, the effect of dynamically optimising b_{JV} is to make electron transport- and Rubisco-limited rates approximately co-limiting, in agreement with

10   experimental evidence (Maire et al., 2012)
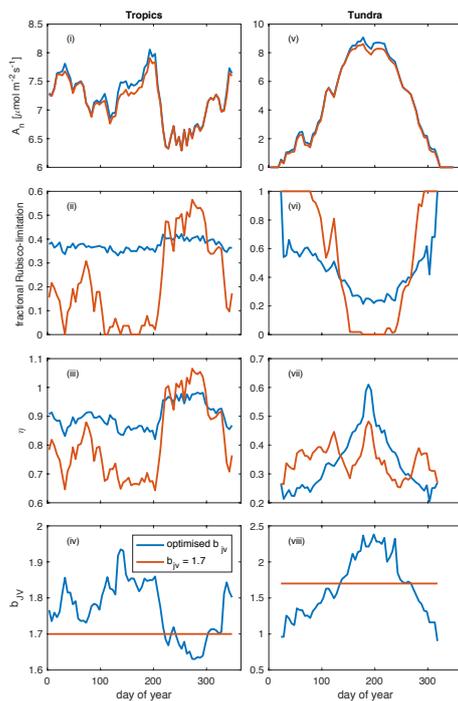
Figure 7: Illustrative simulations of net photosynthesis, fractional Rubisco-limitation, elasticity of net photosynthesis with respect to surface [CO_2] and $b_{JV} = J_{max,0}/V_{cmax,0}$ for shaded leaves in a tropical forest environment [-2.25°, -63.2°]

15   (i)-(iv) and a tundra environment [61.75°, 75.75°] (v)-(viii), aggregated over 5-day periods. Simulations were performed under assumptions of dynamically optimized and fixed b_{JV} for a 365-day period (1990).

5.6 Dynamic optimization of b_{JV}: implications for centennial trend in global photosynthesis

The impacts of optimising b_{JV} on fractional Rubisco-limitation and centennial increase in global GPP are shown in Figure 8. Simulations using a fixed value of $b_{JV} = 1.7$ (solid blue line), and $b_{JV} = 1.7\pm0.1$ (limits of dark shading) and b_{JV}

20    $= 1.7\pm0.2$ (limits of light shading) reveal that a static value of b_{JV} translates to highly unpredictable fractional Rubisco-limitation with possible values covering almost the full range from 0 to 1 at every latitude. In contrast, the fractional

Rubisco-limitation that is simulated when b_{JV} is dynamically optimized has a value that is approximately 0.5 (corresponding to co-limitation) at all latitudes. Poor prediction of fraction Rubisco-limitation under the assumption of fixed b_{JV} translates to a wide range of GPP increase (1900-2015) relative to values in 1900, with simulated relative increases spanning a range of ~0.2 at most latitudes. Dynamic optimization of b_{JV} results in predictions of centennial

5   increase in GPP that are in good agreement with recent estimates that use atmospheric carbonyl sulfide (COS) (Campbell et al., 2017) and the amplitude of seasonal cycle (ASC) of atmospheric CO_2 at 45°N (Wenzel et al., 2016) as constraints.
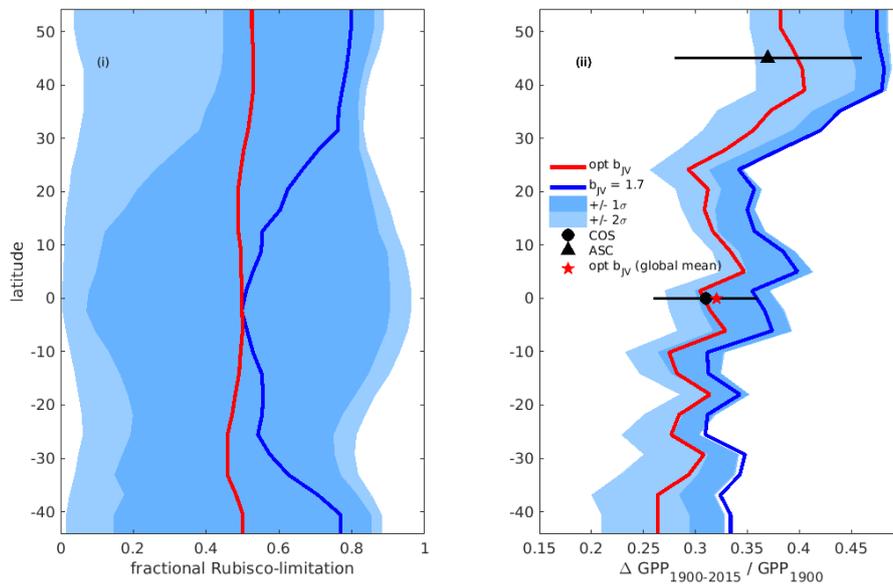
Figure 8. Latitudinal profiles of (i) fractional Rubisco-limited photosynthesis (1980-2015) and (ii) the increase in gross primary production (GPP), relative to 1900 values. Simulations were performed under assumptions of dynamically
10   optimized (red) and fixed $b_{JV} = 1.7$ (blue). For computational efficiency, profiles are based on a sample of 1000 randomly distributed grid-cells across the global ice-free land-surface. The limits of the blue shaded areas represent the results of simulations performed with fixed $b_{JV} = 1.7 \pm 0.1$ (dark shading) and $b_{JV} = 1.7 \pm 0.2$ (light shading), with lower limits corresponding to lower fractional Rubisco-limitation and lower increase in GPP. In panel (ii), the 'COS' value represents the trend in global GPP inferred from the carbonyl sulfide tracer (Campbell et al., 2017) and the 'ASC'
15   represents the trend in northern-hemispheric GPP inferred from the Amplitude of Seasonal Cycle (ASC) of atmospheric CO_2 (Wenzel et al., 2016) .

5.7 The global net land carbon sink

Figure 9 depicts simulated annual times series of the global land carbon sink from CABLE and the corresponding Global Carbon Project (GCP) estimate, diagnosed as the sum of atmosphere and ocean sinks, minus fossil fuel emissions (Le
20   Quéré et al., 2016). Of the 14 land models represented in the GCP's 2016 assessment of the global carbon budget (Le Quéré et al., 2016), the five contributing simulations of the net land carbon sink (as opposed to the residual land sink, equivalent to the net land sink plus net LUC emissions, represented by all land models) are also shown in Figure 9. For each model, correlation of annual values with GCP estimates (1959-2015), trend (1980-2015) and magnitude (2006-2015) are quantified in Table 4. Uncertainty on the GCP estimates is 0.4 Pg Cy^{-1} (Le Quéré et al., 2016). CABLE
25   captures 57% of the variance in the annual sink, simulates a trend that is very similar to the GCP estimate (0.067 Pg C y^{-2}

vs 0.061 Pg C y^{-2}) and a simulates a mean sink for the (2006-2015) period that is 0.5 PgCy^{-1} higher than GCP (2.7 Pg C y^{-1} vs 2.2 Pg C y^{-1}). One contribution to this discrepancy could be that the area of tropical forest degradation (p→s or secondary forest harvest) may be under-estimated in the LUH2 forcing data-set. In particular, CABLE simulations for the present day (2012-2016) indicate that forest degradation (harvest) contributes 33% to gross carbon losses from

5 harvest and clearing tropical forests (Figure 6(iii)), compared with 69% (including forest disturbances such as fire) suggested by a recent remote sensing-based estimate by Baccini et al. (2017).

CABLE captures a high proportion of the variance in the GCP estimate, relative to the other models in Table 4. This is in part attributable to its relatively good representation of the 1973-1974 and 1975-1976 positive anomalies corresponding to very strong La Niña events. Moisture sensitivities of both productivity and decomposition are important for capturing

10 the response of the net flux to such events: in particular the high temporal correlation of heterotrophic respiration with NPP in water-limited environments reduces the response of the net flux compared with the response of NPP (Haverd et al., 2016c).

In contrast, CABLE under-predicts large negative anomalies corresponding to 1987-1988 and 1997-1998 El Niño events. Possible explanations are that wildfire is not represented, and the simulated drought response of tropical forests may be

15 too weak.
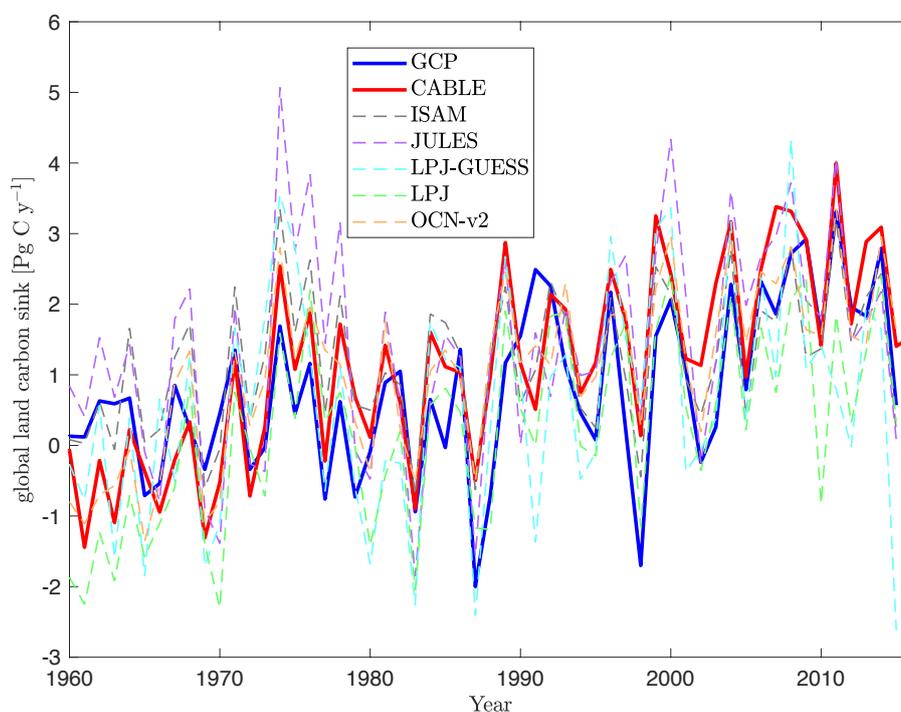
Figure 9. Global land carbon sink, as predicted by CABLE and five terrestrial biosphere models contributing to TRENDY-v5 (Le Quéré et al., 2016), and the Global Carbon Project (GCP) estimate, as the sum of atmosphere and ocean sinks, minus fossil fuel emissions (Le Quéré et al., 2016).

Table 4. Simulated annual time-series of the global land carbon sink: correlation with GCP, linear trend and mean sink.

	Correlation with GCP (R^2) 1959-2015	Linear trend [Pg C y^{-2}] 1980-2015	Mean Sink [Pg Cy^{-1}] 2006-2015
GCP	-	0.061±0.02	2.18
CABLE	0.57	0.067±0.01	2.66
JULES	0.46	0.063±0.02	2.28
ISAM	0.56	0.031±0.01	1.85
LPJ-GUESS	0.32	0.044±0.03	1.19
LPJ	0.48	0.052±0.02	1.22
OCN-v2	0.49	0.051±0.01	2.17

5 **Carbon-Climate Sensitivity**

We evaluate the global land carbon-climate sensitivity, following the analysis by Piao et al. (2013) of 10 terrestrial biosphere models. A linear model relating anomalies in the annual detrended land carbon sink (y_{sink}) to anomalies in annual detrended temperature (x_T) and precipitation (x_P) and an error term ε:

$$y_{\text{sink}} = \gamma_{IAV}^T x_T + \gamma_{IAV}^P x_P + \varepsilon \tag{16}$$

Equation (16) was fitted to CABLE-simulated annual anomalies in net carbon uptake. Results are given in Table 5, and show good agreement with analysis of the Residual Land Sink by Piao et al. (2013). Note the Residual Land Sink (equivalent to the net land sink plus net LUC emissions) is expected to have very similar interannual variations to the net land sink.

Table 5: Interannual global carbon-climate sensitivities, as defined by Equation (16)

	γ_{IAV}^T [Pg C y^{-1} K^{-1}]	γ_{IAV}^P [Pg C y^{-1} per 100 mm]	reference
CABLE net land sink (1980-2009)	-3.0 ± 0.5	0.7 ± 0.3	This work
Residual Land Sink (1980-2009)	-3.9 ± 1.1	0.8 ± 1.1	Piao et al. (2013)
Multi-model range (1980-2009)	-5.1 to -1.0	0.4 to 6.0	Piao et al. (2013)

7. Conclusion and Future Directions

We have presented CABLE model developments that convert it to a state-of-the-art terrestrial biosphere model for use
20 within an Earth System Model, and in stand-alone applications to attribute trends and variability in the terrestrial carbon cycle to regions, processes and drivers. Model evaluation has shown that the new model version satisfies several key observational constraints, including (i) trend and interannual variations in the global land carbon sink, including

sensitivities of interannual variations to global precipitation and temperature anomalies; (ii) centennial trends in global GPP; (iii) co-ordination of Rubisco-limited and electron transport-limited photosynthesis; (iv) spatial distributions of global ET, GPP, biomass and soil carbon; and (v) secondary forest rates of biomass accumulation in boreal, temperate and tropical forests.

5   Model evaluation highlighted a few discrepancies that warrant further investigation: (i) under-prediction of ET in tropical forests in Amazonia; (ii) Over-prediction of GPP in SH temperate evergreen broadleaf forests; (iii) under-prediction of large negative anomalies in the global land carbon sink, corresponding to 1987-1988 and 1997-1998 El Niño events. Further work on the model configuration presented here should include formal benchmarking in the International Land Model Benchmarking Project framework (Hoffman et al., 2017) and model-data fusion (Trudinger et al., 2016).

10   Priorities for further process enhancement are (i) wildfire impacts on vegetation and related emissions; (ii) explicit cropland management; (iii) dynamic biogeography and PFT-interactions; and (iv) dynamic allocation of carbon that optimises plant fitness.

Code Availability

The source code can be accessed after registration at https://trac.nci.org.au/trac/cable. Simulations in

15   this work used Revision Number 4546.

Competing interests.

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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Appendix 1: Additional Model Updates

Additional model updates include: (i) drought and summer-green phenology (Sitch et al., 2003; Sykes et al., 1996); (ii)

25   low-temperature reductions in photosynthetic rates in boreal forests (Bergh et al., 1998); (iii) photo-inhibition of leaf day-respiration (Clark et al., 2011); and (iv) acclimation of autotrophic respiration (Atkin et al., 2016). These are described below.

Drought and summer-green phenology

Prior CABLE predicts phenology based on an annual climatology of remotely-sensed vegetation cover. This precludes

30   simulating the effects of interannual variations and trends in phenology on the terrestrial carbon and water cycles, and land-atmosphere exchange. We addressed this deficiency by implementing drought and summer-green phenology following the LPJ model (Sitch et al., 2003), with extensions to account for chilling requirements of bud-burst (Sykes et al., 1996).

Summer-green phenology applies to deciduous forest types (DNL and DBL, Table 1) and C_3 grass where its growth is

35   temperature-limited. Leaf onset occurs when growing degree days referenced to $5^{o}C$ (GDD) exceed growing degree days to budburst (GDD^0). GDD^0 is assumed to decline exponentially with the length of chilling period (number of days with mean temperature between $0^{o}C$ and $5^{o}C$). This relationship represents an adaptation to weather variability: green-up is delayed long enough to minimise the risk that emerging buds will be damaged by frost. The green-up phase ends when

GDD–GDD^0 exceeds a threshold (set to 200 degree days). The onset of senescence occurs after a fixed period (200 d) of growth.

Rain-green phenology applies to C$_3$ and C$_4$ grass where they are water-limited. No rain-green woody PFTs are represented in CABLE. We define "growing moisture days" (GMD) as the number of consecutive days when an

5   indicator of plant-available soil moisture ($f_{w,soil}$, Eq (7)) exceeds a threshold (set to 0.3). The green-up phase begins when GMD is greater than zero and ends when GMD exceeds a threshold (set to 21 days). Senescence begins when GMD becomes zero.

For both summer-green and rain-green phenology, green-up translates to high allocation of NPP to leaves. Leaf turnover rate is set to zero outside of the senescence period, when turnover time is set to 4 weeks.

10   **Low-temperature effects on boreal forest photosynthesis**

Three processes that contribute to low-temperature reduction of photosynthesis in boreal conifer forests are: (i) reduction caused by frozen soils; (ii) incomplete recovery of photosynthetic capacity during spring; (iii) frost-induced autumn decline. The first effect is largely accounted for in Prior CABLE, because soil moisture limitation on stomatal conductance (Eq (7)) depends on liquid water content, meaning that soil freezing induces soil moisture limitation. Our

15   treatment of the other two processes follows that of Bergh et al. (1998). Rate of post-winter recovery of $V_{cmax,0}$ is held proportional to a degree-day sum referenced to 0°C. Recovery is suspended for two days followng a frost event, while a severe frost ($\leq$ -3 ^{o}C) also reduces $V_{cmax,0}$. Autumn decline of $V_{cmax,0}$ is simulated by assuming that severe frost nights reduce it progressively and irreversibly until it reaches a 'dormancy' level, where it remains until the onset of spring recovery.

20   **Photo-inhibition of leaf day respiration**

In Prior CABLE, the rate of leaf respiration at standard temperature is assumed the same day and night. However many studies have shown that, at a given temperature, the rate of leaf respiration in daylight is less than that in darkness (Brooks and Farquhar (1985), Hoefnagel et al. (1998), Atkin et al. (1998, 2000)). To account for this, we implement the inhibition of leaf respiration by light, as demonstrated by Brooks and Farquhar (1985), implemented by Lloyd et al.

25   (1995) and successfully tested in the JULES land surface model for an Amazonian rainforest site by Mercado et al. (2007), and globally by Clark et al. (2011). The light-dependent non-photo-respiratory leaf respiration (R_l) is thus:

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\begin{aligned}
R_l &= R_d & ; 0 < \text{I}_0 < 10 \; \mu\text{mol quanta m}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1} \\
R_l &= \left[0.5 - 0.05\ln(I_0)\right] R_d & ; \text{I}_0 > 10 \; \mu\text{mol quanta m}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}
\end{aligned}
\tag{17}
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where I$_0$ is the flux of incoming radiation at the top of the canopy (μmol quanta m^{-2} s^{-1}) and R$_d$ is the dark leaf respiration rate.

30   **Acclimation of Autotrophic Respiration**

Prior CABLE assumes a fixed PFT-dependent value of leaf respiration at standard temperature (25°C), an assumption which may lead to exaggerated latitudinal gradients in leaf respiration rates, as well as exaggerated trends in leaf respiration as global warming occurs. This is because, with sustained changes in the prevailing ambient growth temperature, leaf dark respiration (R$_d$ [μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}]) acclimates to the new conditions, resulting in higher rates of R$_d$ in

35   cold-acclimated plants (Atkin et al., 2016 and references therein). To capture such acclimation effects, we utilise the synthesis of leaf dark respiration rates by Atkin et al. (2016) to parameterise the temperature dependence of leaf respiration at a standard temperature of 25°C ($R_{d,25}$). We then apply the same temperature-acclimation response to root

and stem maintenance respiration rates. Specifically, we use the linear model relating $R_{d,25}$ to $V_{c,max,25}$ and temperature of the warmest quarter (T_{WQ}), here the mean temperature of the warmest three-month period during the preceding calendar year.

$$R_{d,25} = c_4 \left[c_1 + c_2 V_{cmax,0} + c_3 T_{WQ} \right] \tag{18}$$

5   In Equation (18), c_1-c_3 are taken from Atkin et al. (2016, Table S4) and c_4 is an additional scaling parameter of order 1, introduced in this work, with values 0.9 (EBL); 1.0 (DBL); 1.0 (ENL); 1.0 (DNL); 0.8 (C3 grass); 0.7 (other).

For consistency with Atkin et al. (2016), we adopt the "variable Q10" instantaneous temperature response of R_d (Tjoelker et al. 2001):

$$R_d = R_{d,25} \left[3.09 - 0.043\left(T + 25.0\right)/2.0 \right]^{\frac{T-25.0}{10.0}} \tag{19}$$

10   In the absence of data to inform a general formulation of the temperature acclimation responses of sapwood and fine root maintenance respiration, we formulate them to be consistent with leaf temperature acclimation, but proportional to nitrogen content of the respective compartment:

$$R_{m,sapwood,25} = c_5 N_{sapwood} \left[c_1 + c_2 V'_{c,max,0} + c_3 T_{WQ} \right] \tag{20}$$

$$R_{m,root,25} = c_5 N_{root} \left[c_1 + c_2 V'_{c,max,0} + c_3 T_{WQ} \right] \tag{21}$$

15   where c_5 is a PFT-dependent scaling factor, and $V'_{c,max,0}$ is the value of $V_{cmax,0}$ obtained with maximum values of leaf N/C and P/C , such that variations in leaf stoichiometry do not affect sapwood and root respiration. As in Prior CABLE, the instantaneous temperature response of Lloyd and Taylor (1994) is assumed.

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