

General response:

We sincerely appreciate the constructive and positive feedback provided by all the reviewers. Their recommendations have greatly enhanced the manuscript's structure and content. Please find our point-to-point responses to the individual comments given by the Reviewers below (reviewer comment in black, our response in blue). As an overview, and in response to all reviewers, we have addressed the following aspects in the revised manuscript. The line numbers and page numbers in this document refer to the revised manuscript file without tracked changes, unless otherwise stated.

1. Shortening the paper and re-organizing our results: We have made considerable effort to shorten our paper (and focus on the novelties of this study), by identifying content in Sections 3.1.2, 3.3, and 3.4 that does not significantly contribute to our main points. For this, we have removed the following portions of the original manuscript: Lines 29-32, Lines 213-214, Lines 245-249, Lines 277-279, Lines 292-294, Lines 320-321, Lines 430-440, Lines 487-498, and Lines 503-506 (total ≈ 38 Lines). We moved Table 2 to the appendix. We removed Fig. E2 as it was not referenced in text, and Fig. 14a from the original manuscript as it more or less shows the same as 14b-c. We made Fig. 2 a single column, similar to Fig. 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9. We have reorganized and rewritten certain statements as per the reviewers' specific comments (see individual responses).
2. Enhancing the discussion: We have rewritten large portions to account for a new PULSE experiment in Sections 3.2-3.3. We have attributed weathering flux changes to either temperature or runoff changes in Section 3.1.2 (Fig. E6). We have since revised our statement that the temperature plateau in the 5000 PgC scenario is not due to soil carbon, but rather, due to AMOC (Lines 193-195). We have expanded on the potential caveats in our study related to erosion limitation (Lines 632-634, 676-680) and tipping points (Lines 689-691) in Section 5. We have added information on the temperature evolution in the intCH₄ experiment (Lines 596-598), and have clarified that increased temperatures in ECS4 are due to a positive climate—carbon cycle feedback in Section 4.4 (Lines 558-559).
3. Adding additional figures and tables: We added subplots to Fig. 13 for A_i vs E and τ_i vs E (Fig. 13b,c), and a figure for temperature evolution in the intCH₄ experiment in the appendix (Fig. E7). We have provided a table of lithology-specific weathering model parameters (e.g., activation energy of silicates for the different lithologies) in the appendix (Table E1). We have added another figure showing the fraction of a given lithology in a grid cell (Fig. E1). We have moved the fitting parameters for the multi-exponential decay fit, now including the PULSE experiment, in the appendix (Table E2). We have added another figure for attributing changes in the weathering fluxes to either temperature or runoff to the appendix (Fig. E6).
4. Clarifying certain aspects: We clarified the treatment of organic carbon in the revised manuscript (Lines 108-113). We have expanded on the weathering scheme by including a table of lithological values and a figure showing the fraction of a given lithology in a grid cell (Fig. E1, Table E1) for Equations 2 and 3. We have incorporated the equations for carbonate weathering specific to loess and carbonate sedimentary rocks. We have clarified in certain figure captions whether time is

counted from the beginning of the pulse, or from maximum CO₂ concentration (e.g., Fig. 3, Fig. 16, Fig. E3, Fig. E4, Fig. E5). We have added text to make it explicitly clear where we do not consider ramp up time of emissions (see individual responses).

Erroneous changes:

- An error was noticed in the fitting procedure in Fig. 10, as it did not reflect the response of weathering given by some equations (e.g., Uchikawa & Zeebe 2008) to increases in temperature. It has since been corrected ([***Page 18***](#)), although it does not change our findings.
- Before, we asserted that 5% of land area was responsible for about a third of carbonate and silicate weathering fluxes. This was erroneous, as we did not take into account latitudinal differences in grid-cell area. It has since been corrected to “About 10% of land area across the different emission scenarios is responsible for ~13-14% of the total carbonate weathering and ~33-37% of the total silicate weathering” ([***Page 19, Lines 320-322***](#)) and “As 10% of the land area in our simulations is responsible for more than a third of global silicate weathering fluxes” ([***Page 35, Lines 674-676***](#)).

Response to RC1:

In their paper 'Assessing the lifetime of anthropogenic CO₂ and its sensitivity to different carbon cycle processes' Kaufhold et al. apply the CLIMBER-X Earth system model of intermediate complexity to investigate the atmospheric lifetime and the removal processes of cumulative CO₂ emission in a set of 100 kyr experiments.

They include a variety of sensitivity experiments to further investigate the role of the landbiosphere and weathering feedbacks in removing atmospheric CO₂ perturbations. Overall, the paper is well written and provides interesting results and nicely addresses the question of the landbiosphere and weathering feedbacks for the removal of atmospheric CO₂ perturbations and provides a wealth of figures. The spatially explicit weathering scheme of CLIMBER-X is an important addition to the investigation! In summary, the study is well suited for publication in Biogeosciences.

I have three more general aspects and a few minor comments the authors may address during revision.

We would like to thank the reviewer for their positive comments on our paper.

General:

1) Presentation of the C-perturbation

In the paper, the authors alternate between presenting the atmospheric C-perturbation (or the perturbation of other reservoirs) in absolute values (i.e. ppm CO₂ or PgC) and as fraction of the maximum CO₂ perturbation. For comparison with other studies and to address non-linearities it would, in my eyes, be much easier to show results as fractions of the CO₂ perturbation rather than as absolute values (for example also in Fig. 1). The fact that the atmospheric CO₂ perturbation (in ppm) is larger for larger cumulative emissions is not surprising and it could be interesting to investigate the non-linearities in more detail instead. An alternative could also be to normalize the results by the response to a certain pulse size to highlight the non-linearities (e.g. Fig. 2).

We acknowledge that alternating between absolute values (as in Section 3.1) and fractional values (as in Sections 3.2-3.4) could be confusing, and that expressing some responses as fractions of cumulative emissions may be more interesting for exploring nonlinearities. In principle, we could have provided a version of Fig. 1 that shows the change in atmospheric CO₂ as a fraction of cumulative emissions. However, the method used to determine atmospheric CO₂ concentration from other publications (i.e., visual inspection) is not accurate enough, meaning that the figure is semi-qualitative and mostly serves an illustrative purpose. We have provided a statement on this in the figure caption of the revised manuscript:

***Page 3:** Moved and revised in Fig. 1 caption “The data from previous studies shown here was acquired through visual inspection of graphs, meaning that the figure is semi-qualitative and mostly serves an illustrative purpose (small errors may be present).”*

Furthermore, we are cautious about modifying the current presentation of these results in Fig. 2 (either by normalizing it by cumulative emissions, or by a certain pulse size) as it could make it difficult for future comparisons with our work, especially given the ramp up period. We have aimed to remain consistent with how values have been presented in prior studies. For instance, atmospheric CO₂ concentrations have consistently been reported in absolute values (e.g., Archer 1998, Lenton & Britton 2006, Ridgwell & Hargreaves 2007, Archer & Brovkin 2008, Archer et al. 2009, Lord et al. 2015, etc.), and emissions removed or remaining given in such normalized values (e.g., Archer 1997, Eby et al. 2009, Lord et al.

2015, etc.). There are a few exceptions to this, but these are typically made for specific reasons. For instance, Joos et al. (2013) report atmospheric CO₂ only as a fraction of emitted emissions, but their study's objective was to compare the response of different models.

2) how emissions are prescribed

The way emissions are prescribed in this study (as Gaussian function) complicates the comparison with studies featuring a pulse-like release of carbon (as often done) to a certain degree. This leads in this study, for example, in the case of small total cumulative emissions, to a large fraction of the atmospheric CO₂ perturbation already having been removed before reaching the maximum atm. CO₂ perturbation and also to less timescales required when fitting the response as a sum of exponentials (section 3.3) as compared to studies with an instantaneous pulse-like emission. While this is acknowledged in the text, I think it should be made more clear, especially for the discussion of the timescales in sections 3.2-3.4.

This is a very good point. We agree that this complicates comparisons to other studies, especially as removing the ramp up of emissions may affect the calculated timescales in Section 3.3. As such, we have made the limitations of our analysis (for the REF experiment) more clear (see below). As per Reviewer #2's recommendation, we have also made it more clear in the Sections whether or not a figure or analysis includes the ramp up period of emissions.

Page 22, Lines 393-396: Added “However, short-term processes (sub-centennial timescales) cannot be fit with our analysis after removing the ramp up period of emissions, meaning $n=3$ is already sufficient for examining the long-term uptake of anthropogenic CO₂. It should be noted that, due to this, the values for A_i in the REF and noLAND experiments do not sum to 1 as a fraction of emissions was already removed via short-term processes (Fig 12b).”

Page 23: Added in Fig. 13 caption “Scenarios with smaller cumulative emissions typically result in lower A_i values, as a larger proportion of emissions is taken up by short-term processes (sub-centennial timescales), which are not considered in our multi-exponential fitting procedure (see Lord et al., 2015b).”

Further, it might be interesting to add one additional emission pathway sensitivity experiment, where all the carbon is emitted in the first timestep, as done in many of the studies discussed in the paper. In light of how fast the CLIMBER-X model is (10'000 years per day), this might be doable.

Originally, we chose to not use a pulse-like CO₂ perturbation due to concerns about model stability. However, following the reviewer's suggestion, we initiated such experiments for a new emissions pathway ensemble called 'PULSE.' In the revised manuscript, Sections 3.2 and 3.3 have been extensively rewritten to make the manuscript more concise, and include the results of the PULSE experiment. We believe this addition has enhanced the manuscript by providing greater robustness to the estimated fraction of emissions remaining and timescales.

Addendum: The PULSE experiment is now incorporated in Table 1, Fig. 12, Fig. 13, Fig. 16, and Table E2, as well as in the discussion in Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 5.

Page 21-22, Lines 367-371: Revised “This analysis was exclusively done on the REF experiment, the experiment with a pulse-like perturbation of CO₂ (PULSE, Table 1), and the experiment with land carbon disabled (noLAND, Table 1). The latter two experiments were included to (1) provide confidence in our estimated timescales by excluding the ramp up period of emissions as a factor (aligning with the procedure used in similar studies, e.g., Archer et al., 1997), and (2) facilitate a direct comparison with the findings of Lord et al. (2015b).”

3) Length of the paper

While the paper does a very nice job in thoroughly describing processes and visualizing a lot in figures, I found it quite lengthy to read. Maybe during revisions this could be kept in mind. For example, in my opinion, sections 3.2-3.4 could be merged and shortened with a focus on the novelties of this study (timescale of the silicate weathering feedback).

In our efforts to make the manuscript more concise, we have removed large portions of Sections 3.1.2, 3.3, and 3.4 that did not significantly contribute to the discussion (see our “General response #1” for specific lines that were removed). However, we did not fully merge Sections 3.2–3.4, as we believe maintaining their separation helps preserve structure in the analysis. Considering the additional requests for more information about our weathering scheme, a PULSE experiment, the attribution of weathering fluxes to either temperature/runoff, an expanded discussion on erosion limitations, tipping elements, and temperature evolution/feedbacks in the intCH4 experiments (see our “General response #2-4”), it was not possible to significantly reduce the overall length despite these changes.

Minor comments:

- p. 5, l. 105: why is the conservation of phosphate and silicate enforced and how is it done?

As mentioned in the CLIMBER-X description paper (Willeit et al. 2022, 2023), the weathering module includes equations for silicate weathering fluxes. Riverine fluxes of silicate, phosphorus and organic carbon have been disabled in the model set-up here, as they would introduce additional challenges related to nutrient conservation in the ocean. Instead, the budgets for silicate and phosphorus (as well as organic carbon, not mentioned in the manuscript) are balanced by assuming that sediment burial fluxes are returned in remineralized form to the surface ocean. Spatially, these surface fluxes are distributed proportionally to annual runoff. This simplified approach ensures the conservation of phosphorus and silica inventories within the ocean–sediment system throughout the simulation.

We have provided more information clarifying this (as well as that of organic carbon) in the revised manuscript, as this issue was also raised by Reviewer #3:

***Page 5, Lines 108-113:** Revised “In the open carbon cycle setup, a simplification is made to enforce that the budgets for silicate and phosphorus within the ocean–sediment system are balanced. This was done by disabling riverine fluxes of phosphorus and silicate, and assuming that organic carbon (which includes P) and opal (which includes Si) which are buried in the sediments (and, therefore, removed from the system) are instead returned to the surface ocean in remineralized form. The conservation of such inventories in the ocean–sediment system removes challenges related to nutrient conservation that would otherwise complicate the analysis and interpretation of model results.”*

- p. 6, l. 127-130: please provide values for the parameters

We agree that it would be logical to provide values for α , b , and E_a , and have done so in the revised manuscript (**Page 40**, Table E1). We have now specified in the revised manuscript that ℓ represents the different lithologies to sum over, and explicitly defined $b(\ell)$, $E_{a,sil}(\ell)$, and $\alpha(\ell)$ as functions of lithology (**Page 6, Lines 132-137**). Furthermore, we have also included information about the grid-cell lithology by including a figure showing the spatial distribution of the different rock lithologies in CLIMBER-X (**Page 39**, Fig. E1).

- p. 7, l. 149ff: looking forward to the interactive ice-sheet simulations!

Thank you for the positive comment, we are also excited to share these simulations in a follow up study.

- p. 7, l. 155: 'pulse' might be a misleading term, maybe replace with 'idealized CO₂ emission histories'?

This is a good point, especially with the inclusion of the 'PULSE' experiment ensemble. We changed this to 'scenarios' in the revised manuscript:

Page 7, Line 161: Revised “idealized CO₂ emission [scenarios]”

- section 3.1.3: very nice!

Thank you for the positive comment on this section.

- Fig. 13: maybe clarify in the figure caption as well, why the smaller cumulative emissions lower fractions removed (-> more already taken up by other reservoirs before reaching the max. CO₂ perturbation)

We have added a sentence clarifying this, as suggested:

Page 23: Added in Fig. 13 caption “Scenarios with smaller cumulative emissions typically result in lower A_i values, as a larger proportion of emissions is taken up by short-term processes (sub-centennial timescales), which are not considered in our multi-exponential fitting procedure (see Lord et al., 2015b).”

- section 4: I really liked this section!

Thank you for the positive comment on this section.

- Fig. 16: check caption text, not fully clear

We assume that the reviewer is referring to the description of the cumulative stacked barplot in Figure 16. Our intention of this description was to communicate that the barplot is cumulative. By default, plotting a stacked barplot in Python would be non-cumulative, and the length of each bar would represent the magnitude of carbon uptake. For example, as it is shown now, Figure 16a REF shows that land in the 500 PgC scenario takes up ~130 PgC carbon whereas land in the 1000 PgC scenario takes up ~240 PgC. Should the stacked bar plot be non-cumulative, the 500 PgC scenario would still be the same, but the 1000 PgC bar would instead reach ~370 PgC. However, we understand how it is currently written may cause confusion, so have clarified this by rewriting the second sentence in the figure caption:

Page 30: Revised in Fig. 16 caption “The stacked bar plot is cumulative, meaning that the height of the bar (rather than the bar length) in each emission scenario reflects the magnitude of carbon uptake or loss.”

- p. 32, l. 590: 'effect' -> 'affect'?

Thanks, we changed this in the revised manuscript.

Page 31, Line 578: Revised “...concentration could therefore [affect] the capacity of different Earth...”

- p. 35, l. 646ff: move this part to the other statements about silicate weathering before

Thanks, we have moved this to **Page 34, Lines 614-629.**

Response to RC2:

This study assesses the lifetime of anthropogenic CO₂ and its dependence on total emissions and sensitivity to different carbon cycle processes. The authors use the fast EMIC CLIMBER-X to simulate an ensemble of 100,000-year simulations. They thoroughly analyze which carbon reservoir takes how much carbon and when. Special attention is paid to the timescales of silicate weathering and this study provides a shorter estimate of this timescale compared to previous studies. Next sensitivity experiments are discussed to assess how sensitive the results are to several important processes.

The study is interesting and textually well written. I believe most of the reasoning, as well as the used methodology, are sound. I have a couple of major comments, minor comments and specific comments for the authors to address.

We would like to thank the reviewer for their positive comments on our paper.

Major comments:

My first main comment is that the paper is quite long and has a lot of figures. I think the paper would benefit from being a bit shorter. I will leave it to the authors to decide exactly what to change, but I have provided some suggestions below:

In our efforts to make the manuscript more concise, we have removed large portions of Sections 3.1.2, 3.3, and 3.4 that did not significantly contribute to the discussion (see our “General response #1” for specific lines that were removed). Considering the additional requests for more information about our weathering scheme, a PULSE experiment, the attribution of weathering fluxes to either temperature/runoff, an expanded discussion on erosion limitations, tipping elements, and temperature evolution/feedbacks in the intCH4 experiments (see our “General response #2-4”), it was not possible to significantly reduce the overall length despite these changes.

Section 5 mainly focuses on the weathering processes, and I believe this is also the main novelty in this study. Section 3 is much more elaborate. Is it necessary to, for example, put 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 in the main text or could they also go into the supplementary?

Weathering processes are only one of the novelties of our work. The main novelty of our work is that we have carried out long-term simulations with a comprehensive Earth system model, and have analyzed the response of the carbon cycle on different time scales –not just for weathering processes. Therefore, we disagree that Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 do not contribute significantly to the main text. While it is true that the weathering processes and their behaviour under different cumulative emission scenarios are a key novelty of our manuscript, the spatially explicit response of the land biosphere is also critical. In previous studies, the land has often been completely omitted (e.g., Archer et al. 1997; Lord et al. 2015; Köhler 2020), simulated with very low complexity and left unreported (e.g., Lenton & Britton 2006), or modelled with similar complexity but not over such long timescales (e.g., Brault et al. 2017). As highlighted by Reviewer #3, the non-monotonous response of soil carbon over long timescales observed in our study may even represent a novel finding. Furthermore, as ocean processes and carbonate chemistry are responsible for the majority of anthropogenic CO₂ removal, we also believe it would not be appropriate to completely omit this section. However, as we agree that this section in particular could be streamlined, we have made considerable efforts to shorten it where possible (see our “General response #1” for specific lines).

- Is it possible to combine some figures? E.g. Figures 7 and 8, and/or Figures 12 and 13.

We think it would be difficult to combine Fig. 7 and 8 without potentially omitting the response of a few variables. We also think it would be difficult to merge Fig. 12 and 13 considering the proposed changes to Fig. 13 suggested by Reviewer #3. However, we have removed Fig. 14a in the original manuscript, as it more or less shows the same as Fig. 14b, and presented Fig. 2 in a single column, similar to Fig. 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

- In the introduction the authors mention the next glacial cycle. Is it necessary to include this in the introduction?

While it is not necessary to mention the next glacial cycle, we believe it is important in discussing the current state of modelling the long-term future climate evolution. The inclusion of two examples may be excessive, however, so we have omitted Lines 29-32 of the original manuscript.

***Page 2:** Removed “A consensus also remains to be seen regarding the timing and duration of the next glacial cycle; model realizations which satisfy paleoclimatic constraints in Talento and Ganopolski (2021) suggest that, under non-anthropogenic conditions, the next full glacial was expected to occur in approximately 90 to around 150 kyr.”*

- Are all figures necessary to go into the main text or can they go into the supplementary? E.g. Figure 1?

We have made full use of the appendix for figures that are not immediately essential at first glance. Indeed, our manuscript has many figures, but we believe our manuscript is stronger when including the responses of the different components (both spatially explicit and timeseries), the associated analyses, and the sensitivity experiments. We have left Fig. 1 in the introduction as, like the previous comment, we believe it is important for establishing the current state of the field for long-term future climate modelling.

One thing that remains a bit unclear to me is how the time period where the emissions occur is treated in the analysis. I think it is necessary to mention this in a clear and explicit way. Is the period with emissions included in the 100,000 years? For what analyses is it included, and for what not?

Thank you for the suggestion. We agree that it would be helpful to clarify how the period with emissions is treated in the analysis. For figures showing the time evolution, $t=0$ corresponds to the beginning of the pulse. However, for all processing and further analysis (i.e., results not focused on the model response to emissions), the ramp-up period of emissions is excluded. We attempted to convey this by noting at the start of certain sections that the analyses were conducted for the time after the peak CO_2 concentration (i.e., $\text{CO}_2(t_0) = \text{CO}_2^{\text{max}}$), and to explicitly make a distinction between time after peak CO_2 concentration (yr) vs. time (yr) in the figures. In the revised manuscript, we identified areas where there could be ambiguities (e.g., caption of Fig. 3) and have made sure it is clear to the reader that the emission period is part of the simulated 100,000 years. Furthermore, as per Reviewer #1's suggestion, we have also incorporated results from the PULSE ensemble (where all the carbon is emitted in the first timestep), which avoids complications arising from the emission phase duration.

***Page 8, Lines 167-168:** Added “It should be noted here that the 100 kyr simulation duration includes the ramp up and ramp down of emissions.”*

***Page 20, Lines 338-339:** Added “The ramp up of emissions is not included in this analysis.”*

***Page 20, Lines 345-346:** Added “...despite the potential complication from the ramp up and ramp down period of emissions in the REF experiment...”*

***Page 22, Lines 381-383:** Added “Therefore, we decided to fit all data starting from peak concentration in atmospheric CO₂ (as done in Section 3.2), thereby omitting the ramp up period of emissions.”*

***Page 26, Lines 482-483:** Added “Like Sections 3.2 and 3.3, the ramp up period of emissions was excluded, meaning that...”*

Following on this comment, I also suggest including in the figures when there are CO₂ emissions and/or when there is an atmospheric CO₂ maximum. I think this will make the interpretation of the figures next to the text easier.

Thanks for the suggestion; we have made sure that this is explained in the figure captions where there could have been ambiguities:

***Page 10:** Added to Fig. 3 caption “It should be noted that the ramp up of emissions is excluded here.”*

***Page 30:** Added to Fig. 17 caption “It should be noted that the time slices here are measured from the start of the simulations, which includes the emissions ramp up period.”*

***Page 42:** Added to Fig. E3 caption “The time slice here is measured from the start of the simulations, meaning it includes the emissions ramp up period.”*

***Page 43:** Added to Fig. E4 caption “The time slice here is measured from the start of the simulations, meaning it includes the emissions ramp up period.”*

***Page 44:** Added to Fig. E5 caption “The time slice here is measured from the start of the simulations, meaning it includes the emissions ramp up period.”*

Minor comments:

Abstract: Is it possible to add how the range relates to the cumulative emission range?

To avoid ambiguities, we have added a few sentences linking our provided ranges to the range of cumulative emissions in the abstract of the revised manuscript.

***Page 1, Line 9:** Added “Our findings indicate that, depending on the magnitude of the emission, 75% of anthropogenic CO₂ is removed within 197-1,820 years after peak CO₂ concentration [(with larger cumulative emissions taking longer to remove)].”*

***Page 1, Line 12:** Added “Higher emission scenarios fall on the lower end of this range as increased soil respiration leads to greater carbon loss.”*

***Page 1, Lines 17-18:** Added “Furthermore, this timescale is shown to have a non-monotonic relationship with cumulative emissions.”*

Line 51: this statement misses a reference.

We have added a reference to Archer et al. (2009), which corroborates our statement here (***Page 2, Line 52***).

Line 105, 106: and through emissions.

That’s a good point, thanks. We have added that as suggested:

***Page 5, Line 108:** Added “Carbon is not conserved in this setup; it is removed from the system through sediment burial and introduced to the system via weathering, volcanic outgassing, [and through anthropogenic emissions].”*

Line 118, 119: I suggest mentioning here explicitly what processes the weathering scheme depends on. Since the weathering plays a major role in the manuscript, I think it is important that the weathering scheme is as explicit and clear as possible which also makes it easier to compare it to previous studies using different weathering schemes.

This has already been explicitly mentioned on **Page 6, Lines 121-123** of the revised manuscript: “PALADYN includes a rock weathering scheme influenced by runoff and temperature (Hartmann, 2009a; Börker et al., 2020), accounting for 16 different lithologies as described in Hartmann & Moosdorf (2012).” However, as per Reviewer #3’s recommendation, we have also explicitly included the equations for loess and carbonate sedimentary rock weathering in Equation 2 (**Page 6, Line 126**), and as per Reviewer #1’s recommendation, we added a table focused on weathering parameters for the different lithologies (**Page 40**, Table E1). We have now specified in the revised manuscript that ℓ represents the different lithologies to sum over, and explicitly defined $b(\ell)$, $E_{a,sil}(\ell)$, and $\alpha(\ell)$, as functions of lithology (**Page 6, Lines 132-136**). Furthermore, we have also included information about the grid-cell lithology by including a figure showing the spatial distribution of the different rock lithologies in CLIMBER-X (**Page 39**, Fig. E1). The “16 lithologies”, which was erroneous, was fixed in the revised manuscript to 13.

Line 138: where do the numbers come from? Is there a source?

The reviewer here is asking where the values given for volcanic outgassing ($0.0738 \text{ PgC yr}^{-1}$ or $6.15 \text{ TmolC yr}^{-1}$) come from. We set volcanic outgassing to half the simulated global silicate weathering rate at the pre-industrial time (this is already mentioned in the manuscript on **Page 6, Lines 142-144**). The numbers come from the 100,000 year equilibrium spin-up of the carbon cycle model as described in Willeit et al. (2023), which is mentioned a few lines later (**Page 7, Lines 149-150**). This value is not based on observations (although it is consistent with the range of observational estimates), but is determined from the condition ensuring that the carbon cycle model is in equilibrium at the pre-industrial climate state, which requires that volcanic outgassing is half the rate of simulated silicate weathering under pre-industrial climate conditions (Munhoven & François 1994; Willeit et al. 2023).

Line 185: I do not see a large response in atmospheric CO₂ concentrations, whereas the response in temperature and land carbon are much clearer. I interpret this as that it is not the CO₂ concentrations that cause the warming. What does cause this warming?

Many thanks for bringing this to our attention. Reviewer #3 also highlighted this issue. Upon re-evaluating the data, we recognize that this statement was erroneous. Our analysis suggests that the temperature stabilization observed in the 5000 PgC scenario during the first millennium is not driven by the release of soil carbon into the atmosphere, but rather by ocean dynamics and the AMOC. The extended decline in AMOC results in a cooling in the Northern Hemisphere which prevents global mean temperature (GMT) from rising after year ~150. After some time, this cooling is offset by Southern Hemisphere warming via the bipolar seesaw, and explains why GMT stabilizes during the better part of the first millennium. This behaviour continues until the abrupt AMOC recovery, which triggers a rapid increase in GMT (and there is a small bump in global temperature at this time). The role of AMOC on temperature, rather than CO₂ (radiative forcing, $\log(\text{CO}_2)$) is demonstrated in Fig. A1 of the “Additional material” section at the end of this document. We have revised this statement accordingly in the updated manuscript:

Page 8, Lines 193-195: Revised “This is largely due to the extended decline in the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC; Fig. 7e), which results in a cooling in the Northern Hemisphere that prevents global mean temperature from further rising.”

2d, e are not referenced.

While Fig. 2d is already referenced in Section 3.1.2, we acknowledge that Fig. 2e was indeed not referenced in the text. We since have referenced Fig. 2e in the revised manuscript in the following way:

Page 16, Lines 264-265: Added “...(contributing more to the total loss of sediment carbon inventory than sediment organic carbon, Fig. 2e).”

[Fig.] 4 is referenced before Fig. 3.

Thanks, we have switched these two.

Section 3.1: The sediments are not treated as explicitly as the other reservoirs. Is this for a reason?

Section 3.1 largely introduces the general response of our experiments and the relative partition of anthropogenic carbon into the different reservoirs. The reviewer here asks why we did not treat sediments as their own reservoir.

This was intentionally done here as we performed our experiments with an open carbon cycle. As mentioned in the Fig. 3 caption (and in Appendix B), we focus on changes in cumulative carbon flux from the atmosphere relative to the pre-industrial, instead of changes in carbon inventory (as typically done), as a way to get around this issue. Given that there is no direct air–sediment flux, any anthropogenic CO₂ absorbed by sediments must first go through the ocean. This is why we conglomerated the two as one reservoir.

Line 214: Is it possible to give a one or two sentence summary of Kaufhold et al. (2024) here?

To enhance the conciseness of the revised manuscript, we have removed this sentence in its entirety.

Page 12: Removed “Uncertainties in the land carbon response over the next millennium has been explored in more detail in Kaufhold et al. (2024).”

Line 219: Fig. 4a is referenced, but there is not explicit treatment of soil carbon in Fig. 4a. Is the right figure referenced?

We realize that the reviewer was indeed correct that we cited the wrong figure here. Instead of the previously proposed changes, we have now referenced the correct figure:

Page 11-12, Lines 225-226: Revised “...preventing the overall decline in soil carbon inventory (Fig. [5b]).”

Figure 7a and b show more or less the same thing. Is it necessary to show them both?

Indeed, the Revelle factor and pH are related to ocean chemistry and CO₂ absorption, but they focus on different aspects of the carbon cycle and acidification process. The Revelle factor indicates how easily the ocean can absorb CO₂, relative to the relative increase in atmospheric CO₂. Surface ocean pH indicates the acidity of sea water, which is affected by the actual amount of CO₂ absorbed. Although the Revelle factor is a critically important

metric for communicating buffering capacity, it is unfortunately often not reported in such long-term studies on the uptake of anthropogenic CO₂ (both in terms of peak magnitude and duration across the different emission scenarios). We thought that calculating this explicitly might be useful for future studies to reference.

Line 313: Is it possible to determine how much of the changes in weathering rates are because of changes in temperature, and how much due to changes in run off? I think this would make for a nice addition.

We agree that it would be a nice addition. Therefore, we have quantified the relative contribution of temperature and runoff to changes in the weathering rate with a new figure in the revised manuscript:

Page 18, Line 313-314: Added “Runoff, which indirectly depends on precipitation through soil infiltration and drainage (Willeit and Ganopolski, 2016), drives some of these changes (Fig. 11g,h,i, [Fig. E6])”

Page 45: Added Fig. E6.

Line 315-317: I do not fully understand this sentence.

The reviewer is referring to the following sentence: “For carbonate weathering, large changes are not only limited to the equatorial regions, although the highest and lowest weathering rates in South East Asia and Central Asia can also be explained by increases and decreases in precipitation (Fig. 11b,c)”.

Here, we mean that large increases in carbonate weathering with increasing emissions is not only limited to the equatorial regions (as with silicate weathering), but it is more globally distributed. However, the change in carbonate weathering (where it increases and decreases) can also be explained by precipitation. We have clarified this in the revised manuscript:

Page 18, Lines 317-319: Revised “Large changes in carbonate weathering are more globally distributed than silicate weathering (Fig. 11e,f). However, like silicate weathering, large changes in carbonate weathering (e.g., increases and decreases in carbonate weathering in South East Asia and Central Asia compared to the pre-industrial) can also be explained by increases and decreases in precipitation (Fig. 11b,c).”

Section 4.1: I suggest mentioning the noLAND term earlier.

Thanks for the suggestion. Reviewer #3 also raised a similar point. We have introduced the term in the experimental section of the text, reminded the reader that this refers to the experiment with land carbon disabled, and included a reference to the experiment table.

Page 8, Line 171: Added “...land carbon cycle response [(noLAND)] ...”

Page 21, Line 368-369: Added “...and [the experiment with land carbon disabled (noLAND, Table 1)].”

Figure 16: Would it be beneficial to also construct panels for weathering?

We considered this as well but ultimately decided against it, as weathering is not a true carbon pool like the others (land, ocean, and sediments). Fig. 16 effectively shows the magnitude of carbon uptake of the different pools across the different emission scenarios at different timeslices. The main novelty here is to distinguish how the different sensitivity experiments change the magnitude of carbon uptake. As weathering consumes more CO₂ over time, we decided that it would not provide additional information, as it would only increase in relative magnitude between 1 kyr and 100 kyr.

Line 592: Is permafrost treated in the methane model?

Permafrost is treated in the methane model through the representation of anaerobic decomposition in saturated soils (which can occur in permafrost regions). In these areas, carbon in the active layer may decompose under anaerobic conditions, leading to methane emissions. However, methane emissions from permafrost regions are generally small compared to emissions from low-latitude wetlands. We have added the following to our manuscript:

***Page 31-33, Lines 581-582:** Added “Permafrost is treated in the methane model through the representation of anaerobic decomposition in saturated soils –a process that can take place in permafrost regions.”*

Line 597: How does temperature evolve in intCH4 compared to REF as there is quite a strong increase in CH4 concentrations?

We initially included a more detailed discussion on this topic but later condensed it to maintain the manuscript's conciseness. In general, interactive methane increases peak temperature by up to approximately 0.5 °C, with higher emission scenarios exhibiting greater differences in peak temperature compared to the REF experiment. This was already noted in the original manuscript. However, temperatures in the intCH4 experiments tend to converge to the REF experiments around 1 kyr (similar to CO₂ concentrations, Fig. 15). While there are some differences in simulated temperature, the intCH4 and REF experiments largely follow each other over time. At what time temperature is larger/smaller in the intCH4 experiment compared to the REF experiment is primarily influenced by the non-monotonic response of soil carbon to increasing emissions (see Fig. A2-A4 in the “Additional material” section at the end of this document). We have added a figure to the appendix of our revised manuscript showing the temperature evolution in the intCH4 experiment, as well as a statement about how temperature evolves in the intCH4 experiment.

***Page 33, Lines 594-596:** Added “Temperature differences between the intCH4 and REF experiments also tend to decrease around this time, and despite small variations in how temperature evolves, the experiments largely follow each other for the rest of the simulation (Fig. E7a).”*

***Page 46:** Added Fig. E7.*

Line 674: I think it is good to explicitly mention that ESMs do not agree on centennial timescales.

Thanks, we have revised this as suggested:

***Page 35, Lines 668-669:** Added “Although state-of-the-art Earth system models do not agree on the overall response of marine primary production to increasing CO₂ levels [on centennial timescales] ...”*

I suggest adding a discussion on how tipping points (might) affect the estimation of the timescales. The AMOC is already mentioned a couple of times in the text, but I think it would be good to reiterate that, and other tipping points, in Section 5.

Potential tipping points are inherently accounted for in our simulations, as CLIMBER-X already incorporates all potential "fast" tipping elements (e.g., AMOC, sea ice, permafrost, boreal forests, and Amazonian forests, etc.). The only exception to this are ice sheets, as the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets are prescribed by their present day configurations in our

study. However, we know that the East Antarctic ice sheet will not entirely melt in our scenarios (Winkelmann et al. 2015). The West Antarctic Ice Sheet and the Greenland Ice Sheet will (likely) melt, although the net effect of their melt on ocean circulation remains uncertain (Wunderling et al. 2024). As such, it is difficult to predict how this might affect the removal timescale of ocean invasion, and its subsequent influence on other timescales. Furthermore, the Greenland Ice Sheet is projected to melt under the strongest scenario, which could influence weathering rates. This effect has been previously investigated using CLIMBER-2 (Munhoven et al. 2007), but it was shown to be nearly negligible. Without experiments explicitly simulating the crossing of tipping points (and all analyses therein), the influence of these events on the removal timescales of anthropogenic CO₂ cannot be assessed and remains highly uncertain. However, we have provided a statement acknowledging that the crossing of tipping points might affect the long-term capacity different components to absorb carbon over time.

Page 35-36, Lines 689-691: Added “Moreover, significant global warming is expected to trigger the crossing of one (or more) critical thresholds in the Earth system (Lenton et al., 2008; Armstrong McKay et al., 2022; Wunderling et al., 2024), which could affect the long-term capacity of different components to absorb carbon over time.”

Specific comments:

Line 61, 62: It is not obvious how non-linear translates to the exponential functions. They are linked here through the word ‘therefore’, suggesting an obvious connection. I suggest either explaining why non-linear means exponential in this case or rewriting the second sentence a bit.

We rewrote the second sentence to the following:

Page 4, Lines 63-65: Revised “The decline in anthropogenic CO₂ is usually presented as a superposition of exponential decays (Maier-Reimer and Hasselmann, 1987; Archer et al., 1997; Archer and Brovkin, 2008; Colbourn et al., 2015; Lord et al., 2015b), with each function representing a different process in the carbon cycle that takes up carbon.”

Line 109: I suggest mentioning the units of Catm (i.e. PgC).

Thanks for the suggestion, we have added the unit for C_{atm} as recommended (**Page 5, Line 115**).

Line 194: ‘At peak CO₂ concentrations, ...’

We have changed it as suggested:

Page 10, Line 202: Revised “At peak CO₂ concentration[s] ...”

Line 493: the double fraction does not look so nice in the text.

Although we removed the original sentence that this comment was referring to (deleted Lines 487-498 of the original manuscript, see our “General response #1”), we have since explained the behaviour of $\tau(t)$ on Lines 489-490 now with the following:

Page 26, Lines 489-490: Added “This behaviour in removal timescales is due to multi-millennial processes at this time which temporarily stabilize atmospheric CO₂ concentrations (since $\tau(t) \propto \left(\frac{dCO_2(t)}{dt}\right)^{-1}$).”

Line 532: remaining where? In the atmosphere?

Thanks for pointing this out, we have changed it to the following:

Page 29, Lines 519-520: Revised “...leads to a higher fraction of emissions remaining [in the atmosphere]”.

Line 566: I suggest rewriting this sentence a bit. I first thought that it meant that if a simulation has lower CO₂ concentrations, it has a lower ECS.

We apologize for the miscommunication. We have changed “a lower ECS is associated with lower atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ (and vice versa)” to the following in the revised manuscript.

Page 31, Line 553: Revised “...simulations using a lower ECS produce lower atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ (and vice versa)...”

Line 642: ‘the presence of land’ feels a bit awkward here.

We have changed “the presence of land...” to the following in the revised manuscript:

Page 35, Line 651: Revised “the inclusion of land carbon cycle processes effectively...”.

Response to RC3:

Kaufhold et al. manuscript addresses the question of the fate of anthropogenic CO₂ and climate in the long-term future (100 thousand years). The authors used an Earth system model of intermediate complexity, which has several new implemented processes compared to previous similar studies. They clearly explain the novelties of their study, and the new findings. The manuscript is very well written, and well organized. It is well-suited for publication in Biogeosciences, with some minor revisions.

We would like to thank the reviewer for their positive comments on our paper.

Major comments:

I only have one major comment, which concerns the silicate weathering sensitivity to climate. The authors emphasize their re-estimation of the timescale of carbon removal by silicate weathering, to shorter values than previously thought. They partly attribute this finding to a stronger weathering feedback, which is compared to several estimations (Fig. 10b) and found to fall within the range, though on the upper part (doubling of weathering flux at +4°C, that is +18% per °C of warming).

Among the processes not represented in CLIMBER-X weathering model is the erosion limitation of weathering, or the "soil shielding effect", which is a different point of view of the exact same process. Soil shielding was extensively discussed in Hartmann et al. (2014) (cited in the manuscript), but wasn't yet implemented in Hartmann et al. (2009). Actually, soil shielding is not explicitly represented in any of the model presented in Fig. 10b.

I admit that there is no consensus on how this would affect the sensitivity of weathering to global climate (i.e., the weathering feedback strength), which is the point of interest here. Yet, there are several clues that it would significantly reduce the feedback strength:

- Godderis et al., Geoderma, 2008 (10.1016/j.geoderma.2008.01.020) showed that the sensitivity of tropical weathering to runoff is largely overestimated (~ 5-fold) if considered similar than for temperature climates. Indeed, in the present manuscript, tropical environments dominate the weathering flux, and its response to global warming.
- Maher & Chamberlain, Science, 2014 (10.1126/science.1250770), who also addressed the issue of erosion limitation, suggested a "maximal" weathering sensitivity, in actively eroding mountains, of +5% per °C of warming (which is lowest estimate presented on current Fig. 10b), and an average sensitivity of +1.2% per °C of warming.
- Another weathering model taking into account erosion limitation, and that is spatially explicit, Maffre et al., Clim. Past, 2023 (10.5194/cp-19-1461-2023), suggests a global weathering sensitivity of ~ +9% per °C of warming, though it is unclear if the best fitting functional form should be exponential or linear.

Given the absence of consensus on a value for weathering sensitivity, I do not consider that the present results should be revisited. Simply, I vividly recommend the authors to add more nuances on their statement about weathering timescale (which is one of their main conclusions), and to provide more discussion about weathering sensitivity, the large uncertainty that exists in the literature concerning its value, and how it should affect the weathering timescale.

We are aware of the soil shielding effect, and it was commented on in the CLIMBER-X carbon cycle description paper (Willeit et al., 2023): "The effect of soil shielding on the

weathering rate suggested by Hartmann et al. (2014) has not been considered since information on soil shielding is not readily available for periods beyond the recent past.” As the reviewer correctly identifies, the effect of soil shielding has not been considered by our model (and others) largely because there is no consensus on how it would effect the weathering feedback. However, we do not dismiss the possibility it could significantly change –and potentially weaken— the strength of the weathering feedback. In saying this, we have added a few sentences dedicated to this potential caveat. We also appreciate the compilation of references and they have been added to our manuscript.

Page 34, Lines 632-634: Added “With this in mind, our estimates here do not address (potentially large) uncertainties related to the sensitivity of silicate weathering processes such as erosion limitation or net primary production on land.”

Page 35, Lines 676-680: Added “Like many other models, CLIMBER-X also does not account for the potentially significant effect of soil shielding, given the limited quantity of data and ongoing uncertainties regarding its impact. However, there is some evidence to suggest that erosion limitation could weaken the strength of the weathering feedback (Goddéris et al., 2008; Maher and Chamberlain, 2014; Maffre et al., 2023), which may increase the estimated removal timescale of silicate weathering.”

Specific comments:

Section 2.2 (lines 100–110): there is a missing information here about the organic carbon cycle. As far as I understand, the sediment component is run as an open system (with sediment loss through burial), and this sediment contains organic carbon generated by marine primary productivity (lines 255–256). Therefore, and given Eq. (1), setting F_{volc} to half of the global silicate weathering flux (as indicated lines 136–138) would not result in a steady-state carbon cycle, because of this additional C sink (organic carbon burial), that would result in a net ocean-to-atmosphere flux lower than the remaining term “ $F_{volc} - F_{weath}$ ”. Unless the organic carbon cycle is forced to work as a closed system (like silicate and phosphate, lines 106–107), and all buried organic carbon is put back into the atmosphere?

Many thanks for pointing out this critical issue! We have an open carbon cycle in CLIMBER-X but, indeed, a closed nutrient cycle. We recycle organic carbon in marine sediments along with nutrients, and sediment burial fluxes are returned in remineralized form to the surface ocean while compensating for the subduction of inorganic carbon by volcanic outgassing. Reviewer #1 also raised a similar concern, so we have provided more information about the behaviour of phosphorus, silicate, and organic carbon in CLIMBER-X:

Page 5, Lines 108-113: Revised “In the open carbon cycle setup, a simplification is made to enforce that the budgets for silicate and phosphorus within the ocean—sediment system are balanced. This was done by disabling riverine fluxes of phosphorus and silicate, and assuming that organic carbon (which includes P) and opal (which includes Si) which are buried in the sediments (and, therefore, removed from the system) are instead returned to the surface ocean in remineralized form. The conservation of such inventories in the ocean—sediment system removes challenges related to nutrient conservation that would otherwise complicate the analysis and interpretation of model results.”

Lines 125–126: I do not understand why “carbonate sedimentary rock” should be different than “carbonate”, in term of weathering (Eq. 2). Moreover, why not indicating the equations for “carbonate sedimentary rocks” weathering and loess weathering?

Thanks for your comment; we hope that we can clarify this. In Hartmann & Moosdorf (2012), there are three carbonate-rich sedimentary lithologies, which are mixed sedimentary rocks (sm), evaporites (ev), and carbonate sedimentary rocks (sc). The evaporites class (ev) is used only to compute phosphorus fluxes, and is therefore not considered here.

However, other lithologies still maintain information on carbonate content, such as unconsolidated sediment (su) and metamorphics (mt). When we specify “carbonate sedimentary rocks”, we mean that the contribution of the lithology “sc” to carbonate weathering rates in a grid cell is not calculated using an Arrhenius equation. In addition to the 13 rock lithologies as listed in Table A2 in Hartmann & Moosdorf (2012), we also consider loess (lo) as another lithology. The contribution of “lo” to carbonate weathering rates in a grid cell is similarly not calculated using an Arrhenius equation. We agree it would be useful to show the equations that are used for the other two lithologies (loess and carbonate sedimentary rock), which is why we have incorporated them into the revised manuscript ([Page 6, Line 126-127](#) in Equation 2).

The “16 lithologies”, which was erroneous, was fixed in the revised manuscript to 13. We have expanded on the weathering scheme by including a table of lithological values and a figure showing the fraction of a given lithology in a grid cell ([Page 39-40](#), Fig. E1 and Table E1).

Lines 132–136: I think that orbital forcings could be mentioned here, among the “external forces” (line 132) excluded in the study, although it may be redundant with line 145.

We had a similar thought, and deliberated which section would be most appropriate for this information. Ultimately, we decided to not include this information here, as it is indeed redundant with [Page 7, Line 156-159](#). Furthermore, we would have to modify the last part of the highlighted sentence (as orbital forcing is both predictable and relevant for long timescales).

Lines 145–146: It is not completely clear here whether the fixed orbital forcings concern only the spin-up run, or all simulations (including the spin-up).

On [Page 7, Lines 158-159](#) we state that “All simulations run for 100,000 years with constant orbital parameters and without any climate acceleration technique”. However, we have moved what was previously Lines 145-146 in the original manuscript to [Page 7, Lines 156-158](#) to highlight that orbital parameters are constant in all simulations:

[Page 7, Lines 156-159](#): Revised “To simplify interpretation and ensure consistency with previous studies, orbital forcing was fixed at present-day values, with the combined effects of anthropogenic and orbital forcing to be explored in a future study. All simulations run for 100,000 years with constant orbital parameters and without any climate acceleration technique.”

Lines 169–170: I think it would be useful here just to indicate that climate sensitivity is altered by rescaling the pCO₂ seen by the radiative code as a function of the actual pCO₂, and then refer to Appendix A.

Thanks for your suggestion. We have changed this part to the following:

[Page 8, Lines 176-178](#): Revised “The sensitivity of the results to different equilibrium climate sensitivities (ECS) between 2-4°C was additionally investigated (ECS2, ECS4) by rescaling the equivalent CO₂ in the long-wave radiation scheme (further described in Appendix A).”

Lines 185–186: This statement, "temperatures temporarily stabilize instead of decreasing due to the release of soil carbon into the atmosphere" seems erroneous. Temperature does stabilize during between 150yr and 1000yr in the 5000 PgC scenario (Fig. 2b), but pCO₂ declines just as in the other scenarios (Fig. 2a). So how could it be an effect of the "release of soil carbon into the atmosphere"? It rather seems that there is a decoupling of CO₂ and temperature, that is likely due to oceanic dynamics. Indeed, there is a small bump of global temperature at 700yr (without any pCO₂ change), which coincides with abrupt AMOC recovery (Fig. 7e).

Many thanks for pointing this out. This is indeed an erroneous statement. Upon reviewing the data, we agree that the temperature stabilization in the 5000 PgC scenario within the first millennium is not explained by the release of soil carbon into the atmosphere. It does appear that the likely cause is oceanic dynamics and AMOC, as pointed out. The extended decline in AMOC results in a cooling in the Northern Hemisphere which prevents global mean temperature (GMT) from rising after year ~150. After some time, this cooling is offset by Southern Hemisphere warming via the bipolar seesaw, and explains why GMT stabilizes during the better part of the first millennium. This behaviour continues until the abrupt AMOC recovery, which triggers a rapid increase in GMT (and there is indeed the small bump in global temperature at this time). The role of AMOC on temperature, rather than CO₂ (radiative forcing, log(CO₂)) is demonstrated in Fig. A1 of the "Additional material" section at the end of this document. We have revised this statement accordingly in the updated manuscript:

***Page 8, Lines 193-195:** Revised "This is largely due to the extended decline in the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC; Fig. 7e), which results in a cooling in the Northern Hemisphere that prevents global mean temperature from further rising."*

Lines 215–221: this non-monotonous behavior is interesting. Has it been already suggested, or is it a new finding of current study?

To the best of our knowledge, this has not yet been explicitly observed in a previous study on the long-term effects of anthropogenic CO₂. This is mostly because land carbon was often not considered (or the response unreported, as in Lenton & Britton 2006). However, we are not prepared to conclude that this is necessarily a new finding (e.g., a strong positive climate-carbon cycle feedback related to soil respiration has already been highlighted in studies such as Cox et al. (2000)). On a global level, the response of soil carbon to increasing emissions is generally dictated by (1) that which is gained from increases in primary production and litterfall, and (2) that which is lost from higher soil respiration, influenced by different competing feedbacks.

Line 222: This statement, "In our simulations, the land is a net carbon sink for the entire 100 kyr" also seems erroneous. From Fig. 3a, it appears that land becomes a (slight) net source of carbon at 200kyr in all simulations. Besides, I don't think that "land carbon" is defined anywhere in the manuscript. Is it simply "soil + vegetation" carbon?

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. Indeed this is an erroneous statement and it has been corrected as the following the revised manuscript. We have also made sure that land carbon is explicitly defined in the manuscript as the sum of vegetation and soil carbon.

***Page 11, Line 215:** Added "The land carbon pool [(as the sum of vegetation and soil carbon)] is..."*

***Page 12, Lines 231-233:** Revised "In our simulations, the [terrestrial storage of anthropogenic carbon is positive] during the entire 100 kyr due to..."*

Line 364: The mention of "noLAND" comes quite abruptly here, given that the sensitivity experiments are only discussed in a later section (4). Could you remind "experiment with land carbon disabled", and refer to Table 1?

Thanks for the suggestion. Reviewer #2 also raised a similar point. We have introduced the term in the experimental section of the text, remind the reader that this refers to the experiment with land carbon disabled, and include a reference to the experiment table.

***Page 8, Line 171:** Added "...land carbon cycle response [(noLAND)] ..."*

***Page 21, Line 368-369:** Added "...and [the experiment with land carbon disabled (noLAND, Table 1)]."*

Fig 13: It is difficult to visualize the trends of A_i and τ_i versus cumulative emission (trends that are discussed in the current section). I suggest adding two small panels in the figure, plotting A_i vs E and τ_i versus E.

We have added two subplots for A_i vs E and τ_i vs E in Fig. 13 (**Page 23**).

Lines 371–377: It might be useful to indicate here that A_i do not sum at 1 because the IRF does not start at 1, and that the initial value (= the sum of A_i) depends on the cumulative emission scenario.

Thank you for the suggestion. To some extent, this information was included in the caption of Table 2 of the original manuscript (now Table E2), but we have now integrated it into the main text to ensure its visibility in the revised manuscript:

***Page 22, Lines 393-396:** "However, short-term processes (sub-centennial timescales) cannot be fit with our analysis after removing the ramp up period of emissions, meaning $n=3$ is already sufficient for examining the long-term uptake of anthropogenic CO_2 . It should be noted that, due to this, the values for A_i in the REF and noLAND experiments do not sum to 1 as a fraction of emissions was already removed via short-term processes (Fig 12b)."*

Lines 565–572: It seems that there is a positive feedback here: warmer temperature (for a same pCO_2) generates higher pCO_2 , because of the warming-induced soil carbon release. It would be useful to indicate that it is a positive feedback.

We have added this to the revised manuscript:

***Page 31, Lines 558-559:** Added "This behaviour is indicative of a positive feedback as a result of warming-induced soil carbon release."*

Line 594: Is methane lost by converting it into CO_2 ? Granted that 2200 ppb of methane should not generate more than 2 ppm of CO_2 , which is much less than the pCO_2 anomaly reported in Fig. 15d.

Firstly, we would like to clarify that 2200 ppb is peak CH_4 concentration in the 5000 PgC scenario, whereas the sensitivity analysis in Section 4 is limited to 3000 PgC and less. This, of course, does not answer the reviewer's question, as peak CH_4 of 1600 in the 3000 PgC scenario alone cannot explain an additional 25 ppm of atmospheric CO_2 .

Methane is oxidized assuming a constant lifetime of 9.5 years (Willeit et al. 2023). In reality, this results in CH_4 being converted into CO_2 in the atmosphere, but this flux is small.

However, for simplicity (and for carbon conservation), we add carbon from methane to surface CO_2 flux in CLIMBER-X (e.g., soil CO_2 emission).

The reason why CO_2 is higher in the int CH_4 experiments is because, as mentioned in the previous comment, CH_4 causes an additional positive climate-carbon cycle feedback (as

additional warming enhances soil respiration; see Fig. A2-A4 in the “Additional material” section at the end of this document).

We originally had a larger discussion on this, but it was cut in our efforts to (already) shorten the paper. However, Reviewer #2 had a similar question, asking how temperatures evolve in the intCH₄ experiments compared to the REF experiments (as a result of this large increase in CH₄ concentration), so have elaborated on this more in the revised manuscript.

Page 33, Lines 596-598: Added “Temperature differences between the intCH₄ and REF experiments also tend to decrease around this time, and despite small variations in how temperature evolves, the experiments largely follow each other for the rest of the simulation (Fig. E7a).”

Page 46: Added Fig. E7.

Lines 644–645: Would it really influence the ATMOSPHERIC lifetime of CO₂? It seems to me that the longer weathering timescale is just a delay because of carbon storage in land before it is stored through weathering, instead of being directly stored through weathering, and that this sink transfer has no consequence regarding carbon in the atmosphere.

You make a good point, and it is true that the longer (effective) weathering timescale is caused by the temporary storage of carbon on land. However, the land carbon pool on its own does increase the residence time of anthropogenic CO₂, as the land stores about 20-40% of anthropogenic carbon (Page 11, Fig. 4) before gradually releasing it into the atmosphere. This ultimately slows down the CO₂ decline on long timescales (Fig. 17a).

Technical corrections:

There are several occurrences where it should be more accurate to talk about weathering “flux”, than weathering “rate”, which rather refers to a specific flux (in mol/m²/yr): line 138, line 281, caption of Fig. 9, line 291, line 301...

Thanks, we have changed the word “rate” to “flux” in the following lines of the revised manuscript: **Line 130, Line 144, Line 283, Fig. 9 caption, Line 293, Line 301, Line 525, and Line 627.**

Line 130: It seems that “run-off” should be spelled “runoff”, to be consistent with the other occurrences of that word in the manuscript.

Thanks for pointing this out. It was changed to “runoff” in the revised manuscript (**Page 6, Line 136**).

Caption of Fig. 6: The mean net annual NPP is in (a–c), not (a–b).

Thanks, this has been corrected (Fig. 6, **Page 13**).

Fig. 11: A mere suggestion: it feels more “natural” to use a colorscale with “wetter” colors (e.g., blue) for precipitation increase and “drier” colors (e.g., red) for precipitation decrease. Thanks for the suggestion. We changed Figure 11 h–i to a brown–bluegreen colormap, which is often used to indicate “drier” and “wetter” conditions (Fig. 11, **Page 19**).

Line 526: I believe that “begin” should here be a singular, “begins”.

Thanks, this was changed in the revised manuscript (**Page 27, Line 514**).

Line 638: Shouldn't “variation” be a plural here?

Thanks, this was corrected (**Page 34, Line 647**).

There are a few inconsistencies between US and British spelling. I noticed the use of "behavior" and "behaviour" in the text. Please check.

Thanks for pointing this out. The reviewer points out inconsistencies between US and British spelling (e.g., the use of “colour” but then at the same time “parametrize”). Some of these inconsistencies can be explained by the chosen variety of English, Canadian English, which is the first author’s first language and is accepted by the EGU. However, we changed “behavior” to “behaviour” as suggested in text ([*Page 25, Line 455*](#)).

Many DOIs link have duplicated "https://doi.org/https://doi.org/" in the reference list. Please check.

Many thanks for pointing this out. This was corrected in the revised manuscript.

Additional material:

[Fig. A1](#): Role of radiative forcing and AMOC on the evolution of global mean surface temperature. Trajectories have been plotted for the entire 100,000 years.

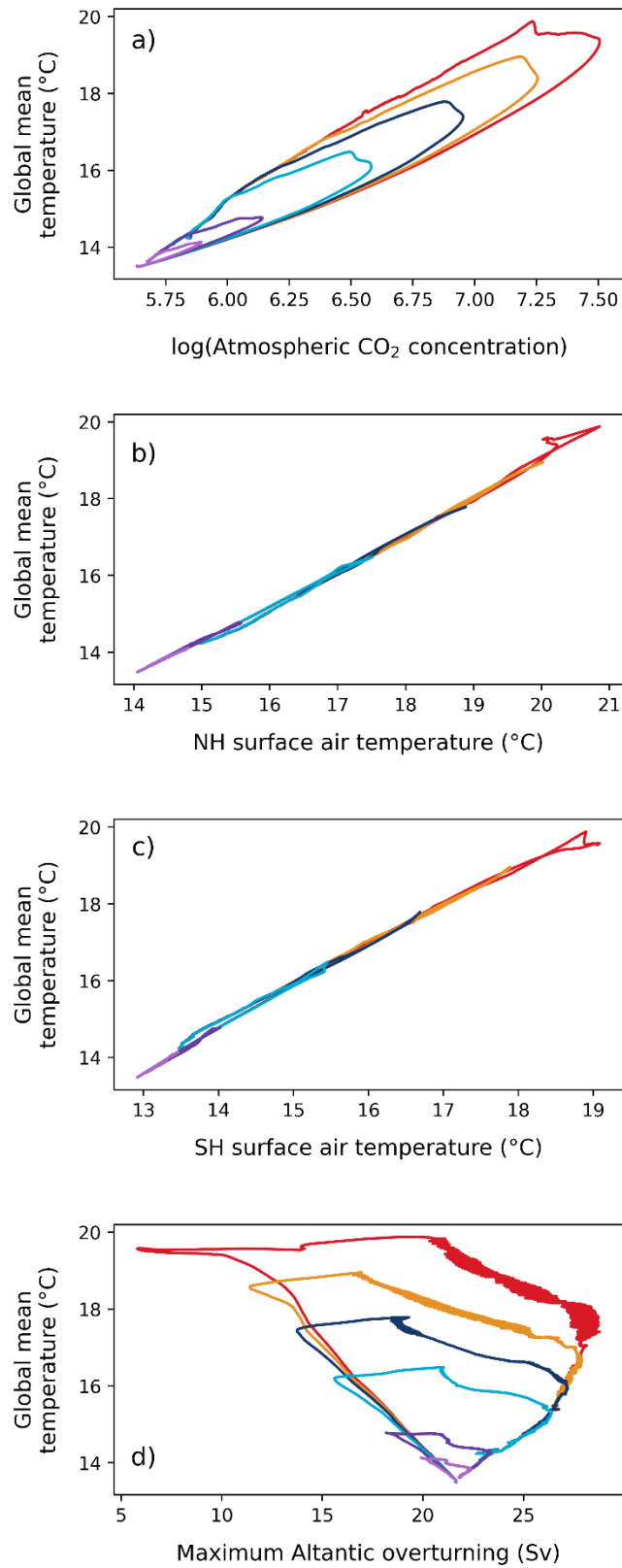


Fig. A2: Change in global mean surface temperature in the 0-3000 PgC emission scenarios. Colours here correspond to the cumulative emission scenarios shown in Fig. 2 of the manuscript. The response in temperature is shown here for two experiments: solid line for the intCH4 experiment and dashed lines for the REF experiment.

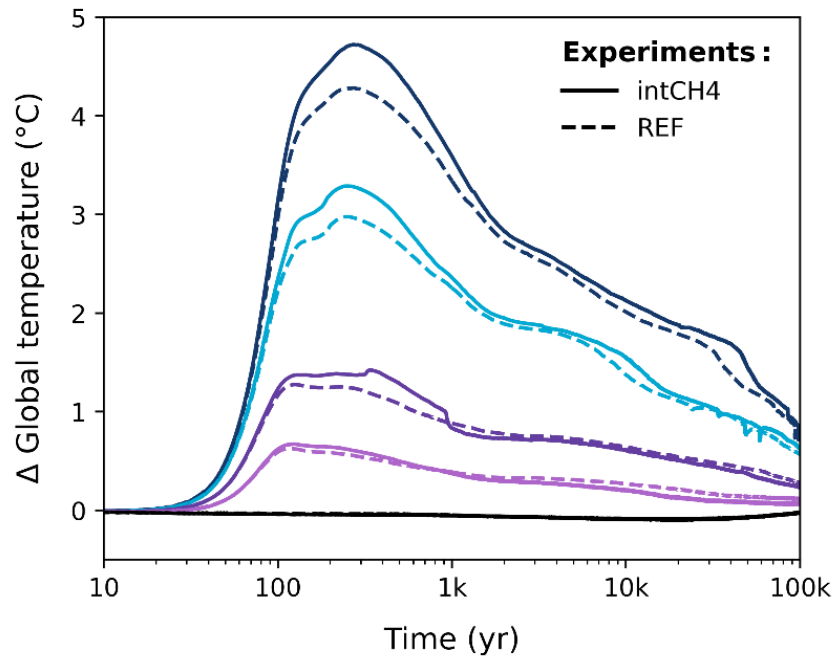


Fig. A3: Change in vegetation carbon inventory in the 0-3000 PgC emission scenarios. Colours here correspond to the cumulative emission scenarios shown in Fig. 2 of the manuscript. The response in vegetation carbon is shown here for two experiments: solid line for the intCH4 experiment and dashed lines for the REF experiment.

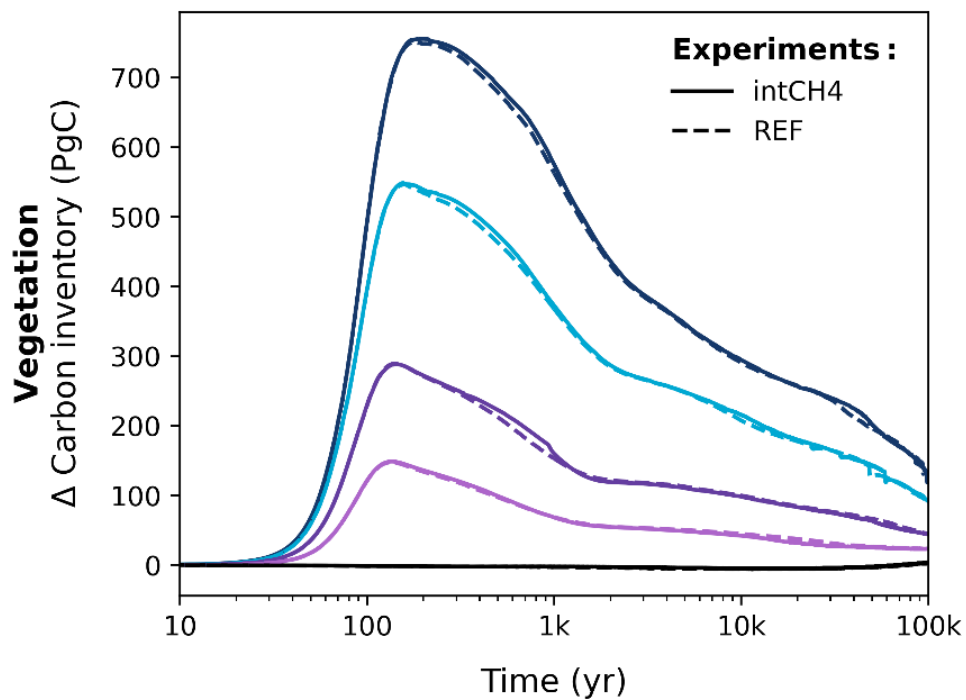
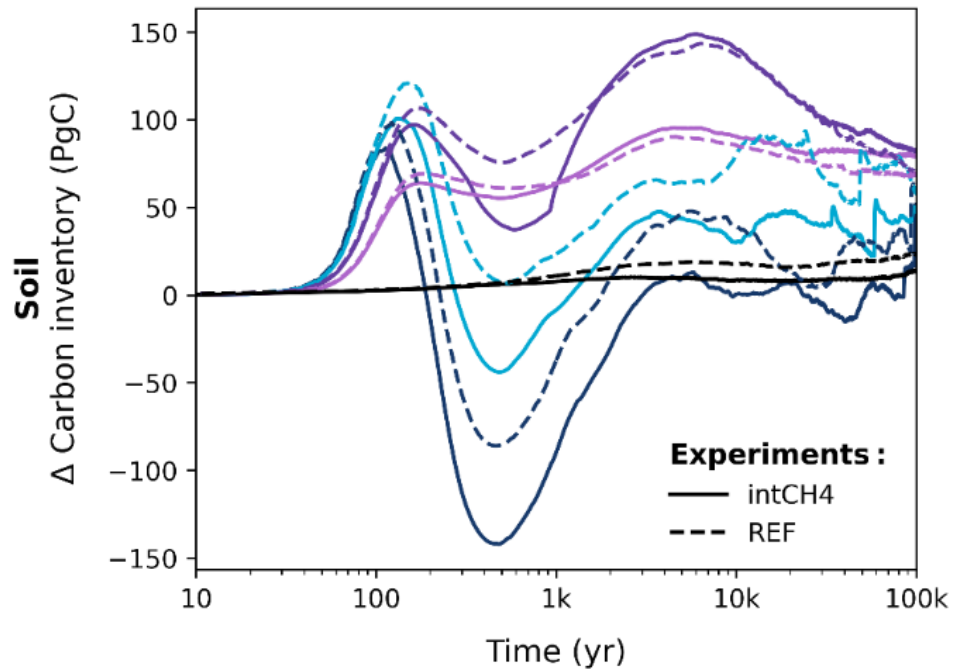


Fig. A4: Change in soil carbon inventory in the 0-3000 PgC emission scenarios. Colours here correspond to the cumulative emission scenarios shown in Fig. 2 of the manuscript. The response in soil carbon is shown here for two experiments: solid line for the intCH4 experiment and dashed lines for the REF experiment.



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